Unused Taverncast Show Ideas:

Full Show Outline: Taverncast: ZombieCast!

Guest for the Show: Erik Zempel (friend of all of us here in MI, Bill), creator of the internet's number one Zombie website (seriously, he is) - http://www.zombiereportingcenter.com/

Drink of the Show: ZOMBIE!

1 1/2 oz gold rum
3 tsp lime juice
1 tbsp Jamaican dark rum
1 tbsp white rum
1 tbsp pineapple juice
1 tbsp papaya juice
1 1/2 tsp sugar syrup
1 tsp 151 proof rum
1 pineapple stick
1 pinch powdered sugar

Shake all ingredients (except the high-proof rum) over ice, the pineapple stick and the sugar. Strain and add ice. Garnish with pineapple and a cherry. Float the high-proof rum on top and sprinkle a little sugar over it.

Segment: GET A HEAD: A basic overview "zombie culture" - what are its roots, what are the big movies/etc.... I haven't researched this at all, but I assume we'd be talking about the first Dawn of the Dead movie, whatever influences it had - plus its (sequentially crappier IMO) sequels, and what seems to be like a resurgence lately of movies/games/etc. Zempel should be helpful here! Included in this is: ZOMBIE VIRGIN since Bill has never seen any of the zombie movies - he could give a review of his first zombie experience. I'd suggest one of these three movies: Dawn of the Dead (newer version - like 2003? don't recall), Shaun of the Dead or 28 Days Later. The original Dawn of the Dead isn't bad either, but if you're only going to see one it'd probably be better if it's a newer one.

Segment: ZOMBIE DISSECTION

* What is a "real" zombie - fast? slow? dead? brains?
* What is it about the zombie "thing" that appeals to people?
* Causes - which is the lamest? Could it "really happen?"
* How will you fare when the zombie apocalypse comes? Where's your axe and shotgun?
* What would be "the best part" about a zombie outbreak? Zombie cars?

Segment: UPCOMING OUTBREAKS: If Zombiegeddon did go down, what would be the cause? Science gone amok? Magic? BOTH--?!? Where would it start? Would it affect animals... would there

be freaking zombie sharks?!

Idea: Beerbot's secret programming is triggered by numbers stations and he turns into a snobby, bitchy Winebot.

Full Show Outline: Taverncast - Back to the Eighties!

Show Open Definitely need a funny intro for this one - should be easy to do if we do the whole show in an eighties style...

Drink: Tab Floats: Can of Tab, Breyer's Ice Cream (add rum)

Segment: Best and Worst television and movies of the era

Segment: Retro cartoons

Segment: Retro Toys from the 80s

Segment: One thing you wish would "come back"

Segment: - 80s mix tape - perhaps play some songs and we try to ID them or something? I guarantee I'll suck at that

Segment: - Who was your 80's TV/film crush? Who did you most want to be in the 80s?

Segment: - 80s fashion - what picture do you own that you wish you could burn? Let's post them online!! :D

Note: This would be structured more like the "Endless Summer" show from 2008 with lots of mini-topics that we move through quickly

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Partial Show Idea – Taverncast: The Gaming Show!

Segment: Best games of all time

Segment: Future Gaming - what's gaming likely to look like in 50 years? Will they all be MMOs? Will there be whole sections of society who do nothing but live in virtual worlds?

Segment: Competitive Gaming - professional gaming as a sport. Can bring on KAt Hunter, Manager of the San Francisco OPTX, which is a pro gaming team, and part of the G4TV Saturday sports lineup. Kat is also now the marketing director at Blizzard and I still am in touch with her – I'm sure she'd make an attempt to come on.

Full Show Outline: Taverncast: - "What-If?"

Drink: Everyone selects a mixer and type of alcohol and we wonder “what if” we combined them all – then we do and try it. Instant drink creator!

Segment: What if Earth had two suns? What kinds of things would we need to do to preserve our way of life? What if it stopped rotating? And what the heck is the deal with that Seed Bank in Russia someplace?

Segment: What if animals could talk? How would we react if we figured out languages of animals already on the Earth? If we learned to speak whale, or dolphin, or chickadee, or monkey, or dog? What if your animals could talk to you; what would they say? How would that change how we deal with them?

Segment: What if a "cure" for death/aging were discovered (or just something that made us live another 100 years or something), how would society react?

Segment: What if Hitler had never been born? How would things be different?

Segment: What if you had a time machine and could go back/forward in time - where/when would you go? What if it was one-way only?

Segment: What if you had Three wishes? You find the bottle and there's a genie inside? You can't wish for more wishes, so you better make them count.

Full Show Outline: Taverncast: High Strangeness 2: Watch the Skies

Drink: Find a beer with a netherworldly name to it - I've got three or four microbrews here that fit that description.

