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Just A Note

by Ken Gillette
Editor & Publisher

HELLO AGAIN!

Gradually we're catching up with SLDigest. This issue will be in the mail before the 13th, and the good news is that I already have jokes lined up for May's issue.

I was drawing a blank for this month's topic when I turned to my good friend Alexa (Amazon's voice service, like Apple's Siri) for the spelling of a particular word. I still marvel at the technology that makes this possible, and it gave me an idea. It brought to mind a conversation I'd had that day with one of the I.T. men working on my computer. We're so lucky we have OrLANtech, Inc. out of Orlando, a really great company, that keeps all of our computers in tip-top condition.

One of my scanners had hung up and wouldn't work, but as I told Ruud, the technician, about the problem I also thought of all of the good things about computers. They're as useful as any household appliance. For instance, like I mentioned before, I can ask Alexa a question and she'll give me the answer, whether it's for a correct spelling or for trivia. That's pretty handy when I'm working on the Digest! I check the weather on my computer and watch the radar for strong storms.

Because my computer can play music, I can still enjoy the tunes we played on the airwaves during my years as an announcer in radio and TV, and I can watch videos of my favorite artists. Some are still pretty active, like Andre Rieu, a great musician, or I go back in time to watch and listen to ABBA, or sometimes go back even further to listen to and watch the Mills Brothers – who I was fortunate enough to have interviewed.

I continually look up products that I'd like to buy for the Deli or feature here in the Digest. When a new appliance is needed, either in my home or at the Deli, I can shop on the computer and many times actually see it demonstrated. While I don't play games on either my computer or iPhone – that drives me a little bonkers when I'm in a restaurant or at the barber shop and somebody's texting friends they just saw ten minutes ago or play some game while others at their table are having a conversation – I'm always looking up funny, clean jokes and stories for the

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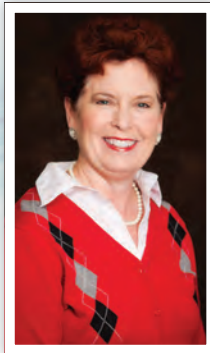
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Jelly Bean Prayer

by Charlene Dickersen, 1997 – submitted by Susan Glenn Caddell, DDS

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Green is for the grass he made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of nights.
Black is for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for his hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, a promise, a loved one's treat.

Hope you have a Happy Easter!

Susan Glenn Caddell, D.D.S.





Almost Had It!

Now that I'm over 40, my younger teammates have begun to tease me about my declining abilities as a softball player. During one game, I was playing third base when a batter ripped a shot over my head. I leapt as high as I could, but the ball tipped off the end of my glove and fell safely for a hit. At the end of the inning, I was heading for the dugout when our left fielder caught up with me. "That much!" he called, holding his thumb and forefinger a couple of inches apart. "I know," I replied. "I almost had it." "No," he said, "I mean that's how far you got off the ground."

"Lately all my friends are worried that they're turning into their fathers. I'm worried that I'm not."

—Dan Zevin

THE SUMMER AFTER COLLEGE GRADUATION, I was living at home, fishing in the daytime, spending nights with my friends – generally just hanging out. One afternoon my grandfather, who had never gone to college, stopped by. Concerned with how I was spending my time, he asked about my future plans. I told him I was in no hurry to tie myself down to a career. "Well," he replied, "you better start thinking about it. You'll be thirty before you know it." "But I'm closer to twenty than to thirty," I protested. "I won't be thirty for eight more years." "I see," he said, smiling. "And when will you be twenty again?"

So Much For Vanity

To celebrate his 40th birthday, my boss, who is battling middle-age spread, bought a new convertible sports car. As a finishing touch, he put on a vanity plate with the inscription "18 AGAIN." The wind was let out of his sails, however, when a salesman entered our office the following week. "Hey," he called out, "who owns the car with the plate 'I ATE AGAIN'?"

MY GRANDFATHER HAS A KNACK for looking on the bright side of life. Even after receiving the terrible diagnosis that he had Alzheimer's, he was philosophical. "There's one good thing that'll come from this," he told my father. "What's that?" asked Dad. "Now I can hide my own Easter eggs."

Local Traveler

For my grandmother's 80th birthday, we had a huge family celebration and even managed to get a photo announcement in the local paper. "Nice picture," I commented. "It's my passport picture," she revealed. "Really?" I stared in amazement at my homebody grandma. "Where did you go?" "Walgreens," she replied.

Hiking The Canyon

After working for months to get in shape, my 42-year-old husband and I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. At the end of two grueling days, we made it back to the canyon's rim. To celebrate, we each bought an "I Hiked the Canyon" T-shirt. About a month later, while my husband was wearing his shirt, a young man approached him. "Did you really hike the canyon?" he asked. My husband beamed with pride and answered, "Sure did!" "No kidding!" the fellow said. "What year?"



Fat Chance

Having fought the battle of the bulge most of my life, I found the battle getting even harder as I approached middle age. One evening, after trying on slacks that were too tight, I said to my husband, "I'll be so glad when we become grandparents. After all, who cares if grandmothers are fat?" His prompt reply: "Grandfathers."

Time Warp

My 20th high-school class reunion was held at a hotel on the same night that another school's tenth-year reunion was taking place. While my friends and I were in the restroom talking, some unfamiliar women entered. After their stares became uncomfortable, we turned toward them. One of the women said, "Don't mind us. We just wanted to see how we'd look in another ten years."

Challenging

Jim, my 40-something husband, was playing basketball with friends his age. "Pretty soon," said one of his teammates, "we'll have to count it as a basket if the ball just hits the rim." "Yeah," Jim agreed. "It's scary when you have to look through the bottom part of your bifocals to shoot layups and the top part on jump shots."

Flattering Tip

I was with my husband almost 40 years old." He apologized, but said he had to insist. When I showed him my license, the clerk served me the beer. "That will be \$4.25." I gave him \$5 and told him to keep the change. "The tip's for carding me," I said. He put the change in the tip cup. "Thanks!" he said. "Works every time."

"If people fought sin as hard as they do middle age, Earth would be a moral paradise."

—Hal Boyle

Gratifying

After a day's shopping expedition, my friend Gina and I stopped in a local bar for a drink. We hadn't been seated long when she leaned over and said that four young men at the next table were watching us. Since we're both thirty-something, married with children, we found the situation flattering. We sat a little straighter and tried to look slimmer and younger. In a few minutes, one of the men got up and came toward our table. "Excuse me," he said. Then he reached over our heads to turn up the volume on the televised ball game.

I'D JUST HAD MY 50TH BIRTHDAY and found the decade marker traumatic. When I went to get my driver's license renewed, a matter-of-fact woman typed out the information, tested my vision, snapped the camera and handed me a laminated card with my picture on it. "You mean I have to look at this for the next four years?" I jokingly said to her. "Don't worry," she replied, "in four years it'll look good to you."

