

Morning Breaks

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"A sense of humor keeps life interesting..." –Marjorie Pay Hinckley

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One Sunday morning, when my son was about 5, we were attending my parents' ward for Mother's Day. During Primary opening exercises, the president invited several children (including my son) to the front of the room for a small object lesson before singing time.

Holding up a smoke detector, she asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector.

My child immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's doing the cooking."

Did you know that Moses had to make a third trip up to the top of Mount Sinai?

Well, on this third trip, Moses arrived at the burning bush after much climbing, removed his sandals, kneeled and prayed to God.

"Oh Mighty God, King of the Universe, your people have sent me back here to ask you a question about the Ten Commandments."

"What question do they have for me?" roared the voice of God.

"They want to know whether the commandments are listed according to priority."

There were mighty bolts of lightning and terrible thunder after that.



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And hence, the term "P-Day"

Haircut Conversations:

(By Women)

Woman 1: Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute!

Woman 2: Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking?

Woman 1: No, it's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think.

Woman 2: Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts - that would look so cute I think. I was actually going to do that except that I was afraid it would accent my long neck.

Woman 1: Oh - that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from these football player shoulders of mine.

Woman 2: Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms, see how short they are? If I had your shoulders I could get clothes to fit me so much easier.

(By Men)

Man 1: Haircut?

Man 2: Yeah...



A businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to church to pray for the money. By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt.

The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention..."

When I arrived for my daughter's parent-teacher conference, the teacher seemed a bit flustered, especially when she started telling me that my little girl didn't always pay attention in class and was sometimes a little flighty. "For example, she'll do the wrong page in the workbook," the teacher explained, "and I've even found her sitting at the wrong desk."

"I don't understand," I replied defensively. "Where could she have gotten that?"

The teacher went on to reassure me that my daughter was still doing fine in school and was sweet and likable.

Finally, after a pause, she added, "By the way, Mrs. Hallinan, our appointment was tomorrow."

The teacher had just finished a dissertation on war and peace. "How many of you," he asked, "would say you're opposed to war?"

Not surprisingly, all hands went up.

The teacher asked, "Who'll give us the reason for being opposed to war?"

Tony raised his hand.

"Tony?" the teacher said.

"I hate war," Tony said, "because wars make history, and then some poor, innocent kid has to memorize it all."

A Frenchman, an Englishman, and a New Yorker were captured by a fierce Indian tribe. The chief comes to them and says, "The bad news is that now that we've caught you, we're going to kill you and then use your skins to build a canoe. The good news is that you get to choose how you die."

The Frenchman says, "I take ze poison."

The chief gives him some poison and the Frenchman says, "Vive la France!" and drinks it down.

The Englishman says, "A pistol for me please."

The chief gives him a pistol, he points it at his head while saying, "God save the Queen!" and pulls the trigger.

The New Yorker says, "Gimme a fork."

The chief is puzzled, but he shrugs and hands him a fork. The New Yorker takes it and starts jabbing himself all over; the stomach, the sides, the chest, everywhere. There's blood gushing out all over... it's horrible!

The chief is appalled, and screams, "What are you doing?"

The New Yorker looks at the chief and says, "So much for your canoe..."

Thesaurus: an ancient reptile with an excellent vocabulary.

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Quotes for the Week:

"Women will forgive anything. Otherwise, the race would have died out long ago." —Robert Heinlein

"In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria." -Ben Franklin

Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect; it just means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.
--Unknown

So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and tall glass of lemon aid.

The wife finally walked in about the time he was finishing up and asked him, "You fixed something to eat? So where is mine?"

"Huh? I thought you were out of town."



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That's it . . . tomorrow we're looking for a new apartment with more than one bed!

This guy was watching TV as his wife was out cutting the grass during the hot summer. He finally worked up the energy to go out and ask his wife what was for supper.

Well, his missus was quite irritated about him sitting in the air conditioned house all day while she did all the work, so she scolded him. "I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Imagine I'm out of town, go inside and figure dinner out yourself."

A young man was walking past a blind woman using a cane on a street corner downtown, when she said, "Excuse me, but if it's not too much trouble, can you see me across the street?"

Our Good Samaritan replied, "Just a minute." He walked across the street, looked back and yelled, "Yes, I can see you fine!"

Some tourists in the Chicago Museum of Natural History are marveling at the dinosaur bones. One of them asks the guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?"

The guard replies, "They are 3 million, four years, and six months old."

"That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?"

The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were three million years old when I started working here, and that was four and a half years ago."

I am a first-grade teacher and a new empty-nester. One night I was trying out an art project: making a person with simple materials. I took a coat hanger, attached a

paper-plate face, put a shirt on the hanger, and stuffed it. Then I set it on the couch to see how it looked.

