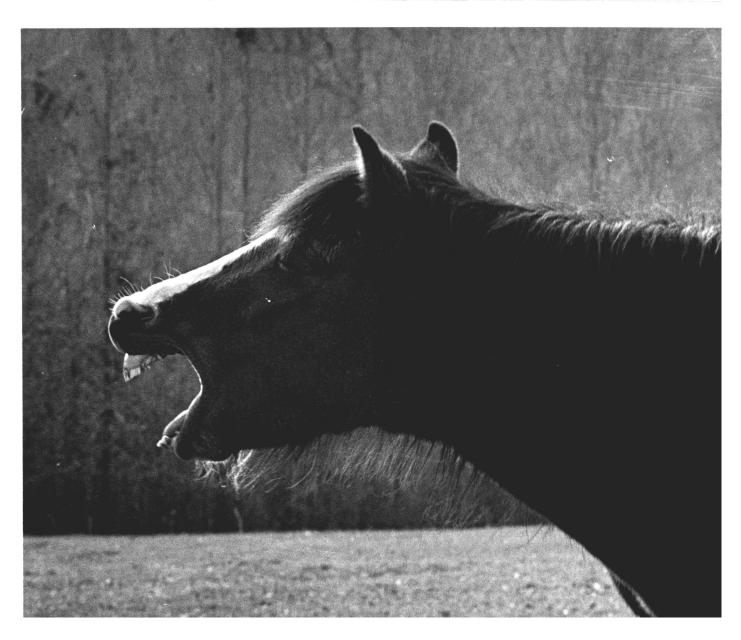
The Righten Rife Reader

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Welcome to volume two of The Lighten Life Reader. Hope you enjoy. - Jim Cleveland

A Cowboy's Guide to Life

- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- * If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.
- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered ... not yelled.
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- * Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- * Every path has a few puddles.
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- * Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- * It's better to be a has-been than a never-was.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with looks at you in the mirror every mornin'.

* Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

(and don't forget: Never squat with your spurs on)

THINGS YOU'D LOVE TO SAY OUT LOUD AT WORK

- 1. I can see your point, but I still think you're full of sh*t.
- 2. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
- 3. How about never? Is never good for you?
- 4. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.
- 5. I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to see it my way.
- 6. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
- 7. I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.
- 8. I don't work here, I'm a consultant.
- 9. It sounds like English, but I can't understand a word you're saying.
- 10. Ahhh . . I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
- 11. I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't give a damn.
- 12. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
- 13. Thank you. We're challenged by your unique point of view.
- 14. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
- 15. What am I? Flypaper for freaks?
- 16. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
- 17. And your crybaby whiny-assed opinion would be what...?
- 18. Do I look like a people person?
- 19. This isn't an office, it's HELL with fluorescent lighting.
- 20. Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.
- 21. If I throw a stick, will you leave?
- 22. Errors have been made. Others will be blamed.
- 23. I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
- 24. My cubicle is just a padded cell without a door.
- 25. Can I trade this job for what's behind door #1?
- 26. Too many freaks, not enough circuses.
- 27. Nice perfume. Must you marinate in it?
- 28. Chaos, panic, and disorder --- my work here is done.

29. Oh I get it... like humor... but different. (and, "I've met your inner child and he's a spoiled little brat.")

THE BLAME FALLS ON CLINTON

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Unlike all these bleeding-heart liberals who are shouting every chance they get about this supposed tragedy in the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and the imaginary lies President Bush used to start the war in Iraq and the various acts of terrorism around the world, I believe it's time we focus on the real reason we're in these messes we're in.

The problems in the world and the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina can all be traced back to one thing, one single source: In 1997, then President Bill Clinton received oral sex from an intern, Monica Lewinsky, and lied about it to the American people and to Congress.

When a President receives oral sex from an intern and then lies about it, the gravity of such an act cannot be overstated. It is, quite possibly, the single most heinous act ever committed by a President of the United States. Even if President Bush did lie to the world about his reasons for starting the war in Iraq, the ramifications of such a lie are dwarfed in comparison to lying about receiving oral sex. Although many people have suffered in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the response by FEMA was obviously inadequate, the responsibility for that response does not lie with the current administration, but with the Clinton Administration.

Once Bill Clinton received oral sex from Monica Lewinsky and then lied about it to the American people and Congress, he set in motion a series of events that would eventually result in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the War in Iraq, and the poor response to Hurricane Katrina. Let's take a look at how these things happened.

Once President Clinton's blow job became public knowledge, terrorist organizations around the world realized that United States security would soon be compromised because public employees would no longer have enough confidence in their leader to do their jobs correctly. Terrorist organizations like Al Qaeda rightly concluded that Americans no longer had faith in their government or faith in their President. Americans realized that if the President could receive oral sex and lie about it, then the morals for which their country stood had been severely compromised and since those morals form the foundation of American society, American society was compromised.

The lie about oral sex would spread through American society like a cancer, eating away at everything from highway infrastructure to airport security. This was precisely the time when Al Qaeda planned its attack. Given this explanation, it was President Clinton's lie about receiving oral sex from Monica Lewinsky that ultimately forced President Bush to attack Afghanistan and then Iraq.

Much like Al Qaeda, Saddam Hussein immediately recognized that Monica Lewinsky's blowjob would cripple any American response to Iraqi aggression. It was at that time that he began development of his weapons of mass destruction. Since Americans now lived in a land without moral standards, Hussein realized that he could build weapons of mass destruction without fear of reprisal. It was only President Bush's bravery and willingness to stand up to Hussein and re-establish our moral backbone that prevented a world-wide catastrophe.

President Bush had to do this because President Clinton eroded America's moral backbone by lying about receiving oral sex from Monica Lewinsky. Although Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast nearly seven years after President Clinton received oral sex from Monica Lewinsky, that act still stands as the primary culprit in the government's response to the tragedy.

Having lived with the shame their President spread on the nation, government employees no longer possess the willingness or the energy to respond effectively to tragedies. They know that their jobs no longer have any meaning and that people around the world look upon them as pariahs without morals because their President, who received oral sex from an intern, undermined everything that American government stands for.

In other words, if American government can stand for

lies and pornography and the like, how can any government worker do his or her job correctly? Not only this, but since 1998, studies have shown that applicants for government positions have consisted primarily of people with low morals and ethics. By and large, they are people who are interested in holding government positions because they know that lying and cheating is a part of government work. As a result, the effectiveness of government offices across the board has suffered dramatically and the American people can no longer have faith in the effectiveness of their responses to any given situation.

If only President Clinton had stopped and thought about the long-term effects of his tragic decision as Monica Lewinsky was kneeling before him, we could have prevented 9/11, prevented wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and organized a more effective response to Hurricane Katrina.

SHORT TAKES

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

How is it possible to have a civil war?

If you are both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

The Limo Driver

After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into the limo, the driver notices that the Pontiff is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me," says the driver, "would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive anymore, and I'd really like to drive today."

"I'm sorry, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?," protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"There might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pontiff climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pope floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph.

"Please slow down, sir!!!" pleads the worried driver, but Billy keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

"Oh, man, I'm gonna lose my license," moans the driver

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five.

"So bust him," said the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop

Then the Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop. The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

Chief: "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope for a limo driver!"

I've learned....