The Good Ol' Days

Heading off to college at the age of 40, I was a bit self-conscious about my advancing years. One morning I complained to my husband that I was the oldest student in my class. "Even the teacher is younger than I am," I said. "Yeah, but look at it from my point of view," he said optimistically. "I thought my days of fooling around with college girls were over."



Fred's Cat Corner

WELL, HELLO, HELLO! Just glad to see you again. We've been so busy, and we have a new gift corner at Ken's Amish Market & Deli. I want you to know that we have everything for everybody. You'll soon see the place here in the pages of SLDigest so you might want to watch it!

Right now I have jokes for you, and this month I'm going to give you a list of reasons why dogs are better pets than cats, and next month I'll show you why these ten are not true.

MY BOYFRIEND CAME OVER, saw my litter box, and smugly said, "Oh, have you got a cat?" He wasn't so smug when I told him, "No, it's for company!"

A POLICEMAN IN THE BIG CITY stops a man in a car with a Siberian Lynx in the front seat. "What are you doing with that Siberian Lynx?" he exclaimed. "You should take it to the zoo." The following week, the same policeman sees the same man with the cat again in the front seat, with both of them wearing sunglasses. The policeman pulls him over. "I thought you were going to take that cat to the zoo!" The man replied, "I did. We had such a good time we're going to the beach this weekend!"

TOP TEN REASONS

WHY DOGS ARE BETTER PETS THAN CATS

1. Dogs will tilt their heads and try to understand every word you say. Cats will ignore you and take a nap.
2. Cats look silly on a leash.
3. When you come home from work, your dog will be happy and lick your face. Cats will still be mad at you for leaving in the first place.
4. Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.
5. A dog knows when you're sad. And he'll try to comfort you. Cats don't care how you feel, as long as you remember where the can opener is.
6. Dogs will bring you your slippers. Cats will drop a dead mouse in your slippers.

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Fifty Years Later

Fans of '60s music, my 14-year-old daughter and her best friend got front-row tickets to a Peter, Paul and Mary concert. When they returned home, my daughter said, "During the show, we looked back and saw hundreds of little lights swaying to the music. At first we thought the people were holding up cigarette lighters. Then we realized that the lights were the reflections off all the eyeglasses in the audience."

The Biology Lesson

A biology teacher wished to demonstrate to his students the harmful effects of alcohol on living organisms. For his experiment, he showed them a beaker with pond water in which there was a thriving civilization of worms. When he added some alcohol into the beaker the worms doubled up and died. "Now," he said, "what do you learn from this?" An eager student gave his answer. "Well the answer is obvious," he said. "If you drink alcohol, you'll never have worms."

Overtime

My husband, a big-time sports fan, was watching a football game with our grandchildren. He had just turned 75 and was feeling a little wistful. "You know," he said to our grandson, Nick, "it's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." "Don't worry, Grandpa," Nick said cheerily. "Maybe you'll go into overtime."

"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."
—Billy Graham

AS OUR TOUR BUS passed the Washington Monument, one woman asked our astonished guide, "How do they get all the flags to fly in the same direction?"

Keeping Up

Our dear friend Trudy attended my husband's birthday party. Though she's been through a lot – including a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery – Trudy was the life of the party as usual. Hugging her good-bye, I couldn't help noticing she had nothing on under her blouse. "Trudy, you're not wearing a bra!" I whispered. With a twinkle in her eye she replied, "I may be 70, honey, but *they're* only 15."

GOLF: The Game

"Golf is like chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture." —Winston Churchill

"It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course." —Babe Ruth

"Columbus went around the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course." —Lee Trevino

"These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow." —Sam Snead

"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." —Jack Lemmon

"If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron." —Lee Trevino

"The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music." —Anonymous

"I would like to deny all allegations by Bob Hope that during my last game of golf, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk and a moose." —Gerald Ford

"After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddy for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye." —Chi Chi Rodriguez

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Digest and our readers.

So I guess maybe I won't complain when I have a problem, and instead just be grateful to have someone who keeps it working, because it's such a great source of good. By the way, regardless of age, you're never too old to learn to use a computer.

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Ken Gillette


JIMMY DURANTE once quipped, "My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe."



Fred's Cat Corner, continued from page 5

- When you take them for a ride, dogs will sit on the seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private basket, or they won't go at all.
- Dogs will come when you call them. And they'll be happy. Cats will have someone take a message and get back to you.
- Dogs will play fetch with you all day long. The only thing cats will play with all day long are small rodents or bugs, preferably ones that look like they're in pain.
- Dogs will wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.

I'll look for you again next month, and don't forget about the Ten Reasons, I'll explain why they're not true. Have a great April and see you in May!

Your feline connection,
Fred 

~ You Just Don't Notice! ~

My husband and I, married 13 years, were dressing for a party. I'd spent all day getting a haircut and permanent, then as we were leaving, we met in the hall and he said nothing. I complained that he had not even noticed my hair. "You

used to pay attention to every little thing, and now you don't notice anything! You take me for granted!" My husband stood there rubbing his face as he let me rant and rave. Then it hit me: He'd shaved off his six-month-old beard.

~ Unwitting Conversion ~

A party of Methodist ministers was attending an Annual Conference at a private countryside resort. Several of them set off to explore the area, and presently they came upon an old bridge that crossed a quiet pond. Unfortunately, they didn't notice a sign declaring the bridge to be unsafe. As they crossed it, the caretaker came

running after them. "Hey! You there! Get off that bridge!" he protested. "It's all right," declared one of the ministers, "we are in this resort with permission. We're Methodists from the Conference." "I'm not worried about THAT," replied the caretaker. "But if you don't get off that bridge, you'll all be BAPTISTS!"

I REALIZED MY TEENAGED SON was spoiled the day he called to his mother, "Mom, are the clothes in the dryer clean?"

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~ The Cadge ~

Every time Peter, the man next door, headed toward Paul's house, Paul knew he was coming to borrow something. Peter was always doing so and driving him mad. "He won't get away with it this time," muttered Paul to his wife Liz. "Watch this." "Er... I wonder if you'll be using your hedge trimmer this morning?" asked Paul. "Crikey, I'm terribly sorry," said Paul with a smug look, "but the fact of the matter is, I'll be using it all day." "In that case," smiled Peter, "since you won't be using them, mind if I borrow your golf clubs?"

~ Birthday Tune ~

We invited some old friends to help celebrate my 40th birthday. When my husband went out to buy me a gift, he saw some cute little music boxes. A blue one was playing "Happy Birthday to You." Thinking they were all the same, he picked up a red one and asked the clerk to have it gift-wrapped. When we sat down to dinner, he gave it to me, asked me to open it and – surprise! – out came the tune to "The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be."

