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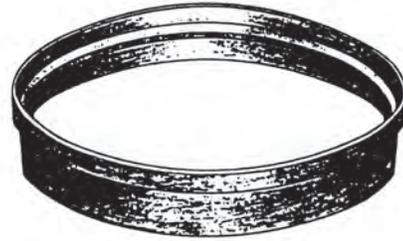


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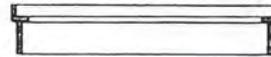
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Pictured is an American flag amid the debris left by the EF-4 tornado's path in Joplin, Missouri. This photo was taken on May 29, 2011, by Denise Burke, IRWA staff member.

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Opening the Channels of Communications

by Wayne Nelson,
IRWA Training Specialist

Recently, during an on-site contact with a couple of water operators, the topic turned to their board/council members not really knowing what the operators were talking about when they explained that repairs had to be made to system components. I agreed that I often hear about this type of problem and experienced it myself when I worked as an operator. In these cases there is often pretty of blame to go around. Many times the board members may not take an interest in the actual workings of the system. Sometimes it's our fault as operators that we don't show our boards what we have and the problems that go with it.

For example, if you weren't a water operator what would the word "filter" mean to you? A coffee filter, an oil filter for a car, or a furnace air filter? All look vastly different than the gravity or pressure filters used in treatment plants. If a board member has no water treatment experience or has never been to the plant what do they visualize?

I remember when I went to work as the Public Works Director for the Village

of Cerro Gordo back in the mid-1980's. It was just after the municipal elections and the Village board was made up of a lot of new members. I asked the village president and board if they would agree to a tour of the Village's facilities before one of their regular board meetings. They agreed and properly posted the agenda and times. The press was also invited to come along.

During the tour I showed them the water treatment plant (built in 1960 with the softening units leaks to prove it), the lagoon wastewater plant (all of the aerators needed repairs), and the maintenance shop to show what equipment we had (and what we didn't have).

We visited the elevated storage site and admired the recent paint job. I pointed out that even though it had just been painted we needed to save money over the long term for the next renovation.

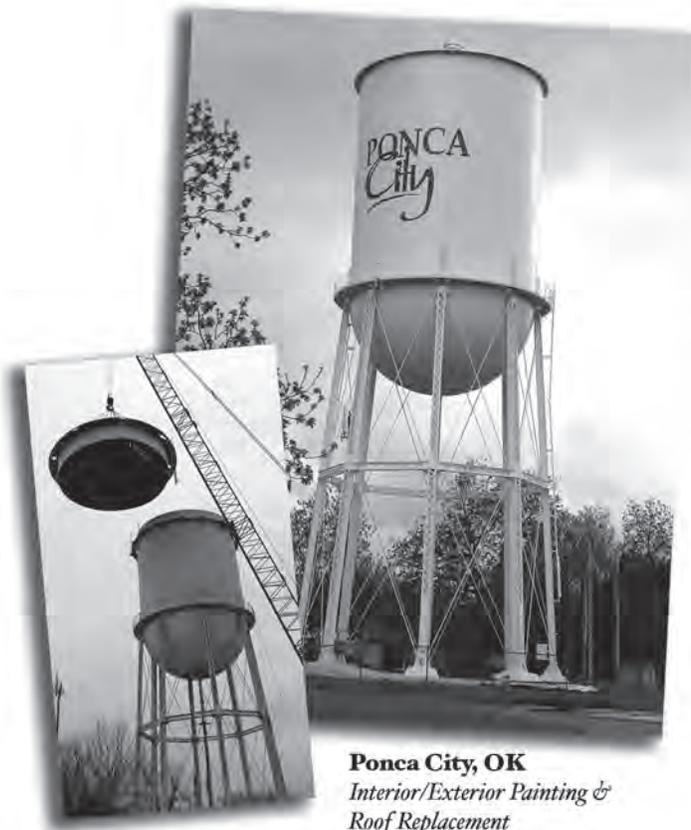
After this tour I explained that they didn't have to know how to operate the plants but would have an idea of what I



was talking about when I came to them wanting to replace a leaking ion exchange softening unit, for example.