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned....That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned....That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned...That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned...That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am

I've learned....That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....That there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned...That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned...That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned...That I wish I could have told those I cared about that

I love them one more time before they passed away.

I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to

improve your looks.

I've learned....That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned....That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness, and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....That the less time I have to work, the more things I get done.

10 Things I Hate About Everyone

- 1. People who point at their wrist while asking for the time.... I know where my watch is pal, where the hell is yours? Do I point at my crotch when I ask where the toilet is?
- 2. People who are willing to get off their butt to search the entire room for the TV remote because they refuse to walk to the TV and change the channel manually.
- 3. When people say "Oh you just want to have your cake and eat it too". Damn right! What good is a cake if you can't eat it?
- 4. When people say "it's always the last place you look". Of course it is. Why the hell would you keep looking after you've found it? Do people do this? Who and where are they?
- 5. When people say while watching a film "did you see that?" No Loser, I paid \$12 to come to the cinema and stare at the damned floor.
- 6. People who ask "Can I ask you a question?".... Didn't really give me a choice there, did ya sunshine?
- 7. When something is 'new and improved!' Which is it? If it's new, then there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement, then there must have been something before it.
- 8. When people say "life is short". What the hey?? Life is the longest damn thing anyone ever does!!

What can you do that's longer?

- 9. When you are waiting for the bus and someone asks "Has the bus come yet?" If the bus came would I be standing here?
- 10. When people say "How ya' doin'?" They really don't want to know how you're doing. They should be using a greeting such as "Hello", "Good Morning" etc. Since they ask, I'm going to start telling them about my hemorrhoids and toe fungus.

Favorite Sayings

Friends don't let friends take home ugly men Women's restroom Starboard, Dewey Beach, DE

Beauty is only a light switch away. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, N C

If life is a waste of time, and time is a waste of life, then let's all get wasted together and have the time of our lives. Armand's Pizza, Washington, D C

Remember, it's not,
"How high are you?"
it's "Hi, how are you?"
Rest stop off Route 81, West Virginia

Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity. The Bayou, Baton Rouge, LO

No matter how good she looks, some other guy is sick and tired of putting up with her sh*t. Men's Room Linda's Bar and Grill, Chapel Hill, N C

At the feast of ego everyone leaves hungry. Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea, Tucson, AZ

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Written in the dust on the back of a bus, Wickenburg, AZ

Make love, not war.
-Hell, do both
GET MARRIED!
Women's restroom
The Filling Station, Bozeman, MT

If voting could really change things, it would be illegal.
Revolution Books
New York, New York.

If pro is opposite of con, then what is the opposite of progress? Congress!

Men's restroom House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

Express Lane: Five beers or less Sign over one of the urinals Ed Debevic's, Phoenix, AZ

You're too good for him. Sign over mirror in Women's restroom Ed Debevic's, Beverly Hills, C A.

No wonder you always go home alone. Sign over mirror in Men's restroom, Ed Debevic's, Beverly Hills, C A

and my favorite, and most realistic one ~~~
A Woman's Rule of Thumb:
If it has tires or testicles,
you're going to have trouble with it.
Women's restroom
Dick's Last Resort, Dallas, T X

A little advice about difficult people!

If you ever have a difficult situation to manage, you might consider the approach offered by this obviously well trained Customer Service officer.

Indeed, an award should go to the Ansett Airlines gate attendant in Sydney some months ago for being smart and funny, while making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo.

A crowded Ansett flight was cancelled after Ansett's 767s had been withdrawn from service. A single attendant was struggling to re-book a long line of inconvenienced travellers.

Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it HAS to be FIRST CLASS."

The attendant replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these people first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out".

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?"

Without hesitating, the attendant smiled and grabbed her public address microphone: "May I have your attention please, may I have your attention please," she began - her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to Gate 14".

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the Ansett attendant, gritted his teeth and said, "F*** You!"

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to get in line for that, too."

ZEN THOUGHTS ... Abundant Laughter!

- 1. A day without sunshine is like, night.
- 2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- 3. I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- 4. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 5. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 6. I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- 7. Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- 8. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- 9. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- 10. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 11. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 12. I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
- 13. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some

people have.

- 14. Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.
- 15. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 16. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- 17. Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade!
- 18. Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- 19. Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!
- 20. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- 21. How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise my hand...
- 22. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 23. Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
- 24. How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 25. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 26. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 27. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- 28. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- 29. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 30. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 31. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 32. I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.
- 33. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- 34. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 35. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened.

ELEMENTARY SCENES

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find

North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discov-

ered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Why are you late, Frank?

FRANK: Because of the sign.

TEACHER: What sign?

FRANK: The one that says, "School Ahead,

Go Slow."

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the

floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using

tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "croco-

dile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked

me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical for-

mula for water?

DONALD: HIJKLMNO.

TEACHER: What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that

we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Goss, why do you always get so

dirty?

GOSS: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground

than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie... Always say, "I am." MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter

MILLIE: All right... "I an of the alphabet."

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's

cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his

father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the ax in his hand.

	and Red always ended his television
TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you	show by saying, "Good Night, and ""
say prayers before eating?	
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is	11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War
a good cook.	did so by burning their
TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My	12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and
Dog" is exactly the	the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other
same as your brother's. Did you copy his?	names did it go by? &
CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.	
	13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about,
TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person	"the day the music died." This was a tribute to
who keeps on talking	·
when people are no longer interested?	
HAROLD: A teacher?	14. We can remember the first satellite placed into or-
	bit. The Russians did it. It was called
This is a test for us, old kids! The answers are printed	
below, but don't you cheat. READY????? Here we go!	15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a
	large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It
01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off	was called the
into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who	
was that masked man? Invariably, someone would	ANSWERS:
answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did	01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
he leave behind?	02. The Ed Sullivan Show
	03. On Route 66
02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early	04. To protect the innocent.
1964, we all watched them on The	05. The Lion sleeps tonight
Show.	06. The limbo
	07. Chocolate
03. "Get your kicks"	08. Louis Armstrong
	09. The Timex watch
04. "The story you are about to see if true. The names	10. Freddy, The Freeloader, and "Good Night, and
have been changed"	may God Bless."
	11. Draft cards
05. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle,"	12. Beetle or Bug
	13. Buddy Holly
06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Wa-	14. Sputnik
tusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as	15. Hoola-hoop
low as we could go in a dance called the ""	
	OLD TIMER JOKES
07. "N_E_S_T_L_E_S", Nestle's makes the very best"	
.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well
	dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower
08. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Good-	in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave,
will." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player	presenting a well looked after image, walks into an
with us. His name was	upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly
	looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks
09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?	over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip,

often?"

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____

turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says... "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a new-born baby." "Really!? Like a new-born baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

SUCCUMBING TO STOUT

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya".

"Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?"

"That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda."
There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery..."

"Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me." "I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry.

Finally, she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me true, Tim.

Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well, Brenda... no. In fact, he got out three times to pee."

A Texan is drinking in a New York bar when he gets a call on his cell phone.

He hangs up, grinning from ear to ear, and orders a round of drinks for everybody in the bar because, he announces, his wife has just produced a typical Texas baby boy weighing 25 pounds.

Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the Texan just shrugs.

"That's about average down home, folks...like I said, my boy's a typical Texas baby boy." Congratulations showered him from all around, and many exclamations of "WOW!" were heard.

