



**NOTE: This will be the FINAL edition of the Morning Breaks.**

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A mother gave her teenage daughter a car for her sixteenth birthday. As she handed over the keys, she explained that it was a magic car.

The girl, of course, was very excited, and asked what it did.

"Well," said Mom, "Just get one ticket and you'll see how quickly it will disappear."

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*So, how are you doing on your New Year's Resolutions? Yeah, me too!*

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A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each.

Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunch time and, as he passed her pretzel stand, he

would leave her a quarter, but would never take a pretzel.

This went on for more than five years. The two of them never spoke.

One day as the man passed the old ladies pretzel stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel woman spoke to him,

"Sir, I appreciate your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you that the pretzel price has increased to 35 cents."

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A Navy officer, serving on an aircraft carrier, was cutting through the crew's quarters of his ship one day and happened upon a sailor reading a magazine with his feet up on the small table in front of him.

"Sailor! Do you put your feet up on the furniture at home?" the officer demanded.

"No, sir, but we don't land airplanes on the roof either."

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Even if the voices aren't real, they have some pretty good ideas.

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Betty was soon to be married.

More than anything, she wanted to wear the wedding dress her mother was married in. Betty's mother was beaming with pride as she gave her consent.

Later in the evening, the family gathered in the living room to wait while Betty tried on the dress.

When Betty entered the room, there was a chorus of approval. The dress fit perfectly and looked wonderful on her.

Tears ran down the face of Betty's mother.

Seeing this, Betty said, "Don't worry Mom, you're not losing a daughter, your gaining a son."

"Forget about that!" she said with a sob.

"I used to fit into that dress!"

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Anyone who's ever ridden in a cab in Washington DC knows they're some of the world's most brazen drivers. Oddly enough though, their current accident rate isn't all that bad. One day I asked one of the drivers the reason for that.

"Easy," he said. "all the really bad drivers are dead now."

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Respect your parents. They graduated from high school WITHOUT Google or Wikipedia.

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#### How to write a College Paper

1. Sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a well-lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.
2. Read over the assignment carefully, to make certain you understand it.
3. Walk down to the vending machines and buy some coffee to help you concentrate.
4. Stop off at the third floor, on the way back and visit with your friend from class. If your friend hasn't started the paper yet either, you can both walk to McDonalds and buy a hamburger to help you concentrate. If your friend shows you his paper, typed, double-spaced, and bound in one of those irritating see-thru plastic folders, drop him.
5. When you get back to your room, sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a clean, well-lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.
6. Read over the assignment again to make absolutely certain you understand it.
7. You know, you haven't written to that kid you met at camp since fourth grade. You'd better write that letter now and get it out of the way so you can concentrate.

8. Go look at your teeth in the bathroom mirror.
  9. Listen to one of your favorite CDs and that's it, I mean it, as soon as it's over you are going to start that paper.
  10. Rearrange all of your CDs into alphabetical order.
  11. Phone your friend on the third floor and ask if he's started writing yet. Exchange remarks about your teacher, the course, the university, and the world at large.
  12. Sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a clean, well-lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.
  13. Read over the assignment again; roll the words across your tongue; savor its special flavor.
  14. Check the newspaper listings to make sure you aren't missing something truly worthwhile on TV. NOTE: When you have a paper due in less than 12 hours, anything on TV from Masterpiece Theater to Sgt. Preston of the Yukon is truly worthwhile, with these exceptions: a) Pro Bowler's Tour b) any movie starring Don Ameche.
  15. Catch the last hour of Soul Brother of Kung Fu on channel 26.
  16. Phone your friend on the third floor to see if he was watching. Discuss the finer points of the plot.
  17. Go look at your tongue in the bathroom mirror.
  18. Look through your roommate's book of pictures from home. Ask who everyone is.
  19. Sit down and do some serious thinking about your plans for the future.
  20. Open your door and check to see if there are any mysterious trench-coated strangers lurking in the hall.
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Oh, and by the way – ignore the first statement on this edition of the Morning Breaks.





Picture taken during General Conference, April 1, 2012:



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Carl listened from the other room as his wife Holly patiently said to their five-year-old, "Please pick up your toys, Maureen."

After a few minutes, Holly again reminded their daughter.

Finally Holly asked, "Why aren't you picking your things up?"

Carl rolled his eyes when he heard Maureen answer, "I'm playing house and I'm the dad, so I don't know where anything goes."

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It matters not whether you win or lose; what matters is whether I win or lose.

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A young man had just graduated from Harvard and was so excited just thinking about his future.

He gets into a taxi and the driver says, "How are you on this lovely day?"

"I'm the Class of 2001, just graduated from Harvard and I just can't wait to go out there and see what the world has in store for me."

The driver looks back to shake the young man's hand and says, "Congratulations, I'm Mitch Class of 1969."

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The boss always scheduled the weekly staff meeting for four thirty on Friday afternoons. When one of the employees finally got up the nerve to ask why, he explained.

