

— THE POINT —

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Outlaws Editorial Opinion

When Al Bell invented the telephone he probably thought it was just so your wife could call you at the bar and remind you to bring home bread and milk...now.

I doubt that he ever thought he would be releasing thieves and con-men into our homes. However, that is sure what he did. Every single day I get phone calls to lower my rates on something it doesn't matter what, they want to lower something. Or, they want me vote for them or vote against something. Fortunately, I have caller ID which helps me thin the herd some. Usually when I get these calls the caller ID reads "out of area" or "unavailable." So I don't answer those calls anymore. But now they have started something new. Frequently the caller ID now will read "California, Texas, Georgia, Florida and Maryland." Now my brother lives in Miami, I have a daughter in Georgia, when my wife calls on her cell phone the ID reads Maryland. Two weeks ago when most of the officers were at the National Leadership Conference, I got a call from Texas. I had to answer it, the boys might have been in trouble and needed my wisdom. But, alas that was not the call. It was somebody who wanted me to get their credit card and lower my rates and give me a million minutes on my cell for free so that I could download unlimited "hip hop music."

It is the same thing every day more calls more BS. And now that they know that I just turned 65 they also think I am a frick-in moron. The government says that one out of three people over the age of 65 will fall this year. I fell in May and smashed a garbage can. Does that mean I'm good for the rest of the year? Now back to the phone situation. It's like this. *Ring, ring, "Hello dammit."*

"Is this here Mista Parrsonns?"

"Yes it is dammit what the hell do you want now?"

"Mista Persons our company is doing a survey of senior citizens."

"No shit, what are you calling me for and what is the name of your company?"

"Sir I am not allowed to give out that information."

"Why not, you know all about me, that kinda pisses me of."

"We just need to verify your credit card numbera, Your social security and your bank account numberas."

"Why?"

"Because yous is the lucky winner."

"Lucky winner or what?"

"Our grand prize?"

"Which is what?"

"What."

"The prize, what is it?"

"They haven't told me yet."

"I might not like it."

"Now ,can I ask you a question."

"Well Mr.Peters as long as it is not of a personal nature."

"Oh it won't be I promise."

"Well ok then."

"What is your name?"

"Marshmellowa."

"You sound fat, are you fat / Where are you calling me from it must be hot there I can hear you sweating into the phone. And look at that wet spot on your top. Now that we are on first name basis I thought you would have dressed a little nicer."

CLICK!

So anyhow you still have a thief in your house; so what to do? Here's my suggestion treat your phone as you would any thief you caught in your home attempting to take advantage of your ripening age. Oh yeh, you know where I am going. Take that judge pistol or that Winchester 1400 or the AR-15 your wife doesn't know you have and blast the living hell out of the phone. It won't do any good, but you will feel better. Let's face it asking to be placed on the mythical "No Call" list doesn't work.

Disclaimer: this was just a "War of the Worlds" scenario if you really shoot your phone you're a dumbass, but it would be cool, but don't, but it would be cool.

ADULT STEAK FEED
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
MT. SAVAGE VFD STARTING AT 6:00PM
One member and guest - \$5.00 a person paid at door



FROM THE PRESIDENT

URGENT!!!!!! Cumberland V.A. Center is looking for volunteers in the Clinic as well as Van Drivers. Duties in the Clinic include making coffee, mailings and calls to patients to confirm next day appointments. Van Drivers require only regular drivers license and must have a physical before they are put on the list. They really need your help in finding some volunteers. They have already had to shorten their Fridays due to lack of volunteers. Please call Jim VanMeter at the Clinic at 301-724-0061 or Bobbie Oster at 301-697-8463.

Bob Cook, President

A Closer Look At Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd - *Relationship*

I shall not want - *Supply*

He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures - *Rest*

He leadeth me beside the still water - *Refreshment*

He restoreth my soul - *Healing*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness -
Guidance

For His name sake - *Purpose*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death - *Testing*

I will fear no evil - *Protection*

For Thou art with me - *Faithfulness*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort
me - *Discipline*

Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies - *Hope*

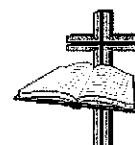
Thou annointest my head with oil -
Consecration

My cup runneth over - *Abundance*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life - *blessing*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -
Security

Forever - *Eternity*



Rodger Long , Chaplain



**CHRISTMAS DINNER &
DANCE
MOVED TO THE
HOLIDAY INN CUMBERLAND**



The Chapter Christmas Dinner & Dance will be at the Holiday Inn Cumberland not Rocky Gap due to the new casino which will be taking the place of the banquet rooms. The cost is \$20.00 per person (member and one guest only). There is a limited number of seats this year at 250. You must call the chapter office at 301-777-7001 or 800-482-8387 to reserve seating and pay for this event. RSVP must be in by Monday, November 26th. This year there will be no exceptions to this date. If you are reserving a room at the Holiday Inn call 301-724-8800 or 800-465-4329. The cost of a room is \$79.00 plus tax. You must mention VVA as the booking code to get this rate. Or you can call the Fairfield Inn & Suites at 301-722-0340 or 888-856-6990 cost of rooms are \$101.00 plus tax. After Happy hours there will be a cost for drinks. The Chinese Bandits will be playing. Come and enjoy the fun. If you have any question please contact the chapter office.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE RESERVATION FORM

MEMBERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

_____ 1 PERSON \$20.00

_____ 2 PEOPLE \$40.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

___ Check or Money Order ___ American Express

___ Visa or MasterCard ___ Discover

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Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 2000 hours at the Chapter Home 17 North Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland. Boards of Directors meetings are the first Thursday beginning at 1900 hours. All members are encouraged to attend both the membership and Board of Directors meetings.



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