Two weeks later he returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of that typical Texas baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you? Everybody's been making bets about how big he'd be in two weeks. We were gonna call you; so how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "Seventeen pounds."

The bartender is puzzled, and concerned. "What happened? He already weighed 25 pounds the day he was born."

The Texas father takes a slow swig from his longneck Lone Star beer, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says,

"Had him circumcised.

KID TAKES ON ...

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!

HONESTY

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bath-room to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago.

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4- year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds The various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs, unfailingly intrigued her. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.."

DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayer s and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his Father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaaather, and unto the Sonnn .. and into the hole he goooes."

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out." What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Aging Gracefully

A 70 yr. old nurse walks into a bank and prepares to endorse a check. She reaches in her pocket and pulls out a rectal thermometer and tries to write with it. She looks up at the teller, pauses for a moment, then realizing her mistake, she says, "Well that's great.....just great.....Some as*hole's got my pen."

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home is it?"

I've sure gotten old. I've had two bypass surgeries. A hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But ...thank God, I still have my driver's license!

A 97 year old man goes into his doctor's office and says, "Doc, I want my sex drive lowered."
"Sir," replied the doctor, "You're 97. Don't you think your sex drive is all in your head?"
"You're damned right it is!" replied the old man.
"That's why I want it lowered!"

An elderly woman from Brooklyn decided to prepare her will. She told her rabbi she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Walmart.

"Walmart!" the rabbi exclaimed. "Why Walmart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week"

Gee, I Hope It's Not Many

Two blondes were reading their newspapers and one of them sees a headline that says:

"TWO BRAZILIAN SOLDIERS KILLED"

She thinks for a minute, and then whispers to her friend, "pssst......how many is a Brazilian?"

When in Rome ...

This is something to think about when negative people are doing their best to rain on your parade. Remember this story the next time someone who knows nothing and cares less tries to make your life miserable.

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking United," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"United?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump, the worst hotel in the city! The rooms are small, the service is surly, and they're overpriced. So, whatcha' doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people are trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo.

The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, not only were we on time in one of United's brand new planes, but it was over booked and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot."

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were over booked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me."

"Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand, I knelt down, and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

"He said, "Where'd you get the sh*tty hairdo?"

AND BARKING IS A FREE SIDESHOW ATTRACTION

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

- 1. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
- 2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code
- 3. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
- 4. Rottweiler: Make me
- 5. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
- 6. Lab: Oh, me, me!!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

- 7. German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation
- 8. Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
- 9. Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!
- 10. Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
- 11. Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or "We don't need no stinking light bulb."
- 12. Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
- 13. Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...
- 14. Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

How many cats does it take to change a light bulb? Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question to a cat is:

"How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF!

Could ya just skip the stockings, please?

This guy was lonely and so he decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet shop and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a centipede which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the pub to have a drink.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go down The Queen's Head with me and have a beer?"

But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again,

"How about going to the pub for a drink?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting,

"Hey, in there! Would you like to go to The Queen's Head and have a drink with me?"

A little voice came out of the box

"I heard you the first time! I'm putting my freakin' shoes on."

FOR TARPONS, NOT TAMPONS ...

A young guy from Missouri moves to Florida and goes to a big "everything under the roof department store" looking for a job. The manager says "Do you have any sales experience?" The kid says "Yeah, I was a salesman back home in Missouri." Well, the boss liked the kid so he gave him the job.

"You start tomorrow, I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

His first day on the job was rough but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the boss came down, "How many sales did you make today?"

The kid says "one."

The boss says, "just one?!! Our sales people average 20 to 30 sales a day! How much was the sale for?

The kid says "\$101,237.64"

The boss says, "\$101,237.64? WHAT THE HELL DID YOU SELL?"

Kid says, "First I sold him a small fish hook, then I sold him a medium fish hook, then I sold him a larger fish hook, then I sold him a new fishing rod, then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down at the coast, so I told him he was gonna need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him that twin engine Chris Craft.

Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4x4 Expedition."

The boss said, "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a BOAT AND A TRUCK??"

The kid says, "No, he came in here to buy a box of tampons for his wife and I said, "Well, your weekend's shot, you might as well go fishing.."

I was just off to report her to the Vice Cops

I was happy. My girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married. My parents helped us in every way. My friends encouraged me and my girlfriend, she was a dream!

There was only one thing bothering me, very much indeed. That one thing was her younger sister. My prospective sister-in-law was vivacious twenty years of age and drop-dead gorgeous.

One day, little sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations. She was alone when I arrived. She whispered to me that soon I was to be married, and she had feelings and desires for me that she couldn't and didn't really want to overcome! She told me that she wanted to make love to me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister.

I was in total shock and couldn't say a word. She said, "I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want to go ahead with it just come up and get me."

I was stunned. I was frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. I stood there for a moment, then turned and went straight to the front door.

I opened the door, stepped out of the house and walked straight towards my car. My future father-in-law was standing just outside. With tears in his eyes he hugged me and said, "We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We could not ask for better man for our daughter.

Welcome to the family!"

The moral of this story is: Always keep your condoms in the car.

FLYING BLIND

The entrance to the airliner opens, two men dressed in pilots' uniforms walk up the aisle. Both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a guide dog, and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane. Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up.

The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport territory.

As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin!!

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're gonna be in trouble."

HYPOTHETICALLY JESTING ...

In light of the coming new era of human cloning, we have to ask ourselves the hypothetical ethical question: If you pushed your naked clone off the top of a tall building, would it be:

- A) murder,
- B) suicide, or
- C) making an obscene clone fall.

...a hypothetical baptism question; After a hardy Indiana rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window. The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole. As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the yard in a panic.

"Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!" she says as she shakes the older boy in anger.

"We were just playing 'church' mommy," he said. "I was baptizing him in the name of the Father, the Son and in the hole-he-goes.

...the hypothetical new Barbie Doll; Finally a Barbie we can relate to. At long last, here are some NEW Barbie dolls to coincide with her and OUR aging gracefully. These are a bit more realistic.

- 1. Bifocals Barbie. Comes with her own set of blended-lens fashion frames in six wild colors (half-frames too!), neck chain and large-print editions of Vogue and Martha Stewart Living.
- 2. Hot Flash Barbie. Press Barbie's belly button and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead. Comes with hand held fan and tiny tissues.
- 3. Facial Hair Barbie. As Barbie's hormone levels shift, see her whiskers grow. Available with teensy tweezers and magnifying mirror.

