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Merry Christmas
and a
Very Happy, Healthy New Year!

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The Sayonara Shinnen Enkai (New Year's Party)

Will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center

1670 W. 162nd Street

Gardena, CA

Thanks to the efforts of Sakiyo Horie, we finally were able to find a great location in Gardena for our final New Year's Party. I wanted it to be in the Gardena area because so many of the former CC internees live in the South Bay region.

A committee was formed to help with our final CCA events which will be concluded in 2015. Members include Sakiyo Horie, Yae Aihara, Hid and Ets Kasai, Sachi Maehara, Carmen Mochizuki, Sid Okazaki, May Hamada, Itsu Raymond, Paula Shimatsu-U and Joan Takeuchi. Note that the last two are sanseis and we plan to recruit more of them.

We want to acknowledge Paula's efforts in getting David Ono, our Los Angeles ABC7 Eyewitness news co-anchor, to be our guest speaker. He is also a distinguished reporter having won many Emmy and other awards for his documentary films. (See Paula's article in this Chatter).

Thanks to Dottie Hatanaka who contacted Goichi Tsukahara to cater our event. Those of you who remember our annual picnics will recall all the delicious entress he prepared for us. Ah! Natsukashii omoide neh!

We hope to have Jan Russell, the author or the latest book about our camp experiences, to be our guest speaker at this event. Will keep you posted through the Chatter.

Look for the reservation form for the 2015 Shinnen Enkai in this Chatter...Remember to send it before the **DEADLINE - JANUARY 3, 2015.**

Toni Tomita

David Ono Confirms Attendance As Guest Speaker (per Paula K. Shimatsu-U)

Hurrah! David Ono, co-anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News Los Angeles, confirmed his participation as guest speaker at our Shinnen Enkai next month. Raised in Texas, he has provided coverage as producer, writer and reporter for many years. To date, David has won three Edward R. Murrow awards and 16 Emmys. His captivating and well-researched projects include documentaries on the concentration camp at Heart Mountain and the Niseis who served in the US military during WWII. The information about the 442nd discovery of prisoners from Dachau was very touching and amazing for me to discover in David's well-researched and produced projects. At the Shinnen Enkai there will be a short question and answer session following his presentation, so please keep that in mind! Also, a FaceBook page has been set up to share any photos, videos and/or comments of this any Crystal City events etc. Be sure to include information about who is in what you wish to share. Just go to Crystal Chatter on FaceBook or send your images etc. to:

Have a great holiday season, everyone!

Watching A Baseball Game

When I lived in Southern California, I never watched any baseball game...Dodgers...however, being up here in Northern California, with really nothing much to do except watch TV, I watched the San Francisco Giants play...and saw Travis Ishikawa hit the homerun that got the Giants into the World Series against Kansas City Royals...But here in Castro Valley, close to San Francisco, I got involved in watching the World Series...which was exciting...especially when in sixth game in Kansas, San Francisco didn't get one run in...so I was quite fearful to watch the 7th game...and a fellow named Bumgarner pitched and the World Series was won by the San Francisco Giants...I understand that this was the third World Series they won in five years...wow...that is something!

What impressed me the most was the way San Francisco and these Northern Californians root for their team in a BIG way...the Coit Tower, San Francisco City Hall all lit up with orange light at night, and when they won, the City Hall had a big stage in front with many sitting there as they called out each player as they came out.

I've seen many Lakers' Championship celebrated with the busses as well as trucks and parade but never to the city hall nor having the lights all shining purple here and there.

I was quite impressed and did enjoy watching all the celebration up here. It was very exciting and great. Now I'm enjoying watching the 49ers play football...Football was always fun to watch, especially when Joe Montana was the quarterback...well, they have a quarterback right now who's fun to watch. It's fun to watch the college footballs too...like Cal, S.C...I root for these two teams but Oregon and Arizona has stronger team presently...oh well...it's fun nevertheless...unfortunately, Lakers aren't up to par presently...so basketball is ho hum for me. I know the Warriors seem to be doing good but I guess I still would like to see Lakers win...