~ I Figured ~

Checking out at the grocery store, I noticed the bag boy eyeing my two adopted children. They often draw scrutiny, since my son's a blond Russian, while my daughter has shiny black Haitian skin. The boy continued staring as he carried our groceries to the car. Finally he asked, "Those your kids?" "They sure are," I said with pride. "They adopted?" "Yes," I replied. "I thought so," he concluded. "I figured you're too old to have kids that small."

~ Golfing Priest ~

A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par 3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?" The young man says, "An iron, Father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young man hits his iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, "I don't know about you, Father, but in my church we keep our heads down when we pray."

HE GENTLY TOUCHED the slightly thinning spot of hair and said in a concerned voice, "Daddy, you have a hole in your head. Does it hurt?" After a pause, I heard my husband's murmured reply: "Not physically."

I WAS ON KP DUTY when the sergeant asked what I did in civilian life. "I was a geologist," I said. "Perfect," he replied, dropping a bulging sack onto the table. "You've got just the qualifications to pick the rocks out of this hundred pounds of beans."

THE HAIRCUT

A chap walks into a barbershop with a young boy. The man has his hair cut, and as the boy is getting a trim, the chap says to the boy, "I'll nip out to the supermarket whilst you get your hair cut." Half an hour later, the haircut is finished but the man hasn't returned. The barber says, "I think your dad has forgotten about you." The boy says, "Oh, that's not my dad. He just stopped me on the street and asked if I wanted a free haircut, then brought me here."



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There were two buddies, one with a Doberman Pinscher and the other with a Chihuahua. The guy with the Doberman Pinscher says to his friend, "Let's go over to that restaurant and get something to eat." The guy with the Chihuahua says, "We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us." The buddy with the Doberman Pinscher says, "Just follow my lead." They walk over to the restaurant. The guy with the Doberman Pinscher puts on a pair of dark glasses and starts to walk in. The bouncer at the door says, "Sorry, Mac, no pets allowed." The man with the Doberman Pinscher says, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog." The bouncer says, "A Doberman Pinscher?" He answers, "Yes, they're using them now; they're very good and protect me from robbers, too." The man at the door says, "Come on in." The buddy with the Chihuahua figures, "What the heck," so he puts on a pair of dark glasses and starts to walk in. Once again the bouncer says, "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed." The guy with the Chihuahua says, "You don't understand. This is my seeing-eye dog." The bouncer at the door says, "A Chihuahua?" The man with the Chihuahua says, "A Chihuahua??? They gave me a Chihuahua?!"

~ A Horse In A Bar ~

A talking horse walks into a bar one day. He goes up to the manager and asks him, "Excuse me, good sir, are you hiring?" The manager is surprised to see a talking horse and he looks him up and down before saying, "Sorry, we're not hiring. Why don't you try the circus?" The horse says, "Why would the circus need a bartender?"

~ Creepy Castle ~

A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a huge, creepy old castle in Scotland. At the end of the tour the guide asks her how she enjoyed it. She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark cobwebby rooms and passages. "Don't worry," says the guide, "I've never seen a ghost all the time I've been here." "How long is that?" asks the girl. The guide replies, "About three hundred years."

~ Crumpled ~

I had been thinking about coloring my hair. One day while going through a magazine, I came across an ad for a hair-coloring product featuring a beautiful young model with hair a shade that I liked. Wanting a second opinion, I asked my husband, "How do you think this color would look on a face with a few wrinkles?" He looked at the picture, crumpled it up, straightened it out and studied it again before replying, "Just great, hon."

A FEW YEARS AGO, I opened the invitation to my cousin's 100th birthday party. On the front – in bold letters – it screamed, "If he's heard it once, he's heard it a hundred times... Happy Birthday, Sam!"

"You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work."

—Lee Trevino

BELOW PAR GOLF



After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert decided not to go to the nineteenth hole – i.e., the clubhouse bar – and started to go straight home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his Range Rover, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole twenty minutes ago?" "Yes," Robert answered. "Did you happen to slice your ball so it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely off the golf course?" "Yes, I did. How did you know?" Robert questioned. "Well," said the policeman gravely, "your golf ball flew out onto the main road and crashed through the windshield of a BMW. The car driver lost control and crashed into six other cars and a fire engine on a call. The fire engine was unable to reach the fire in time and the building burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?" Robert thought it over very carefully and responded, "I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

"The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie."

—George Deukmejian

Thoughts From Retirees

- » Think of that thing you kept for years and threw away just weeks before you needed it.
- » One of life's mysteries is how a 2-pound box of candy can make a person gain 5 pounds.
- » When looking for a good doctor, start with one who can touch up x-rays .
- » You're getting up in years when the names in your little black book all end in M.D.
- » If you remember when pies were set out to cool rather than thaw out, you're old.
- » You're happy if you're too busy to notice that you are happy.
- » If all my wrinkles were ironed out, I'd be 6-foot-3.
- » Living in the past has one thing in its favor... it's a lot cheaper.
- » My wrinkles are from smiling... not age.

"Golf is played by twenty million mature American men whose wives think they are out having fun"

—Jim Bishop

A Guy Named Joe

A guy named Joe finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help. He begins to pray... "God, please help me; I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto." Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it. Joe again prays... "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lotto

night comes and Joe still has no luck. Once again, he prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the lotto just this one time so I can get my life back in order..." Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Joe is confronted by the voice of God himself: "Joe, meet me halfway on this one... buy a ticket!"

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Two Retired Engineers

Two old retired engineers were walking across the local park when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second another retired engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want.'" The first engineer nodded approvingly. "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

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A Student's Question

One of the English classes I taught at Deltona high school in Florida consisted of a particularly well-motivated group of juniors. Students felt free to ask questions on any subject that concerned them. One afternoon a girl raised her hand and asked me to explain all the talk about a woman's "biological clock." After I'd finished, there was a moment of silence, and then another hand shot up. "Mrs. Woodard," a student asked, "is your clock still ticking, or has the alarm gone off?"

You Wouldn't Either

Alex comes home after his regular Saturday golf game and his wife, Amanda, asks why he doesn't include John Gumby in the games anymore. Alex asks, "Would you want to play with a guy who regularly cheats, swears outrageously over everything, lies about his score, and has nothing good to say about anyone else on the course?" "Of course I wouldn't," states Amanda. "Well," mutters Alex, "apparently neither does John Gumby."