We've always heard that a picture is worth a thousand words. Seeing for your self is worth a million. Having your board see your system and able to ask questions is priceless.

Now I've had operators say that this offer has been made to their board and refused. Heck, drag a member at a time to your plants. It'll be worth the effort. 💧



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Customer Service in the Internet Age

by Greg Bates,
IRWA Board President,
District at Large

It is our belief that a utility company must do everything it can to foster good relationships with the customers it serves. While it is obvious that most utility customers don't have a choice as to the company that serves them, it should be of the utmost importance to make them feel that they wouldn't choose another company if they DID have a choice.

For some time now, we have been aware that we needed to bring our company forward into the cyber-driven age. Much deliberation and painstaking research has gone into our final product, which will be launched by mid-July.

A web site where you can accept payments and have the customers work with you in an interactive relationship regarding their accounts is only going to be as good as the BILLING SOFTWARE

you choose. The billing software company will have to interface with the E-commerce company of your choosing (or one of their recommendations). It is imperative that you research the capabilities of the billing software company that you are using and make sure that they are able to grow with the ever-changing world of the internet and the use of it from the customer's point of view.

The second most important decision that you can make as a provider of services (after the choice of a reliable billing software company) is to choose the BEST web-site construction people that you can find. Many choices are out there. Some seem to be much more of an economically feasible choice. This is however one area where you do NOT



want to forget that you "get what you pay for". You will be much more satisfied in the long run and your website will receive better support and updates if you choose wisely.

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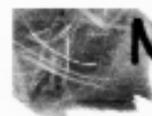
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When you finally choose a site builder, you will find that they will be thrilled not so much if you go in saying specifically “this is what I want”.... but more to the point of “this is what I DON’T want”. I spent literally months searching the internet for water companies, rural water companies, water service related sites and so on. Clearly illustrating your vision of what your site should be, will save money and time for all parties. A well-designed and laid out site, giving clearly defined areas of interest (information, help, billing, payments, urgent issues such as boil orders, company history, etc.), will cause customers to be more willing to use it, which will save office employees time and company resources.

Early on I determined that many sites try much too hard to get a lot of information on their main page. What they succeed in doing is having a cluttered, hard to read, and absolutely NOT a “user friendly” site. Go into your session with the builder with example sites chosen of what you don’t like and why and also take others that demonstrate what you DO like and the reasons you feel that way. Sometimes it is the intangibles that you can’t really explain well – certain attitudes that a site presents. Maybe they take more time outlining what they want from the customer rather than what the company can do for the consumer. Perhaps the site offers very little in the way of providing information on water problems, usage or leak detection; and

more on how they want to collect the customer’s money. As a utility company, we all know that one of the first issues we face is collecting money. While we are aware of that, our sites don’t have to make that the blatant first impression when a customer logs on. We can focus on telling our customers how much we appreciate them and how our goal is to serve them better today than the day before, while still making the links for billing obvious and accessible.

Think about the issues that your offices address each day. Urgent issues such as boil orders or water outages due to leaks should be highlighted in some fashion – perhaps a red banner or a pop-up indicating this with very explicit terminology as to what area is affected and how long it is expected. Less urgent issues such as “what to do if you think you have a leak”, or other such often-asked questions, should be easily found and accessed by your customers. Links can easily be imbedded to other informative sites. Most computer-savvy people will start looking around your site when they have questions. If they find the information they need, it is one less phone call your office must deal with.... saving time and resources.

