

Happy Birthday

The Urth list — 2 messages, 2 voices, 05 Apr 1999

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Ranjit Bhatnagar — 05 Apr 1999, 13:34

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-- ranjit

Mitchell A. Bailey — 05 Apr 1999, 17:11 · follows Ranjit Bhatnagar

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Well, if you transmit via electromagnetic radiation of some wavelength so it propagates at $c = \sim 186,000$ miles/s, and you've got a REALLY slow modem, so that it takes 3.76 sec to transmit each letter/byte...