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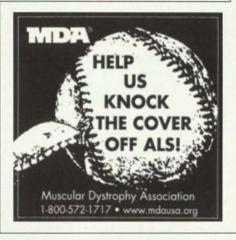
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son?" was sadly answered "yep."

The lesson: To find a customer's real need, you've got to ask a few questions. But don't ask too many.

KNIGHTS OF THE MIDDLE AGES

Do not confuse this with "middle-aged knights," because back then people rarely survived past about 37. And that's only if they worked out at a health club, and avoided people with the plague.

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The lesson: Offer your customer a variety of payment plans.

LEONARDO DE VINCI

Some claim this Renaissance figure was the brightest human who ever lived. Unfortunately, we cannot prove this, because his high school did not give SAT tests. Leonardo excelled in more fields than a hyperactive farmer. He painted...he sculpted...he studied astronomy and anatomy. He's often credited with drawing the first bicycle, the first airplane and the first helicopter. Were he still alive today, he'd probably have more frequent-flyer miles than anybody.

The lesson: Whenever Leonardo had an idea, he'd write it down in a notebook. You can do the same...and your next idea could change the world.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

Ole Tippacano. You remember him, don't you? The former President? Remember what he did in office? Mainly, he just died.

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The lesson: When you're ask to speak at a social or civic club, make it short and sweet. Whose speech do you remember best? Harrrison's...or Lincoln's three-minute Gettysburg Address?

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