

How to impress your boss & save your job



THE last time I ran into **Rupert Murdoch** in our building's elevator I said "Ughhhh, hi!" And my voice cracked.

While I thought that was pretty good spur-of-the-moment banter, I'm now finding out that it apparently wasn't.

A guy named **John M. McKee**, BusinessSuccessCoach.net's CEO, thinks we should all "develop an elevator speech" in case you happen to get some one-on-one face time with your boss between the 13th and the 20th floors.

I liked McKee's ideas so much that I'm not only going to repeat some of them for you here, but I'm also going to add — with his permission — to them.

Hey, even someone with a silver tongue like I have could use some help during this recession.

1.) Develop an elevator speech: The chance to make a great impression can come up at unexpected times — including in an elevator. McKee thinks it's important to use the short ride to promote yourself.

OK, but I also believe you could let the boss know about some of the people you work with. Like "Mr. Kane, I sure like working here even if some of my fellow workers think you're a windbag. Not, me! I just ignore the guy to my right with the crew cut and the women

who sits at the desk to the left."

Who knows, it could be you or them on the firing line.

2.) Pace your boss.

McKee says that in order to stand out, employees should be in the office when the boss is there. "Let him or her see that you share the same work ethic," McKee suggests.

But I don't think you should stop there. Find out where the guy takes his dry cleaning, shops for food and gets his hair cut. And show up at as many of those places as you can. Some may call it stalking. But I like to think of it as a premeditated fortunate coincidence.

And your boss probably will not call the cops as long as you don't start referring to his kids by their first names.

3.) Over-communicate. "Keep everyone who is in a position to help you move ahead well-apprised of what you are planning and currently working on," says McKee.

In fact, I think if you get into all the intricate and gory details of your boring job — and do it every single day — the bosses might promote you out of their sight.

They'll figure that someone else in the organization might enjoy your enthusiasm.

4.) Arrive rested and prepared, says McKee.

Hell, I think you should just sleep in the conference room. This way you'll not only get a good night's sleep (no commute) but will also be on time. And you can get your boss's coffee and sticky bun in the morning.

McKee has some other good ideas that you can read in his book "Career Wisdom — 101 Proven Strategies to Ensure Workplace Success" (Wheatmark.) But, sorry, the book won't have my

sarcasm.

If Congress really wanted to stop companies that received government bailouts from giving fat bonuses to employees it should tax these inappropriate payouts at 110 percent — not 90 percent.

I'm not saying they should. But you'd think carefully about taking taxpayer money if there were a penalty attached.

Tim Geithner admitted to Congress that he had to consult with "market participants" before putting together the plan announced last week to take troubled assets off banks' books in a partnership with private investors.

I wonder: Did Geithner prohibit these "market participants" from buying stocks and bonds ahead of the plan's announcement?

Or were these insiders able to use this confidential information to profit from the nearly 500-point jump in the Dow on Monday?

Hank Paulson, Geithner's predecessor, also admitted regularly talking with market participants.

And I've always wondered how many times Paulson gave away inside information under the pretext of needing to get Wall Street's opinion. john.crudele@nypost.com

