

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

<p>In the Matter of Trademark Application Serial No.: 78/229,875 Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE</p> <p>MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, INC, a California corporation, Opposer, v. KEITH CANGIARELLA, Applicant.</p>	<p>Opposition No. 91162780</p> <p>Cancellation No. _____</p>
<p>In the Matter of Trademark Registration No.: 2,243,269 Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE</p> <p>KEITH CANGIARELLA, Petitioner, v. MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, INC, Opposer</p>	

Patent and Trademark Office
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1451

NOTICE OF RELIANCE

Notice is hereby given that the party identified below offers the attached documents into evidence, and will rely upon them, their relevance to the present proceedings being as noted below.

- I. Exhibits to Pleading pursuant to TTAB Rule 2.122(c)
 - A. Office Action of Roger Rojas, Serial Number 76/556304, marked as Exhibit H, for mark Message in Bottle, the relevance being the remarks of the Trademark Examiner demonstrates how the mark tells something about the goods. As well as the remarks under search results, and identification of goods/services.



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- B. Notice of Allowance, dated Aug 25, 1998 for mark Message in a Bottle Serial number 75/226521, Exhibit I, the relevance the goods and services listed, the statement of use of Roger Rojas, "computer screen displays in electronic commerce".
- C. Combined Affidavit of Use and Incontestability, Registration 2,243,269, Roger Rojas, Exhibit J, the Exhibit will be relied on regarding the remarks on made on it.

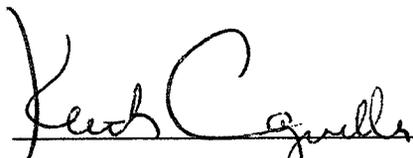
II. Discover Responses pursuant to TTAB Rule 2.210(j)(3)(i)

- A. Opposer's Responses to Applicant's Request for Admissions said answer being dated September 19, 2005, marked Exhibit J
- B. Opposer's Response to Applicant's First set of Interrogatories, said responses being dated October 13, 2005, marked Exhibit A.

III. Exhibits from Roger Rojas' Testimony pursuant to TTAB Rule 2.122(c)

- A. All Exhibits presented by Roger Rojas during his testimony, in the interest of the environment and the time of the Board, the Applicant will be relying on the copies already submitted by Roger Rojas. All these exhibits have relevance to these proceedings and will be utilized by the Applicant.

Dated : May 22, 2008


KEITH CANGIARELLA

"Pro Se"

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Reliance and a copy of the
the Declaration of Keith Cangiarella was mailed first-class mail postage prepaid to Peter
H. Smith – Attorney at Law, 1535 J Street, Suite A Modesto, CA. 95354

Date May 22, 2008

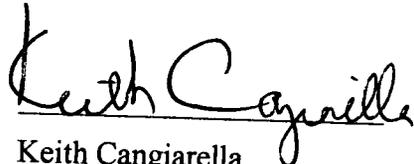

Keith Cangiarella

Exhibit H.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SERIAL NO: 76/556304

APPLICANT: ROJAS, ROGER

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CORRESPONDENT ADDRESS:

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Commissioner for Trademarks
2900 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-3514

MARK: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

CORRESPONDENT'S REFERENCE/DOCKET NO: N/A

CORRESPONDENT EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please provide in all correspondence:

1. Filing date, serial number, mark and applicant's name.
2. Date of this Office Action.
3. Examining Attorney's name and Law Office number.
4. Your telephone number and e-mail address.

OFFICE ACTION

TO AVOID ABANDONMENT, WE MUST RECEIVE A PROPER RESPONSE TO THIS OFFICE ACTION WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF OUR MAILING OR E-MAILING DATE.

Serial Number 76/556304

The assigned trademark examining attorney has reviewed the referenced application filed on 3 November 2003, and has determined the following.

Search Results

Information is enclosed concerning pending Application Serial No. 76-381872. Although the Office records have been searched and no similar *registered* mark has been found that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 S.C. §1052(d), there may be a likelihood of confusion under Section 2(d) of the Act between applicant's mark and the mark in the above noted application. The filing date of the referenced application precedes applicant's filing date. If the earlier-filed application registers, registration may be refused under Section 2(d). 37 C.F.R. §2.83.

Section 2(f) – Unacceptable

Additional evidence is needed to support the claim of distinctiveness. Applicant's allegation of five years' use alone is insufficient evidence of distinctiveness in this case because applicant's mark appears to be highly descriptive of the goods.

TMEP §1212.05(a). *In re Kalmbach Publishing Co.*, 14 USPQ2d 1490 (TTAB 1989).

Applicant must establish acquired distinctiveness by a preponderance of the evidence. *Yamaha Int'l Corp. v. Hoshi, Gakki Co.*, 840 F.2d 1572, 6 USPQ2d 1001 (Fed. Cir. 1988). This evidence may include specific dollar sales under the mark, advertising figures, samples of advertising, consumer or dealer statements of recognition of the mark, and any other evidence that establishes the distinctiveness of the mark as an indicator of source. The Office will decide each case on its own merits.

If additional evidence is submitted, the following factors will be considered when assessing its sufficiency: (1) how long applicant has used the mark; (2) the type and amount of advertising of the mark; and (3) applicant's efforts to associate the mark with the goods and/or services. See *Ralston Purina Co. v. Thomas J. Lipton, Inc.*, 341 F. Supp. 129, 173 USPQ 82 (S.D.N.Y. 1972); *In re Packaging Specialists, Inc.*, 221 USPQ 917 (TTAB 1984); 37 C.F.R. §2.41; TMEP §§1212, 1212.0 and 1212.06 *et seq.*

Accordingly, the following refusal is made.

Section 2(e)(1) - Descriptive Refusal

The examining attorney refuses registration on the Principal Register because the proposed mark merely describes the goods. Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1), 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); TMEP §§1209 *et seq.*

A mark is merely descriptive under Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1), 15 U.S.C. 1052(e)(1), if it describes an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose or use of the relevant goods. *In re Gyulay*, 820 F.2d 1216, 3 USPQ2d 1009 (Fed. Cir. 1987); *In re Bed & Breakfast Registry*, 791 F.2d 157, 229 USPQ 818 (Fed. Cir. 1986); *In re MetPath Inc.*, 223 USPQ 88 (TTAB 1984); *In re Bright#Crest, Ltd.*, 204 USPQ 591 (TTAB 1979); TMEP section 1209.01(b).

The examining attorney must consider whether a mark is merely descriptive in relation to the identified goods, not in the abstract. *In re Omaha National Corp.*, 819 F.2d 1117, 2 USPQ2d 1859 (Fed. Cir. 1987); *In re Abcor Development Corp.*, 588 F.2d 811, 200 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1978); *In re Venture Lending Associates*, 226 USPQ 285 (TTAB 1985).

The applicant's MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE immediately tells something about the goods – a message in the form of text or graphic images printed on paper, enclosed in a container, presumably a “bottle” (per the applicant's identification of goods). No imagination, thought or perception is required to determine the nature of the goods from the terminology.

The applicant is advised that it is not necessary that a term describe all of the purposes, functions, characteristics or features of the goods to be merely descriptive. It is enough if the term describes one attribute of the goods. *In re H.U.D.D.L.E.*, 216 USPQ 358 (TTAB 1982); *In re MBAssociates*, 180 USPQ 338 (TTAB 1973).

The applicant's disclaimer of MESSAGE and BOTTLE fails to overcome the refusal. These terms appear together in the mark as the unitary phrase “MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.” A disclaimer of the individual component words of a complete descriptive phrase is improper. See, e.g., *In re Medical Disposables Co.*, 25 USPQ2d 1801, 1805 (TTAB 1992); *In re Anstrath*, 7 USPQ2d 1412, 1413 (Comm'r Pats. 1987); *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association v. National*

Hearing Aid Society, 224 USPQ 798, 804 n.3 (TTAB 1984); *In re Surelock Mfg. Co., Inc.*, 125 USPQ 23, 24 (TTA 1960). This standard is applied strictly, and the disclaimer of individual words separately is generally appropriate only when the words being disclaimed are separated by registrable matter. TMEP §1213.08(b). Therefore, as a disclaimer the entire wording is required, the mark in its entirety is merely descriptive.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant's MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE is refused registration under Section 2(e)(1) of the Trademark Act.

Although the trademark examining attorney has refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal to register by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

Informalities

If applicant chooses to respond to the refusal(s) to register, then applicant must also respond to the following requirement(s).

Identification of Goods/Services

The identification of goods is unacceptable as indefinite. The applicant may adopt the following identification, if accurate: Printed products, namely, text and/or graphic images printed on paper featuring (identify subject matter) enclosed in a glass container in Class 16. TMEP §1402.01.

Please note that, while an application may be amended to clarify or limit the identification, additions to the identification are not permitted. 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Therefore, the applicant may not amend to include any services that are not within the scope of the services recited in the present identification.

Classification

If the applicant adopts the suggested amendment to the identification of goods, the applicant must amend the classification to International Class 16. 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(7) and 2.85; TMEP §§1401 *et seq.*

Request for Information

Applicant must submit samples of advertisements or promotional materials and a photograph of the identified goods because the nature of the goods on which applicant intends to use its mark is not clear from the present record. If such materials are not available, then applicant must submit samples of advertisements or promotional materials and a photograph of *similar* goods. In addition, applicant must describe in some detail the nature, purpose and channels of trade of the goods listed in the application. 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §§814 and 1402.01(d).

Specimen

Applicant must submit (1) a substitute specimen showing the mark as it is used in commerce on the goods or on packaging for the goods, and (2) a statement that "the substitute specimen was in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application," verified with a notarized affidavit or a signed declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20. 37 C.F.R. §§2.56 and 2.9(a); TMEP §904.09.

The current specimen of record comprises photocopies of the mark of indeterminable origin and is unacceptable as evidence of actual trademark use because the nature of the specimens is not clear. Examples of acceptable specimens for goods are tags, labels, instruction manuals, containers, photographs that show the mark on the goods or packaging, or displays associated with the goods at their point of sale. TMEP §§904.04 *et seq.*

Basis for Filing

The applicant asserts use of the mark in commerce and that it has a bona fide intent to use the mark in commerce for the same goods. An applicant may not assert both use of the mark in commerce, under Trademark Act Section 1(a), 15 U.S.C. §1051(a), and intent to use the mark in commerce, under Trademark Act Section 1(b), 15 U.S.C. §1051(b), for the same goods or services. 37 C.F.R. §2.34(b)(1); TMEP §806.02(b). The applicant must delete one basis or divide the goods/services between the two bases, as appropriate.

Claim of Ownership

If applicant is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2243269, then applicant must submit a claim of ownership. 37 C.F.R. §2.36; TMEP §812. The following standard format is suggested:

Applicant is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2243269.

If the applicant has any questions or needs assistance in responding to this Office action, please telephone the assigned examining attorney.

/Katherine Stoides/

Examining Attorney

Law Office 110

(703) 308-9110 ext.166

How to respond to this Office Action:

To respond formally using the Office's Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS), visit <http://www.uspto.gov/teas/index.html> and follow the instructions.

To respond formally via regular mail, your response should be sent to the mailing Return Address listed above and include the serial number, law office and examining attorney's name on the upper right corner of each page of your response.

To check the status of your application at any time, visit the Office's Trademark Applications and Registrations Retrieval (TARR) system at <http://tarr.uspto.gov/>

For general and other useful information about trademarks, you are encouraged to visit the Office's web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/main/trademarks.htm>

FOR INQUIRIES OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS OFFICE ACTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSIGNED EXAMINING ATTORNEY.

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)
NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

(NOTE: If any data on this notice is incorrect, please submit a written request for correction of the NOA to: Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Box ITU, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3513. Please include the serial number of your application on ALL correspondence with the PTO. 15 U.S.C. 1063(b)(2))

ISSUE DATE OF NOA: Aug 25, 1998

Exhibit I

PETER H SMITH
PO BOX 1867
MODESTO CA 95353

~~Handwritten mark~~

**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 6 MONTH DEADLINE ****

To avoid ABANDONMENT of this application, either a "Statement of Use" (a.k.a. "Allegation of Use") or a "Request for Extension of Time to File a Statement of Use" (a.k.a. "Extension Request") and the appropriate fee(s) must be received in the PTO within six months of the issue date of this Notice Of Allowance (NOA). Failure to do so will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application.

Please note that both the "Statement of Use" and "Extension Request" have many legal requirements, including fees. These requirements are explained in the PTO booklet "Basic Facts About Trademarks", which can be obtained upon request at (703)308-9000. In addition, there are printed forms contained in this booklet (for "Statements of Use" and "Extension Requests") for your use.

The following information should be reviewed for accuracy:

SERIAL NUMBER: 75/226521
MARK: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
OWNER: Rojas, Roger
725 Paradise Road
Modesto, CALIFORNIA 95351

GOODS/SERVICES BY INTERNATIONAL CLASS

038—receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others

ALL OF THE GOODS/SERVICES IN EACH CLASS ARE LISTED

MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA
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January 26, 1999

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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Box ITU
2900 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-3513

Re: Application for MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Application No. 75/226521
Owner: Roger Rojas
Notice of Allowance Mailing Date: August 25, 1998

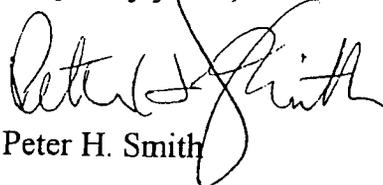
Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a statement of use in connection with the above-referenced application for registration of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE for receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others in Class 38. I am also enclosing three samples of direct mail advertising letters with the service mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE as specimens in support of the statement of use.

I am also enclosing a check in the amount of \$100.00 as the fee for filing the statement of use.

Please file the statement of use and issue a certificate of registration.

Very truly yours,


Peter H. Smith

PHS:lmb

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Roger Rojas

STATEMENT OF USE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §2.88, WITH DECLARATION

TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

APPLICANT NAME: ROGER ROJAS

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE ISSUE DATE: August 25, 1998

Applicant requests registration of the above-identified service mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register established by the act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. §1051 et seq., as amended). Three (3) specimens showing the mark as used in commerce are submitted with this statement.

Applicant is using the mark in commerce on or in connection with the services identified in the Notice of Allowance in this application as receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others.

The date of first use of the mark anywhere was January 16, 1999.

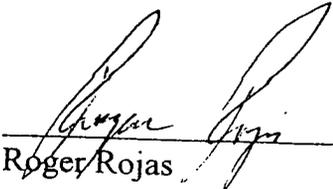
The date of first use of the mark in commerce which the U.S. Congress may regulate was January 16, 1999.

The type of commerce is interstate commerce.

The manner or mode of use of the mark in connection with the services is on advertising flyers, letterheads, business cards, computer screen displays in electronic commerce, and labels and containers used in carrying out the services.

The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he is executing this statement as the applicant; he believes that he is the owner of the service mark sought to be registered; the service mark is now in use in commerce; and all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

DATE: January 19, 1999.



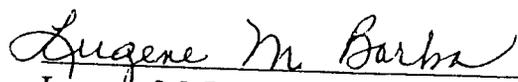
Roger Rojas

Telephone: (209) 521-3653

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8(a)

Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Serial No.: 75/226521
Filing Date: January 6, 1997
Name of party filing paper: Lugene M. Borba, Assistant to Attorney for Applicant.
Type of paper being filed: Statement of Use

I hereby certify that the above-identified Statement of Use under 37 C.F.R. §2.88, with Declaration, which is attached, is being deposited on January 25, 1999, with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Box ITU, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3513.



Lugene M. Borba
Date: January 25, 1999

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Roger Rojas, Proprietor - P.O. Box 581113 - Modesto, CA 95358 - U.S.A.
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Valued customer,

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Sincerely,

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October 5, 2004

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
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Re: Service Mark Registration No. 2,243,269
Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Registrant: Roger Rojas
Submission of Combined Affidavit of Use and Incontestability

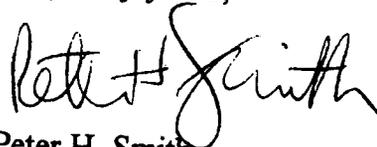
Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a combined affidavit of use and incontestability in connection with the above-referenced service mark registration, which has been in effect since May 4, 2004. A specimen of the mark as currently used in connection with the registrant's services, consisting of a copy of the registrant's home page from his website on the global communication network, is attached as Exhibit A.

I am also enclosing a check for \$300.00 as the filing fee for this document.

Please acknowledge the filing of this document and confirm that the registration will continue in full force and effect for the remainder of its term.

Very truly yours,


Peter H. Smith

PHS/lmb
Enclosures
cc: Mr. Roger Rojas

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office**

Registrant:)	Roger Rojas
Mark:)	MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Registration No.)	2,243,269
Class No.)	38

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks
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Arlington, VA 22202-3513

Combined Affidavit of Use and Incontestability

Roger Rojas, doing business as Message in a Bottle, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document, declares that he owns the above-identified registration, issued May 4, 1999, as shown by records in the Patent and Trademark Office; that the mark shown therein has been in continuous use in interstate commerce for five consecutive years from the date of the registration or the date of publication under Section 12(c)(6) to the present, on or in connection with receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others, which services are stated in the registration; that such mark is still in use in interstate commerce; that such mark is still in use as evidenced by the specimen attached hereto as Exhibit A; that there has been no final decision adverse to registrant's claim of ownership of such mark for such services, or to registrant's right to register the same or to keep the same on the register; that there is no proceeding involving said rights pending and not disposed of either in the Patent and Trademark Office or in the courts; and that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Dated: October 1, 2004.



Roger Rojas, doing business as
Message in a Bottle

Message in a Bottle

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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF §§8 & 15
DECLARATION
MAILING DATE: Dec 9, 2004**

The combined declaration of use and incontestability filed in connection with the registration identified below meets the requirements of Sections 8 and 15 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §1058 and 1065. The combined declaration is accepted and acknowledged. The registration remains in force.

For further information about this notice, visit our website at: <http://www.uspto.gov>. To review information regarding the referenced registration, go to <http://tarr.uspto.gov>.

REG NUMBER: 2243269
MARK: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
CLASS(ES): 038.

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In the Matter of Trademark Application
Serial No. 78/229,875
Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

GOLD SHELLS, INC.,
a California corporation,
Opposer,

v.

KEITH CANGIARELLA,
Applicant.

In the Matter of Trademark Registration
No. 2,243,269
Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

KEITH CANGIARELLA,
Petitioner,

v.

ROGER ROJAS,
Respondent.

Opposition No. 91162780 and
Counterclaim for Cancellation

**OPPOSER'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S
REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS**

Opposer Gold Shells, Inc., hereby responds to Applicant Keith Cangiarella's request for admissions as follows:

PREFATORY STATEMENT

Opposer has not fully completed its investigation of facts relating to this case, has not fully completed its discovery in this action, and has not completed preparation for trial. All of the responses contained herein are based only upon such information and documents which are presently available and specifically known, and disclose only those intentions which are presently known to Opposer. It is anticipated that further discovery, independent

investigation, legal research and analysis will supply additional facts, add meaning to the known facts, and possibly establish entirely new factual contentions and legal contentions, all of which may lead to substantial additions to, changes in, and variations from the responses herein set forth.

The following responses are given without prejudice to Opposer's right to produce evidence of any subsequently discovered fact or facts which may later be developed. The responses contained herein are made in a good faith effort to supply as much factual information and as much specification as is presently known, which in no way is to be considered prejudicial in relation to further discovery, research, analysis, or production of evidence.

These responses are made solely for the purpose of and in relation to this proceeding. Opposer does not waive in whole or in part the attorney-client privilege, work product protection, or any right of privacy or confidentiality provided for by law with respect to any matter whatsoever. In responding to this request, Opposer will not undertake to provide any information protected by the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine.

Opposer does not concede the admissibility, relevance, or materiality of Applicant's requests or the subject matter referred to therein or in these responses. Except for facts specifically admitted herein, no admission of any nature whatsoever is to be implied or inferred.

Each response is subject to all objections as to competency, relevancy, materiality, propriety, and admissibility, and any and all other objections and grounds that would require the exclusion of any document herein at trial. All such objections and ground are reserved.

RESPONSES

Request No. 1: Opposer began to make use in commerce of the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE mark as source-identifier in October 2004.

Response No. 1: Denied.

Request No. 2: Opposer does not have any documents to prove that Registrant assigned his interest in the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE to Opposer before Opposer began to make use in commerce the mark as source-identifier to itself (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §1127).

Response No. 2: Admitted as stated; but Opposer does have a document to prove that Registrant licensed use of the mark to Opposer before Opposer began to use it.

Request No. 3: Opposer represented itself to the public as the source of goods bearing the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE before it had obtained a written license to use Registrant's mark.

Response No. 3: Denied.

Request No. 4: Opposer used the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE in commerce (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §1127) as a source-identifier to itself while Registrant was also using the mark as a source-identifier to Registrant.

Response No. 4: Admitted as to overlapping use by Registrant and Opposer, but both Registrant and Opposer used the fictitious business name "Message In A Bottle" so source-identification would have been the same.

Request No. 5: Opposer is currently making use in commerce (as defined in 15

U.S.C. §1127) of the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE trademark.

Response No. 5: Admitted.

Request No. 6: Opposer is not currently making use in commerce (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1127) of any of the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE trademarks by or through any licensee or related company.

Response No. 6: Admitted.

Request No. 7: Opposer has used the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE trademark other than for the purpose of “receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others,” including but not limited to internet service provider (ISP), computer hardware and software consultation.

Response No. 7: Denied.

Request No. 8: Registrant has used the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE trademark other than for the purpose of “receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others,” including but not limited to internet service provider (ISP), computer hardware and software consultation.

Response No. 8: Denied.

Request No. 9: Opposer was permitted to use trademark including the term MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE without controlling the nature or quality of the goods sold under such marks.

Response No. 9: Denied.

Request No. 10: Opposer is not an exclusive assignee of the Trademark Registration No. 2,243,269.

Response No. 10: Denied.

Request No. 11: Opposer is an exclusive assignee of the Trademark Registration No. 2,243,269.

Response No. 11: Admitted.

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Response No. 12: Admitted.

Request No. 13: Registrant applied for trademark of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE on or about January 6, 1997 under International Class 38 with the knowledge that International Class 38 is generally reserved for "telecommunication services."

Response No. 13: Denied.

Request No. 14: Prior to November 03, 2003, Registrant had knowledge that Applicant was the first to use mark for "novelty, favor, and souvenir bottle containing mess ons, promotional materials of others, and advertising material of bottles, paper for creating promotional messages, advertising messages, greetings, messages and invitations and packaging and boxes for mailing."

Response No. 14: Denied.

Request No. 15: Roger Rojas is the sole owner of Opposer.

Response No. 15: Denied.

Request No. 16: Roger Rojas is the Chief Executive Officer of Opposer.

Response No. 16: Admitted.

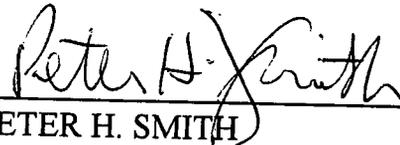
Request No. 17: Opposer, Gold Shells, Inc., was first incorporated in the State of California on July 07, 2003.

Response No. 17: Admitted.

Request No. 18: That prior to July 07, 2003, Opposer conducted no business.

Response No. 18: Admitted.

Dated: September 17, 2005.



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Dated: September 19, 2005.


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Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In the Matter of Trademark Application Serial
No. 78/229,875
Mark: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

GOLD SHELLS, INC.,
a California corporation,
Opposer,

v.

KEITH CANGIARELLA,
Applicant.

Opposition No. 91162780 and Counterclaim
for Cancellation

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2,243,269
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KEITH CANGIARELLA,
Petitioner,

v.

ROGER ROJAS,
Respondent.

**OPPOSER'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

Opposer Gold Shells, Inc., hereby responds to Applicant Keith Cangiarella's first set of interrogatories pursuant to FRCP 33 and Rules 2.116 and 2.120 of the Trademark Rules of Practice, as follows:

PREFATORY COMMENTS

Each response herein is given subject to the general objections set forth below and all appropriate objections, including, but not limited to, objections concerning competency, relevancy, materiality, propriety and admissibility, and any and all other objections and grounds which would require exclusion of any statements and/or documents from evidence. All such objections and

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Opposer has not fully completed its investigation of the facts relating to this case, has not fully completed discovery in this action and has not completed preparation for the presentation of evidence to the Trademark Trial & Appeal Board. Thus, all objections and responses contained herein are based only upon such information and documents which are presently available to and specifically known to Opposer. Opposer objects to Applicant's Interrogatories to the extent they seek to impose a continuing duty upon Opposer to update information and/or provide additional documents acquired or discovered subsequent to the response date for Applicant's Interrogatories. Nonetheless, Opposer reserves the right to change and/or supplement any and all responses herein as documents and information are discovered.

Opposer further objects to the interrogatories to the extent they call for disclosure of public information equally available and/or accessible to Applicant, information prepared in anticipation of litigation and/or for this proceeding; or protected by the attorney-client and/or the attorney work product privileges. Such information will not be disclosed, and any inadvertent disclosure thereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege with respect to such information.

Each of these objections is incorporated as though fully set forth in responding party's responses below.

Also, the following definitions apply to these responses:

- A. The term "Applicant" refers to Keith Cangiarella, an individual doing business under the fictitious name of "DreamWeaver Studios".
- B. The term "Opposer" refers to Gold Shells, Inc., a California corporation.
- C. The term "Registrant" refers to Roger Rojas, an individual.

D. The term "person" includes any corporation, division, agency or other entity, as well as an individual.

RESPONSES

Interrogatory No. 1: Describe each product sold by Opposer under the designation MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.

Response: Communication devices, namely text and graphic images printed on paper and enclosed in a glass container, which may or may not be decorated with text and/or images, as requested by customers. Opposer's products are further described at Opposer's website, messageinabottle.com.

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Interrogatory No. 9: Identify each person participating in the preparation or approval of advertisements or promotions of products and services bearing the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.

Response: (1) Roger Rojas, Gold Shells, Inc., P.O. Box 581113, Modesto, CA 95358; (2) Jump Fly, Inc., 2303 Randall Road, Suite 182, Carpentersville, Illinois 60110 (phone 877-239-9610).

Interrogatory No. 10: State the amount of money that Opposer has spent for each type of advertising or promotion Opponent has used in connection with each of its MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE products, goods, and services before October 4, 2004, if any, and since October 4, 2004.

Response: Before October 4, 2004, Opposer spent \$1,400.00 on radio advertising and \$1,400.00 on an advertising campaign with Yahoo!, Inc. Since October 4, 2004, Opposer has spent \$3,000.00 on website promotion on lovingyou.com and approximately \$15,000.00 on advertising campaigns with Yahoo!, Inc., Google, Inc., and Findwhat.com.

Interrogatory No. 11: Identify each third party use, former use, or claim of use of any term consisting of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE known to Opposer and each person with knowledge of such use, former use or claim of use.

Response: See Exhibit A attached hereto. In addition to the persons named in Exhibit

A, Roger Rojas and Peter H. Smith are persons with knowledge of such use, former use, or claim of use.

Interrogatory No. 12: Identify each investigation which has been conducted relating to any term consisting of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE and each person having knowledge relating thereto.

Response: (1) Trademark search through Thomson & Thomson, with Roger Rojas and Peter H. Smith being the persons having knowledge relating thereto; and (2) Internet searches, with Roger Rojas being the person having knowledge relating thereto.

Interrogatory No. 13: Identify any rights in the term MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE which Opposer has granted to any third party or acquired from any third party, and the persons most knowledgeable concerning each grant or acquisition.

Response: Opposer originally received rights in the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE through a license agreement from Registrant, and later received an assignment of rights from Registrant. The person most knowledgeable concerning the license agreement is Roger Rojas. The persons most knowledgeable concerning the assignment are Roger Rojas and Peter H. Smith. No other rights to the mark have been granted by either Registrant or Opposer to any other party.

Interrogatory No. 14: Describe separately the nature of all objections made by or directed to Opposer that relate to use of or rights in, any term consisting in whole or part of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, and identify the persons most knowledgeable about each objection.

