



As he reviewed pilot crash reports, my Air Force military science professor stumbled upon this understated entry:

"After catastrophic engine failure, I landed long. As I had no power, the landing gear failed to deploy and no braking was available. I bounced over the stone wall at the end of the runway, struck the trailer of a truck while crossing the perimeter road, crashed through the guardrail, grazed off a large pine tree, ran over a tractor parked in the adjacent field and hit another tree.

"Then I lost control."



I love defenseless animals...especially in a delicious gravy.

A college student was delivering pizza to a regular customer's house in New York. The guy who answered the door asked him, "What is the usual tip?"

"Well," replied the youth, "this is my first trip here, but the other guys say if I get a quarter out of you, I'll be doing great."

"Is that so?" snorted the man. "Well, just to show them how wrong they are, here's five dollars."

"Thanks!" replied the youth, "I'll put this in my school fund."

"What are you studying?" asked the man.

The lad smiled and said: "Applied psychology."

I spent several years as a submariner, and while at sea we would have a celebration halfway through a patrol. On one such night, the captain, who was serving dinner to the crew, tried to put some vegetables on a recruit's plate. The young seaman wouldn't take them.

"With all due respect, sir," the recruit said, "I don't eat them for my mother, and she outranks you."

To address an emergency call, a doctor came to the home of a rich patient, who was screaming with extreme stomach pain and was surrounded by many anxious relatives. The Doctor kicked all the relatives out of the room, closed the door with patient and he inside.

After a while he came out and asked, "Please give me a pair of scissors." People gave him stainless steel scissors. He again went inside, closed the door and soon came back. He said, "Please give me a hammer." He got one. A number of times he repeated the routine of going inside, closing the door and then coming back again for a new tool.

Finally he came outside one more time and asked, "Please give me a screw driver." The oldest son could not stand it any more and lost his patience. In a crying voice he pleaded, "Doctor please tell us what has happened to our dear Dad. Will he live? Should we open his will?"

The doctor said, "No, I don't know that yet. I am still trying to open my stupid bag - I lost the key."

On their 50th wedding anniversary, a couple summed up the reason for their long and happy marriage.

The husband said, "I have tried never to be selfish. After all, there is no 'I' in the word `marriage.'"

The wife said, "For my part, I have never corrected my husband's spelling."

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The following was overheard at a recent high society party...

"My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," said one lady. She then turned to a second woman and asked, "How far does your family go back?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "All of our records were lost in the flood."

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My brother was home on leave from his post in Hawaii. He announced that he had just been promoted to lieutenant commander. We were all pleased with the news, but some of us less knowledgeable about military rankings, especially those of the Navy, asked him to explain what the promotion meant.

After several failed attempts to get us to understand, he sighed and said, "Before, I was Hawkeye Pierce, but now I'm Frank Burns."

Expressions of understanding immediately lit the room.

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"I had the strangest dream last night," a man was telling his psychiatrist. "I saw my mother, but when she turned

around to look at me, I noticed that she had your face. You can imagine, I found this very disturbing, and in fact I woke up immediately, and couldn't get back to sleep. I just lay there in bed waiting for morning to come, and then I got up, drank a Coke, and came right over here for my appointment. I thought you could help me explain the meaning of this strange dream."

The psychiatrist was silent for a full minute before responding: "A Coke? You call that a breakfast?"

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A husband, the owner of a new car, was somewhat reluctant to allow his wife to drive his prize possession, even to the grocery store, which was a few blocks from the house.

After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age."

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One day a cowboy walked into a blacksmith shop and picked up a horseshoe, not realizing that it had just come from the forge. He immediately dropped it and jammed his hand into his pocket, trying to act as if nothing had happened.

The blacksmith noticed and asked with a grin, "Kind of hot, wasn't it?"

"Nope," answered the cowboy through clenched teeth, "it just doesn't take me long to look at a horseshoe."

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On my birthday I was cutting the lawn when my teenage son came home from a baseball game. Seeing me behind the mower, he exclaimed, "Oh, Dad, you shouldn't have to mow the lawn on your birthday."

Touched, I was about to turn the mower over to him when he added, "You should wait until tomorrow!"

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During our first three days at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, we were herded from place to place for haircuts, shots and uniforms. Back in our barracks, the drill instructor told us to put on our uniforms and fall out in front of the building. Some of the uniforms, however, were extremely large.

As we filed outside, the sergeant stood by the door with his assistant. "We have to take some of these people back for refitting," he said. "That last man took two steps before his uniform moved."



# The Morning Breaks

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There was no way we were giving up the stray kitten who adopted us. We called her Princess.

When we took her to the animal hospital to get her checked out, the vet had news: she was actually a He. "So what's the new name going to be," he asked?



**Pet Rules** (To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.)

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not

necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember: In many ways, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a "gazillion" dollars for college
11. And finally, if they get pregnant, you can sell their children.

