

News and Notes

Life in These Parts

A patriotic KHVH radio caller on the "Black Avenger" Ken Hamblin Show describes "A-M-E-R-I-C-A" as an acronym for "All must echo repeatedly I care for America."

A KHVH radio announcer claims there are 12 million vegetarians in America.

Bumper Sticker: Older model GM car with a message: "Hug your kids at home and belt 'em in the car."

Silent Protest: "We, the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long, with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing."

(Note from the bulletin board at the Kam IV Rd Auto License Renewal Station)

Miscellany

What's the difference between ex-cons and congressmen? Every now and then, ex-cons pass a few good bills.

On the evening of her wedding, Diana pulled her mother aside. "Mom," she said, "teach me how to make my new husband happy."

"Well, honey, when two people love each other deeply, making love comes naturally."

"I know how to make love," the daughter interrupted impatiently, "I want to know how to make your chili dogs."

(From Playboy, April 1996)

Three physicians approached the Pearly Gates. St Peter greeted them and asked each: "What have you done to deserve entering heaven?"

The first physician: "I was a cardiologist. I improved the cardiac catheter technique and helped save many more lives."

St Peter: "You are deserving and may enter."

The second physician: "I was a GP in the hills of Kentucky. I doctored several generations of families from birth to death."

St Peter: "You did well. Please enter."

Third physician: "I was an HMO administrator. I devised the most cost-effective measures so that patients could be discharged in three days no matter how sick and save the federal government millions of dollars."

St Peter: "You may enter." As he opened the Pearly Gates, St Peter added, "This gentleman is authorized to stay three days with us."

The 60-year-old man developed symptoms of nocturia, dribbling, frequency and dysuria. He

saw a urologist for evaluation and asked the physician to do a two finger rectal examination because his medical plan required a second opinion.

(As told by Cathy Otsuji, our favorite Merck rep)

Surgical Scrubs

An on-site study of 493 doctors at a convention of the Infectious Disease Society of America revealed: the percentage of male physicians who washed their hands after using the rest room, 56%; of female physicians who washed, 87%.

(Also from Playboy)

Bandage Surgery

Surgeon John Payne has pioneered laparoscopic surgery in Hawaii since joining Kaiser in 1990. John presently uses laparoscopic techniques for 60% of his cases (the American Hospital Association predicts 80% of surgery will be done laparoscopically by the turn of the century). He has done laparoscopic surgery for a dozen different procedures including heartburn, perforated duodenal ulcers, colon and rectal cancer, pelvic node dissection for prostate cancer and adrenal, spleen and kidney resection. John is credited with the development of an ultrasonic dissector which is standard equipment for laparoscopic procedures around the world and now is working on the development of a three dimensional camera to provide depth perception. He uses high-definition, high-speed telephone lines with a two-way audiovisual communicator to learn and perfect new techniques. After doing 100 hernia repair cases, John proved that laparoscopic herniorrhaphy is superior to traditional techniques in terms of recovery and pain.

Diet Pills Duo

A three and a half year study at the University of Rochester (a major center for obesity research) has shown that a morning pill—phentermine (to curb appetite) and an evening pill—fenfluramine (a neurotransmitter which affects the brain's satiety center) works wonders. The Honolulu Medical Group offers an obesity treatment program to those 20% over their optimum body weight using the drugs "Phen/Fen" as part of a behavior modification program which includes nutrition awareness, a low-fat diet, and exercise.

Richard Littenberg says there is an abuse potential, but it appears to be small. The pills are used intermittently: on for a few weeks and off



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