Response: Objections have been made by Opposer as to infringement of its rights to the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE. Such objections have been made to Applicant, Julie Steeper, dba Authentic Messages, ServerBeach.com regarding Authentic Messages, the attorney for

Personal Creations, and to Google, Inc., Overture Services, Inc., and Yahoo!, Inc., regarding various infringements by multiple users. The persons most knowledgeable about these objections, in addition to the persons noted above, are Roger Rojas, Peter H. Smith, and Jeffrey Cannon.

No objections have been directed to Opposer that relate to use of or rights in the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE apart from this proceeding.

Interrogatory No. 15: If Opposer intends to rely on the opinion of an expert in connection with his defense of the cancellation proceeding, provide the information set forth in Rule 26(a)(2)(A) and (B), Fed.R.Civ.P., for each expert.

Response: Opposer does not presently intend to rely upon the opinion of an expert. If this changes, Opposer will amend its response by providing the designated information for each expert.

Interrogatory No. 16: Identify all facts which relate to Opposer's claim that it is the owner of the rights to the trademark Registration No. 2,243,269.

Response: Gold Shells, Inc., was incorporated as a California corporation on July 3, 2003. Registrant Roger Rojas was the incorporator. In connection with the formation of the corporation, and in partial consideration for Registrant's receiving stock from the new corporation, Registrant entered into a license agreement dated July 3, 2003, with Opposer which allowed Opposer exclusive use of the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE except for continuing concurrent use by Registrant. On October 5, 2004, Rojas executed an assignment of U.S. service mark registration no. 2,243,269 to Opposer. On October 6, 2004, Opposer mailed the assignment to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for recording. On October 15, 2004, the assignment was recorded by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office as document no. 102859988, and written notice of recordation was sent

to Opposer on April 8, 2005.

Interrogatory No. 17: Identify all documents that refer to, relate to, or reflect the decision to file the application for the trademark (Registration No. 2,243,269) including any opinion from or to counsel for Registration.

Response: Registrant obtained through Peter H. Smith a research report dated November 18, 1996, from Thomson & Thomson on the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE for message delivery service, and that document related to Registrant's decision to file the application for registration no. 2,243,269. Attorney Peter H. Smith sent a letter to Registrant dated November 27, 1996, discussing the research report and stating an opinion as to registrability of the mark, and this letter is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Interrogatory No. 18: Identify all documents in your possession, custody or control that relate to or mention the MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE trademark as used by the Applicant.

Response: All documents which are part of the record in the present proceeding; copies of Applicant's website; e-mail messages from Applicant to Registrant dated August 9, 2004, and September 29, 2004; a response from Registrant to Applicant dated on or about September 30, 2004; communications between counsel for Applicant and Registrant; a copy of Applicant's file for application serial no. 78/229,875 with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office; a letter from Jeffrey Cannon to Overture Services, Inc., dated January 27, 2004; a letter from Peter H. Smith to Brinks, Hofer, Gilson and Lione, attorneys for Overture Services, Inc., dated May 31, 2005; a letter from Peter H. Smith to the Copyright Agent for Yahoo!, Inc., dated August 30, 2005; and an e-mail from Lisa Kramer dated February 11, 2005.

Interrogatory No. 19: Identify all documents that support YOUR contention stated in your

tenth affirmative defense in the Respondent's Answer to Applicant's Counterclaim for Cancellation that "Respondent has continuously used the registered mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE in commerce, for the services in connection with which it was registered, for over five consecutive years subsequent to the date of such registration".

Response: Copies of the website messageinabottle.com for the years 1999 through 2004; customer lists and invoices to customers for the years 1999 through 2004; bank account statements under the name "Message In A Bottle" for the years 1999 through 2004; copies of advertising used for "Message In A Bottle" during the years from 1999 through 2004; fictitious business name statement filed by Registrant for "Message In A Bottle"; affidavit of continuing use signed by Registrant October 1, 2004, and filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office; notice of acceptance of same from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office dated December 9, 2004; license agreement dated July 7, 2003, between Registrant and Opposer allowing continued use by mark by Registrant in connection with licensing of mark to Opposer; and corporate resolution of Opposer authorizing said license agreement.

Dated: October 13, 2005.



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Dated: October 13, 2005.


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RESPONSE TO INTERRATORY NO. 11:

	<u>Domain Name</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
1.	messageinabottle.com	Roger Rojas
2.	bottlemeamessage.com	Keith Cangiarella DreamWeaver Studios
3.	timelessmessage.com	Jeff Trott Timeless Message, LLC
4.	personalcreations.com	Geoffrey Smith PC Acquisition, Inc.
5.	sayitinabottle.com	Juan Certain
6.	sandartsupplies.com	Jay Massey SanBlast Entertainment
7.	specialtybottle.com	Shawn McBride Specialty Bottle, LLC
8.	instantstyle.com	Brooke Taylor
9.	ebottles.com	Gary Daniels Tucows, Inc.
10.	marketinginabottle.com	Chris Stanley KRJ Company, Inc.
11.	authenticmessage.com	Julie Steeper Authentic Message
12.	onepassionplace.com	Arlene Brown The Kemper Lake Group, Inc.
13.	lovepoemsunlimited.com	Gary Daniels Tucows, Inc.
14.	thinkingofyou2.com	Arlene Brown The Kemper Lake Group, Inc.
15.	obsessionboxcompany.com	No site.
16.	findgift.com	Robert Nakrzewski

	<u>Domain Name</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
17.	personalizationmall.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
18.	personalizedbirthdaygifts.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
19.	conwasa.demon.co.uk	Unknown contact information
20.	thegreetingstore.com	Unknown contact information
21.	yourweddingpartyfavors.com	Cornelius Buschi
22.	dogwoodsquare.com	Greg Cole Bright Builders, Inc.
23.	capeimages.com	Kate Meyer Cape Fear Images, Inc.
24.	weddinggift.net	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
25.	writingpapers.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
26.	walmart.com	Wal-Mart Stores
27.	allbirthdaygifts.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
28.	giftideasformom.com	Nameview, Inc.
29.	tradewindproducts.com	Trade Wind Products
30.	fraternity-sorority.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
31.	weddingfavorsetc.com	Chad Tuttle
32.	myweddingfavors.com	Brad Fallon
33.	giftlet.com	Unknown contact information
34.	textstyledesigns.com	Mindy Wogan Text Style
35.	granny1.com	Martha C. Haun

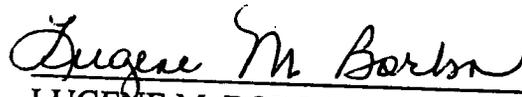
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36.	mypersonalartist.com	Michelle Bukuts
37.	giftsfourgolfers.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
38.	epersonalized-gifts.com	Brian Lam
39.	momentsofelegance.com	Gary Daniels Tucows, Inc.
40.	paradiseisntlost.com	Bealo Group S.A.
41.	babyshowerspecialists.com	Debra Levine OH BABY! Baby Shower Specialist
42.	babygifts1.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
43.	wtv-zone.com	Larry Bumeder The WTZ Zone
44.	weddinggifts1.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
45.	nopassportrequired.com	Unknown contact information
46.	hqweddingfavors.com	Leah Lee
47.	washnweartoo.com	Frances Bouffard
48.	allmothersdaygifts.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
49.	easterncorner.com	Tunc Toker
50.	wherebridgesgo.com	No site.
51.	foreverwedstore.com	Gary Daniels Tucows, Inc.
52.	cottongin.com	Tommy Wright The Cotton Gin
53.	name-origins.com	Unknown contact information
54.	weddingsbydeziign.com	Kathy Schwin Weddings By Deziign

	<u>Domain Name</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
55.	romanticgiftstudio.com	Arlene Brown The Kemper Lake Group, Inc.
56.	lighthousewarehouse.com	Cindy Woodall Lighthouse Gallery & Gifts
57.	bocaresort.com	Bulk Register, LLC
58.	moodsweddings.com	Margot Moody Moods
59.	cassandra-greatest.com	Paul Tse
60.	kidboxes.com	Jodi Vershum
61.	giftideasfordad.com	Nameview, Inc.
62.	sale4all.com	David Brown Sale 4 All
63.	shoppingbrains.com	Gary Daniels Tucows, Inc.
64.	presentpicker.com	Zoran Nevajdic Perfect Present Picker
65.	jilcompanies.com	JiL Companies, Inc.
66.	islandweddingshop.com	David Myers Cyber Island Shops, Inc.
67.	tradingstories.com	Charles Agol Trading Stories.com
68.	crownstationers.com	Pete Pesce PersonalizationMall.com
69.	yourweddingfavors.com	Innerwise, Inc.
70.	kateaspen.com	Brad Fallon
71.	amessagebottle.com	Walter Smith The Greeting Store
72.	letterinabottle.com	Net Benefit PLC

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COUNTERCLAIM FOR CANCELLATION.**

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2. In 1997, I began to prototype and develop my product, utilizing local stores to collect the necessary supplies to prototype the first products. I also utilized the internet to look for supplies and assistance from others. I posted a message in a newsgroup rec, crafts.winemaking on July 15, 1997 which was received, recorded in written or printed form and transmitted to others, and is still available on the internet. Attached here to Exhibit "A".

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4. I am also the owner of California State Service Mark Registration No. 059960 for the mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE which I have used in connection with the:
“[m]anufacturing and shipping a novelty, favor, souvenir bottle containing messages and greetings, invitations, promotional materials of others and advertising materials of others” continuously in the State of California since at least as early as June 01, 1998. A true copy of such certificate of registration as was duly issued on November 30, 2004 by the California Secretary of State is attached hereto as Exhibit “BB”.
5. On April 4, 1999, I took out a one quarter page ad, in the nationally recognized Orange County Register advertising my products and services. See Exhibit “C”
6. In the Fall Issue 2001 of the nationally known Southern California Modern Bride, I placed a full page ad. Exhibit “D”
7. I have advertised my product using brochures, posters, business cards, as well as banner/pay per click advertising on websites and on Google and Overture, Inc(now Yahoo Search Marketing, hereby referred to as YSM) I have had and continue to have good organic search engine listings under multiple keywords containing the term MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, as early as mid 1998.
8. For several years, and at all times relative to this proceeding, I have utilized the Internet to host a website offering the branded goods and services as are described

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9. From 1999 through 2004, the marks existed together; never did Roger Rojas attempt to enforce his "alleged trademark rights".
10. Patent application # 2,290,871 via the Canadian Intellectual Property Office dated 11-18-1999, entitled Message in a Bottle, mentions my D.B.A. DreamWeaver Studios page three "The only other relevant or similar patent I have found, is pending and was filed by DreamWeaver Studios in the U.S.A. #09/265,237. Considering that Roger Rojas claims that his services and product were actively advertised via the world wide web in 1999, it is strange that this Canadian inventor did not know of his "rights, service and "product", see attached Exhibit "D" and "DA"
11. On January 27, 2004, Roger Rojas, through former counsel contacted Overture Services, Inc (now known as YSM), then on May 31, 2005, Roger Rojas through current counsel contacted Howard S. Michael, Esq, of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson and Lione, and on August 30, 2005, Roger Rojas, through current counsel contacted Copyright Agent, Yahoo Inc, having my website removed from the organic search engine listings via yahoo.com and its subsidiary search engine sites, as well as having my banner/pay per click ads containing the term "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE" removed from all of YSM's search advertising affiliates and yahoo.com, see attached Exhibit "E"
12. On February 17, 2004, Overture, Inc (currently, YSM) informed me of my delisting from the banner/pay per click ads services they had provided me since early 1999, see Exhibit "F"

13. On July 26, 2006, I received a email from Michael Howard, of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson and Lione, counsel for YSM, informing Mr. Rojas and Gold Shell Inc, that his "rights" were not his and all parties would be allowed to once again advertise under the terms "message in a bottle" and others, see Exhibit "F"
14. From January 1999 to May 20, 2004 Roger Rojas, has presented no evidence of any "confusion" as both parties advertised in the same arenas, via banner/pay per click ads, as well as organic search engine listings. Roger Rojas took no action to cease and desist my use of "the mark"
15. If any confusion has been proffered it was caused by the actions of Roger Rojas.
16. Numerous websites offer "bottles with confetti", please see attached Exhibit "G"
17. Numerous third party websites use the term "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE" see attached Exhibit "H"
18. There has been no confusion of the "marks" since 1998 through 2008, in my opinion.
19. Merriam-Webster defines the following terms –
record (Date: 14th century) – to cause(as sound, visual images or data) to be registered on something(as a disc or magnetic tape) in reproducible form.
transmit – to send or convey from one person or place to another, to send out (a signal) either by radio waves or over a wire, to send out a signal either by radio waves over a wire.
communication (Date: 14th century) – an act or instance of transmitting
other (Date: 12th century) – one that remains of two or more, a different or additional one.
internet (Date 1985) – an electronic communications network that connects computer networks and organizational computer facilities around the world

email (Date 1982) – a means or system for transmitting messages electronically (as between computers on a network). Messages sent and received electronically through an e-mail system. an e-mail message.

Browser (Date 1845) – a computer program used for accessing sites or information on a network (as the World Wide Web)

World Wide Web (Date 1990) – a part of the internet accessed through a graphical user interface and containing documents often connected by hyperlinks

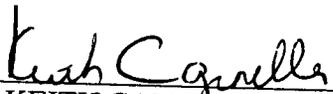
See attached Exhibit “I”

20. On January 27, 1999, Roger Rojas filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Stanislaus County clerk – type of business being conducted – “message services” Exhibit “J”
21. On October 23, 2003, Roger Rojas filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Stanislaus County Clerk – type of business being conducted – “retail + wholesale sales” Exhibit “K”
22. On January 28, 1993, Nancy Lewis filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Stanislaus County Clerk, doing business as “Message in a Bottle Company”, type of business being conducted – “gift”. Exhibit “L”
23. On October 20, 1983, Robert Silverstone filed Articles of Incorporation of “The Message in a Bottle, Inc, with the Secretary of State of California, doing business in Marina Del Rey, CA. Exhibit “M”
24. On June 14, 1988, Robert Silverstone filed a Statement of Domestic Stock Corporation, with the State of California forming the corporation “The Message in a Bottle, Inc”. Type of business of the corporation, “manufacturing of gift items”. Exhibit “MA”

25. The Trademark Manual Examining Procedures (TMEP), Chapter 1400 Classification and Identification of Goods and Services, Chapter 1402 Identification of Goods and Services, 1402.01 Specifying the Goods and/or Services in General – “To “specify” means to name in an explicit manner.... Technical or esoteric language and lengthy descriptions of characteristics or uses are not appropriate. The language used to describe the goods or services should be understandable to the average person and should not require an in-depth knowledge of the relevant field. The identification of goods or services must be specific, definite, clear, accurate, and concise.” Exhibit “N”
26. International Class 38 – does not contain any services which utilizes paper to send messages to others. Exhibit “O”
27. Lucent Technologies issues a press release on November 11, 1996, Today a glimpse into the World Wide Web’s second wave was unveiled by Bell Labs, the innovation engine of Lucent Technologies (NYSE: LU) with the launch of the Bell Labs Metaphorium (<http://www.multimedia.bell-labs.com>) a web site which features next-generation collaborative experiences.
- Message in a Bottle
- Conceived by Cati Laporte and Seligmann, this exhibit features a virtual seascape with an algorithm that creates a constantly-changing site. Visitors find themselves on an island experiencing weather changes, birds and every so often, a floating bottle, which can be retrieved. Visitors can throw messages into the virtual sea. Messages will be received by later visitors to the site. See attached Exhibit “P”
28. The Message is the Medium, a comprehensive report regarding the Metaphorium and the Message in a Bottle. Pages 3-5 describe the receiving of communications of others, recording them in written or printed form, and transmitting them to others. Exhibit “Q”

29. A website copyrighted in 1996, with the mark Message in a Bottle that allows users to receiving of communications of others, recording them in written or printed form, and transmitting them to others. As well as the code that makes it work. Exhibit "R"
30. Electronic animated greeting cards have been around since the early 1990's the following is an example of receiving of communications of others, recording them in written or printed form, and transmitting them to others. Exhibit "S"
31. Since as early as 1903, newspapers have reported of others finding a message in a bottle, recording that message in written or printed form on paper, and transmitting it to others via the newspaper and the internet, once it was invented. Exhibit "T"
32. The Twelve Million Dollar Note, written by Robert Kraske, Copyright 1977, documents the receiving of communications of others, recording them in written or printed form, and transmitting them to others, pages 18-67. Exhibit "V"
33. Reader's Digest Strange Stories, Amazing Fact, Copyright 1976, Send it by Bottle, documents the receiving of communications of others, recording them in written or printed form, and transmitting them to others. Exhibit "OZ"
34. I hereby attest under penalty of perjury as to the foregoing.

DATED: May, 22, 2008



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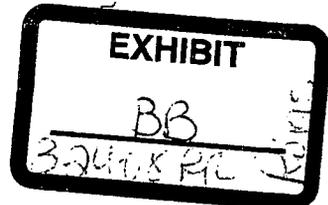
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Business Address: 31 N. Harrington Drive, Fullerton, CA 92831
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Description of Service Mark: Message in a Bottle
Description of Services with Which the Service Mark is Used: Manufacturing and shipping a novelty, favor, souvenir bottle, containing messages and greetings, invitations, promotional materials of others and advertising materials of others
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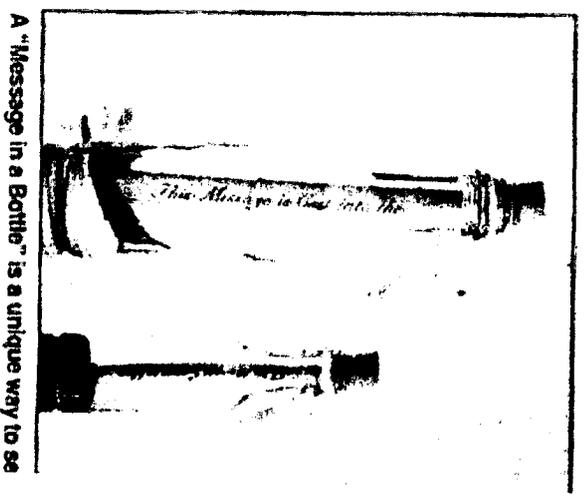
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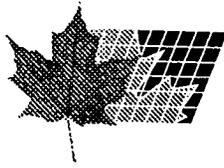
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Abstract

This invention proposes a new and innovative way to send greetings from one party to another, in combination with them receiving a specialty gift that is of collectible form. The invention is composed of numbered, hand blown glass bottles containing messages, that have been written on paper and rolled. With a message inside, the bottles are then sealed with a cork and packaged within wooden boxes for shipping. The delivery process is completed via post.

This invention relates to a greetings service, established to not only provide a greeting, but also wares that are unique in kind, in the realm of gifts. Not easily duplicated.

Any other invention of this nature, tends to be produced, more in the way of a novelty gift, with its components being of a much lower quality. Extra steps have been followed in the hereof invention, to ensure the end resulting product, is regarded as a valuable gift and worthy of preservation.

I have found that in order to provide such wares, the bottle needed to be appealing and original; the messages had to offer a new style of written composure and the box, had to make the recipient know, they were about to unveil something very different.

In respect to all this, an unusual bottle shape was created, from the beginning up. This shape will always stay consistent and serve as another distinguishing mark or as an easily associated feature. Other aspects of the bottle will change, however, periodically. This can be done by changing the color bit on the bottom of the base, to another color; the bottle can be blown in colored glass instead of clear; or the glass blower can play with the variables available in glass blowing. i.e. swirling lines, air bubbles etc. This will all be done, with the intent of maintaining its desirability as a collectible.

The main features of this invention, that separates it from others are: the bottle, being of a variable art form, that is numbered for collectible purposes and the style of the written text used in the messages. (Author/inventor has Copyright Certificate of Reg. # 478088) The writing style uses a lot of "Old English" type words, to be conducive with, the whole concept of a "Message in a Bottle".

The only other relevant or similar patent I have found, is pending and was filed by Dream Weaver Studios, in the U.S.A. #09/265,237. I could not establish a filing date.

It is similar in concept, but does not offer the same exclusiveness.

I would have also liked to patent my invention in the U.S.A., but considering the above, may not be able to do so.

This invention has not yet been disclosed, except for the professional help needed to establish it.

Drawings

In the drawings which illustrate embodiments of the invention, Figure 1 is the main component and is indicative of the shape it receives from its mould; Figure 2 is the embodiment to be placed inside Figure 1; Figure 3 is the sealing embodiment for Figure 1; Figure 4 illustrates the distinguishing mark that appears on Figure 1 and Figure 5; Figure 5 is a side view of the embodiment used to house Figure 1 for shipping; Figure 5a is a top view of the embodiment that completes Figure 5. Figure 6 is the Shipping label used on Figure 5; Figure 7, is Figures 1, 2, 3 & 4 assembled.

Specifications

The bottles are hand blown by "Atelier Glassworks" to my specifications. It is not a free blowing process, instead they are blown into a wooden mould, designed for their resulting shape. They are approximately 6.5cm in diameter on their base and 23.5cm in height. Size can vary slightly, just because of the nature of glass blowing not being an exact art. Also wood moulds burn-out slightly with each bottle blown. See Figure 1. The bottles are blown from clear glass and have a blue/green added to their underneath base. This is known as adding a color bit and is done after the bottle has been removed from the mould. Once this has been done and the bottle has been allowed to cool, a number is inscribed underneath, on its outer edge. i.e. 1/500.

The messages that are created for inside the bottles, are produced on hand-made paper that has the look and feel of paper from a long time ago. Message paper size is approximately 10cm wide x 16cm long. The paper tends to have rough edges, which are left like that. The messages are then rolled to pencil size and sealed with the authentic sealing wax of past, Figure 2 and deposited into the bottle.

A hand held corking device is used to seal the bottle, only counter-sinking the cork partially. This allows the recipient to twist the cork out of the bottle, as opposed to using a cork screw. The part of the cork that is sunk in the bottle, displays the word Bestow, as indicated in Figure 3. This is done with metal letter stamps (3.2mm) and black ink. With the cork in, the bottle reaches a new height of 25cm.

A label, professionally developed of a poly material, of the distinguishing mark (Figure 4), is placed on the upper part of the bottle, a cm down from the cork's bottom. It is centered underneath the word "Bestow" of the cork. The size of the mark in Figure 4, has been enlarged slightly. The labels' actual diameter is 2cm.

The bottle in its completed form, Figure 7, is then packaged inside a wooden box, Figure 5. This box is constructed of pine wood 1cm thick and brad nailed. It measures 10.5cm wide x 9cm depth x 35.5cm length. No wood stain or finish is applied, the wood is left in its natural state. The packing material used is called "excelsior" which is fine wood shavings, that are quite curly and springy. Shipping labels are attached on both

side, lengthwise panels. These labels are produced on hand-made paper (like messages), but of a much heavier quality. Figure 6 illustrates the actual size. They display the distinguishing mark, Figure 4. They are approximately 8cm x 14cm long and are glued onto the sides with a white glue, meant for paper/wood. Figure 5a completes Figure 5. It is a sliding lid, that slides in and along grooves, on the boxes' inner edges. (as is familiar with many standard wine boxes)
"Message in a Bottle" is screened lengthways on the lid, in black, as seen in Figure 5a.

This last step completes the product in its entirety.

CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A hand-blown glass bottle with an individual number inscribed on its underneath base. Its content(s) being a small rolled piece of handmade paper bearing a written message and/or greeting. This message is selected, by the consumer, from a collection of verses produced by the company and who secures the copyrights. A wax daub seals the paper roll closed.
2. A hand-blown glass bottle defined in Claim 1, in which a small circular company label is adhered to its upper-half and a cork inserted into its bottle neck, to serve as a seal for the content(s) within.
3. A hand-blown glass bottle defined in Claim 1 and Claim 2; packaged within a wooden box marked with the company name, MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, lengthways on its top lid. Two outer address labels are attached, one per each lengthways side of the box to prepare it for shipping, to whomever the consumer has indicated. Delivery via post.

Illustrations

Fig.1



Fig.2

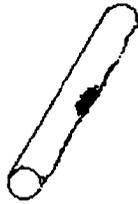


Fig.3



Fig. 5a

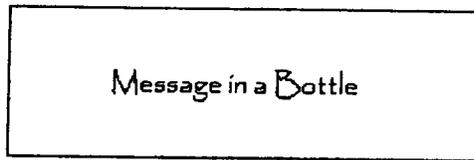


Fig.4



Fig. 5

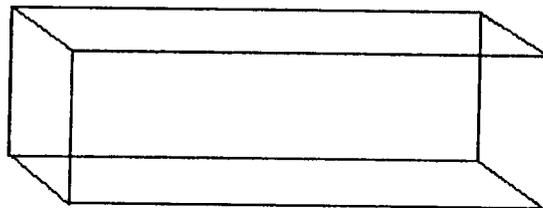
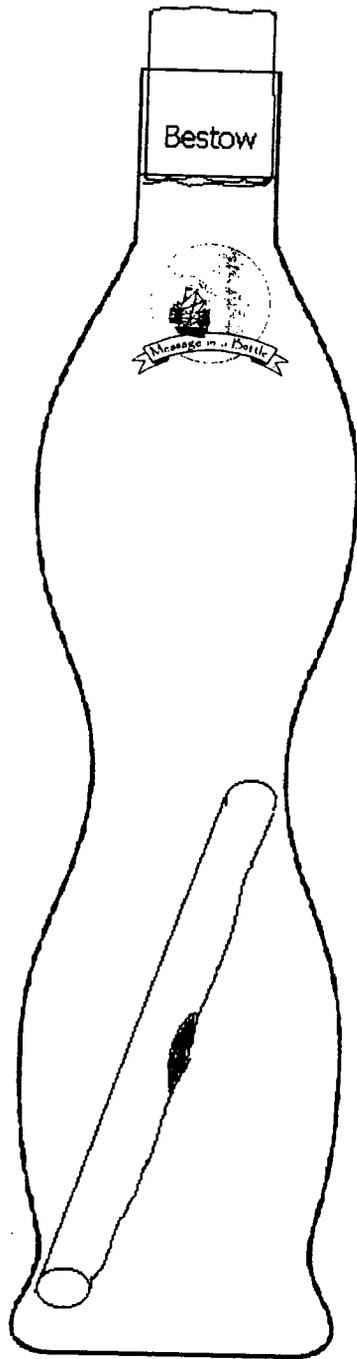


Fig.7



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*All references are to the California Revenue and Taxation Code unless otherwise indicated
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**Sent Via Facsimile (626) 685-5601
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January 27, 2004

Overture Services, Inc.
ATTN: Business and Legal Affairs - Trademarks
74 N. Pasadena Avenue, 3d Floor
Pasadena, CA 91103

Re: Mark: Message In a Bottle
Registration No.: 2,243,269

To Whom It May Concern:

This firm represents Mr. Roger Rojas. Mr. Rojas is the owner of the "Message in A Bottle" service mark registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Registration No. 2,243,269). In addition, Mr. Rojas has pending with the PTO an application for registration of the "Message in a Bottle" trademark (Serial No. 76/556304). Mr. Rojas has used the "Message in a Bottle" mark in commerce continuously since at least as early as January 16, 1999.

It has come to our attention that Overture is permitting bidding activity on several "Message in a Bottle" websites; specifically, www.timelessmessage.com, www.personalcreations.com and www.bottlemeessage.com, respectively. In each instance, goods and/or services identical to or confusingly similar with my client's goods and services are being marketed and sold using the "Message in a Bottle" mark. In addition, my client has expressed a strong interest in posting his "Message in a Bottle" marks with Overture to enhance the marketing and sale of the goods and services associated therewith.

Of particular concern is the peculiar position my client finds himself in with respect to protecting his marks while benefitting from the Overture business model. If Mr. Rojas seeks to post his marks on the Overture list for bidding, he will find himself bidding for a name to which he already appears to have the exclusive rights. This position is based in part on the fact that the five-year period of incontestability has already passed. As such, he may be unnecessarily and illegally be forced to incur substantial costs for competitively bidding an artificially high price for his own marks on the Overture system. If he elects to participate in the Overture bidding process without demanding the removal of the infringing uses of the marks, he may later be

deemed to have acquiesced to their use by the third parties, thereby forfeiting his right to enforce his rights and interests in the marks against third parties seeking to use the "Message in a Bottle" marks.

