

Theatre Workshop

A free acting workshop is open to all and will be held in the Studio Theatre on April 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will be conducted by Jason Lawergren, a New York trained actor, singer and teacher.

On April 4 there will be theatre games and improvisation, on April 11 there will be auditioning and monologue, and on April 18 there will be auditioning for musical theatre.

The workshop is limited to 25 participants and anyone interested can visit Tony Elliot's office in the Academic Building to sign up.

Dumb human tricks on the job

Tiffini Theisen
The Orlando Sentinel

Often it takes a major blunder to teach young professionals one of the most vital workplace skills: political savvy. The rules are different - and largely unwritten - in every workplace, but in general, the biggest gaffes involve displaying too much bravado too soon.

Sheri Mitchell wishes she had realized early in her career that she didn't have to be a hero - that it was OK to ask questions.

When Mitchell, who now owns a staffing firm, started out in the industry nearly two decades ago, she was like many young people - eager to prove herself.

She was on call one weekend in the mid-1980s as an entry-level staffer for an employment agency when a worker canceled an assignment. Mitchell, not wanting to bother her boss, immediately got on the phone and found a replacement for the Saturday-morning job of handing out samples of roast beef at a grocery store.

Mitchell was proud of herself for handling the situation. In her rush, however, she failed to notice that the woman she sent to slice the meat was legally blind. It wasn't until after the woman finished the assignment - which she did fairly well, considering - that Mitchell learned about her blindness from the deli manager.

"I learned right then and there how important paying attention to detail was and that asking questions is never wrong," said Mitchell, 42, owner of ProFinders in Orlando, Fla. "My best advice to anyone starting out is pay attention to detail, and don't assume anything."

Mary Lee Carter was 22 and had been in the real-estate title business for about a year when she had a memorable phone conversation with a businessman a few states away.

As the pleasant chat drew to a close, the man asked, "By the way, do you know so and so?" naming someone who lived in her city. Carter said she did, but she didn't care for that particular gentleman and his attitude toward women.

After a long pause, the businessman told her, "Young lady, you need to know whom you are talking to before you share your opinions. That is my brother you just complained about" and hung up.

"That was really stupid, but it taught me a lesson," said Carter, now 39 and a manager with Chicago Title Insurance in Maitland, Fla. "I was young; I was full of myself. Ever since then my policy has been: You need to know whom you're talking to before you make any comments."

It usually doesn't take long to learn how to be discreet and politically correct in the workplace. But several professionals say it took some time for them to develop a higher level of sophistication in dealing with others.

Skip Stein, an Orlando consultant, also has learned lessons about relationships in the business world. In Stein's case, it's his lapse in communication skills that he regrets.

When Stein was young and naive and in his "charging ahead" mode, he said, he thought mostly of how his various jobs affected him, rather than considering how he might contribute.

"As you get older, you learn that listening is a more



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It takes skills to be successful in the business world.

valuable skill than shooting off your mouth," said Stein, 56, president of Management Systems Consulting in Orlando. "I probably missed a lot of opportunities because I refused to listen to what people were telling me."

As important as relationships with others are, sometimes the biggest career obstacle is yourself.

Several workers say they wish they had pushed themselves earlier in their professional lives to further their education, learn new skills and take more initiative.

The lack of a degree is a regret for some, such as Nancy Carter.

Carter, 46, has been with the same company, Darden Restaurants of Orlando, for 30 years. She has had a great career with a company that encourages growth and development, said Carter, who's a relocation supervisor.

Still, she wishes she had stayed in college. Although she has taken several college courses and earned licenses and certifications in her field, she believes she might have gone further in her career with a degree.

"I wish I had gone to school at night and continued working during the day," Carter said. "It might have made a difference with the path I took with the company, because they offer a lot of advancement. There were opportunities I passed up because I didn't have the confidence to accept the challenges."

However, Carter realizes it's never too late and is con-

sidering going for the sheepskin. Bob MacLeod said the educational opportunities he missed at first were on the job.

When MacLeod started in his position as a trainer in the accounting department of Orlando's Campus Crusade for Christ 10 years ago, he was shy about offering his opinion. Instead, he just listened to what his boss told him to do and did it.

As career strategies go, that seems like a smart one. But over time, MacLeod said, he realized that he needed to push himself, learn new things and offer his own insights to improving the department.

He kept waiting for the bosses to give him direction, said MacLeod, 34.

"But I've found that they themselves are often overworked and underpaid, and are not necessarily thinking long-term for themselves, never mind me!"

So he took classes, attended management conferences on his own and sought out mentors. He has also learned to be more sanguine about obstacles, realizing that they, too, can be beneficial learning opportunities.

"Those are some specific things I wish I had known 10 years ago," he said, but added that he still has plenty of career left to apply the lessons he's learned: "Fortunately, it's not too late."