Remember that your site is going to be a tool for providing excellent customer service. When customers email you through the site, respond QUICKLY and with DEFINITION to the issue at hand. As the customers learn that they can depend upon you to provide resolutions to their issues through the site, and that they don’t have to wait an unreasonable amount of time before hearing from you, they will be more likely to use the site the next time they have a problem. In the end, an awesome website will be an invaluable resource in striving to be the best provider of services to which your company can aspire. 💧

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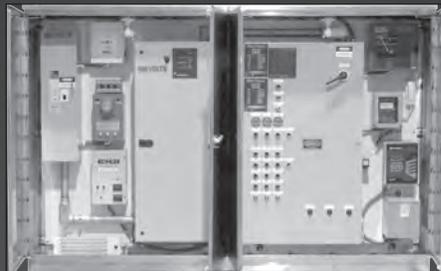
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City of Hamilton WWTP

by Bill Dowell,
Waste Water Technician

The City of Hamilton, population 3029, is located in Hancock County, Illinois at the east end of Lock and Dam 19 on the Mississippi River. Having been officially incorporated in 1854, progress led to the beginnings of the sewer collection system in the 1890s. Major expansions of that original system occurred in the 1950s, 60s and 70s. The system consists of approximately 300 manholes, 81000 feet of 8" pipe, 7400 feet of 10" pipe, 2000 feet of 12" pipe, and 1650 feet of 15" pipe. Flow to the treatment plant is by gravity, but five lift stations are required within the collection system. The last sewer extension was made in 2009, consisting of about 200 feet of pipe.

Two major sewer repair and re-lining projects have been completed, with a third project about 50% completed. When this third project is finished, about 66% of Hamilton's sewer collection system will have been re-lined, including two large sections that had been sources of significant infiltration.

The original treatment facility was a primary clarifier with a diameter of 20 feet. This unit had been built in 1946. The current plant configuration, with two trickling filters and two secondary clarifiers, was constructed in 1976-77. Geometric dome covers were added

to the trickling filters in 1987-88, with the work being done by wastewater personnel. These domes were added to help alleviate freezing problems in the trickling filters. The gas chlorine system was converted to liquid chlorine in 2008, and this work was also done by the wastewater personnel.

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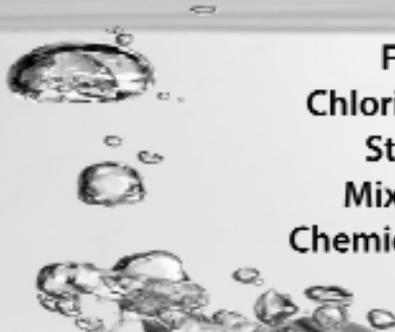
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Glimmer of Light

by Frank Dunmire,
Executive Director, IRWA

As I write this edition's article I am sitting in a motel room in Albuquerque, New Mexico after attending the third day of in-service training. Now being an old country boy from central Illinois and being accustomed to high temperatures and equally high humidity levels, this is not a comfortable place to be. Today's temperature topped one-hundred degrees with a humidity level soaring all the way up to 5%. It is this low level that all of the locals often point out as being a dry heat. Granted, the high humidity levels back home might not be comfortable but I am here to tell you the low levels here aren't a walk in the park either. Well enough of that, on with the story.

By now almost all of you are aware that funding for two of our most popular programs did not "make the cut" in DC for FY 11. These two programs (the Training program and the USEPA Source Water program) are set to expire when current funds are exhausted on or about

August 31, 2011. The only glimmer of light (and it is only that – a glimmer) is that the USEPA will make available "training and technical assistance" funds for FY 11 through a competitively bid process. Why, all of a sudden, did USEPA step back from their earlier testimony to Congress where they testified funding such a program was not in their operating plan for FY 11? I am not saying that a letter signed by approximately 30 Senators had anything to do with the change of heart – I'll leave that up to you. Two of the Senators signing that letter were from Illinois. Yes, Senator Durbin and Senator Kirk both recognized the value of small system training and the importance of protecting our drinking water from contamination and signed on to the letter addressed to the Administrator of USEPA. However, this change of heart is only the glimmer that I referred to earlier. The USEPA has yet to develop the guidance or policy on how the competitive program will be bid. Our best guess at this point is no time soon. Translation – no programs after August 31st.