Given these facts, it appears that Overture's policies require that the infringing uses of the third parties hereinbefore mentioned be removed from the Overture bidding process. We are in the process of contacting the infringing users mentioned above; however, the interim damage to my client as the result of the ongoing listing of the marks by Overture constitute real and immediate damage to my client's marketing and sales efforts.

Because of the existing and pending registrations of the marks, neither of the exceptions listed in Overture's trademark policies applies in this case. The aforementioned websites do not properly attribute or distinguish my client's marks and related goods and services to those on the relevant websites; further, the registration and use of the marks clearly has overcome any colorable claim that the marks are generic of clearly descriptive. Given the registrations and elapsed time of the use of the marks, a presumption of secondary meaning is also established.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. In the interim, Overture should cease and desist from continuing the bidding process on these marks until such time as the matter has been resolved.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Cannon

cc: Roger Rojas

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May 31, 2005

VIA FAX TO (312) 321-4299

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455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, IL 60611-5599

Re: Trademark/Service Mark Infringement Issue – MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Dear Mr. Michael:

I am writing to you as counsel for Overture Services, Inc., having previously contacted you in that capacity regarding infringements of the registered service mark MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, which is owned by my client, Gold Shells, Inc. My client's initial contact to you was by letter from its prior counsel, Jeffrey Cannon, dated January 27, 2004, and you sent a brief response to Mr. Cannon dated February 6, 2004. Thereafter, Mr. Cannon received a positive substantive response from Debra Carrete of the Trademark Department at Overture Services, Inc., dated April 1, 2004.

I subsequently alerted you by telephone to on-going problems with infringements of MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE on December 14, 2004, and February 8, 2005.

It has now come to my client's attention that a repeat infringer, Keith Cangiarella at bottlemeamessage.com, has started bidding on the key word "Message in a Bottle", which is identical to my client's registered mark. Please recall that my client's service mark registration no. 2,243,269 was issued on May 4, 1999, and has a priority date of January 6, 1997. A continuing use affidavit has been filed and accepted by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, and the registration is now incontestable.

After my client's concerns were originally communicated to Overture, Overture properly removed Mr. Cangiarella and some other infringers over a year ago, and they have not since returned except for Cangiarella. Since his website continues to contain infringing material, I am not sure how his site has again appeared, and I ask that it again be removed.

Howard S. Michael, Esq.

May 31, 2005

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My client has also learned that, because of a technical issue cited by Overture Customer Service, infringers are occasionally popping up on the Yahoo Sponsored Search under the "Sponsored Results" area on the right side of the page. This is a mistake because these companies are not bidding for the term; they are simply appearing without paying, apparently because of this "technical issue". Overture Customer Service advised that this could be easily corrected by manually removing these results, and I ask that this be done.

Upon further investigation, my client has determined that many of the previous infringers who were removed from Yahoo Sponsored Search have now migrated to many of the new Yahoo products that have become available. These companies are all repeat infringers and have violated the Yahoo Trademark Policy, the Yahoo Terms of Service, the Yahoo Content Guidelines, and the Yahoo Merchant Guidelines, as well as federal trademark law.

The following is a list of infringing websites which have appeared on the various Yahoo products:

(1) **Yahoo Sponsored Search:** bottlemeessage.com, timelessmessage.com, authenticmessages.com, and personalcreations.com. (All have been previously removed, but are occasionally popping up due to the "technical issue" noted above).

(2) **Yahoo Product Submit:**

timelessmessage.com	bottlemeessage.com
epersonalized-gifts.com/pickNpersonalize.com	
walmart.com	allbirthdaygifts.com
shop.store.yahoo.com/myweddingfavors/index.html	
personalizedbirthdaygifts.com	dogwoodsquare.com
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giftlet.com	babyshowerspecialists.com
textstyledesigns.com	capeimages.com
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giftideasformom.com	tradewindproducts.com
writingpapers.com	weddinggifts.net
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wtv-zone.com	weddinggifts1.com

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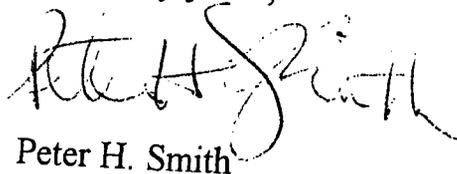
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(3) **Directory Submit:** bottlemeamessage.com, timelessmessage.com, and marketinginabottle.com.

(4) **Search Submit:** thegreetingstore.com, authenticmessages.com, timelessmessage.com, and marketinginabottle.com,

Please take the action requested above and also take whatever other action may be required to remove these infringers' infringing materials from all Yahoo products, including Yahoo Store. I will appreciate your confirming your action on this subject by return communication to me by June 17, 2005.

Very truly yours,



Peter H. Smith

PHS/lmb

cc: Mr. Roger Rojas, Gold Shells, Inc.

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August 30, 2005

Copyright Agent
Yahoo!, Inc.
701 First Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Re: Trademark Infringement in Yahoo's Natural Results Area
Your Case No. KMM76522687V25904L0KM

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am the attorney for Gold Shells, Inc., the owner (by assignment from Roger Rojas, the original registrant) of U.S. service mark registration number 2,243,269 for MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE for receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others. I am enclosing copies of my client's registration and proof of its ownership thereof by assignment. My client's mark is constantly being infringed by various persons and companies on the Internet. I previously alerted one of Yahoo's attorneys and action was taken to eliminate the infringers from Yahoo products. However, the infringers are still appearing in Yahoo's natural results area.

The URL's for the repeat infringers which have been removed from other Yahoo products and are now appearing only on the natural results area are as follows:

bottlemeamessage.com *
authenticmessages.com
timelessmessage.com
thegreetingstore.com
amessagebottle.com *
letterinabottle.com *
personalcreations.com
marketinginabottle.com *

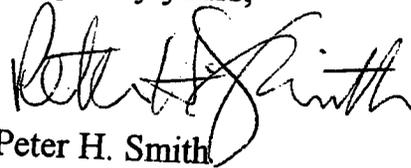
Yahoo!, Inc.
August 30, 2005
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I am enclosing copies of the home pages for each of the infringers which has a printable home page. None of these uses has been authorized by Roger Rojas or Gold Shells, Inc., and it is my position that these uses all constitute infringement.

The above information has been furnished to me by my client as accurate, and I am authorized to act on its behalf in regard to this infringement issue.

Please let me know what action can be taken by Yahoo to eliminate these infringers from Yahoo's natural results area.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "S".

Peter H. Smith

PHS/lmb
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Roger Rojas, CEO, Gold Shells, Inc.

Subject: Re: Case #22118469 Account: 9624770960
From: Overture Quality Services <qualityservices@overture.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Feb 2004 16:33:00 -0800 (PST)
To: 1mib@dreamweaverstudios.com

Exhibit "F"

Feb 17 2004 16:32 PT

Dear Keith,

We are writing to let you know that listings from your account 9624770960 have recently been reviewed by Overture's Search Quality Team. This team periodically reviews listings to ensure that they comply with our Listing Guidelines, as well as meet the expectations of search users.

Following are the affected listings:

Removed Listings

message in a bottle (URL: <http://www.bottlemessage.com/>)
Reason(s):Prod: Competitor

Prod: Competitor

Search terms must reflect the exact content offered on the Web site. Product brand names are acceptable only if the specific brand name or information about the brand is offered on the site. In addition, the content must satisfy Overture's content guideline.

We're sorry this wasn't caught in our first review. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Chris Garcia
Search Quality
Overture

E-mail Client Services using our Support Request Form
through our Support Center Tab found in DirecTraffic Center®
dte.overture.com

Exhibit "F"

Subject: Message in a bottle - Gold Shells

From: "Michael, Howard" <hmichael@brinkshofer.com>

Date: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 17:10:33 -0500

To: "The Message in a Bottle Shop" <1mib@dreamweaverstudios.com>

Dear Mr. Rojas –

We are intellectual property counsel to Yahoo! Search Marketing. Our client has requested that we respond to your email of July 20, 2006, which includes your complaint about a paid listing that appears on the search results page in response to a search for the phrase "message in a bottle." The listing is for the web site forgetunot.com.

We have recently reviewed records at the United States Patent & Trademark Office for filings made by Gold Shells, Inc. or its predecessors, covering the phrase "message in a bottle." We have discovered two references. The first, Reg. No. 2,243,269, is for "message in a bottle" covering "receiving communications from others, recording such communications in written or printed form, and transmitting such communications to others" in International Class 38. This registration includes a disclaimer for the element "message." The second, Abandoned Application Serial No. 76/556,304, filed on November 3, 2003, is for a stylized form of "message in a bottle" covering "communication device, namely, text and graphic images printed on paper and enclosed in a glass container" in International Class 9. This application included disclaimers for the elements "message" and "bottle." Gold Shells expressly abandoned this application on December 6, 2004, six months after the Examiner issued an initial refusal of the application on the grounds it was merely descriptive. The Examiner also issued an initial refusal of Gold Shells' acquired distinctiveness claim under Section 2(f) of the Trademark Act.

It is Yahoo! Search Marketing's general practice to defer to the United States Patent & Trademark Office's determinations with respect to claims of trademark rights. In this instance, the USPTO records described in the preceding paragraph indicate that your claim to trademark rights to the phrase "message in a bottle" was refused with respect to a "communication device, namely, text and graphic images printed on paper and enclosed in a glass container." Yahoo! Search Marketing will not refuse bids from advertisers for "message in a bottle" if the advertiser is merely selling "text and graphic images printed on paper and enclosed in a glass container."

In this instance, it appears that bottles with enclosed text messages are being offered on the site forgetunot.com. Accordingly, Yahoo! Search Marketing will not block this listing that is based on a merely descriptive use of the phrase "message in a bottle."

Very truly yours,

Howard S. Michael
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Exhibit G



BUYER PROTECTION 5 ☆☆☆ 1/2 HACKER SAFE TESTED DAILY 14-MAY

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"Quality Gifts for Quality People"

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Last Minute Gifts!

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Birthdays & Holidays

Chocolate Statues (Oscar look-alikes) , Chocolate Champagne & Movie Madness

Featured Gift

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Get Well & Cheer Up Gifts

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GIFTS FOR HER!

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Gardening & Outdoor Gifts, Pet Gifts

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Home > New Years Gifts > A Champagne bottle filled with Confetti!

- 6 1/2 " Solid Chocolate Statue - Quantity Discounts
- Large Statue Gold Gift Box with Ribbon
- A Package of 10 (ten) 3 1/2 Inch Statues in Gold Foil
- Full Size Chocolate Champagne Bottle
- Star Award Movie Madness™ Gift Basket with Chocolate Statue



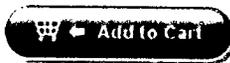
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A Champagne bottle filled with Confetti!

Add festive fun to any party, or create a party with this bottle of foil confetti in bright and shiny colors!

Availability: Usually ships the next business day.

Cham Bottle with Confetti \$7.99



Send to a Friend

Related Items

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Under the Sea!

Under the sea...under the sea...under the sea! It's the place to be!
Choose our Under the Sea message in a bottle invitations for your theme party or event!

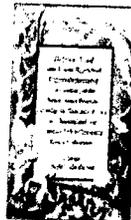
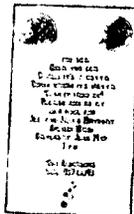
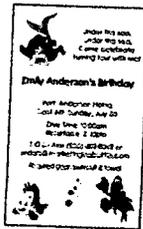


All Under the Sea bottles include crinkle shred (color of your choice) and Under the Sea confetti (fish and bubbles) to match your theme. Price includes custom designed message printed on paper color of your choice, tied with ribbon color of your choice. Our graphic designers will work with you to design the perfect message to roll inside your bottles - choose from one of our templates below or create a completely custom invitation for your event. It's easy to add a photo to your invitations or mailing labels - simply e-mail us a photo once you place your order.

Our bottles go directly through the mail without an envelope or box. Simply attach a mailing label to the outside of the bottle, affix the postage and drop it in the mailbox. Your guests will be delighted when they open their mailbox and find your message in a bottle! On a budget? - We also offer do-it-yourself kits.

Order Under the Sea Bottles Here

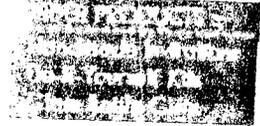
Customize your message! You may select from one of our templates, or work with our designers to create a completely custom invitation for your occasion. View some of our Under the Sea Message templates below, or [click here for all of our message templates](#):



(Templates - Mermaid Under the Sea, Nemo Under the Sea, Under the Sea Prom)

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- We can include [response cards](#), [maps and directions](#), and travel information.

Better than any card, your guests will never forget your Message In a Bottle!

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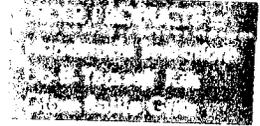


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Send out your **Christmas cards**, party invitations
or annual holiday letter with our "Christmas Card in a Bottle"™
A unique and fun way to stay in touch with your friends and family!
A clever invitation for your holiday party!



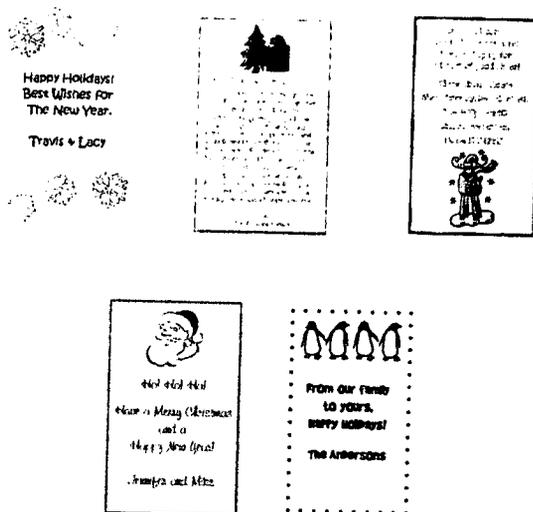
All bottles come with red and green metallic crinkle shred mixed with red, green and silver "Merry Christmas" and star confetti, or choose other Christmas or holiday confetti. Messages are printed on red paper and tied with green ribbon, or with the paper color or ribbon color of your choice!. Our graphic designers will work with you to design the perfect message to roll inside your bottles – choose from one of our templates below or create a completely custom invitation for your event. It's easy to add a photo to your invitations or mailing labels – simply e-mail us a photo once you place your order.

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Order Christmas Bottles Here

Customize your message! You may select from one of our templates, or work with our designers to create a completely custom invitation for your occasion. View some of our Christmas Message templates below, or **click here for all of our message templates**.



(Templates – Snowflakes, Christmas Package, Deer-oh-Deer, Ho-Ho-Ho, Penguin Family)

Or spread summer sunshine to your friends and family during this cold winter season!

Select our Tropical Resort or Ocean Shores bottles!



Order Beach Bottles Here!

Take the hassle out of sending your invitations!
We offer many services to make your party planning easier!

- For all custom orders, a graphic designer will work with you to design your invitation. They can even help you with wording and etiquette. Create a invitation that is truly customized for you!
- Our mailing service is a popular choice. You e-mail us your guest list, and we take care of the rest. Each address will be printed on a mailing label with your return address, a graphic to match your invitation and the words "Open your message in a bottle!" We add postage and mail your bottles directly to your guests for you.
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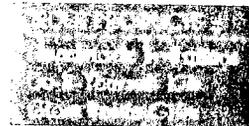


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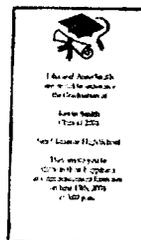
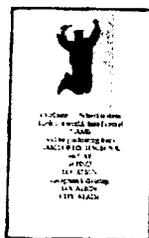
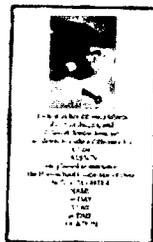


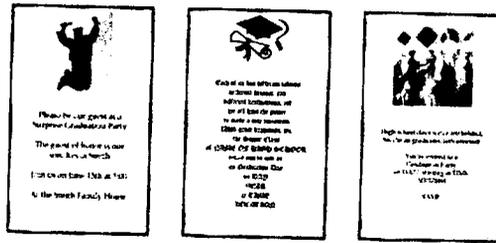
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Our bottles go directly through the mail without an envelope or box. Simply attach a mailing label to the outside of the bottle, affix the postage and drop it in the mailbox. Your guests will be delighted when they open their mailbox and find your message in a bottle! On a budget? - We also offer do-it-yourself kits.

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Customize your message! You may select from one of our templates, or work with our designers to create a completely custom invitation for your occasion. View some of our Graduation Message templates below, or [click here](#) for all of our message templates:





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Better than any card, your guests will never forget your Message in a Bottle!

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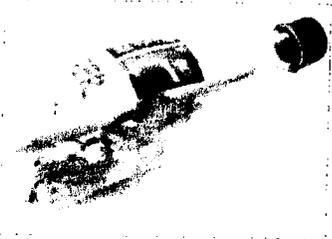
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CRAFT MATERIALS.

- Plastic bottle
- Shells, flowers or other found treasures
- Address label

Time needed: 30 Minutes or Less

1. Stuff rolled notes and letters into an empty plastic bottle, along with shells, flowers, or other tiny treasures.
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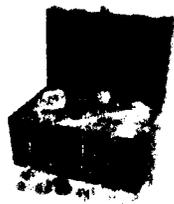
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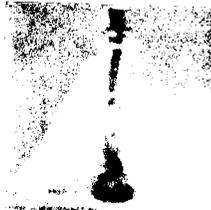
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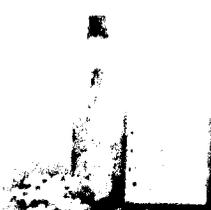
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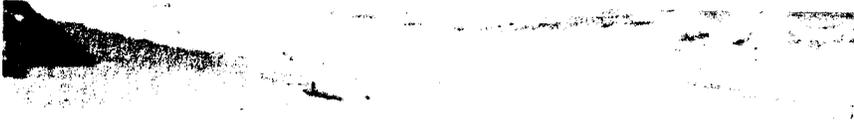
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Step 1

Type your message in this box:

This message will be printed on the scroll.

(800 characters maximum)

Remember to sign your message so they know who it is coming from. If you wish to keep the scroll blank, type "Leave Blank", the recipient will receive a blank scroll.

Step 2

Which Scroll would you like to use?

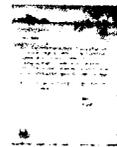
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Rose Petals Scroll

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Christmas
Scroll
- 
 Traditional
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Scroll
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Step 3

Which bottle would you like to use?

- 
 10.5" Round
Glass Bottle
No extra charge
- 
 11.5" Wave
Glass Bottle
Add \$9.75

Step 4

Would you like to set a delayed shipping date?

- Send it now, no delay.
- Order it now, delay shipping until:

Month	Day	Year
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Note: The date you select is not the delivery date, but the date we will ship the package. Please allow 3 to 5 business days for order processing and shipping in the US and longer to other destinations. If the date selected falls on a weekend or a holiday, we will ship on the previous business day.

Step 5

Please select the shipping service:

Note: Please enter the complete shipping address later during checkout.

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Select a Delivery Service:

- USA Priority - Free** (including APO/FPO addresses) ([details](#))
- USA Priority with Delivery Confirmation** - \$1.00
- USA Priority with Signature Confirmation** - \$3.00
- USA Overnight** (shipped the same business day if ordered by 11:00am US Central Time) - \$22.00
- International - First Class** (no tracking): \$9.90 ([details](#))
- International - Express** (3 to 6 business days): \$25.00

Step 6

Ship this order to:

- Myself**
- Someone else.** Please enter the shipping address during checkout.

Recipient's address is in:

- Texas** (sales tax applies)
- Other State or Country** (no sales Tax)

Step 7

Enter your name and email address:

Your Name:

Your Email:

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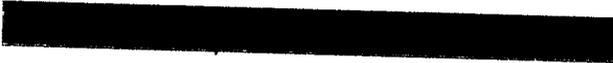
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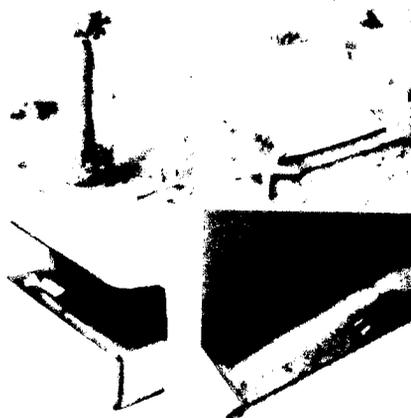
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the guest at your special event. These glass bottles are filled with fine sand and real mini seashells.

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- **glass bottle:** 7"H x 1-3/4" in diameter

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I received my message in a bottle invitations and have already sent them. EVERYONE LOVES THEM!! People are showing there neighbors and carrying it around with them! I was hoping for this kind of response with regards to the invitation and when I found your website and your version of the message in a bottle invitations, it was almost like fate! I have to say I'm extremely pleased with HansonEllis & I have already recommended your site to many friends & family members. Thanks again HansonEllis for making this something not only I will treasure, but something my family & friends will treasure as well for years to come!

Karen Kowalski

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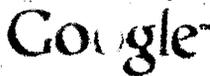
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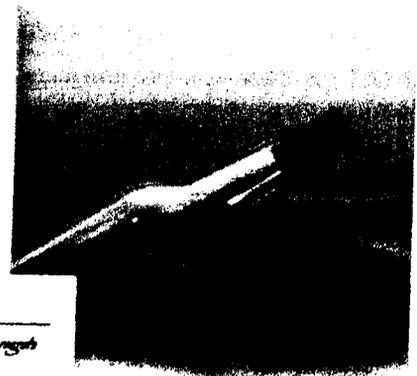
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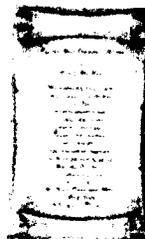
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Parchment



Scroll



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Card

Invitation

Invitation

Invitation



Materials & dimensions

- **Our plastic bottles** are made of durable, clear food-grade vinyl material.
- **9 oz. size** is 8 inches tall x 2 1/4 inches at base
- **Tapered natural cork** included with each bottle
- **Optional Champagne-style corks and foil caps** available
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Response card is 3 1/2 x 5 inches (postcard only)
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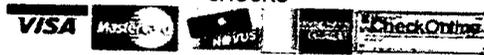
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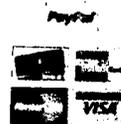


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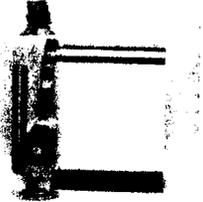
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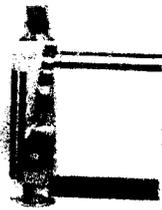
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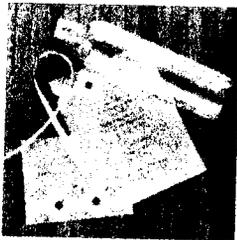
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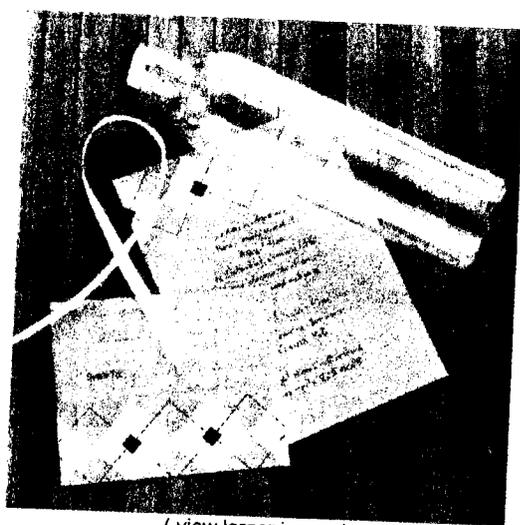
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Product Information

- **Qty:** 6/box. Includes bottles, corks, scrolls, ribbons and matching labels
- **Paper:** High-quality paper manufactured by wind energy
- **Color:** Blue Argyle Pattern
- **Size:** Scroll 4.25 x 5.75"
- **Postage:** Mails for a \$1.30 each (\$.75 and \$.55 stamp will do the trick.) Visit www.usps.com for stamps
- **Optional Services:** Do it yourself by printing scrolls at home or invite Urbanity to print them for you. Printing service includes set-up and printing for an additional \$1 per invitation

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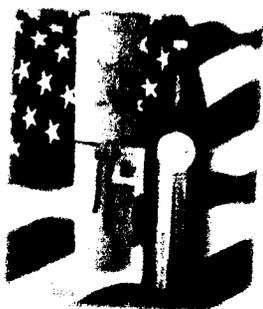


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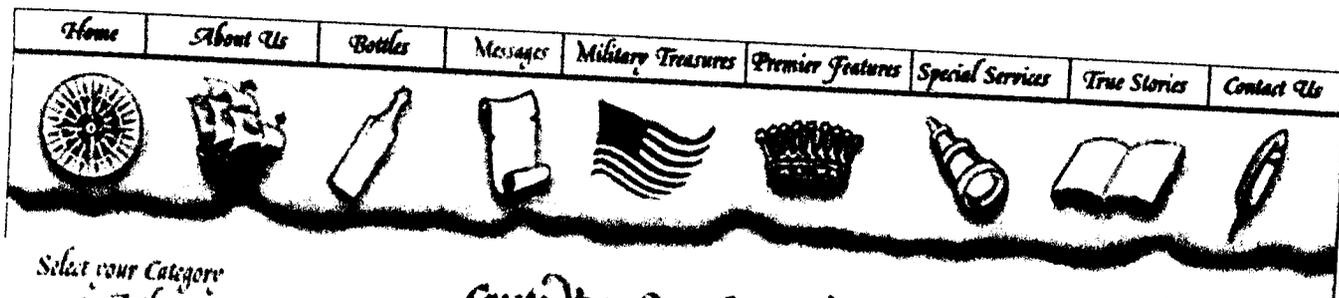
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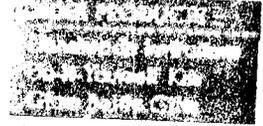
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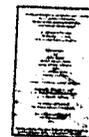
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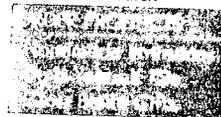
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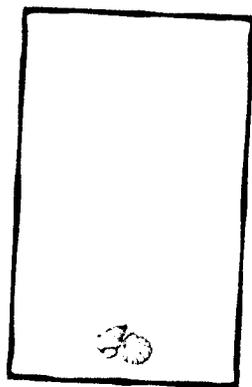
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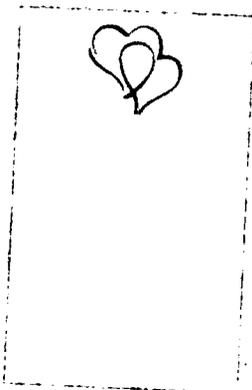
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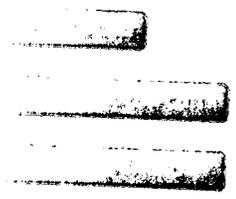
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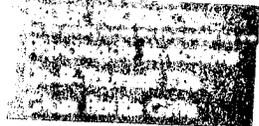
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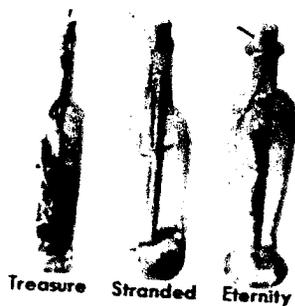
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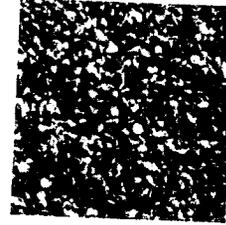
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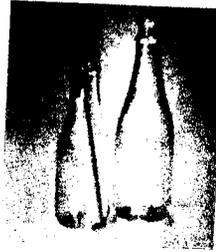