Later that evening my son walked through the door, home for a surprise visit. Taking one look at my coat-hanger friend sitting on the couch, he said, "Mom, it's not that bad, is it?"



I really HATE cats!

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1971. Why?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.'"

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher ... she's dead."

My brother wanted me to find him a summer job. He asked me to check with my boss, my friends, my business associates.

Then he asked me to run off 100 copies of his resume, call up the employment agencies, and write an ad for the Positions Wanted section of the newspaper.

I asked him what he wanted to call himself in the ad. He said, "A self-starter!"

I have a reputation for not being a fantastic cook. One evening I worked particularly hard on a new recipe, and once again it didn't turn out as well as I'd hoped.

My son, always sweet and conscious of my feelings, chose his words carefully after the meal. "Mom," he said, "that dinner was so good I thought someone else made it."

A friend and I were driving in the country looking for an address. We found the town, but we couldn't locate the road.

We drove to the police station. They'd never heard of the road, neither had the Fire Department. We went to City Hall, where a community get-together was going on. We consulted a map, with no luck, until finally we happened to ask one young man who knew exactly where the street was.

He pointed to the map, showing us exactly how to get there.

I said, "Thank you. Are you with the Police? Or the Fire Department?"

"Neither. I deliver pizzas."

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There was a hound dog laying in the yard. An old man in overalls was sitting on the porch.

"Excuse me, Sir, but does your dog bite?" the tourist asked.

The old man replied, "Nope."

So the tourist stepped out of his car. The dog ran over snarling and growling and bit him on his arms and legs. As the dog was dragging him away, the tourist was flailing around in the dust and yelled, "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"

The old man replied, "Ain't my dog."

you are lying in your casket and friends and family are mourning, what would you most like to hear them say about you?"

The first man says, "I'd like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and family man."

The second man says, "I'd like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and father, and a school teacher who made a huge difference in children's lives."

The third man says, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Ellie: "Last Sunday I found a wallet packed with money down by the church."

Alisse: "Did you give it back?"

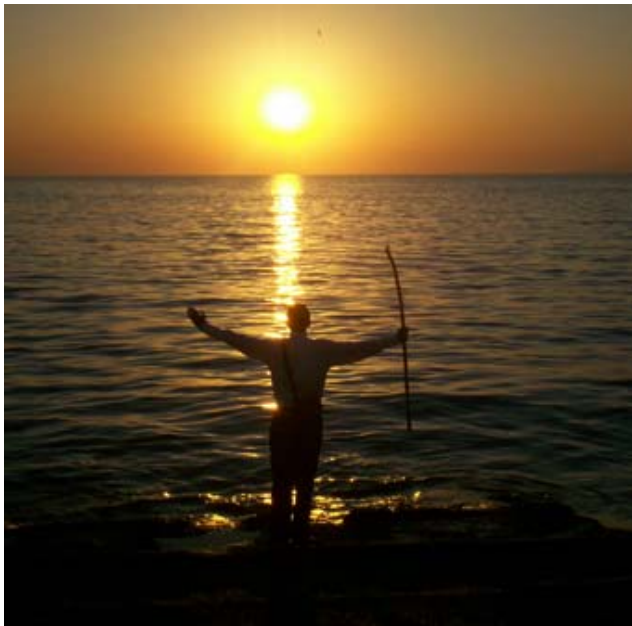
Ellie: "Not yet. I'm still trying to decide if it's a temptation from the devil or the answer to a prayer."

As a new school principal, Mr. Mitchell was checking over his school on the first day. Passing the stockroom, he was startled to see the door wide open and teachers bustling in and out, carrying off books and supplies in preparation for the arrival of students the next day.

The school where he had been the principal the previous year had used a check-out system only slightly less elaborate than that at Fort Knox.

Cautiously, he asked the school's long time custodian, "Do you think it's wise to keep the stock room unlocked and to let the teachers take things without requisitions?"

The custodian looked at him gravely. "We trust them with the children, don't we?"



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"Sorry, Elder. Moses had a need!"

Three buddies die in a car crash, and find themselves at an orientation in Heaven. Each man is asked, "When

A babysitter is a teenager who comes in to act like an adult while the adults go out to act like teenagers.



Taking his seat in his chambers, the judge faced the opposing lawyers. "So," he said, "I have been presented, by both of you, with a bribe."

Both lawyers squirmed uncomfortably.

"You gave me \$15,000. And you gave me \$10,000."

The judge reached into his pocket and pulled out a check. He handed it to the first lawyer. "Now then, I'm returning \$5,000, and we're going to decide this case solely on its merits."

During a visit to a military medical clinic, I was sent to the lab to have blood drawn.

The technician there was friendly and mentioned that his mood improved every day because he was due to leave the service in two months.

As he applied the tourniquet on my arm, he told me that taking the blood wouldn't hurt much. Then, noticing my Air Force T-shirt he asked me what my husband did.

