

Secret Society of Happy People vote on events of last century

Indoor plumbing tops list

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The Secret Society of happy people announces the Top Ten Happiest Events, Inventions and social Changes of the Century:

10. PC's
9. Personal Health Products
8. E-mail
7. Internet
6. Television
5. Washer/Dryer
4. Women's Right to Vote
3. Medical Technology - Procedures, Vaccines & Cures
2. Air Conditioning
1. Indoor plumbing.

More than 10,000 votes were cast via the inter and by mail-in ballots during the months of August and September from a list of the 100 Happiest Events, Inventions and Social Changes of the Century that was prepared by the Society.

Although the list included items ranging from the Super Bowl, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Dilbert, Captain Kangaroo, five fathers, Girl Scouts cookies, and pizza delivery it seems that Americans cast their votes for the happiness that technology has brought to the 20th Century.

"The purpose of the voting was to facilitate conversations about twentieth century happiness," says Society Founder Pam Johnson. "We were excited that so many people

from all age groups across the country voted. Teacher had their classes vote, families voted and people took ballots to their senior centers."

The Society is happy to report that every item on the list, even things like buses, acrylic nails and dry cleaning received a vote. A complete list is available at the Society web site (www.sshp.com). Honorable mentions were:

11. Radio
12. Phones-Cordless and Cell
13. Microwave
14. Margaret Sanger for legalizing birth control
15. Civil Rights Act. Write in votes included Harley's, Power Tools, Big Band Music, RV's and even the secret Society of

Happy People. They also included experiences that are the essence of real happiness that have been around since the beginning of mankind; love, spending time

with family and God. The Secret Society Of happy People was formed to encourage the acceptance of the expression of the happiness and discourage the social backlash that often accompanies this. society grained international recognition in

December when it challenged Ann Landers for discouraging people from writing happy holiday newsletters to enclose with their holiday cards and in August when it declared August 8th as National Admit You're Happy Day.

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15. Civil Rights Act
16. Women wearing pants and choosing hemlines
17. Man Walking on the Moon in 1969
18. Motorized Cars
19. Movies with Sound
20. Social Security
21. Contact Lenses
22. Dr. Seuss
23. Wright Brothers Airplane-1904
24. CD Players
25. Remote Control
26. Paved Roads
27. Dishwasher
28. Call Waiting, 3-Way Calling, Caller-I-D Conference Calling
29. Pizza Delivery
30. The Far Side
31. Sunglasses
32. VCR/Vidio Camera
33. The Beatles
34. Winnie the Pooh
35. Disney Empire
36. Self Adhesive Stamp
37. Celebration of Cultural Diversity
38. Post It's
39. Personal Camera's
40. Sesame Street
41. The Wizard of Oz
42. Answering Machines
43. Star wars
44. Girl Scout Cookies
45. Wal-Mart
46. NASA
47. Indoor Malls
48. McDonald's
49. Blow Dryers
50. Mother's Day

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