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## **PROPRIETOR'S MESSAGE**

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### **The King of Herbs**

I like to cook and I make a mean pasta sauce, or as my mother calls it, "tomato gravy". For this reason, I enjoy growing a small herb garden in the summer. Some things I have grown in the past are thyme, peppermint, chives and oregano.

Year after year, I continue to focus on my favorite herb, basil. There is nothing like needing a pinch of basil and peppermint, and pinching it from your own garden. I prefer the lemon variety of basil because of its pungency.

I hope you take a moment out of your hectic schedule to spend some time outside this summer. Don't forget to stop and smell the basil. You'll like it.

Enjoy your summer!

John



### **Quote of the Month:**

People say I have a lot of energy. I am always hearing, "I wish I had your energy, Anne".... but, I really don't have much energy as I am growing older. I am exhausted at night. I think what I have is motivation. I am extremely motivated to be active and useful. I would rather wear out than rust.

*Anne Teague*

## Pat Trotta

# Who Names Men's Clothes?

Don't you think golf shirts should really be worn just to play golf? How about rugby shirts?

Why do men's clothes always have to be named after sports? This sounds as if you are actually going to participate in the sport while wearing the shirt. You've heard of polo shirts. Do you even know what polo is? If you do, why are you wearing a shirt named for such a stupid game?



We need shirts with names like the Remote Flipping Shirt, the Beer Drinking Shirt, and of course, the Football Watching Shirt.

I am sitting here looking at a print ad for a man's "golf polo" and the man is standing at an outdoor grill full of T-bones and hamburgers. He is playing neither golf nor polo.

Men's Swimwear.....At least that one is named correctly. Did you know there is a piece of men's swimwear called "Cargo Board Shorts"? They have all kinds of pockets in them. Don't men know that pockets make your butt look big? The Cargo Board Shorts actually come with goggles but that really confuses the surfers because they think they come with Googles and they are trying to surf the Internet and the ocean simultaneously.

Men should have two kinds of shirts, dress and casual. But nooooooooooooo, we have all of these marketing thingies that make it so complicated. We have the men's outrigger shirt. I think you should only be allowed to wear this shirt while yachting.

They still sell madras shirts. What ARE they thinking? Haven't we suffered enough with the seersucker shirt? What kind of sport is seersuckering? And what's a chino? That's all you hear about, chino pants, chino this, chino that, chino pets, oh wait, that's chia.

What's really funny is the "Young Men's Section". There you have your muscle shirts. Why don't they have an "Old Man's Section" where the pants are pre-formed to pull up to your chin?

And what's with printing stupid slogans on T-shirts? Why can't men/youngmen/boys wear T-shirts that are just plain? Why do they have to say Abercrombie and Fitch? Is this just in case you need to spell Abercrombie real fast and you can just look down at your shirt? Then why don't they print it upside down? Is Abercrombie paying said teenager to advertise for them?

Jamie Lee Curtis recently announced that she has decided to wear just black and white in order to simplify her life. She is walking around bragging like this is a new idea. Jamie: One word: ..... NUNS.

I have plenty to say on women's clothes, too, but right now I'm figuring out why I am wearing Sportswear to sit at a computer for 20 hours a day. I hear computer-sitting is slated to become an Olympic sport in the next few years because, as you know, nobody plays polo anymore.

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Larry Harris

## VIVE LA DIFFERENCE!

Never has there been a more striking delineation of the differences between NASCAR and open-wheel auto racing than occurred over Memorial Day weekend. Kasey Kahne's victory in the Coca-Cola 600 and Scott Dixon's deserved triumph in the revived Indianapolis 500 gave those who follow the sport a vivid picture of each type of racing's distinctive qualities, both good and bad.



The Indy cars are incredibly beautiful and run so fast it's often difficult for a TV camera to keep pace. There is no room, however, for side-by-side racing -- and don't dare touch them because one little error and they're through for the day, a fact the beautiful Danica Patrick can swear to. Unfortunately, the Indy race was marred by as many smash-ups on pit road as there were on the track and, like Humpty-Dumpty, those fleet birds cannot be put together again.

And how about Danica as a NASCAR driver? Well, the possibilities are intriguing, but she would have to learn that bump-and-grind on NASCAR tracks is a whole different game than the same action on a photo shoot in the Bahamas.

Later on that same Sunday, in Charlotte, Tony Stewart blew a tire while holding a 5-second lead with three laps left. Kahne, fresh off winning the All-Star Sprint race at the Lowe's track, seized the moment and forged his Dodge to victory.

Pit strategy, daring driving and sheer luck usually do play integral parts in a NASCAR race, but the nuances of the sport are often spoiled by the ruling body's penchant for interpreting its own rules differently, depending on occasion and driver.