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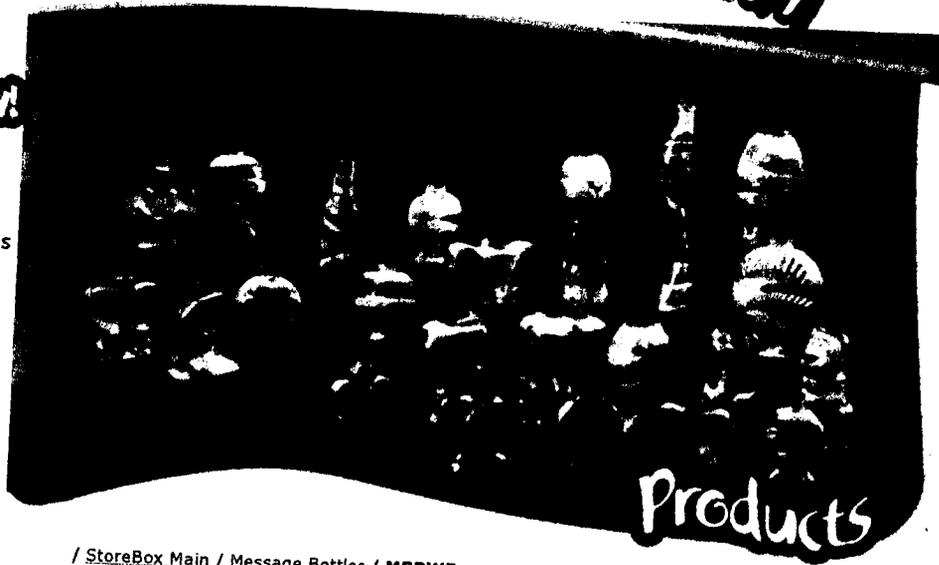
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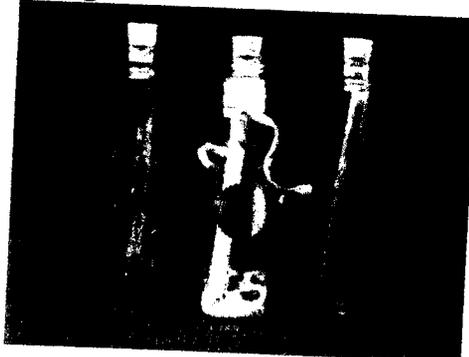


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1 a (1) : to set down in writing : furnish written evidence of (2) : to deposit an authentic official copy of <*record* a deed> **b** : to state for or as if for the record <*voted* in favor but *recorded* certain reservations> **c** (1) : to register permanently by mechanical means <*earthquake shocks recorded* by a seismograph> (2) : **INDICATE, READ** <*the thermometer recorded* 90°>

2 : to give evidence of

3 : to cause (as sound, visual images, or data) to be registered on something (as a disc or magnetic tape) in reproducible form

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transitive verb

1 a : to send or convey from one person or place to another :

FORWARD b : to cause or allow to spread: as (1) : to convey by or as if by inheritance or heredity : **HAND DOWN**

(2) : to convey (infection) abroad or to another

2 a (1) : to cause (as light or force) to pass or be conveyed through space or a medium (2) : to admit the passage of :

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Main Entry: **com-mu-ni-ca-tion** **ⓘ**
 Pronunciation: \kə-,myū-nə-'kā-shən\
 Function: *noun*
 Date: 14th century

- 1** : an act or instance of transmitting
 - 2 a** : information **communicated** **b** : a verbal or written message
 - 3 a** : a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior <the function of pheromones in insect *communication*>; *also* : exchange of information **b** : personal rapport <a lack of *communication* between old and young persons>
 - 4 plural a** : a system (as of telephones) for **communicating** **b** : a system of routes for moving troops, supplies, and vehicles **c** : personnel engaged in **communicating**
 - 5 plural but sing or plural in constr a** : a technique for expressing ideas effectively (as in speech) **b** : the technology of the transmission of information (as by print or telecommunication)
- **com-mu-ni-ca-tion-al** **ⓘ** \-shənəl, -shə-n^ə\ *adjective*

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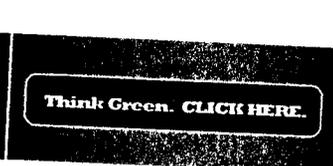
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others

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other[2,noun]

Main Entry: ²other

Function: *noun*

Date: before 12th century

- 1 a** : one that remains of two or more **b** : a thing opposite to or excluded by something else <went from one side to the *other*> <nature as the *other* of culture>
- 2** : a different or additional one <the *others* came later>
- 3 a** : one (as another person) that is psychologically differentiated from the self **b** *often capitalized* : one considered by members of a dominant group as alien, exotic, threatening, or inferior (as because of different racial, sexual, or cultural characteristics)

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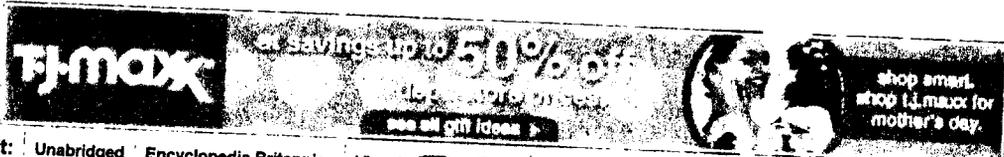
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Main Entry: **In-ter-net**

Pronunciation: \in-tər-ˈnet\
 Function: *noun*
 Date: 1985

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e-mail

Main Entry: **e-mail**

Pronunciation: \ē-,māl\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: *electronic*

Date: 1982

1 : a means or system for transmitting messages electronically (as between computers on a network) <communicating by *e-mail*>

2 a : messages sent and received electronically through an e-mail system <receives a lot of *e-mail*> **b** : an e-mail message <sent him an *e-mail*>

- **e-mail** *verb*
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Main Entry: **brows-er** **n**

Pronunciation: \ˈbraʊ-zər\

Function: *noun*

Date: 1845

- 1 : one that **browses**
- 2 : a computer program used for accessing sites or information on a network (as the World Wide Web)

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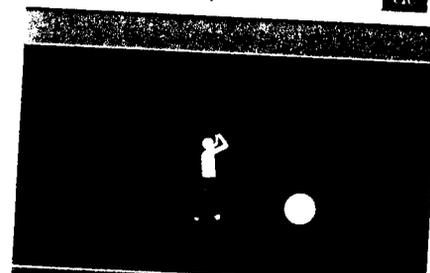
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World Wide Web

Main Entry: **World Wide Web**

Function: *noun*

Date: 1990

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(FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME)

725 Paradise Rd Modesto CA 95351
(STREET ADDRESS-DO NOT USE P.O. BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

1. Roger Rojas
(FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)
725 Paradise Rd
(RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS) (Do Not Use P.O. Box)
Modesto CA 95351
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

2. Adriana Rojas
(FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)
725 Paradise Rd
(RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS)
Modesto CA 95351
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

3. _____
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/16/99

The type of business being conducted message services

If registrant is not a corporation sign below:

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Signed Roger Rojas Adriana Rojas
Typed or Printed Roger Rojas Adriana Rojas
Business Phone: 521-3653 521-3653

Corporation or Company Name _____
Signature of Officer _____
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<u>725 Paradise Rd</u> (STREET ADDRESS (DO NOT USE P.O. BOX))	<u>Modesto</u> (CITY)	<u>CA</u> (STATE)	<u>95351</u> (ZIP)
<u>Message in a Bottle</u> (FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME)			
1. <u>Gold Shells, Inc.</u> (FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)			
<u>725 Paradise Rd</u> (RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS) (Do not use P.O. Box)			
<u>Modesto</u> (CITY)	<u>CA</u> (STATE)	<u>95351</u> (ZIP)	
2. _____ (FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)			
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 an Unincorporated Association-other than a Partnership Other (Specify) California Corporation
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/03
(Date)

The type of business being conducted retail + wholesale sales

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

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Typed or Printed _____
Business Phone: _____

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Company Name
Signature of Officer Roger Rojas
Officer's Name & Title Roger Rojas, CEO Gold Shells, Inc.

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(FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)

1724 ALUM ROCK COURT AS ABOVE

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(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

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(FULL NAME-TYPE/PRINT)

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 a Limited Partnership a Corporation a Business Trust Co-Partners a Joint Venture
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(if corporation, show state of incorporation)

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7-28-93

The type of business being conducted GIFT

Signed Nancy Lewis
Typed or Printed NANCY LEWIS
Business Phone: 581-8734 (HOME)

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By Belinda V. Frustrans
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I

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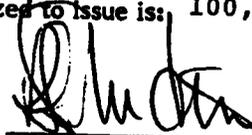
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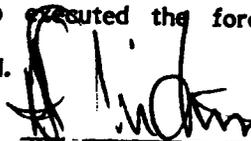
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Robert Silverstone

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Robert Silverstone



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1401.09(b) Implementation of the Changes

The new requirements of the 8th edition of the Nice Agreement apply only to applications filed on or after January 1, 2002. In an application filed before January 1, 2002, the examining attorney may give the applicant the option of remaining in compliance with the 7th edition of the Nice Agreement or amending the application to comply with the classification requirements of the 8th edition. The applicant may, of its own accord, submit an amendment to its application that brings it into compliance with the 8th edition of the Nice Agreement.

1402 Identification of Goods and Services

1402.01 Specifying the Goods and/or Services - in General

A written application must specify the particular goods or services on or in connection with which the applicant uses, or has a bona fide intention to use, the mark in commerce. 15 U.S.C. §§1051(a)(2) and 1051(b)(2); 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6). To "specify" means to name in an explicit manner. The identification of goods or services should set forth common names, using terminology that is generally understood. For products or services that do not have common names, the applicant should use clear and succinct language to describe or explain the item. Technical or esoteric language and lengthy descriptions of characteristics or uses are not appropriate.

The language used to describe goods or services should be understandable to the average person and should not require an in-depth knowledge of the relevant field. An identification may include terms of art in a particular field or industry, but, if these terms are not widely understood by the general population, the identification should include an explanation of the specialized terminology.

The identification of goods or services must be specific, definite, clear, accurate and concise. See *In re Societe Generale des Eaux Minerales de Vittel S.A.*, 1 USPQ2d 1296 (TTAB 1986), *rev'd on other grounds*, 824 F.2d 957, 3 USPQ2d 1450 (Fed. Cir. 1987); *Procter & Gamble Co. v. Economics Laboratory, Inc.*, 175 USPQ 505 (TTAB 1972), *modified without opinion*, 498 F.2d 1406, 181 USPQ 722 (C.C.P.A. 1974); *In re Cardinal Laboratories, Inc.*, 149 USPQ 709 (TTAB 1966); *California Spray-Chemical Corp. v. Osmose Wood Preserving Co. of America, Inc.*, 102 USPQ 321 (Comm'r Pats. 1954); *Ex parte A.C. Gilbert Co.*, 99 USPQ 344 (Comm'r Pats. 1953).

The accuracy of identification language in the original application is important because the identification cannot later be expanded. See 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §§1402.06 and 1402.07 *et seq.*; *In re M.V Et Associes*, 21 USPQ2d 1628 (Comm'r Pats. 1991).

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1401.11 Implementation of Changes to the Nice Agreement

When the Nice Agreement changes, the new requirements apply only to applications filed on or after the effective date of the change. In an application filed before the effective date of the change, the examining attorney may give the applicant the option of remaining in compliance with the edition of the Nice Agreement that was in effect on the application filing date, or amending the application to comply with the requirements of the current edition. The applicant may, of its own accord, submit an amendment to its application that brings it into compliance with the current edition of the Nice Agreement. However, if an applicant chooses to comply with the current edition, all the identifications of goods/services within the application must comply with the current edition. An applicant cannot choose to have some items comply with the current edition and other items comply with the requirements of a previous edition.

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21	038	Cellular telephone communication	A	02 Jul 05	S	N	
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23	038	Charitable services, namely, providing radio and cellular communication services to those in need	A	02 Apr 91	S	N			
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25	038	Communication by mobile telephone	A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T	
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30	038	Communication via computer terminals, by digital transmission or by satellite	A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T	
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41	038	Communications by telegraph	A	22 Nov 07	S	N		T	
42	038	Communications by telephone	A	22 Nov 07	S	N		T	
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57	038	Delivery of personalized greeting cards to others via electronic mail	A	02 Apr 91	S	N		
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59	038	Electronic data interchange	A	12 Apr 99	S	N		
60	038	Electronic data transmission	A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T
61	038	Electronic delivery of images and photographs via a global computer network	A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T
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62	038	Electronic delivery of loan documents						
63	038	Electronic exchange of data stored in databases accessible via telecommunication networks	A	13 Dec 07	S	N		
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65	038	Electronic mail and messaging services	A	22 Nov 07	S	N		T
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68	038	Electronic message transmission	A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T
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72	038	Electronic transmission of data and documents via computer terminals	A	02 Apr 91	S	N		
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			A	20 Jul 04	S	N		T

91	038	Information transmission via electronic communications networks	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T
92	038	Instant messaging services	A	01 Jun 05	S	N	
93	038	International telephone services	A	01 Jun 01	S	N	
94	038	Internet broadcasting services	A	26 Apr 07	S	N	
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97	038	Internet telephony services	A	01 Mar 03	S	N	
98	038	Interstate telephone services	A	01 Jun 01	S	N	
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103	038	Leasing of telecommunication equipment	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T
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106	038	Long distance telephone communication services	A	01 Jun 01	S	N	
107	038	Message collection and transmission	A	01 Jun 01	S	N	
108	038	Message sending and receiving services	A	22 Nov 07	S	N	T
109	038	Message sending, receiving and forwarding	A	17 Jan 08	S	N	T
110	038	Mobile media services in the nature of electronic transmission of entertainment media content	A	17 Jan 08	S	N	T
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111	038	Mobile radio communication					
112	038	Mobile radio telephone services	A	02 Apr 91	S	N	
113	038	Mobile telephone communication	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T
114	038	Mobile telephone services	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T
115	038	Mobile telephony	A	22 Nov 07	S	N	T
116	038	Network conferencing services	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T
117	038	News agencies, namely, the transmission of news items to news reporting organizations	A	01 Sep 95	S	N	
			A	01 Sep 05	S	N	
118	038	On-line document delivery via a global computer network					
119	038	On-line services, namely, message sending	A	06 Aug 01	S	N	
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121	038	Outcall notification services	A	16 Aug 07	S	N	
122	038	Paging by radio	A	01 Jan 95	S	N	
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123	038	Paging services						
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126	038	Philanthropic services in the area of donations of wireless telephones and wireless telephone airtime to victims of domestic violence and domestic violence advocacy groups and organizations	A	01 Sep 95	S	N		
			A	01 Nov 04	S	N		
127	038	Podcasting services						
128	038	Prepaid local and long distance telephone services	A	01 Mar 06	S	N		
129	038	Prepaid long distance telephone services	A	12 Jul 07	S	N		
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			A	01 Jun 01	S	N		
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140	038	Providing electronic transmission of credit card transaction data and electronic payment data via a global computer network	A	20 Jul 04	S	N	T	
			A	01 Feb 06	S	N		
141	038	Providing electronic transmission of information to persons who are deaf or hearing impaired via the Internet, telephones and wireless devices	A	27 Sep 07	S	N		
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143	038	Providing e-mail fax services	A	20 Mar 08	S	N		
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161	038	Providing private and secure real time electronic communication over a computer network	A	01 Aug 04	S	N	
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163	038	Providing telecommunications connections to a global computer network	A	20 Feb 96	S	N	
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319	038	Video-on-demand transmission services	A	01 Sep 95	S	N	
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			A	01 Aug 04	S	N			
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336	038	Wireless electronic transmission of voice signals, data, facsimiles, images and informations	A	01 Sep 95	S	N			
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In article <33CC39A5.2BF4F...@ix.netcom.com>, kc...@ix.netcom.com wrote:
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Bell Laboratories unveils web site gallery featuring new, cutting edge collaborative Internet experiences

FOR RELEASE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1996

MURRAY HILL, N.J. -- Today, a glimpse into the World Wide Web's second wave was unveiled by Bell Labs, the innovation engine of Lucent Technologies (NYSE: LU), with the launch of the Bell Labs Metaphorium (→ <http://www.multimedia.bell-labs.com>), a Web site which features next-generation collaborative experiences.

Developed by Bell Labs' Multimedia Communications Research Department, the first exhibits in the Metaphorium are "Message in a Bottle" - a continuously changing seascape that allows visitors to place messages in bottles that randomly wash through the site - and "Subway Surface" - a Web representation of the New York City subway that allows visitors to "ride" subway cars with others, and visit stops along the subway line's route. The Metaphorium complements Bell Labs' current collaborative multimedia projects and establishes a compelling experimental location for next-generation multimedia research for Lucent Technologies. Exhibits will be added regularly to the Metaphorium.

"Browsing the Web can be a lonely experience," said Doree Seligmann, Member of Technical Staff in Bell Labs' Multimedia Communication Research Department, and executive producer of the Bell Labs Metaphorium. "It's important to let people know that they are not alone when they visit various Web sites, allowing them to interact, and even leave traces of themselves wherever they go, like footprints in the digital sand." The Multimedia Communication Research Department, headed by Sid Ahuja, is part of Bell Labs' Systems and Software Research Center, which has spearheaded multimedia communication for the last ten years. It developed the core technology behind many Bell Labs innovations; for example, this group's work in multimedia collaboration has led to MMCX, an award winning product of Lucent's Business Communication Systems Division (www.lucent.com/BusinessWorks/bw/mmcx.htm) and packet telephony components from elemedia, a new venture of Lucent (www.lucent.com/elemedia).

More recently the group has focused on multimedia applications and services on the Internet. "The Internet is a logical networking paradigm and inherently capable of supporting multimedia," said Ahuja. "We feel that multimedia communication over the Internet is a framework for people of all walks of life to interact in new and useful ways. We are collaborating with real users in a wide range of applications such as virtual classrooms, virtual theater and virtual movie studios."

Bill Ninke, Director of Bell Labs' Systems and Software Research Center, and a pioneer in interactive graphical design, sees the Metaphorium as an essential part of Bell Labs' work in creating the next generation of the Internet.

"Bell Labs' experiments in collaborative Web experiences have value in understanding the infrastructure that will need support: the servers and programs that allow for more sophisticated kinds of multimedia communication," said Ninke. "The Internet is still, conceptually, in the first wave of sharing. We share fixed pages on the Web today. In the coming wave, we will share experiences, socialize and have fun together with things like communal performances, bike trips to different locations via the Web, and shared 'towns' where people with similar interests will reside. This work alludes to how people will use the communication and collaboration infrastructure which Lucent Technologies will provide."

The Metaphorium leverages Bell Labs' long history in technological development for the arts (sound for motion pictures, long-distance television) and its key role in providing technologies central to the development of modern networking.

One of the most famous collaborations of art and technology emanated from Bell Labs. Billy Kliver, a Bell Labs electronics engineer, founded Experiments in Art and Technology (E.A.T.) in 1956 with artist Robert Rauschenberg to promote the cooperation between art and technology.

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E.A.T., which also involved such art-world luminaries as Jasper Johns, John Cage, and Jean Tinguely, peaked in 1967 with a renowned exhibit at New York's Museum of Modern Art. The exhibit was the forerunner of today's Cyberarts exhibitions.

"All of the exhibits in the Bell Labs Metaphorium have a specific purpose and communicative value," said Seligmann. "Experimentation is key; we cannot develop these new technologies in a vacuum. We're doing these trials in a cutting-edge fashion to give ourselves better insights into what kinds of shared experiences work on the Web."

Message in a Bottle

Conceived by Cati Laporte and Seligmann, this exhibit features a virtual seascape with an algorithm that creates a constantly-changing site. Visitors find themselves on an island, experiencing weather changes, birds, and, every so often, a floating bottle, which they can retrieve. Visitors can throw messages into the virtual sea. Messages will be received by later visitors to the site.

Reason for Site: "Message in a Bottle" explores incidental communication and the use of digital metaphors to provide shared experiences.

Subway Surface

Conceived by Laporte, Seligmann, and Alvaro Munoz, this exhibit features photographs taken outside subway stations. Visitors "ride" the New York City subway together. At each stop, new "riders" (visitors to the site) get onto the subway car, which fill up with anonymous representations of the other riders and can stop at any station to view the scene above.

Reason for Site: "Subway Surface" experiments with new paradigms for browsing and ways to compensate for Web browser download delays with engaging animations and experiences.

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Abstract

We are exploring the use of visual imagery which simultaneously provides the content and control of Web-based interactive services. We describe four unconventional Web-based services we have implemented for: messaging, a bulletin board, broadcast messages, and browsing through a set of hyperlinked objects. We implement each service using a real-world metaphor which serves as the basis for the visual presentation as well as the service itself; thus form and function are tightly coupled. The use of universal imagery eliminates the need for wordy explanations and hence increases accessibility to an international audience. During the course of development, we devised techniques to enhance the shared experiences of the visitors to our sites, including automatically generated 2D animations. These approaches can be applied to a variety of Web sites and are also described.

Keywords: virtual environments, virtual worlds, animation, user interface, metaphors, accessibility, multimedia, telepresence

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1. Introduction

As the Web evolves from a hypertext system into a hypermedia system it is important to explore textless methods of information navigation and new paradigms of multimedia user interaction. The services described in this paper are part of the ongoing Metaphorium project which explores such models of multimedia service interactivity. By eliminating the reliance on text and instead using a more universal visual language based on real-world metaphors we can increase the international accessibility of the services. In our model of navigation beyond text the users interact with iconic representations of the objects. Goals associated with the service metaphor and feedback to the user are also delivered within the metaphoric context.

These real-world metaphors provide a framework which enable shared visual experiences among visitors to the sites. Within each of the Metaphorium's dynamically generated space and time narratives the users have context-based metaphorical clues not only to the operations of the services but also to the presence of others within our shared virtual environments. During the course of this experiment we have devised several techniques to enhance the shared experience of both simultaneous and successive visitors to the same site. Instantaneous feedback can be provided to facilitate direct or indirect interaction between simultaneous users, and durable feedback can be provided to allow users (whose visits to the same virtual space are temporally separated) the opportunity to interact with each other.

Our emphasis is on aesthetics and interactivity: the technology and procedures should serve as a means for creating engaging experiences and not as the ends themselves. To reach this goal we have incorporated the content directly into the interface. Customized interfaces which adapt standard user interface technologies such as point-and-click and map them onto new systems of representation will make the technology more transparent. This approach also helps users to have more efficient and enjoyable interaction within virtual spaces by streamlining the process of observation of, interpretation of, and action upon control elements in the environment. The familiar metaphors of industrial control systems (buttons, knobs, sliders, etc.) are effective in building generic interfaces but their uses must be clarified by accompanying text since their intuitive functions are merely to trigger actions of any kind.

By creating interactivity controls based on real-world metaphors we are closing the gap between form and function in multimedia and WWW experience design. Thus our use of icons (visuals that correspond to real-world objects because they *resemble* them [Pe31]) is designed to enable the user to map their intuitive notions of function in the real world into our virtual environments. In this pursuit we have created icons which can be placed into scenes in which their metaphorical context can become apparent. This combination of visual elements within contextual frameworks creates a universal imagery [Co83] constituting an accessible code for visual communication in which the graphic elements afford functionality as well as appearance [Ga95].

We describe four web-based services which implement general messaging, bulletin board messaging, broadcast messaging, and navigation of hyperlinked objects using real-world metaphors as the basis for

the multimedia environment. Message in a Bottle is a general messaging system which implements a randomized messaging system based on the real-world metaphor of putting messages into bottles and throwing them into the sea. Sand Typewriter is a bulletin board system in which the metaphor of ocean tides washing away writings in the sand is used to implement the expiration of messages in the BBS system. Skywriter is a broadcast messaging system that allows the users to broadcast a message by writing in a virtual sky for all to see. SubwaySurface is a system for navigating hyperlinked objects in which the browsing technology is incorporated into the presentation. The subway travel metaphor is used in creating functional navigation controls which are also aesthetic elements. These four projects create environments for exploring different elements of human communication in virtual spaces by removing some of the technical interface barriers which typically distract from the communication.

2. Motivation

Our goals are to study how people interact on the web, create adaptive systems which can automatically adjust to facilitate this interactivity as transparently as possible, and integrate content and control in the visual presentation of multimedia interfaces to afford more natural interaction with the virtual environment through contextual metaphors. We are also experimenting with models of incidental communication on the Web. The servers for each of these projects compile metrics about site access for both technical and human-interface tuning. Users can also submit feedback directly to the Webmasters. This data is being monitored and compiled to help us continue to refine these experiments and create new ones.

3. Shared Experiences in an Automatically Generated Space and Time Narrative: Message in a Bottle, Sand Typewriter, And Skywriting

The virtual environment described in the first three examples is a visual presentation of the real-world metaphors that serve as the basis of three unusual communication modes. The environment is represented exclusively with animated graphics accompanied by sound. For the most part, only the users' messages are presented using text. The visual presentation illustrates the communication methods and provides the interface for their use. The combination of animated graphics and audio create the atmosphere of the virtual environment and reinforce the real-world metaphors.

3.1 Message in a Bottle

We have implemented a messaging system with several unusual characteristics. Our system consists of a message pool into which users may at any time add messages. Messages are not addressed to anyone in particular; a server determines to which users different messages are accessible. After connecting to the service a user may or may not have a message to read. Once retrieved, a message can be discarded, edited, or appended to, and then put back into the pool. Thus, messages are written with no assurance that they will ever be read, and if read their authors may never see the responses to their own messages.

We have implemented this form of communication within a virtual environment consisting of a large uncharted sea spotted with uncharted islands. The sea is sometimes rough, the currents are strong, and if one could fly above, one would see that the currents are transporting glass bottles containing messages.

Visitors to the site land on an island, whereabouts unknown, out of their control. Their only form of

communication is to place a message in a bottle and then throw it into the sea. Where it goes, and whether or not it can be retrieved, is determined by the conditions of the sea. At the same time, if, by chance, a bottle passes by the island the visitor can retrieve it and then: read the message, destroy it, add to it, and throw it back into the sea. Some bottles may spend days, perhaps months, in the sea without being found, while others may be found right away. Again, a message writer has no guarantee that his or her message will ever be read. Even if it is read and responded to the sender may never know.

Figure 1 shows the browser when we visited the site in the morning. There is a bottle in the sea. Below the seascape, there are two items: a pencil that can be used to write a new message and a bottle, a convenience for selecting to examine the bottle in the sea (which is difficult to click on as it moves through the water). Figure 2 shows the browser after we click on the bottle to read the message. Again, the pencil allows us to write. In Figure 3 we are writing on the message. Figures 4a-4c show the sequence as we send the message back into the sea.



Figure 1. Animated Seascape: morning, clouds, bottle, and swimmers.

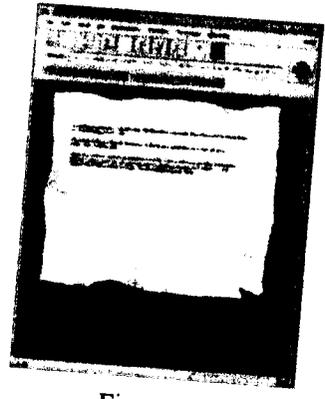


Figure 2. Reading the message.

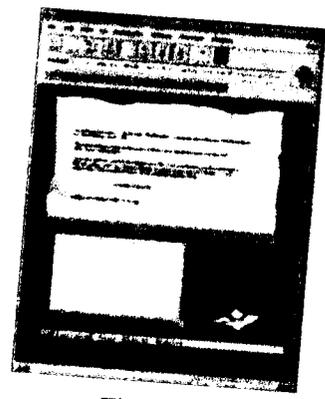


Figure 3. Adding to the message.



Figure 4a. Sending the message: The message disappears.



Figure 4b. The message appears in the bottle.



Figure 4c. The stopper appears and the bottle eventually disappears.

The association of a bottle with a location simply provides a real-world metaphor for the mechanism of messaging which enables the server to procedurally determine whether or not a message is accessible to a particular user. This general mechanism is simple and easy both to understand and represent visually. The details of how a bottle travels through the waters are unimportant because a visitor's location is arbitrary. This need not be visualized; thus, no maps are presented. However, our server maintains a representation of a sea with water currents, weather conditions, other objects, and of course the bottles. These conditions are updated every hour.