The Long Journey Ahead

An old man was laying on his bed near death, and all of his family was in the room gathered around him. The man's family had summoned the preacher to come and be by the man's side, to comfort him and prepare him for his long journey into the night. The preacher arrived and asked the family if they would please wait in the next room so that he could have some time alone with the man. Standing by the bed and looking over him, the preacher whispered firmly to him, "Denounce the devil! Let him know just how little it is that you think of this world, and of his evil." The dying man looked up at the preacher and stared, but said nothing. The preacher held the man up and still quietly, but a little more firmly, repeated his order: "Denounce the devil! Denounce his evil! Tell him what you think of him! Tell him that you will stand firm in the grace of our Lord." Again the dying man looked at the preacher, but said nothing. The preacher then shook the man, this time demanding that he acknowledge the victory over the devil, and his evil. Still, all that the dying man would do was to stare at the preacher, saying nothing. Exasperated, the preacher shook his head and pleaded with the dying man, "Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil?" Finally the dying man sat up and said to the preacher, "Look, until I know where I'm heading, I really don't think it's a very good idea to aggravate anybody."



Feeling The Love

Dear Granddaughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did, what an uplifting experience followed! I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God! Go! Go! Go! J—C—, GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only one finger stuck up in the air. I asked your cousin Todd in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. Todd just burst out laughing. Why, even he was enjoying this religious experience!! A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attend, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, I waved at all my brothers and sisters and, grinning, drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light turned red again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we'd shared. So I slowed down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!! Will write again soon,

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Grandma's Marriage Tip

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other... except that the little old woman had a shoe box at the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. All these years, he'd never given thought to the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. Trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll." The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. "Honey," he said, "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?" "Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

"A real understanding of history means that we face nothing new under the sun."
—James Mattis, Secretary of Defense

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."
—Terry Venables, football coach

Shouldn't Be Drinking

A horse limps into a bar one day. He's got a bandage around his head and looks really ill. He orders a glass of the most expensive champagne, a vintage brandy and two pints of Guinness. When the bartender serves them to him, he quickly downs them all. Then he says, "You know, I shouldn't really be drinking this with what I've got..." The bartender asks, "Why? What have you got?" The horse replies, "About two dollars and a carrot."

ATOM BOMB: An invention to end all inventions.

Undesirable Fashion

During the last days of my mother's life, we discussed many things. One day I raised the topic of her funeral and memorial service. "Oh, honey," she responded, "I really don't care about the details." Later she woke from a nap and grasped my hand, clearly wanting to share something with me. As I leaned forward, she said urgently, "Just don't bury me in plaid."

Tick-Tock

I was having lunch with several thirty-something friends when talk turned to the dismal prospect of our growing older. "Well, judging by my mother," I said, "at least my hearing will improve. My mother can hear my biological clock ticking from 20 miles away."

I OFFERED TO GIVE directions to my home to an Army friend I'd invited to a party, but he waved me off, saying, "I've invaded three countries in five years. I think I can find your house."

Not To Worry

While cruising at 36,000 feet, the airplane shuddered, and a passenger looked out the window. "Oh no!" he screamed, "One of the engines just blew up!" Other passengers left their seats and came running over; suddenly the aircraft was rocked by a second blast as yet another engine exploded on the other side. The passengers were in a panic now, and even the stewardesses couldn't maintain order. Just then, standing tall and smiling confidently, the pilot strode from the cockpit and assured everyone that there was nothing to worry about. His words and his demeanor seemed to make most of the passengers feel better, and they sat down as the pilot calmly walked to the door of the aircraft. There, he grabbed several packages from under the seats and began handing them to the flight attendants. Each crew member attached the package to their backs. "Say," spoke up an alert passenger, "Aren't those parachutes?" The pilot confirmed that they were. The passenger went on, "But I thought you said there was nothing to worry about?" "There isn't," replied the pilot as a third engine exploded. "We're going to go get help."





The Parable of the Donkey

ONE DAY A FARMER'S DONKEY fell into an old well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, taking into consideration that the animal was well past its prime and that the well needed to be covered up anyway, the farmer decided it just wasn't worth the effort of retrieving the donkey. So he invited all his neighbors to come over and help him fill in the well.

Each man grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the

hole. At first, the donkey cried horribly, seeming to realize what was happening. Then, to everyone's surprise, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw.

With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up on the pile the dirt had just created. Instead of slowly becoming buried, the donkey instead was slowly getting closer to the top of the well.

It wasn't long before the donkey was able to leap up over the edge of the well and trot off happily. The men who had been shoveling watched the spunky little donkey with amazement.

So here's the lesson of the donkey: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by never stopping, never giving up! Shake it off, and take a step up. ❖



Luke's New Job

An old hippy named Luke was walking down the street one day, down on his luck and looking for a job. As he was walking he came upon a men's clothing store with a big HELP WANTED sign in the window. Now this was a job that Luke thought he could do without even trying. Luke walked right in and asked to talk to the manager. The man said, "I'm the owner, Homer Brown; and how may I help you, sir?" Luke said, "I saw your sign out front, and I'm just the man for that job." Homer was speechless for a moment, then asked Luke, "So, you really believe that you can sell these fine lines of clothing?" Luke told the man, "Why, I could sell ice to an Eskimo!" Homer certainly didn't care for the looks of this man at all. He could tell that he was a rebel, and one who would have no respect for his position or his store, but he was in a real bind. As well, Homer worried that if he didn't at least give Luke a try, one such as him would possibly try to cause trouble for him claiming 'discrimination' or some other such rubbish. Then Homer remembered a suit that had been on the rack for years; it was orange and red and black. Homer by now was feeling real mean so he grabbed a yellow and green vest to put with it. Luke took one look at the suit. "What in the world is that?" he asked. "This is my salesman testing suit," said Homer with a great big smile. "I'm leaving for about an hour. If you sell the suit, the job is yours." Homer smiled as he closed the door, knowing he was off the hook for sure. When he returned the first thing he saw was the hippy, bruised, scratched and bleeding. His clothes were in shreds, but on his face was a great big grin. "Well, boss, I sold the suit!" exclaimed Luke. "I can't believe it. Was the customer happy with it?" "Yeah, man! The customer loved it, but his seeing eye dog nearly had me for lunch."

☞ Traffic Stop ☞

A Florida officer pulls over an eighty-year-old teacher because her hand signals were confusing. "First you put your hand up, like you're turning right, then you waved your hand up and down, then you turned left," said the officer. "I decided not to turn right," she explains. "Then why the up and down?" asks the officer. "Officer," she sniffs, "I was erasing!"

BECAUSE THEY HAD NO reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," he told the maitre d'. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

I WAS HAVING TROUBLE with the idea of turning thirty and was oversensitive to any signs of advancing age. When I found a prominent gray hair in my bangs, I pointed to my forehead. "Have you seen this?" I indignantly asked my husband. "What?" he asked. "The wrinkles?"

