

Script Items for a Practice Podcast

(INTRODUCTION) A lot happened in 2008 ... the historic presidential election, the economic meltdown, gold medals galore, the real estate slump, gas prices actually dropping, and much, much more. History was made. There were some lesser know happenings, too. In this podcast we'll take a look at a few of those.

(1) Researchers hunting through a tomb of a shaman in China discovered a leather basket and a wooden bowl containing what appeared to be a green leafy substance. Analysis confirmed what they immediately suspected, that they had discovered the world's oldest marijuana stash. Carbon-dating put the age of the substance at 2,700 years.

(2) Pringles is known for their unique packaging. Apparently those containers are good for more than just stacking potato chips. When Fredrick J. Baur, who designed the packing system, passed away at the age of 89, he requested that a portion of his cremated remains be placed in a Pringles can and buried in his hometown.

(3) Budget cuts hit education hard. Supplies were difficult to come by in many districts. Many teachers faced the prospect of not enough paper for photocopying. A calculus teacher in California found a solution. He's now selling ad space on the front page of his tests. Prices range from \$10 for a quiz to \$30 for an exam. His idea is expected to bring in more than \$1000.

(4) Police in New Zealand broke up a wild, loud disco party in New Zealand following complaints from unhappy neighbors. This annual party ended a half-hour before it's scheduled 7 pm conclusion, which wasn't a major problem for the kindergarten kids dancing to "Bob the Builder" since it was almost bedtime for these "tots gone wild".

(5) A South Carolina man probably needs to take a math class was arrested for attempted bank robbery. He walked into bank where he has an account and attempted to cash a personal check for \$173. The teller refused because he didn't have that much money in his account. The man expressed surprise as he though he had more and then he proceeded to rob the place.

(6) A Nevada phlebotomist has a contract with the Carson City sheriff's office to draw blood from DUI suspects. When she got called in on a Friday night, deputies smelled alcohol on HER breath! Although she claimed the she "just had one", she failed the standard field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol level registered over the state's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

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