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"Why Can't We All Be More Like Don Smith?"

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Family Places Record Third Joke into World Joke Museum Hall of Fame

(Geneva) "Our Minnesota friends have done it again," said **Larry Timmerman**, the Curator of the World Joke Museum in Geneva. "Their entire series of 'Does This Make My Hand Look Big?' jokes has been accepted into the World Joke Hall of Fame (WJHOF), giving the family an unprecedented three jokes in the august body. They must be very proud indeed."

"This one made it thanks to brute force," said joke insider **Fran Maday**. "The two jokes already in the hall are far more elegant by posing either a question (1963's "What has a hundred teeth and eats wieners") or an elegant observation (1972's "This funeral is certainly a grave situation") but the 'big hand' series marks a new direction for the rather amusing family."



Some of the more manic family members began the use of the question in the early 1990's, by relying on small spoons (see left) and proclaiming to the dinner table, "Hey, does this make my hand look big?" These

attempts increased with the introduction of the small soda can and the emergence of the more petite coffee cups utilized at finer restaurants. Asked how this joke was considered for the HOF, the formal answer stated "the continuous and seemingly never-ending litany of attempts to trot out the joke won the day in the eyes of the judges."



Other reports have shown an effective letter-writing campaign, led by the "Big Hand Fans" **Chris Ayre, Mikey Dyste, Andy McGrory, Katie Barnett** and **Cindi Ramm** also had much to do with swaying the judge's final votes. "I don't care what anyone says, said Kentuckian **Cindi Ramm**, "but the joke totally slays me. I even start to giggle when I just see an espresso cup."

It May Be Cold as Many Metaphors But Reader Activities Hot as Ever...

(MNL Offices) "The facts are straight from our readers, said Editor-in-Chief **Lori Beyl**. "Look it up! These scoops are confirmed and cleared by our attorneys."



All St. Olaf coeds reported "a sudden warm rush of exhilaration" when the announcement broke on the details of the 2009-10 incoming Freshman class.



A FSHS All Class reunion for years 1972 -1976 is gaining momentum. Some MNL subscribers (read trio of **Batchelder, Dapper** and **DeLeo**) are currently researching Minnesota statute of limitations case law and are quickly counting backwards.



A 1974 high school picture of **Tom Teske** was found during renovations of the Faribault Congregational Church. "It appears Mr. Teske was one who was not affected much by peer pressure," said Church elders.

What Are Our New Year's Resolutions?

- Ask questions first, then shoot.
- Start saying "Yellow" instead of "Hello" when on the phone.
- Change Andrew Gold CD in Car.
- Attend (L) Billy Miller's Likely Wedding Without Heckling.
- Correct All Tattoo Typos.