

The Mafia was looking for a new man to make weekly collections from all the businesses they were *protecting*. Feeling the heat from the police, they decided to use a deaf person for this job - if he were to get caught, he wouldn't be able to communicate to the police what he was doing.

On his first week, the deaf collector picks up over \$50,000. He gets greedy, decides to keep the money and stashes it in a safe place. The Mafia soon realizes that their collection is late, and sends some of their thugs after the deaf man. They find the deaf collector and ask him where the money is. They can't communicate with him, so they drag the guy to an interpreter.

The Mafia hood says to the interpreter, "Ask him where da money is." The interpreter signs, "Where's the money?" The deaf man replies, "I don't know what you're talking about." The interpreter tells the hood, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about." The hood pulls out a large gun and places it in the ear of the deaf collector. "NOW ask him where da money is."

The interpreter signs, "Where's the money?" The deaf man replies, "The \$50,000 is in Central Park, hidden in the third tree stump on the left from the West 78th Street gate."

The interpreter says to the hood, "He says he still doesn't know what you're talking about and doesn't think you have the guts to pull the trigger."

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The world's shortest books

31. THINGS I CAN'T AFFORD by Bill Gates
30. HOW TO GET TO THE SUPER BOWL by Dan Marino
29. HOME BUILT AIRPLANES by John Denver
28. MIKE TYSON'S GUIDE TO DATING ETIQUETTE
27. BEAUTY SECRETS by Janet Reno
26. BLACKS I HAVE MET YACHTING
25. THINGS I LOVE ABOUT BILL by Hillary Clinton
24. Human Rights Advances in China
23. The Differences Between Reality and Dilbert
22. "Things I wouldn't do for Money" by Dennis Rodman
21. "To all the Men I've Loved Before" by Ellen DeGeneris
20. "My Plan to Find the Real Killers" by OJ Simpson
19. "Ross Perot: Intelligent Quotes"
18. Al Gore: The Wild Years
17. Amelia Earhart's Guide to the Pacific Ocean
16. America's Most Popular Lawyers
15. Career Opportunities for History Majors
14. Detroit - A Travel Guide
13. Different Ways to Spell "Bob"
12. Dr. Kevorkian's Collection of Motivational Speeches
11. Italian War Heroes: WW II
10. Ethiopian Tips on World Dominance
9. Everything Men Know About Women
8. Everything Women Know About Men
7. French Hospitality
6. George Foreman's Big Book of Baby Names
5. "How to Sustain a Musical Career" by Art Garfunkel
4. "One Hundred and One Spotted Owl Recipes" by the EPA

3. "Staple Your Way to Success"
2. "The Amish Phone Directory"

and the Number One World's Shortest Book:

1. MY BOOK OF MORALS - by William Jefferson Clinton

English Lesson

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman: without her, man is nothing."

THE BRITISH vs. THE AMERICANS

In a recent television show in the UK, actor and comedian John Cleese explained 3 reasons why the British are superior to the Americans:

1. They speak English.
2. When they host a world championship they invite other countries.
3. Visitors to the head of state are only expected to go down on one knee.

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it.

One day this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice "I'd like to try." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass!

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man "what do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?" The scrawny little man replied: "I work for the IRS."

A Pole walks into a hardware store and asks for a chain saw that will cut 6 trees in an hour. The salesman recommends the top of the line model. The West-Coaster is suitably impressed, and buys it. The next day he brings it back, complaining that it could only cut down 1 tree and it took ALL DAY! The salesman takes the chain saw, starts it up to see what's wrong, and the Pole says: "What's that noise?"

A telephonic exchange between a hotel guest and room-service, at a hotel in Japan, which was recorded and published in the Far East Economic Review ...

(Be warned: you're going to find yourself talking "funny" for a while after reading this. It was nominated "best email of 1997")

Room Service: "Morny. Ruin sorbees"
Guest: "Sorry, I thought I dialled room-sevice"

RS: "Rye..Ruin sorbees..morny! Djewish to odor sunteen??"
G: "Uh..yes..I'd like some bacon and eggs"

RS: "Ow July den?"
G: "What??"

RS: "Ow July den?...pry,boy, pooch?"
G: "Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry,scrambled please."

RS: "Ow July dee bayhcem...crease?"
G: "Crisp will be fine"

RS: "Hokay. An San tos?"
G: "What?"

RS: "San tos. July San tos?"
G: "I don't think so"

RS: "No? Judo one toes??"
G: "I feel really bad about this, but I don't know what 'judo one toes' means."

RS: "Toes! toes!...why djew Don Juan toes? Ow bow singlish mopping we bother?"
G: "English muffin!! I've got it! You were saying 'Toast.' Fine. Yes, an English muffin will be fine."

RS: "We bother?"
G: "No..just put the bother on the side."

RS: "Wad?"
G: "I mean butter...just put it on the side."

RS: "Copy?"
G: "Sorry?"

RS: "Copy...tea...mill?"
G: "Yes. Coffee please, and that's all."

RS: "One Minnie. Ass ruin torino fee, strangle ache, crease baychem, tossy
singlish mopping we bother honey sigh, and copy....rye??"
G: "Whatever you say"

RS: "Tendjewberrymud"
G : "You're welcome"

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ONLY IN AMERICA

...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance...
...are there handicapped parking places in front of a skating rink...
...do people order double cheese burgers, a large fry, and a diet coke...
...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters...
...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and leave useless things
and junk in boxes locked in the garage...
...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we
won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place...
...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight...
...do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning
"many" and "tics" meaning "blood-sucking creatures"...

A blind man is walking down the street with his seeing-eye dog 1 day. They come to a busy intersection and the dog, ignoring the high volume of traffic zooming by on the street, leads the blind man right out into the thick of traffic. This is followed by the screech of tires and horns blaring as panicked drivers try desperately not to run the pair down. The man and dog finally reach the safety of the sidewalk on the other side of the street, and the blind man pulls a cookie out of his coat pocket, which he offers to the dog. A passerby, having observed the near fatal incident, can't control his amazement: "Why on earth are you rewarding your dog with a cookie? He nearly got you killed!"

The blind man turns partially in his direction and replies, "To find out where his head is, so I can kick him in the rear end."

Mae Bell and Eloise are ambling down the middle of the small main street of their town, when they spy Leroy leaning out of the upstairs window, face all red and sweat pouring off of him.

"Hey Leroy!" they shout in unison.

"Hey Mae Bell! Hey Eloise!"

"What you doin' up there Leroy?"

"Oh I's just up here layin' linoleum."

"Well," they shouted in unison, "tell her we said hey!"

A doctor had just finished a marathon sex session with one of his patients. He was resting afterwards and was feeling a bit guilty because he thought it wasn't really ethical to do that with patients.

However, a little voice in his head said "Lots of other doctors have sex with their patients so its not like you're the first..."

This made the doctor feel a little bit better until still another voice in his head said ... "but they probably weren't veterinarians."

Three men languished in Purgatory. After a while, they began talking to one another and got around to the age-old question asked by internees everywhere: "Whaddya in for?"

The first man sighed, rolled his eyes heavenward and said "Allah, forgive me! I am a Moslem, and I once drank beer with my lunch."

The second man looked ruefully at his bound hands and said: "May the Master of the Universe be truly merciful! I am a Jew, and I had a ham-and-cheese sandwich for lunch."

The third guy remained quiet for some time, staring at the floor in abject misery. The other two prompted him gently, and finally resorted to shaking him, shouting "Come on man! What did you do that was so awful?"

The third guy, choking back a sob, said: "I guess I may as well tell you ... you've been so honest with me. I'm an Episcopalian and, God help me, I used the wrong fork!"

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**FROM ANDREW GREELEY'S WEBSITE: WHEN THE END OF THE WORLD ARRIVES,
HOW WILL THE MEDIA REPORT IT?**

USA Today:	WE'RE DEAD
The Wall Street Journal:	DOW JONES PLUMMETS AS WORLD ENDS
National Enquirer:	O.J. AND NICOLE, TOGETHER AGAIN
Microsoft Systems Journal:	APPLE LOSES MARKET SHARE
Victoria's Secret Catalog:	OUR FINAL SALE
Sports Illustrated:	GAME OVER
Wired:	THE LAST NEW THING
Rolling Stone:	THE GRATEFUL DEAD REUNION TOUR
Readers Digest:	'BYE
Discover Magazine:	HOW WILL THE EXTINCTION OF ALL LIFE AS WE KNOW IT AFFECT THE WAY WE VIEW THE COSMOS?
TV Guide:	DEATH AND DAMNATION: NIELSON RATINGS SOAR!
Lady's Home Journal:	LOSE 10 LBS BY JUDGEMENT DAY WITH OUR NEW "ARMAGEDDON" DIET!
America Online:	SYSTEM TEMPORARILY DOWN. CALL BACK IN 15 MINUTES.
Inc. magazine:	10 WAYS YOU CAN PROFIT FROM THE APOCALYPSE
Microsoft's Web Site:	IF YOU DIDN'T EXPERIENCE THE RAPTURE, DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE PATCH RAPT777.EXE.
Sun:	ARMAGEDDON TOLERANT SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE!
NBC News:	THE END IS NIGH. FIRST, THESE MESSAGES...
Playboy:	Girls of the Apocalypse.

America OnLine: System temporarily down. Try calling back in 15 minutes.

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Top 10 Signs You're Being Stalked by Martha Stewart

10. You get a threatening note made up of letters cut out of a magazine with pinking shears, and they're all the same size, the same font, and precisely lined up in razor-sharp rows.
9. You find a lemon slice in the dog's water bowl.
8. On her TV show she makes a gingerbread house that looks exactly like your split-level, right down to the fallen licorice downspout and the half-open graham cracker garage door.

7. You find your pet bunny on the stove in an exquisite tarragon, rose petal and saffron demi-glace', with pecan-crust hearts of palm and a delicate mint-fennel sauce.
6. The unmistakable aroma of potpourri follows you even after you leave the bathroom.
5. You discover that every napkin in the entire house has been folded into a swan.
4. No matter "where" you eat, your place setting always includes an oyster fork.
3. Twice this week you've been the victim of a drive-by doilying.
2. You wake up in the hospital with a concussion and endive stuffing in every orifice.
and the NUMBER 1 Sign You're Being Stalked by Martha Stewart:
1. You awaken one morning with a glue gun pointed squarely at your temple.

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The Pope and the Queen of England are on the same stage in front of a huge crowd. Her Majesty and His Holiness, however, have seen it all before, so to make it a little more interesting, the Queen says to the Pope, "Did you know that with just one little wave of my hand I can make every English person in the crowd go wild?"

The Pope doubts it, so she shows him. Sure enough, the royal-gloved wave elicits rapture and cheering from every Englishman in the crowd.