It is unlikely that a visitor to the site will visit the same island twice, or under the same conditions. We visually represent several natural phenomena which are combined to generate the animated background scene. The time of day at the user's real-world location determines the time of day depicted on the island (controlling the properties of the visual components: the sky, sea and land). In this way, the virtual environment is bound to the real world, and in this example provides a kind of visual clock. Figure 1 shows the sea at morning; Figure 5 in the evening, and Figure 6 at night. In [Se95] we argued that the visualization of virtual places can benefit if integrated with parts of the real world, but only represented real world devices and places. Weather conditions are also shown, but they are randomly chosen by the server. We have created animated sequences for a variety of types of rain storms, lightning, sea conditions, and skies. Lighting and coloring is changed based on these conditions in addition to the time of day.



Figure 5.
Sunset with clouds and Canada geese.

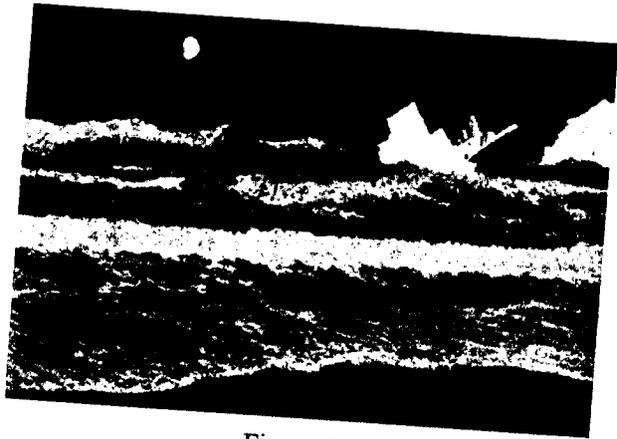


Figure 6.
Night with moon and Titanic sinking.

Other elements are added to create variety in the visual presentation each time the site is visited. These include swimmers (as in Figure 1), flocks of birds (as in Figure 5), airplanes, boats, and specific events, such as the Titanic sinking in Figure 6. In order to achieve the variety of effects, the animated graphics are composited by the client applet based on the scene condition parameters sent by the server. The main background animations are created by selecting from different layers of animation sequences which can be superimposed seamlessly to create different effects and greater variety. Other animated items are overlaid on these scenes and follow generated animation paths over the scene at varying speeds, described in 3.4 below. Scenes created with the same animation elements will rarely be composited identically, so although the animated loops are short sequences, the complete animation is not as repetitive. Similarly, the paper on which a message is written (as shown in Figure 2) is unlikely to be the same. A set of procedures randomly selects its color, and from a library of edges, interior wrinkles and tears.

3.2 Sand Typewriter

We have also implemented an electronic bulletin board on which postings have a limited life span and are bound to a particular location on the bulletin board's surface. This surface is divided into different areas. Users can place a posting on a vacant area on the bulletin board and can search the bulletin board's surface to read other postings. Vacant areas are available in a first-come-first-served order and the server maintains a queue of the users currently associated with each area. Once a message is posted, a timer is started; when the time period expires, the message will be removed. While each message has a relatively equal probability of being read, messages are posted with no assurance that anyone will see them before they are removed.

We have implemented this form of communication within a virtual environment consisting of a narrow circular sandy coastline completely surrounding the virtual sea. The beach is the bulletin board's surface. Its shape limits the way it is browsed: visitors walk left or right. By walking continuously in one direction, a visitor can examine the entire coastline.

Visitors to the site are placed at random locations along the coastline. A visitor can use the sand typewriter to leave a message in any blank area. As visitors walk along the coast they can read the messages etched in the sand, but these messages are temporal, and eventually waves will sweep over them and wash them away. A visitor wishing to leave a new message can wait until another message is erased and then use the freed space. There may be other visitors in the same space, waiting to leave a message. Whoever starts typing on the sand typewriter goes first; subsequent writers are queued in the order that they attempt to type when the area is not available.

The bulletin board is represented by a shared space which is divided into discrete areas to give visitors some sense of place, enhancing telepresence. Although the visitors cannot see each other they may become aware of each other's telepresence when new messages appear as they are being written. Visitors can use this mechanism to communicate directly by typing in messages one after the other.

Figure 7 shows a sequence of frames as the short message "SAND" is erased. Sound files of waves crashing accompanies the animated seascape. But the aspect of the waves and the accompanying sounds provide cues signalling that the message is about to be removed, just before a wave illustrates the message's removal.

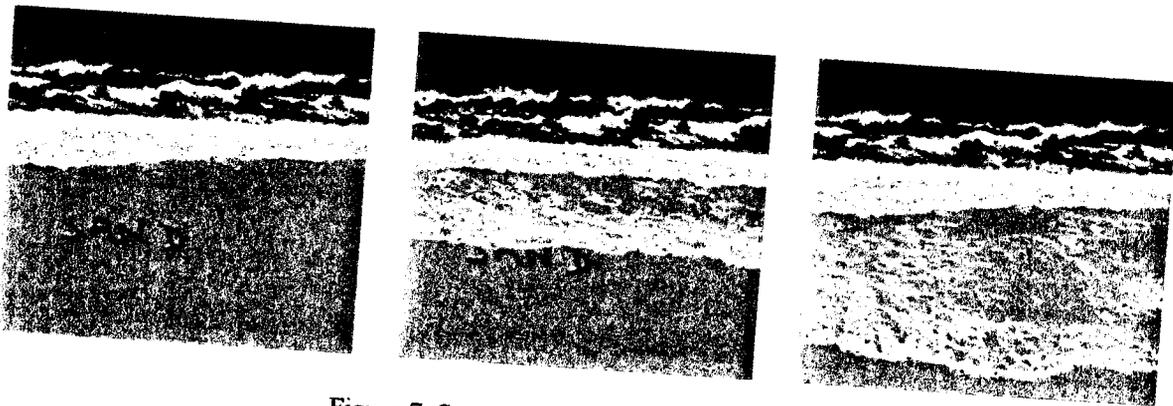


Figure 7. Sand message washed by the sea.

3.3 Skywriter

We have also implemented a type of broadcast message in which a message is displayed to all current users at the same time. This message is assigned a short lifespan and is erased after a few minutes. These messages are broadcast with no assurance that a user will not miss the short display of the message.

We have implemented this form of communication so that it is available from within all parts of the virtual environment. Virtual planes equipped with skywriting abilities write the messages in the sky with smoke. As soon as the message is posted, the letters of the message start to blur and eventually fade away. Figure 8 shows a sequence of frames as the message "SKY" starts to fade. An audio track of a plane begins before the plane is in view and signals the message's arrival.



Figure 8. Skywriting blurs.

3.4 Automatically Generated 2D Animation

In order to create a non-repetitive animation without the overhead of downloading lots of frames we have created an animation specification language. Objects are instantiated from among a selection of *AnimationFX* classes and are combined to create the animation objects that make up the scene. Each animation object is controlled by an *Animator* object that moves the object and a *Flip* object that selects the next frame to show. Our library of *Animator* and *Flip* objects enable us to succinctly specify a wide variety of random animations. Figure 9 shows the animation specification for the swimmer animation. There are six frames in the swimming animation sequence and three different swimmers to choose from. A range specifies how many different animation instances are allowed, in this case there can be two to twelve different swimmers. For each instance (each swimmer) one of the three separate sequences is randomly chosen and a random start time determines when that swimmer will first appears in the scene. A *Flip* object is created for each swimmer which it randomly chooses a starting frame, and varies the rate at which the frames are changed. Thus swimmers will randomly speed up or slow down. A separate *Animator* object is created for each swimmer that varies the distance the swimmer travels each frame tick. Thus, some swimmers will appear stronger or weaker as the animation continues. The use of ranges of random numbers for every parameter creates an ever changing scene.

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baseName=swimmer          /* name of the animation file*/
numberOfFrames=6          /* number of frames in the animation */
numberOfSequences=3       /* number of different sequences */
numInstances=2-12        /* acceptable number of instances in the scene */
startAnimation=1-150     /* range for when an instance starts */
animationType=HORIZ_SEQ /* type of Animator and FLIP to create */
startX=-WIDTH            /* starting x location */
startY=130-160           /* starting y location */
leftDirection=FALSE      /* direction of animation */
variance=3-5             /* range for distance covered changed */
minimumIncrement=1-5     /* range of minimum distance moved */
maximumIncrement=5-15    /* range if maximum distance moved */
minimumSpeedDuration=6-10 /* range for minimum amount of time speed is constant */
maximumSpeedDuration=40-50 /* range for maximum amount of time speed is constant */
repeatPause=1-30        /* range for how long the animation is off-screen */

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Figure 9. Animation Specification For Swimmers

4. A Shared Experience in a Living Map: SubwaySurface

4.1 SubwaySurface

We have implemented a technique for browsing through a collection of items based on a real-world metaphor for travel, in which the linked objects and the browsing technique are closely bound. Objects are associated with real world locations and users navigate through these locations in order to access these items. In effect, this site is a virtual gallery, but one which is not modelled after a real-world art gallery space with paintings on the walls or sculptures on stands. Instead, the browsing technique is the theme of the exhibition and the basis for the virtual environment. The art itself was created in conjunction with the browsing mechanism, and thus the experience was developed with a contextually integrated control interface from the start.

SubwaySurface is an exhibition of photographs taken by Alvaro Munoz. Visitors to the site travel (virtually) on the A-Line of the New York subway system. They can select which station to go to and upon arrival they are presented with one or more photographs taken of the street scenes outside that particular station.

The display is comprised of several components: a main viewer area which represents what the user can see, an information area on which notices are posted, a set of iconic controls, and a live map on which the subway car travels. Visitors browse through the photographs by selecting stations to visit or by taking the guided tour. These displays each change as the context of the visitor changes: the main viewer shows either the interior of the subway car or the scene outside the station, the information sign indicates the status of the ride (current destination, location, or status of the service), and the map shows the user's current location on the A-line. Figure 10 shows the site when the subway is at the 125th Street Station. Figure 11 shows the site as we travel downtown. Sound is used to enhance the experience: a version of "Take The A-Train" is played for ambiance while sound effects are added during subway travel. Travel is initiated by clicking on a subway station which causes the current photograph to be replaced by the user's view from within the subway car. As the next image is being downloaded from the server, the subway car travels to the next station on the map, the Information Sign is changed to indicate the to and from stations, and the noisy sound of subway travel is played over the music. Figure 11 shows the interior of the subway car with other anonymous passengers.



Figure 10. Arriving at the 125th Street Station in Harlem.

Maps are an intuitive method for navigating through objects with spatial associations. In both Art+Com's T_Vision [Gr95] and [Gob96] users navigate a 3D terrain, thus enabling them to access location-based information and hyperlinks. In [Po97] a 2D map is generated and then augmented with layers of various natural phenomena as well as icons (sometimes animated) which provide access to hyperlinked objects. In these examples the map is the primary content element. In SubwaySurface the map area, which only takes up a part of the display, is not the primary content but serves two interaction purposes: it enables travel (i.e. it is the browsing interface) and it indicates the user's current location.

4.2 Animation and Synchronization

We use animation and sound to distract and entertain the user while images download. The animation paths for subway travel are automatically generated by the client applet. Information about the subway line is transmitted to the client along with the map. It includes a list of all stations on different routes, the textual names to be used for labels, and their location on the map. This information is used to generate the list of points used in the animation. The subway car varies in speed as it travels over the map. A *PathPlanner object* is passed all the known points between the two stations. Speed accumulates over the path is formed by selecting points on the train line that are equidistant in time, not in physical distance. Thus, the animation of the subway car is slightly time, and a stopping distance regulates the deceleration. Because this use of animation is designed to distract the user while the photographs are downloaded, the frame rate of the animation is adjusted using the tracked times for transferring each image. The refresh rate of the animation is increased or decreased based on the measured transfer times.

5. Effects to Enhance Telepresence

Several effects were designed to enhance the sense of telepresence for each user, which we outline here.

- *Time*
 - The current time is shown through images that create a visual clock. The seascapes are designed to indicate the user's time of day. Different skies and sun locations are chosen for the daytime, for nighttime, the moon phase is calculated and the appropriate moon is selected. Its placement is also based on the hour.
 - The passage of time is shown by the traces users can leave: the messages in the sea (of messages travelings and being appended to), in the sand and sky (of messages just posted).
- *Space*
 - A larger space is represented by movement and sound. Animation elements come from off screen. Sounds of objects, not yet visible in the user's viewport, precede their visibility, such as a plane heard before appearing. These types of audio cues signal events outside the user's current view and imply that the user's presence in a much larger space [Ga91].
 - The scrollable map in the SubwaySurface specifically shows the scope of the virtual environment in addition to the user's location.
- *Presence of Others*
 - In the SubwaySurface, the interior of the subway car indicates how many other, anonymous, people are on the site.
 - The messages left in the sand indicate that others have passed the same way; while those from the planes indicate a presense elsewhere. The messages in a bottle indicate that people were at the site before.
- *Place*

- Ambient music and the background animation represent where the user is.

6. Implementation

These applications were all implemented as Java [Gos96] applets with accompanying Java servers running on Silicon Graphics hardware with Netscape FastTrack to provide HTTP services. The graphics were created on a Mac with Adobe Photoshop, while testing of animation sequences were done in Macromind Director.

7. Conclusions and Future Work

We have created WWW-based virtual environments in which there is a unification of graphical elements for content and control. The content, though in some cases itself text-based, is integrated into the visual environment to create a coherent metaphorical context for user interaction with the data. Integration of feedback-loop elements directly into the content space will allow experience designers to create more natural feeling interactivity within their virtual worlds. For each user, a customized view of the digital metaphor is generated automatically[Se96].

We have also shown two mechanisms for creating contextual, adaptive interface elements designed specifically to address problems associated with delivering multimedia content on the Web. Unrepetitive scenes were created by dynamically combining layers of short animated graphics to create a more dynamic visual environment for the seascapes projects. Many Web animations are repetitive in an attempt to keep animation file sizes small, but by combining small animation loops in an adaptive manner we are giving users more variety of experience without having to create large, long pre-rendered animations. By using music and intermediary scenes on the Subway Surface project we engage the user with client-side activity while new content is transferred from the server. The interim scenes of people inside the subway car also informs the user of how many other users are currently connected, providing user feedback in a contextual manner.

For the most part there has been an emphasis to render electronic communication efficient (e-mail, subject-based newsgroups and bulletin boards, chat rooms), the idea being that users should be able to find what they are seeking and converse succinctly with known agents. The direct and narrowcast models of communication are concerned with delivering information to a clearly defined, narrow set of recipients. Broadcast and incidental models of communication are concerned with delivering information to anyone who happens upon it. Facilities for incidental communication, unexpected meetings and conversations with people we did not seek out and on subjects we did not necessarily select, can be used to address different communicative needs than the many direct communication facilities currently available. The services described enable this kind of interaction.

As we continue to explore these issues we will be adding more direct interactivity between users in the Metaphorium environments. Soon you will be able to chat with others riding the A train, and we are also developing new metaphorical environments to model different kinds of contextual, adaptive interactivity. We will also be refining our data-gathering methods within the servers and improving the ability of our experiences to respond to user interactions. New projects will continue to explore inefficient or hybrid communications, adaptive interactivity, contextual metaphors, and the general issues of interaction in a Web setting.

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Exhibit R,

message in a Bottle



Toss a message in a bottle into the surf of the Internet sea. Eventually, it may wash up in the form of E-mail on someone's personal beach.

And one day soon, you may be walking in the crisp early morning air along the shore freshly swept clean by the high tide, and at your feet you'll catch the glimmer of

something half-buried in the sand. Could it be...?

Scribble your note and seal it up, then cast it out into the currents as hard as you can.

What is your name and e-mail address?

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

What do you want to write on your message in a bottle?

[Large empty box for writing the message]

Cast In!



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```
#!/usr/bin/perl
#
# Copyright 1996 Wes Modes
# This application was designed and created by Wes Modes for BC Magazine
#
# Message in a Bottle
#
# No part of this program may be used in another application without
# the permission of the author.
#
# Updated: Mon 26 Aug.
# E-mail to: modes@kiva.net
#

$base = "/home2/modes/www/bottle";
$ocean = "ocean";
$contrib = "contrib.db";

# unbuffer
$/=1;

use CGI qw(:standard);
require "dan_o.pl";

#$logging = 1; # change to 1 to turn logging on
$URL="http://www.thespoon.com/bottle/bottle.cgi";
$prevpage = param("prevpage");

#
# if no params (just got here) go to splash page
if (! param()) {
    &log_visitor if $logging;
    &splash_form_a;
    &splash_form_b;
}
#
# if we're coming from the splash page, go to results
} elsif ($prevpage eq "splash") {
    #
    # ...but we have left a field blank, back to splash and warn
    if (!param('name') | !param('email')) {
        &splash_form_a("-- More Info!");
        &need_more_info();
        &splash_form_b(param('name'),param('email'),param('text'));
    }
    #
    # ...but we have left the message blank, back to splash and warn
    } elsif (!param('text')) {
        &splash_form_a("-- No Message!");
        &need_more_text();
        &splash_form_b(param('name'),param('email'),param('text'));
    }
    #
    # ...but email is invalid, back to splash and warn
    } elsif (! is_valid_email(param('email')))) {
        &splash_form_a("-- Invalid E-mail Address!");
        &invalid_email();
        &splash_form_b(param('name'),param('email'),param('text'));
    }
    #
    # ...then go to results page
    } else {
        &results_form(param('name'),param('email'),param('text'));
    }
}
#
# if coming from any other page, go to pickup page
} else {
    &log_visitor if $logging;
    &splash_form_a;
    &splash_form_b(param('name'),param('email'),param('text'));
}

&print_footer;
print end_html;

sub print_header {
    local($title)=@_;
    print header;
    print <<EOT;

<HEAD>
<TITLE>
$title
</TITLE>
<META NAME="author" CONTENT="Wes Modes <modes@kiva.net>">
<META NAME="description" CONTENT="...">
<META NAME="keywords" CONTENT="...">

<BODY bgcolor="#ffffff" link="#ff0000" alink="#ff0000" vlink="#ff0000">
```

```

<TABLE WIDTH=700><TR><TD>
<CENTER>
<IMG SRC="images/bottlehead.gif" ALT=" Message in a Bottle" WIDTH=377 HEIGHT=113 BORDER=0>
</CENTER>
EOT
}

```

```

sub print_footer {
    print <<EOT

```

```

<BR>
<CENTER>
<FONT SIZE=2>Designed and created by
<A HREF="http://www.kiva.net/~modes">Wes Modes</A>.<BR>
Copyright <FONT SIZE=3>&copy;</FONT> 1996 Wes Modes<BR>
E-mail to: <A HREF="mailto:webmaster@thespoon.com">
WebMaster\@thespoon.com</A>
</CENTER>
<TABLE WIDTH=420><TR><TD>

```

```

</BODY>

```

```

</HTML>

```

```

EOT
}

```

```

sub need_more_info() {
    print <<EOT;
    <P><CENTER>
        <FONT SIZE=+1 COLOR=RED><B>
            You need to fill in all the blanks below!
        </B></FONT>
    </CENTER><P>

```

```

EOT
}

```

```

sub need_more_text() {
    print <<EOT;
    <P><CENTER>
        <FONT SIZE=+1 COLOR=RED><B>
            You need to put a message in your bottle! Try something like this:
            "Hi, this is a message in a bottle! Please send me a reply
            and tell me something about yourself."
        </B></FONT>
    </CENTER><P>

```

```

EOT
}

```

```

sub is_valid_email() {
    local($email) = @_;

    if ($email =~ /^[\.w. &+-]+\@([\w-]+\.)+[\w]+$/) {
        1;
    } else {
        0;
    }
}

```

```

sub invalid_email() {
    local($email) = @_;

```

```

    print <<EOT;
    <P><CENTER>
        <TABLE ALIGN=CENTER WIDTH=75%>
        <TR><TH>
            <FONT SIZE=+1 COLOR=RED><B>
                That doesn't look like an e-mail address. Your address will look
                something like johndoe@wisteria.com
            </B></FONT>
        </TH></TR>
        </TABLE>
    </CENTER><P>

```

```

EOT
}

```

```

sub prep_user_text() {
    local($usertext) = @_;

```

```

# strip html
# based on Tom Christianson's striphtml ("striff tummel")
# tchrist@perl.com
# version 1.1: Sat Feb 3 06:23:50 MST 1996
# comments first
$usertext =~
    s{ <!
        # comments begin with a `<!'
        # followed by 0 or more comments;

```

```

(.*?)
(
  --
  --.*?
  \s*
)+
(.*?)
>
){
  if ($1 || $3) {
    "<!$1 $3>";
  }
}gesx;

# now html tags
$usertext =~
s{ <
  (?:
    # Non-backreffing grouping paren [^>'"] *
    |
    # opening angle bracket
    # or else
    # a section between double quotes (stingy match)
    # or else
    # a section between single quotes (stingy match)
    # repetire ad libitum
    # hm... are null tags <> legal? XXX
    # closing angle bracket
    # mutate into nada, nothing, and niente
  )+
  }gsx;

$usertext =~ s/<!--[^\>]+>//g;
$usertext =~ s/<[^\>]+>//g;
$usertext =~ s/'/#96/g;
$usertext =~ s/\n/<BR>/g;
$usertext =~ s/
//g;

return($usertext);
}

```

```

sub is_safe() {
  local($text) = @_;

  $text !~ /\b666\b|\bass\b|asshole|bible|bitch/i &&
  $text !~ /blow|blowjob|\bbutt\b|butthead|bchrist\b/i &&
  $text !~ /clitoris|\bcock\b|cornhol|cornholio|cracker/i &&
  $text !~ /crap|\bcum\b|cunnilingus|cunt|defecat/i &&
  $text !~ /faggot|fart|felching|fellatio|feltching/i &&
  $text !~ /fuck|genitalia|goddam|\bhomo\b|honkey/i &&
  $text !~ /mastrubat|molest|niger|nigger|ofay/i &&
  $text !~ /peckerwood|penis|\bpiss\b|pussy|queer/i &&
  $text !~ /rape|rimjob|sodomasoc|satan|screw/i &&
  $text !~ /semen|sex|slut|spic|suck/i &&
  $text !~ /\btit\b|twat|urin|vagina|whore/i;
}

```

```

sub gen_codeword() {
  local($name) = @_;

  $name =~ s/^(S+)\@.*\//1/;
  $name = substr($name,0,4);
  $name =~ tr/A-Z/a-z/;

  $num = ( $$ | time ) % 9999;
  $codeword = $name . $num;
  while (-f "$ocean/$codeword") {
    $num = ( $$ | time ) % 9999;
    $codeword = $name . $num;
  }
  return($codeword);
}

```

```

sub record_message() {
  local($name,$email,$text) = @_;

  $codeword = gen_codeword($email);

  # create message file
  #
  open(MESSAGE,">$ocean/$codeword") ||
  die "Can't open message file!";
  print MESSAGE <<EOT;
  name="$name"
  email="$email"
}

```

```

text="$text"
EOT
  close(MESSAGE);
  system("chmod 604 $ocean/$codeword");

  # if contrib db is not there, create it
  if (! -f "$contrib") {
    system("touch $contrib");
    system("chmod 606 $contrib");
  }

  # add name to database
  #
  open(CONTRIB, ">>$contrib") ||
  die "Can't open contrib db!";
  print CONTRIB "$email\n";
  close(CONTRIB);
}

sub splash_form_a() {
  local($add_head) = @_ ;

  &print_header("Message in a Bottle $add_head");
  print <<EOT;

  <IMG SRC="images/seabottle.gif" ALIGN=LEFT>

  <P>Toss a message in a bottle into the surf of the Internet sea.
  Eventually, it may wash up in the form of E-mail on someone's
  personal beach.

  <P>And one day soon, you may be walking in the crisp early morning
  air along the shore freshly swept clean by the high tide, and at
  your feet you'll catch the glimmer of something half-buried in the
  sand. Could it be...?

  <P><B>Scribble your note and seal it up, then cast it out into the
  currents as hard as you can.</B>
EOT
}

sub splash_form_b() {
  local($name,$email,$text) = @_ ;

  print <<EOT;

  <FORM METHOD="POST" ACTION="$URL"
  ENCTYPE=application/x-www-form-urlencoded>

  <CENTER>
  <TABLE Align="center" Width="80%">
    <TR><TD COLSPAN=2 ALIGN=CENTER>
      <B>What is your name and e-mail address?</B>
    </TD></TR>
    <TR><TD width="50%">
      Name:
      <INPUT TYPE="text" NAME="name" VALUE="$name" SIZE=20 MAXLENGTH=50>
    </TD><TD width="50%">
      E-mail:
      <INPUT TYPE="text" NAME="email" VALUE="$email" SIZE=20 MAXLENGTH=50>
    </TD></TR>
  </TABLE>
  <P>
  <B>What do you want to write on your message in a bottle?</B><BR>
  <TEXTAREA NAME="text" ROWS=5 COLS=70>$text</TEXTAREA>
  <INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="prevpage" VALUE="splash">
  <P>
  <INPUT type="image" src="images/shell.gif"
  alt="Cast In!" width=126 height=65 border=0>
  <!--INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="Cast In!" VALUE="Cast In!"-->
  </CENTER>
</FORM>
EOT
}

sub results_form() {
  local($name,$email,$text) = @_ ;

  $text = $prep_user_text($text);
  $name = $prep_user_text($name);

  &print_header("Message in a Bottle -- Bottle Cast!");
  print <<EOT;

  <TABLE>
  <TR><TD>
  You've cast your message in a bottle out into the Internet
  surf. Here's the message someone will find in their mailbox:

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```
</TD><TD>
<IMG SRC="images/bottletoss.gif" ALIGN=RIGHT ALT="Message in a bottle">
</TD></TR>
</TABLE>
```

```
<BR>
<CENTER>
<TABLE WIDTH=80%>
<TR><TD>
<TT>
<P>From: $name <$email><BR>
Subject: Message in a Bottle<BR>
```

<P>You're walking in the crisp early morning air along the shore, freshly swept clean by the high tide. At your feet you catch the glimmer of something half-buried in the sand. Could it be? Yes, a bottle And with something inside! A message:

```
<P>-----<BR>
$text
```

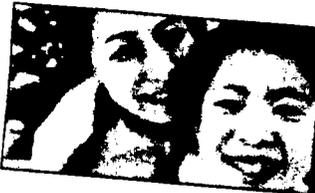
```
<CENTER><P>
Signed,<BR>
$name<BR>
$email<BR>
```

```
</CENTER>
</TT>
</TD></TR>
```

```
<TR><TD ALIGN=CENTER>
<FORM METHOD="POST" ENCTYPE=application/x-www-form-urlencoded>
<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="name" VALUE="$name">
<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="email" VALUE="$email">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="Cast In!" VALUE="Cast Another Bottle!">
</FORM>
</TABLE>
</CENTER>
```

EOT

