

morning breaks

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As I was assigning cabins for our stake's girls camp this morning the following conversation took place between myself and a new and very green ward camp director:

Director: You need to do something about our cabin assignment, we have 27 girls and we only have 23 beds.

Me: No, ma'am, you have 46 beds.

Director: No, the girls counted and we have 27 girls and only 23 beds.

Me: They're bunk beds.

Folks, be aware of this. Lawn flamingos may seem kitschy and adorable, but they can pick a T-Rex clean in under 90 seconds at this time of year. Be careful. Use a trusted anti-flamingo spray before venturing outdoors. Let's be safe out there.



I want my children to have all the things I never could afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Dad is from the old school, where you keep your money under the mattress -- only he kept his in the underwear drawer. One day I bought my dad an unusual personal safe, a can of spray paint with a false bottom, so he could keep his money in the workshop. Later I asked Mom if he was using it.

"Oh, yes," she replied, "he put his money in it the same day."

"No burglar would think to look on the work shelf!" I gloated.

"They won't have to," my mom replied. "He keeps the paint can in his underwear drawer."

Dogs think dogs are people. Cats think people are cats.

Faced with hard times, the company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

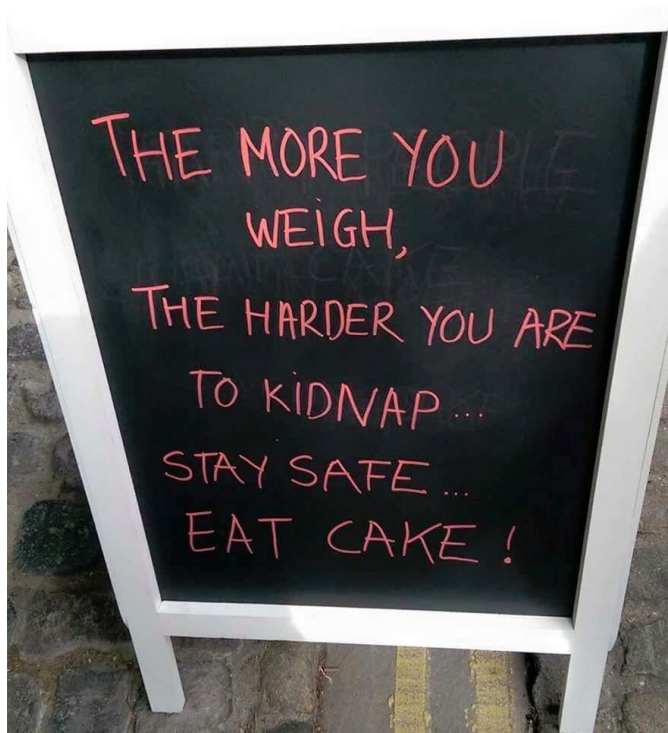
The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars.

They aren't making mirrors the way they used to. The ones I buy now are full of wrinkles.

One morning my sister woke up to see her two-year-old son standing beside her bed. He said "Egg broke." She promptly scolded him. "How many times have I told you not to touch the eggs?"

His immediate reply was "One, two, three..." as he pointed to a finger with each number.

Of course, the scolding was immediately over as she tried to stifle the laughter!



Jet lag is nature's way of making sure you look like your passport photo.

I found New York City immense and confusing on my first trip there.

One evening during the rush hour, I stopped at a newsstand in the heart of Times Square and asked the vendor which direction was north.

"Look, buddy," he replied in a loud and annoyed voice. "We got uptown, we got downtown, and we got cross-town. We don't got north."

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

After a long day at the museum, I asked my children to describe what they liked best.

"Dinosaurs!" one shouted.

"Animals!" another cried.

My youngest boy said, "My favorite part is when I smelled French Fries in the hallway."

It's my cat's world. I'm just here to open the cans.

The biggest loser at my weight loss club was an elderly woman.

"How did you do it?" we asked.

"Easy," she said. "Every night I take my teeth out at six o'clock."

A true friend is one who lets his grass grow as tall as his neighbor's.

While waiting at a red light, a police cruiser pulled up next to me. The Officer motioned for me to roll down my window. When I did, he asked if he could cut in front of me when the light turned green. I agreed.

As soon as we went through the intersection he turned on his lights and pulled over the guy in front of me who had cut me off at the last intersection.

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."- Ronald Reagan

Waiting my turn to enter a traffic circle (rotary intersection), I noticed a guy drive around twice, then leave by the same road he'd entered.

His vanity license plate read "GENIUS."