World of Medicine

Fight Stroke with Fish: People who eat more protein -- especially from seafood -- may be less likely to have a stroke. Eating just 20 additional grams of protein every day lowered the risk of stroke by 26 percent. Protein and the fatty acids in fish lower blood pressure, which may help protect against stroke.

Chilly-Home Health Risk: Keeping the thermostat low could increase the odds of falls. Muscles function best above a certain temperature, and this becomes more important with age. A study of women ages 70 and older found that just 45 minutes of sitting in a chilly room shortened stride length and caused leg strength to drop by 6 percent, both of which can hamper the body's ability to catch itself when fally. The study tested a 59-degree room; researchers think that 68 degrees is closer to ideal for most people.

Tomatoes for Heart Health: When heart disease patients took 7 mg of lycopene daily, their blood vessels' response to nitric oxide, which helps them dilate and maintain healthy blood flow, improved by 50 percent compared with those on a placebo. Over time, the function of the tissue lining the heart's blood vessels was as good as in the lycopene-consuming patients as in healthy people. A 7 mg dose of lycopene is the equivalent of about two raw tomatoes or a third of a cup of tomato juice a day.

Meditation: Adults who meditated for eight weeks had about one third fewer colds over the winter compared with a control group.

Exercise: Those who began a moderately intense exercise program had 29 percent fewer colds than a control group.

Sleep: People who got fewer than seven hours a night were nearly three times more likely to develop symptoms when exposed to a virus than those who got eight or more hours.

Zinc: This mineral shortens illness by about a day (It stops the virus from replicating) If you take it within 24 hours of feeling sick.

Vitamin C: In a 2013 review of 29 trials, it didn't reduce colds. Huge doses to ease symptoms had small effects in some but not all studies.

Probiotics: They may prevent colds. A 2011 analysis of ten studies found probiotics decreased the number of people who had at least one cold...but not all studies show benefits.

Punography

- I tried to catch some Fog, I mist.
When chemists die, they barium.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid.
He says he can stop anytime
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went.
Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
I did a theatrical performance about puns...
It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type a blood, but it was a type O.
- PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.
Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory; I hope there's no pop quiz.
Energizer Bunny Arrested: Charged with battery.
I didn't like my beard at first. They grew on me.
How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it.
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
A thesaurus.
When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back for seconds.
I wondered why the baseball was getting to me...
Then it hit me!
Broken pencils are pointless.

Words That Bend

- Adult...a person that stopped growing at both ends, and is now growing in the middle.
Beauty Parlor...A place where women curl up and dye.
Chickens...The only animals we eat before they are born and a fter they are dead.
Committee...a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
Dusts...Mud with the juice squeezed out.
Egotist...Someone who is usually me - deep in conversation.
Handkerchief...Cold storage.
Inflation...Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
Mosquito...An insect that makes you like flies better.
Raison...A grape with a sunburn.
Secret...Something you tell to one person at a time.
Skeleton...A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
Toothache...The pain that drives you to extraction.
Tomorrow...One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today.
Yawn...An honest opinion openly expressed.
Wrinkles...Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Failures...But Not Quite

She retired from her job with the Internal Revenue Service in 1944, after a 23-year career. Despite the fact that she had a law degree and was in charge of the local I office, she never earned more than \$4,000 a year. She took her \$5,000 in savings and invested it in the stock market. She made all of her own investment decisions, studying *The Wall Street Journal* every day. Her portfolio included such companies as Paramount and Coca-Cola.

Regrow food From Scraps

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Celery: Cut the bottom inch off a stalk of celery and place it in a bowl with the cut side facing up. Put a little bit of water in the bottom of the bowl, and place it in a sunny place. After a few days, roots and leaves will start to form. At this point you can either plant outside in the garden or transfer to a larger pot. (Save the leafy parts of the celery too! Add them to soup for a little extra flavor)

Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes: Use about a quarter of a potato (a piece with two root eyes is ideal), Either keep it inside to watch and ensure it sprouts, or place directly into the garden, eye side up. If you keep it inside, let it dry out for a day to reduce the chance of mold. Place toothpicks will hold some of the potato above water, but the eyes should be submerged. The roots will grow into the water and the leaves will grow toward the top. When there are enough roots, transplant into the garden.

