

## COMMENT

Another year draws to an end... or if you believe the doomsday people (who believe the world will end on the 21st of December).. Maybe we should be saying "another civilisation bites the dust".. So it's been good knowing you & bye!

However for those of you plan to stay on for a bit longer we wish you all the compliments of the season. There has been a marked upturn in work activity with forward work at last starting to be back to 2006 levels. Way back then (2006) we made a comment that we expected 2103 to be the next boom year (mental note good time to sell the business). 2013 is showing signs of being a very busy year. No Olympics, No World Cups, No Commonwealth Games.. Only the 34th Americas Cup due to run from July through to September.. so keep an eye out for the "old Mug" in Auckland in late September.

Merry Xmas from all at Giles Civil Ltd

## Weird Facts

If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.



We have continued development work at the Luna Rossa base and the new Super Yacht marina at the viaduct basin. The above picture shows the brand new AC 72 in the water ready for it's first sail. Rumour has it that Luna Rossa plans to make Auckland their home for the next decade chasing that illusive "old mug"

**Awards & Achievements** Congratulations to Jarrod Marwood on achieving his Level 2 Infrastructure Works.

Also at the Big Boys Toy; Giles Civil had three of it's operators in the National Excavator Competition. James Peck finished 4th, Hamish Wight 6th & Jarrod finished 14th. Pictures from Big Boys Toys below







The Flipper Bridge: The problem: How do you get traffic between Hong Kong & Mainland China to "swap" sides of the road? The figure of 8 flipper bridge!

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- Slow your breathing
- Visualise your success
- Know your routine

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- Training, as we have known it, is no longer relevant in today's business environment.
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Training is an unnecessary expense in the view of many companies.

And they are dead right!

Read the original article by Andrew Brown

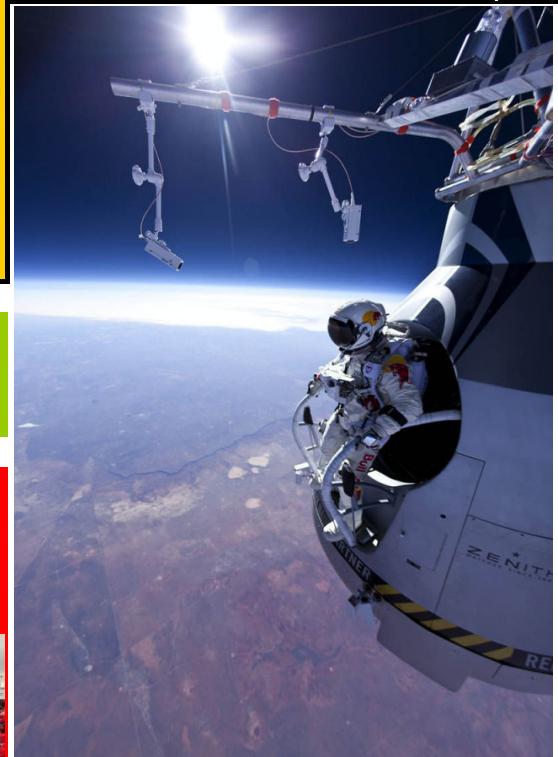
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Paddy shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No", shouts Paddy, "this is her fookin husband!"

Merry Xmas from all the Giles Civil Santa's.. Auckland Santa Run ; 1400 Santas .. The Giles Civil Team ended up with nearly 30 hangers on at the run down town on the 5th December on a very damp & humid evening.. Plenty of soggy Santas. All for a great cause (Claus) sorry.



**Felix Baumgartner facts & figures:** Launch took place on 14 October 2012 when Baumgartner landed in eastern New Mexico after jumping from a world record 39,045 metres (128,100 ft) or just over 39 kilometres (24 mi). On the basis of provisional data, Baumgartner also set the record for the highest manned balloon flight (at the same height) and fastest speed of free fall at 1,342 kilometres per hour (834 mph) making him the first human to break the sound barrier outside of a vehicle. Baumgartner was in free fall for 4 minutes and 19 seconds, 17 seconds short of mentor Joseph Kittinger's 1960 jump.

*Its better to be ignorant and ask a Stupid Question than to be plain Dumb and not ask at all - Screamed by High School Maths Teacher, 1979*

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