- 4. Flabby Arms Barbie. Hide Barbie's droopy triceps with these new, roomier-sleeved gowns. Good news on the tummy front, two-Muumuus with tummy-support panels are included.
- 5. Bunion Barbie. Years of disco dancing in stiletto heels have definitely taken their toll on Barbie's dainty arched feet. Soothe her sores with the pumice stone and plasters and then slip on soft terry mules.
- 6. No-More-Wrinkles Barbie. Erase those pesky crow's-feet and lip lines with a tube of Skin Sparkle-Spackle, from Barbie's own line of exclusive ageblasting cosmetics.
- 7. Soccer Mom Barbie. All that experience as a cheer-leader is really paying off as Barbie dusts off her old high school megaphone to root for Babs and Ken, Jr. Comes with minivan in robins-egg blue or white as well as a cooler filled with doughnut holes and fruit punch.
- 8. Mid-life Crisis Barbie. It's time to ditch Ken. Barbie needs a change, and Alonzo (her personal trainer) is just what the doctor ordered, along with Prozac. They're hopping in her new red Miata and heading for the Napa Valley to open a B&B. Includes a real tape of "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do."
- 9. Divorced Barbie Sells for \$199.99. Comes with Ken's house, Ken's car and Ken's boat.
- 10. Recovery Barbie. Too many parties have finally caught up with the ultimate party girl. Now she does Twelve Steps instead of dance steps. Clean and sober, she's going to meetings religiously. Comes with a little copy of The Big Book and a six-pack of Diet Coke.
- 11. Post-Menopausal Barbie. This Barbie wets her pants when she sneezes, forgets where she puts things and cries a lot. She is sick and tired of Ken sitting on the couch watching the tube, clicking through the channels. Comes with Depends and Kleenex. As a bonus this year, the book "Getting In Touch with Your Inner Self" is included.

....the hypothetical Cat & Bird alibi ...

A couple was dressed and ready to go out for the eve-

ning. They turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, and covered their pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard.

They phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and the couple opened the front door to leave their house.

The cat they had put out into the yard scoots back into the house. They don't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to eat the bird.

The wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes inside to get the cat. The cat runs upstairs, the man in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, the wife doesn't want the driver to know the house will be empty for the night.

She explains to the taxi driver that her husband will be out soon. He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab. Sorry I took so long," he says, as they drive away. "She was hiding under the bed. Had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off so I grabbed her by the neck. Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked. I hauled her fat rear downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!" The cab driver hit a parked car...

... and finally, the hypothetical guide to Understandin' da BLUES:

If you are new to Blues music, or like it but never really understood the whys and wherefores, here are some very fundamental rules:

- 1. Most Blues begin with: "Woke up this morning...."
- 2. "I got a good woman" is a bad way to begin the Blues, unless you stick something nasty in the next line like, "I got a good woman, with the meanest face in town"
- 3. The Blues is simple. After you get the first line right, repeat it. Then find something that rhymes sort of:
- "Got a good woman with the meanest face in town.

Yes, I got a good woman with the meanest face in town. Got teeth like Margaret Thatcher, and she weigh 500 pound."

- 4. The Blues is not about choice. You stuck in a ditch, you stuck in a ditch...ain't no way out.
- 5. Blues cars: Chevys, Fords, Cadillacs and brokendown trucks. Blues don't travel in Volvos, BMWs, or Sport Utility Vehicles. Most Blues transportation is a Greyhound bus or a southbound train. Jet aircraft and state-sponsored motor pools ain't even in the running. Walkin' plays a major part in the Blues lifestyle. So does fixin' to die.
- 6. Teenagers can't sing the Blues. They ain't fixin' to die yet. Adults sing the Blues. In Blues, "adulthood" means being old enough to get the electric chair if you shoot a man in Memphis.
- 7. Blues can take place in New York City but not in Hawaii or Canada. Hard times in Minneapolis or Seattle is probably just clinical depression. Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are still the best places to have the Blues. You cannot have the Blues in any place that don't get no rain.
- 8. A man with male pattern baldness ain't the Blues. A woman with male pattern baldness is.

Breaking your leg 'cause you were skiing is not the Blues.

Breaking your leg 'cause a alligator be chomping on it is.

- 9. You can't have no Blues in an office or a shopping mall. The lighting is wrong. Go outside to the parking lot or sit by the dumpster.
- 10. Good places for the Blues:
- A. highway
- B. jailhouse
- C. empty bed
- D. bottom of a whiskey glass
- 11. Bad places for the Blues:
- A. Nordstrom's
- B. gallery openings
- C. Ivy League institutions
- D. golf courses

- 12. No one will believe it's the Blues if you wear a suit, 'less you happen to be an old person, and you slept in it.
- 13. Do you have the right to sing the Blues? Yes, if:
- A. you're older than dirt
- B. you're blind
- C. you shot a man in Memphis
- D. you can't be satisfied

No, if:

- A. you have all your teeth
- B. you were once blind but now can see
- C. the man in Memphis lived
- D. you have a 401K or trust fund
- 14. Blues is not a matter of color. It's a matter of bad luck.

Tiger Woods cannot sing the Blues.

Sonny Liston could have.

Ugly white people also got a leg up on the Blues.

15. If you ask for water and your darlin' gives you gasoline, it's the Blues.

Other acceptable Blues beverages are:

- A. cheap wine
- B. whiskey or bourbon
- C. muddy water
- D. black coffee

The following are NOT Blues beverages:

- A. Perrier
- B. Merlot
- C. Snapple
- D. Slim Fast
- 16. If death occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it's a Blues death.

Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another Blues way to die.

So are the electric chair, substance abuse and dying lonely on a broken-down cot.

You can't have a Blues death if you die during a tennis match or while getting liposuction.

- 17. Some Blues names for women:
- A. Sadie
- B. Big Mama
- C. Bessie
- D. Fat River Dumpling
- 18. Some Blues names for men:

A. Joe

B. Willie

C. Little Willie

D. Big Willie

19. Persons with names like Michelle, Amber, Jennifer, Debbie, and Heather can not sing the Blues no matter how many men they shoot in Memphis.

Kevin, Archibald and Trevor cannot have the Blues, any more than Eufracio, Sven, Heinrich or Guglielmo.

20.Blues Name Starter Kit:

A.name of physical infirmity (Blind, Mute, Lame, etc.)

B.first name (see above) plus name of fruit (Lemon, Lime, Kiwi, etc.)

C.last name of President (Jefferson, Johnson, Fillmore, Clinton, etc.)

For example: Blind Watermelon Jefferson, Pegleg Lemon Johnson or Lame Kiwi Clinton, etc. (Well, maybe not "Kiwi.")

21. Ain't no mind how tragic your life is, if you own a computer, you cannot sing the blues. Period. Sorry.

Epitaph on a blues singer's gravestone: "Didn't wake up this morning."

PS I disagree with 21. I actually wrote a blues lyric a couple of weekends ago that I call "The Password Blues". If I ever sing it in public I'll have to retire because I will have revealed every password I use.

...AND NOW WE HAVE A LIMP POLE TOO.

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Junior shook his head and laughed. Ain't that just like a dumb blonde! We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!

FROM A DOG'S DAILY DIARY:

8:00 a.m. Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite! 9:30 a.m. Oh, boy! A car ride! My favorite! 9:40 a.m. Oh, boy! A walk! My favorite! 10:30 a.m Oh, boy! Getting rubbed and petted! My favorite!

11:30 a.m Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite! Noon Oh, boy! The kids! My favorite! 1:00 p.m. Oh, boy! The yard! My favorite!

4:00 p.m. Oh, boy! To the park! My favorite!

5:00 p.m. Oh, boy! Dog food! My favorite!

5:30 p.m. Oh, boy! Pretty Mums! My favorite! 6:00 p.m. Oh, boy! Playing ball! My favorite!

6:30 p.m. Oh, boy! Watching TV with my master! My favorite!

8:30 p.m. Oh, boy! Sleeping in master's bed! My favorite!

FROM A CAT'S DAILY DIARY:

Day 183 of My Captivity: My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects.

They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild scolding I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture.