```
} &record_message($name,$email,$text) if (&is_safe($text));
```



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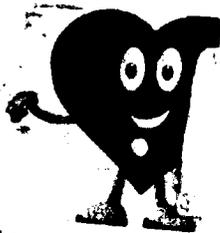
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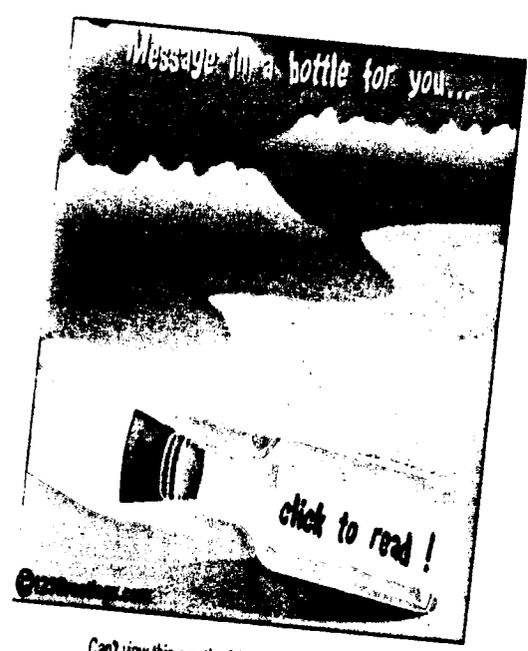
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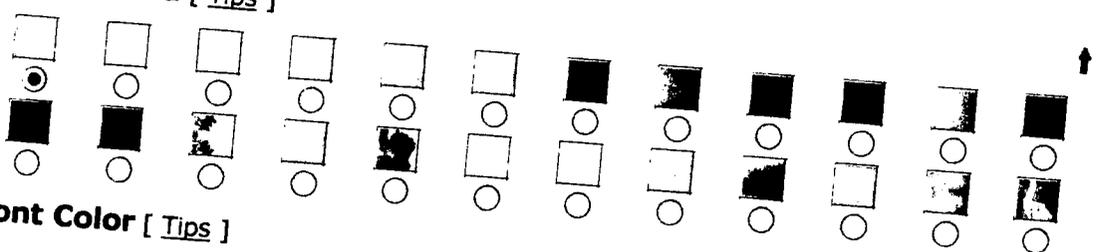
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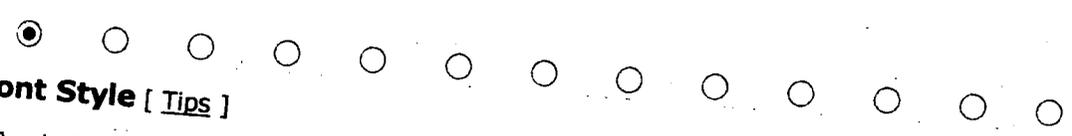
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MEXICO.

FAREWELL MESSAGE OF SHIP-WRECKED MEN.

FOUND IN A BOTTLE IN THE GULF
OF MEXICO.

Diary Reports Repudiation of Alleged
Interviews With Finance Minister
Limantour Printed in New York
Times—Purchase Money for Cigarette
Factories.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

CITY OF MEXICO (Mex.) June 5.—
[Exclusive Dispatch.]—The War Department has just ordered the publication of a message enclosed in a bottle found floating in the Rio de Cano river mouth, 30 miles from Alvarado, Gulf of Mexico. The message reads: "On board the ship Virginia, a group of shipwrecked men in the Caribbean Sea take leave of friends," signed by "Carlos Romero and Antonio Quintanilla."

The *Diario*, the official governmental daily organ, says the interviews with Limantour and Creel of the New York Times are unwarranted. While it cannot state just what the Finance Minister and Creel said, knowing the circumspection and tact of Limantour, he cannot have stated what the interview sets forth. The monetary question was referred to a commission by the government some time since, which has not yet submitted a report; therefore the government has made no decision, and Limantour could not inform the American press thereof.

Moreover, the commission appointed by the government to enter into negotiations abroad in the same matter composed of Messrs. Creel and Camacho, the latter financial agent of Mexico in London, has not reported, and any interview is immature and entirely unwarranted.

F. S. Health, agent of New York parties in the purchase of the big tobacco factories in this capital, has gone north to make arrangements for payment of the purchase money on the three cigarette companies to be merged.

The Mexican Petroleum Company at Ebano, in Tamaulipas, has just placed an order with the Estinghouse Church Kerr Company, New York, for an oil-burning engine for its local lines.

Marius DeZayas Enriquez, son of the new Mexican Consul-General to San Francisco, left yesterday with the rest of the family to join the father. Mrs. C. H. Ward of this city left Wednesday for Los Angeles to spend the summer.

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Paper: Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities
Title: 1956 message in a bottle catches up with its sender
Date: August 20, 1987

The note in the ketchup bottle was dated April 2, 1956. It read: "My age is eight years old and one half. I weigh 65 pounds. I am four feet and five inches high. The writer of this note is Joel G . . ."

The rest of the last name was undecipherable, but it came with an address in Mound.

Duane Froh of Genoa, Wis., pulled the bottle out of the Mississippi River last Oct. 31, took it home and showed it to his wife, Diane. Ever since, she said Wednesday, "It's been really on my mind: Whatever happened to that little boy?"

Yesterday she found out. Joel Gruhn, 39, is a physicist and director of product engineering for a company in Rhode Island. His note in the bottle, dropped by his father from the Washington Av. Bridge in Minneapolis while Gruhn was hospitalized with polio, has been the butt of a family joke for decades.

"Every time we'd get together we'd say to Joel, 'Gee, nobody ever found your bottle yet,'" his mother, Eleanor Gruhn of Minnetrista, said yesterday.

After the bottle surfaced in Genoa, 175 miles south of Minneapolis, Diane Froh tried to find its sender. She contacted the Mound school system to no avail. Then the La Crosse Tribune ran an article Sunday on her search, the Associated Press picked up the story and a Twin Cities radio station broadcast it Monday.

John Lewis of Mound, a schoolmate of Joel Gruhn, heard the report and called the radio station, and the mystery was solved. Gruhn said that he is happy and surprised that the note was found but that he wishes it had traveled farther.

Diane Froh theorized that the bottle must have lain embedded in the river bank for years before being dislodged by recent high water. She said the note was in good condition when it was found, but soon began to crumble. She has put it in a picture holder in an effort to preserve it.

Gruhn said he plans to contact the Frohs in hopes of getting a copy of the note.

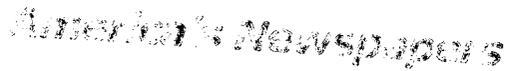
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Paper: The Record (New Jersey)
 Title: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE DELIVERS A PEN PAL
 Date: August 20, 1987

When 9-year-old Adreanne Hoyer persuaded a fisherman to toss a note in a bottle into the Atlantic Ocean, she expected it to drift back to the U.S. shoreline.

But the bottle floated to the coast of France, where it was discovered by a German family on vacation. As a result, the Perry Township girl has acquired a pen pal from Berlin.

The bottle's journey began a year ago, on a trip to Cape Hatteras, N.C., by the Hoyer family. Charley and Susan Hoyer took the vacation with their two daughters, Alendria and Adreanne.

"Just before that, we had read an article about a little girl and her father who took cruises and set messages adrift," Mrs. Hoyer said this week. "Adreanne said, 'Can we try that when we go to the ocean?'"

Adreanne and her father put a postcard in a Coca-Cola bottle that included the girl's name, address, and the request, "Please write back if you find this." Father and daughter contacted a fisherman, who agreed to take the bottle and note 30 to 50 miles out to sea and set it adrift.

The Berlin family found the bottle on July 21, 10 days short of a year after the message was thrown into the Atlantic.

"Hello Adreanne!" was the greeting the Hoyer girl received in a letter from Germany.

"My name is Christine and I am 18 years old. I come from Berlin. I spend my holidays with my parents and my sister in a small town at the coast of Bretagne in France. There at the coast found my father at the 21st of July your bottle with the postcard and the desire of sending you the postcard back.

"Please write me back, too."

Adreanne feels somewhat obligated to write back because she had offered a small reward for returning the postcard. What does she intend to send?

"I haven't figured out yet," Adreanne said.

Caption:

AP PHOTO - Adreanne Hoyer with letter answering her message in a bottle.

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Paper: Sun-Sentinel

Title: WOMAN GETS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, BUT IT ISN'T FROM A FARAWAY LAND

Date: May 1, 1988

When she was a child, Shawnee Biernat was captivated by the romance and mystery of the sea that she found in adventure novels.

For 10 years, she has watched the waters, waiting for a bottle to wash ashore with an exotic message from a faraway land.

Finally, in the Gulf Stream off of Islamorada, the Wilton Manors resident found her bottle.

But it wasn't from a faraway land.

It was from a Broward County high school student.

No matter.

"Isn't this just great?" Biernat, 31, said. "It's like finding a pen pal through the sea. I just think it's so exciting. You never know what you will find."

The bottle was tossed into the water in March by Patrice Major, a senior at Deerfield Beach High School. The message wasn't quite exotic: It asked only that the finder contact Major.

Students from the school released 57 bottles into the water while on a weeklong cruise to Mexico in March, English teacher Marda Wood said. So far, two have been found.

Wood said the activity was partly for fun and partly to comply with a state law requiring high school students to complete one writing assignment weekly.

"It was kind of like a game," said Amy Schiling, another student whose bottle was found by a fisherman. "No one expected anything to come from it, so it's really weird that something did."

Biernat, who goes fishing most weekends with her husband, said she will keep watching the waters, especially if there are 55 more bottles from Deerfield High students floating around.

"I'm always looking for bottles," Biernat said. "I know it's a little crazy, but I've always been watching for messages in the water."

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America's Newspapers

Paper: St. Petersburg Times
Title: Message in a bottle gets Welsh reply
Date: August 1, 1988

ST. PETERSBURG BEACH - Five years ago, while vacationing with his family on an island near Nassau, Nick Biddle stuffed a note in a champagne bottle and dropped it in the Atlantic Ocean.

Only 5 at the time, Nick knew that messages in bottles were merely the stuff of kids' dreams. But he never forgot the bottle or the note, which contained his name, address, and a short message: "Please, when you find this, could you write me back?" Last week Nick's dream arrived in the mail.

"Dear Sir (Nick)," it began. "Whilst walking on the beach one morning I saw in a rock pool an old champagne bottle which, I imagine, must have been five or six years old judging by the marine growth it had collected.

"I can only assume that it was possibly a young boy's treasure bottle, so I am writing to let you know it has been found after all this time even though sadly it had to be broken. Yours truly, A. Bennett."

Alan Bennett said he found the bottle while vacationing near The Mumbles, a coastal town in southern Wales about 60 miles west of Bristol, England. That's a straight-line distance of more than 4,400 miles.

"I was very surprised to find the bottle had traveled such a long way," the 60-year-old retired British Airways employee said in a telephone interview Sunday. "I thought the least that I could do was write this gentleman back."

"I always had it on my mind, but when I heard about the letter, I got really excited," said Nick, now 10 and a fifth-grader at Gulf Beaches Elementary School. When he tossed the bottle in the ocean, "I thought it would be brought back to shore and broken."

Nick plans to write back his new-found pen pal, who lives in the Welsh town of Treharris. "I want to thank him for writing back and ask him more questions about where he found the bottle," he said.

Bennett's letter has made at least one grown-up believe that wishes sometimes come true.

"I didn't believe it when I first saw" the letter, said Nick's mother, Nancy. "If it didn't have the foreign postmark and stamp, I would have thought it was some kind of joke. The 'whilst' really gave it away."

Caption:
Map of Atlantic Ocean showing point in Bahamas where Nick Biddle tossed his bottle into the ocean and point in Wales where Alan Bennett found it

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America's Newspapers

Paper: THE ORLANDO SENTINEL
Title: MESSAGE IN BOTTLE TAKES A 34-YEAR OCEAN VOYAGE
Date: January 31, 1990

A barnacle-covered bottle with a message inside apparently survived a journey from South Africa to England - 34 years after it was tossed into the sea.

Anna Alexander of the Cornish town of New Polzeath said that while walking along a beach Sunday in southwestern England, she found the bottle.

"I could hardly believe my eyes, and I still can't, that this fragile bottle had been in the water all that time," Alexander said.

She said she broke the bottle to get to the contents: a 1956 South African shilling and a piece of paper with the name Ryan Smith and an address near Durban, South Africa, written on it.

"This bottle in all probability has been on the most incredible journey," Alexander said Tuesday.

"It couldn't have come direct. We think really that this bottle has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles."

Alexander said she has begun looking for Smith.

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America's Newspapers

Paper: Tulsa World
Title: Message in a Bottle Found 34 Years Later
Date: January 31, 1990

LONDON (AP) - A woman said Tuesday that while walking along a beach in southwestern England, she found a barnacle-covered bottle with a message inside that apparently was tossed into the sea 34 years ago in South Africa.

"I could hardly believe my eyes, and I still can't, that this fragile bottle had been in the water all that time," Anna Alexander of the Cornish town of New Polzeath said.

Ms. Alexander claims to have picked up the bottle Sunday while beachcombing.

She said she broke the bottle to get to the contents: a 1956 South African shilling and a piece of paper with the name Ryan Smith and an address near Durban, South Africa, written on it.

"This bottle in all probability has been on the most incredible journey," Ms. Alexander said. "It couldn't have come direct. We think really that this bottle has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles."

Ms. Alexander said she has begun looking for Ryan Smith.

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 Title: TIME IN A BOTTLE / AFTER 15 YEARS, OCEAN CITY MAN'S MESSAGE IN BOTTLE REACHES BAHAMAS
 Date: February 28, 1990

About 15 years ago, back when he was a boy, Ocean City resident Tom Oves Jr. wrote a brief message, sealed it in an empty bottle, and then tossed the bottle off a local jetty into the ocean.

The 26-year-old science teacher says he never expected his message to raise an answer - least of all after so many years and from so far away.

But, about two weeks ago, Oves got a letter from a Michael McCormick of Dallas. Oves' note from the bottle had been sent with the letter.

McCormick reported that, while vacationing with his family last year on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas, he found a Coca-Cola bottle washed up on the beach.

The bottle's cap had all but eroded away, but a back-up cork was still functional. Inside, Oves' note was all rolled up in a sandwich bag, wrapped with deteriorating rubber bands and written in childish scrawl on a dingy piece of paper.

McCormick apparently didn't have to break the glass to get at the note, but he left the bottle back on the beach. He sent the tattered note, though, and Oves intends to frame it.

"The message didn't say much. It just said, 'Whoever finds this note, please send it to my address in Ocean City and say when and where you found it.' Luckily, my mom and dad still live at the same address," laughs Oves, a faculty member at Wildwood High School, where he also coaches freshman basketball.

"We used to do that kind of thing a lot when we were kids," he explains of the message in the bottle. "I guess because of living in Ocean City, we were right by the beach, and there really wasn't much else to do during the winter."

Bad grammar

Although he hadn't inscribed the message with a date, Oves says he can tell the time period because of his bad handwriting and equally bad grammar. "It was a time in my life when I wasn't using commas," he recalls.

The bachelor says he was "extremely surprised" not only by the response to his message, but also by the location of the bottle's discovery.

Eleuthera is approximately 1,400 miles away from Ocean City, and while that seems far, it probably wouldn't take a bottle nearly 16 years to float there, according to Oves.

"The Gulf stream comes up from the Bahamas, so it couldn't have traveled straight down there," explains the science teacher. "It probably went around the whole ocean before it landed there, traveling with the current - first north, then south and finally west."

But that round-about route still would not take nearly 16 years.

Oves theorizes that, judging by McCormick's report about the worn ridges in the bottle, the missile probably washed up on many shores before finally winding up in Eleuthera.

He said he explained all that to his students, many of whom were as excited as their teacher over the bottle's discovery.

Beyond that, though, the only lesson the message-in-a-bottle adventure offers in these harried, modern times, says Oves, is that such adventures should occur no more.

"I don't think it's responsible to throw bottles out into the ocean," says the teacher. "The ocean is filled with enough garbage as it is."

The bottle teacher Tom Oves Jr. tossed in the water eventually was found in the Bahamas. Staff color photo by Tom Kinnemand

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Atlantic City's Newspapers

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 Title: GIRL'S MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE TRAVELS AN ENTIRE ... 5 MILES
 Date: December 16, 1990

She may have had more exotic hopes, thinking she'd be communicating with someone in Africa, or Asia, or Europe.

Instead her message landed in Sea Isle City, about five miles from where it started.

"When I found it and read it I said, 'This kid's going to be so disappointed it ended up in Sea Isle,'" said local resident Irene Jameson.

What Jameson found was a sealed plastic bottle that had washed up on the 17th Street beach at low tide.

Inside was a message from a Pennsylvania third-grader, asking two colorfully-illustrated questions: "Is the whale extinct yet? Is the leopard extinct yet?"

Alongside the questions posed by Bridget Sullivan, aged 8, were drawings of a whale and a leopard.

And at the bottom of the letter Bridget wrote, "Country: United States."

Knowing that the third-grader might be disappointed that her letter hadn't crossed the Atlantic, Jameson decided to make the best of the situation: she's written back to Bridget and invited her entire Penn Wood School third-grade class to Sea Isle City in May or June.

If the class accepts, the children will be bused in at the expense of the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission, given a walk on the beach and an environmental pep talk, and treated to a pizza lunch.

"We thought it was an opportunity to turn something that really wasn't a good thing to do, into a good chance to bring them down and tell them about pollution," she said. "We just want them to be aware of how harmful this can be (when whales and dolphins ingest plastic and die)."

Jameson also sent Bridget a coloring book and a t-shirt featuring Sea Isle City's efforts to save the diamondback terrapin turtles, which get killed by cars each year as they cross the roadways to lay eggs.

"I just thought it was exciting!" said Bridget, who tossed the message into the water in Ocean City at Thanksgiving as part of a class project. "We just wanted to find out who would find it and where it would end up."

"The idea was for it to go a million miles away and be found in the year 2075. It was supposed to be a time-capsule type thing," said Bridget mother, Barbara Sullivan. "And it was found in Sea Isle."

"But (Bridget) read the letter to the children and she wore the t-shirt to school the next day," she added. "It's really a nice thing and she was all smiles from ear-to-ear."

That it was Jameson who found the bottle and picked it up can't really be called a coincidence; she's on the beach most days out of the year.

In the summer she combs the beach with about 50 others, picking up shells and starfish and seaweed.

As one of the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission's Beachcomber Walk guides, she takes groups of residents and tourists along the beach, pointing out the abundant marine life that often gets overlooked.

During the colder months when most people are off the beach, Jameson is often alone - the only person on a wide stretch of sand - and she's picking up bags, cans and bottles from 1st Street to 30th Street.

She has "adopted" that stretch of beach, and takes part of the responsibility for keeping it clean.

Jameson, however, said that the volume of this year's trash doesn't compare to previous years.'

This season she only picks up half a bag of trash each day. In winters past, two 20-gallon bags a day would be weighed down with cans and bottles.

"I call myself the bag lady of Sea Isle," she said. "Mostly I just want to encourage people when they are walking on the beach, if they see something that's dangerous ... pick it up," she said.

Irene Jameson displays the message and its bottle. Press photo
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America's Newspapers

Paper: St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Title: Message In A Bottle Travels 9,400 Miles
Date: December 27, 1991

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Three years ago, Patrick Fiddler, then 9, put a message and his address in a bottle and dropped it into the Atlantic Ocean at a beach in North Carolina.

Last week, he got a reply - from the island nation of Mauritius, about 9,400 miles away in the Indian Ocean.

The note to Patrick said, "On holidays in Mauritius, I found your message on the seashore at Tron aux biches." The vacationer's name was illegible.

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Paper: The News & Observer
Title: Message in a bottle floats 9,400 miles
Date: December 27, 1991

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Three years ago, Patrick Fiddler put a message in a bottle and dropped it into the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast.

Last week, the 12-year-old Charleston boy received a reply -- from the island nation of Mauritius, about 9,400 miles away in the Indian Ocean.

The note in the soda bottle, which Patrick dropped into the water on a visit to Avon, said simply, "Hi!" and included his address.

"I expected it to wash down the beach or in America somewhere," Patrick said Wednesday.

But ocean currents apparently carried the bottle around the tip of Africa to Mauritius, about 500 miles east of Madagascar.

A vacationer found the bottle on a beach and wrote to "Monsieur Patrick Fiddler."

"On holidays in Mauritius, I found your message on the seashore at Tron aux biches," the vacationer wrote. "It pleases me to send it back to you."
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America's Newspapers

Paper: New Haven Register (CT)
Title: Message in bottle remains a mystery
Date: March 18, 1994

Fallon and Nicole Stephens' daily walks on Laurel Beach are usually routine affairs.

Then they spotted the old bottle Monday afternoon, half-buried in the sand.

Peering inside, the sisters, ages 12 and 14, saw a note.

They unfolded the brown paper and read the handwritten words. Suddenly, it was like a Nancy Drew mystery book had come to life.

"Please help me. I have been kidnapped by two white men. We are staying in the woods by the water. Carol Coleman. Please help me," the note read.

The sisters hurried straight home and showed the note to their parents.

"You never know if it's a hoax or not. We felt better bringing it to the police," said Mary Stephens, the girls' mother.

Officer James Garfield examined the note and listened to the girls' story. He used a teletype machine to send information about the note to police agencies throughout the country.

Records of missing persons were checked but no "Carol Coleman" had been reported missing.

The mystery deepened, however, when Waterbury police officials spotted the bulletin and called Garfield.

A Waterbury officer said two bottles were found on the banks of the Naugatuck River last summer. Similar notes were found in each bottle bearing the same name, but no one named "Carol Coleman" had been reported missing.

The Naugatuck River flows into the Housatonic River. The note found by the Stephens girls was found near the mouth of the Housatonic.

Police spokesman Officer Edward Kelly said there is no way to tell yet whether the note is real or a hoax.

"We've lived here for years and we always take walks on the beach. We've never found anything like this," said Mary Stephens. "My kids have put notes in bottles before, but this is a real mystery."

The message-in-a-bottle theme is apparently a family trait.

"My brother-in-law threw a bottle with a note in it and got a message back," she said.

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America's Newspapers

Paper: THE ORLANDO SENTINEL
Title: MESSAGE IN BOTTLE HOLDS A WOMAN'S PLEA FOR HELP
Date: March 19, 1994

Two girls looking for seashells found a bottle containing a plea for help from a woman claiming she was kidnapped - the third such find in a year. The bottle washed ashore earlier this week. It read: "Please help me. I have been kidnapped by two white men. We are staying in the woods by the water. Carol Coleman. Please help me." Milford police spokesman Edward Kelly said Waterbury police investigated two bottles found last summer, but could not find a Carol Coleman. "We're looking at this seriously at this point," Kelly said. Fallon Stephens, 12, and her sister, Nicole, 14, found the bottle on Laurel Beach. The girls said they thought it would be from a writer looking for a pen pal. They said they were shocked when they read the note.

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 Title: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - AND
 SENDER - WIND UP IN SPAIN;
 WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH
 Date: June 29, 1994

I hope that someone gets my, I hope that someone gets my, I hope that someone gets my, message in a bottle. - The rock band The Police

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - Two years ago, someone did get 17-year-old Beverly Laing's message in a bottle - the one she tossed into the ocean in June 1986 while cruising on a sailboat somewhere between The Bahamas and the Berry Islands.

Mario Dominguez Aguilar, then an 18-year-old student, found the message while walking on the beach near La Coruna, a city in northwest Spain.

When Mr. Aguilar opened the bottle he found on the beach, which had been sealed in a plastic bag, he found the following message:

"No matter how young or old, great or small, to send such a message is a fantasy for all." Following the rhyme, on paper from a small spiral notebook, was written "Overboard: 6-30-86. 10:15 p.m. Please return to sender." Ms. Laing's name and address were at the bottom.

Maybe it was fate. That message was the beginning of a two-year correspondence that wound up when Ms. Laing met her pen-pal during the year she spent in Spain as a foreign exchange student.

"It was really neat to finally meet him," said Ms. Laing, who returned home last week and will be a senior at Laney High School in the fall.

"I've always wanted to learn Spanish and become fluent," Ms. Laing said. When her older sister went to Ecuador and Costa Rica with two different programs at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, that fueled Ms. Laing's curiosity. The letter from Spain was the clincher.

"I chose Spain because I wanted to learn pure Spanish," Ms. Laing said. "And after that guy wrote me, I thought maybe I could see him.

Mr. Aguilar was an engineering student at a college in Madrid, about 15 minutes by bus from Moncloa, where Ms. Laing was staying. He was finishing his final semester of summer school when she arrived with Youth For Understanding's foreign exchange program. The two only managed to meet once before he returned to his home, she said.

She spent her year with a Spanish family, including an older brother and an 11-year-old sister with whom she shared a room. It took a while to adjust to the high-speed Spanish the natives speak, Ms. Laing said.

"The worst thing about it was when I got there I had no clue of Spanish whatsoever," she said. "I learned how to say 'slow down' very early."

By the time she left, Ms. Laing was writing term papers in Spanish and finished with two A-pluses and three As in courses such as Spanish history and Spanish literature.

The trip overseas has shaped her career goals.

"I would like to teach Spanish here in the States or teach English as a second language in Spain or another Spanish-speaking country," Ms. Laing said.

While she's waiting, she will continue to check the mail.

During her Christmas vacation in 1992, on another sailing trip to the islands, she dropped two more messages overboard.

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Paper: The Tampa Tribune
Title: Message in a bottle reaches Hawaii after 10 years afloat
Date: March 3, 1995

HONOLULU – A message in a bottle tossed into the ocean off Japan by students floated and bobbed around the Pacific Ocean for 10 years before washing ashore in Hawaii.

Sandra and Edward Kitaoka and their neighbor, Windy Kanehailua, found the brown bottle Sunday on a beach north of Honolulu.

"This bottle was thrown into the sea off the coast of Togane, Japan, in August 1985," a note inside the bottle says. It also contained versions in Japanese and Spanish.

The note, from members of the Togane High School Earth Science Club, asks the finder to send back to the club a note about who found it and where it washed ashore. The students, however, have long since graduated.

Roger Lucas, University of Hawaii oceanography professor, said the bottle probably got caught in a series of clockwise currents.

Lucas said it takes three to four years to make the journey around the Pacific, which suggests the bottle may have circled three times before it was found.

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Title: MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE LINKS LOVERS 13 YEARS LATER A MARYLAND FAMILY FOUND A BOTTLE WITH A MESSAGE FROM A LONELY ITALIAN SEAMAN, WHO HAD WRITTEN TO HIS WIFE.

Date: September 26, 1995

"At this place, at this moment, my heart is filled with love for you, my sweet Vera."

And so begins the love letter Italian seaman Vito Marie D'Abundeo tucked into a glass bottle some 13 years ago and, with hope and heart, tossed into the white-capped waters off the coast of Spain.

The letter was scripted to Vera, Vito's wife back home in Sorrento, Italy. Because there was no way the lovesick and lonely D'Abundeo, traveling on an Italian merchant ship from Liverpool, England, to New Orleans, La., could communicate with his true love, a heartfelt message in a bottle was his only hope.

Written at the end of Vito's bottled correspondence was Vera's address and a request that the finder of the bottle complete the final leg of the letter's journey.

Thirteen years later, D'Abundeo got his wish.

During a week-long stay in Bermuda this summer, the Hudson family from Freeland, Md., stumbled upon a romantic mystery.

With her parents, Laura and Thomas, heading back to the hotel for some rest, Erin Hudson, 10, decided to explore her tropical surroundings and headed to the beach.

There, washed ashore by a recent storm, Erin found a large French water bottle, with a message inside.

Artifact in hand, an excited Erin sprinted back to the hotel and presented the find to her parents, who were relaxing on the balcony.

After getting pliers from the hotel to unscrew the rusted bottle cap, Thomas, aided by two knitting needles and a lot of patience, spent nearly two hours extracting the brittle message from the bottle.

It could have been a grocery receipt. It could have been a scrap of trash. But whatever the piece of paper was, the Hudsons were determined to find out.

The hand-written letter was written in Italian, so Thomas faxed it back to his office in Timonium. His office just happens to be an international business.

"The letter had deteriorated somewhat, but the writing was still readable," Laura said. "It was dated 13 years ago and had the longitude and latitude coordinates from where it was thrown into the ocean."

In order to find a beach in Bermuda, the bottle had to travel 2,500 miles, enough of a journey that Bermuda's major newspaper, the Royal Gazette, wrote a major feature about the event.

The Hudsons abided by the letter's request and forwarded the letter to its intended destination.

Since that eventful trip, the Hudsons and the D'Abundeos, now married for 20 years and with two children, have corresponded several times. There is even talk of Thomas, Laura and Erin heading to Italy to visit their new friends.

On a final note, Thomas Hudson, when asked if his family has now taken up the message-in-a-bottle habit, replied, "As many times as we can."

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Title: Message in a bottle