Ginger: Use a piece of ginger with a knob, or one with an arm sticking out of the main body of the root. Soak the root overnight, then bury it in a pot of rich soil with good drainage. Be sure to keep the soil moist. Ginger does best in the shade or a houseplant. It cannot tolerate cold weather or drought. If given the right conditions, ginger is very easy to grow.

Green Onions: Cut off the bulb and roots (the white end) and place it roots down in a glass of water overnight. Replant outside or in a large pot the next day, and it will start growing quickly.

Leeks: Cut off the bulb, just like you would with green onions, and place it in a shallow glass of water. Change the water and wash the roots once a week. Harvest fresh leeks when they're big enough to eat.

Romaine Lettuce: Cut off the bottom inch of a head of romaine lettuce. Place it roots down into a shallow glass of water, and new leaves will grow from the top.

Garlic: plant a single clove of garlic root side down (flat end) into a few inches of potting soil. Once shoots start sprouting, cut them back so the bulb will be able to grow and eventually you will have a fresh garlic bulb. Use a clove off the new bulb to start growing another for later.

"Lexophile"

What is a "lexophile"? It's a word used to describe those that have a love for words. They come up with plays on words like "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish." A competition to see who can come up with the best puns is held every year in an undisclosed location.

- * When fish are in school, they sometimes take debate.
- * A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.
- * When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, UCLA.
- * The batteries were given out free of charge.
- * A will is a dead giveaway.
- * A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- * When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- * Police were called to a daycare center where a 3-year-old was resisting a rest.
- * Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- * A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- * When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- * The guy who fell into an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- * He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
- * When she saw her first strand of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- * Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point.
- * The cream of the wretched corp; Those who get too big for their pantssss will be exposed at the end.

7 Reasons Not To Mess With Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though s a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God'.

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six years olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grand-ma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, "There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer," or "That's Michael, He's a doctor."

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

"Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note " Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Honesty is something you can't wear out.

World of Medicine

Reader's Digest

Walk Briskly for Better Prostate Health... If diagnosed with prostate cancer, men who walk quickly fare better than those who walk slowly. University of California, San Francisco, scientists examined the blood vessels of prostate tumors in 572 men and analyzed data on their physical activity before their diagnosis. Patients who walked the fastest -- between 2.2 and 4.5 miles per hour -- had healthier-looking blood vessels, suggestive of less aggressive tumors, compared with the slowest walkers, who clocked in between 1.5 and 2.5 miles per hour.

Slash sugar for A Longer Life... Not-so-sweet-news: People who got at least 25 percent of their calories from added sugar -- mainly in sweetened drinks like soda, grain-based desserts like cookies, and fruit juice -- were almost three times more likely to die of heart problems than those who consumed less than 10 percent of daily calories from sugar, according to a JAMA Internal Medicine study of more than 11,000 people based on 18 years of data. Those who got more than 15 percent of calories from added sugar -- the equivalent of about two cans of soda -- were about 20 percent more likely to die of heart-related issues.

Best and Worst Antibiotics for Swimmer's Ear... Nearly one third of doctors prescribe oral antibiotics to treat swimmer's ear, but new guidelines from the American Academy of Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck surgery instead recommend antibiotic eardrops for most cases. The drops can deliver up to 1,000 times more concentration of antibiotic in the ear canal, making them more effective. Recent studies have shown that most routinely prescribed oral antibiotics don't kill even the most common culprit of swimmer's ear, a bacterium named *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Worrying Together Creates Calm... Venting about stress can make you feel better -- but only if it's just to someone who feels just as anxious. Researchers from the University of Southern California tasked 52 women with giving a videotaped speech. Before speaking, the participants were paired up and urged to express their feelings. Researchers assessed the women's emotional states and measured levels of the stress hormone cortisol before, during, and after the speeches. When each woman in the pair had similar emotions, discussing their feelings made both less stressed. But when one felt nervous and the other felt calm, communicating did not minimize the worrier's anxiety.