Tomorrow I may eat another houseplant. Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded; must try this at the top of the stairs.

In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair, must try this on their bed.

Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body in an attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was. Hmmm, not working according to plan.

There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary confinement throughout the

event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the food. More importantly, I overheard that my confinement was due to my power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit.

The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant. He speaks their language and talks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait, it is only a matter of time.

DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my bulldog. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike

De-Valuations

These are actual quotes taken from Federal Government employee performance evaluations:

- 1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
- 2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
- 3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
- 4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
- 5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
- 6. "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."
- 7. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- 8. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
- 9. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
- 10. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better.."
- 11. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."
- 12. "A gross ignoramus--144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
- 13. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
- 14. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
- 15. "He's been working with glue too much."
- 16. "He would argue with a signpost."
- 17. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
- 18. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
- 19. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."

- 20. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
- 21. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
- 22. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
- 23. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
- 24. "He's got two brains, one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
- 25. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week"
- 26. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
- 27. "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
- 28. "It's hard to believe he beat off 1,000,000 other sperm."
- 29. "One neuron short of a synapse."
- 30. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."
- 31. "Takes him 2 hours to watch '60-minutes'."
- 32. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."

Why Blondes Often Work Late

Three girls all worked in the same office with the same female boss. Each day, they noticed the boss left work early.

One day, the girls decided that, when the boss left, they would leave right behind her. After all, she never called or came back to work, so how would she know they went home early?

The brunette was thrilled to be home early. She did a little gardening, spent playtime with her son, and went to bed early.

The redhead was elated to be able to get in a quick

workout at the spa before meeting a dinner date.

The blonde was happy to get home early and surprise her husband, but when she got to her bedroom, she heard a muffled noise from inside. Slowly and quietly, she cracked open the door and was mortified to see her husband in bed with her boss! Gently she closed the door and crept out of her house.

The next day, at their coffee break, the brunette and redhead planned to leave early again, and they asked the blonde if she was going to go with them.

"No way," the blonde exclaimed. "I almost got caught yesterday."

Life, Death and Garages

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

Jewish Apaches have Red Necks too, Billy Bob

A man boarded an airplane and took his seat. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw the most beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realized she was heading straight towards his seat. As fate would have it, she took the seat right beside his.

Eager to strike up a conversation he blurted out, "Business trip or pleasure?"

She turned, smiled and said, "Business. I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs of America Convention in Chicago."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs.

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?"

"Well, she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait.

Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Jewish descent who are the best.

I have also discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the Southern Redneck."

Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said, "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you. I don't even know your name."

"Tonto," the man said, "Tonto Goldstein, but my friends call me Bubba."

...and then from the Hospital ... Actual entries from hospital charts:

- 1. The patient refused autopsy.
- 2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- 3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- 4. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
- 5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for

over a year.

- 6. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- 7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- 8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- 9. Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- 10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
- 11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch
- 12. She is numb from her toes down.
- 13. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
- 14. The skin was moist and dry.
- 15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
- 16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- 17. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
- 18. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
- 19. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- 20. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
- 21. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized
- 22. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
- 23. Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- 24. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
- 25. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

The Manure-Methane Fusion. What a Gas!

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a byproduct is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T", (Ship High In Transport) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I.

I had always thought it was a golf term.

Top 10 dog peeves about humans

- 1. Blaming your farts on me . . . not funny . . . not funny at all!!!
- 2. Yelling at me for barking. . I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG, YOU IDIOT!
- 3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
- 4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!
- 5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
- 6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whoooo Hoooooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
- 7. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip," then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
- 8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your

guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.

- 9. Dog sweaters. Hello??? Haven't you noticed the fur?
- 10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.

Lay off on some of these things, We both know who's boss here (you don't see me picking up your poop do you)?

There's Also A Mail-In Rebate.

A sixteen year-old boy came home with a Porsche and his parents began to fuss, "Where did you get that car???!!!

He calmly told them, "I bought it today."

"With what money?" demanded his parents? "We know what a Porsche costs.."

"Well," said the boy, "this one cost me fifteen dollars."

So the parents began to panic and asked. "Who would sell a car like that for fifteen dollars?" they said.

"It was the lady up the street," said the boy. "I don't know her name; they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for fifteen dollars."

"Oh my Goodness," moaned the mother to the boys father, "John, you go right up there and see what's going on."

So the boy's father walked up the street to the house where the lady lived and found her out in the yard calmly planting petunias! He introduced himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a Porsche for fifteen dollars and demanded to know what was going on.

"Well," she said, "this morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip, but learned from a friend he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary. The secretary took his money and left him after they had arrived. He called me and claimed he was robbed and stranded. He asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money.

So I did."

Check in the Commode.

A couple had been debating buying a vehicle for weeks. He wanted a truck and she wanted a fast little sports car so she could zip through traffic around town.

He would probably have settled on any beat-up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

"Look!" she said, "I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in just a few seconds. My birthday is coming up so surprise me!"

He did just that.

For her birthday he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Nobody has seen or heard from him since.

Oh, Well, Mr. Disney wouldn't like it anyway.

Cinderella is now 95 years old. After a fulfilling life with the now dead prince, she happily sits upon her rocking chair, watching the world go by from her front porch, with a cat named Bob for companionship.

One sunny afternoon out of nowhere, appeared the fairy godmother. Cinderella said, "Fairy Godmother, what are you doing here after all these years"?

The fairy godmother replied, "Cinderella, you have lived an exemplary life since I last saw you. Is there anything for which your heart still yearns?"

Cinderella was taken aback, overjoyed, and after some thoughtful consideration, she uttered her first wish: "The prince was wonderful, but not much of an investor. I'm living hand to mouth on my disability checks, and I wish I were wealthy beyond comprehension.

Instantly her rocking chair turned into solid gold

Cinderella said, "Ooh, thank you, Fairy Godmother".

The fairy godmother replied "it is the least that I can do. What do you want for your second wish?"

Cinderella looked down at her frail body, and said, "I wish I were young and full of the beauty and youth I once had."

At once, her wish became reality, and her beautiful young visage returned. Cinderella felt stirrings inside of her that had been dormant for years.

And then the fairy godmother spoke once more: "You have one more wish; what shall it be?"

Cinderella looks over to the frightened cat in the corner and says, "I wish for you to transform Bob, my old cat, into a kind and handsome young man."

Magically, Bob suddenly underwent so fundamental a change in his biological make-up that, when he stood before her, he was a man so beautiful the likes of him neither she nor the world had ever seen.

The fairy godmother said, "Congratulations, Cinderella, enjoy your new life. With a blazing shock of bright blue electricity, the fairy godmother was gone as suddenly as she appeared. For a few eerie moments, Bob and Cinderella looked into each other's eyes. Cinderella sat, breathless, gazing at the most beautiful, stunningly perfect man she had ever seen.

Then Bob walked over to Cinderella, who sat transfixed in her rocking chair, & held her close in his young muscular arms. He leaned in close, blowing her golden hair with his warm breath as he whispered....

"Bet you're sorry you neutered me."

My Calls May Also Be Monitored for Quality Control Purposes

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by a 96 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month.

By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of myentire salary, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, prerecorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

- 1. To make an appointment to see me
- 2. To query a missing payment.
- 3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there
- 4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home
- 7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.
- 8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.
- 9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

Rules from God

1. Wake Up!!
Decide to have a good day.
"Today is the day the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up!!

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart."

