



What do you want to preserve for eternity?

We live in the Information Age. We are positively swimming in data. Yet the vast majority of that information exists in digital form. What would happen if, perhaps due to a solar flare, all the world's computers were fried instantaneously?

How much would we lose? What would be left? Could civilization carry on?

Another way to look at it: In one million years, what will remain? The pyramids, perhaps, but what about *Hamlet* or *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*? Anything written in a book will be long-since decomposed, as will computer chips and the machines needed to read them.

These are the questions that kept Austrian ceramicist Martin Kunze up at night. So he started the world's largest time capsule, and you can add your message to it free of charge.

- [The Story of the World on Ceramic Tablets](#)

Also in our blog in December...the 65 best inventions of the past 65 years, chosen by the editorial team at Popular Mechanics.

By "best" they mean the degree to which they impact our everyday lives. Taken as a whole, these inventions have completely reshaped the world we live in. Many of them have changed society itself.

Others, like the microwave, have just made everyday things, like making popcorn or reheating coffee, so much darned easier.

- [The Best 65 Inventions of the Past 65 Years](#)

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ALTERNATIVES TO FUSED SILICA LASER DEBRIS SHIELDS

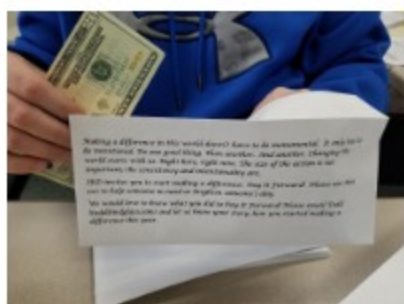
The costly optical assemblies that allow industrial lasers to weld and slice through metal must be protected from the extreme heat and debris caused by the manufacturing process. Most laser debris shields are made of fused silica, a relatively inexpensive material that provides adequate light transmission and durability.

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IRD Employees Paying it Forward

This Christmas we gave each IRD employee \$20 so they could share with someone in need or a worthy organization.



Below are just a few of the places our employees paid it forward!

- Local pharmacy to help cover prescriptions when customers are short
- Christmas Angel gifts for needy families
- Youth group mission trip
- Homeless person
- A friend needed a new car battery
- The Humane Society of Meeker & Kandiyohi Counties
- Helping out struggling co-workers
- Common Cup Ministries
- LAMP (Litchfield Area Mentorship Program)
- Friend's Go Fund Me for medical expenses
- Local police officer working Christmas

IRD Highlanders (There Can Be Only One) Fantasy Football Season

Our first inaugural company fantasy football season came to a close with lots and lots of facial hair.

Somehow, some way, process engineer Mick Spillane took home first place.



Honors for the Best of the Worst, the "toilet bowl" winner, went to our laser optic cell lead Thomas Schroer.



I came home the other day and everything in my apartment had been stolen and replaced with an exact replica. I couldn't believe it. I said to my roommate, 'Look at this stuff, it's all an exact replica.' He said, 'Do I know you?'

I'll stop at nothing to avoid using negative numbers.

Where do you find the trees in Minnesota? Between da two and da fours.

A climber fell off a cliff, and, as he tumbled down, he caught hold of a small branch. "Help! Is there anybody up there?" he shouted.

A majestic voice boomed through the gorge: "I will help you, my son, but first you must have faith in me."

"Yes, yes, I trust you!" cried the man. "Let go of the branch," boomed the voice. There was a long pause, and the man shouted up again, "Is there anybody else up there?"

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