See Your Lab Reports Sooner... A new federal rule lets all U.S. patients directly access their lab test results -- say, regular blood tests to monitor the effects of some common meds -- without going through the physicians. The Department of Health and Human Services believes the change, which took effect this April and requires full compliance by October 6, will empower patients. (On average, one out of 14 potentially worrisome outpatient lab results is not conveyed to patients, according to Cornell research.) Depending on the lab, you may be able to call, write, fax, or visit a lab's website to learn your results. But you should still follow up with your doctor, who can help interpret results and determine whether additional testing or treatment is needed.

Probiotics May Help Weight Loss... Women dieters who took a particular probiotic strain twice daily lost an average of nearly ten pounds after three months, while a similar group who instead took placebo pills shed almost six pounds, according to a new study in the *British Journal of Nutrition*. What's more, the probiotic takers continued to lose weight over the following three months, averaging a total loss of 11.5 pounds; the control group did not lose any more weight.

Alternative Sleep Apnea Treatment... It's crucial to treat sleep apnea -- a disorder marked by interrupted breathing and snoring during sleep -- which raises the risk of heart disease. But roughly half of patients prescribed the standard therapy (continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP). Implanted surgically, the pacemaker-like device stimulates a nerve below the tongue that prevents obstruction of the airway. In a recent 12-month study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, it reduced breathing pauses and raised blood-oxygen levels in over two thirds of 124 patients. The FDA has approved the device. [here?](#)

Choices

One day while visiting one of his restaurants, Toots Shor found himself in conversation with Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

Some time later, Shor was informed by a waiter that Mel Ott, the manager of the New York Giants, had just come in. "Excuse me, but I gotta leave you," he declared, turning to Fleming. "Somebody important just came in."

Aphorism

Aphorism is defined as a short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth, such as the following:

1. *The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.*
2. *Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.*
3. *If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.*
4. *Seat belts are not so confining as wheelchairs.*
5. *A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.*
6. *How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?*
7. *Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.*
8. *Why is it that a class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?*
9. *Scratch a cat (or dog) and you will have a permanent job.*
10. *No one has more driving ambition than the teenager boy who wants to buy a car.*
11. *There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.*
12. *There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. For instance, it could be the right number.*
13. *No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.*
14. *I've reached the age where "happy hour" is a nap.*
15. *The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.*
16. *Do you realize that in about 40 years we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?*
17. *Money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo*
18. *After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.*
19. *Always be yourself, because the people who really matter don't mind, and the people who do mind don't really matter.*
20. *Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.*

Choices

A hunter took his pet dachshund with him when he went on safari in Africa. One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long discovers that he is lost in the jungle.

He sees a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dachshund notices some bones on the ground close by and immediately settles down to chew on them with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here."

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard, "that was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

the monkey soon catches up with the leopard and spills the beans. The leopard is furious at being made fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

The dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?"

But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to the attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they are close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard."

Food-Storage Tricks the Package Won't Tell You

Brown sugar: Store the sweet crystals with "friends" to prevent hardening. Transfer to an airtight plastic container and include moist items like marshmallows, a slice of bread, or apple slices; the sugar will soak up the moisture and stay soft. Or, invest in a Brown Sugar Bear. Soak the reusable terra-cotta teddy in water for 20 minutes and store with your sugar to prevent hardening or to soften sugar that's become a brick.

Flour: Keep whole wheat flour chilled. High oil levels in the wheat germ can make this baking staple go rancid if kept in the pantry too long. If you use it infrequently, store in an airtight container in the fridge. Where it can last two to six months. Sniff to check freshness --it should be almost completely odorless. Toss if it smells sharp or bitter. (Regular white flour can last about a year in the pantry in an airtight container.)

100% Maple Syrup: Once opened, store in the freezer to preserve if you use it rarely. Because of its high sugar content, syrup won't freeze. Pure maple syrup should last indefinitely unopened in the pantry; once opened, it can last up to a year refrigerated.

