

# CLEAR THOUGHTS

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## Totally Useless Information

9... Dollars was the cost of the first TV commercial for Bulova Watch Company on July 1, 1941, during a Dodgers game.

10... Meters. Height above water to the platform in Olympic platform diving, equivalent to 32.8 feet.

11...The only NFL team that has retired the #11 is the New York Giants, in honor of quarterback Phil Simms.

12...Number of letters in the Hawaiian alphabet: five vowels (a,e,i,o,u) and seven consonants (h,k,l,,m,n,p,w). Maholo!

13...Number of drafts written by J.K. Rowling for *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (U.K. title: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*).

14... Shoe size of the cartoon character Olive Oyl.

15... One of the "Lost Numbers" on the television show *Lost*, along with 4, 8, 16, 23, and 42.

## More changes with the 5 pound door force

Access Compliance was revised and Issued Effective April 7, 2006. **NOW IT'S CHANGING AGAIN.**

The Americas Glass Association (AGA) has had two meetings with top executives of the California Division of the State Architect in the last month to resolve the 5 pound force issue, that ALL exterior doors to commercial buildings must observe.

The 5 pound force to activate a door by a manual door closer, does not allow a door to latch securely and often stays ajar. Consequently, a powered door operator must be used to meet the disabled, security and health requirements.

The present law has not worked and is not consistently enforced by the local building jurisdiction. No wonder. It is such overkill.

An automatic door operator is a costly assessment for the small box retailer and office buildings. AGA is working diligently with the State Architects office for exceptions to the lower occupancy businesses.

There are meetings scheduled for this week to hopefully come to a compromise about lower occupancy locations.

We'll keep you posted!



## GLASS 101

Annealed. Float. Laminated. Tempered. Spandrel. IG. Tinted. And that's just to name a few. There are many different types of glass, but what is best for you? What will comply with codes?

That's what we do. We are the glass experts so you don't have to know about all the safety glazing codes. We install laminated safety glass in your storefront (laminated is like your car windshield), that way if it cracks, it stays in place and is still secure. Laminated glass can be replaced usually within 1 business day and is cut to size. Laminated and Tempered glass are both safety products and usually are interchangeable. Tempered glass is heat strengthened and is made to exact size. Tempered glass is stronger, however, it shatters to small pieces when it breaks. It usually takes 3-5 days to replace tempered glass.

Some of your stores have IG units. This is Insulated Glass—which is two pieces of glass with an airspace in between. This helps insulate the interior of the store from the outside weather conditions. IG units typically take 7-10 days for replacement.

More than you really wanted to know?? ☺

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh—at yourself.

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Middle age is when the broadness of the mind and the narrowness of the waist change places.

## Change your batteries.



Change your Batteries.

### Daylight Savings Time.

Yep, it's that time again. Daylight Savings Time. You just changed your clocks to "Fall Back" one hour, but don't forget to check and/or replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and panic hardware!

It's simple, most panic hardware alarm covers come off with an easy turn of the screw driver. Then just replace the two (2) standard 9 volt batter-

ies. If you'd rather, a call to your help desk will get a trained door technician to change the batteries and inspect the overall condition of the panic hardware, alarm and door.

**Be pro-active,**

**Not re-active!**



A conclusion is simply the place where you get tired of thinking.

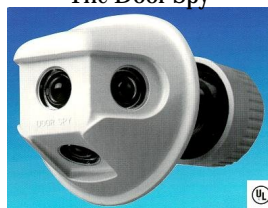
## PARTNER Safety & Security

Scenario: It's 11:00pm, your store just closed. You have 2 store partners closing. They are both female. They close the store, lock themselves in, they are safe. Now it's time to take the trash out through the back door. Does this lead to a back, remote parking lot? How well lit is it? Is it an area with possible transients? Here is a product to help your partners feel safe. The Door Spy. Unlike common peep holes, the Door Spy lets you see for-

ward, right, left and below - 90% distortion free by simply turning the eyepiece. Its sturdy steel tube and Pyrex lens maintains the structural integrity of fire-rated doors.

Call Clear Vision to retro fit this into your back doors. Cost is less than \$250.00 installed.

The Door Spy



**Questions?** We have **Answers** (or we'll find them!).

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"I laugh, I love, I hope, I try, I hurt, I need, I fear, I cry. And I know you do the same things too. So we're really not that different, me and you."

There's no half-singing in the shower, you're either a rock star or an opera diva.

### Who let the dog out?

I don't come up with the terms, I just "report" on them. So you know those push bars on your front doors? You know, the ones that your store partners despise?? Hey, don't get mad at us, we didn't install them, we just fix them! Ok, so in some places that pesky Fire department requires them; some places, the architect thought they'd be

great. However, at a store like Starbucks with such high volume, they can present some challenges, not to mention the problems it seems HFS has with them. Here's how they work: To "unlock" the door, you DOG down the push bar then insert a dogging key (similar to a hex key) into the small hole (located on the bottom of the bar or in the front), turn the hex and you're

locked down (which actually means the door is UNlocked from the outside.). To release the bar and LOCK the door, push in bar and turn the hex key. This locks the door. We'd be happy to have a "lesson" with any store partners if they are having problems.



Make something idiot-proof, and someone will come up with a better idiot.