San Diegan's free-fishing offer washes up on Indonesian beach
Date: February 27, 1996

As the two couples walked along the beach of the small Indonesian island of Bintan on Valentine's Day, they noticed a barnacle-encrusted wine bottle on the beach.

What happened next is a story as old as bottles and paper and ink pens, as time-honored as island adventures and boats and people oozing with faith. How many times have bottles with messages been thrown into the sea and been found?

In an era of cyberspace communication, this is about a wine bottle that traveled thousands of ocean miles for more than two years to deliver its message.

As the two couples peered inside the crusty bottle, they barely could see a piece of paper. It was a handwritten note on a sport boat's advertising brochure. It said: "Good for one free trip. Good luck to the finder."

It was signed, "Shiner."

The Singapore couple, Dr. Alwyn and Jackie Ko, and Jackie's sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Wing Luk Seto, were so thrilled it was as though they had rubbed the bottle and a genie appeared.

"My brother-in-law is a journalist, so he wrote a letter as soon as we returned to Singapore from Bintan," Jackie Ko said today when reached at the couple's home in Singapore.

Bintan is a 45-minute ferry ride from Singapore.

"We were very excited because how often do you go walking on the beach and find a message in a bottle like that?" Jackie Ko said.

They traced the phone and fax numbers on the boat's brochure, the 1994 Sportfishing Schedule from the American Angler, based in Point Loma.

"We are bursting with questions," Wing Luk Seto wrote in their Feb. 15 fax to "Whom it may concern or Mr. Shiner at the American Angler." "Where was the bottle actually put to sea? When? Who is Shiner? What does the handwritten message mean?"

The American Angler is berthed at Point Loma Sportfishing. The boat and the landing are owned by Dan Sansome, whose younger brother is Dennis, also known as "Shiner."

As Dennis "Shiner" Sansome remembers it, he was fishing on a friend's boat in the winter of 1994 one mile off Mission Bay. Dennis noticed a clear, corked wine bottle floating in the water. After fishing it out, he looked for something to put inside before re-launching it. His friend had some American Angler brochures on board his boat, so Dennis uncorked the bottle, wrote his message on the brochure and stuffed it back in the bottle.

"I just put the cork back, threw it out and said, 'Let's see what happens,'" Dennis Sansome said. "I told my brother (Dan Sansome) about it a couple weeks later. We laughed and joked about it, but I never dreamed it would show up. I forgot all about it."

The two couples were amazed that a bottle could make its way from San Diego, across the Pacific, weaving through thousands of islands in Micronesia and the maze of islands that make up Hawaii, the Philippines, New Guinea, Borneo and Indonesia.

"The bottle could have landed on one of the thousands of uninhabited islands along the way," Seto wrote. "Tanjong Said is a sandy bay (on Bintan) flanked by rocks, and the bottle could have ended its journey smashed among the rocks. And the locals told us that strong incoming currents occur only for several months of the year."

Jackie Ko said Bintan is a newly developed island with a new hotel, health spa and resort. She said they were there for a short holiday.

"If anyone would have found the bottle a few months earlier, it likely would have been thrown out," Jackie Ko said. "The people there wouldn't have been able to read the message to make sense of it."

Said Dennis Sansome: "I figure that thing traveled 10,000 miles when you consider all the islands it had to go around to get there. At first I thought I was in deep trouble, but my brother is actually stoked about it."

Judy Collins, who is the American Angler's secretary, said Dennis, 40, is always pulling pranks. He's been known to put fish heads in people's drinks and stinky tennis shoes in people's bunks on fishing trips. But this one tops them all for the man they call "Shiner."

"If I would have done something like that, it would have rolled back to Pacific Beach the next day, and somebody there would be here demanding a free fishing trip," Collins said.

Dan Sansome, who was at a Los Angeles fishing hole trying for the world-record largemouth bass yesterday, is going to honor the bottle's message.

The Kos and Setos are planning a trip to San Diego this summer for a multiday fishing trip on the American Angler. Jackie Ko said their bottled message on the 1994 American Angler's brochure is locked in a safe. And, of course, they have kept the bottle, though some of the colorful barnacles have fallen off.

"It's still a very pretty bottle," Jackie said.

Collins said she's unsure what kind of fishing trip Sansome is going to give them, but it likely will be when the fishing is good. Jackie Ko said no one in the group has been deep-sea fishing.

"All four of us made the discovery," Jackie Ko said. "We want to come to San Diego together. That will fulfill the whole experience for us."

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A journey of 10,000 miles, On Feb. 14, a bottle was found washed ashore on the island of Bitan, Indonesia. The bottle was thrown into the ocean off San Diego in the winter of 1994.

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Title: Catching lightning in a bottle? Second message washes ashore
Date: February 28, 1996

Deja vu, in a bottle.

As unbelievable as it seems, another wine bottle message with ties to the sport boat American Angler has washed up on a Western Pacific island.

If this keeps up, littering charges may follow.

Charlie Cowen, the cook on the American Angler berthed at Point Loma Sportfishing, received a letter Monday afternoon from Berlina Talikas, a young Filipina. She told Cowen she found the bottle while looking for seashells. Inside the bottle she discovered Cowen's name and address and a \$1 bill. Her letter was dated Feb. 14.

If this story sounds familiar, it should. In yesterday's editions of the Union-Tribune, Dennis "Shiner" Sansome told how two couples, on holiday on the island of Bintan off the coast of Singapore on Feb. 14, found a message in a bottle Sansome had launched while fishing a mile off Mission Bay two years ago.

Sansome had stuffed an American Angler fishing trip schedule in the bottle and offered the finder a free trip. His brother, Dan, owns the American Angler and now must come through with a trip.

Cowen said he wasn't aware of Dennis Sansome's story until yesterday when he picked up the Union-Tribune. Cowen figures he set his bottle out from below Cabo San Lucas more than two years ago because the girl's letter was addressed to his old address in Vista. Cowen produced the letter, which shows it had been rerouted to his new address in Jamul. He said he's been updating his change of address.

"I've probably put over 100 bottles out like that," said Cowen, 48. "It's something I do fairly religiously. It's just so exciting to get a return. I can't believe it."

Cowen plans to correspond with the girl and send her a box of seashells he gathered in Mexico.

"I know I've been upstaged by Shiner," Cowen said. "But this is something I've hoped for since I was a kid. After putting hundreds of those bottles out, I finally got a reply."

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Title: 18 YEARS LATER, SENDER RECEIVES ANSWER TO HIS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - At age 9, on a humdrum summer's day at his grandparents' cottage, Kevin Reeder thought it might be neat to have a pen pal. He put his wish in a bottle and tossed it into Cayuga Lake.

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It was really his mother's idea. On summer getaways at the lakeside cottage in Ovid in the Finger Lakes, she was always dreaming up stuff to keep the kids busy.

She wrote the note. It said, "Hello, today is July 16, 1978. If you find this, please drop me a line." Included were Kevin's name, phone number and address.

At best, the boy hoped someone down shore or across the lake would find the green bottle with the screwed-on cap later that week or that summer.

The note came back in a letter in February via his childhood home in Geneva, 38 miles southeast of Rochester. Inside was a similar request.

"Hello Kevin. I found your message in a bottle at the beach in San Diego, California. I thought it would be funny to write back. Pretty cool! Bye now, Rosa & Bruce. - P.S. Where the heck is Ovid?"

Oceanographer Joseph Reid of the Scripps Institute in San Diego doesn't doubt that a floating object could drift that far if it were "perfectly sealed and did not do the common thing - amass so much marine vegetation to it that it becomes too heavy and sinks."

The bottle could have exited Cayuga Lake through a canal at its northern tip and floated either down the Erie Canal toward New York City or into Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic Ocean.

"I have a tough time believing it," Reeder said. "I'm perhaps the biggest skeptic of all. But how else could it have gotten there?"

Rosa and Bruce put no return address on their letter.

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A 110-year-old message in a bottle discovered underneath the floor of St. Andrews Church is keeping Jas S. Alexander's name alive.

The corked pill bottle recently fell and bounced off the hard hat of a carpenter who is restoring the gothic revival church at the intersection of Duval Street and A. Philip Randolph.

"It was hidden pretty good," said Bill Ashley, the restoration project supervisor who was removing insulation under the Jacksonville church when the bottle hit his apprentice. "We were like a bunch of kids two weeks before Christmas."

They wanted to bust it open and read the note right away, Ashley said. But they waited until the president of the Jacksonville Historical Society returned to town.

The brittle message states Alexander was a carpenter born in 1846 and that he wanted the message returned to its secret place so he would be remembered long after his death.

It's not uncommon for carpenters to find messages or initials carved inside old buildings, Ashley said.

"Whenever you build something you leave your name," he said. "You're leaving a legacy that you were there."

Larry LaFollette, preservation officer with the state archives in Tallahassee, examined the note and bottle but said he lacked the scientific expertise to authenticate it. That would require a licensed document appraiser, he said.

However, there was nothing about the letter to make it suspect. The paper, which was of fairly good quality, disintegrated and lost its sizing from condensation in the bottle and the ink faded underneath the spreading mold.

LaFollette restored the note and placed it inside a clear, protective cover that will prevent further deterioration.

Little is known about Alexander, who was about 42 years old when he wrote the note in 1888. He lived a few blocks away from the church on Florida Avenue. The houses in that neighborhood were torn down decades ago when the neighborhood gave way to stadiums and amphitheaters.

Alexander died Sept. 23, 1923, leaving behind a wife and brother but no children, according to a brief obituary in The Florida Times-Union.

The church, and the bottle under its floor, survived the great fire of 1901, which burned 466 acres and left thousands homeless. Nearby Hogan's Creek protected St. Andrews Church from the flames, making it one of the oldest religious edifices in the city.

The note states that Alexander was born in "Cuba Shelby." But according to his death certificate, he was born in North Carolina. Contemporary maps show a Shelby County in North Carolina, but no towns called Cuba.

The note struck LaFollette as a romantic way to fulfill a very basic human instinct.

"We all want to be remembered," he said.

Caption:

Photo Ricardo Romagosa/staff 1. Photo: (c) THE LETTER: "To whom it may concern: I know not when this may come in light nor whose lot it may fall to but when you have scrutinised please secret it again in hiding place and I go down through future if possible. I am only a carpenter and my name is Jas. S. Alexander born at Cuba Shelby Aug. 22, 1846. Job was built under the supervision of Hall. Finished year 1888. Cost about 67,000. Respectfully JS Alexander. Please seal this up again and secret it in this ah ? that it may live when my existences long and forgotten and greet of those who are senturies to come years as a resident of Jacksonville and will live through out here." 2. Photo: (c) Bill Ashley, project superintendent for the St. Andrews restoration, holds a note and bottle found in the church.

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The TWELVE MILLION DOLLAR NOTE

Strange but True Tales of Messages Found in Seagoing Bottles

by Robert Kraske

People strolling along a lonely beach spy a sand-pitted cola bottle, half buried in the tidal debris. Idly they investigate and find that the derelict contains a piece of paper. They open it, extract its contents, and read. Inside are detailed instructions on how to find the Pirate Treasure . . . the Lost Gold Mine . . . the Missing Heiress . . .

Movie stuff? Romantic nonsense out of a gushy magazine? Well, yes and no. For bottle messages are found from time to time, and although the message is usually ordinary, now and then it makes its finder rich.

Consider young Miguel of Villa do Porto, Azores Islands, whose bottle brought him a thousand-dollar reward. And then there's dishwasher Jack Wurm, whose find made him coheir of a \$12 million inheritance. And not to be slighted either is the sailor who, sending ashore a message requesting a certain recipe, found it waiting for him when he landed.

Bottles have introduced blond Swedes to dark-haired Sicilian girls and lonely Americans to Irish farmers' daughters. Bottles have preached the Gospel and temperance. Bottles have carried spy messages and saved ships from mutineers and cleared up the mystery of countless ships missing at sea. Bottles have helped oceanographers trace ocean currents and chart "rivers" like the Gulf Stream and track fish.

Author Robert Kraske has produced a fascinating collection of bottle stories, astonishing but true, for these seaworthy little adventures have been known to travel over ten thousand miles in a single voyage and to stay afloat for 151 incredible years.

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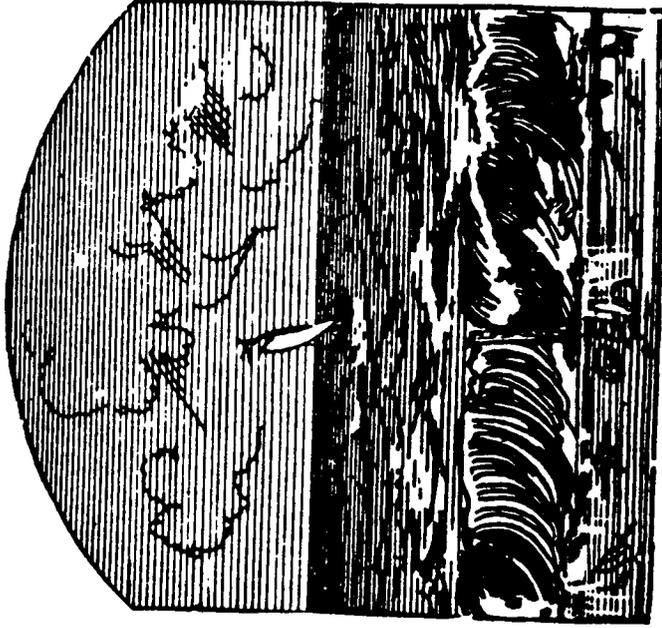
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messengers have zipped along on the Gulf Stream at 4 miles per hour covering a hundred miles in a single day.

Generally, a bottle takes twelve to fourteen months to drift between the east coast of the United States and Europe. But one speedster, dropped by scientists into the Mississippi River at New Orleans, drifted into the Gulf of Mexico. It was caught up by the Gulf Stream and carried north up the eastern coast of the United States. Then it moved east across the North Atlantic and beached on the Isle of Wight off England. It had traveled four thousand miles in just ten months.

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True Tales of Messages Found in Seagoing Bottles



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A king's ransom in a bottle? It happened. One man found what was possibly the single most valuable piece of paper ever placed inside a bottle and set adrift on the world's oceans.

On March 16, 1949, Jack Wurm was walking along the shore of the Pacific Ocean near San Francisco. Mr. Wurm was fifty-five years old. He worked as a dishwasher in a restaurant.

Seeing a bottle washed up on the beach, he picked it up, pulled the cork, and removed a rolled-up square of brown wrapping paper. Much to his amazement, the handwritten note read:

To avoid all confusion, I leave my entire estate

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to the lucky person who finds this bottle and to my lawyer, Barry Cohen, share and share alike.

Daisy Alexander
June 20, 1937

Wurm didn't believe the note. Who would write a will and set it adrift in a bottle? The very idea was silly. And who would leave money and property worth anything to a complete stranger—whoever found the bottle? Wurm laughed. Well, it made a good story.

A few weeks later he told a friend about the bottle. But to Wurm's surprise, his friend didn't think the story funny at all.

"Don't you know who Daisy Alexander was?" the friend said. "Only one of the world's richest women, that's all!"

He told Wurm that Daisy Alexander was the only child of Isaac Singer, the American sewing-machine millionaire. She had died in 1940 at the age of eighty years. Although married, Mrs. Alexander had had no children. Newspapers reported that, when she died, she left \$12 million in money and property, but that a will she had made a few years before her death was never found. Her lawyer in England had been trying for years to find it. He had even hired clairvoyants, people who claimed they were in touch with the spirits of dead people, to find it.

"I was in England and the story was in all the papers,"

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Wurm's friend said. "If I were you, I'd follow up on it. Maybe you've found the missing will!"

Wurm wrote a letter to "Postmaster, London, England." In his letter he told about finding the bottle and the note and asked the postmaster to find the lawyer, Barry Cohen.

The postmaster did as Wurm asked. Over the next several months, letters went back and forth across the Atlantic between Wurm and Cohen.

Cohen said that the scrap of paper might indeed be Mrs. Alexander's missing will. She had been a lady known for doing strange things. For years she had gone to a bridge over the Thames River in the heart of London and dropped bottles into the water. "I like to see where they turn up," she told a friend.

The bottle that Wurm found, Cohen said, could have been carried by the Thames out to the English Channel, where it went north into the North Sea. From there it could have traveled west across the top of the world through the polar ice pack. Then it might have drifted south through the Bering Strait and along the coasts of Alaska, Canada, Washington, Oregon, and California. Finally, nearly twelve years after Mrs. Alexander sent the bottle on its voyage, it had drifted ashore near San Francisco.

Did Wurm ever get the money?

At last report, five years after Wurm had found the bottle, he was still washing dishes in the same restaurant

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and lawyers were still arguing the case in London courts.

"There are a lot of hurdles to go over when a guy picks up a bottle on a beach and stakes a claim for millions just on the strength of a piece of paper in that bottle," Wurm told a reporter. "I don't know what's been happening. To tell you the truth, I'm afraid to let myself think much about the matter."

The Blank Check in the Jam Jar

One day early in 1956, Martin Douglas told his wife, Alice, he was going fishing for the day, and put out to sea for Miami, Florida, in his small cabin cruiser. That night he did not return, and Mrs. Douglas called the police. Despite an air and sea search, neither Martin Douglas nor his boat was ever seen again.

A year later, on a beach in Australia, on the other side of the world from Miami, a man found a jam jar with the lid tightly closed. Inside was a note.

"Should this note be found," it read, "please forward it to my wife, Mrs. Alice Douglas, at Miami Beach, Florida. No doubt you're wondering what has become of me. I got blown out into the waters due to engine trouble."

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Accompanying the note was a blank check. On the back of the check was a handwritten will—the last act of a thoughtful man who knew the end of his life was near.

The Ship That Turned Turtle

In 1902, the *S.S. Huronian* left Glasgow, Scotland, bound for Newfoundland. Weeks passed, but the cargo ship never arrived at its destination.

For two months, U.S. Navy ships searched the North Atlantic. The *Huronian* was never found. The navy's final report: "Lost at sea."

Then, months after the search ended, a bottle drifted ashore on a rocky beach in Nova Scotia. The handwritten message inside read:

"Huronian turned turtle in Atlantic Sunday night. Fourteen of us in a boat"

Navy investigators knew that "turned turtle" was a seaman's term for a ship turning over. But the note was unsigned. Was it a hoax? Investigators thought it might be.

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As strange as it may seem, bottles with *fake* messages about ship sinkings are sometimes found. Investigators are always on the watch for them. Insurance claims—money paid to the owner of a ship or to relatives of missing seamen—might depend on what a note says.

In 1909, for example, the *Waratah* vanished in the long stretch of empty ocean between South Africa and Australia.

Over the next few years, more than a dozen letters about the *Waratah* came to Lloyd's of London, the best-known marine-insurance company in the world.

With these letters, writers enclosed notes signed by members of the *Waratah*'s crew. They claimed that they had found the notes in bottles that had drifted ashore.

But the insurance company said all the notes were hoaxes—fakes. No two notes gave the same story about what had happened to the *Waratah*. The notes were also too long and too complete. No seaman on a sinking ship would sit down and carefully write out all the details of what was happening.

Insurance investigators also checked the handwriting of the notes with relatives of the missing crew members. The writing was never the same as in other letters the seamen had sent.

Where did the senders of the letters get the names of *Waratah* crew members? From newspaper stories about the missing ship that listed seamen's names.

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Why did these people take the time to write out letters and sign them with the names of dead seamen? Investigators can say only that some people have a strange sense of humor, a creepy kind of humor, that delights in other people's misfortune.

As for the *Huronian*, though, the letter that had washed ashore near Owl's Head proved not to be a hoax. Five years later, another bottle was found, this one on the other side of the Atlantic near a seacoast village in northern Scotland. A note in the second bottle proved the first note genuine.

"Huronian sinking fast," the note read. "Top heavy, one side awash. Goodbye mother and sister—Charlie M'Fell, greaser."

Investigators checked with the owner of the *Huronian*. Yes, a Charles M'Fell had been in the ship's crew. He had worked in the engine room. His main job was to keep the moving parts of the engines greased. The handwriting on the note matched his signature in company records; he did have a mother and sister living in Scotland.

Veteran seamen of the North Atlantic knew then what had happened to the *Huronian*. A sudden storm. The cargo in the hold had shifted as the ship rolled and tossed in the waves. Then a steep wave, and the cargo had tumbled against one side of the ship. The *Huronian* leaned to one side; the deck dipped into the sea.

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Another tremendous wave and the *Huronian* turned over on her side. The crew had only moments to clamber into boats.

Then came the cold, a slow numbing of the body; they had no food or water. Desperate notes were stuffed into bottles and thrown into the raging sea. Death had come to the seamen before long. Contrary currents eventually carried the bottles to opposite shores of the great ocean.

The five-year-old mystery of what had happened to the *Huronian* had been solved by two drifting bottles.

Torpedoed Off Gibraltar

Two boys playing on a Maine beach in 1947 came upon a tangle of wreckage. Among the cast-up litter they found a corked beer bottle with a note inside.

"Our ship is sinking. The SOS won't help. I guess this is it. Good-bye now—maybe this will reach the good old U.S.A."

The note was signed and at the bottom was scrawled the name and address of a relative.

Navy experts read the note and examined the wreckage. It had come from the *U.S. Beatty*, a Navy destroyer.

On November 6, 1943, the *Beatty* had been torpedoed off Gibraltar at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. The loss of life was heavy. The bottle note

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had taken four years to travel three thousand miles from the scene of the tragic sinking back home to America.

The Man Who Received His Own Death Note Through the Mail

Some tragedies at sea have a happy, if strange, ending, as one bottle message showed.

In 1825, the British sailing ship *Kent* was heading for home when it caught fire in the Bay of Biscay. The huge bay is an arm of the Atlantic indenting the west coast of France and the northern coast of Spain.

Among the passengers on the *Kent* were an English army officer, Major D. W. MacGregor, his wife Elizabeth, and his daughter Joanna.

Certain that the *Kent* was doomed, Major MacGregor wrote the following note, inserted it into a bottle, and threw it far from the burning ship.

"Ship on fire. Elizabeth, Joanna, and myself commit our spirits to the Hands of our Redeemer. Whose grace

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enables us to be quite composed in the awful prospect of entering Eternity."

The *Kent* burned to the waterline and sank. The bottle, adrift in the Atlantic for the next year and a half, was washed ashore in the Bahamas Islands. A British landowner on the islands found the note and sent it to London. He addressed the letter to Major MacGregor. How did he know where to send the letter?

Major MacGregor, his wife Elizabeth, and his daughter Joanna were picked up by another British ship, the *Cambria*, along with the *Kent's* other passengers and crew. The *Cambria* had come upon the scene just as the burning *Kent* sank into the sea. Major MacGregor's name and address had appeared in newspaper stories of the sinking, and the man who found the bottle in the Bahamas simply searched through old newspapers until he found the story that listed survivors' names and addresses.

In London, Major MacGregor, alive and well, had the strange experience of reading the last note he had ever expected to write before his life ended.

A Pure Bowshot at 700 Meters

World War I was less than a year old. At 1:20 P.M. on May 7, 1915, Kapitän-Leutnant Walter Schwieger, commanding the German submarine *U-20*, raised the periscope and peered through the eyepiece. Suddenly he shouted, "Four funnels . . . upward of twenty-five thousand tons, speed about twenty-two knots!"

It was the ship Schwieger had been searching for, the *Lusitania*, at 760 feet and 32,000 tons the largest ocean liner in the world. She was rounding the southern coast of Ireland and was about to head north in the St. George's Channel between Ireland and England.

Fifty minutes later, twelve miles south of Old Head of Kinsale, a steep, rocky cliff jutting into the Atlantic, Schwieger ordered one torpedo fired. The torpedo was

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set to strike the speeding ship nine feet below the waterline.

"Pure bowshot at seven hundred meters' range," he said for another officer to record in the *U-20's* logbook. "Shot strikes starboard side behind bridge. . . ."

Immediately the huge liner heeled to starboard. The bow dipped and plowed into the sea. In four minutes the foredeck—the front deck on the ship—was under water and green sea poured in through the deck hatches. Water also entered the ship through open portholes in the passengers' cabins on the lower decks. Each minute, $3\frac{3}{4}$ tons of water poured through each porthole—and there were dozens of these portholes open to the sea.

Fifteen minutes after the torpedo had hit her, the *Lusitania's* bow struck the granite floor of the Atlantic 320 feet below. The weight of the water in the front part of the ship lifted the stem clear of the water. People in the water and in lifeboats could see the huge propellers still slowly turning.

The sun shone and the sea was calm and warm. Only six of the *Lusitania's* forty-eight lifeboats were lowered before the great ship sank. Of the nearly 2000 passengers and crew aboard, 1201 people died; only 764 were saved.

Wreckage from the *Lusitania* floated on the westward tide. In the next few days, two hundred bodies drifted gently ashore on the sands of Garretstown Strand, on

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the mudflats of Courtmacsherry Bay, and farther west at Schull, Bantry, and below the rocky headland of the Kerry coast.

Searchers poked through the flotsam of the tides. In one tangle they found a tightly corked champagne bottle with a note inside.

"I am still on deck with a few people. One is a child. The last boats have left. The orchestra is playing bravely. Some men near me are praying with a priest. The end is near. Maybe this note will . . ."

Three years later, in 1918, a second bottle was found half buried in sand and seaweed on a lonely English beach. The note inside was partly decayed from saltwater seeping into the bottle. The note read:

"*Lusitania*, May 7, 1915. Have been torpedoed. Send help."

Both notes were unsigned. No one knows who aboard the *Lusitania* on that tragic day wrote these notes in the eighteen brief minutes between the moment when the *U-20's* torpedo struck and the moment when the great ship sank under the waves.

Letter From a Dead Soldier

Tasmania is a large island, 180 miles long and 190 miles wide, south of Australia. It is separated from the Australian mainland by the Bass Strait, which is about 150 miles wide.

In 1953, a bottle drifted ashore on a narrow Tasmanian beach. Inside was a note written thirty-seven years earlier by two Australian soldiers whose home was in Tasmania. When they wrote the note, the two soldiers were on a troopship bound for the battlefields of France in World War I.

The mother of one soldier was still living and the note was delivered to her. She recognized the handwriting of her son. The young man had been killed in action in France in 1918, thirty-five years before the message reached her.

Bottles That Came Home

* Some bottle messages confirm our belief in how things happen by pure chance. Consider these two messages:

In November 1933, the steamer *Saxilby*, loaded with iron ore, left Ireland and headed into the Atlantic. The *Saxilby* was never heard from again.

"Whatever happened to Joe Okane?" people asked in the seacoast village of Aberayron, Wales. Joe, whose family had lived in Aberayron for years, had been a member of the twenty-five-man crew aboard the *Saxilby*.

Two and a half years later, the people of Aberayron had their answer when a beach walker found a bottle. It lay like a stick on the pebbled beach. Atlantic storm

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waves, pushed by gale winds, had just washed it ashore. Inside was a note.

"S.S. *Saxilby* sinking off Irish coast," the note read. "Love to sisters, brothers, and Dinah. Joe Okane."

What is strange about the incident is where the sea delivered the message. The pebbled beach was at Aberayron, less than a mile from the doorstep of the people Joe Okane had loved and left behind when he put to sea in the ill-fated *Saxilby*.

The year was 1784, and Chunosuke Matsuyama, a Japanese seaman, and forty-three companions set out on a brave adventure, a search for treasure buried on a Pacific island.

But fate decided that Matsuyama and his friends were not to find the treasure. On the vast ocean, a mighty storm came up. High waves almost turned the small ship over and the sails were ripped. Finally the wind blew the battered craft onto a coral reef. Matsuyama and the other crew members jumped out and waded ashore.

Safe from the raging waves, they gave thanks that they were saved. Or were they?

The next day the storm blew itself out and the sky cleared. Matsuyama and his friends looked around the tiny island now bathed in warm sunlight. The storm had uprooted palm trees. The island was a wreck. Except for a few coconuts, it offered absolutely nothing to eat.

