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FILLING IT UP

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I've been in petroleum pipeline business for about 31 years, currently working for the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline here in San Jose, CA . We deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period from the pipe line; one day it's diesel, the next day it's jet fuel and gasoline. We have 34 storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons. Here are some tricks to help you get your money's worth:

1. Fill up your car or truck in the morning when the temperature is still cool. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground; and the colder the ground, the denser the gasoline. When it gets warmer gasoline expands, so if you're filling up in the afternoon or in the evening, what should be a gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and temperature of the fuel (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products) are significant. Every truckload that we load is temperature-compensated so that the indicated gallonage is actually the amount pumped. A one-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for

businesses, but service stations don't have temperature compensation at their pumps.

2. If a tanker truck is filling the station's tank at the time you want to buy gas, do not fill up; most likely dirt and sludge in the tank is being stirred up when gas is being delivered, and you might be transferring



that dirt from the bottom of their tank into your car's tank.

3. Fill up when your gas tank is half-full (or half-empty), because the more gas you have in your tank the less air there is and gasoline evaporates rapidly, especially when it's warm. (Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating 'roof' membrane to act as a barrier between the gas and the atmosphere, thereby minimizing evaporation.)

4. If you look at the trigger you'll see that it has three delivery settings: slow, medium and high. When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to the high set-

ting. You should be pumping at the slow setting, thereby minimizing vapors created while you are pumping. Hoses at the pump are corrugated; the corrugations act as a return path for vapor recovery from gas that already has been metered. If you are pumping at the high setting, the agitated gasoline contains more vapor, which is being sucked back into the underground tank, so you're getting less gas for your money. Hope this will help ease your 'pain at the pump.

LONG LIFE

A tough old cowboy once counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret



was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning.

The grandson did this religiously and he lived to the age of 93.

When he died, he left 14 children, 28 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and a fifteen foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.



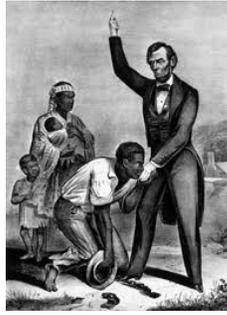
SHE SPAT IN HIS FACE

Exodus 20:2 (NIV) *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."*

"During the years when slavery was legal in the United States, a gentleman happened upon a slave-bidding in a crowded street. The man paused to observe the activities. As he watched from the edge of the crowd, he saw one slave after another led to a platform, their arms and legs shackled with ropes as if they were animals. Displayed before the jeering crowd, they were auctioned off, one by one.

"Some onlookers would inspect the 'merchandise,' grabbing disrespectfully at the women, examining the muscular arms of the men. The gentleman studied the group of slaves waiting nearby. He paused when he saw a young girl standing at the back. Her eyes were filled with fear. She looked so frightened. He hesitated for a moment and then disappeared briefly. When he returned, the auctioneer was about to start the bidding for the young girl he had noticed beforehand.

"As the auctioneer opened the bidding, the gentleman shouted out a bid that was twice the amount of any other selling price offered that day. There was silence for an instance, and then the gavel fell



as 'sold to the gentleman' was heard. The gentleman stepped forward, and waited at the bottom of the steps as the young girl was led down to her new owner. The rope which bound her was handed to the man, who accepted it without saying anything. The young girl stared at the ground. Suddenly she looked up and spat in his face. Silently, he reached for a handkerchief and wiped the spittle from his face. He smiled gently at the young girl and said, 'Follow me.' She followed him reluctantly. As they reached the edge of the crowd, he continued to a nearby area where each deal was closed legally.

"When a slave was set free, legal documents, called manumission papers, were necessary. The gentleman paid the purchase price and signed the necessary documents. When the transaction was complete, he turned to the young girl and presented the documents to her. Startled, she looked at him with uncertainty. Her narrowed eyes asked, 'What are you doing?' The gentlemen responded to her questioning look. He said, 'Here, take these papers. I bought you to make you free. As long as you have these papers in your possession, no man can ever make you a slave again.'

"The girl looked into his face. What was happening? There was silence. Slowly, she said,

'You bought me to make me free? You bought me to make me free?' As she repeated this phrase over and over, the significance of what had just happened became more and more real to her. 'You bought me to make me free?' Was it possible that a stranger had just granted her freedom and never again could she be held in bondage and servitude to any man? As she began to grasp the significance of the documents which she now held in her hand, she fell to her knees and wept at the gentleman's feet. Through her tears of joy and gratitude, she said, 'You bought me to make me free. I'll serve you forever!'"

And, Dear Reader, this is exactly what Jesus Christ did for you and me. He died on the cross in your place and mine to pay the ransom price for our sins so we could be fully forgiven by God and set free from the slavery of sin and its eternal damnation.

Have you accepted God's free pardon and forgiveness? If not, I encourage you to do that today. For help be sure to read the article, "How to Be Sure You're a Real Christian" at: www.actsworld.org/christian.

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, how can I ever thank you enough for giving your son, Jesus, to die on the cross in my place to set me free from slavery to sin and its eternal consequences. In the words of the slave girl, 'You bought me to make me free. I'll serve you forever.' Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

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MONDAYS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 2:00 PM

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TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

SOUP & SANDWICHES
 6:00 PM

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 BIBLE STUDY
 6:30 PM

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THURSDAY — SATURDAY
AUGUST 2nd — 4th

CHURCH RUMMAGE &
 BAKE SALE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th

BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
 FOLLOWING
 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Please bring sandwiches or
 cookies

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th

LADIES LUNCHEON
 12:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 AT
 KIMBERLY ELLEN'S
 8:00 AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

**ANNUAL CHURCH
 BUSINESS MEETING**

Our Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14 following the 11 AM Worship Service. We will be electing church officers, setting the budget for the coming year and our thoughts and dreams for our church.