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I had always talked about my job a lot at home, and my young daughter had always expressed great interest. So I thought it would be a treat for her to spend the day with me at the office. Since I wanted it to be a surprise, I didn't tell her where we were going, just that it would be fun. Although usually a bit shy, she seemed excited to meet each colleague I introduced. On the way home, however, she seemed somewhat down.

"Didn't you have a nice time?" I asked.

"Well, it was okay." she responded. "But I thought it would be more like a circus."

Confused, I asked, "Whatever do you mean?"

She said, "Well, you said you work with a bunch of clowns, and I never got to see them!"

REFRIGERATOR MAGNET SMILES:

A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen and this kitchen is delirious.

No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

A husband is someone who takes out the trash and gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.

Help keep the kitchen clean - eat out.

Housework done properly can kill you.

Countless number of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.

My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines.

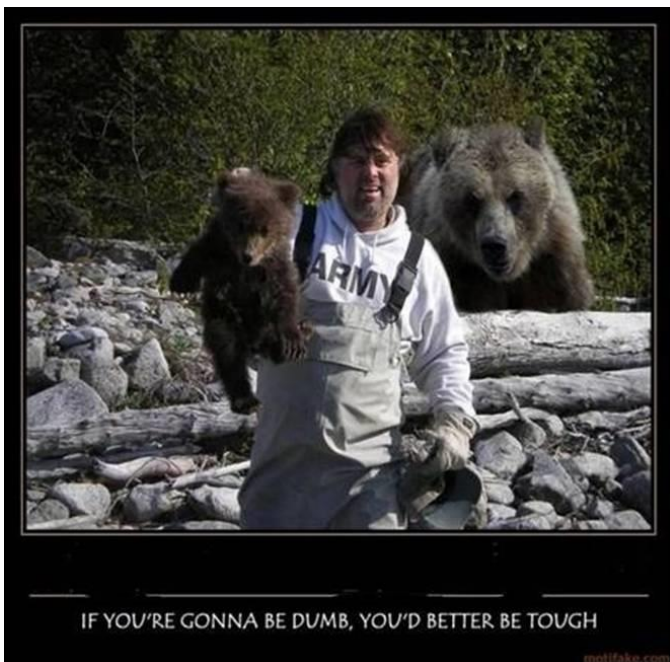
The only reason I have a kitchen is because it came with the house when I bought it.

There are only three kinds of food - Frozen, Canned, & Take-out!

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices EVERY day, how come nothing in the store is free yet?

Peak mental activity happens between the ages of 4 and 18.

At 4 we know all the questions, and at 18 we know all the answers.





belong to the other person and will cling to his/her plate. (We all know how calories like to cling!!)

REMEMBER: STRESSED SPELLED BACKWARDS IS DESSERTS.

My grandmother told me how she ended up marrying Grandpa. She was in her 20's, and the man she was dating left for war.

"We were in love," she recalled, "and wrote to each other every week. It was during that time that I discovered how wonderful your grandfather was."

"Did you marry Grandpa when he came home from the war?" I asked.

"Oh, I didn't marry the man who wrote the letters. Your grandfather was the mailman."

There was this lady who was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep.

After the service, to be social, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn."

And the gentleman replied, " You're not the only one ma'am, I'm glad it's done too!!!"

The manager at the restaurant where I worked was a friendly, jovial sort. But there was one subject you didn't dare discuss in front of him, his height. Or, should I say, his very obvious lack of it.

One day he stormed through the front door and announced angrily, "Someone just picked my pocket!"

Most of my fellow waitresses didn't say anything, but finally Marilyn just had to blurt out, "How could anyone stoop so low?"

A family was having dinner, which included some Swiss Cheese. The little boy said, "Dad I don't like the holes in the cheese!"

"Well son, eat the cheese and leave the holes on the side of the plate."

A DIET FOR DEAL WITH STRESS:

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled out by the diet soda.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you do not eat more than they do.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts, such as hot chocolate, toast and Sara Lee Cheesecake.
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.
6. Movie related foods do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel. Examples: Milk Duds, Buttered Popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots & Tootsie Rolls.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
8. Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something.
9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are: Spinach & Pistachio Ice Cream; Mushrooms & Mashed Potatoes.
10. Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.
11. Anything consumed while standing has no calories. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.
12. Anything consumed from someone else's plate has no calories since the calories rightfully

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The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."

to see a construction crew working on the road one morning. Later, on my way home, I noticed the men were gone and no improvement in the road. But where the crew had been working stood a new, bright-yellow sign with the words "Rough Road."