Through the Looking Glass

the weekly column that asks if there is intelligent life out there

by Mike Pingree
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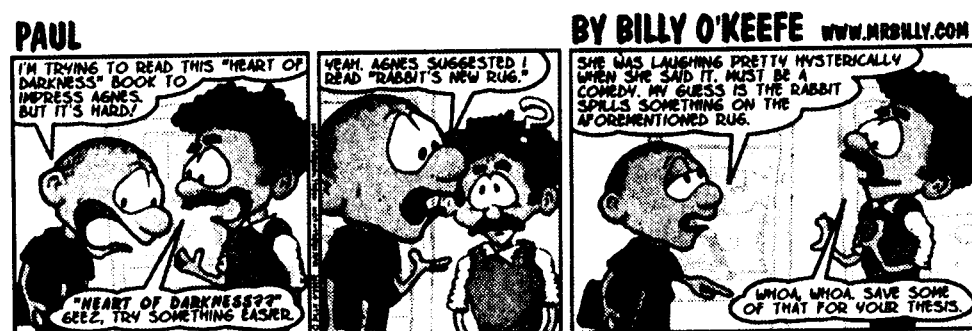
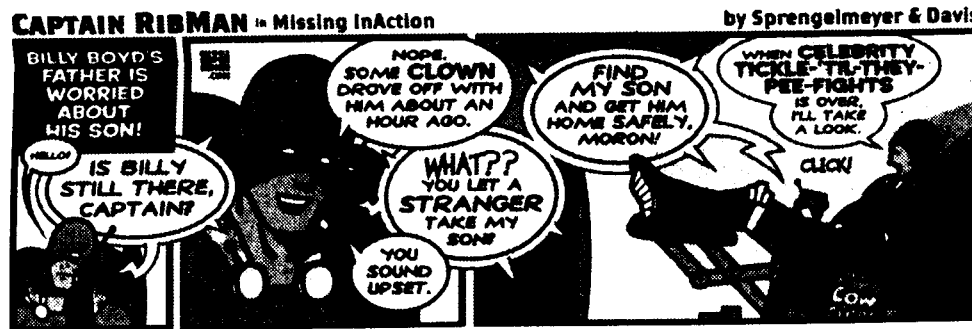
This year's Darwin Awards, honoring those whose stupidity has caused their involuntary removal from the gene pool, features a poacher named Marino Malerba.

While on an illegal hunt in Spain, he spied a wild stag on an overhanging rock above him and immediately fired. The beast fell on him, killing him instantly.

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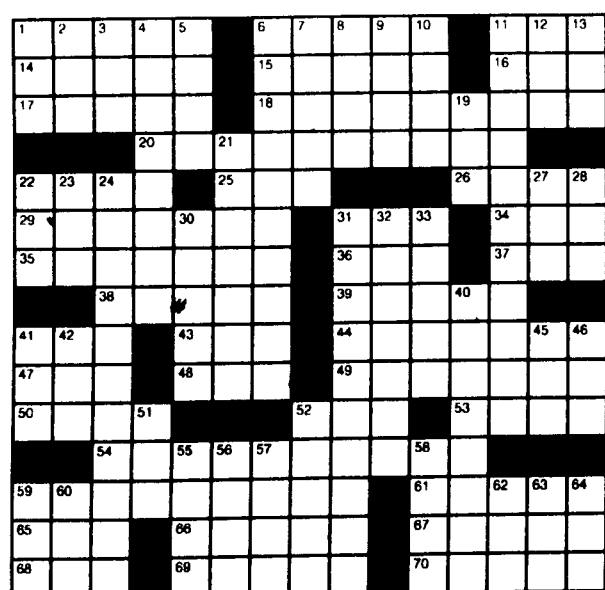
A Texas man suffers from a bizarre psychological disorder that causes him to fly into an uncontrollable rage whenever he hears certain words, among them, "Wisconsin," "Snickers" and "Mars."

He thought his girlfriend was about to say "New Jersey," so he shot her. He was convicted of aggravated assault.



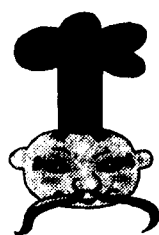
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- ACROSS
- Assumed name
 - Ninnies
 - Flock leader
 - Fats Waller's instrument
 - Showery month
 - Self-esteem
 - Watches over
 - One immune from criticism
 - Flexible elevator?
 - Naive fellow
 - Golfer Ernie
 - Singer Diamond
 - Copy
 - Possesses
 - Stir
 - Population expert
 - Have debts
 - Summit
 - Mortgage attachments
 - Oahu porch
 - Capp and Capone
 - Not feel well
 - Decide a matter
 - Act dovish?
 - Calendar unit
 - Film composer
 - Max
 - Bean curd
 - Definite article
 - On the waves
 - Gravy-train passenger
 - Moody
 - Neeson and O'Flaherty
 - Much removed
 - Hooked with a horn
 - The king of France
 - Raw mineral
 - Zatopek and Jennings
 - John Jacob or Mary
- DOWN
- Fitting
 - Whopper
 - Golfer Woosnam
 - Auto racer Mario
 - Not so hot
 - Erroneously
 - Iridescent gemstones
 - Killer whale
 - Raven or robin
 - Frome's vehicle
 - Pastimes
 - In the past
 - Cut, the lawn
 - Iniquitous locale
 - Porky's gal
 - Outer edge
 - Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
 - Menus
 - Church vow
 - Droop
 - In the lead
 - Locks fingers (with)
 - Stood by
 - Lexical meaning
 - Bee factories
 - False front
 - Old card game
 - Bishopric
 - Epoch
 - Samovar
 - Corner-man's toss
 - Margin
 - Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
 - Atress Petty
 - Ms. Fitzgerald
 - Craft of sci-fi
 - Golf norm
 - Creative skill
 - Pasture plaint
 - Knight's title



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Solutions



Recipes for You!

Buffalo Chicken Strips

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup plain non-fat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 ounces crumbled blue cheese
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into strips
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce

To Make Dip: In a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, mayonnaise and bleu cheese. Stir in green onion and pepper; cover and refrigerate.
To Make Strips: Heat oil in a large skillet. Season chicken with salt and sautee over medium high heat, stirring frequently, until lightly browned and cooked through, about 7 to 10 minutes. Remove skillet from heat. Add butter and hot pepper sauce to skillet and swirl until the butter melts and the sauce coats the chicken.
3 Serve hot chicken with refrigerated dip mix.

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