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[a little insurance humor]

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much "pi".

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an "optical Aleutian".

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be "stationery".
I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Zach Galifianakis says he went to his high school reunion but it was really weird. He was homeschooled.

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- "About 22% of the world's 300mm silicon wafer supply came from the Shin-Etsu Handotai's Shirakawa plant in Fukushima prefecture, and 60% of critical auto parts were in the same area," says Professor Willy Shih, who has studied the ways that supply chains work and the performance of the factories that comprise them. The area is also a primary supplier of lithium battery chemicals, flash memory, and anisotropic conductive film used in LCD flat panel displays.
- Throughout the Washington area, structural engineering teams are assessing the damage caused by the 5.8-magnitude August 23rd earthquake that left cracks in some landmarks, federal buildings, schools, churches and homes, some of which could be dangerous. The Washington Monument, Washington National Cathedral and the Smithsonian Institution's "Castle" remained closed as inspectors looked for damage. EQECAT, a firm that helps insurers determine catastrophe risks, estimates the damage from the quake, which rocked the East Coast from Georgia to Ontario, from \$200 million to \$300 million, with less than half of that amount insured. Quoted from an article by Carol Morello Ovetta Wiggins, *The Washington Post*, 08/25/2011, Page A4.
- Many New Yorkers jolted by the earthquake on August 23rd evacuated the glass office towers in the city, a response that Kelly Huston, assistant secretary of California Emergency Management Agency, described as unsettling. In a telephone interview the next day, Huston said the plate glass windows above evacuees could shatter and hit people coming out of the building. Huston recommended that New Yorkers respond to quakes the same way California residents are told to: dropping under anything sturdy and bracing themselves until the shaking stops. Early on the day after the earthquake, Huston received an email from New York City officials asking for a conference call to obtain advice about the earthquake instructions they should issue to the public in the future. Chris Gilbride, a spokesman for the city's Office of Emergency Management, said that the city is prepared for all sorts of catastrophes, but does not have a specific earthquake plan. Quoted from an article by Adriane Quinlan, *The New York Times*, 08/25/2011, Page A22.
- According to *Harvard Business Review's* blog of Feb 5, 2010, nearly 90% of firms do not conduct a risk assessment when outsourcing production. We were retained to look at a supplier's operations and found significant interruption exposures which the client then required the supplier to mitigate.

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