"I will tell you why... I've learned that's the only time of the week when none of you seem to want to argue with me."

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Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

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Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What is yer name?"

Leroy replied "Leroy"

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my Authority. I refer to all employees by last names; Now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss said "Now Leroy the next thing....."

My wife is a teacher; it's really weird to live with a teacher. I'd be on the phone, doodling on a piece of paper, leave the house, come back in two hours and that same piece of paper is now on the refrigerator with the words "Good work!" and a big smiley face on it.

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*Who says dogs can imitate live?*

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#### **GOOD NEWS YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR:**

The parachute company says you'll get a full refund.  
They say the house didn't float very far at all.  
The "National Enquirer" just loved those pictures of you at work.  
Jerry Springer wants to surprise you on his show.  
The reward for your capture has reached fifty thousand dollars.  
The insurance pays the full book value (\$312) for your 1956 T Bird.  
The thieves left the push lawn mower and hedge trimmers.  
Those Grand Juries always over-react. Don't worry about it.  
The boss said while you're sick, he'd do all your work personally.

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Heading down the interstate, our car passed through a huge swarm of gnats so dense that their bodies made popping noises as they hit the windshield.

"I can't get over how loud they are," my wife said.  
"Well, we are hitting them at 65 miles an hour," I pointed out.  
Her reply left me speechless. "There's no way bugs can fly that fast!"

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Age is a high price to pay for maturity. I've paid the price but I haven't gotten my money's worth yet.

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#### **Dictionary of Project Terms**

Project slightly behind original schedule due to unforeseen difficulties-- We got so sick of working on this that we decided to do something else.  
Major Technological Breakthrough--Back to the drawing board.  
Developed after years of intensive research--It was discovered by accident.  
Customer satisfaction is believed assured--We are so far behind schedule that the customer will be happy to get anything at all from us.  
The design will be finalized in the next reporting period--We haven't started this job yet, but we've got to say something.  
Test results were extremely gratifying--It works, and are we surprised.  
Extensive effort is being applied on a fresh approach to the problem--We just hired three new guys; we'll let them kick it around for a while.  
Preliminary operational tests are inconclusive--The darn thing blew up when we threw the switch.  
The entire concept will have to be abandoned--The only guy who understood the thing quit.  
Modifications are under way to correct certain minor difficulties--We threw the whole thing out and are starting from scratch.

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"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven, where they don't need it, and Hell, where they already have it." --Ronald Regan



Today we will share some of the more "memorable" signs used to get people to attend church. Thanks to Ralph Osborne for sharing...



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

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

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

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

If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?



My friend sat down with a new client at her gym to review her application. For the question "To what do you attribute your fitness issues?" the woman wrote, "Horrendous eating habits."

"What makes you answer that?" my friend asked.

The woman replied, "I can't spell atrocious."

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Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?

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And that's why I love the Word of Wisdom...

Sitting in a bar having dinner, I noticed two guys sitting at the bar. One of them casually pointed to two old drunks sitting across the bar from them and said, "That's us in ten years."

His friend shook his head and said, "That's a mirror, you idiot!"

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As two children watched their mothers prepare party food, one of them asked the other, "What's an hors d'oeuvre?"

The second child replied, "I think it's part of a ham sandwich that's been cut into about seventy pieces."

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An elderly lady, who lived on the third floor of a boardinghouse, broke her leg. As the doctor put a cast on it, he warned her not to climb any stairs. Several months later, the doctor took off the cast.

"Can I climb stairs now?" asked the little old lady.

"Yes," he replied.

"Thank goodness!" she said. "I'm sick and tired of shinnying up and down that drainpipe!"

A surgeon examined a new patient most carefully. After studying the x-rays, he turned to the man and said, "Could you pay for an operation if I told you it was necessary?"

The patient thought for a moment, then said to the doctor, "Would you find one necessary if I told you I couldn't pay for it?"

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The old principal made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week.

He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."

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My boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything okay at the office?"

I said, "Yes, it's all under control. It's been a very busy day, I haven't stopped for a minute."

"Can you do me a favor?" he asked.

I said, "Of course, anything, what is it?"

He said, "Hurry up and take your shot, I'm right behind you on the 7th hole."

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Science has a language of its own which sometimes puzzles laymen. The word "obvious" is a case in point.

A professor of physics, deriving some profound point of theory for the class, scribbled an equation on the board and said, "From this, it is obvious that we can proceed to write the following relationship..." and he scribbled a second and equally long equation on the board.

Then he paused. He stared hard at the two equations and said, "Wait a minute, I may be wrong..."

He sat down and began to write at his desk furiously, crossing out and rewriting for five minutes while the class sat in absolute silence waiting for the verdict.

Finally, the professor rose with an air of satisfaction and said, "Yes, I was right in the first place. It \*IS\* obvious that the second equation follows from the first."