## The REAL Night Before Christmas (By Parents)

'Twas the night before Christmas  
when all through the house  
I searched for the tools  
to hand to my spouse

Instructions were studied  
and we were inspired,  
in hopes we could manage  
"Some Assembly Required."

The children were quiet (not asleep) in their beds,  
while Dad and I faced the evening with dread:  
a kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's townhouse to boot!  
And now, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a toot!

We opened the boxes,  
my heart skipped a beat -  
let no parts be missing  
or parts incomplete!

Too late for last-minute returns or replacement;  
if we can't get it right, it goes straight to the basement!  
When what to my worrying eyes should appear  
but 50 sheets of directions, concise, but not clear,

With each part numbered and every slot named,  
so if we failed, only we could be blamed.  
More rapid than eagles the parts then fell out,  
all over the carpet they were scattered about.

"Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right there!  
Slide on the seats, and staple the stair!  
Hammer the shelves, and nail to the stand."  
"Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my hand."

And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact  
that all the toy dealers had indeed made a pact  
to keep parents busy all Christmas Eve night  
with "assembly required" till morning's first light.

We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our work,  
till our eyes, they went blurry; our fingers all hurt.  
The coffee went cold and the night, it wore thin  
before we attached the last rod and last pin.

Then laying the tools away in the chest,  
we fell into bed for a well-deserved rest.  
But I said to my husband just before I passed out,  
"This will be the best Christmas, without any doubt."

Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the holiday ring,  
and not run to the store for one single thing!  
We did it! We did it! The toys are all set  
for the perfect, most magical, Christmas, I bet!"

Then off to dreamland and sweet repose  
I gratefully went, though I suppose  
there's something to say for those self-deluded-  
I'd forgotten that BATTERIES are never included!

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***And you thought Mom and Dad would take care of  
the puppy you bought just before your mission...***

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Growing up as a kid, I learned all about capitalism through the board game Monopoly. I mean, what better way to teach a young mind the way our economy functions. I loved this game and still do.

Only now, as an adult I have some questions that remain unanswered. For instance, if I have all this money and own all this real estate...why am I still driving around in a thimble?

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I wasn't born a fool...it took a long time to get this way!





# The Morning Breaks

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A young man named Marty applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job and both applicants, having the same qualifications, were asked to take a test by the department manager.

Upon completion of the test, both men had only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Marty and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job."

"And why would you be doing that?" asked Marty. "We both got 9 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish I should get the job!"

"We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

"And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

"Simple," replied the manager. "On question 5, the American put down, 'I don't know.' You put down 'Nor do I.'"

A first grade teacher was teaching her class about nationalities and one of the kids asked what nationality Santa Claus was. The teacher didn't know quite how to respond.

Finally, one little girl raised her hand and said she knew. She said that he was North Polish.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolf to Blitzen.....had to be a girl.

We should've known when they were able to find their way.



***"I said the Outlander house...not the OUT house!"***

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "Gracious! Has it come to this? Well, give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 10 Baptist and 12 Mormons."

To: All Employees

From: Management

Subject: Office conduct during the Christmas season

Effective immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).

1. Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.
2. Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden. (It runs up an incredible long distance bill.)
3. Egg nog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.
4. Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.
5. All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.
6. Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah humbug."

In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday.

The African chieftain was so religious that when he ascended to power, he forbade the killing of animals.

Not long thereafter, the lion and cheetah population began to get out of hand, and, starving in the wilds, they began feeding on humans. Before long, even the antelope and zebra were so plentiful that they began nibbling on natives.

The terrified populace petitioned their leader to rescind his edict, but he refused. Thus, they had no choice but to overthrow the chief.

Not only was the revolt successful, it was the first time in history that ... a reign was called on account of game.



**'That flying reindeer stuff is just a silly myth.'**

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain.

"I'm an attorney," the wincing man said, "and this is going to cost you five grand!"

"I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer replied. "But I did yell 'fore'."

"I'll take it," the attorney said.

Man: Just look at that young person with the short hair and blue jeans. Is it a boy or a girl?

Bystander: It's a girl. She's my daughter.

Man: Oh, please forgive me, sir. I had no idea you were her father.

Bystander: I'm not. I'm her mother.

A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears some music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source.

He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827. Then he realizes that the music is the Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward! Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him.

By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward.

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth Symphony is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread and a throng has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward.

Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group. Someone in the crowd asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"Oh, it's nothing to worry about" says the caretaker. "He's just decomposing!"



***Just in time for Christmas?***

Don't brag about how your savings account is doing. Some politician will decide they aren't taxing you enough.





Last year at Christmas time, I dressed up in my Santa suit and after greeting my children, my wife asked the kids if they wanted to take Santa to a relative's house.

They said yes.

So I got in the minivan and went to the relative's house. While at their house, my son started misbehaving, so I said in the most bass voice I could muster.

"Son, you better behave or Santa won't bring you any presents."

My innocent 5 year old son turned to my wife and said, "Mommy, Santa's walking home."

According to a recent article I just read on nutrition, eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Nutritionists say there is a simple way to tell if you're eating right.

