Rest in Peace, Mildred Monday!

“Monday, Mildred L. – February 19, 2010 – Mildred L. Abbott Monday 88, Indianapolis, died Feb. 17, 2010. Services: 2 p.m. Sat. Feb. 20 at Oakley-Hammond Funeral Home, Moore & Kirk Irvington Chapel, with visitation there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.”

Mildred has been around longer than the PLA has, first coming into contact with us when RBCP flipped to a random page in the phone book and called her from a pay phone in Indianapolis. This was in 1993. Mildred continued to receive calls throughout the 1990’s and she never failed to say amusing things to us and always loudly proclaimed, “I am Mildred Monday!”

There’s a small tribute to Mildred Monday in episode #16 of PLA Radio (about 14 minutes in) where a few of her calls are played and the Mildred Monday song is introduced. We also spent an hour of The Phone Show on September 14th of 2010 talking about our favorite Mildred memories. Gnnr even wrote his own tribute song to Mildred about a week after her death.

You will be missed, Mildred Monday! To listen to her phone calls and our songs about Mildred, visit our tribute page.

www.phonelosers.org/rip/mildred/

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Remember 2003? That was the year we were all hanging out on Cal’s Forums and bashing some new thing called Myspace while wishing each other a Happy New Monkey. PLA Radio was nothing more than my home computer, streaming prank calls 24 hours a day with an occasional live show. And I was all excited about Vonage phone service with its unlimited long distance and features that it provided, certain it was really going to shake things up with the telcos. Oh yeah, and I started up this newsletter thing called Phoneloser Monthly and released 3 issues of it before promptly forgetting about it for the next seven years.

I created the newsletters mostly as something to toss in for free when someone ordered a PLA t-shirt or a PLA Media CD or anything else I’m desperate to make a buck on. Back in 2003 I printed up hundreds of these things and they’ve served me well all these years, until just a few weeks ago. That’s when I released the PLA book and gave out an issue of Phoneloser Monthly with every book. After mailing out more than 100 books, I was suddenly out of free newsletters, free PLA stickers and all the other crap that I throw in with orders.

A few people wrote me emails, commenting about Phoneloser Monthly and asking if there were more issues. One guy in particular, Jeff from Milwaukee, was interested enough in the back issues to make me dig up the old Phoneloser Monthly files so that I could print out more issues for him. I even set up a web page for PDF files of back issues (after having to reinstall MS Publisher and track down all the missing fonts and make PDF files), located at www.phonelosers.org/newsletter. Now I’m suddenly writing an entire new issue, just so he’ll be surprised when I mail these other issues out. You better be fucking surprised and happy, Jeff! That’s all for this article. See you guys in another seven years.
Remember that one time that I wrote a front cover for Phoneloser Monthly after 7 years of not releasing any issues and I nonchalantly mentioned that the reason I’m doing this stems from people ordering the PLA book? That wasn’t all a bunch of bullshit. There really is a PLA book that was released just a few weeks ago, which the image to the right undoubtedly proves.

The book includes classic stories that we all know and love, such as the Fred Meyer thing, the Dino thing, the Curtis Lee Jones thing, the Big Larry thing, the Wacky Morning DJ thing, and all kinds of other things like important PLA history and stories based off of PLA issues, not to mention the awesome illustrations by RTF, 3rdWorm and others.

You can buy your PLA book today from the PLA store at phonelosers.org/store, or get it on Amazon, or order it from your local bookstore or library. All your friends have PLA books so why don’t you, you weird-ass freak?

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Below is a list of very important phone numbers. So important, in fact, that you should get off your stupid Facebooks for just 10 minutes and call them all up. In fact, you should print this list out and stick it on your refrigerator for quick reference. I stole a lot of these from a certain thread on the BinRev Forums at www.binrev.com/forums. And then I stole others from the PLA Forums at www.phonelosers.com.

973-230-6014 “I need the 10 digits...” Supposedly Cablevision.
402-595-1030 A room monitor for something in Omaha, Nebraska
503-491-6188 Elevator phone at a community college in Oregon
402-492-9135 Elevator phone in a 10 story parking garage
859-259-2333 Time & Temperature in Lexington, Kentucky
618-465-4545 Time & Temperature in Alton, Illinois
740-382-9999 Time & Temperature in Marion, Ohio
304-327-0521 Time & Temperature in Bluefield, Virginia
810-732-9037 Elevator phone in an old folks home
800-934-7367 Everything you say will be “on the air” at weirdos.com
972-889-2687 Plays old time radio shows at you
888-707-8679 Plays children stories at you
516-922-9463 Free dirty jokes since 1979
310-217-7638 Rejection Hotline in Los Angeles
631-960-7171 You’ve got horrible body odor
800-847-3162 Thank you for your time. Goodbye.

If you enjoyed calling the numbers on this list, you should send in some of your own. Because really, all you do is take and don’t give. Quit being such a greedy jerk all the time and offer something to the rest of us. Send them to rbcp@phonelosers.org or post them on our forums. Or even the dumb forums over at BinRev.
In the interest of being extremely lazy and providing a valuable service to the readers of Phoneloser Monthly, I am providing the blank space below for you to write or doodle in. Enjoy it.

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Phone Show Crossword Puzzle

Here is a crossword puzzle that features names of cohosts, listeners and other people who are related to The Phone Show on Cacti Radio. I might provide an answer key in the next issue of Phoneloser Monthly, due out in 2017, if I happen to remember. So don’t count on it. Instead, just go to www.cactiradio.com and listen to every single episode of The Phone Show and you’ll instantly know all the answers!

Listen to The Phone Show live each Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. Pacific time.

ACROSS
1. Also the host of the now defunct Fart Show, this cohost quit so that he’d have more time for watching hockey.
5. This man in Florida made harassing calls to The Phone Show for an entire hour in mid 2010.
6. Known for meeting strange guys in the park.
7. Our favorite Canadian who hates everyone and everything.
8. The cohost who gives exasperated sighs of disgust at everyone.
10. Occasionally calls in during our aftershows and he does his own live show on Cacti Radio
11. Always has a dot matrix printer hooked to the laptop in his taxi cab.
13. Always present for PLA Movie Night and likes to have his kids curse at us on the phone.
14. Has been your faithful host for two years now and still sucks at talking to people.
15. Cohosted in March of 2010 where he yelled at roxy a lot.
16. Has been an occasional in-studio cohost and sometimes brings her friend Anne with her.
17. He sometimes calls into the show and you often hear his sad songs about telco employees named Bob.
18. I have no idea what to say about this guy so I’ll give you a hint: his name is Gregulate.

DOWN
1. He’s known for making lewd comments, being drunk and laughing at everything.
2. Cofounded IRC’s #rock and once hosted a show with another PLA alumni.
3. Appeared in the 2009 Defcon Wrapup show to tell us how awesome Defcon was.
4. Honored the life of Mildred Monday with a touching song about her.
8. Carries a machette with him while he catches up on the latest Google Voice news.
9. Appeared in the very first episode of The Phone Show as a caller who hated the new show.
12. Runs a popular archive of telephone recordings and loves to prank hookers in Florida.