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Celebrating four decades of Kent Roberts

By Kent Roberts

It is hard to believe that I have been with us almost half a century, but it is true. If you were to go back just over 40 years in a continuum-compliant time machine, you would feel a deep, seemingly inexplicable sense of loss. Why? Before I was born, there was a vacuum in the Earth's atmosphere that was essentially sucking out the

vast majority of the oxygen, making it almost impossible for anyone to breathe. When I was brought forth onto the earth by a carefully ritualized and evolved blend of coitus and waiting, I served as an anti-vacuum to that vacuum. A presence. Oxygen filled the air. The average reading level of the population quickly rose from second-grade to fourth-grade. Remember that moment

when everyone realized that the promise of humanity would be

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realized, and that we would accept our position within a broader communal fabric that included all living beings? That was when I was born.

PSA of the Issue: Pain in the neck

By Kent Roberts

Be careful, when massaging your neck,

not to forcefully jam your knuckles into its apparently hypersensitive

infrastructure. Because the nerves might just freak out, instruct everything

around to freeze in place, and demand that you go see a chiropractor.

Card table to continue in interim desk position

By Kent Roberts

Since transitioning to the current Kent HQ (via the 2012 Nissan Sentra with a broken driver-side mirror that serves currently as the Kentmobile), I

have been using a card table on loan from my parents as a desk. The card table will continue on as the interim desk at headquarters until after I move HQ again on October 1st. Then, I plan to get a wooden desk, so

that I can rap my knuckles on it when I'm considering whether to replace the indigenous, handcrafted spoon (also wooden) that is now exhibiting its diverse skill-set as the interim spatula.

Fact & Fiction

Fact: There aren't any decorations on the walls of Kent HQ.

Fiction: Kent often looks at his ornate wall hangings and says, "Thank God I invested in these."

Kentphorism:

"If I were the most annoying person in the world, I would probably be unaware of it."

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Kentphorism:

"Start paying more attention to your checking account any time it drops below twenty dollars."

WORLD'S MOST COCKEYED & LOOSE-LIPPED BACKSIDE OF A PUBLICATION ABOUT KENT ROBERTS

HQ analysis: 2017 will bring two-dozenth move

By Kent Roberts

The headquarters of this publication has not been defined by geographical stability. The chief location has been changed a total of 23 times, with the two-dozenth move set to occur October 1st.

Dominating the Northeast

Kent was founded and first distributed at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. After two years, headquarters was moved to New York City,

where it remained for just 8 months of stagnation.

Kent HQ #3: Gainesville

In February 2002, *Kent* moved to Gainesville, Florida. In Gainesville, the original (and only ever, at present) physical distribution box was launched, disregarding whatever local codes may have been in place, via chaining to a post outside Target Copy (Kent Publication HQ at the time, an official capacity that has since been in-sourced). At launch time, this

box had a fresh coat of navy blue paint and a very crude graphical representation of a laundry basket filled with clothes and the promise, "Laundry updates every month."

Lessons learned

After ten months in Gainesville, *Kent* moved to New York City, where it again floundered and sputtered and chased its own tail, serving as inspiration for the next 14 years of failure.

Kent HQ timeline

"These dates are approximate because we don't keep very good records."

By Kent Roberts

3/1999 – 5/2001:
Providence, Rhode Island (3 Kent HQs)
6/2001 – 1/2002:
New York City
2/2002 – 12/2002:
Gainesville, Florida (1st duplex HQ)

1/2003 – 7/2003:
New York City (two Kent HQs)
8/2003 – 9/2004:
Austin (the Jollyville Road HQ)
10/2004 – 8/2005:
New York City
9/2005 – 4/2006:
Hanover, Indiana

5/2006 – 6/2006:
Dallas
7/2006 – 7/2012: St. Petersburg, Florida (7 Kent HQs)
8/2012 – 7/2014:
Austin (2 Kent HQs)
8/2014 – 5/2015:
Los Angeles

6/2015 – 12/2016:
Austin (first and only return to a previous Kent HQ)
1/2017 – Present:
Minneapolis (2 Kent HQs at press time).

Trash Can with a Lid campaign succeeds

By Kent Roberts

I have spent the last five months convincing myself to

get a trash can with a lid. Tonight, the wait is over.