Cheese: Let it breathe. Wrap cheese in porous material. If you don't have cheese paper, parchment will also work. Avoid tinfoil and tight plastic wrap. Failing to expose cheese to enough oxygen will cause it to dry out quickly.

Butter: You can freeze bars you don't plan to use quickly. This will prevent spoilage and the scent absorption of, say, Chinese leftovers. In the fridge, un-opened butter should last about four months. It can stay in the freezer for about a year. Leave wrapped sticks in the original carton, then enclose in double plastic freeze bags. One sign you need to freeze butter: inconsistent color, which means you're not using yours fast enough. Butter that is lighter on the inside than on the outside is no longer fresh, thanks to oxidation -- color should be consistent.

Soy Sauce: Watch the color. Common varieties are reddish brown when fresh. If it's darkened, this go-to-Asian-food ingredient has likely fallen victim to oxidation. Soy sauce doesn't need to be kept chilled, but refrigeration will help the flavor remain at peak quality longer. It should last up to two years this way.

Spices (Red Ones): Stash red spices in the fridge. Paprika, cayenne powder, and chili powder will stay fresher and keep their bright color -- which can be dulled by light and heat -- longer.

Olive Oil: Stick to small bottles unless you're heavy-handed. Once opened, olive oil can go rancid in as little as three months (even though the bottle might say it will last longer). Fresh olive oil smells like green, ripe olives and has a bright, peppery taste with a kick; be wary of a crayon- or putty-like odor, which indicates spoilage.

Honey: Revive crystalized honey by placing the jar in a frying pan on the stove with simmering water; stir the honey until the crystals have dissolved. Don't keep honey in the fridge, which can make it crystalize. Honey can last forever even once opened (pots of it have been excavated from ancient Egyptian tombs, still preserved) because enzymes in bees' stomachs create by-products that fight bacteria.

Peanut Butter: flip natural varieties upside down to allow the pool of oil near the lid to move through the rest of the jar and make the peanut butter creamier (and to skip messy stirring). Just make sure the cap is screwed on tight to avoid a greasy pantry shelf.

Mayonnaise: Store in the fridge door. In the inner part of the fridge, mayo may get too cold, which will cause it to separate and leave oil at the top of the jar. If kept in the refrigerator door, your tasty sandwich dressing will last two to three months past the purchase date.

Ad in the "Lost and Found" column of a local newspaper: Lost. Tan leather wallet containing pictures, personal papers and \$350 currency. finder may keep the pictures, the personal papers and the wallet, but I have a sentimental attachment to the money.

The fact that you can profit from your mistakes does not mean the more mistakes, the more profit.

Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven't committed.

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.

Final New Year's Luncheon Reservation

Sunday, January 18, 2015* 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Gardena Recreation Center

\$25.00 per person, make check payable to SID OKAZAKI

Number of Attendees: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Guest name (s) _____

Name tags will be issued.

*****DEADLINE TO RSVP IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2015*****

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Happiness

The happiest people are rarely the richest, the most beautiful, or even the most talented. Happy people do not depend on excitement and "fun" supplied by externals. They enjoy the simple things of life. They waste no time thinking other pastures are greener; they do not yearn for yesterday or tomorrow. They savor the moment, glad to be alive, enjoying their work, their families, the good things around them.

They are adaptable; they can bend with the wind, adjust to the changes in their times, employ the contests of life, and feel themselves in harmony with the world.

Their eyes are turned outward, they are aware, compassionate. They have the capacity to love

Jane Carl

Dress Code

Midway through a game of golf one hot summer day, Harpo Marx and George Burns elected to finish without their shirts. Upon returning to the clubhouse, they were rather pointedly reminded of a rule forbidding members from playing topless.

"That's an outrage," Burns protested, "We can go swimming on a public beach without a top. Why do we have to wear one here?"

"Sorry," said the manager. "A rule is a rule."

The next day the pair reappeared on the course and played 18 holes wearing shirts as required. News of the pair's outrageous appearance, however, soon reached the manager, who intercepted the jokers on the 18th green, demanding an explanation.

"You were right," Harpo declared. "The rules say you have to wear a shirt but they don't say a word about searing pants."

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