I Samuel 16:7

3. Shut Up!!

Say nice things and learn to listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul."

Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up!!...

For what you believe in.

Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up !!...

To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up !!...

For something higher.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up !!...

Your Prayers.

"Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."

Philippians 4:6

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE

The following ad is reported to have gotten numerous calls...

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE... Seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a svelte good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call xxx-xxxx and ask for Daisy."

Callers found themselves talking to the local Humane Society about an eight-week-old black Labrador.

Luckily, the Pool Man should be here soon.

As we age, our priorities change. The other day I came home and was greeted by my wife who was dressed only in very sexy underwear and holding a couple of short velvet ropes. "Tie me up," she purred, "And you can do anything you want."

So, I tied her up and went fishing

Makes Me Holler: YAHOO! And No MicroSoft, please.

A little boy goes to his father and asks "Daddy, how was I born?" The father answers: "Well, son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway! Your Mom and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo.

Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mom and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, where your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive.

As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a blessed little Pop-Up appeared and said: You've Got Male!"

QUICKIES

- 1. Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values. Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?" Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"
- 2. A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" The father replied. "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, because I still have mine"
- 3. "Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week. "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."
- 4. A doctor examined a woman, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all.: "Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."
- 5. An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you. The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."
- 6. Two Reasons Why It's So Hard To Solve A Redneck Murder:
- 1. All the DNA is the same.
- 2. There are no dental records.
- 7. A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?" The agent replies, "Just a minute..." "Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.
- 8. 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 is a golf gun?"
- I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."

- 9. The investigation of Martha Stewart continues. Her recipe for chicken casserole is quite efficient. First you boil the chicken in water. And then you dump the stock.
- 10. This guy has been sitting in a bar all night, staring at a blonde wearing the tightest pants he's ever seen. Finally his curiosity gets the best of him, so he walks over and asks, "How do you get into those pants?" The young woman looks him over and replies, "Well, you could start by buying me a drink."
- 11. Moe: "My wife got me to believe in religion." Joe: "Really?"

Moe: "Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in hell"

12. A man is recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling. "I'm O K. but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered. "What did he say?" asked the nurse. "OOPS!"

GREAT RELIGIOUS TRUTHS

- 1. Muslims do not recognize Judaism as a religion.
- 2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- 3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- 4. Baptists do not recognize each other at Hooters.

THIS ONE CAUSED A RIOT AT THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

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Amzanig huh? Yaeh and yuo awlyas thought slpeling was ipmorantt.

(I awylas kenw taht)

Aesop Disowned This One

An old man, a boy & a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey & the old man walked. As they went along they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking & the boy was riding. The man & boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later, they passed some people that remarked, "What a shame, he makes that little boy walk." They then decided they both would walk! Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey.

Now they passed some people that shamed them by saying how awful to put such a load on a poor donkey.

The boy & man said they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey. As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal & he fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story? If you try to please everyone, you might as well... Kiss your ass good-bye.

Give Me Your Burdens. Cash Only.

Verily I say unto ye.....Money

It can buy a house But not a home

It can buy a clock But not time

It can buy you a position But not respect

It can buy you a bed But not sleep

It can buy you a book But not knowledge

It can buy you medicine But not health It can buy you blood But not life

So you see money isn't everything And it often causes pain and suffering

I tell you this because I am your friend And as your friend I want to Take away your pain and suffering!!

So Send me all your money And I will suffer for you! Cash only please! After all, what are friends for? Let me know if you need my address.

The KerChoo! Conspiracy

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-three students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during the commencement, not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine.....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said," GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" And he walked off stage..

The audience exploded into applause The graduating

class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

WhazzUP?

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so...... Time to shut UP.....!

Oh...one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning& the last thing you do at night? U P

(..and you've probably had it UP to here with this topic..)

This was standard equipment on the Love Boat

A guy went to his travel agent and tried to book a two-week cruise for himself and his lady friend. The travel agent said that all the ships were booked up and reservations were very tight at that moment, but that he would see what he could do.

A couple of days later, the travel agent phoned and said he could get them onto a three-day cruise. The guy was disappointed that it was such a short cruise, but booked it . . . and went to the drugstore to buy Dramamines and three condoms.

The next day, the agent called back and reported that he now could book a five-day cruise. The guy said, "Great, I'll take it!" and returned to the same pharmacy to buy two more Dramamines and two more condoms.

The following day, the travel agent called yet again, and said he was delighted that he could offer them bookings on an eight-day cruise. The guy was elated and, went back to the drugstore. He asked for three more Dramamine and three more condoms.

The pharmacist looked sympathetically at him and said, "Look, I'm not trying to pry.. but, if it makes you sick, why do you keep doing it?"

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CASE OF THE PREGNANT LADY---

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused when on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court. The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself.

The man replied,"Well your Honor, it was like this: When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat under a sweets sign that said: "The Double Mint Twins are coming" and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said: "Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling," and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, "William's Big Stick Did the Trick," and I could hardly contain myself. BUT, your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, "Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident" ... I just lost it."

"CASE DISMISSED!!"

For Women Only

My mother was a fanatic about public toilets. As a little girl, she'd bring me into the stall, teach me to wad the paper and wipe the seat. Then she carefully lay strips of toilet paper to cover the seat. Finally she'd instruct, "Never, never sit on a public toilet seat," and she'd demonstrate 'The Stance', which consisted of balancing over the toilet in a sitting position without actually letting any of your flesh make contact with the toilet seat. But by this time, I'd have wet down my leg and we'd go home.

That was a long time ago. Even now in our more mature years, 'The Stance' is excruciatingly difficult to maintain when one's bladder is especially full. When you have to 'go' in a public bathroom, you find a line of women that makes you think there's a half-price sale on Mel Gibson's underwear in there. So, you wait and smile politely at all the other ladies, also crossing their legs and smiling politely until you finally get closer. You check for feet under the stall doors. Each one is occupied.

Finally, a stall door opens and you dash, nearly knocking down the woman leaving the stall. You get in to find the door won't latch. It doesn't matter. You hang your purse/handbag on the door hook, yank down your pants and assume 'The Stance'. Relief! More relief! Then your thighs begin to shake.

You'd love to sit down but you didn't have time to wipe the seat or lay toilet paper on it, so you hold 'The Stand' as your thighs experience a quake that would register an 8 on the Richter scale. To take your mind off it, you reach for the toilet paper. The dispenser is empty! Your thighs shake even more.

You remember the tiny tissue that you blew your nose on that's in your purse. It would have to do. You crumble it in the puffiest way possible. It is still smaller than your thumbnail. Someone pushes open the stall door and your purse slams you in the head. "Occupied!" you scream, as you reach out for the door, dropping your tissue in a puddle and falling backward, directly onto the toilet seat. You quickly get up, but alas, too late. Your bare bottom has made contact with all the germs and life-forms imaginable on the 'bare' seat. And your mother would be absolutely shocked if she found out, because her bare bottom never touched a public toilet seat because, frankly, "You never know what kind of diseases you could get."