Gradually, the cheering subsides. The Pope, not wanting to be outdone by someone wearing a worse frock and hat than he, considers what he should do. "Your Majesty, that was impressive. But did you know that with just one little wave of MY hand I can make every IRISH person in the crowd go crazy with joy? This joy will not be a momentary display like that of your subjects, but will go deep into their hearts, and they will forever speak of this day and rejoice."

The Queen seriously doubts this, and says so. "One little wave of your hand and all Irish people will rejoice forever? Show me."

So the Pope slapped her.

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Aspiring psychiatrists were attending their first class on emotional extremes. "Just to establish some parameters," said the professor, to the student from Arkansas, "What is the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression?" he asked of the young lady from Oklahoma.

"Elation," she responded.

"And you sir," he said to the young man from Texas, "how about the opposite of woe?"

The Texan replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddy-up."

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Top Ten Signs your Amish Teen in Trouble

10. Sometimes stays in bed until after 5 am.
9. In his sock drawer, you find pictures of women without bonnets.
8. Shows up at barn raisings in full "Kiss" makeup.
7. When you criticize him, he yells, "Thou sucketh!"
6. His name is Jebediah, but he goes by "Jeb Daddy."
5. Defiantly says, "If I had a radio, I'd listen to rap."
4. You come upon his secret stash of colored socks.
3. Uses slang expression: "Talk to the hand, 'cause the beard ain't listening."

2. Was recently pulled over for *driving under the influence of cottage cheese*.
1. He's wearing his big black hat backwards.

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Why We Shouldn't Idolize Sports Figures

Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson on being a role model: "I want all the kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I want all the kids to copulate me."

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

And, upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skins say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann 1996: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson hooking up again with promoter Don King: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."

Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Shaquille O'Neal on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

Pat Williams, Orlando Magic general manager, on his team's 7-27 record in 1992: "We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. As general manager, I just can't figure out where else to play."

Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt."

Steve Spurrier, Florida football coach, telling Gator fans that a fire at Auburn's football dorm had destroyed 20 books: "But the real tragedy was that 15 hadn't been colored in yet."

Jim Finks, New Orleans Saints General Manager, when asked after a loss what he thought of the refs: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy no good officiating."

Alan Kulwicki, stock car racer, on racing Saturday nights as opposed to Sunday afternoons: "It's basically the same, just darker."

Lincoln Kennedy, Oakland Raiders tackle, on his decision not to vote: "I was going to write myself in, but I was afraid I'd get shot."

Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"

Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins: "He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."

Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas AandM, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

And the Gem:

Oiler coach Bum Phillips when asked by Bob Costas why he takes his wife on all the road trips, Phillips responded: "Because she is too damn ugly to kiss good-bye."

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There is a story about a monastery in Europe perched high on a cliff hundreds of feet up. The only way to reach the monastery was to be suspended in a basket and pulled to the top by several monks who tugged with all their strength. Obviously the ride up the steep cliff was terrifying.

One tourist got exceedingly nervous about half way up as he noticed that the rope was old and frayed. With a trembling voice he asked the monk who was riding with him in the basket how often they changed the rope.

The monk thought for a moment and answered, "Whenever it breaks."

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Dear Abby,

I'm a sailor in the New Zealand Navy. My parents live in the suburb of Seatoun and one of my sisters, who lives in Palmerston North, is married to an Australian. My Father and Mother have recently been arrested for growing and selling marijuana and are currently dependent on my other two sisters, prostitutes in Auckland.

I have two brothers, one currently serving a life sentence in Mt. Eden Prison, Auckland, for the rape and murder of a teenage boy in 1994, the other currently being held in the Wellington Remand Center on charges of incest with his children.

I've recently become engaged to marry a former Thai prostitute who lives in Christchurch and indeed is still a part time "working girl" in a brothel, however, her time there is limited as she has recently been infected with an STD. We intend to marry as soon as possible and are currently looking into the possibility of opening our own brothel with my fiancée utilizing her knowledge of the business working as the manager. I am hoping my two sisters would be interested in joining our team. Although I would prefer them not to prostitute themselves, at least it would get them off the streets and hopefully off the heroin.

My problem is this: I love my fiancée and look forward to bringing her into the family and of course I want to be totally honest with her. Should I tell her about my cousin who graduated from OLE MISS?

Signed, Worried about my reputation

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A guy and gal were parked on a back road some distance from town, making out. As things really started getting hot, the girl stopped and said, "I really should have mentioned this earlier, but I'm actually a hooker and I charge \$20 for sex."

The guy reluctantly paid her, and they went on with their business. After they finished, the guy lit up a cigarette, sat back in the driver's seat and stared out the window. "Why aren't we going anywhere?" asked the girl.

"Well, I should have mentioned this before, but I'm actually a taxi driver, and the fare back to town is \$25."

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"The vocal life of a soprano has four stages:

1. Bel canto
 2. Can belto
 3. Can't belto
 4. Can't canto..."
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THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS JEWISH:

1. He went into his father's business.
2. He lived at home until the age of 33.
3. He was sure his mother was a virgin, and she was sure he was God.

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS IRISH:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He always hung out with his "buddies" who were known to like spirits.

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS PUERTO RICAN:

1. His first name was Jesus.
2. He was bilingual.
3. He was always being harassed by the authorities.

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS ITALIAN:

1. He talked with his hands.
2. He had wine with every meal.
3. He worked in the building trades.

THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS CALIFORNIAN:

1. He never cut his hair.
2. He walked around barefoot.
3. He invented a new religion

And finally ... THREE PROOFS THAT JESUS WAS BLACK:

1. He called everybody brother.
 2. He liked Gospel.
 3. He couldn't get a fair trial.
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Mommy bear and Daddy bear were in divorce court. The judge looked down and asked the Baby Bear, "So Baby Bear, do you want to live with Daddy Bear?"

"Oh, no," Baby Bear replied, "I don't want to live with Daddy Bear. He beats me."

"Well then, you should live with Mommy Bear," answered the judge.

"Oh, no, I don't want to live with Mommy Bear. She beats me."
"Well then, Baby Bear, who do you want to live with?"
Baby Bear said, "With the Chicago Bears. They don't beat anybody!"

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TRUE POLICE STORIES

A woman got pulled over by a California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer for speeding. When he walked up to her window and opened his ticket book she said, "I bet you're going to sell me tickets to the Highway Patrol Ball."

He replied, "No, highway patrolmen don't have balls."

There followed a moment of silence while she smiled and he realized what he had said. He then closed his book, got back on his motorcycle and left.

A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail, a ticket for \$40.00, and a photo of his car. Instead of the payment, he sent the police department a photograph of two \$20.00 bills. Several days later, he received a letter from the police department that contained another picture - of a pair of handcuffs. (from Orange County CA)

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Police Quotes

"The handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"So, you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

"Yes sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?"

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or dog?"

"Yeah, we have a quota. 2 more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

"Life's tough, it's tougher if you're stupid."

"No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."

"Just how big were those 2 beers?"

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You have just received the Amish virus.

Since we have no electricity or computers, you are on the honor system. Please delete all of your files on your hard drive, then forward this message to everyone in your address book.

Thank thee!

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Three boys were heading home from school one day when one started the time-honored game of paternal one-ups-man-ship. He said, "My dad's way faster than any of yours, he can throw a 90-mph fast ball from the pitcher's mound and run and catch it just after it crosses the plate!"

One of the other boys said, "Oh yeah? Well, my dad can shoot an arrow from his bow and run to the target and hold it up to make sure the arrow hits the bulls eye!"

The last boy said, "Your dads don't even come close to being faster than mine. My dad works for the government, and even though he works every day until 4:00 he gets home at 3:30!"

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AP DATELINE: December 9, 1998

Poland's worst air disaster occurred today when a small two-seater Cessna 152 plane crashed into a cemetery early this afternoon in central Poland. Polish search and rescue workers have recovered 326 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the evening.

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An old cowboy went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat there sipping his whiskey, a young lady sat down next to him. She turned to the cowboy and asked him, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life on the ranch, herding horses, mending fences, and branding cattle so I guess I am."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women. When I shower, watch TV, everything seems to make me think of women."

A little while later, a couple sat down next to the old cowboy and asked him, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian."

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The Indians asked their chief in autumn if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared.

Being a good leader, he then went to the phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is it going to be cold this winter?"

The man on the phone responded, "This winter is going to be quite cold indeed." So the chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a VERY cold winter?" "Yes," the man replied, "it's going to be a VERY cold winter." So the chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find.

Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again. "Are you ABSOLUTELY sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "ABSOLUTELY," the man replies, "you can count on it - Indians are collecting wood like crazy this year!"

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An Irish Blessing

"God bless your little Irish heart and every other Irish part."

(It works using "Polish" - "German" - "Swedish" etc. too.

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A young boy goes off to college, but about 1/3 way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered what money his parents gave him. "Hmmm," he wonders, "how am I gonna get more dough?" Then he gets an idea. He calls his father. "Dad," he says, "you won't believe the wonders that modern education are coming up with! Why, they actually have a program here that will teach Fido how to talk!"

"Why that's absolutely amazing!" his father says. "How do I get him in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$1000," the boy says, "I'll get him into the course."

So his father sends the dog and the \$1000. About 2/3 way through the semester, the money runs out. So the boy calls his father again. "So how's Fido doing, son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - now they have a program here that will teach Fido to READ!"

"READ!" says his father, "That's amazing! What do I have to do to get him in that program?"

"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class." So his father sends the money. At the end of the semester, the boy has a problem. When he gets home, his father will find out that the dog can neither talk nor read. So he shoots the dog.

When he gets home, his father is all excited. "Where's Fido? I just can't wait to hear him talk and listen to him read something!"

"Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. This morning when I got out of the shower, Fido was in the living room kicking back in the recliner and reading the morning paper, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked 'So, is your daddy still messin' around with that little redhead that lives down on Oak Street?' "

His father says "I hope you SHOT that lyin' weasel!"

"Of course I did, daddy."

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New Survivor Shows

- * 6 men will be dropped on an island with 1 van and 4 kids each, for 6 weeks.
- * Each kid plays two sports and either takes music or dance classes.
- * There is no access to fast food.
- * Each man must take care of his 4 kids, keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, complete science projects, cook, do laundry, etc.
- * The men only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done: There is only one TV between them and there is no remote.
- * The men must shave their legs and wear makeup daily, which they must apply themselves either while driving or while making four lunches.
- * They must attend weekly PTA meetings; clean up after their sick children at 3:00 am; make an Indian hut model with six toothpicks, a tortilla and one marker; and get a 4 year old to eat a serving of peas.
- * The kids vote them off based on performance.
- * The winner gets to go back to his job.