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**Wait, wait, wait...**



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The boss joined a group of his workers at the coffee urn and told a series of jokes he'd heard recently. Everybody laughed loudly. Everybody, that is, except Mike.

When he noticed that he was getting no reaction from Mike, the boss said, "What's the matter, Mike? No sense of humor?"

"My sense of humor is fine," he said. "But I don't have to laugh. I'm quitting tomorrow."

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An Amish man answered a knock on his door one morning. An electric company worker handed him a

piece of paper stating that the electric company would like to run a power line through his pasture. The Amish man said, "No."

"Legally, that paper says we can." replied the worker.

As he turned and left returning to his co-workers in the field, the Amish man went to his barn and turned his bull into the pasture.

As the bull rumbled toward the workers in the field, the Amish man hollered, "Show HIM your paper!"

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Mary and Joan were having lunch when Mary said, "My son is really growing up."

Joan asked, "How do you know that?"

Mary replied, "Instead of asking me where he came from, now he refuses to tell me where he is going!"

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My Dad and I were talking the other night about love and marriage.

He told me that he knew as early as their wedding what marriage to my Mom would be like. It seems the minister asked my Mom, "Do you take this man to be your husband." And she said, "I do."

Then the minister asked my Dad, "Do you take this woman to be your wife," and my Mom said, "He does."

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At the start of a tennis camp for youngsters, the instructor asked, "Can anyone tell me what a good sport is?"

A 5-year-old raised his hand and said, "Baseball."

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

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

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





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A gushy reporter told Jack Nicklaus, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"

Nicklaus replied, "The holes are numbered."

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A convict managed to escape from prison and his escape was the lead item on the six o'clock news.

So not to be captured, he ran through fields and traveled through back roads until he reached his wife's house.

When he reached the house, he rang the bell, his wife opened the door and screamed,

"You lousy bum! Where have you been? You escaped more than six hours ago!"

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Ready to retire?

Take this quiz to find out.

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

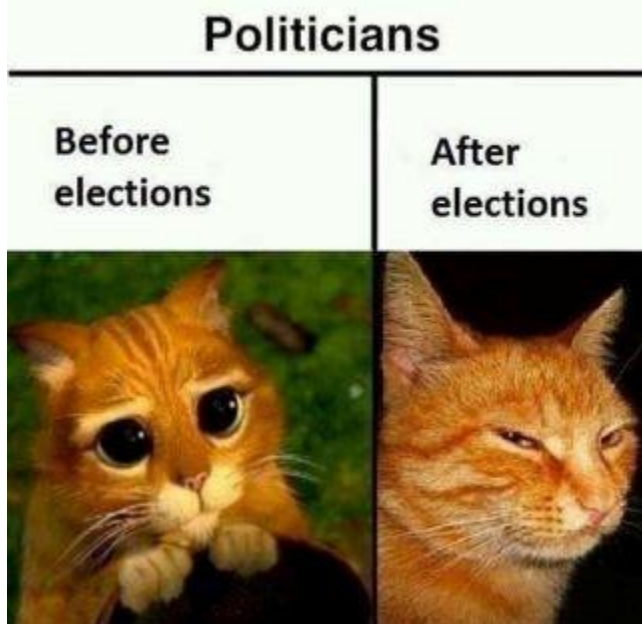
Answers: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.



### The Importance of Proofing

~ IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are one of hundreds of parachuting enthusiasts who bought our Easy Sky Diving book, please make the following correction: on page 8, line 7, the words "state zip code" should have read "pull rip cord."

~ It was incorrectly reported last Friday that today is T-shirt Appreciation Day. In fact, it is actually Teacher Appreciation Day.

~ There was a mistake in an item sent in two weeks ago which stated that Ed Burnham entertained a party at crap shooting. It should have been trap shooting.

~ There are two important corrections to the information in the update on our Deep Relaxation professional development program. First, the program will include meditation, not medication. Second, it is experiential, not experimental.

~ In the City Beat section of Friday's paper, firefighter Dwight Brady was misidentified. His nickname in the department is "Dewey." Another firefighter is nicknamed "Weirdo." We apologize for our mistake.

~ Our newspaper carried the notice last week that Mr. Oscar Hoffnagle is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Hoffnagle is, of course, a detective on the police force.

~ In a recent edition, we referred to the chairman of Chrysler Corporation as Lee Iacocoo. His real name is Lee Iacocca. The Gazette regrets the error.

~ Apology: I originally wrote, "Woodrow Wilson's wife grazed sheep on front lawn of the White House." I'm sorry that typesetting inadvertently left out the word "sheep."

~ In one edition of today's Food Section, an inaccurate number of jalapeno peppers was given for Jeanette Crowley's Southwestern chicken salad recipe. The recipe should call for two, not 21, jalapeno peppers.

~ The marriage of Miss Freda vanAmburg and Willie Branton, which was announced in this paper a few weeks ago, was a mistake which we wish to correct.

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