And by this time, the push-button on the back of the toilet is so confused that it flushes, sending up a stream of water akin to a fountain and then it suddenly sucks everything down with such a force that you grab onto the toilet paper dispenser for fear of your life. At that point you - let go. You're soaked by the splashing water. You're exhausted. You try to wipe with a chewing gum wrapper you find in your pocket, and then slink out inconspicuously to the basins. You can't figure out how to operate the taps with the automatic sensors, so you wipe your hands with a dry paper towel and walk past a line of women, still waiting, cross-legged, unable to smile politely at this point.

One kind soul at the very end of the line points out that you are trailing a piece of toilet paper on your shoe as long as the river Avon! You yank the paper from your shoe, shove it in the woman's hand and say warmly, "Here, you might need this."

At that time you see your spouse, who has entered and exited his bathroom and finished reading a copy of War and Peace while waiting for you. "What took you so long?" he asks, annoyed. This is where you kick him sharply in the shin and go home.

This is dedicated to all women everywhere who have ever had to deal with a public toilet. And I am not even talking about 'those' toilets in China without handrails on the walls to support you!

For all the men who could not help themselves reading this anyway: Well, at least you now understand why women take so long.

High School Senior Science Exam Answers.

These are real answers given by high school seniors.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no

water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty? A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts---the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.

The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five

bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?'

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

TALES OF THE TECHNO-CHALLENGED

Customer: I'm trying to connect to the Internet with your CD, but it just doesn't work. What am I doing wrong?

Tech support: OK, you've got the CD in the CD drive, right?

Customer: Yeah....

Tech support: And what sort of computer are you using?

Customer: Computer? Oh no, I haven't got a computer. It's in the CD player and all I get is weird noises. Listen.....

Tech support: Aaaarrrrgggghhhh!!!

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have? Female customer: A white one...

Customer: Hi, this is Celine. I can't get my diskette out.

Tech support: Have you tried pushing the button?

Customer: Yes, sure, it's really stuck.

Tech support: That doesn't sound good; I'll make a note.

Customer: No .. wait a minute... I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk... sorry....

Tech support: & nbsp; Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day. How may I help you? Male customer: Hello... I can't print.

Tech support: Would you click on start for me and... Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates, damn it!

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red...
Tech support: Do you have a color printer?
Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am? Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me in the supermarket.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore. Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer. Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged

in. Is there another keyboard?

Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah...that one

does work!

Tech support: Your password is the small letter a, as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, the number 7. Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters?

Customer: I can't get on the internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right pass-

word?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it. Tech support: Can you tell me what the password

was?

Customer: Five stars.

Tech support: What antivirus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an antivirus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry...Internet Explorer.

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screensaver on my computer, but every time I

move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you? Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the prob-

lem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address,

but how do I get the circle around it?

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows? Customer: "No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine"

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And last but not least:

Tech support: "Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the s creen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager."

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: "P".....on your keyboard, Bob. Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE I WAS SPEARFISHING?

A man calls home to his wife and says, "Honey, I have been asked to go fishing at a big lake up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting. So would you please pack me enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and tackle box. We're leaving from the office and I will swing by the house to pick my things up. Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pajamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a little fishy but being a good wife she does exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he comes home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish?

He says, "Yes! Lots of Walleye, some Bluegill, and a few Pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk

pajamas like I asked you to do?"

The wife replies "I did - they were in your tackle box."

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "how heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. "In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can." "Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The second mouse gets the cheese. Or; look before you leap.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

COUNTRY COMFORTS

Those who grew up in small towns will laugh when they read this. Those who didn't will be in disbelief.

- 1) You knew everyone you graduated with and their families
- 2) You know what 4-H means.
- 3) You went to parties at a pasture, barn, gravel pit, or in the middle of a dirt road. On Monday you could always tell who was at the party because of the scratches

on their legs from running through the woods when the party was busted. (See #6.)

- 4) You used to "drag" Main Street.
- 5) You said the "F" word and your parents knew within the hour.
- 6) You scheduled parties around the schedules of different police officers, because you knew which ones would bust you and which ones wouldn't.
- 7) You could never buy cigarettes because all the store clerks knew how old you were (and if you were old enough, they'd tell your parents anyhow.)
- 8) When you did find somebody old enough and brave enough to buy cigarettes, you still had to go out into the country and drive on back roads to smoke them.
- 9) You knew which section of the ditch you would find the beer your buyer dropped off.
- 10) It was cool to date somebody from the neighboring town.
- 11) The whole school went to the same party after graduation.
- 12) You didn't give directions by street names but rather by references. Turn west by Nelson's house, go 2 blocks to Anderson's, and it's four houses north of the high school.
- 13) Most people went by a nickname.
- 14) You couldn't help but date a friend's ex-boyfriend/girlfriend.
- 15) Your car was always dusty because of the dirt roads, and you will never own a dark vehicle for this reason.
- 16) The town next to you was considered "trashy" or "snooty," but was actually just like your town.
- 17) You referred to anyone with a new or near new car as the "rich people".
- 18) The people in the "big city" dressed funny, and

then you picked up the trend 2 years later.

- 19) Anyone you wanted could be found at the local pool hall or the town bar.
- 20) You saw at least one friend a week driving a tractor through town or one of your friends driving a grain truck to school occasionally.
- 21) The football coach suggested you load hay bales for the summer to get stronger.
- 22) Directions were given using THE paved highway as a reference.
- 23) When you decided to walk somewhere for exercise, 5 people would pull over and ask if you needed a ride.
- 24) Your teachers called you by your older siblings' names.
- 25) Your teachers remembered when they taught your parents.
- 26) You could write checks at any local store without any ID.
- 27) The closest McDonalds was 55 miles away (or more).
- 28) The closest mall was over an hour away.
- 29) It was normal to see an old man riding through town on a riding lawn mower.
- 30) You've pee'd in a wheat field.
- 31) The only car wash was a hose and bucket in your driveway.
- 32) You laughed your butt off reading this because you know it is true, and you forward it to everyone who may have lived in a small town.

LOST AND FOUND IN WAL-MART

Two old guys are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The first old guy says to the second guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The second old guy says, "That's OK, It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her. What does she look like?"

The second old guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, big busted, and is wearing short shorts.

What does your wife look like?"

To which the first old guy says, "Doesn't matter, --- let's look for yours

A COMPARISON OF TIME

1974: Long hair

2004: Longing for hair

1974: KEG 2004: EKG

1974: Acid rock 2004: Acid reflux

1974: Moving to California because it's cool 2004: Moving to California because it's warm

1974: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor 2004: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

1974: Seeds and stems 2004: Roughage

1974: Hoping for a BMW 2004: Hoping for a BM

1974: The Grateful Dead 2004: Dr. Kevorkian

1974: Going to a new, hip joint 2004: Receiving a new hip joint

1974: Rolling Stones 2004: Kidney Stones

1974: Being called into the principal's office

2004: Calling the principal's office

1974: Screw the system 2004: Upgrade the system

1974: Disco 2004: Costco

1974: Parents begging you to get your hair cut

2004: Children begging you to get their heads shaved

1974: Passing the drivers' test 2004: Passing the vision test

1974: Whatever 2004: Depends

BORN DUMB

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen.

Here's this year's (2004) list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1986. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

(I know that last one: a doorstop)

The Milkman also had some SympathyPains

A married couple went to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labor pain to the baby's father. He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favor of it.

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before.

However as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and kick it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer.

The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point, they decided totry for 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well.

Since the pain transfer was obviously helping out the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him. The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain.

She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home, they found the mailman dead on the porch.