OR

CBS is developing a "Texas Version" of the popular TV show "Survivor." The rules are so simple, even a non-Texan can follow them. Each of the contestants must drive from Amarillo to Wichita Falls, then Fort Worth, Dallas, Tyler, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Waxahachie, Waco, Abilene, Midland, El Paso, then back to Amarillo. Each contestant must

do this while driving a Volvo wagon with a prominent bumper sticker, which reads, "I Voted for Gore, I'm Gay, and I'm Here to Take Your Guns."

The first 1 back wins.

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The CIA assigned a new agent to the Irish Office and for his first assignment they told him he must immediately meet with Murphy, their contact in Ireland. The new agent was told what bar to visit in Dublin and was told that Murphy would know that he was CIA by the new agent's saying to him: "It's a terrible day today, but I am sure tomorrow will be better."

Soon after, the new agent traveled to the little bar in Dublin. When he arrived he walked up to the bartender and said: "Excuse me but would you be kind enough to point out a Mr. Murphy to me?" The bartender replied: "Well that guy over there is Murphy the gardener and the fellow across the room is Murphy the brick layer and the guy standing at the end of the bar is Murphy the lawyer - and as a matter of fact I am a Murphy as well."

Then the CIA agent raised his beer mug to the bartender and said: "It's a terrible day today, but I am sure that tomorrow will be better!"

To which the bartender replied: "Oh, you want Murphy the Spy!"

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Maw is outside hangin up the laundry, when she hears Paw in the kitchen. Maw walks in and says, "Paw, get out there and fix that there outhouse."

Paw says, "All right, Maw."

Paw walks out to the outhouse, looks at it, and says, "Maw, there ain't nothin' wrong with this here outhouse!"

Maw says, "Yes, there is. Put your head down in the hole."

Paw says "I ain't puttin my head in that there hole!"

Maw says, "Well you're gonna have to if'n you're gonna fix the problem!"

Paw puts his head down in the hole (just a little bit mind ya) and he hollers, "Maw, there ain't nothin' wrong with this here outhouse!"

Maw hollers, "Now pull your head out of the hole."

Paw goes to lift up his head and he says, "Oww! OWW!"

Maw! MAW, my beard's stuck in the cracks in the seat!"

Maw says, "Aggravatin', ain't it?"

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A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He said, "Call for backup."

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The NAACP sent a black agent to Alabama to check the progress in integration of churches. After a few weeks of checking around, he called headquarters to file his report.

"How about the Catholics?" asks his boss.

"The Catholics are doing okay; they got the right idea."

"What about the Methodists?"

"They've come a long way," says the agent. "They're doing just fine."

"And the Baptists?" asks the boss.

"I just want to know one thing," he says... "When they baptize you, how long are they supposed to hold you under?"

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Not even Mother Goose is Sacred

Mary had a little lamb
Her father shot it dead.
Now it goes to school with her,
Between two hunks of bread.

Mary had a little lamb
It ran into a pylon.
10,000 volts went up it's rear
and turned its wool to nylon.

Jack and Jill went up the hill
to have little fun.
Jill, that dill, forgot her pill
and now they have a son.

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Murphy's Technology Laws

1. You can never tell which way the train went by looking at the track.
2. Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.
3. Whenever a system becomes completely defined, some damn fool discovers something which either abolishes it or expands it beyond recognition.
4. Technology is dominated by those who manage what they do not understand.
5. If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.
6. The opulence of the front office decor varies inversely with the fundamental solvency of the firm.
7. The attention span of a computer is only as long as its electrical cord.
8. An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less until he knows absolutely everything about nothing.
9. Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you.
Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch to be sure.
10. All great discoveries are made by mistake.
11. Always draw your curves - then plot your reading.
12. Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget.
13. All's well that ends.
14. A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost.
15. The first myth of management is that it exists.
16. A failure will not appear till a unit has passed final inspection.
17. New systems generate new problems.
18. To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.
19. We don't know one millionth of one percent about anything.
20. Any given program, when running, is obsolete.
21. Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

22. A computer makes as many mistakes in 2 seconds as 20 men working 20 years make.
23. Nothing motivates a man more than to see his boss put in an honest day's work.
24. Some people manage by the book, even though they don't know who wrote the book or even what book.
25. The primary function of the design engineer is to make things difficult for the fabricator and impossible for the serviceman.
26. To spot the expert, pick the one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most.
27. After all is said and done, a hell of a lot more is said than done.
28. Any circuit design must contain at least one part which is obsolete, 2 parts which are unobtainable and 3 parts which are still under development.
29. A complex system that works is invariably found to have evolved from a simple system that works.
30. If mathematically you end up with the incorrect answer, try multiplying by the page number.
31. Computers are unreliable, but humans are even more unreliable. Any system that depends on human reliability is unreliable.
32. Give all orders verbally. Never write anything down that might go into a "Pearl Harbor File."
33. Under the most rigorously controlled conditions of pressure, temperature, volume, humidity, and other variables, the organism will do as it damn well pleases.
34. If you can't understand it, it is intuitively obvious.
35. The more cordial the buyer's secretary, the greater the odds that the competition already has the order.
36. In designing any type of construction, no overall dimension can be totaled correctly after 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The correct total will become self-evident at 8:15 a.m. on Monday.
37. Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. And scratch where it itches.
38. All things are possible except skiing through a revolving door.
39. The only perfect science is hind-sight.
40. Work smarder and not harder and be careful of yor speling.
41. If it's not in the computer, it doesn't exist.
42. If an experiment works, something has gone wrong.
43. When all else fails, read the instructions.
44. If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will cause the most damage will be the one to go wrong.
45. Everything that goes up must come down.
46. Any instrument when dropped will roll into the least accessible corner.
47. Any simple theory will be worded in the most complicated way.
48. Build a system that even a fool can use and only a fool will want to use it.
49. The degree of technical competence is inversely proportional to the level of management.
50. If you're looking for something, you can rest assured that it will be in the last place you look.

A helicopter was flying around above Seattle when an electrical malfunction disabled all of the aircraft's electronic navigation and communications equipment. Due to the clouds and haze, the pilot could not determine the helicopter's position and course to fly to the airport.

The pilot saw a tall building, flew toward it, circled, drew a handwritten sign, and held it in the helicopter's window. The pilot's sign said: "WHERE AM I?" in large letters.

People in the tall building quickly responded to the aircraft, drew a large sign, and held it in a building window. Their sign read: "YOU ARE IN A HELICOPTER."

The pilot smiled, waved, looked at his map, determined the course to steer to SEATAC airport, and landed safely. After they were on the ground, the co-pilot asked the pilot how *YOU ARE IN A HELICOPTER* helped determine their position.

The pilot responded: "I knew that had to be the MICROSOFT building because they gave me a technically correct, but completely useless answer."

Ole and Lena were sitting down to their usual cup of morning coffee listening to the weather report on the radio. "There will be 3-5 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the odd numbered side of the streets." Ole got up from his coffee and replies "Jeez, okay."

Two days later, again they both are sitting down with their cups of morning coffee and the weather forecast is, "There will be 2-4 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the even numbered side of the streets." Ole got up from his coffee and replies, "Jeez, okay."

Three days later, again they both are sitting down with their cups of coffee and the weather forecast is, "There will be 6-8 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the..." And then the power went out and Ole didn't get the rest of the instructions. He says to Lena, "Jeez, what am I going to do now, Lena?"

Lena replies, "Aw, Ole, just leave the car in the garage today."

You know you're drinking too much coffee when...

you answer the door before people knock.
Juan Valdez named his donkey after you.
you ski uphill.
you grind your coffee beans in your mouth.
you haven't blinked since the last lunar eclipse.
you lick your coffeepot clean.
your eyes stay open when you sneeze.
you chew on other people's fingernails.
your T-shirt says, "Decaffeinated coffee is the devil's blend."
you can type 60 words per minute ... with your feet.
you can jump-start your car without cables.
all your kids are named "Joe."
you don't need a hammer to pound nails.
your only source of nutrition comes from "Sweet and Low."
you don't sweat, you percolate.
you buy Half and Half by the barrel.
you've worn out the handle on your favorite mug.
you forget to unwrap candy bars before eating them.
you've built a miniature city out of little plastic stirrers.
people get dizzy just watching you.

you've worn the finish off your coffee table.
the Taster's Choice couple wants to adopt you.
Starbucks owns the mortgage on your house.
your taste buds are so numb you could drink your lava lamp.
instant coffee takes too long.
your birthday is a national holiday in Brazil.
you're offended when people use the word "brew" to mean beer.
you have a picture of your coffee mug on your coffee mug.
you short out motion detectors.
you don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.
your nervous twitch registers on the Richter scale.
you think being called a "drip" is a compliment.
you don't tan, you roast.
you can't even remember your second cup.
you help your dog chase its tail.

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When white man found this land, we Indians were running it.

No Taxes...
No Debt...
Plenty Buffalo...
Plenty beaver!
Women did most of the work.
Medicine Man free!
Indian men hunted and fished all the time!

White man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that!

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Some years ago, a sultan was becoming angry as he had 6 children, all girls, and therefore had no son and heir. Imagine his joy when 1 of his wives finally presented him with his only son and heir. Just before his son's 6th birthday, the Sultan took him to one side and said, "Son, I'm very proud of you. Anything you want, I shall get for you."

His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to have my own airplane." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him American Airlines.

Just before his son's seventh birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are my pride and joy. Anything you want, I shall get for you."

His son replied, "Daddy, I would like a boat." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him The Princess Cruise Lines.

Just before his son's eighth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you bring so much happiness into my life. Anything you want, I shall get for you."

His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to be able to watch cartoons." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him Disney Studios and their theaters, where he watched all his favorite cartoons.

Just before his son's ninth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are an inspiration to us all. Anything you want, I shall get for you."

His son, who had really gotten into the Disney cartoons, replied, "Daddy, I would like a Mickey Mouse outfit." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him the FBI.

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The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he quite surprised the teacher.

He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody is going to get a spanking!"

Things You Learn From the Movies

1. Large, loft-style apartments in New York City are well within the price range of most people--whether they are employed or not.
2. At least one of a pair of identical twins is born evil.
3. Should you decide to defuse a bomb, don't worry which wire to cut. You will always choose the right one.
4. Most laptop computers are powerful enough to override the communications system of any invading alien society.
5. It does not matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts: your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one by dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessors.
6. When you turn out the light to go to bed, everything in your bedroom will still be clearly visible, just slightly bluish.
7. If you are blonde and pretty, it is possible to become a world expert on nuclear fission at the age of 22.
8. Honest and hard working policemen are traditionally gunned down 3 days before retirement.
9. Rather than wasting bullets, megalomaniacs prefer to kill arch enemies using complicated machinery involving fuses, pulley systems, deadly gasses, lasers and man-eating sharks, which will allow their captives at least 20 minutes to escape.
10. All beds have special L-shaped cover sheets that reach the armpit level on a woman but only to waist level on the man lying beside her.
11. All grocery shopping bags contain at least 1 stick of French bread.
12. It's easy for anyone to land a plane providing there is someone in the control tower to talk you down.
13. Once applied, lipstick will never rub off--even while scuba diving.
14. You're very likely to survive any battle in any war unless you make the mistake of showing someone a picture of your sweetheart back home.