For instance, on Sunday night, NASCAR first slapped the wildly-popular Junior Earnhardt with a one-lap penalty for obviously violating pit road rules on three distinct occasions. Shortly before the green flag fell again, the penalty was rescinded. Just good ol' Junior cutting a corner, right, guys?

NASCAR may be playing a smart money game by utilizing Junior in every possible way, but somewhere a line has to be drawn in the sand. As the years go by, Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s legend has already grown to where "The Intimidator" now rates right up there with the "Headless Horseman Of Sleepy Hollow," but enough

is enough. Junior is his own man and has been one of the most consistent drivers of the current season. He doesn't need his dad's help anymore.

A couple days after Junior's peccadilloes were forgiven, NASCAR hit a couple of minor teams with six-week penalties for messing with the rear spoilers on their cars. Doesn't seem fair, does it?

A few days after that, racing luck equalized things when Junior got taken out early at Dover and his great nemesis, Kyle Busch, rocking-chaired to another Toyota victory at the Monster Mile. . . And now the summer gets even more interesting.

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Whatever happens to the Carolina Panthers in the NFL this season, no one can say coach John Fox doesn't have a gallows sense of humor. When critics recently questioned his shift to road-grader type linemen, he said: "We wanted to get more physical on the offensive line. I was tired of going for it on third-and-1 and then it being fourth-and-2."

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Charlotte Bobcats fans are trying to build optimism for the next NBA season, but that's difficult when they know newly-hired Larry "The Wayward Wind" Brown is going to be coaching the show.

## Rochelle Bothe

# Something Old, Something New



Age old wedding traditions have been passed down in America from generation to generation. Most are based on old superstitions that can date back to the Middle Ages or more. We often follow these traditions without question, feeling a sentimental attachment to them. So much so, that anyone who is involved with planning a wedding will usually have a preconceived idea of what should be involved.

One of the most popular traditions comes from a rhyme from Victorian times:

*“Something old, Something new, Something borrowed, Something blue, And a silver sixpence in your shoe”*

Something old is typically an old item given to the bride to wear, from a happily married woman who is close to the bride. It represents the happily married woman’s good fortune being passed on along with the gift. Something new represents the bright and promising future ahead for the bride and groom. It can be the dress, veil or other accessory of the bridal attire. Something borrowed is often an item from the bride’s family, such as a handkerchief or a piece of jewelry. It represents the bond of the bride’s family, and is meant to remind the bride that they will always be there for her. In centuries past, blue has represented love, modesty, and fidelity. The tradition of “something blue” probably goes back to ancient Rome, when brides wore a blue ribbon in their hair as a symbol for fidelity. In Scottish custom, the groom would put a silver coin under his foot for good luck. This is probably the basis for the “silver sixpence in your shoe”, and it represents good fortune and wealth in the bride’s future.

Probably the most well known wedding tradition is the bride dressed in a white gown. This trend has only been around since about 1840, when Queen Victoria dressed in a white lace gown for her wedding. While white was worn before this time, a bride usually just wore her best dress, or the most expensive new one that she could afford. White has always been associated with purity and innocence – but this had nothing to do with the popularity of the white wedding gown. Getting married in an extravagant dress of white lace that would only be worn one time was a symbol of status and wealth, as well as style and class.

Wearing a veil was originally an attempt to disguise the bride in order to protect her from evil spirits who might kidnap her and whisk her away from her groom. In ancient Rome, the fabric of the veil completely hid the bride’s face. Later on, in arranged marriages, the veil was a way of assuring that the groom would not refuse to marry, in case he didn’t like the way she looked. Just before the ceremony, when the father of the bride gave the bride away to the groom, the veil was removed and the groom would see the bride for the first time.



June is the most popular month for weddings, followed by August and then September and October. The original reason for this is that back in the 1400’s – 1500’s, bathing was done only annually and that was done in the month of May. June was the best time to hold an event such as a wedding. May was considered bad luck, and according to the following poem, a September wedding would bring fortune:

*Marry when the year is new, he'I be loving, kind and true;  
 When February birds do mate, you wed nor dread your fate;  
 If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'I know;  
 Marry in April when you can, joy for Maiden and for Man;  
 Marry in the month of May, and you'I surely I the day;  
 Marry when June roses grow, over land and sea you will go;  
 Those who in July do wed, must labor for their daily bread;  
 Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see;  
 Marry in September's shrine, your living will be rich and fine;  
 If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry;  
 If you wed in bleak November, only joys will come, remember;  
 When December snows fall fast, marry and true love will last".*

**Pictured above: Rochelle's daughter and new son-in-law, April 2008.**

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