When I replied that he was a recruiter, the technician smiled slyly and said, "This might hurt a little more than I thought."

Used to being the center of attention, Bobby was a little more than jealous of his new baby sister. The parents sat him down and said that now that she was getting older, the house was too small and they'd have to move.

"It's no use," Bobby said, "she's crawling good now and she'd probably just follow us."

If Men got pregnant...

- maternity leave would last two years ... with full pay
 - there would be a cure for stretch marks
 - natural childbirth would become obsolete
 - morning sickness would rank as the nation's #1 health problem
 - all methods of birth control would be 100% effective
 - children would be kept in the hospital until toilet trained
 - men would be eager to talk about commitment
 - sons would have to be home from dates by 10:00 PM
 - briefcases would be used as diaper bags
 - paternity suits would be a fashion line of clothes
 - they'd stay in bed during the entire pregnancy
 - restaurants would include ice cream and pickles as main entrees
 - women would rule the world
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Children have started growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and start refusing to tell you where they are going.

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"Well," snarled the tough old sergeant to the bewildered private. "I suppose after you get discharged from the Army, you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and spit on my grave."

"Not me, Sarge!" the private replied. "Once I get out of the Army, I'm never going to stand in line again!"

"We proceeded a little further and horse stumbled again. Once more my wife quietly said, 'That's twice!'"

"We hadn't gone a half-mile when the horse stumbled for the third time. My wife quietly removed a revolver from her purse and shot the horse dead. I SHOUTED at her, 'What's wrong with you, Woman?! Why did you shoot the poor animal like that? Are you crazy?'"

"She looked at me, and quietly said, 'That's once!'"

"And from that moment, we have lived happily every after."

Never trust a man who says he's the boss at home. He'll lie about other things too.

A man rushed into a bar and ordered a double martini. The man downed it with one swallow, put a five dollar bill on the bar, and turned and rushed out of the bar. The bartender picked up the five dollar bill, and folded it carefully and tucked it in his vest pocket.

Just at that moment he looked up at the boss standing in the doorway staring at him.

Doing a bit of fast thinking he said, "Hi boss, did you see that fellow just now? Came in here, bought a double martini, gave me a five dollar tip, and rushed out without paying."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

Thanksgiving
is a day when we pause
to give thanks for
the things we have.



Memorial Day
is a day when we pause
to give thanks to the
people who fought for
the things we have.

A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on the beaches in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. People would say, "What a peaceful & loving couple." The local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage.

The husband replied: "Well, it dates back to our honeymoon in America," explained the man. "We visited the Grand Canyon in Arizona and took a trip down to the bottom of the canyon by horse. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's horse stumbled and she almost fell off. My wife looked down at the horse and quietly said, 'That's once!'"

The girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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Sometimes I feel just like this tree – stuck in the middle of a busy road just waiting for something to plow into me. I hope she's pretty!

A lawyer cross-examined the adversary's main witness. "You claim to have stopped by Mrs. Edwards' house just after breakfast. Will you tell the jury what she said?"

"Objection, Your Honor," shouted the other lawyer. There then followed a long argument between the lawyers as to whether the question was proper.

Finally, after 45 minutes, the judge allowed the question.

"So," the first lawyer continued, "Please, answer the question. What did Mrs. Edwards say when you went to her house after breakfast on December 3rd?"

"Nothing," said the witness. "No one was home."

An eight-year-old boy walks into the local grocery store and picked out a large box of laundry detergent. The grocer walked over, trying to be friendly, and asked the boy if he had a lot of laundry to do.

"Oh, not laundry. I'm going to wash my dog," said the boy.

"But you shouldn't use this to wash your dog," the grocer said. "It's very powerful detergent and if you wash your dog in this, he'll get sick. In fact, it could even kill him."

But the boy was not to be stopped and carried the detergent to the counter and paid for it. The grocer continued to try to convince the boy, but it was no use. The young boy's mind was made up.

About a week later, the boy was back in the store to buy some candy. The grocer approached the boy and asked him how his dog was doing.

"Oh, he died," the boy said sadly.

"I'm so sorry, son. I tried to warn you that the detergent could kill your dog," the grocer said.

"Well," the boy replied. "It wasn't the detergent that killed him."

The grocer was a bit relieved. "Oh? What was it then?" he asked.

"Mom said it was probably the spin cycle."

Five-year-old Becky answered the door when the census taker came by.

She told the census taker that her daddy was a doctor and wasn't home because he was performing an appendectomy.

"My," said the census taker, "that sure is a big word for such a little girl. Do you know what it means?"

"Sure do! Fifteen-hundred bucks, and that doesn't include the anesthesiologist!"

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My dry cleaner very generously gives each customer a free copy of our daily newspaper.

