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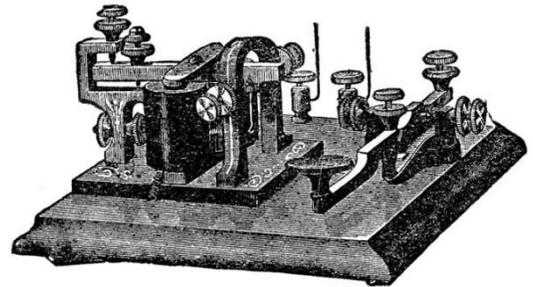
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When You're Right For The Job...

In the 19th century, when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man went to apply for a job as a Morse code operator.

At the job location, he found a busy office filled with noise and bustle and the ever-present clatter of a telegraph in one corner. He joined ten other applicants, all following instructions written on a blackboard that said to sit and wait to be summoned for an interview.

But after five minutes, the young man stood up with a smile and walked confidently into the office without an invitation. The other applicants looked at each other, and smiled. All expected the brash young man to be tossed out the door.



Ten minutes later the manager came out of the office. "Gentlemen, thank you for your time, but the position has been filled."

"What?" The group jumped up, annoyed. "You haven't interviewed any of us!" they cried. "Just that one kid who disrespectfully barged through your door."

Win A Prize!

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The manager nodded. "Exactly. See, here's the thing. While you were sitting here, that telegraph in the corner has been ticking out a message in Morse code. It has been saying *'If you understand this message, then ignore the blackboard and come right in.'* None of you apparently paid attention to it, if you even understood it at all. That young man did. The job is his."

What I take away from this is that when you're right for a job, it's obvious to both yourself and others.

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4 Ways To Avoid Answering A Question

Whether at work, at a networking event, in an interview, or at a party, there are times when you either don't know an answer or don't want to answer a question. Here are four approaches to not answering:

- **"That's a good question."** This is a time-honored dodge. By making this statement, then saying something like, "It reminds me of..." you can deftly shift away from the question.
- **Tell the truth.** Try saying, "I don't know," or "I'm not sure how to answer that," or even, "I'd prefer not to answer." Then right away ask a question of your own.
- **Ask for more details about the question.** "Could you tell me more about what you have in mind?" Or "Could you explain what you mean?" This places the questioner in the position of providing additional detail, which may help you answer the question.
- **Answer the question with a question.** Similar to asking for more details, but in this case, you can ask any question...even one that's unrelated to their question to you.

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You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. ~ Mark Twain

Spring Quiz Question

Question: Which word in the dictionary is always incorrect?

The first person to call in with the right answer will win a prize!

Call Amy at 919-469-6539 with your quiz answer.

NOTE: It usually takes 2 days for the winning answer – don't hesitate to try!

The Winter Quiz Winner was Miranda Taylor.

Is This A Good Candidate?

A manager was interviewing a job candidate. After reviewing the applicant's qualifications, he went on to some questions designed to probe the man's personality.

"If you could have a conversation with someone, living or dead," he asked, "who would it be?"

The candidate thought for a moment and then responded, "The living one."

Drinking Can Damage Your Teeth

Coffee and cola might be bad for your teeth, but energy and sports drinks aren't much better. The reason? The type of acid they contain. According to the journal General Dentistry, bottled lemonades and energy drinks can erode the enamel on your teeth over 10 times more than colas.

If you do consume drinks that might cause enamel damage, you should rinse your mouth with water and wait about 30 minutes before you brush, because if the drink has softened your enamel then even mildly abrasive toothpaste can cause more damage.

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Timely Gardening Tips

Spring Flowering Shrubs & Plants – Just as flowers begin to fade is the best time to prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as azaleas, rhododendrons, spireas, flowering quince, oriental magnolia, and forsythia. Use daffodils under trees and shrubs, among ground cover plants, in rock gardens, or in containers. Keep plants watered while growing and blooming, and let the straplike foliage die down naturally after flowering is complete.

Perennial Plants should be set out so they may become established before hot weather sets in. Prepare beds using leaf compost or pine bark. Incorporate superphosphate before planting. Perennials to divide and transplant include daylilies, ajuga, oxalis, chrysanthemums and liriop. Container-grown perennials, now available at garden centers, should be set out now for late-summer and autumn blooms.

Summer Bulbs can be planted in late April. This covers dahlias, gladiolus, tuberose, fancy-leafed caladiums, elephant ears, amaryllis, and cannas. Start digging and storing early flowering bulbs such as ranunculus and anemones as their foliage begins to yellow. As flowers fade, cut tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. Let the foliage remain until it matures and turns brown or yellow. Do not cut the foliage earlier as the bulbs are dependent on the leaves for nourishment.



Easter Lilies – Gift pots of Easter lilies will keep longer if they are placed in a cool room at night. Keep the plants moist, but not wet, and remove the yellow pollen sacks as flowers develop. After the flowers fade, cut the plant back 3 to 4 inches and transplant outdoors

Houseplants – If houseplants have not yet been repotted, this is a good time to do it. First, water the plant well so that the soil will cohere. Knock the plant gently out of the pot and inspect the root system. If the roots are crowded and matted on the outside of the root ball, the plant needs repotting into a larger pot.

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The 2015 Triangle Real Estate Market is *HOT!*



First quarter has resulted in many sales even with the winter weather. Prices are increasing and interest rates are still low. Houses are not staying on the market long, so if you are interested in buying or selling this year, give me a call.



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