Daddy's Magic



A man and his wife had just finished tucking their five young ones into bed one evening when they heard sobbing coming from three-year-old Billy's room. Rushing to his side, they found him crying hysterically. He had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind. Desperate to calm him, the dad palmed a penny that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Billy's ear. Billy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his dad's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully, "Do it again, Daddy!"

☞ Cheater! ☞

While sitting at a table in the clubhouse after a game, Padraig remarked to a fellow club member, "I'm not going to play golf with Jim Lawler anymore. He cheats." "Why do you say that?" asked his friend. "Well, he found his lost ball two feet from the green," replied Padraig indignantly. "That's entirely possible," commented his friend. "Not when I had his golf ball in my pocket," retorted Padraig with finality.

"Facts are the enemy of truth."

—Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha"

☞ And Yet Another ☞

A trainer was giving last-minute instructions to a jockey and appeared to slip something into the horse's mouth, just as a steward walked by. "What was that?" inquired the steward. "Oh, nothing," said the trainer, "just a polo." He offered one to the steward and had one himself. After the suspicious steward had left the scene, the trainer continued with his instructions. "Just keep on the rail," he said. "You're on a certainty. The only thing that could possibly pass you down the home straight is either the steward or me."

HEY, IT'S GOOD TO GET BACK into the warmer months. We love our summers in the South, hot weather and all. Some of you folks up north had a pretty cold winter, while your friends and some neighbors were down here in the sunshine. I can't imagine a place where you go for days, even weeks, without sunshine. I wish I could bottle up some sunshine and send it north.

I'd better find something funny for y'all. Well, how 'bout this – "Phrases Most Southerners Use."

Bless Your Heart... It can be sincere, but if you're hearing "Bless your heart" in the South, it probably has an edge to it.

Fixin' To... I'm fixin' to tell you that this phrase is as Southern as sweet tea. When you're fixin' to do something, it's going to happen, but you also may decide to take your sweet time.

It Don't Amount to a Hill of Beans... In the South, a hill of beans isn't worth much. That means whatever you're talking about is worth less than very little.

It's Blowin' Up a Storm... You can feel, smell, and see a storm gathering. These skies can darken at a moment's notice, and summer afternoons often see winds churning and heavy rain clouds blowing in to cool that Southern summer heat.

More Than Carter's Got Little Pills... This one's from the 19th century, when Carter Products marketed "Little Liver Pills" across the country. Apparently Carter had so great many pills, it found its way into the Southern vocabulary. You still hear it if you stop into a country store.

Over Yonder... in the South, "over yonder" is a distant direction — any

direction. Over yonder down the road. Over yonder past the cotton field. Over yonder toward the water tower. This phrase can be intensified by the addition of the word "way," as in "way over yonder."

She Was Madder Than a Wet Hen... Ever seen a wet hen? If so, you know that being madder than a wet hen is very mad indeed.

'Til the Cows Come Home... Whatever we're talking about is going to take all day. Cows aren't known for their speed, wandering until feeding time. Farmers know that if you do something 'til the cows come home, it's going to take all day.

If I Had My Druthers... "Druthers" roughly translates to "I would rather," meaning, "If had things my way." In the Southern-inspired Broadway musical *Li'l Abner*, the title character sings, "If I had my druthers, I'd druther have my druthers than anything else I know." And really, wouldn't we all druther have our druthers.

I Reckon... I reckon "I reckon" can replace any number of phrases, such as: I guess, I suppose, I think, and I imagine. It's a Southern phrase, said by friends and family on porches and in rocking chairs all across the South.

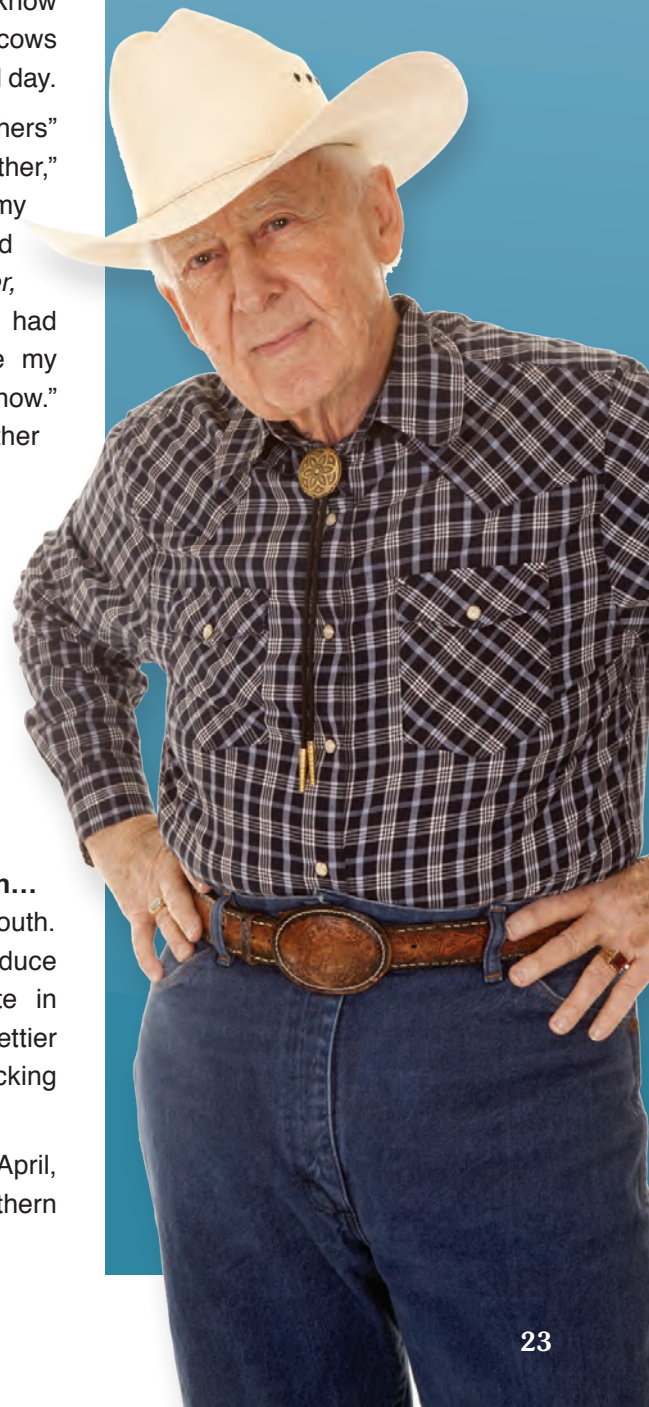
She's as Pretty as a Peach... A high compliment in the South. Georgia and South Carolina produce more peaches than any state in the South. There's nothing prettier than a warm summer day picking peaches in the sunshine.