And How About Some More Slop?

A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink.

The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly.

The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."

And do you have anything self-watering?"

"I'm sorry," said the clerk in the flower shop, "we don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?"

Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."

And I'll be down at Baskin-Robbins if anyone calls.

Our local newspaper ran several stories about a study that tied male obesity to a virus.

One evening my brother came home exhausted from a long day at work.

"Did you read the paper?" he asked.

"I'm not going in to work tomorrow. I'm calling in fat."

I Stopped By Baskin-Robbins

A convict managed to escape from prison and his escape was the lead item on the six o'clock news. So, not to be captured, he ran through fields and traveled through back roads until he reached his wife's house. When he got there, he rang the bell, his wife opened the door and screamed, "You lousy bum! Where have you been? You escaped more than six hours ago!"

Okay, I'll stop by Baskin-Robbins

Grandma, who appeared to become an ever-more intimidating personality as the years went on, was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife:

"You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" the grandson asked.

"You're coming empty handed ... ?"

The Importance of Proofing

- ~ IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are one of hundreds of parachuting enthusiasts who bought our Easy Sky Diving book, please make the following correction: on page 8, line 7, the words "state zip code" should have read "pull rip cord."
- ~ It was incorrectly reported last Friday that today is T-shirt Appreciation Day. In fact, it is actually Teacher Appreciation Day.
- ~ There was a mistake in an item sent in two weeks ago which stated that Ed Burnham entertained a party at crap shooting. It should have been trap shooting.
- ~ There are two important corrections to the information in the update on our Deep Relaxation professional development program. First, the program will include meditation, not medication. Second, it is experiential, not experimental.
- ~ In the City Beat section of Friday's paper, firefighter Dwight Brady was misidentified. His nickname in the department is "Dewey." Another firefighter is nicknamed "Weirdo." We apologize for our mistake.
- ~ Our newspaper carried the notice last week that Mr..

Oscar Hoffnagle is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr.. Hoffnagle is, of course, a detective on the police farce.

- \sim In a recent edition, we referred to the chairman of Chrysler Corporation as Lee Iacoocoo. His real name is Lee Iacacca. The Gazette regrets the error.
- ~ Apology: I originally wrote, "Woodrow Wilson's wife grazed sheep on front lawn of the White House." I'm sorry that typesetting inadvertently left out the word "sheep."
- ~ In one edition of today's Food Section, an inaccurate number of jalapeno peppers was given for Jeanette Crowley's Southwestern chicken salad recipe. The recipe should call for two, not 21, jalapeno peppers.
- ~ The marriage of Miss Freda vanAmburg and Willie Branton, which was announced in this paper a few weeks ago, was a mistake which we wish to correct.

Winners of a recent theory testing contest

HONORABLE MENTION:

The quantity of consonants in the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian "pahks" his "cah," the lost r's migrate southwest, causing a Texan to "warsh" his car and invest in "erl wells."

RUNNERS-UP:

#4 - Art Bell's 'Quickening' explained? The earth may spin faster on its axis due to deforestation. Just as a figure skater's rate of spin increases when the arms are brought in close to the body, the cutting of tall trees may cause our planet to spin dangerously fast.

#3

Communist China is technologically underdeveloped because they have no alphabet and therefore cannot use acronyms to communicate ideas at a faster rate.

#2

Why Yawning Is Contagious: You yawn to equalize

the pressure on your eardrums. This pressure change outside your eardrums unbalances other people's ear pressures, so they must yawn to even it out.

#1

If an infinite number of rednecks riding in an infinite number of pickup trucks fire an infinite number of shotgun rounds at an infinite number of highway signs, they will eventually produce all the world's great literary works in Braille.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat; the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground. With a giant buttered cat array, a high-speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

I need to come mess up that bed

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad."

With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter with trembling hands:

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you.

I had to elope with my new girl friend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you.

I've been finding real passion with Joan and she is so nice. I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only the passion, Dad, she's pregnant. Joan said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Joan has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for us and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Joan can get better; she sure deserves it!!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15 years old now and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your grandchildren

Your son, Chad

P.S. Dad, NONE of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my center desk drawer. I love you! Call when it is safe for me to come home.

And I'll fetch the room freshener

A trucker came into a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is an auto parts store?"

"No," the cook said. "Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are 2 slices of crisp bacon.

"Oh, OK!" said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, "What are the beans for, Blondie? She replied, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!"

BLATANT DISCRIMINATION

A guy in a bar stood up and shouted, "Lawyers are assholes!" A guy at the other end shouted back "I resent that." The first guy asked "Are you a lawyer?"

The second guy responded "No, I'm an asshole." Go Tarheads! ... uh .. Tarheels!

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of North Carolina."

NO CLUES HERE

A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were:

The short story had to contain the following three things:

- (1) Religion
- (2) Sexuality
- (3) Mystery.

There was only one A+ paper in the entire class.Below is the A+ short story.

"Good God, I'm pregnant, I wonder who did it."

.... Even As the Rolling Stones Plan Their Spring Tour. Must have been their clean living.

It was fun being a baby boomer... until now. Some of the artists of the '60s and 70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

They include:

- 1. Herman's Hermits -- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker
- 2. The Bee Gees -- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip
- 3. Bobby Darin -- Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash
- 4. Ringo Starr -- I Get By With a Little Help From Depends
- 5. Roberta Flack -- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face
- 6. Johnny Nash -- I Can't See Clearly Now
- 7. Paul Simon -- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
- 8. Commodores -- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom
- 9. Marvin Gaye -- Heard it Through the Grape Nuts 10. Procol Harem -- A Whiter Shade of Hair

- 11. Leo Sayer -- You Make Me Feel Like Napping
- 12. The Temptations -- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone
- 13. Abba -- Denture Oueen
- 14. Tony Orlando -- Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall
- 15. Helen Reddy -- I am Woman, Hear Me Snore
- 16. Willie Nelson -- On the Commode Again
- 17. Leslie Gore's -- It's My Procedure and I'll Cry if I Want To.

We played scrabble and sat up late and everything.

An older, white-haired man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young girl at his side. He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring and showed it to him. The old man said, "I don't think you understand, I want something very special."

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweler said. The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, by check. "I know you need to make sure the check is good, so I'll write it out now and you can call the bank on Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon," he said.

Monday morning, a very teed-off jeweler phoned the old man. "There's no money in that account."

"I know", said the old man, "but can you imagine the weekend I had?"

SILLINESS AND CITATIONS

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving. Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration

papers, please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the

owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the

trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have

stolen this car and murdered the owner. Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car,

and that you murdered and hacked up the owner. Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

REMARKABLE REMEDIES

Did You Know that Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately -- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers."

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles

Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria

Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly-- even though the product has never been advertised for this use.

Honey remedy for skin blemishes... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.

Listerine therapy for toenail fungus Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.

Easy eyeglass protection... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Maybelline Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.

Cleaning liquid that doubles as bug killer... If menacing bees, wasps,hornets, or yellow jackets get in your home and you can't find the insecticide, try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly.

Smart splinter remover...just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

Hunt's tomato paste boil cure...cover the boil with Hunt's tomato paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head.

Balm for broken blisters...To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine... a powerful antiseptic

Vinegar to heal bruises... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

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Quaker Oats for fast pain relief...It's not for breakfast any more! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.

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