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, tive 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.

3. Medical

Procedures,

Vote

Vaccines,&Cures

5. Washer/Dryer

9. Personal Health

toothpaste, Etc.

Cordless&Cell

13.Microwave

Band-Aid, Deodorant,

14. Margaret Sanger for

legalizing birth control

15.Civil Rights Act

16. Women wearing

pants and choosing

18. Motorized Cars

20. Social Security

21.Contact Lenses

23. Wright Brothers

25 Remote Control

26.Paved Roads

22.Dr. Seuss

Airplane-1904

24.CD Players

17.Man Walking on the

19. Movies with Sound

6.Television

7.Internet

8. E-mail

Products

10.PC's

11.Radio

12.Phones

hemlines

Moon in 1969

4. Women's Right to

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.schpcom). Honorable mentions were:

13.Microwave 14. Margaret Sanger for legalizing birth control Civil Rights Act. Write in votes included Harley's

11. Radio

Cell

12.Phones-

Cordless and

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

27.Dishwasher 1.Indoor Plumbing 28.Call Waiting,3-Way 2. Air Conditioning Calling, Caller-I-D Conference Technology-

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

39Personal 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

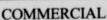
48.McDonald's

49.Blow Dryers 50. Mother's Day 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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