Well, that's it, have a happy April, I'll be back in May. Your Southern connection,

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GETTING FORGETFUL

The man looked a little worried when the doctor came in to administer his annual physical, so the first thing the doctor did was to ask whether anything was troubling him. "Well, to tell the truth, Doc, yes," answered the patient. "You see, I seem to be getting forgetful. No, it's actually worse than that. I can never remember where I park my car, where I'm going, or what it is I'm going to do once I get there – if I get there at all. So, I really need your help. What should I do?" The doctor mused for a moment, then answered in his kindest tones, "Pay me in advance."

"Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, 'Grow, grow.'"

—The Talmud

⌘ Might Be Wrong ⌘

Mrs. Crumps was called to serve for jury duty, but asked to be excused because she didn't believe in capital punishment and didn't want her personal thoughts to prevent the trial from running its proper course. The public defender liked her thoughtfulness and tried to convince her that it was appropriate for her to serve on the jury. "Madam," he explained, "this is not a murder trial! It's a simple civil lawsuit. A wife is bringing this case against her husband because he gambled away the \$12,000 he had promised to use to remodel the kitchen for her birthday." "Well, okay," agreed Mrs. Crumps, "I'll serve. I guess I could be wrong about capital punishment after all."

THE DOORBELL RANG and the lady of the house discovered a workman, complete with tool chest, on the front porch. "Madam," he announced, "I'm the piano tuner." The lady exclaimed, "Why, I didn't send for a piano tuner." The man replied, "I know you didn't; but your neighbors did."

⌘ Escape Plan ⌘

During WW II a British fighter pilot is shot down over Germany and captured by the Nazis. He's badly hurt, so the German doctor amputates his left arm. The pilot requests that they drop his arm over his base in England. So the Germans do. The next week they amputate his other arm and the pilot requests the same thing. The Germans comply. The next week they amputate one of his legs, and he again asks for them to drop it over his base in England. The German doctor replies, "Sorry, we do dis no more!" The pilot asks why not, and the German answers, "We think you are trying to escape!"

DEAR DIARY...

Linda is sitting on the porch with Jill one day, watching her reading something. "What's that you're reading?" Linda asks. "A diary," Jill says to Linda. Linda sat there a minute, then asks, "So, what's in it?" Jill looks at Linda in shock and disbelief, then replies, "I can't tell you that! A diary is a highly personal and confidential affair, It contains a person's important secret dreams and secret yearnings. It's private. It's not meant to be shared with other people. And besides," she continued, "this diary belongs to Margaret."



⌘ Could'a Been Worse ⌘

A banker calls in an oilman to review his loans. "We loaned you a million dollars to revive your old wells, and they went dry," says the banker. "Could'a been worse..." says the oilman. "Then we loaned you a million to drill new wells, and they were dry." "Could'a been worse..." responds the oilman again. "Then we loaned you another million for new drilling equipment, and it broke down." "Could'a been worse..." "I'm getting tired of hearing that!" snaps the banker. "How could it have possibly been worse?" "Could'a been my money," says the oilman.

⌘ Obviously ⌘

A salesman goes up to a house and knocks on the front door. It's opened by a little ten year-old boy who has a lighted cigar in one hand, a glass of whiskey in the other and an objectionable magazine tucked under his arm. The salesman, somewhat shocked, says, "Hello, son... umm... is your mom or dad home?" The boy rolls his eyes and says, "What do you think?"

A COMPOSER signed to do the complete score for a musical in 10 days. "That will take a lot out of you," a friend told him. "Some, yes," the composer replied, "but more out of Brahms, Bach and Berlin."

O'Leary And Paddy

One day O'Leary visited his friend Paddy to ask him for a favor. "Paddy, my friend," he said, "I'm going on vacation for a few weeks and I wanted to know if you could come around a couple times a day to check up on me elderly ma, an feed me cat." "No problem," replied Paddy. "You go an' have a great time." O'Leary left and headed for sunny Florida. However, at the end of his first week there, he received a phone call from Paddy. "Everything's okay over here," Paddy said, "except your cat. It's dead!" "Oh, no!" exclaimed O'Leary. "You could've been a bit more sensitive, Paddy!" "What do you mean?" replied Paddy. "Well, one day you could've rang me up and told me that my cat has climbed the tree. The next day you could've told me that it had gone even higher up the tree and refuses to come down. On the third day you could've told me that the cat lost its grip and fell from the tree and had to be taken to the vets because of a broken leg. Then on the fourth day you could've told me that it died peacefully in the vet clinic," explained O'Leary. So Paddy apologized. Another week went by, before O'Leary got another phone call. It was Paddy again. "Everything's okay, except your ma – she's climbed a tree and refuses to come down!"

WHILE AT THE MOVIES recently, Sue couldn't hear the dialogue over the chatter of the two women sitting in front of us. Unable to bear it any longer, Sue tapped one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," she said, "I can't hear." "I should hope not," one woman replied sharply. "This is a private conversation."

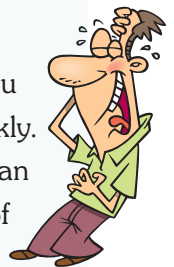
Health Benefits of Laughter

Is there anything better than a contagious giggle that you absolutely can't control? (Okay, maybe not so good in school or church.) Laughter works wonderfully well in the moment, but it also has some surprising long-term health benefits. The new field of gelotology, the study of laughter's effect on the body from a psychological and physiological perspective, is exploring the benefits of laughter. It was brought to the public's awareness in Norman Cousins' memoir *Anatomy of an Illness*. Cousins found that comedies, like those of the Marx Brothers, helped him feel better and get some pain-free sleep. That's because laughter helps the pituitary gland release its own pain-suppressing opiates.

WHAT ELSE CAN LAUGHTER DO?

- Lowers blood pressure
- Increases vascular blood flow and oxygenation of the blood
- Gives a workout to the diaphragm and abdominal, respiratory, facial, leg, and back muscles
- Reduces certain stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline
- Increases the response of tumor- and disease-killing cells such as gamma-interferon and T-cells
- Defends against respiratory infections – even reducing the frequency of colds – by immunoglobulin in saliva
- Increases memory and learning; in a study at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, humor during instruction led to increased test scores
- Improves alertness, creativity, and memory

Humor and creativity work in similar ways, says humor guru William Fry, M.D., of Stanford University. Humor works quickly. Less than a half-second after exposure to something funny, an electrical wave moves through the higher brain functions of the cerebral cortex. So let's laugh!