15. Should you wish to pass yourself off as a German or Russian officer, it will not be necessary to speak the language. A German or Russian accent will do.
16. The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
17. A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating, but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
18. If a large pane of glass is visible, someone will be thrown through it before long.
19. If staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises in their most revealing underwear.
20. Word processors never display a cursor on screen but will always say: Enter Password Now.
21. Even when driving down a perfectly straight road, it is necessary to turn the steering wheel vigorously from left to right every few moments.
22. All bombs are fitted with electronic timing devices with large red readouts so you know exactly when they're going to go off.
23. A detective can only solve a case once he has been suspended from duty.
24. If you decide to start dancing in the street, everyone you meet will know all the steps.
25. Police departments give their officers personality tests to make sure they are deliberately assigned a partner who is their total opposite.
26. When they are alone, all foreign military officers prefer to speak to each other in English.

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Ya gotta love the Irish

Murphy was staggering home with a pint of booze in his back pocket when he slipped and fell heavily. Struggling to his feet, he felt something wet running down his leg. "Please Lord," he implored, "let it be blood!!"

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McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave.

"S'cuse me", said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done, "what was that all about?"

"Nothin', said the Irishman, "my wife just sent me out for a jar of olives!"

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### **LIFE'S A TEST - AND YOU'RE GRADED ON A CURVE**

At age 4, success is... not peeing in your pants.

At age 12, success is... having friends.  
At age 16, success is... having a driver's license.  
At age 20, success is... having sex.  
At age 35, success is... having money.  
At age 50, success is... having money.  
At age 60, success is... having sex.  
At age 70, success is... having a driver's license.  
At age 75, success is... having friends.  
At age 80, success is... not peeing in your pants.

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The telephone rang in the Hollywood director's office. A sexy voice spoke, "I'm getting married tomorrow." He recognized the voice of his leading lady. "And I've promised to give up motion pictures."

"Maybe I can get them to hold up production," he said. "How long do you think it will last?"

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### **IF BIBLICAL HEADLINES WERE WRITTEN BY TODAY'S MEDIA**

On Red Sea crossing:  
WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE  
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs.Goliath:  
HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION  
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt.Carmel:  
FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY  
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:  
HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS  
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:  
PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH  
Disciples Mystified Over Behavior

On healing the 10 lepers:  
LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED  
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:  
MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE  
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

## FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK

Will Reading to be Delayed

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### CIA vs FBI vs LAPD

The CIA, the FBI, and the LAPD are all trying to prove that they are the best at apprehending criminals. The President decides to give them a test. He releases a rabbit into a forest and each of them are tasked to catch it.

The CIA goes into the forest. They place animal informants throughout the forest. They question all plant and mineral witnesses. After three months of extensive investigations, they conclude that rabbits do not exist.

The FBI goes in. After 2 weeks with no leads they burn the forest, killing everything in it, including the rabbit, and they make no apologies. The rabbit had it coming.

The LAPD goes in. They come out just two hours later with a badly beaten bear. The bear is yelling: "Okay, okay, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit!"

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A man had been feeling sick for quite some time and finally decided to see a doctor. The doctor came out and told the patient that he has some bad news to share. "You are going to die," he said.

"When will I die?" the patient asked.

"Ten," the doctor replied.

The patient, wondering, asked, "Ten what? Years, months, days ...? Tell me doc, I gotta know."

"Nine," the doctor said.

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### Good Girls and Bad Girls

Good girls loosen a few buttons when it's hot  
Bad girls make it hot by loosening a few buttons

Good girls wax their floors  
Bad girls wax their bikini line

Good girls blush during sex scenes in movies  
Bad girls know they could do it better

Good girls wear white cotton panties  
Bad girls don't wear any

Good girls think they're not fully dressed without a strand of pearls  
Bad girls think they're fully dressed with just a strand of pearls

Good girls pack their toothbrush  
Bad girls pack their diaphragms

Good girls own only one credit card and rarely use it  
Bad girls own only one bra and rarely use it

Good girls wear high heels to work  
Bad girls wear high heels to bed

Good girls think the office is the wrong place to have a romance  
Bad girls think no place is the wrong place

Good girls prefer the missionary position  
Bad girls do too, but only for starters

Good girls say no  
Bad girls say when?

Good girls go to the party, go home, then go to bed.  
Bad girls go to the party, go to bed and then go home.

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5 cannibals get appointed as engineers in a defense company. During the welcoming ceremony the boss says, "You're all part of our team now. You can earn good money here, and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat. So please don't trouble any of the other employees".

The cannibals promised.

4 weeks later the boss returns and says, "You're all working very hard, and I'm very satisfied with all of you. However, one of our janitors has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to him?"

The cannibals all shake their heads no.

After the boss has left, the leader of the cannibals says to the others, "Which of you idiots ate the janitor?"

A hand raises hesitantly, to which the leader of the cannibals replies, "You fool! For 4 weeks we've been eating Team Leaders, Supervisors and Project Managers and no one noticed anything. And you have to go and eat the janitor!"

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Cannibals are said not to eat clowns – because they taste funny.

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A reporter for the local press has learned that a cell of 4 terrorists has been operating in the Postal facility. The FBI advised earlier today that 3 of the 4 have been detained for questioning.

A spokesman for security stated that the terrorists, identified as bin Sleepin, bin Drinkin and bin Smokin have been arrested and are being detained on immigration charges. The FBI, local authorities and USPS indicated that they can find no one fitting the description of the fourth cell member, bin Workin, anywhere within the facility. Officials for both law enforcement and USPS are confident that anyone fitting bin Workin's description will be very easy to spot in the facility and may very well have left the area for that very reason.

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Someone earlier suggested a striking similarity between Rush Limbaugh and Barney. For comparison's sake:

|                                                                     | Barney                         | Rush                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Large clumsy animal?                                                | YES                            | YES                                |
| Garish, tight-fitting clothes?                                      | YES                            | YES                                |
| Oversized head and oversized rump?                                  | YES                            | YES                                |
| Stupid, repetitious song that is repeated?                          | "I love you<br>You love me..." | "I hate Bill<br>I hate Hillary..." |
| Idiotic plastic grin no matter what he's saying?                    | YES                            | YES                                |
| Beloved by some but hated by others?                                | YES                            | YES                                |
| Appeals mostly to those of limited ability to think for themselves? | YES                            | YES                                |
| Makes more money than is warranted by talent?                       | YES                            | YES                                |
| Spawn of Satan?                                                     | Some say yes                   | Some say yes                       |

***I think the evidence is clear!***

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A bum, who obviously has seen his share of hard times, approaches a well-dressed gentleman on the street. "Hey, Buddy, can you spare 2 dollars?" The well-dressed gentleman responds, "You're not going to spend it on liquor are you?"

"No, sir, I don't drink," retorts the bum.

"You're not going to throw it away in some crap game, are you?" he asks.

"No way, I don't gamble," answers the bum.

"You wouldn't waste the money at a golf course for greens fees, would you?"

"Never," says the bum, "I don't play golf."

The man asks the bum if he would like to come home with him for a home cooked meal. The bum accepts eagerly. While they are heading for the man's house, the bum's curiosity gets the better of him. "Isn't your wife going to be angry when she sees a guy like me at your table?"

"Probably," says the man, "but it will be worth it. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf."

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When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged, but before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk said he had some very good news for him.

"I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!"

"You mean the repulsive pink & blue double-breasted one?" the manager asked.

"That's the one!"

"That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That has to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me. Why is your hand bandaged?"

"Oh," the clerk replied, "After I sold the guy that suit, his guide dog bit me."

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A dedicated Teamsters Union worker was attending a convention in Las Vegas and decided to check out the brothels. When he got to the first one, he asked the Madam, "Is this a union house?"

"No," she replied, "I'm sorry it isn't."

"Well, if I pay you \$100.00, what cut do the girls get?"

"The house gets \$80.00 and the girls get \$20.00."

Mightily offended at such unfair dealings, the man stomped off down the street in search of a more equitable, hopefully unionized shop. His search continued until finally he reached one where the Madam responded, "Why, yes sir, this IS a Union House."

"The man confirmed, "And if I pay you \$100.00, what cut do the girls get?"

"The girls get \$80.00 and the house gets \$20.00."

"That's more like it!" the union man said. So he handed the Madam \$100.00, looked around the room and pointed to a stunningly attractive blonde. "I'd like her for the night."

"I'm sure you would, sir," said the Madam, then gesturing to an 85-year old woman in the corner, "but according to Union rules, Ethel here has seniority."

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### **OCCUPATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS**

An accountant: someone who knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

An auditor: someone who arrives after the battle and bayonets all the wounded.

A banker: a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain. (Mark Twain)

An economist: an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

A statistician: someone who is good with numbers but lacks the personality to be an accountant.

An actuary: someone who brings a fake bomb on a plane, because that decreases the chances there will be another bomb on the plane.

A programmer: someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand.

A lawyer: a person who writes a 10,000-word document and calls it a *brief*.

A professor: one who talks in someone else's sleep.

A schoolteacher: a disillusioned woman who used to think she liked children.

A consultant: someone who takes the watch off your wrist and tells you the time.  
A diplomat: someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you'll look forward to the trip.

There was this Asian lady married to an English gentleman and they lived in London. The poor lady was not very proficient in English, but managed to communicate with her husband. Real problems arose when she shopped for groceries.

One day, she wanted to buy pork legs from the butcher. She didn't know how to put forward her request and in desperation, lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. The butcher got the message and the lady went home with pork legs.

The next day, she needed to get chicken breasts. Again, she didn't know how to say and so she unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breast. The lady got what she wanted.

The 3rd day, the poor lady needed to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brought her husband to the store...

Hellooooooooooooo! Her husband speaks English!

I have 5 siblings, 3 sisters and 2 brothers. One night I was chatting with my Mom about how she had changed as a mother from the first child to the last. She told me she had mellowed a lot over the years: "When your oldest sister coughed or sneezed, I called the ambulance. When your youngest brother swallowed a dime, I just told him it was coming out of his allowance."

The affair between Margot Asquith and Margot Asquith will live as one of the prettiest love stories in all literature. --Dorothy Parker (reviewing a book by M Asquith)

On a beautiful chain of deserted islands in the middle of nowhere, the following people are stranded (each group on a separate island):

2 Italian men + 1 Italian woman  
2 French men + 1 French woman  
2 German men + 1 German woman  
2 Greek men + 1 Greek woman  
2 English men + 1 English woman  
2 Bulgarian men + 1 Bulgarian woman  
2 Japanese men + 1 Japanese woman  
2 Chinese men + 1 Chinese woman  
2 American men + 1 American woman  
(and finally) 2 Irish men + 1 Irish woman.

1 month later, on these absolutely stunning deserted islands in the middle of nowhere, the following things have occurred:

1 Italian man has killed the other for the Italian woman.

The 2 French men and the French woman are living happily together in a ménage-a-trois.

The 2 Germans have a strict weekly schedule of alternating visits with the German woman.

The 2 Greek men are sleeping with each other and the Greek woman is cleaning and cooking for them.

The 2 English men are waiting for someone to introduce them to the English woman.

The 2 Bulgarians took 1 long look at the endless ocean and another, a still longer look at the Bulgarian woman - and started swimming.

The 2 Japanese men have faxed Tokyo and are awaiting instructions.

The 2 Chinese men have set up a pharmacy / liquor / restaurant / laundry, and have got the woman pregnant in order to supply employees for their stores.

The 2 Americans are contemplating suicide, because the American woman keeps on complaining about her body, the true nature of feminism, how she can do everything they can do, the necessity of fulfillment, the equal division of household chores, how sand and palm trees make her look fat, how her last boyfriend respected her opinion and treated her nicer than they do, how her relationship with her mother is improving, and how at least the taxes are low and it isn't raining.

The 2 Irish men have divided the island into north and south, and set up a distillery. They don't remember if sex is in the picture because it gets sort of foggy after the first few liters of coconut whiskey. But they're satisfied because at least the English aren't having any fun.

#### - - - - - Cooking Terms

Tongue: a variety of meat, rarely served because it clearly crosses the line between a cut of beef and a piece of dead cow.

Yogurt: semi-solid dairy product made from partially evaporated and fermented milk. Yogurt is one of only three foods that taste exactly the same as they sound. The other two are goulash and squid.

Recipe: a series of step-by-step instructions for preparing ingredients you forgot to buy, in utensils you don't own, to make a dish the dog won't eat.

Porridge: thick oatmeal rarely found on American tables since children were granted the right to sue their parents. The name is an amalgamation of the words "Putrid," "hORRRId," and "sluDGE."

Preheat: to turn on the heat in an oven for a period of time before cooking, so that fingers may be burned when food's put in, as well as when it's removed.

Oven: compact home incinerator for disposing of bulky pieces of meat.

Microwave Oven: space-age kitchen appliance using the principle of radar to locate and immediately destroy any food placed within the cooking compartment.

Calorie: basic measure of the amount of rationalization offered by the average individual prior to taking a second helping of a particular food.

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On a train from London to Manchester, an American was telling off the Englishman sitting across from him. "You English are too stuffy. You set yourselves apart too much. Look at me... I have Italian blood, French blood, a little Indian blood and some Swedish blood. What do you say to that?"

The Englishman replied, with a smile, "Very sporting of your Mother."

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A man dies and is standing third in line at the Pearly Gates. The Angel explains that admission requirements are now stricter, as a few slum landlords and con artists have managed to slip into Heaven undetected.

He queries the first candidate: "What was your annual salary and your profession?" "I made \$150,000 as an Attorney." "You may enter," says the Angel.

Second candidate - same question. "\$95,000 as a realtor." He also gets in.

Now it's the third man's turn. "My annual salary was \$8,000." "Cool!" replies the Angel, "And what instrument did you play?"

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1 day, at a local restaurant, a woman suddenly called out, "My son's choking! He swallowed a quarter! Help! Please, anyone! Help!"

A man from a nearby table stood up and announced that he was quite experienced at this sort of thing. He stepped over with almost no look of concern, wrapped his hands around the boy's gonads and squeezed. Out popped the quarter. The man then went back to his table as though nothing had happened.

"Thank you so much!" the mother cried. "Are you a paramedic?"

"No," replied the man, "I work for the IRS."  
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### You May Be An Engineer If...

- If you introduce your wife as "mylady@home.wife"
- If your spouse sends you an e-mail instead of calling you to dinner
- If you can quote scenes from any Monty Python movie
- If you want an 8X CDROM for Christmas
- If Dilbert is your hero \*\*\* <----- \*\*\*
- If you can name 6 Star Trek episodes
- If the only jokes you receive are through e-mail
- If your wrist watch has more computing power than a 486DX-50
- If your idea of good interpersonal communication means getting the decimal point in the right place
- If you look forward to Christmas only to put together the kids' toys
- If you use a CAD package to design your son's Pine Wood Derby car
- If you have used coat hangers and duct tape for something other than hanging coats and taping ducts
- If, at Christmas, it goes without saying that you will be the 1 to find the burnt-out bulb in the string of Xmas lights
- If you window shop at Radio Shack
- If your ideal evening consists of fast-forwarding through the latest sci-fi movie looking for technical inaccuracies
- If you have "Dilbert" comics displayed anywhere in your work area
- If you carry on a 1-hour debate over the expected results of a test that actually takes 5 minutes to run
- If you're convinced you can build a phazer out of your garage door opener and your camera's flash attachment
- If you don't even know where the cover to your personal computer is
- If you have modified your can-opener to be microprocessor driven
- If you know the direction the water swirls when you flush
- If you own "Official Star Trek" anything
- If you have ever taken the back off your TV just to see what's inside
- If a team of you and your co-workers have set out to modify the antenna on the radio in your work area for better reception
- If you ever burned down the gymnasium with your Science Fair project
- If you are currently gathering the components to build your own nuclear reactor
- If you own 1 or more white short-sleeve dress shirts
- If you have never backed-up your hard drive

- If you are aware that computers are actually only good for playing games, but are afraid to say it out loud
- If you truly believe aliens are living among us
- If you have ever saved the power cord from a broken appliance
- If you have ever purchased an electronic appliance *as-is*
- If you see a good design and still have to change it
- If the salespeople at Circuit City can't answer any of your questions
- If you still own a slide rule and you know how to work it
- If the thought that a CD could refer to finance or music never enters your mind
- If you own a set of itty-bitty screw drivers, but don't remember where they are
- If you rotate your screen savers more frequently than your automobile tires
- If you have a functioning home copier machine, but every toaster you own turns bread into charcoal
- If you have more toys than your kids
- If you need a checklist to turn on the TV
- If you have introduced your kids by the wrong name
- If you have a habit of destroying things in order to see how they work
- If your I.Q. number is larger than your weight
- If the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to fix it
- If you can remember 7 computer passwords but not your anniversary
- If you have memorized the program schedule for the Discovery channel and have seen most of the shows already
- If you've ever owned a calculator with no equal key and know what RPN stands for
- If your father sat 2 inches in front of your family's first color TV with a magnifying lens to see how they made the colors and you grew up thinking that was normal
- If you know how to take off your computer's cover and what size screw driver to use
- If you can type 70 words a minute but can't read your own handwriting
- If people groan at the party when you pick out the music
- If you can't remember where you parked your car for the 3rd time this week
- If you did the sound system for your senior prom
- If your checkbook always balances
- If your wristwatch has more buttons than a telephone
- If you have more friends on the Internet than in real life
- If you thought the real heroes of Apollo 13 were the mission control folks
- If you think that when people around you yawn, it's because they didn't get enough sleep
- If you spend more on your home computer than your car
- If you know what http:// stands for
- If you've ever tried to repair a \$5 radio
- If you have a neatly sorted collection of old bolts and nuts in your garage
- If your 3-year-old son asks why the sky is blue and you try to explain atmospheric absorption theory
- If your 4 basic food groups are: Caffeine, fat, sugar and chocolate

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**Written by a black guy in Texas**

When I born, I black  
When I grow up, I black

When I go in sun, I black  
When I cold, I black  
When I scared, I black  
When I sick, I black  
And when I die, I still black  
You white folks ...  
When you born, you pink  
When you grow up, you white  
When you go in sun, you red  
When you cold, you blue  
When you scared, you yellow  
When you sick, you green  
And when you die, you gray.

***So who you callin' colored?***

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**Best to read this with a German accent (thanks to St Louis friends for this!)**

Gruber Market  
156 Wilhelmetrasse  
Hamburg, Germany  
American Zone

Andrew Coffee Company  
356 West 149th Street  
New York, New York

Schentlemen,

Der Last 2 packechages of Koffey ve got from you vos mit ratt schidt mixt. Der koffee may be gutt enuf but der ratt durds schpoils der trade. Ve did not see der ratt schidt in der samples vich you send to us.

Ed takes zo much time to pek fer durds out from der koffee. Ve order der kleen koffee, und you schidt mixed mit der koffee. It vas a mistake, yes? Ve vould schidt mixed mit der koffee in va sak un der ratt schidt in von odder sak, den ve mix to zoot der kustomer.

Wride, please, if ve schoot schipp back der schidt und keep der koffee, or keep der schidt und schipp back der koffee or schipp back der hold schidten vorks.

Ve vant to ride in dis madder, but ve do not like dis ratt schidt buzzinesses.

Mitt Much Respects,  
Hans Gruber

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**From Dan Morris' syndicated column in the Catholic Press:**

What Catholics read and why...

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| L'Osservatore Romano is read by | people who run the church.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| America                         | by people who want to run it.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Origins                         | by people who'd run it if they had time.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| National Catholic Register      | by people who think they know who runs it, but aren't always real excited about it.                                                                                                                                    |
| National Catholic Reporter      | by people who don't want to run it, but want to let the people who do learn how to.                                                                                                                                    |
| Commonweal                      | by people who are entertained by those who run it.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The Wanderer                    | by people who wonder if there is a church anymore.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Our Sunday Visitor              | by people who hope like crazy the Pope still runs it.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| U S Catholic                    | by people who think the laity are about to take over and have been ready since Vatican II.                                                                                                                             |
| St. Anthony Messenger           | by people who wish Franciscans ran it.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Maryknoll                       | by people who wish missionaries ran it and who wouldn't be opposed to their runnings Central America as well.                                                                                                          |
| Columbia                        | by people who secretly thought Mother Teresa should have been running it.                                                                                                                                              |
| Catholic Digest                 | by people who haven't given a high priority to thinking much about who runs it, but are glad someone thought of publishing a nicely edited magazine this size for easy reading in cars, on planes and in the bathroom. |

AND ... if you're holding a diocesan newspaper in your hand while reading this, chances are you have a good sense that you are a big part of the church.

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Everyone seems to be wondering why the Arab terrorists are so quick to commit suicide. Let's see now:

- No premarital sex
- No booze
- No bars
- No television
- No Internet
- No organized sports, stadiums, tailgate parties
- Actually, no tailgates
- No Hooters
- No meat from a pig
- Sand everywhere and not a dune buggy in sight
- Ever try to fish at an oasis?
- Rags for clothes and hats
- Constant wailing from the neighbor because he's sick and no doctors!
- No music

No radio  
You can't shave  
You can't shower  
Bar-B-Q donkey cooked over burning camel poop.  
The women have to wear baggy dresses and veils at all times.  
Your bride's picked for you by someone else!  
Oh, and then they tell you that when you die it all gets better!

Who wouldn't go for it? ?  
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\*I was raised half Jewish and half Catholic. When I'd go to confession, I'd say "Bless me, father, for I have sinned -- and you know my attorney, Mr.Cohen?"  
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A woman finds her husband in the kitchen stalking around with a flyswatter.  
"What are you doing?" she asked.  
"Hunting Flies!" he responded.  
"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.  
"Yep, 3 males and 2 Females", he replied.  
Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell?"  
He responded, "3 were on a beer can and 2 were on the phone!"  
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After getting nailed by a Daisy Cutter, Osama made his way to the pearly gates. There, he is greeted by George Washington.

"How dare you attack the nation I helped conceive!" yells Mr. Washington, slapping Osama in the face.

Patrick Henry comes up from behind. "You wanted to end the Americans' liberty, so they gave you death!" Henry punches Osama on the nose.

James Madison comes up next, and says, "This is why I allowed the Federal government to provide for the common defense!" He drops a large weight on Osama's knee.

Osama is subject to similar beatings from John Randolph of Roanoke, James Monroe, and 65 other people who have the same love for liberty and America. As he writhes on the ground, Thomas Jefferson picks him up to hurl him back toward the gate where he is to be judged.

As Osama awaits his journey to his final very hot destination, he screams "this is not what I was promised!"

An angel replies "I told you there would be 72 Virginians waiting for you. What did you think I said?"  
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The 3 bears had been having trouble recently and ended up in family court. Mama and Papa bear were splitting up, and baby bear had to decide who to live with. So, the judge wanted to see what baby bear thought about living with either of his parents. When he asked baby bear about living with his father, baby bear said: "No, I can't live with Papa bear, he beats me terribly."

"OK," said the judge, "then you want to live with your mother, right?"

"No way!" replied baby bear, "She beats me worse than Papa bear does."

The judge was confused by this and didn't quite know what to do. "Well, you have to live with someone - is there any relative you'd like to stay with?"

"Yes," answered baby bear, "my aunt Bertha bear who lives in Chicago."

"You're sure she will treat you well and won't beat you?" asked the judge.  
"Oh definitely," said baby bear, "the Chicago Bears don't beat anybody!"

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**You vs. Your Boss**

When you take a long time, you're slow.  
When your boss takes a long time, he's thorough.

When you don't do it, you're lazy.  
When your boss doesn't do it, he's too busy.

When you make a mistake, you're an idiot.  
When your boss makes a mistake, he's only human.

When doing something without being told, you're overstepping your authority.  
When your boss does the same thing, that's initiative.

When you take a stand, you're being bullheaded.  
When your boss does it, he's being firm.

When you overlooked a rule of etiquette, you're being rude.  
When your boss skips a few rules, he's being original.

When you please your boss, you're apple-polishing.  
When your boss pleases his boss, he's being cooperative.

When you're out of the office, you're wandering around.  
When your boss is out of the office, he's on business.

When you're on a day off sick, you're always sick.  
When your boss is a day off sick, he must be very ill.

When you apply for leave, you must be going for an interview.  
When your boss applies for leave, he must be over worked.

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**Sometimes it DOES take a Rocket Scientist (true story):**

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA

the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo: "Thaw the Chicken."

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**South Eastern Conference Football**

- 1) What does the average Mississippi State player get on his SATs?  
----Drool.
- 2) What do you get when you put 32 Arkansas cheerleaders in 1 room?  
----A full set of teeth.
- 3) How do you get an LSU cheerleader into your dorm room?  
----Grease her hips and push like hell.
- 4) How do you get a Georgia graduate off your porch?  
----Pay him for the pizza.
- 5) Why do the Alabama cheerleaders wear bibs?  
----To keep the tobacco juice off their uniforms.
- 6) Why is the Vandy football team like a possum?  
----Because they play dead at home and get killed on the road.
- 7) What are the longest 3 years of a Florida football player's life?  
----His freshman year.
- 8) Where was O.J. headed in the white Bronco?  
----Lexington, Kentucky - he knew that the police would never look for a Heisman Trophy winner there.
- 9) Why did Tennessee choose orange as their team color?  
----You can wear it to the game on Saturday, hunting on Sunday and picking up trash along the highways the rest of the week.

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If Moses had been paid newspaper rates for the 10 Commandments, he might have written the 2000 Commandments.

--Isaac Bashevis Singer: (1904-1991) Polish-US novelist, short-story writer

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**Greatest gunfighter in the world**

There was a young cowboy who wanted more than anything to be the world's greatest gunfighter. He practiced every minute of his spare time, but he knew that he wasn't yet first-rate and that there must be something he was doing wrong. Sitting in a saloon one Saturday night, he recognized an elderly man seated at the bar who had the reputation of being the fastest gun in the West in his day. The young cowboy took the seat next to the old-timer, bought him a drink, and told him the story of his great ambition. "Can you could give me some tips?" he asked.

The old man looked him up and down and said, "Well, for one thing you're wearing your gun too high. Tie the holster a little lower down on your leg."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"Sure will," said the old-timer. The young man did as he was told, stood up, whipped out his 44 and shot the bow tie off the piano player.

"That's terrific!" said the cowboy, "Got any more tips for me?"

"Yep," said the old man, "cut a notch out of your holster where the hammer hits it. That'll give you a smoother draw."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the younger man.

"You bet it will," said the old-timer.

The young man took out his knife, cut the notch, stood up, drew his gun in a blur, and shot a cufflink off the piano player. "Wow!" said the cowboy, "I'm learnin' somethin' here - got any more tips?"

The old man pointed to a large can in a corner of the saloon. "See that axle grease over there? Coat your gun with it."

The young man went over to the can and smeared some of the grease on the barrel of his gun. "No," said the old-timer, "I mean smear it all over the gun, handle and all."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"No," said the old timer, "But when Wyatt Earp gets done playin' the piano, he's going to shove that gun up your ass, and it won't hurt as much!"

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### **INEXPERIENCED CHILI TASTER**

Notes From An Inexperienced Chili Tester Named FRANK, who had moved to Texas from the East Coast: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a chili cook-off. The original person called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking directions to the beer wagon, when the call came. The other 2 judges (Native Texans) assured me the chili wouldn't be all that spicy, and besides, I could have free beer during the tasting. So, I accepted."

Here are the scorecards from the event:

#### **CHILI # 1 MIKE'S MANIAC MOBSTER MONSTER CHILI**

JUDGE ONE: A little too heavy on tomato. Amusing kick.

JUDGE TWO: Nice, smooth tomato flavor! Very mild!

FRANK: Holy shit, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway. Took me two beers to put the flames out. I hope that's the worst one. These Texans are crazy.

#### **CHILI # 2 ARTHUR'S AFTERBURNER CHILI**

JUDGE ONE: Smokey, with a hint of pork. Slight Jalapeno tang.

JUDGE TWO: Exciting BBQ flavor - needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

FRANK: Keep this out of the reach of children I'm not sure what I am supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off 2 people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. They had to rush in more beer when they saw my face.

#### **CHILI # 3 FRED'S FAMOUS BURN DOWN THE BARN CHILI**

JUDGE ONE: Excellent firehouse chili! Great kick. Needs more beans.

JUDGE TWO: A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of peppers.

FRANK: Call the EPA, I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I've been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now: get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back; now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting shit-faced from all the beer.

#### **CHILI # 4 BUBBA'S BLACK MAGIC**

JUDGE ONE: Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

JUDGE TWO: Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili.

FRANK: I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it - is it possible to burnout taste buds? Sally, the barmaid, was standing behind me with fresh refills; that 300-pounder is starting to look HOT, just like this nuclear waste I'm eating. Is chili an aphrodisiac?

#### CHILI # 5 LINDA'S LEGAL LIP REMOVER

JUDGE ONE: Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very Impressive.

JUDGE TWO: Chili using shredded beef - could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

FRANK: My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and 4 people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage, Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from a pitcher. Am I burning my lips off? It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw those rednecks!

#### CHILI # 6 VERA'S VERY VEGETARIAN VARIETY

JUDGE ONE: Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spice and peppers.

JUDGE TWO: The best yet! Aggressive use of peppers, onions and garlic. Superb!

FRANK: My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that slut Sally, who must be kinkier than I thought. Can't feel my lips anymore.

#### CHILI # 7 SUSAN'S SCREAMING SENSATION CHILI

JUDGE ONE: A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

JUDGE TWO: Ho Hum - tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. I should take note that I am worried about Judge Number 3, He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably.

FRANK: You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a damn thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it's made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili, which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava to match my damn shirt. At least during the autopsy they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing - it's too painful. Screw it! I'm not getting any oxygen. If I need air, I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

#### CHILI # 8 BILLY BOB'S SMOKIN ASS CHILI

JUDGE ONE: A perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili, safe for all, not too bold but spicy enough to declare it's existence.

JUDGE TWO: This final entry is a good, balanced chili: neither mild or hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge Number 3 passed out, fell over and pulled the chili pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor Yank, wonder how he'd have reacted to a really hot chili?

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The governors of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida have announced that they've made a disturbing discovery in their states. Apparently, a small number of terrorists became romantically involved with the locals. The result was not pretty, and we now have the sad task of reporting a new sector of the human race: ISLAMABUBBAS. So far, only

a smattering of actual births has been reported, and we are hard at work trying to isolate and seal them off. To date, we have identified the following:

Mohammed Billy Bob Abba Bubba  
Mohammed Jethro Bin Thinkin Bout It  
Mohammed Forrest Gumpa Bubba  
Mohammed Rubba Dub Dubba Bubba  
Bobbie Joe Bubba Charlene Atat  
Betty Jean Hashbeen Badgirl  
Linda Sue Bin There Dunthat

Not surprisingly, they all seem to have sprung from one person: Yo Mama Bin Lovin.

### State Mottos

Alabama: Hell Yes, We Have Electricity  
Alaska: 11,623 Eskimos Can't Be Wrong!  
Arizona: But It's A Dry Heat  
Arkansas: Literacy Ain't Everything  
California: By 30, Our Women Have More Plastic Than Your Honda  
Colorado: If You Don't Ski, Don't Bother  
Connecticut: Like Massachusetts, Only The Kennedy's Don't Own It Yet  
Delaware: We Really Do Like The Chemicals In Our Water  
Florida: Ask Us About Our Grandkids  
Georgia: We Put The "Fun" In Fundamentalist Extremism  
Hawaii: Haka Tiki Mou Sha'ami Leeki Toru (Death To Mainland Scum, But Leave Your Money)  
Idaho: More Than Just Potatoes - Well Okay, We're Not - But The Potatoes Sure Are Real Good  
Illinois: Please Don't Pronounce the "S"  
Indiana: 2 Billion Years Tidal Wave Free  
Iowa: We Do Amazing Things With Corn  
Kansas: First Of The Rectangle States  
Kentucky: Five Million People; Fifteen Last Names  
Louisiana: We're Not ALL Drunk Cajun Wackos - But That's Our Tourism Campaign  
Maine: We're Really Cold, But We Have Cheap Lobster  
Maryland: If You Can Dream It, We Can Tax It  
Massachusetts: Our Taxes Are Lower Than Sweden's (For Most Tax Brackets)  
Michigan: First Line Of Defense - From The Canadians  
Minnesota: 10,000 Lakes ... And 10,000,000,000,000 Mosquitoes  
Mississippi: Come And Feel Better About Your Own State  
Missouri: Your Federal Flood Relief Tax Dollars At Work  
Montana: Land Of The Big Sky, The Unabomber, Right-wing Crazyies and Very Little Else  
Nebraska: Ask About Our State Motto Contest  
Nevada: Hookers and Poker!  
New Hampshire: Go Away and Leave Us Alone  
New Jersey: You Want A ##\$%##! Motto? I Got Yer ##\$%##! Motto Right Here!  
New Mexico: Lizards Make Excellent pets  
New York: You Have The Right To Remain Silent and The Right To An Attorney!

North Carolina: Tobacco Is A Vegetable  
North Dakota: We Really Are One Of The 50 States!  
Ohio: At Least We're Not Michigan  
Oklahoma: Like The Play, Only No Singing  
Oregon: Spotted Owl ... It's What's For Dinner  
Pennsylvania: Cook With Coal  
Rhode Island: We're Not REALLY An Island  
South Carolina: Remember The Civil War? We Didn't Actually Surrender  
South Dakota: Closer Than North Dakota  
Tennessee: The Educashun State  
Texas: Si' Hablo Ing'les (Yes, I Speak English)  
Utah: Our Jesus Is Better Than Your Jesus  
Vermont: Yep  
Virginia: Who Says Government Stiffs And Slackjaw Yokels Don't Mix?  
Washington: Help! We're Overrun By Nerds And Slackers!  
Washington, D.C.: Wanna Be Mayor?  
West Virginia: One Big Happy Family... Really!  
Wisconsin: Come Cut The Cheese  
Wyoming: Where Men Are Men ... and the sheep are scared!

**"If the Passover Story Were Reported by The New York Times or CNN"**  
by Daniel P Waxman

The cycle of violence between the Jews and the Egyptians continues with no end in sight in Egypt. After eight previous plagues that have destroyed the Egyptian infrastructure and disrupted the lives of ordinary Egyptian citizens, the Jews launched a new offensive this week in the form of the plague of darkness. Western journalists were particularly enraged by this plague. "It is simply impossible to report when you can't see an inch in front of you," complained a frustrated Andrea Koppel of CNN. "I have heard from my reliable Egyptian contacts that in the midst of the blanket of blackness, the Jews were annihilating thousands of Egyptians. Their word is solid enough evidence for me."

While the Jews contend that the plagues are justified given the harsh slavery imposed upon them by the Egyptians, Pharaoh, the Egyptian leader, rebuts this claim. "If only the plagues would let up, there would be no slavery. We just want to live plague-free. It is the right of every society."

Saeb Erekat, an Egyptian spokesperson, complains that slavery is justifiable given the Jews' superior weaponry supplied to them by the superpower God.

The Europeans are particularly enraged by the latest Jewish offensive. "The Jewish aggression must cease if there is to be peace in the region. The Jews should go back to slavery for the good of the rest of the world," stated an angry French President Jacques Chirac.

Even several Jews agree. Adam Shapiro, a Jew, has barricaded himself within Pharaoh's chambers to protect Pharaoh from what is feared will be the next plague, the death of the firstborn. Mr. Shapiro claims that, while slavery is not necessarily a good thing, it is the product of the plagues and when the plagues end, so will the slavery. "The Jews have gone too far with plagues such as locusts and epidemic which have virtually destroyed the Egyptian economy," Mr. Shapiro laments. "The Egyptians are really a very nice people and Pharaoh is kind of huggable once you get to know him," gushes Shapiro.

The United States is demanding that Moses and Aaron, the Jewish leaders, continue to negotiate with Pharaoh. While Moses points out that Pharaoh had made promise after promise to free the Jewish people only to immediately break them and thereafter impose harsher and harsher slavery, Richard Boucher of the State Department assails the latest offensive. "Pharaoh is not in complete control of the taskmasters," Mr. Boucher states. "The Jews must return to the negotiating table and will accomplish nothing through these plagues."

The latest round of violence comes in the face of a bold new Saudi peace overture. If only the Jews will give up their language, change their names to Egyptian names and cease having male children, the Arab nations will incline toward peace with them, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah declared.

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A minister parked his car in a No Parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

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A guy goes into a store and tells the clerk, "I'd like some Polish sausage."

The clerk looks at him and says, "Are you Polish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Well, yes I am. But let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage would you ask if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German sausage, would you ask if I was German? Or if I asked for a Jewish sausage would you ask if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a taco would you ask if I was Mexican? Huh? Would ya?"

The clerk says: "Well, no."

With deep self-righteous indignation, the guy says, "Well, all right then, why did you ask me if I'm Polish just because I ask for Polish sausage?"

The clerk says: "Because this is a hardware store."

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Think about it for a second: In what has been called "The American Century," huge changes have taken place. But for one thing has not changed since 1908 - The Cubs have not won a World Series. 20 events that have occurred since the Cubbies last laid claim to baseball's biggest prize.

1. Radio was invented; Cubs fans got to hear their team lose.
2. TV was invented; Cubs fans got to see their team lose.
3. Baseball added 14 teams; Cubs fans get to see/hear their team lose to more clubs.
4. George Burns celebrated his 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th and 100th birthdays.
5. Haley's comet passed Earth twice.
6. Harry Caray was born. Incredible, but true.

7. The NBA, NHL and NFL were formed and Chicago teams won championships in each league.
8. Man landed on the moon, as have several home runs given up by Cubs pitchers.
9. 16 U.S. presidents were elected.
10. There were 11 amendments added to the Constitution.
11. Prohibition was created and repealed.
12. The Titanic was built, set sail, sank, was discovered and became the subject of major motion pictures, the latest giving Cubs fans hope that something that finishes on the bottom can come out on top.
13. Wrigley Field was built and becomes the oldest park in the National League.
14. Flag poles were erected on Wrigley Field roof of the team's future World Series pennants. Those flagpoles have since rusted and been taken down.
15. A combination of 40 Summer and Winter Olympics have been held.
16. 13 baseball players have won the Triple Crown; several thanked Cubs pitchers.
17. Bell-bottoms came in style, went and came back; disco did the same.
18. The Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, Arizona Diamondbacks and Florida Marlins have all won the World Series.
19. The Cubs played 14,153 regular-season games and lost the majority of them.
20. Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Oklahoma and New Mexico were admitted to the Union; the Cubs remained in a state of disrepair.

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At one point during a game, the coach called his 7-year-old First-Baseman aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team - you know: teamwork?" The little boy nodded yes.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when a foul or a strike or an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a pecker-head. Do you understand all that?" Again the little boy nodded.

He continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach *a dumb asshole* is it?" Again the little boy nodded.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mom."

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There was this little guy sitting in a bar, drinking his beer, minding his own business when all of a sudden this great big dude comes in and - WHACK! - knocks him off the bar stool and onto the floor. The big dude says, "That was a karate chop from Korea."

The little guy thinks "GEEZ," but he gets back up on the stool and starts drinking again when all of a sudden - WHACK! - the big dude knocks him down AGAIN. This time he says, "That was a judo chop from Japan."

So the little guy has had enough of this. He gets up, brushes himself off and quietly leaves. He's gone for an hour or so when he returns. Without saying a word, he walks up behind the big dude and - WHAM! - knocks the big dude off his stool, knocking him out cold! The little guy looks at the bartender and says, "When he wakes up, tell him that was a crowbar from Sears."

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A man is feeling really depressed, his wife has left him and taken the children, he's lost his job and his car has been repossessed. So he thinks of killing himself. Having no idea how to go about this task and afraid to ask his friends or family he decides to go to the library and get a book on the subject. When he arrives at the library he asks the librarian if she has any books on suicide. "I'm afraid we haven't got any left," she says. "They never bring them back!"

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I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning on the freeway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a Mustang doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane. It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee and it spilled all over my cell phone!

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Moses and his flock arrive at the sea, with the Egyptians in hot pursuit. Moses calls a staff meeting.

Moses: Well, how are we going to get across the sea? We need a fast solution. The Egyptians are close behind us.

The General of the Armies: Normally, I'd recommend that we build a pontoon bridge to carry us across. But there's not enough time - the Egyptians are too close.

The Admiral of the Navy: Normally, I'd recommend that we build barges to carry us across. But time is too short.

Moses: Does anyone have a solution?

Just then, his Public Relations man raises his hand.

Moses: You! You have a solution?

The PR Man: No, but I can promise you this: If you can find a way out of this one, I can get you 2 or 3 pages in the Old Testament!

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Sid and Al were sitting in a Mexican restaurant. "Sid," asked Al, "Are there any Jews in Mexico?"

"I don't know," Sid replied. "Why don't we ask the waiter?"

When the waiter came by, Al asked him, "Are there any Mexican Jews?"

"I don't know sir, let me ask," the waiter replied, and he went into the kitchen. He returned in a few minutes and said, "No, sir. No Mexican Jews!"

"Are you sure?" Al asked. "I will check again, sir." the waiter replied and went back to the kitchen.

While he was still gone, Sid said, "I cannot believe there are no Jews in Mexico. Our people are scattered everywhere."

When the waiter returned he said, "Sir, no Mexican Jews.

"Are you really sure?" Al asked again. "I cannot believe there are no Mexican Jews."

"Sir, I ask everyone," the waiter replied exasperated. "We have orange Jews, prune Jews, tomato Jews and grape Jews, but no one ever hear of Mexican Jews!"

An old man lived alone in Ireland. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work for someone his age. His only son, who would have helped him, was in Long Kesh Prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son mentioning his predicament. Shortly, he received this reply, "For HEAVEN'S SAKE Dad, don't dig up that garden! That's where I buried the GUNS!"

At 4 A.M. the next morning a dozen British soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden but found no guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened and asking him what to do next.

His son's reply: "Plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I can do to help now."

WHAT DO YOU CALL A GAY MILKMAN? A DAIRY QUEEN!

WHAT'S THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF HAITI (OR CUBA!)? ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BIGFOOT and ITALIAN WIFE? ONE HAS HAIR ALL OVER ITS BODY and SMELLS BAD + THE OTHER HAS BIG FEET.

HOW DID HELEN KELLER'S PARENTS PUNISH HER AS A CHILD? THEY MOVED THE FURNITURE!

HOW MANY ETHIOPIANS CAN YOU FIT IN A PHONE BOOTH? ALL OF THEM!

WHAT'S IRISH ALZHEIMER'S? WHEN YOU FORGET EVERYTHING BUT THE GRUDGE!

POLE SAW A BLACK JUMPING ON A MANHOLE COVER SAYING: 68, 68 ... 69, 69...

WHAT'S AN ITALIAN MOTHER'S GREATEST FEAR FOR HER DAUGHTER? ANOREXIA NERVOSA!

AN ITALIAN EMIGRATED TO POLAND - RAISED THE I Q OF BOTH COUNTRIES!

WHAT'S A VIRGIN IN POLAND? A REALLY UGLY 1ST GRADER!

WHAT'S A POLISH COCKTAIL? PERRIER and WATER!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A POLISH I Q OF 180? WARSAW!

BAR GIVES A \$10,000 PRIZE FOR ANY DRINK THEY CAN'T MAKE – A POLE ORDERS A "13" - EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT A 13 IS: IT'S A 7 & 7.

HOW DO YOU GET A ONE-ARMED POLE OUT OF A TREE? WAVE TO HIM!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIZ TAYLOR and A GUERNSEY COW? 15 POUNDS and 8 HUSBANDS.

IF A COUPLE ARE MARRIED IN ARKANSAS AND DIVORCED IN ARKANSAS - ARE THEY STILL BROTHER and SISTER?

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TERRORIST & A WOMAN WITH PMS? YOU CAN NEGOTIATE WITH A TERRORIST.

WHY SO LITTLE MEXICAN ART? SPRAY PAINT WASN'T INVENTED TILL 1949.

**You live in California when...**

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

**You live in New York City when...**

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
4. You think Central Park is "nature,"
5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
6. You've worn out a car horn.
7. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

**You live in Alaska when...**

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

**You live in the Deep South when...**

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Ya'll" is singular and "all ya'll" is plural.
3. After five years you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are Ya?"
4. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.
5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean...

### **You live in Colorado when...**

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony-tail.

### **You live in Florida when...**

- 1 You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
- 2 All purchases include a coupon of some kind - even houses and cars.
- 3 Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
- 4 Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
- 5 The cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.

### **You live in the Midwest when...**

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip to any exotic place was, you say: "Different!"

### **SUMMERTIME IN NEW ORLEANS**

The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.  
Hot water now comes out of both taps.  
You can make sun tea instantly.  
You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.  
The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.  
You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.  
You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.  
You actually burn your hand opening the car door.  
You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 AM.  
Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"  
You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.  
The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.  
The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add salt, pepper and butter.  
Farmers feed chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.  
The cows are giving evaporated milk.  
The trees are whistling for the dogs.

The Saudi Ambassador to the UN has just finished giving a speech, and walks out into the lobby where he meets President Bush. They shake hands and as they walk, he says: "You know, I have just 1 question about what I have seen in America."

President Bush says: "Well, anything I can do to help you, I will do."

The Saudi whispers: "My son watches this show 'Star Trek' and in it there are Russians, and Blacks, and Asians, but never any Arabs. He is very upset. He doesn't understand why there are never any Arabs in Star Trek."

President Bush laughs and leans toward the Saudi, and whispers back: "It's because it takes place in the future...."

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### **STEELERS STUFF**

Q. What's the difference between the Steelers and the Taliban?

A. The Taliban has a running game.

Q. What do the Steelers and Billy Graham have in common?

A. They both can make 60,000 people stand up and yell, "Jesus Christ."

Q. How do you keep a Steelers player out of your yard?

A. Put up goal posts.

Q. Where do you go in Pittsburgh in case of a tornado?

A. Heinz Field ... they never get a touchdown there.

Q. Why doesn't Johnstown have a pro football team?

A. Because then Pittsburgh would want one.

Q. What's the difference between the Steelers and a dollar bill?

A. You can still get four quarters out of a dollar bill.

Q. What do you call 47 people sitting around a TV watching the Super Bowl?

A. Steelers.

Q. What do the Steelers and possums have in common?

A. Both play dead at home and get killed on the road.

Q. How can you tell when the Steelers are going to run the football?

A. Kordell Stewart leaves the huddle with tears in his eyes.

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### **Anthrax Scare in Saint Louis, MO**

Ram's football practice was delayed on Monday for nearly 2 hours. One of the players, on his way to the locker room, happened to look down and see a suspicious-looking, unknown white powdery substance on the practice field. Coach Martz immediately suspended practice while the FBI was called in to investigate. After a complete field analysis, the FBI determined that the white substance unknown to the players was the goal line.

Practice was resumed when FBI Special Agents decided that the team would not be likely to encounter the substance again.

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### **New State Slogans For Florida**

If you think we can't vote, wait till you see us drive.  
Home of electile dysfunction.  
We count more than you do.  
If you don't like the way we count, take I-95 - visit 1 of the other 56 states.  
We've been Gored by the bull of politics and we're Bushed.  
Relax...Retire...Re-Vote.  
Viagra voters do it again! ... and again...and again...  
What comes after 17,311?  
Where your vote counts...and counts... and counts...  
This's what you get for taking Elian away from us!  
We don't just cheat in football.  
We're number one! Wait! Recount!

Also: Palm Beach County: So nice, we let you vote twice.  
Palm Beach County: We put the "duh" in Florida.

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A young Hispanic man walked into the local welfare office, marched straight up to the counter and said, "Hi, I'm lookin' for a job."

The man behind the counter replied, "Your timing is amazing. We've just got a listing from a very wealthy man who wants a chauffeur/bodyguard for his nympho daughter. You'll have to drive around in a big black Mercedes, but the suits, shirts, and ties are provided. Because of the long hours of this job, meals will also be provided and you will also be required to escort the young lady on her overseas holidays. The salary package is \$200,000 a year."

The Puerto Rican said, "Ah c'mon, you're bullshitting me!"  
The man behind the counter said, "Well, you started it!"

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### Basic Rules For Driving In St. Louis

1. A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right as you sit in the left lane waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting the orange construction barrels.
2. Turn signals are clues as to your next move. A real St. Louis driver never uses them.
3. Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you or the space will be filled in by somebody else putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
4. Crossing (2 or more) lanes is considered *going with the flow*.
5. The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance of getting hit.
6. Never get in the way of a older car that needs extensive body work.
7. Braking is to be done as hard and late as possible to insure that your ABS kicks in giving a nice relaxing foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates.

8. For those without ABS, it's a chance to stretch your legs.
9. Construction signs tell you about road closures immediately after you pass the last exit before the traffic begins to back up.
10. The new electronic traffic warning system signs are not there to provide useful information. They are only there to make St. Louis look high-tech and to distract you from seeing the St. Louis County police car parked in the median.
11. Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to scare people entering the highway.
12. Speed limits are arbitrary figures, given only as suggestions and apparently not enforceable in the metro area during rush hour.
13. Just because you're in the left lane and have no room to speed up or move over doesn't mean that a St. Louis driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.
14. There's no such thing as a shortcut during rush-hour traffic in St. Louis.
15. Always slow down and rubberneck when you see an accident or even someone changing a tire.
16. Throwing litter on the roads adds variety to the landscape, keeps the existing litter from getting lonely and gives adopt-a-highway crews something to clean up.
17. Everybody thinks their vehicle is better than yours - especially pickup truck drivers with stickers of Calvin peeing on a Ford, Dodge or Chevy logo.
18. Learn to swerve abruptly. St. Louis is the home of high-speed slalom driving thanks to MODOT (Missouri Department of Transportation), which puts potholes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them on their toes.
19. It is traditional in St Louis to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes.
20. Seeking eye contact with another driver revokes your right of way.
21. Never take a green light at face value. Always look right and left before proceeding.
22. Heavy snow, ice, fog and rain are no reasons to change any of the previously listed rules. These weather conditions are simply to ensure a natural selection process for body shops, junkyards and new vehicle sales. After all, we do have our priorities.
23. Remember that the goal of every St. Louis driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.

24. Real St. Louis women drivers can put on pantyhose and apply mascara, eye-liner, and lipstick going a minimum of 75mph. Real St. Louis men can eat a Big Mac in one hand, fries in the other, and his Coke between his legs while going a minimum of 80 mph.

Two Arabs are chatting. One of them has his wallet out and is flipping through pictures. "Yeah, this is my oldest. He's a martyr. Here's my second son. He's a martyr, too."

There's a pause...

The second Arab says, wistfully, "Ah, they blow up so fast, don't they?"

### **You might be from the Pacific Northwest if you:**

1. Know the state flower (Mildew).
2. You feel guilty throwing aluminum cans or paper in the trash.
3. Use the statement "sun break" and know what it means.
4. Know more than 10 ways to order coffee.
5. Know more people who own boats than air conditioners.
6. Feel overdressed wearing a suit to a nice restaurant.
7. Stand on a deserted corner in the rain waiting for the "Walk" signal.
8. Consider that if it has no snow or hasn't recently erupted, it is not a real mountain.
9. Can taste the difference between Starbucks, Seattle 's Best and Craven's.
10. Know the difference between Chinook, Coho and Sockeye salmon.
11. Know how to pronounce Sequim, Puyallup , Issaquah , Oregon and Willamette
12. Consider swimming an indoor sport.
13. Can tell the difference between Japanese, Chinese and Thai food.
14. In winter, go to work in the dark and come home in the dark - while only working eight-hour days.
15. Never go camping without waterproof matches and a poncho.
16. Are not fazed by "Today's forecast: showers followed by rain," and "Tomorrow's forecast: rain followed by showers."
17. You cannot wait for a day with "showers and sun breaks."
18. Have no concept of humidity without precipitation.
19. Know that Boring is a town in Oregon and not just a state of mind.
20. Can point to at least two volcanoes, even if you cannot see through the cloud cover.
21. You exclaim: "the mountain is out" when it's a pretty day and you can actually see it.
22. Put on your shorts when the temperature gets above 50, but still wear your hiking boots and parka.
23. Switch to your sandals when it gets about 60, but keep the socks on.
24. Have actually used your mountain bike on a mountain.
25. Think people who use umbrellas are either wimps or tourists.
26. Knew immediately that the view out of Frasier's window was fake.
27. Buy new sunglasses every year, because you can't find the old ones after such a long time.
28. You measure distance in hours.

29. You often switch from "heat" to "a/c" in the same day.
30. You use a down comforter in the summer.
31. You carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them.
32. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit under a raincoat.
33. You know all the important seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Raining (spring), Road Construction (summer), Deer and Elk season (fall).
34. You actually understand these jokes and forward them to all your friends in the Northwest or those who used to live here!