There's a little fellow named Junior who hangs out at the local grocery store. The manager doesn't know what Junior's problem is, but the boys like to tease him. The boys say he is two bricks short of a load, or two pickles shy of a barrel.

To prove it, sometimes the boys offer Junior his choice between a nickel and a dime. He always takes the nickel, they say, because it's bigger.

One day after Junior grabbed the nickel, the store manager got him off to one side and said, "Junior, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Are you grabbing the nickel because it's bigger, or what?"

Junior said, "No sir, you see if I took the dime, they'd quit doing it!"

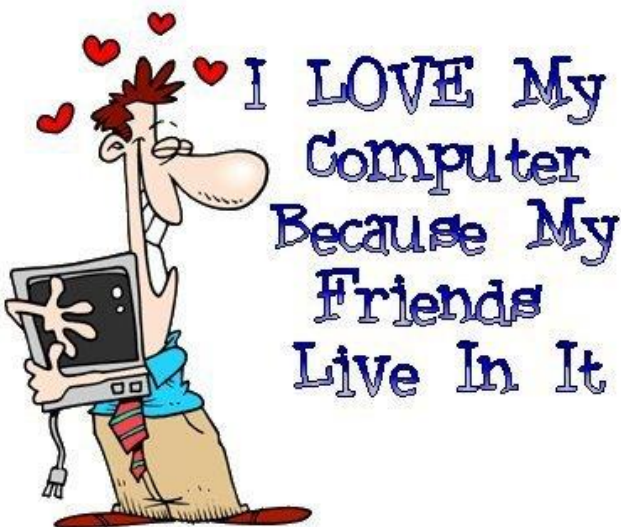
In Florida, an assistant U.S. Attorney, was cross-examining a defendant on trial for drug possession. A counterfeit Social Security card bearing his name had been found in his wallet when he was arrested. In the line of questioning, the U.S. Attorney reached the topic of the phony card.

"This card is in your name, correct?"

The defendant replied that it was.

"Is this a real Social Security card?"

"I certainly hope so," he replied. "I paid \$50 for it."

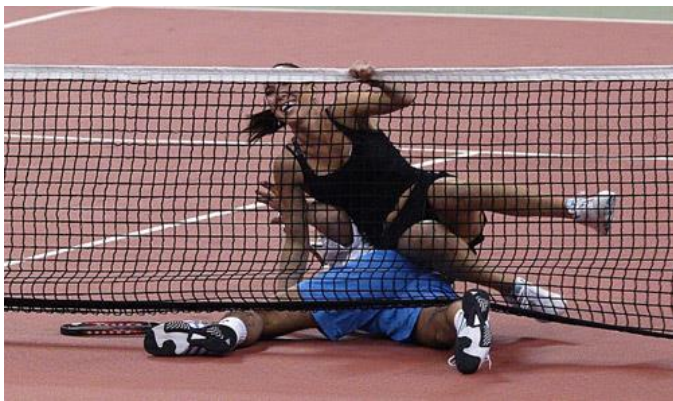


The road by my house was in bad condition. Every day I dodged potholes on the way to work, so I was relieved

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the parrot was his at last!

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the Auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!"

"Don't worry." said the Auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"



Doubles? Never again!

My dear friend, a divorcee, never remarried, and her daughter wanted to know why.

"The men I know would bring too much heavy baggage to the marriage and I simply don't want to put up with it," she explained.

Taking her mother's hand in hers, my friend's daughter said sweetly, "I hate to break the news to you, Mom, but you're not exactly carry-on yourself."

One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant. Before long it exploded into flames and an alarm went out to fire departments from miles around. After fighting the fire for over an hour, the chemical company president approached the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved! I will give \$50,000 to the engine company that brings them out safely!"

As soon as the chief heard this, he ordered the firemen to strengthen their attack on the blaze. After two more hours of attacking the fire, president of the company offered \$100,000 to the engine company that could bring out the company's secret files. From the distance a long siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was a local volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over 65. To everyone's amazement the little fire engine raced through the chemical plant gates and drove straight into the middle of the inferno. In the distance the other firemen watched as the old timers hopped off of their rig and began to fight the fire with an effort that they had never seen before.

After an hour of intense fighting the volunteer company had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas. Joyous the chemical company president announced that he would double the reward to \$200,000 and walked over to personally thank each of the volunteers. After thanking each of the old men individually the president asked the group what they intended to do with the reward money. The fire truck driver looked him right in the eye and said, "The first thing we're going to do is fix the stupid brakes on that truck!"