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Ken Gillette, Editor/Publisher



A FAMILY AFFAIR

A very successful businessman sat down to a meeting with his new son-in-law. "Son, I love my daughter very much, and now I'm happy to welcome you into the family," said the man. "To show you how much we care for you, I'm making you a 50-50 partner in my business. Everything that is mine, is half yours. Half of all of our profits are now yours. All you have to do is go to the factory every day and learn the operations." The son-in-law interrupted. "I really hate factories. I just can't stand all of the noise and commotion; all of the work constantly going on." "I see," replied the father-in-law. "Well, then, I guess that you'll be working in the office and taking charge of some of the operations." "I hate office work," said the son-in-law. "I can't stand being stuck inside behind a desk all day." "Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I just made you a half-owner of a profitable corporation, but you don't like factories and won't work in an office. What am I going to do with you?" "Easy," said the young man. "You can buy me out."

Fair Pay

An employee marched into his boss' office and said, "I've been here 11 years doing three men's work for one man's pay. I want a raise." "I can't do that," his boss replied. "But if you tell me who the other two men are, I'll fire them."

WHEN I SEE LOVERS' NAMES carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet; I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

Science Lesson

A teacher explains to her science class, "We can learn a lot from the ant. The ant works hard every day. The ant never stops working. And what happens to the ant in the end?" Little Johnny replies, "Somebody steps on him."

A SALES MANAGER asked one of his salesmen, "Did you get any orders today?" "Two," the salesman said. "One to get out, and one to stay out."

South Of The Border

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. "How was he killed?" asked one detective. "With a golf gun," the other detective replied. "A golf gun? What's a golf gun?" "I don't really know, but it sure made a hole in Juan."

THE SIGN ABOVE OUR FAVORITE Mexican restaurant reads, "Open 24 hours in queso emergency."

Help For Worry

Jack had been a compulsive worrier for years, to the point that it was ruining his life. Finally he found a specialist able to help him. His friend, Bob, noticed a dramatic change and asked what had happened. "I hired a professional worrier and haven't had a worry since," Jack replied. "That must be expensive," said Bob. "He charges \$5,000 a month." "Five thousand! How can you afford that?" "I don't know. That's his problem."

Letter Of Approval

After trying a new shampoo for the first time, a guy fired off an enthusiastic letter of approval to the manufacturer. Several weeks later he came home from work to find a large carton sitting in the middle of the floor. Inside were free samples of the many products the company produced: toothpaste, detergents, soaps and paper items. "Well, what do you think?" his wife asked smiling. "Next time," he replied, "I'm writing to General Motors!"

I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row now.

DUMB CRIMINAL

As two men waited in line at the coffee shop to pay their bill, a third cut in front of them. He threw a drink at the clerk, and demanded all the money from the till. Temporarily surprised, the two men quickly recovered and handcuffed the crook. Apparently in his rush the criminal didn't notice they were police officers – in full uniform.



"Once I pulled a job. I was so stupid. I picked a guy's pocket on an airplane and made a run for it."

—Rodney Dangerfield

Expert Advice

An efficiency expert wrapped up his lecture with a note of caution. "You need to be careful about trying these techniques at home," he warned. "Why?" asked someone from the audience. "I watched my wife's routine at dinner for years," the expert explained. "She made lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time. One day I told her, 'Honey, why don't you try carrying several things at once?'" "Did it save time?" the guy in the audience asked. "Actually, yes," replied the expert. "It used to take her 30 minutes to make dinner; now I do it in ten."

*If at first you don't succeed,
destroy all evidence that you tried.*

Kind Deed

A man is in a bar, drinking, and falling off his stool every couple of minutes. He's obviously very drunk, so the bartender says to another patron at the bar, "Why don't you be a good Samaritan and take this guy home?" The man agrees and takes the drunk, stumbling at least ten times, out the door to his car. They drive along until the drunk points out his house to the man, who stops the car and helps the drunk stumble up the steps to the door. The drunk's wife greets them, saying, "Why, thank you kindly for bringing him safely home, but... where's his wheelchair?"

*Whatever you do, always give 100 percent.
Unless you're donating blood.*

Who Wants To?

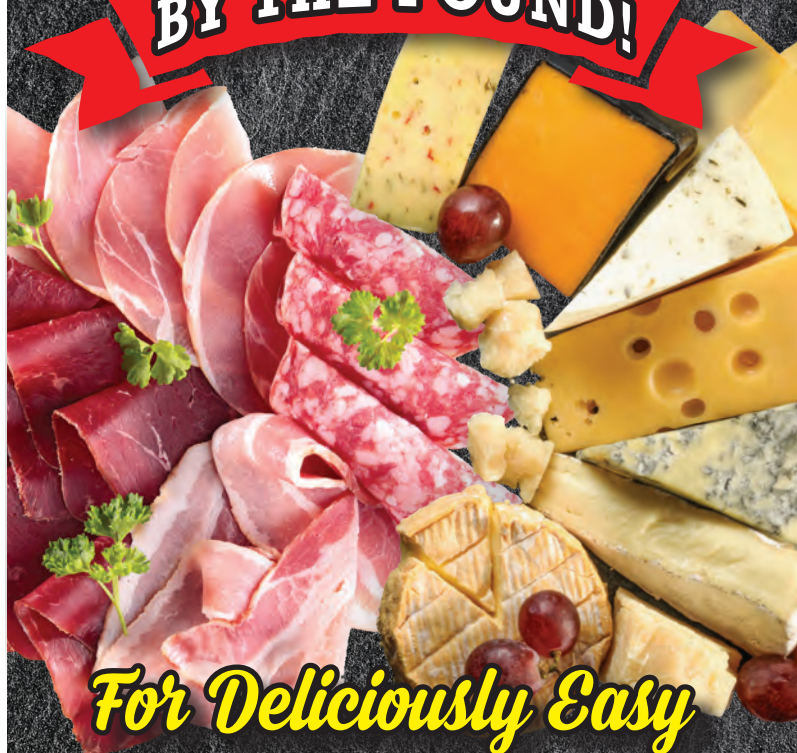
When my grandmother was in her late eighties, she decided to move to Israel. As part of the preparations, she went to see her doctor and get all her records. The doctor asked her how she was doing, so she gave him the litany of complaints – this hurts, that's stiff, I'm tired and slower, etc. He responded with, "Mrs. Siegel, you have to expect things to start deteriorating. After all, who wants to live to be 100?" My grandmother looked him straight in the eye and replied, "Anyone who's 99."

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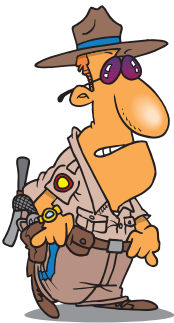
He's Gotta Go

The children begged for a hamster, and after the usual fervent vows that they alone would care for it, they got one. They named it 'Danny.'