Colors. Fill your plate with bright colors: Greens, Reds, Yellows.

In fact, I did that this morning. I had an entire bowl of M&M's. It was delicious! I never knew eating right could be so easy.

It was the beginning of December. The trip had gone reasonably well, and he was ready to go back. The airport on the other hand had turned a tacky red and green with loudspeakers blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood.

Going to check in his luggage, he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and "pointier" parts, that could be taken for mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way.

With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the lady attendant, "Even if I were not married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is."

(pause)

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale, which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss."

"That's not why it's there."

(pause)

"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"

"It's there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."



Life inside a snow globe.

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those pretty 4-Wheel drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied, "But where in the world was I going to find a fake jeep!!"

**Christmas Carols For All My Friends**

- 1. Schizophrenia --- Do You Hear What I Hear?







A three-year-old regularly watched football games with his father. So much so, that he knew some of the signals the referee makes.

On a recent Sunday, the three-year-old attended church with the family. As the pastor raised his hands high to offer a blessing, the child interrupted the service by shouting, "Touchdown!"

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You are making progress...if each mistake is a new one.

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***The dreaded "New Year's Kiss"***

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At the end of last semester, a fellow student complained about how he failed the English course.

The teacher invited him to write a formal letter of complaint to the principal.

I glanced at his letter to see how it was going. His first sentence read, "Dear Principle, it is unfair and unposible that I faled english."

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The speaker at a bank's drive-through window had been broken for weeks, and the tellers had to resort to miming

or writing notes to communicate with their frustrated customers.

One day a sweet elderly lady who came to the drive-in every week pulled up to the window, leaned out, and smacked the glass in front of the teller's face.

"I hope this is bulletproof," she yelled.

There had just been a robbery at another bank nearby, so the teller was touched by her concern.

"It is," the teller yelled back.

"Good," she continued, "because someone is going to shoot you if you don't get that blasted speaker fixed!"

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You might be a "Utahan" if.....

- You keep your clothes in "Chester Drawers"
- You don't pronounce T's in the middle of words. ( Moun'n, Lay'n )
- If there is a G at the end of a word you treat it as if it were silent.
- You know what Fry Sauce is made of.
- You go to the duck pond to feed the Seagulls.
- You can pronounce Tooele.
- The U is not just a letter - Neither is the Y.
- You have actually eaten funeral potatoes. ( but never at a funeral )
- You've gotten both heat and frost burns off your car's door handle in the same month.
- You are not surprised to hear words like "Darn, Fetch, Flip", "Oh, My Heck" and "Shoot".
- Your tulips get snowed on three times after they come up and twice more after they bloom.
- The largest liquor store is the state government.
- You can go skiing and play golf on the same day.
- 30% humidity is muggy and almost unbearable.
- Somewhere in your family tree is a polygamist.
- You know the difference between a 'Steak House' and a 'Stake House'.
- You can see the stars at night

- You have a bumper sticker that says "Families are Forever."
- You feel guilty when you watch Monday Night Football.
- Your kids believe the deer hunt is a national holiday.
- At least two of your salad bowls are at the homes of neighbors.
- There is a similarity between a ward basketball game and the L.A. riots.
- You think Jack Daniels is a country western singer.
- You negotiate prices at a garage sale.
- You can make Jell-O salad without the recipe.
- You've heard about BYU football in a testimony meeting.
- You have two gallons of ice cream in your freezer at all times.
- Your father-in-law thinks Ronald Reagan was a liberal.
- Sandals are the best-selling shoes.
- Hotel rooms all have the Book of Mormon.
- You buy your wardrobe at the local grocery superstore.
- You learn about the Mormon Church by taking history in elementary school.
- You live in a state where Democrats always come in third place, unless a zoo animal is running. Then they come in fourth.
- Schools stay open, even if two feet of snow falls overnight, but closes for the opening of hunting season.
- People wear shorts and T-shirts if the temperature rises above 32 degrees.
- People wear socks with their sandals
- There is a church on every corner, but they all teach the same thing.
- There is also a 7-11 at every street corner
- The most popular public transportation system is a ski lift.
- In-state college football rivalries are bigger than the Super Bowl.
- You don't have to breathe cigarette smoke until you walk outside a building.
- Every driveway has a minivan and a pickup truck.

- Your paycheck has an additional 10 percent deduction.
- More movies are filmed in your town than in Hollywood
- You've never had a Mormon missionary knock on your door, Unless you are having them over for dinner that night
- You have more raw wheat stored than some Third World countries.
- Your idea of a good time is playing Pictionary in the cultural hall.
- You and all your friends come to your mother for a haircut in her kitchen.
- You actually get these jokes and pass them on to other friends from Utah.



Mary announced that she was going to start a diet to lose some pounds she had put on recently.

"Great," Sue exclaimed. "I'm ready to start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. And when I feel the urge to drive out and get a burger and fries, I'll call you first."

"Wonderful," Mary replied. "I'll go with you."