Walking up to a department store's fabric counter, a pretty girl asked, "I want to buy this material for a new dress. How much does it cost?"

"Only one kiss per yard," replied the smirking male clerk.

"That's fine," replied the girl. "I'll take ten yards."

With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out and wrapped the cloth, then teasingly held it out.

The girl snapped up the package and pointed to a little old man standing beside her.

"Grandpa will pay the bill," she smiled.

The English test had only one question: "Write an essay on 'The Most Beautiful Thing I Ever Saw'".

One of the students finished his essay in less than a minute. It read in its entirety:

"The most beautiful thing I ever saw was just too beautiful for words."

He got the only A in the class.

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A little girl asked her father, "Daddy? Do all Fairy Tales begin with 'Once Upon A Time?'"

He replied, "No, there is a whole series of Fairy Tales that begin with 'If elected I promise...'"



When President said we were opening a new area on the outskirts of the mission, he wasn't kidding, was he?

Frequent hand washing in my job as a medical technologist and the harsh weather combined give me very dry skin.

One night as I prepared for bed, I rubbed my hands with petroleum jelly and covered them with an old pair of white gloves. As I sat in bed reading a book with my gloves on, my husband finished showering and came into the room wearing a towel.

Drying himself off, he went to the closet, selected a tie and put it on.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"Well" he replied, "if you are going to be formal, so am I."

When I stopped the bus to pick up Chris for preschool, I noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house.

"Is that your grandmother?" I asked.

"Yes," Chris said. "She's come to visit us for Christmas."

"How nice," I said. "Where does she live?"

"At the airport," Chris replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her."

The proud father brought home a backyard swing set for his children and immediately started to assemble it with all the neighborhood children anxiously waiting to play on it.

After several hours of reading the directions, attempting to fit bolt A into slot B, etc., he finally gave up and called upon an old handyman working in a neighboring yard.

The old-timer came over, threw the directions away, and in a short while had the set completely assembled.

It's beyond me," said the father, "how you got it together without even reading instructions."

"To tell the truth," replied the old-timer, "I can't read, and when you can't read, you've got to think."

Once there was a millionaire, who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful daughter who was single.

One day he decided to throw a huge party, and during the party he announced, "My dear guests...I have a

proposition to every man here. I will give one million dollars or my daughter to the man who can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge unharmed!"

As soon as he finished his last word, there was the sound of a large SPLASH!! There was one guy in the pool swimming with all he could...the crowd cheered him on as he kept stroking. Finally, he made it to the other side unharmed.

The millionaire was impressed. He said, "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain...which do you want, my daughter or the one million dollars?"

The guy says, "Listen, I don't want your money! And I don't want your daughter! I want the name of the person who pushed me in!!!"

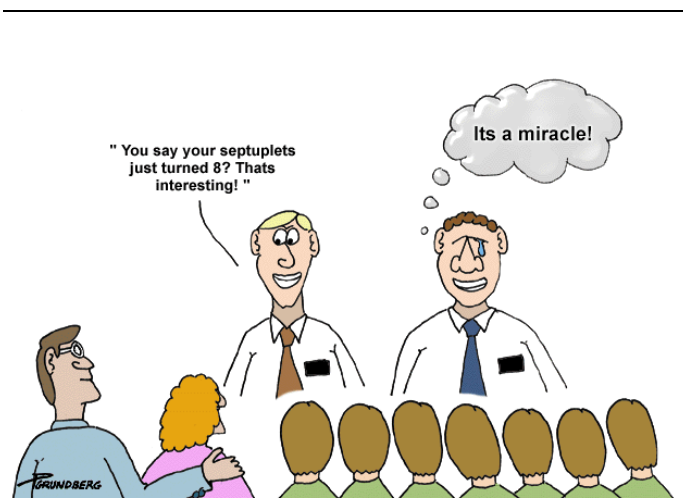
screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!!"

The second man replied, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. My pastor will find me!"



A college student who had run out of dating funds wrote his father a note:

No money.
Not funny.
Love, Sonny.

His father wrote back:

So sad.
Too bad.
Love, Dad

Sixteen Steps to Build a Campfire . . .

1. Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make structure of slivers (include those embedded in hand)
6. Light Match
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8. Repeat "a Scout is cheerful" and light match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of fire.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. Upon discovering that fire has gone out while out searching for more wood, soak wood from can labeled "kerosene."
13. Treat face and arms for second-degree burns.
14. Re-label can to read "gasoline."
15. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
16. When thunder storm has passed, repeat steps.

There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started