

Jim Kok

Becomers Mystery Person of the week - February 24, 2007

1. 1st real job as a grown up was as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the state govt.
2. Drove truck for pay at age 10
3. Ran the Lionel electric train exhibit in a department store window in a busy downtown at Christmas time.
4. Towed into harbor three times by the Coast Guard when he was Captain of a Power Boat.
5. Collected rocks as a youngster.
6. Was never able to inhale a cigarette.
7. Never saw a Hollywood movie until he was 13.
8. Drank his first glass of beer at age 13.
9. Broke his hand slugging his brother in the face, walking to high school.
10. Can blow spit bubbles.
11. Skipped 5th grade.
12. Took 5 years of piano lessons.
13. Stabbed 8 times by a grade school classmate.
14. Knew every airplane in the sky in WW II.
15. Climbed Mt San Gorgonio as an 8 year old in an overnight trek with his Dad and brother.
16. Raised rabbits in the back yard (in cages).
17. Was virtually unable to telephone a girl for a date in H.S. and College, (but he did have a steady girl friend in H.S.).
18. His mother taught school on a South Dakota Indian Reservation.
19. Has a Pellet Pistol to shoot cats in his back yard.
20. Starred in HMS Pinafore in college.
21. Has lived for more than a year in CA, MN, NY, MI, PA, IA. Also lived one summer on Long Island.
22. Got married at age 27
23. Hospitalized on a summer vacation and his wife and family drove on without him.
24. Raised homing pigeons.
25. Has had several fascinating prison experiences.
26. Witnessed Shock Treatment.
27. Has an F on his transcript.
28. Went to school smelling like a skunk.
29. Started a Christmas Tree farm at age 21.
30. Carried hod for a plasterer one summer, and enjoys laying bricks.
31. Climbed Half Dome in Yosemite at age 60.

32. Rescued by a Life Guard in the Pacific Ocean.
33. Carried a cello for awhile.
34. Drove the wrong way on the Freeway when his car was running poorly.
35. Drove a Model A Ford coupe with a rumble seat in H.S.
36. Played Varsity Tennis in U.S. and college.
37. Qualified as Marksman with the .45 caliber pistol.
38. Served 5 years in the National Guards, in a Heavy Weapons Co. (Carried by himself the 4-man-carry 75mm Recoilless rifle weighing 175 lbs.).