

MANAGER'S DESK FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

APRIL FOOLS DAY. DON'T YOU WONDER HOW THAT EVER GOT STARTED? AT THE WEBSITE, HISTORY.COM, IS FOUND THIS POSSIBLE EXPLANATION:

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the [Gregorian calendar](#), as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools."

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees.

WE HAVE A FEW UNFORTUNATE LISTENERS WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS TODAY. I HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TO ENDURE ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. MY DAD WAS BORN ON APRIL 1.

WELL, YESTERDAY WAS THE FINAL DAY OF OUR SPRING LETTER MONTH. IT'S ALWAYS AN INTERESTING DAY AS ALL THROUGH THE DAY NEW LETTERS APPEAR IN OUR EMAIL INBOX. AND IT WILL BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE WE HAVE A FINAL COUNT AS LETTERS WRITTEN AS LATE AS YESTERDAY ARRIVE IN THE MAIL. AS OF YESTERDAY MORNING, AT THE TIME I RECORDED THIS PROGRAM, WE WERE ONLY NEEDING 40 MORE LETTERS TO REACH OUR GOAL. I'D BE SURPRISED IF WE DON'T REACH THE GOAL.

MORE IMPORTANT THOUGH THAN NUMBERS IS THE AMOUNT OF FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED FROM OUR LISTENING FAMILY REGARDING OUR PROGRAMMING. I'LL BE SHARING MORE OF THOSE LETTERS WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD.

AND IF YOU PUT OFF WRITING YOUR LETTER, WE'D STILL ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU. IF FACT, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU EVERY MONTH. THE WRVM RADIO MINISTRIES ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE REGULAR GIFTS OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU. IF YOU ENJOY, AND BENEFIT BY LISTENING, LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING US AS WELL. CONSIDER AUTOMATING YOUR GIFT WITH OUR EZ-GIVING PLAN.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.