Two months later, when Mom found herself solely responsible for feeding and cleaning up after the creature, she located a prospective new home for it. The children took the news of Danny's imminent departure quite well; much better than she had really expected. Though one of them remarked, "He's been around here a really long time – we'll sure miss him." "Yes," Mom replied, "but he's far too much work for just one person, and since I always end up being that one person, I say he goes." Another child offered, "Well, maybe if he wouldn't eat so much and wouldn't be so messy, we could keep him." But Mom was firm. "It's time to take Danny to his new home now," she insisted. "Go and get his cage." Suddenly the children burst into tears and with one voice and in tearful outrage the children shouted, "Danny? We thought you said 'Daddy'!"

You Live In California If...

1. You make over \$250,000 and still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your rented Mercedes to the neighborhood block party.
5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.



Stopped For Speeding

A police officer stops an old man for speeding. He asks the elderly gent very nicely for his license. The old man replies in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my license, and now today you expect me to show it to you!"

"The more you complain about your problems, the more problems you'll have to complain about."

—Zig Ziglar, author & motivational speaker

THE SHORTEST KNOWN unit of time is that between the change of the traffic light and the honk from the car behind you.

A TEACHER ASKED her students, "If there are seven flies and I hit one with a ruler, how many are left?" One boy replied, "Just the squashed one."

A SUPPLY OFFICER asked a new recruit if his new uniform fit him. "The jacket isn't bad, sir," the recruit replied, "but the trousers are a little loose around the armpits."



More Than Looks

The old man goes to answer a knock at his front door one evening only to find two sheriff's deputies standing there. "Sir," one deputy asks, "are you married?" "Why, yes," the old man replied, "for 48 years now." "Do you have a photograph of your wife, sir?" the second deputy questioned. The old man slowly pulled a picture out of his wallet and handed it to the officers. They looked it over carefully before handing it back to him. "Sir, I'm sorry, but it looks like your wife has been hit by a truck," the first deputy says. The old man replies, "I know, son, but she's got a wonderful personality and she's a great cook."

"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle; most of us have gears we've never used."

—Charles Schulz

ONE MORNING WHILE READING the newspaper, a man saw an article about a beautiful actress/model who married a boxer known for his aggression. "I'll never understand how the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives," he said. "Thank you, dear," his wife replied.

A CITY SLICKER asked a farmer, "Is it correct to say 'a hen lays eggs' or 'a hen lies eggs'?" "Around here," the farmer replied, "we usually just lift her up to see."

At The Doctor's

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office, complaining that her body hurt wherever she touched it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise, she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, "You're not a natural redhead, are you?" "Well, no," she said, "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," the doctor said. "Your finger is broken."

THE NEARSIGHTED MINISTER

glanced at the note sent to him by way of an usher. The note read: "Bill Jones, having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety." Failing to observe the punctuation, the clergyman startled his audience by announcing: "Bill Jones, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

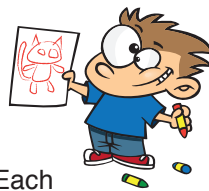


Farmer John's Chicks

Farmer John lived on a quiet rural road. But as time went by, the traffic built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a day. So one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens." "What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day the sheriff had the county workers go out and erect a sign that said: SLOW: SCHOOL CROSSING. Three days later, Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers! The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster." So, again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY. That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and called every day for three weeks. Finally, he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling every day to complain. The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers? Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did, and not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone. The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign; it might be something that WE could use to slow down drivers." So the sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign: "NUDIST COLONY: GO SLOW AND WATCH OUT FOR CHICKS."

Little Johnny's Drawings

Little Johnny had been bringing his drawings home from kindergarten every day since he'd started a month earlier. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the refrigerator. One thing started bothering her about the pictures though; she began to notice that Little Johnny only used black and browns for his drawings. Fearing a problem and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist. The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave Little Johnny a battery of psychological tests. He chatted with Little Johnny. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Every day for two weeks, the tests continued. Yet everyday, Little Johnny continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns. Frustrated at not being able to get to the root of the problem and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist decided to give Little Johnny some paper and a box of crayons and observe what happened. Little Johnny opened the box of crayons and said, "Oh, boy! A new box of crayons! At school we only have old boxes and the only crayons left in mine are black and brown!"



A NEW STUDY FINDS that Americans have on average become several inches shorter in the past 100 years. Scientists say it's mainly because we're all looking down at our phones.

PEOPLE ASK US how we've been married so long. We take time to go to a restaurant twice a week. A little candlelight, soft music, dinner and a long walk home. She goes Tuesdays. I go Fridays.

A NEW PATIENT to our family practice was filling out her medical history forms. When she finished it, she handed it to me. Under past traumas, she'd written, "Married twice."



Pithy Ponderings from GEORGE CARLIN

- » Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.
- » One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
- » One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- » To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated but not be able to say it.
- » The older you get, the better you realize you were.
- » I doubt; therefore, I might be.
- » A fool and his money are soon partying.
- » If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
- » If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?
- » If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- » If work is so terrific, how come they have to pay you to do it?
- » If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- » Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- » Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?
- » Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.
- » If you ate pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- » Do pediatricians play miniature golf on Wednesdays?
- » If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

AN ACCOUNTANT WHO WAS having trouble sleeping went to the doctor. "Tried counting sheep?" the doctor asked. "That's the problem," the accountant replied. "I make a mistake and spend the next six hours trying to find it."

» Bedtime »

A couple were allowing their 6-year-old daughter to fall asleep with the radio on each night, to provide background noise. About a week later, they listened in on the end of her bedtime prayer: "And God bless Mommy and Daddy and my sister. Amen. And FM."

» Go Ahead! »

A city girl was vacationing with her family in the country when she became friendly with a local farm boy. One evening, as they strolled across a pasture, they saw a cow and a calf affectionately rubbing noses. "Gee," the boy said, "seeing that kind of makes me want to do the same." "Go ahead," the girl replied. "It's your cow."

» Chocolate Is Bad For You »

A child was sitting on a park bench eating a chocolate bar. An older man nearby looked over and said, "You know, eating a lot of chocolate is bad for you." The boy thought for a minute and replied, "My great-grandfather lived to be 105." "And he ate that much chocolate?" "No, but he did mind his own business."

ONE OLD MAN SAID to another, "I just had another birthday. It's awful to grow old alone." "But you have your wife," the second man pointed out. "Yes, but she hasn't had a birthday in 15 years."

*One great thing about getting older is watching
» for the obituaries of people you don't like. »*

Peanuts At The Zoo



Three mischievous boys went to the zoo one day on a school outing. They decided to visit the elephant enclosure, but within an hour they were picked up by a police officer for causing a commotion. The officer hauled them off to security for questioning and the teacher in charge told them to give the police their names and say what they were doing at the elephant house. The first boy said: "My name is Gary, and I was just throwing peanuts into the elephant enclosure." The second said: "My name is Kevin, and all I was doing was throwing peanuts into the elephant enclosure." The third boy was a bit shaken up by the ordeal and said: "My name is Peter but my friends call me Peanuts."

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