For days the men ate tiny crabs that dashed toward

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the surf when any of the starving sailors crept too close. Even so, the crabs they caught were salty and the island had no fresh water to soothe their thirst.

Matsuyama watched his friends die one by one. He realized that none of them, himself included, would ever see their families or their beloved Japan again. But maybe, just maybe, he could send a message home.

In the wreckage of his ship, he found a bottle. Then, using a knife he always carried strapped to his waist, he cut thin pieces of wood from a fallen coconut tree. Carefully he carved a message—the story of what had happened to him and his shipmates. Sealing the wood message tightly into the bottle, he flung it as far as he could and watched as it drifted away on the blue ocean.

That was Matsuyama's last known act. Shortly thereafter he and all his shipmates died of thirst and starvation.

But the bottle survived. For years it drifted on the ocean. Wind and waves pushed it along. Currents carried it this way and that. Storm waves tossed it. Calms that lasted for days held it fixed in one place. And then, in 1935, a century and a half after Matsuyama had set it adrift, the bottle was washed ashore on a narrow beach.

The person who found it was a Japanese seaweed collector. The place where the bottle came ashore was the village of Hiraturemura, the birthplace of Chunosuke Matsuyama, the young men who had gone treasure hunting 151 years before and had never returned.

“Your Old Pal, Bill . . .”

In 1934, Doyle Branscum wrote his name and address on the back of a snapshot of himself, slipped it into a bottle, and threw the bottle into a river in Arkansas.

Twenty-four years passed. Branscum had totally forgotten the incident. Then, one day in 1958, he received a letter. In it was the old snapshot taken when he was a boy. But even more amazing was the letter that came with the snapshot. It was signed, “Your old pal, Bill.”

The letter came from Branscum’s boyhood friend, Bill Headstream, who said that he had found the bottle and snapshot on the beach near his home at Largo, Florida. The two friends hadn’t heard from each other since Headstream and his parents had moved away from Arkansas nearly a quarter century before.

Bottle Postmen That Deliver Letters from Lonely Hearts

In May, 1957, Sebastiano Puzzo, a factory worker, was walking along a beach on Sicily.

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. Shaped roughly like a triangle and almost entirely covered by mountains, it is separated from the “toe” of Italy by the narrow Strait of Messina. On a narrow strip of sand between the mountains and the sea, Puzzo found a bottle with a note inside.

Puzzo could not read English, so he took the note home. “Paolina,” he said to his pretty eighteen-year-old daughter. “Look what I found. You studied English in school. Read for me what the note says.”

The note was dated December, 1955. It was from

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Ake Viking, a sailor on a Swedish ship. Ake's home was in Göteborg, Sweden.

"Listen to this, Father," Paolina said, laughing. "This man is asking all girls aged sixteen to twenty to write to him if they want to marry a handsome blond Swede!"

"Then write to him," Puzzo said, "just as a joke. Send him your picture."

And Paolina did—just as a joke.

Soon Ake visited Sicily. A year after Puzzo found the bottle with Viking's letter, his daughter and the "handsome blond Swede" were married.

On the other side of the world, an ocean liner was docked in an Australian port. A sailor brought a bottle with a message in it to his captain, who read it and handed it to a pretty woman employed as a cabin maid.

"It's for you," he said.

Puzzled, the young woman read the message.

"I am a mate on a freighter bound for the South Seas," it said. "I am a lonesome fellow and hope that fate will bring me a wife. Perhaps somewhere in the Commonwealth there is a girl not older than thirty who wants to write to me."

The mate's name and address were on the bottom of the note. A photograph was clipped to the note.

Months later, two things happened. The captain of the ocean liner lost a good maid, and the lonesome mate gained a wife.

Bottle Postmen That Deliver Letters

In Miami, Florida, a seaman had an argument with his wife. He stormed out of the house and went to his ship. A week later, as his ship was about to pass Miami, he wrote a letter to his wife. "Forgive me," he said. "I'm sorry we argued."

He rolled the letter into a cylinder, inserted it in a bottle, and tossed the bottle overboard. Currents pushed the bottle toward the beach. There a swimmer found it and mailed the letter.

Exactly one week after the seaman threw the bottle overboard, his ship docked in New York. There a letter was waiting for him. It was from his wife.

"I forgive you," she wrote.

Christmas night, 1945, was lonely for a U.S. Army serviceman named Frank Hayostek. World War II had ended that year. Hayostek had been away from home for three years. Standing at the rail of a troopship heading for the United States, he stuffed a note into an aspirin bottle. He corked the bottle, taped the top, and tossed it far into the ship's churning wake. The note read:

Dear Finder,

I am an American soldier . . . 21 years old . . . just a plain American of no wealth, but just enough to get along with. This is my third Christmas from home . . . God bless you.

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He signed his name and added his street address in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Nine months later in September, 1946, Frank Hayostek, now discharged from the army, received a letter from Ireland. He was puzzled. He didn't know anyone in Ireland.

I have found your bottle and note (the letter said). I will tell you the whole story.

I live on a farm at the southwest coast of Ireland. On Friday, Aug. 23, 1946, I drove the cows to the fields beside the sea and then went for a walk on the strand [beach] called The Beal. It is an inlet of Dingle Bay.

Well, my dog was running before me and I saw him stop and sniff something light on the sand, and then he went off in pursuit of sea gulls. I found the object was a brown bottle. . . . The cork . . . crumpled in my fingers. How the note kept dry, nobody can understand. It must have been because you mentioned God's name on it, and He brought it to safe harbor. . . . I sat there on the beach and read it.

I thought at first I was dreaming. This is just a little common Irish village where nothing strange ever occurs, and this is something for the farmers to talk about while they cut the oats and bring the hay into the barn. Well, imagine, the bottle has

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been on the sea for eight months. . . . Who knows where it has been? It may have traveled around the world. How did it escape being broken on the rocks? If you had only seen where I got it! It's all a mess of rocks. The hand of Providence must surely have guided it.

Well, I hope to hear from you soon. . . . You mention offering no reward to the finder of the bottle. Well, I ask no reward, as it was a very pleasant surprise. Wishing you very good luck, your loving friend,

Breda O'Sullivan

Over the next seven years, seventy letters traveled across the Atlantic between Breda O'Sullivan in Ireland and Frank Hayostek in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Breda was a farm girl in the village of Lispole, County Kerry. She wrote of raising a greyhound, of acting in theater plays in Killamey, and of hoping one day to teach Frank the hornpipe—an Irish dance.

Frank was now working as a welder. He wrote that he had sold his 1941 automobile and was saving \$80 each month for a plane ticket to visit Breda in Ireland.

In August 1952, six years after Breda O'Sullivan found his bottle message, Frank Hayostek boarded a plane and flew to Ireland. He took along his best suit

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For Breda, he carried presents of nylon stockings and a music box.

By this time, newspaper reporters had heard about the letters going back and forth between Breda and Frank and how they had started with Hayostek's message in a bottle. Frank and Breda were important news. All across the United States, people followed the bottle-message romance in their daily newspapers.

In Ireland, after Hayostek's plane landed, reporters followed Breda and Frank as they visited the Lakes of Killarney. Later, the two young people spent several hours in the thatched-roof cottage on the O'Sullivan's fifteen-acre farm. Breda, reporters informed their readers, served Frank tea and cakes. The cakes had been especially made by the baker in Dingle.

Much to the couple's embarrassment, newspapers in America and Europe reported on their day together. The question everyone wanted answered was: Would they fall in love and get married?

"It's in the hands of God," answered Frank. "She's very nice."

"After all," said Breda, "we only met a few hours ago. Up to then, he was only a man in a bottle."

A few days later, as reporters waited for a wedding announcement, Breda and Frank decided to end the suspense.

"There is no romance and there will be no wedding," Breda said. "We will remain good pen pals."

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And so the grand romance, started when a lonely soldier stuffed a note in a bottle and threw it into the Atlantic, came to an end. Newspaper readers in Europe and America were of course disappointed. Romantic stories like this were supposed to end in marriage!

But Breda O'Sullivan and Frank Hayostek decided not to go along with what the world expected of them. They knew what was right for them. And so the story ended.

Bottle Preachers Cast the Gospel Upon the Waters

"Bottle preachers" have used bottles to carry the Gospel message to every shore in the world.

In Middlesboro, a small town in the Kentucky mountains, H. Harrison Mayes cleans out whiskey bottles and stuffs them with messages like "Prepare to meet God!" The messages are printed in sixteen languages, including Chinese.

He mails the bottles to friends in other countries. The friends drop the bottles into the ocean.

In 1974, Mayes, who was then seventy-six years old, received a letter from the Philippine Islands. The writer said he had found one of Mayes's bottles. Checking his records, Mayes discovered that the bottle had been thrown into the ocean off Nicaragua in Central America twenty-three years before.

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Another bottle preacher was the Reverend Jewel Pierce of Piedmont, Alabama. Between 1946 and 1955, Reverend Pierce threw thirty thousand bottles into a stream flowing into the Alabama River, which in turn flows into the Gulf of Mexico at Mobile. Each bottle carried a sermon. The Reverend Pierce never said how many replies he had received in response to his messages.

A bottle preacher who did talk about the answers he received was Brother George Phillips of Tacoma, Washington. In 1940, Brother George began collecting whiskey and wine bottles from trash cans at the back doors of saloons. In the next twenty years, he launched fifteen thousand bottles into Puget Sound, whose currents carried them into the Pacific Ocean.

Each bottle contained a message warning readers of the evils of strong drink, a problem Brother George knew well. He had fought a drinking problem himself—and won.

Over these same years, Brother George claimed he received fourteen hundred replies. Most of the letters came from cities and towns along the Pacific coast and Mexico, but he also received letters from as far away as Hawaii, New Guinea, and Australia.

Of every ten replies, seven carried promises to stop drinking, Brother George said. Another two carried the vows of people who promised to return to church. The remaining letters were from people who wanted

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Brother George to know where and when his messages were found.

The most dramatic letter came from a Chicago businessman. Whiskey had ruined him, he wrote. He had lost his business and his wife had left him. Discouraged, he had fled to Mexico.

One day, on a beach near Acapulco, he picked up one of Brother George's bottles. The message ended with the words, "Be sure your sins will find you out!"

The message shook the man. He felt it was directed right to him. He wrote to Brother George. "I am returning to Chicago," he said. "I am going to remake my life."

Two years later, Brother George received a second letter from the man. He was working hard seven days a week to pay off his debts, and his wife had come back to him. He ended by saying: "I owe it all to that bottle that came out of the sea."

Queen Elizabeth's Official Uncorker of Ocean Bottles!

The Strait of Dover, only twenty-one miles wide at its narrowest point, separates England and France and connects the English Channel with the North Sea. Naval battles have been fought there. In the thirteenth century, English ships repelled a French invasion, and in 1588, a huge Spanish fleet—the Spanish Armada—took its first blows from a smaller English fleet in the strait and was in time destroyed.

One day in 1560, a fisherman was rowing beneath the gray chalk cliffs of Dover. At the top of the cliffs stood old forts and castles. At their base, waves washed into caves and tunnels, which smugglers used to hide gunpowder and treasure.

But today the boatman was not interested in the

sights around Dover. His keen eye had caught the glint of sun on a bottle. Eagerly he plucked it from the water. Yes, there was a message inside. He pulled it out.

Delighted at his find, he took the bottle and the message to the chief naval officer at Dover. If the message was important, maybe—just maybe—he would get a gold piece.

After the naval officer had read the message, he glared at the fisherman. "Do you know what this is?"

The fisherman was startled. "Y-yes," he said. "I mean n-no!" Suddenly he wished he had never seen the bottle.

"A message! A secret message to her Majesty the Queen!"

The fisherman's mouth gaped. The Queen! Now he was really frightened. He clutched his cap to his chest. "Sir, I—I didn't know!"

The officer leaned across the table. "I do not believe you! You are lying! It says plainly here on the message, 'For the Queen! Not to be read by any other person!' You are in trouble, my man!"

"Good sir, I tell the truth. I do not know what the message says." He lowered his eyes. "I cannot read."

There was silence. The officer glared at the man. Then he sat down in his chair. "Guard! Take this man to a cell. Hold him until we get further orders!"

What the poor fisherman didn't know was that the bottle had been dropped into the Strait of Dover by

an English spy. The spy, who was on a Dutch ship sailing south on the strait, had wanted to get an important message to Queen Elizabeth. A bottle was the only way to send the message. Currents in the narrow strait delivered the message for him.

In London, Queen Elizabeth read the message to her councilors. "The Dutch have taken an island in the Arctic Ocean from the Russians and will use it as a naval base. Our ship captains must be warned of this, otherwise they will be captured."

Her advisers nodded agreement.

"But there is something else important here," she added. "Anyone who finds a state message in a bottle might read it. This we cannot permit! Henceforth, it will be an offense against the Crown—punishable by hanging—for anyone to read a message found in a bottle. All bottles must be delivered, unopened, to the palace. Here they will be opened only by my Official Uncorker of Ocean Bottles, a new post, which you, my lord"—she pointed to one man at the table—"will fill!"

From that time on, anyone in England who found a bottle with a message inside delivered it to the authorities. They in turn sent it to London by special messenger on horseback.

And what about the poor fisherman who had found the bottle and started all the fuss, the man who had expected a reward and instead was thrown into a prison cell?

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The fact that he couldn't read saved him. When his cell was opened, he quickly ran back to his boat and never again looked for floating bottles.

However, if you are ever walking along an English beach and find a bottle with a message inside, go ahead and read it. You won't be hanged. Queen Elizabeth's law, along with the title of Official Uncorker of Ocean Bottles, was removed from the books in 1760 when George III became king.

The Bottle Message That Called Out the French Navy

November, 1875. The tide flowed from the Bay of Biscay into the tiny harbor of Les Sables d'Olonne on the French coast. A French naval lieutenant, his uniform unbuttoned at the neck, stood with one boot on a low stone wall enjoying the thin autumn sunshine and smoking a cigar. His gaze wandered among the fishing boats and coal scows; then his eyes narrowed. Among the garbage scum floating against the wall was a bottle. And, yes, in the bottle was a note. He could see it from where he stood.

Minutes later he was standing at the desk of his commanding officer. His uniform coat was buttoned.

"Sir, you must read this for yourself! I have no idea if it is true!"

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The commanding officer, a full captain in the French navy, unfolded the note. A moment later, he raised his gray eyebrows and looked at the lieutenant. "Mon Dieu! If this is true, the crime happened but a few days ago!"

"But could it be a hoax?"

The captain looked out the window. The sun glistened on the water and reflected on the ceiling. "It very well could be! But we are compelled to investigate!"

"The *Tirailleur* is ready, sir."

"Good! Assemble a company of marines and take her. Find the *Lennie* if you can. See if there is any truth in this monstrous story!"

The note that had shocked the two officers told of a mutiny a few days earlier in the Bay of Biscay aboard the British full-rigger *Lennie*. "The crew revolted against the ship's officers," the note read. "They have murdered the captain and two officers. The cabin boy and I have locked ourselves in the saloon."

The note was signed: "Van Hoydek, Ship's Steward."

Within a few days, the *Tirailleur* found the *Lennie*. French marines boarded the British ship, made prisoners of the mutineers, and released Van Hoydek and the cabin boy from the saloon.

The *Tirailleur* took the mutineers to London, where they were placed on trial in a court called the Old Bailey. Van Hoydek, who was a Dutch citizen, told what had

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happened aboard the *Lennie*. As a result of his testimony, four of the mutineers were hanged.

London newspapers reported the trials, and Van Hoydek became a hero. He was so popular that people gave money into a fund for him.

Did Van Hoydek ever think of the bottle that he had thrown out a porthole in a desperate call for help? The bottle and its message had not only revealed a crime on the high seas that might otherwise have gone undiscovered, but had called out the French navy!

The answer to this question will never be known. After the trial in the Old Bailey, Van Hoydek took the money the public had given him and opened a restaurant in Wapping. The restaurant became very popular. He married an English girl and never went to sea again.

She lurched to one side. Her sails flapped in the light breeze.

Minutes later six coastguardsmen were rowing through the low waves to the stranded ship, the *Carroll A. Deering*. But, oddly, as they approached, no one appeared on deck.

The coastguardsmen climbed aboard. Not only was the ship without a crew, they discovered, but her motor lifeboat and dory were gone. Her charts, log, and navigating instruments were also missing. The only living things aboard the ship were two cats that mewed and rubbed against the legs of the sailors.

"If only they could talk!" a Coast Guard officer said. "They could tell us what happened."

Investigation revealed that the *Deering* had left Barbados, West Indies, for Norfolk, Virginia, on January 9, 1921. But why had the crew abandoned the *Deering*? The ship was seaworthy and showed no damage. Besides—something really strange—the cargo was gone. No crew leaving a ship would take along the freight it was carrying.

The Coast Guard could find no answer to these questions, and finally, it closed the investigation. "Unsolved!" was stamped on the file.

And then, on April 11, ten weeks after the *Deering* ran aground, a stroller on the beach at Buxton, North Carolina, came upon a bottle partly covered by sand. Inside was a note, and suddenly the mystery of the

Two Cats on a Ghost Ship

The day was January 31, 1921, a wet, misty morning. At Diamond Shoals, North Carolina, long gray waves rolled ashore. Hissing and foaming, they spread fanlike on the beach.

At the U.S. Coast Guard station, a young sailor sipped his morning coffee and looked across the restless sea. Suddenly he leaned forward, squinting to see better. Out of the mist, straight for the outer shoals, sailed a five-masted schooner, all sails set.

The young sailor yelled a warning, useless as it was: "The shoals!" His coffee cup smashed on the floor as he sprang to pull the warning siren. A whooping wall shattered the still morning, but it was too late. The ship lifted as her bow ground on the rising underwater sandbar.

Carroll A. Deering was solved.

"Deering captured by oil-burning boat something like chaser," it read, "taking off everything, handcuffing crew. Crew hiding all over ship. No chance to make escape. Finder please notify headquarters of Deering."

The note was unsigned, but government handwriting experts said the writing was that of Henry Bates of Islesboro, Maine, one of the Deering's crew members. Reviewing the note and the condition of the ship, Coast Guard officers could finally say what had probably happened aboard the Deering.

Ships loading cargo at Barbados sometimes took aboard cases of unlawful whiskey for sale in the United States. A ship as big as the Deering could carry whiskey worth a million dollars or more. Its entire cargo was probably whiskey and no other freight.

Somewhere near the United States coast, gangsters, using small but powerful World War I submarine-patrol ships, boarded the Deering. They murdered the crew and cut the lifeboats adrift to make it look as if the crew had left the ship. Then they moved the cargo of whiskey to their own boats. They left the Deering's sails set. Winds drove the ship toward shore.

The cats had witnessed the terrible crime, but they of course could tell nothing. Coast Guard officers agreed that the case was solved. The bottle note had indeed solved the mystery of the ghost ship Carroll A. Deering.

'Five Ponies, 150 Dogs Remaining . . .'

On his last expedition to the Arctic in 1901-1902, the famous explorer Evelyn Baldwin became lost. His party's supplies were nearly gone when Baldwin wrote a note in both Norwegian and English, placed it in a bottle, and threw it into the Arctic Ocean.

Forty-seven years later, a Russian fisherman found the bottle on the edge of an ice pack near Vilkitiski Strait. Unable to read the message, he took it to Murmansk. There, authorities read:

"Five ponies and 150 dogs remaining. Desire hay, fish, and 30 sledges. Must return early in August." It was signed "Evelyn Baldwin."

How the bottle survived nearly half a century without being crushed in drifting ice packs is a mystery. But

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survive it did. What was not a mystery was what had happened to Evelyn Baldwin and his men. The explorer had led his party safely out of the Arctic and to the United States. He died in 1933—in bed at his home in New York—sixteen years before his desperate message was found by the Russian fisherman.

Cape Sheridan, 1905: Peary Was Here!

Another Arctic explorer who placed a message in a bottle was Commander Robert Peary, an American naval officer who, in 1909, was the first man to reach the North Pole.

Before his discovery, however, Peary had made an earlier try at reaching "90 north," the geographical top of the world.

In the fall of 1905, Peary's ship *Roosevelt* nosed into Robeson Channel off Cape Sheridan, Ellesmere Island, Canada, 550 miles south of the Pole.

As he walked up the rocky shore, Peary came upon a cairn—a mound of stones or rock. Arctic explorers often built cairns and left bottle messages in them to prove they had actually visited a particular place. This cairn

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held a letter from Sir George Nares, an earlier English explorer. Nares had visited the Arctic with a British expedition in 1875-1976.

Peary took Nare's letter, made a copy, and placed it in a whiskey bottle in a new cairn. With the copy, he placed a letter that told about his own expedition.

Peary did not reach the Pole on that attempt. However, when he returned to the Arctic four years later, he reached the North Pole by another route.

★ Meanwhile, Peary's handwritten report of his 1905 expedition stayed safely in the cairn on Cape Sheridan through forty-three severe winters. Then, in the late summer of 1948, twenty-eight years after Peary died, three Canadian and United States ships entered the same waters off Cape Sheridan, carrying food and supplies for weather-station crews deep in the Arctic wilderness.

Naval officers on the ships knew of Peary's cairn and were on the lookout for it. A weatherman, Charles Hubbard, was the first to see it. The cairn was marked with a wooden cross. On the cross Peary had marked a large *R* for his ship *Roosevelt*. Hubbard took apart the mound of flat shale. Inside he found an old Scotch-whisky bottle. In it was the letter Peary had written forty-three years earlier.

Hubbard took the bottle back to his ship. There he made copies of both Peary's letter and Sir George Nares's letter. Ice was getting thick in Robeson Chan-

Cape Sheridan, 1905: Peary Was Here!

nel, so Hubbard used a helicopter to fly back to Cape Sheridan, where he built a new cairn. In it he placed another bottle that held copies of both Peary's and Nares' letters.

The bottle may still be there today holding its letters safe from the cruel polar weather, waiting for the next Arctic traveler to come along.

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Messages can cross the world sealed with a cork

Paolina and Åke Viking were married in Sicily in the autumn of 1958, thanks to a far-traveling bottle. Two years earlier Åke, a bored young Swedish sailor on a ship far out at sea, had dropped a bottle overboard with a message asking any pretty girl who found it to write.

Paolina's father, a Sicilian fisherman, picked it up and passed it to his daughter for a joke. Continuing the joke, Paolina sent off a note to the young sailor. The correspondence quickly grew warmer. Åke visited Sicily, and the marriage soon followed their first meeting.

Surviving hurricanes

Fragile as it is, a well-sealed bottle is one of the world's most seaworthy objects. It will bob safely through hurricanes that can sink great ships. And for most practical purposes glass lasts forever. In 1954, 18 bottles were salvaged from a ship sunk 250 years before off the English coast. The liquor in them was unrecognizable, but the bottles were good as new.

It is impossible to predict the direction a bottle will take. Of two bottles dropped together off the Brazilian coast, one drifted east for 130 days and was found on a beach in Africa; the other floated northwest for 190 days, reaching Nicaragua.

Speed is also bound to vary according to wind and current. A bottle might be completely becalmed or, if caught up by the Gulf Stream at its raciest, might travel along at four knots and cover as many as 100 miles a day.

The longest voyage

The longest bottle voyage ever is thought to have been made by a bottle known as the Flying Dutchman. It was launched by a German scientific expedition in 1929 in the southern Indian Ocean. Inside was a message, which could be read without breaking the bottle, asking the finder to report where he found it and throw it back into the sea.

It apparently caught an eastgoing current, which carried it to the southern tip of South America. There it was found, reported, and thrown back again several times. Eventually, it moved out into the Atlantic, then again into the Indian Ocean, passing roughly the spot

where it had been dropped, and was cast ashore on the west coast of Australia in 1935. It had covered 16,000 miles in 2,447 days—a respectable average of more than 6 nautical miles a day.

Charts compiled from bottles

When he was postmaster general for the American colonies, Benjamin Franklin realized that, because their whaler captains knew the currents much better than their English counterparts, American ships were crossing the Atlantic much quicker than the British mail packets. He therefore compiled a chart using both the whalers' lore and information he obtained by dropping bottles into the Gulf Stream and asking the finders to return them. The information he recorded is little changed today.

Since then both the British and U.S. Navies have used bottles extensively to compile intricate current charts. And the movement of oil slicks, mines, and even fish have been predicted with the help of seaborne bottles.

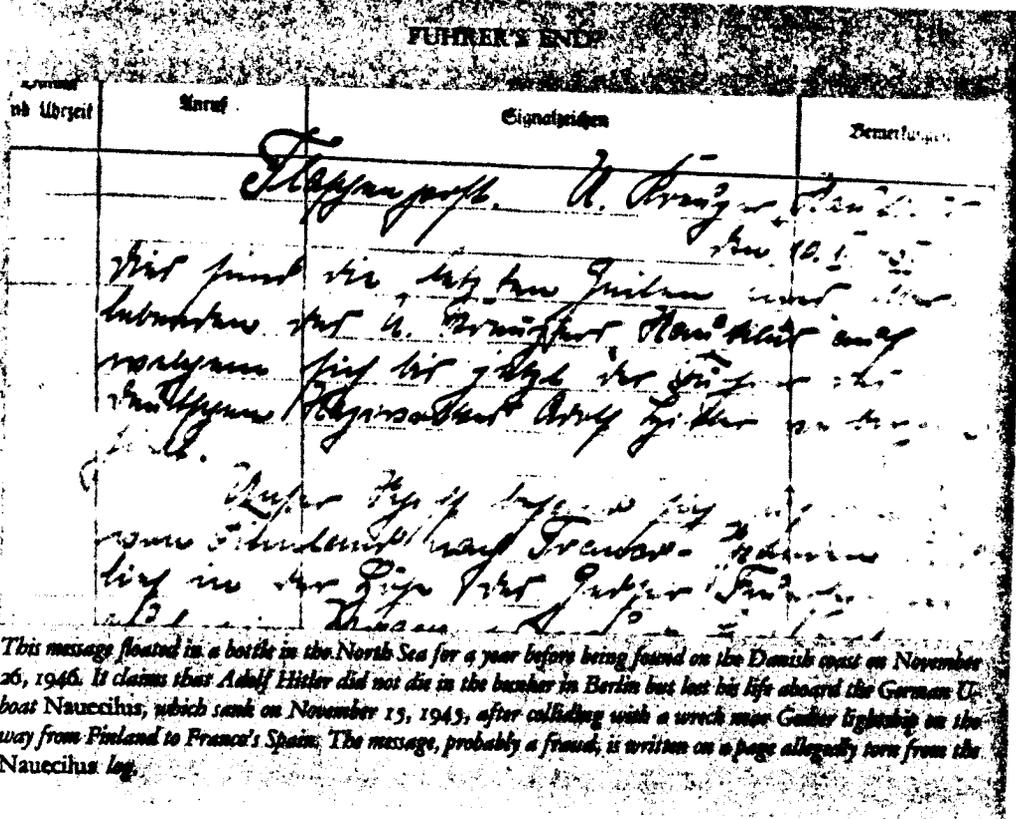
Of course, a number of bottles have been dispatched containing strange messages. Elizabeth I once received an intelligence report by this means and was so disconcerted to find it had been opened by a boatman at Dover that she appointed an official Uncorker of Bottles and decreed that no unauthorized person might open a message-carrying bottle, on pain of death.

In 1875 the crew of the Canadian bark *Lennie* mutinied and murdered the officers. A steward who was spared because he could navigate steered them to the French coast, telling them it was Spain, and surreptitiously dropped several bottles over the side revealing the whole story. The French authorities found one, boarded the ship, and arrested the surprised mutineers.

Torpedoed destroyer

A message found on a beach in Maine in 1944 read: "Our ship is sinking. SOS didn't do any good. Think it's the end. Maybe this message will get to the U.S. some day." It was identified as coming from the USS *Beatty*, a destroyer torpedoed with heavy loss of life somewhere off Gibraltar on November 6, 1943.

In 1953 a bottle was found in Tasmania 37 years after it had been dropped overboard by



two Australian soldiers on their way to France in a troopship.

The mother of one of the soldiers recognized the handwriting of her son who had been killed in action in 1918.

Delayed message

The strangest case was perhaps that of Chunosuke Matsuyama, a Japanese seaman who was

wrecked with 44 shipmates in 1784. Shortly before he and his companions died of starvation on a Pacific coral reef, Matsuyama carved a brief account of their tragedy on a piece of wood, sealed it in a bottle, and then threw it into the sea.

It was washed up 150 years later in 1935 at the very seaside village where Matsuyama had been born.

HORSEBACK TREK FOR HELP

Farmer's 10-day ride brought relief to besieged town

Shortly before midnight, Dick King and his Zulu servant boy stole quietly into the darkness and crept unseen to South Africa's Durban harbor. There they were rowed out, their horses swimming behind them, to Salisbury Island. Behind them lay a beleaguered British garrison fighting desperately for its life. Ahead stretched 10 days of hardship and hazard—10 days that helped to shape the history of South Africa.

The date was May 24, 1842. Durban was then little more than a sprinkling of scattered homes and farmsteads occupied by British settlers who had founded the town in 1835.

But in August 1841 a group of Boer farmers, after leaving the British-ruled Cape Colony, proclaimed their own Republic of Natal. They were followed by a force of 250 soldiers sent by the Governor of the Cape to reoccupy the territory and reassert British control. Furious,