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

I MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY THAT THE 'CLEANING BUG' HAD STRUCK HERE AT WRVM. A LARGE WALK-IN CLOSET AT THE OF THE HALLWAY WAS TARGETED BY PEGGY AND WE WERE ALL SURPRISED BY SOME OF THE THINGS SHE FOUND THAT HAD BEEN TUCKED AWAY IN THERE YEARS AGO; DECADES AGO. DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSETS LIKE THAT? MAYBE AN ATTIC?

ANYWAY, JUST THIS WEEK SHE PULLED OUT A SMALL BOX THAT HAS BEEN IN THERE FROM WHAT WE THINK THE WENDELL BAXTER DAYS. THE BOX CONTAINED A NUMBER OF PIECES OF CUT GLASS. BIG ONES, LITTLE ONES, ALL DIFFERENT COLORS AND SHAPES. AND THERE WAS A TYPEWRITTEN NOTE INSIDE THAT READ:

"I HAVEN'T GOT THE CASH TO HELP YOU OUT RIGHT NOW. BUT, USE THESE AS YOU SEE FIT FOR THE WORK YOU'RE DOING. DON'T GET EXCITED. MOST ARE ARTIFICIAL."

MOST ARE ARTIFICIAL. DOES THAT IMPLY THAT SOME MAY BE GENUINE? AND HOW WOULD YOU KNOW? AND EVEN IF THERE WERE ALL ARTIFICIAL, IS THERE STILL SOME VALUE TO THEM? SOME OF THEM ARE BEAUTIFUL. SHOULD WE BOTHER A JEWELER TO LOOK AT THEM? WHY WERE THEY PUT IN THE CLOSET IN THE FIRST PLACE SO MANY YEARS AGO? AS YOU CAN SEE, THE BOX CONTAINED A LOT OF QUESTIONS. DON'T YOU LOVE A GOOD MYSTERY? IS THERE ANYONE LISTENING THAT HAS KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH THINGS AND COULD GIVE US SOME ADVICE REGARDING THESE 'STONES'? OR CUT GLASS? "MOST ARE ARTIFICIAL." MOST.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY? BUTCH HAS PUT UP A NICE COLLECTION OF PICTURES SHOWING THE PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH. AT LEAST 'FINISHED' FOR THIS YEAR. NEXT YEAR, IF FINANCES ALLOW, WE HOPE TO HAVE THE NEW AREA BLACKTOPPED. AND USING THE LUMBER FROM THE TREES WE TOOK OUT BUILD ANOTHER CARPORT. SOME MIGHT QUESTION THE NEED FOR A CARPORT. I WOULD INVITE YOU TO BE HERE ON A WINTER'S DAY WHEN THE ICE IS FALLING FROM THE TOWER AND GUY WIRES. THEN YOU WOULD SEE WHY A CARPORT IS NOT A LUXURY.

THANKS FOR LISTENING. ENJOY THE SUMMER WEATHER. REMEMBER THAT WRVM IS LISTENER SUPPORTED. YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS KEEP US ON THE AIR.

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