As I took my copy, I told him, "I hope the business grows enough to offset the cost of the papers."

"Oh, don't worry about us," he chuckled, "nothing dirties clothes more than newsprint."



A truck driver, who had been delivering radioactive waste for the local reactor begins to feel sick after a few years on the job. He decided to seek compensation for his ailment.

Upon his arrival at the workers' compensation department, he is interviewed by an assessor.

Assessor: "I see you work with radio-active materials and wish to claim compensation."

Trucker: "Yeah, I feel really sick."

Assessor: "All right then, does your employer take measures to protect you from radiation poisoning?"

Trucker: "Yeah, he gives me a lead suit to wear on the job."

Assessor: "And what about the cabin in which you drive?"

Trucker: "Oh yeah. That's lead lined, all lead lined."

Assessor: "What about the waste itself? Where is that kept?"

Trucker: "Oh, the stuff is held in a lead container, all lead."

Assessor: "Let me see if I get this straight. You wear a lead suit, sit in a lead-lined cabin and the radio-active waste is kept in a lead container."

Trucker: "Yeah, that's right. All lead."

Assessor: "Then I can't see how you could claim against him for radiation poisoning."

Trucker: "I'm not suing for radiation poison. I'm claiming for lead poisoning!"

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call over the police radio, and a K-9 unit patrolling nearby was the first to respond.

As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps.

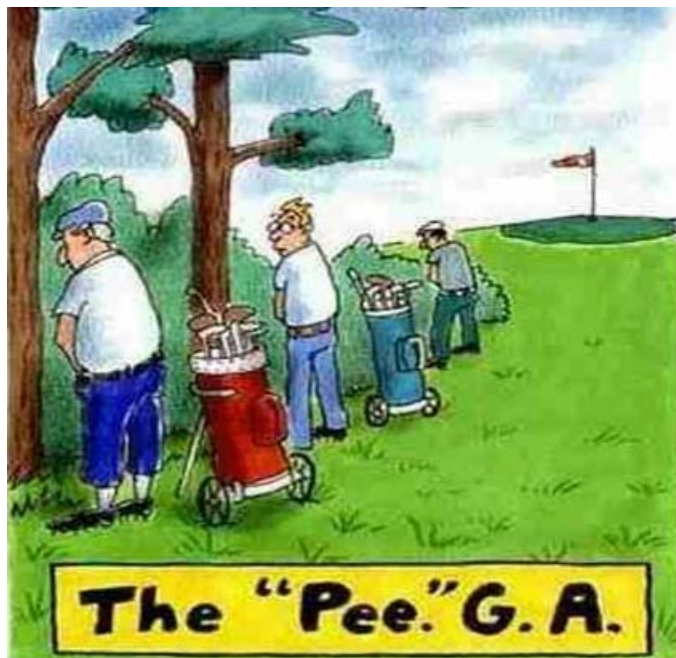
Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, "I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a blind policeman!"

A worker returned from his visit to the doctor and a colleague asked him how he made out.

"Not bad. The doctor told me that I have Math Dyslexia."

The other fellow said, "Gee, that sounds bad."

"Actually, the Doctor told me not to worry, because 17 out of 5 people have it."



A couple of young fellers were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track when out of the bushes jumped the Game Warden. Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods and hot on his heels came the Game Warden.

After about a half mile the fella stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath and the Game Warden finally caught up to him. "Lets see yer fishin' license, Boy!!" the Warden gasped.

With that, the fella pulled out his wallet and gave the Game Warden a valid fishing license.

"Well, son," said the Game Warden, "you must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!"

"Yes, sir," replied the young feller, "but my friend back there, well, he don't have one..."

God sent me to earth to do certain things . . . and I'm so far behind that I'll live forever.

Summer is the time when it is too hot to do the jobs it was too cold to do in the winter.

His wife had just bought a new line of expensive cosmetics absolutely guaranteed to make her looks years younger. She sat in front of the mirror for what had to be hours applying the "miracle" products.

Finally, when she was done, she turned to her husband and said, "Honey, honestly now, what age would you say I am?"

He nodded his head in assessment, and carefully said, "Well, judging from your skin, twenty. Your hair, eighteen. Your figure, twenty-five."

"Oh, you're so sweet!"

"Well, hang on, I'm not done adding it up yet."

A man walked into a bar and ordered three doubles, then quickly downed one right after the other. As he started the third, he ordered three more.

The bartender said, "You know, man, that's not good for you."

"I know," the man replied, "particularly with what I have."

"Why? What do you have?" the bartender asked.

"One dollar."

A man is giving a speech at his lodge meeting. He gets a bit carried away and talks for two hours.

Finally, he realizes what he is doing and says; "I'm sorry I talked so long. I left my watch at home."

A voice from the back of the room says, "There's a calendar behind you."

Don't judge a book by its movie.