As everyone gathered in the general session room for the kickoff of this year's in-service, a quote attributed to Winston Churchill was used by one of the speakers and for some reason it stuck with me. The quote seemed to sum up the efforts of you, me and the rest of the rural water family and I thought I would use it in this article. While researching the quote on-line I found that this one, like most good quotes from decades past, seemed to gain a life of its own and grow into something different. Even at that, it is still fitting and descriptive of the efforts



put forth by rural water folks from across the nation these past few months. You're probably saying get to the point! What was the quote? It was three simple words – "never give in". But Winston Churchill thought these words so important and so descriptive of what the British had endured, he felt compelled to repeat them in his speech given on October 29, 1941. It was on that date Prime Minister Churchill visited Harrow School to hear the traditional songs he had sung there as a youth, as well as to speak to the students. This became one of his most quoted speeches. The myth is that Churchill stood before the students and said, "Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, give in. Never give in. Never give in. Never give in. Never give in." Then he sat down. In reality, he made a complete speech that included words similar to what are often quoted. Those words were "Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never--in nothing, great or small, large or petty--never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense." And that folks is the exact approach IRWA, along with sister associations across the nation has taken when it comes to reinstating funding for the USEPA programs. Until such time, you will most likely see several changes in the way IRWA offers continuing education opportunities to operators throughout the state. These changes are still being discussed at this point but I will keep you posted as circumstances warrant. 💧



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The location for this event is **Piper Glen Golf Course in Springfield, Illinois**. The date for this four person scramble is **Friday, August 26, 2011**. The fee is \$50.00 which includes lunch, a gift bag, green fees and golf cart. Various prizes will be given away as well. Like last year, IRWA is trying to make this a fun-filled and affordable golf scramble. Your participation will ensure that this year's event will be every bit as successful as past outings. This event gives the IRWA members an opportunity to have fun and enjoy a day of golf with fellow industry professionals.

IRWA hopes for a great turn out for this event and you are encouraged to submit your registration forms prior to the **Friday, August 12, 2011** deadline. Please make checks payable to Illinois Rural Water Association. You can also go online and sign up and pay by credit card at www.ilrwa.org.

This will be a four-person scramble with a **10:00 a.m. shotgun start**. Participants are encouraged to be at Piper Glen Golf Course and check in at the registration table no later than 9:45 a.m. A box lunch will be served as you make your way by the club house while playing golf.

It is IRWA's hope that you will be able to attend this event. Please feel free to contact **Denise Burke** at 1-217-287-2115 with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Board of Directors & Staff

WHAT: 8th Annual
IRWA Golf Outing

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The 8th Annual Illinois Rural Water Association Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 26, 2011 at Piper Glen Golf Course located in Springfield, Illinois. Directions to the course are located on the last page. The golf format will be a shotgun start at **10:00 a.m.** Please check in at the registration table no later than 9:45 a.m. Please fill out the registration form below and send it along with your check to the address listed below. You may also pay by credit card online at www.ilrwa.org. **Registration must be received and paid by Friday, August 12, 2011 in order to reserve your spot. We are limited to 120 golfers for this event.**

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Please make all checks payable to Illinois Rural Water Association. Return your completed registration and payment to: **Illinois Rural Water Association—P.O. Box 49—Taylorville, Illinois 62568**

If you have any questions, please contact **Denise** at Illinois Rural Water Association at 1-800-762-3547 or email her at: ilrwadb@ilrwa.org.

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12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**
1:00 – 2:00 Chemicals
2:00 – 2:30 **Break**
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Out with the "Old"... In with the "New" Holiday Shores Sanitary District

by Pat Gammill,
Circuit Rider

This statement has been used in many situations and I can agree there are times when you just know that it's time to get rid of the "Old" and bring in the "New." This stands true these days when it comes to upgrading a water treatment facility to fit the times of our ever changing technology. But even though something is old it doesn't mean that it isn't or wasn't ever good...it may need upgraded...it may need a facelift...but the idea and the concept of the "Old" will always stand true.

