

Our ball men make a better ball pen.
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The puzzle as it appears on the web is:
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(The oops mistake being the “s” in place of the “m.”)

A - m
B - y
C - u
D - i
E - p
F - o
G - z
H - x
I - c
J - v
K - b
L - n
M - g
N - f
O - d
P - s
Q - a
R - l
S - k
T - j
U - h
V - q
W - w
X - e
Y - r
Z - t

Clue 1 6-18—Sneaky as a snake in the grass (The alliteration here is the “s”)

Clue 2—6-27—806—Eighteen units are to be expected for this clue. There are typically eighteen innings in a double header **baseball** game. The word “ball” appears twice in the puzzle.

Clue 3—7-4—9—George. George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees. Baseball.

Clue 4—7-11—307—“My baby, she wrote me a letter.” Subject is ball point pen, which is a writing instrument

Clue 5—7-19—508 “Sign on. Sign off. ...The signer.” The notion of the puzzle revolves around a “pen.”

Clue 6—7-25—709 “S” is not “I.”

Clue 7—8-1-99—30 “O Dear!” “O” = “D”

Clue 8--8--8--99- 231 Common legal agreement tool. Pens are historically used to sign contracts.

Clue 9--8--15--99- 432 Tennis, anyone? Tennis balls. The word ball appears twice in this puzzle.

Clue 10--8--22--99- 731 Some people check “yes.” Some people check “no.” Some people *sign* checks. ...But they all ought to know. (They all ought to know about ball point pens)

Clue 11--8--30--99- 33
N=F M=G A=M K=B

NFMGAMKB

Clue 12--9--6--99- 234

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out:

<http://www.codebot.com/oopsseptember.html>

Cannon underwater. Message below and to left: Our ball men are not responsible for this.

Clue 13--9--12--99- 533

This puzzle was originally taken from a magazine ad that appeared in a national publication in 1971. The ad promoted a product still available today. Besides the product alluded to in this ad, the company did and still does make cigarette lighters.

The company, of course, is Bic.

Clue 14--9--19--99- 734

Theoretically, John Hancock could have done a better job with one of these.

Clue 15--9--26--99- 935

31634 38191 43814 22122 21535 37163 43628 17132 61000

Text is: "Do it with a ball point pen."

The code is based on a telephone dial. A=21, B=22, C=23. A, B and C. The letters AB&C all appear on the number "2." "A" is the first letter, therefore "21." There is no "Q" or "Z" on the telephone keypad, so the "Q" is combined with "P" and the "Z" is grouped with the "Y." "0" is a null.

10-3-99 Clue 16--236

Jerry is very big. Jerry has a last name. Jerry works on Sunday. If you knew Jerry's last name, you have two words of this puzzle.

Jerry Ball is a Pro-Bowl professional football player.

10-8-99 Clue 17--437

Before there were these, this job was for the birds.

Early forms of pens were made from the feathers of birds (quill pens).

10-15-99 Clue 18--638

Michelangelo would not have had much use for one of these for his major work.

Michelangelo's most famous work was the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Ball point pens do not work well up-side-down.

10-23-99 Clue 19--936

SMile.

(The oops mistake being the “s” in place of the “m.”)

10-30-99 Clue 20--439

sktju hvqww xeyrz t0000

S=K, T=J, etc. the "0" is a null.

11-6-99 Clue 21 211

You still don't get its?

Intentional misspelling of "it." The "S" is the letter that is wrongly used in the text for an "M."

11-14-99 Clue 22 412

Give somebody special a great bic kiss.

Intentional misspelling of "big." The clue is, of course, Bic as in Bic Pen.

11-21-99 Clue 23 710

...nem llab ruO

Plaintext starts out: "Our ball men..." This clue simply spells it out backwards.

11-28-99 Clue 24 911

nep llab retteb a ekam...

Plaintext starts out: "...make a better ball pen." This clue simply spells it out backwards.

12-5-99 Clue 25 214

This is some game. I expected Mark, but got Sammy!

The "M" in the puzzle was mistakenly replaced with an "S."

12-12-99 Clue 26 415

nepl labr ette bzzz
better ball pen.

12-18-99 Clue 27 713

This puzzle has two of these, it takes three to juggle.

The word "ball." "Ball" appears twice in this puzzle.