



Second, after the witness was asked if he had a computer record to back up the written records of the company's water bills, the witness responded: "Yes, sir, I think I have it at my house on *one of those "sloppy" disks.*"

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### I Forget if I Have Alzheimer's

This deposition excerpt from **Ronald D. Nickum** of Amarillo:

Q. To your knowledge are you suffering from any disease, illness, or disorder that would affect your memory or your ability to answer my questions?

A. Well, probably.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Tell him what you told me earlier about your ability to remember and that type of thing.

A. I done forgot it.

Q. You still haven't answered my question. Do you remember what my question was?

A. I probably will have Alzheimer's Disease in time.

Q. Do you now?

A. I'm afraid to go see.

Q. Do you think there may be something wrong with you that's affect-

ing your memory?

A. Yes.

Q. How severe do you think that is?

A. I don't know, don't want to know.

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### "Two-Fer" Number Two

Another "two-fer," this one from **Timothy D. Riley** of Houston (Riley & Harris):

(1) First, the transmittal letter of his client making the first payment on a \$300 J.P. settlement:

I hope you and your child are OK. That was a pretty serious wreck. My girlfriend chipped her fingernail and we are both thankful. She could have possibly have broken it. OHH. We are all lucky to have walked away from that one. Well anyway here is the first \$50. I wish you and your husband well and hope that one day you might be able to get a life.

Best wishes

*Trashy street hoodlum who hit you from behind*

(2) Second, from the husband's deposition in a divorce case:

Q. Okay. Now, other than Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ and Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, were there any other

people with whom you had sexual relations during the period of time your wife and you were married?

A. No, not to my knowledge.

Q. Okay. Okay. I must say, let me ask you this: Have you ever had sex with someone without your knowledge?

A. Not to my knowledge.

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### Those Jurors

From **Judge David V. Wilson** of Lufkin (207th District Court), this excuse from a Juror Reply Form that **Judge Gerald Godwin** (159th District Court) received from a 66-year-old juror:

I have received a summons for jury service but I request to be excused or exempt for the following reason: *I can't even make a correct decision for me. Much less for someone else. I smoke so I would have to leave the building to go smoke every hour. Then too if it is a case of male and female: Don't you know the male is guilty.*

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### The Gichbomb Who Stole Christmas

From **Bryan Medlock, Jr.** of Dallas, this seasonal excerpt from a deposition being taken by **William D. Harris, Jr.** of Dallas (Harris, Tucker & Hardin):

Q. Does the name Z-u-r-a-d mean anything to you?

A. Z-u—

Q. —r-a-d.

A. Z-u-r-a-d?

Q. Yeah.

A. No, sir.

Q. How about —

A. Give me a clue.

Q. I don't have one.

A. Is it a strange four-legged animal or what?

Q. Maybe he has a clue.

(Discussion off the record.)

Q. G-i-c-h-b-o-m-b, Gichbomb, does that mean anything to you?

A. G-i-c-h-m-o-b?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. No.

Q. B-o-m-b. Gichbomb.

A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. How the Gichbomb [who] stole Christmas?

A. Are you testing me?

Q. No. We're trying to find out who some signatures are.

*Judge Buchmeyer is chief judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.*



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