In the days when I ran a treatment plant before I started with IRWA, my controls basically consisted of an HOA switch. It did everything I needed it to do and I knew if it was in the H position it would operate by hand...if it was in the A position it was running automatically and if it was in the O position it was

off! When I make visits to systems now a lot of them have upgraded to the new technology. Everything from feeding the chemicals to backwashing the filters to running the high service pumps is controlled through the computer. Sometimes I feel pretty old school... I would have a problem wondering if that valve really opened or closed because I didn't physically do it myself. But that is the way it is...that is the "New"...the "Old" concept is still there it's just doing it in a "New" way.

The new treatment plant at Holiday Shores near Edwardsville is not a stranger to the new technology. They as well have recently upgraded from the "Old" to the "New." Let me take a minute to share a little history.

Holiday Shores is a lake subdivision that was developed in the early 60's. What was once farmland



that sat in a very rural area just south of Prairie Town...much of which was owned and farmed by my relatives...and where I spent 90% of my childhood... is now a community that services 1400 connections. The old treatment plant was built in 1967. The treatment process consisted of a coagulant for pretreatment, carbon for taste and odor, two gravity sand filters, chlorine for disinfection and fluoride. At that time there were only a handful of homes that the plant supplied.

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Out with the "Old"... In with the "New" Holiday Shores Sanitary District

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But over the years Holiday Shores grew and more people were buying lots and building homes. In fact in 1970 my folks bought a lot and we built a home right on the lake. It was incredible! I was going on my last year of high school and what better place to live than on a lake!

During the next couple years I did a lot of water skiing...a lot of partying... and met a lot of new friends. One of which was Ken Dulle who is now the Water Superintendent for Holiday Shores Sanitary District. I have known Ken now for...wow...35 years along with Joe Urban the water operator for the system. Of course Joe is a few years younger than Ken and myself...in fact I used to babysit him many moons ago. (He's gonna get me for that one, ha!). But years passed... went on to new adventures... but came back 20 years later to become the water operator for that "Old" Plant after graduating ERTC at SIUE. Yep, Holiday Shores was my first job in the water industry! And now some 20 years later as a Circuit Rider for IRWA, I am writing an article about the new treatment plant at Holiday Shores...a place with much

history and many memories for me! Yep! That's the "Old."

The "New" treatment plant is top notch, state of the art and truly up to the minute with the new technology. But the principle of the treatment is still the same as the "Old" treatment plant.

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Holiday Shores Sanitary District employs: Ken Dulle, Water Superintendent...Joe Urban and Dallas Hayes, Water Operators...and Donna Kinder and Carla Lankster, Office

Personnel. I get the opportunity, like I do with so many of you, to work with these folks on occasion. Their dedication and hard work along with that of their Board of Directors has paid off for the District over the years. Since the days when I worked at that "Old" treatment plant... the District now also supplies wastewater treatment to their customers.

A lot changes over the years and I believe we are really noticing it much more in the water/wastewater industry. We may have a lot of "New" in the technology but let's keep the "Old" in the operator. Because with that comes the experience...the knowledge...the ideas and the concept of it all...which is to supply safe drinking water for everyone now and in future generations to come.

I want to thank Ken and his crew for allowing me to visit the new plant and take these photos to share with you all. I appreciate being in a position to see and write about these "New" changes...but I gotta say... it makes me realize...I'm the "Old!"

See ya in my travels! 💧



Our Need for William Shatner

by Kenneth McCormick

In the old days, well old days to you but not such old days to me, certain actors and actresses would become so popular that they would go on seemingly forever in films, until they were not able to do the job any longer or died. Some of these people were Henry Fonda, John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart and others. This was said to be attributed to their great skill at acting. We would watch one of their movies and say things like, wow he still has it. That was a complement which meant he still was a great actor. These names were so powerful that when they would appear on a movie marquee, many people would rush to see the movie, just because a certain person was in it. I guess you would have to say that this was the golden age of movies. Then something very profound happened. Television started to become popular. With television however, it was much harder to attain this type of status, although in the beginning a

few did like Milton Berle and Jack Benny, two comedians. Then it happened, one person came on to the scene in the sixties and his fame is still with us to day.