Everyone is invited to attend and if you are 18 years of age and over, have accepted Jesus as your Savior, and have been attending the church for the passed six month, you are eligible to vote in this meeting.

**COMMUNITY
 EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

SUMMER CAMP

A counselor was helping his kids put their stuff away on their first morning in Summer Camp.

He was surprised to see one of the youngsters had an umbrella.

The counselor asked, "Why did you bring! an umbrella to camp?"

The kid answered, "Did you ever have a mother?"

THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.



HIGHWAY 109

A drunk man in an Oldsmobile
They said had run the light
That caused the six-car pileup
On 109 that night.
When broken bodies lay about
'And blood was everywhere,'
'The sirens screamed out eulogies,'
For death was in the air.
'A mother, trapped inside her car,'
Was heard above the noise;
Her plaintive plea near split the air:
'Oh, God, please spare my boys!'
She fought to loose her pinned hands;
'She struggled to get free,'
But mangled metal held her fast
In grim captivity.
Her frightened eyes then focused
'On where the back seat once had been,'
But all she saw was broken glass and
Two children's seats crushed in.
Her twins were nowhere to be seen;
'She did not hear them cry,'
'And then she prayed they'd been thrown free,' 'Oh, God, don't let them die!'
Then firemen came and cut her loose,
'But when they searched the back,'
'They found therein no little boys,'
But the seat belts were intact.
They thought the woman had gone mad
'And was traveling alone,'
'But when they turned to ques-

tion her,'
They discovered she was gone.
Policemen saw her running wild
And screaming above the noise
'In beseeching supplication,'
Please help me find my boys!
They're four years old and wear blue shirts;
'Their jeans are blue to match.'
'One cop spoke up, "They're in my car,'
And they don't have a scratch.
They said their daddy put them there
'And gave them each a cone,'
Then told them both to wait for Mom
To come and take them home.
'I've searched the area high and low,'
But I can't find their dad.
'He must have fled the scene,'
'I guess, and that is very bad.'
'The mother hugged the twins and said,'
'While wiping at a tear,'
'He could not flee the scene, you see,'
'For he's been dead a year.'
'The cop just looked confused and asked,'
'Now, how can that be true?'
'The boys said, "Mommy, Daddy came '
'And left a kiss for you.'"
He told us not to worry
'And that you would be all right,'
And then he put us in this car with
'The pretty, flashing light.'
'We wanted him to stay with

us,'
'Because we miss him so,'
'But Mommy, he just hugged us tight '
And said he had to go.
He said someday we'd understand
'And told us not to fuss,'
'And he said to tell you, Mommy,'
'He's watching over us.'
The mother knew without a doubt
'That what they spoke was true,'
For she recalled their dad's last words, 'I will watch over you.'
The firemen's notes could not explain
'The twisted, mangled car,'
And how the three of them escaped
Without a single scar.
'But on the cop's report was scribed,'
'In print so very fine,'
An angel walked the beat tonight on Highway 109.
Received from James Sparks

JUST A WARNING

On a street, where the speed is limited to 30 mph the police stop a driver. "Not only have you been driving too fast, you've been passing cars where it is not allowed. Your lights don't work, your tires all completely worn out. This is surely going to cost you a lot. What's your name?"
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"Well, I'll let you go this time but don't do it again."



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I thought last month's quiz was quite easy but only three people were able to come up with the correct answer, my wife Kathleen Mulkins, Bernice Lax, Sarah Frase and Ruth Palmer. The answer is found in the sixth chapter of 2 Kings verses, 1-7, when Elisha caused the axe head to float.

Here is this month's quiz see if you can solve it.

*There was a king
Who was quite good
When put his trust in God
Like you know he should.*

*When a great army came
A million or more
He put his trust in God
To even the score.*

*But one day
His neighbor came
With a smaller army
His land to claim.*

*But instead of trusting God
To help him stand
He put his trust
In mortal man.*

*A prophet came
And told him of his sin
The king got mad
And in prison he put him.*

*Now tell me his name
If you think you can
And a candy bar
Will be in your hand.*

NO PETS ALLOWED

Two buddies were out for a Saturday stroll. One had a Doberman and the other had a Chihuahua. As they sauntered down the street, the guy with the Doberman said to his friend, "Let's go over to that restaurant and get something to drink."

The guy with the Chihuahua said, "We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us."

The one with the Doberman said, "Just follow my lead." They walked over to the restaurant and the guy with the Doberman put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk into the restaurant.



The waiter at the door said, "Sorry, Mac, no pets allowed."

The man with the Doberman said, "You don't understand. This is my Seeing-Eye dog."

The waiter said, "A Doberman pinscher?"

The man said, "Yes, they're using them now. They're very good."

The waiter said, "OK then, come on in."

The buddy with the Chihuahua figured he'd try it too so he put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk into the restaurant. He knew his story would be

a bit more unbelievable. Once again the waiter said, "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed."



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The waiter said, "A Chihuahua?"

The man with the Chihuahua said, "A Chihuahua?!? A Chihuahua?!? They gave me a Chihuahua??"

FISHERMAN WIFE

"So, what's the matter?" asked one woman of her friend over coffee. "I thought you just got back from a nice relaxing fishing trip with your husband."

"Oh, everything went wrong," the second woman answered.

"First, he said I talked so loud I would scare the fish. Then he said I was using the wrong bait; and then that I was reeling in too soon."

"All that might have been all right; but to make matters worse, I ended up catching the most fish!"