Segment: **UFOs - anything to it?** The American public has been reporting things every year since 1947 - are we all seeing things? What's up there? What about the Roswell, NM crash? What was it? Will we ever know?

Segment: Cover-Up? Has the US government (or other governments across the globe) covered up what they know about the UFO phenomena? Why would they?

Segment: Alien Abductions? Seriously? Reports since the 1960s - very similar stories / descriptions. Mass hallucinations or something real?

Segment: What if SETI actually went public with something like "Contact"? How would America react? How would it change the global community, the economy? What if the aliens actually showed up? Would they be benevolent, or aggressive?

Guest Interview: Stanton Friedman - HYPERLINK "http://www.stantonfriedman.com/index.php?ptp=stans_bio" http://www.stantonfriedman.com/index.php?ptp=stans_bio

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Partial Show Outline: Taverncast: The Music Show!

Segment: What Else Is There - Music is old. REALLY old. And incredibly diverse. But the only 'old diverse' stuff you hear on the radio is classical orchestral from the Greats and perhaps some modern-day Latin. What cool music do you like that is either from another country or made before 1950 (and which is not typical 'classical')? Note: Old can be fun, but also consider stuff that is popular in other countries. Some other countries seem to interlace a cultural tradition into their modern music (e.g., ranchero music and folksy stuff from Europe). Menudo could be HUGE once again!!!!

Segment: Controversial - What is music? How is it distinguished from poetry? If poetry and music can be distinguished, then why is rap generally considered to be music and not poetry? Consider, if a guy sat in a jazz club and read the collective works of Robert Frost over a beat, would that be considered music? If not, then why is shouting out lyrics over a beat considered music? I made this argument in college once and almost got beat up for it. Really seems to be a hot topic for some people which doesn't seem to have a compelling rational response from those arguing from the music viewpoint.

Segment: **Personal** - What song does it for you? Has special meaning? Get's you pumped up before a big event? Or what song do you love that you are embarrassed to admit? What song has lyrics that are so important to you that you know them independent of the music?

Segment: **Loathing** - What music brings out the worst in you? What do you hate? For me, it's got to be all that damned Modern Day R&B that's always topping the charts. Maybe I'm just getting old.

Segment: Tech - What is going to happen to the music industry? Online downloads - heaven sent or tool of the devil?

Segment: Karaoke - I foresee this part as being the hit of the show. Everyone sings. Be sure to drink heavily beforehand. Have your radio/boombox/computer playing in the background and sing a song. Beginning to end just like in a bar. It will be glorious.

Partial Show Outline: Taverncast: Christmas 2010

Segment: Santa Claus: Fact or Fiction? Is Santa Claus real? What proof exists? If he's not real, should parents continue to lie to their children - perpetuating greed and consumerist tendencies in youth? lol So - how did you feel when you found out there was no Santa? Did anyone ever notice that Santa is an anagram for Satan?

Segment: Best Toys Ever for Christmas - "Talk about those most prized Christmas gifts from when

you were a kid.

Segment: Black Friday / Day after Christmas Sales: Consumers Gone Crazy! Talk about these crazy shoppers who get in fights over deals and trample hapless Wal Mart workers.

Segment: New Year Predictions for 2010 - Predictions from each of us - the one that gets closest wins...nothing at all...but you still win.

Idea: - Summer getaway in Winter show - do a whole show in February sometime that is themed around the summer - tropical drinks and foods, summer music (Beach Boys, Reggae, Carribean, etc)

Idea: Medieval Show : drink olden style ale, eat a huge pig on a spit, and talking in weird accents about knights and princesses and stuff.

Idea from Fan:

Alright, I wasn't gonna reveal this. The TC folks put a lot of trust in me when they told me this, but the news is too big and to quote Kevin Bacon from Oliver Stone's JFK, "People got to know." Eloy, Cromley, Kirn, Bill... I am sorry.

What a lot of folks don't know about Infernal Bill is that he can talk to the dead. He can actually verbally communicate with the departed. Not just people, animals too. And starting as of TC33 Infernal Bill will be taking your questions from departed family and friends, as well as their questions for you.

It's like that John Edward Crossing Over stuff. Except that they start the show with drinking beer. And the process is very taxing on Infernal Bill - to communicate with the dead he must be angry and coated in butter.

So that's the new show format. By TC 35, Eloy will be giving us tips on channeling our spirit guides. Cromley will be telling us about his discoveries in 'aura photography' and Kirn will be sharing her EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena, or 'White Noise') research with us.

How do I know all of this? Well, you see... I am one of the Departed.

insert creepy organ music here

Segment Idea: When you were a kid, what did you hope to become? did you follow your dreams? or did you go the opposite way?
