

THE ACADEMY REPORTER

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ONE THOUSAND MARBLES

He was an older sounding chap with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind. He sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles".

I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say. "Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you something, Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of "a thousand marbles".

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years." "Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part."

"It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail" he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round-up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away."

"I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday, then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

By Joyce Arnold <http://www.topachievement.com/chronicles/marbles.html>

The Principal's Puzzler

This week's winner: No One

This week's hint: It wasn't for the customer.

This week's puzzle: It is assumed that stores set prices just under a round figure because the price seems lower to the consumer, e.g. \$9.99 instead of \$10.00. But this is not the reason the practice started. What was the original reason for this pricing method?

REMINDERS

April 6-13 – Pre-Registration

April 11 – Faculty/Staff/Student Work Day

April 14-17 – Dayton, Ohio, IHC, No School

April 23-24 – Preview Days

April 25 – All School Picnic

NEW CD RELEASED

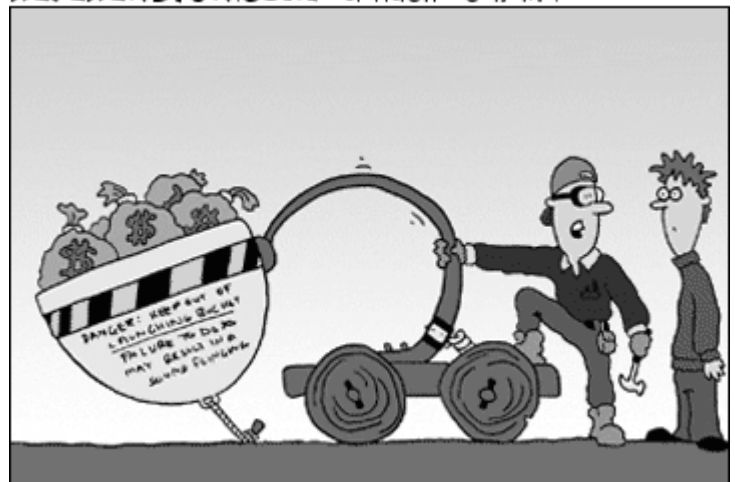
The Music Department has just released their newest recording, *His Life for Mine*, available for \$12⁰⁰.

Contact the Music Department at (317) 896-9324 x161. Thank you ahead of time for your support.

ACADEMY PRE-REGISTRATION

It is once again time to pre-register and save yourself some money. Contact Mrs. Snider at the Academy office for the necessary forms.

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I'M STORING SOME TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Please cut out, sign, and return this slip to school.

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature _____