

THE MORNING BREAKS

"A sense of humor keeps life interesting..." -Marjorie Hinckley

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A few years ago, I decided to visit my brother who was stationed in Germany. I assumed that most Germans would speak English. But I found that many people spoke only their native tongue - including the ticket inspector on the train.

He punched my ticket, then chatted cordially for a bit, making gestures like a windmill. I simply nodded from time to time to show him that I was interested.

When he had gone, an American woman in the compartment leaned forward and asked if I spoke German.

"No," I confessed.

"Then that explains," she said, "why you didn't bat an eyelid when he told you that you were on the wrong train."

A group of friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?"

"Henry had a nasty fall and broke both of his legs. He's a couple of miles back up the trail."

"You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back!?"

"A tough call," nodded the hunter, "but I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

"The other week I went to see my doctor ... I was in the waiting room, and I decided to pass the time finishing a novel. But the other patients complained about the noise of the typewriter." --Arthur Brown

"One thing vampire children are taught is, never run with a wooden stake." --Jack Handey

"I was in the supermarket the other day, and I met a lady in the aisle where they keep the generic brands. Her name was 'Woman.'" --Steven Wright

KEYS TO SUCCESS: Voice Mail

Never answer your phone if you have voice mail. People don't call you just because they want to give you something for nothing - they call because they want you to DO work for THEM.

That's no way to live. Screen all your calls through voice mail. If somebody leaves a voice mail message for you and it sounds like impending work, respond during the lunch hour. That way, you're regarded as hardworking and conscientious even though you're being a devious weasel. If you diligently employ the method of screening incoming calls and then returning calls when nobody is there, this will greatly increase the odds that they will give up or look for a solution that doesn't involve you.

The sweetest voice mail message you can ever hear is "Ignore my last message. I took care of it." If your voice mailbox has a limit on the number of messages it can hold, make sure you reach that limit frequently. One way to do that is to never erase any incoming messages. If that takes too long, send yourself a few messages. Your callers will hear a recorded message that says, "Sorry, this mailbox is full" a sure sign that you are a hardworking employee in high demand.

"In an interview on MTV, Britney Spears says she still believes in the sanctity of marriage... she just has a problem with the longevity of marriage." --Jay Leno

"In California, a beer is being sold called, 'The Governor,' in honor of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Apparently, if you drink six of them you start to talk just like Arnold." --Conan O'Brien

"Here's some sad news. Harrison Ford and Calista Flockheart have broken up. They were engaged and this must be final because Calista took the engagement ring off her waist." --David Letterman

I believe my young daughter wants a pair of glasses. I don't know why she does. Perhaps glasses are now "cool" to have in school? But though she sees just fine, she still says she needs glasses.

I took her to the eye doctor just to check it out though. She was asked to read the bottom row of letters on the eye

chart. She said, "All right, I can see the 'O' and the 'P' and the 'T,' but not the 'N' and the 'Z.'"

When our second child was on the way, my wife and I attended a pre-birth class aimed at couples who had already had at least one child. The instructor raised the issue of breaking the news to the older child. It went like this:

"Some parents," she said, "tell the older child, 'We love you so much we decided to bring another child into this family.' But think about that. Ladies, what if your husband came home one day and said, 'Honey, I love you so much I decided to bring home another wife.'"

One of the women spoke up immediately. "Does she cook?"

David filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find one that fit.

Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a gas cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click.

"Great," David thought, "I lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits.

And this one's even better because it locks..."

Time for a history lesson. Several folks wrote in to tell me that the Imperial Japanese Navy's Yamato was the largest battleship ever built, not the New Jersey. So I did a bit of research.

The Yamato was indeed a staggering 65,000 tons while the New Jersey was a mere 45,000 tons. However, the Yamato was 845 ft. long while the New Jersey was 877 feet and 7 inches. So over- all size definitely goes to Yamato, but longest battleship ever built still goes to New Jersey.

And if you're curious, the largest space battleship ever built was also the Yamato. In the year 2197 the Earth will be attacked by an alien race called the Gamilons. In order to fight them the human race will raise the sunken Yamato and rebuild into a space battleship. That makes a lot of sense.

You can see this exciting future history in the 1976 Japanese animated series "Star Blazers".

Since I had been selling water beds for almost four years, I thought I had heard every question imaginable. But then a customer asked me, "Can you deliver it filled with water?"

Stunned, I replied, "Are you kidding? It would weigh over twelve hundred pounds!"

After a short pause, she said, "Could you do it if I helped you carry it in?"

Sitting in the bar George asked his 40-year-old friend John, "How come you aren't married?"

John: "I haven't found the right woman yet."

George: "So what are you looking for?"

John: "Oh she's got to be real pretty, - a good cook and house keeper, she's got to know how to handle money, have a nice and pleasant personality -- and money, she's got to have money, and a nice big house wouldn't hurt either."

George: "A woman like that would be crazy to marry YOU!"

John: "Oh, it's okay, if she is crazy."

When the man came home, his wife was crying.

"Your mother insulted me," she sobbed.

"My mother? How could she do that when she is on vacation on the other side of the world?" the man asked.

"I know. But this morning a letter addressed to you arrived. I opened it because I was curious."

"And?"

"At the end of the letter it was written: PS. Dear Diane, when you have finished reading this letter, don't forget to give it to my son."

A woman went into a hardware store to purchase a bale of peat moss.

She gave a personal check in payment and said to the clerk, "I suppose you will want some identification."

He replied, without hesitation, "No ma'am, that won't be necessary."

"How come?" asked the woman.

"Crooks don't buy peat moss," answered the clerk.

Today the weather is supposed to change...for over 29 days

it has been cloudy, foggy and below freezing! But today the "jet stream" is supposed to dip to the south, bringing some warmer southwest winds raising the temperatures into the mid thirties so the ice can melt...just in time for the next snow storm due in tonight! But we've prayed for moisture, so we won't complain...even at 5:00 AM while shoveling snow.