William Shatner was not an actor that you would put into the class of a Fonda, Taylor, or Bogart. He never claimed that he was. He began his acting career in 1950. He was born in 1931 and kept his real name which is very unusual. His full name is William Alan Shatner and as most people know, he was born in Canada. His grandfather was Wolf Schattner and anglicized the family name to Shatner. Shatner was raised in the conservative Jewish religion. When I said that Shatner was not in the class of Fonda and others, this was not to say that he was not a good actor. He was trained as a classical Shakespearean actor and appeared in the Stratford Festival of Canada in Stratford, Ontario. There is something about Shatner's personality that seems to

make us like to watch him. I don't know the man since I have never met him, but he does come across like a very likeable person. I remember watching him recently on an interview show that he had on cable and he interviewed Leonard Nimoy. I couldn't pull myself away from it. Does Shatner have some power over us that we are not aware of?

There are still a few of us around that remember the Howdy Doody Show. It was a very early tv show for children that featured a marionette as Howdy Doody. Shatner played Ranger Bob in the Canadian Version. Shatner did have some experience in the movies and was in the movie, The Brothers Karamazov. He played the younger brother. The film featured many big names of the time such as Yul Brynner, Lee J. Cobb, Richard Basehart, Albert Salmi, Maria Schell, Clare Bloom and others. Although Shatner made many movies other than

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Star Trek, I do not believe that is where his popularity arose from. It came initially from television. He made at least a couple of the original Twilight Zones, which are constantly being shown on television. He also did many voices, but when he became the fearless Captain Kirk of the star ship Enterprise, his career was really born. As strange as it seems, he probably didn't know it at the time, because the series was canceled after about 90 + episodes, but enjoyed and still enjoys constant re-runs.

Millions of people have grown up watching Shatner perform some hammy acting at times in the series, but there was that something that he had that made every episode enjoyable. The show began to have a life of its own. Star Trek conventions began to appear everywhere and suddenly everything Star Trek became collectable. Kirk (William Shatner) started to appear in small plastic statue form in all different Star Trek toys. People did not seem to be able to get enough of him. Then came the Star Trek movies. Shatner seemed to have perfected his acting ability to the point where it was even more enjoyable in the films than it had been on the tv screen. The first movie was Star Trek: The Motion Picture. Actually it wasn't very good. The next film however was considered one of the best and that was Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. The other films featuring the original cast were Star Trek III: The Search for Spock, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek V: The Final Frontier, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country. The last Star Trek film that Shatner was to appear in was Star Trek: Generations.

We were all at a point now where we needed to see Shatner again. It had been some time since he had appeared on television. Before I get into that I have to tell you that Shatner received or was nominated for numerous awards for his acting. Here is a list of them:

- **2005 Golden Globe:** Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television - Winner

- **1999 Emmy:** Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series - Nominee
- **2004 Emmy:** Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series - Winner
- **2005 Emmy:** Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Winner
- **2006 Emmy:** Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Nominee
- **2007 Emmy:** Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Nominee
- **2008 Golden Globe:** Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television - Nominee
- **2008 Emmy:** Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Nominee
- **2009 Emmy:** Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Nominee

Shatner was featured in several television series. They were the \$10,000 Pyramid, 3rd Rock from the Sun, Battle of the Network Stars, Dr. Kildare, T.J. Hooker, The Defenders, The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn and the Practice. He also has been the guest star on shows over 260 times and growing. He has appeared in over 52 movies as either an actor or voice. To this we have to add that he produced some shows and directed some episodes of shows.

At 79 years old, as of the writing of this article, Shatner is not finished yet and currently has a new show to fulfill our need to see him, it is called Shatner's Raw Nerve and appears on the Bio channel. It is basically an interview show where a guest comes on and is asked

interesting questions by Shatner. It may not be the same as watching Shatner fight a lizard looking alien using only whatever is at hand, but he is getting a little long in the tooth for that. I guess we will just have to satisfy our Shatner needs without the action that used to accompany them. An old Shatner is better than no Shatner at all.

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