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Why Women Live Longer Than Men

Thoughts To Ponder

- * Since light travels faster than sound, is that why some people appear brighter until they speak?
- * If it's zero degrees outside today and it's twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
- * Why do you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?
- * Why are they called buildings, when they're already finished? Shouldn't they be called built?
- * Why do people without a watch look at their wrist when you ask them what time it is?
- * Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
- * Does the reverse side also have a reverse side?
- * Why is the alphabet in that order?
- * If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?
- * The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face
- * Do you know what happens when you slice a golf ball in half? Someone gets mad at you.
- * I hope life isn't a big joke, because I don't get it.

A duck goes into the drug store. The duck gets some Blistex and takes it to the check out. The checker says, "Cash or charge?" The duck says, "Put it on my bill."

Kyle and Justin were sitting down to eat their supper with the baby sitter when 6-year-old Kyle noticed the baby sitter sit down in his daddy's seat. "You can't sit in Daddy's seat!" Kyle exclaimed. "Daddy's not home," the baby sitter replied, matter-of-factly. "Since I'm responsible for you while he's gone, I can sit here. Tonight I'm the boss." Justin, the 4-year-old, quickly piped up, "If you're the boss, you have to sit over there in Mommy's chair!"

A middle aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live. Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

Some Signs A Presidential Candidate is Under-qualified

- * Promises to improve foreign relations with Hawaii.
- * At the debates, answers every question with a snarled, "You wanna wrestle!?"
- * Runs a series of attack ads against Martin Sheen's character on "The West Wing."
- * Says the Pledge of Allegiance as quickly as possible, then shouts, "I win!"
- * His #1 choice to work on his cabinet is "That Bob Vila guy."
- * On the very first question of the debate, he attempts to "Use a LIFELINE".
- * Anybody mentions Washington, he asks, "The state or the DC thingie?"

Thoughts about Marriage (I just repeat them, I don't write them...in case my wife happens to read this)

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man. - Lana Turner

Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution. - Mae West

Marriage is a three ring circus: engagement ring, wedding ring, and suffering.

Marriage is not a word; it is a sentence.

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

Marriage is when a man and woman become as one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

Marriages are made in heaven. But so again, are thunder and lightning.

Before marriage, a man yearns for the woman he loves. After marriage, the 'Y' becomes silent.

A frog hopped into a bank, went to the teller window, and was greeted by Patty Black. The frog asked Patty for a sizable loan to fix up his pad. When asked for collateral, the frog produced a small trinket. Patty looked at the trinket and said "I'll have to clear this with the Bank President. When he saw the trinket he said, "It's a knick knack, Patty Black, give the frog a loan."



"This sofa is ideal for the home office worker. It folds out into a desk, file cabinet, fax machine, copier, scanner, printer, and computer."



"Thank you for calling Customer Service. This call may be monitored so we can play it back to your mother if you're rude or use bad words."

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Actual Answering Machine Messages Recorded and By The World Famous International Institute of Answering Machine Messages:

- Hello, you are talking to a machine. I am capable of receiving messages. My owners do not need siding, windows or a hot tub, and their carpets are clean. They give to charity at the office and don't need their picture taken. If you're still with me, leave your name and phone number and they will get back to you.
- This is not an answering machine - this is a telepathic thought-recording device. After the tone, think about your name, your number, and your reason for calling.... and I'll think about returning your call.
- Hi! John's answering machine is broken. This is his refrigerator. Please speak very slowly, and I'll stick your message to myself with one of these magnets.
- Hi. If you are the phone company, I already sent the money. If you are my parents, please send money. If you are my bank, you didn't lend me enough money. If you are my friends, you owe me money. If you are a female, don't worry, I have LOTS of money.
- A is for academics, B is for beer. One of those reasons is why we're not here. So, leave a message.
- Hello! If you leave a message, I'll call you soon. If you leave a "sexy" message, I'll call sooner.
- Hi. Now YOU say something.
- Hi. I'm probably home, I'm just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave me a message, and if I don't call back, it's you.
- Hello, you've reached Jim and Sonya. We can't pick up the phone right now, because we're doing something we really enjoy. Sonya likes doing it up and down, and I like doing it left to right... real slowly. So leave a message, and when we're done brushing our teeth, we'll call you back.

A woman frantically calls the local fire department to report a fire in the neighborhood. The dispatcher asks the woman "Well, how do we get there?" Confused, the woman replied "Don't you still have those big, red trucks?"

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West...He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

A man was driving down a country road when he noticed a farmer standing in a large field. The farmer wasn't doing anything, he was just standing there. Curious, the man stopped his car and took the walk over to the farmer and asked him what he was doing. The farmer replied "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize." "How do you expect to do that?" the man asked. The farmer replied, "I heard they only give it to people who are out standing in their field."

Ten Commandments: The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse! You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" and "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians! It creates a hostile work environment.

You know you've joined a redneck HMO if:

- Directions to the Dr.'s office "Take a left as you enter the trailer park"
- Preventive Care Coverage includes "an apple a day"
- The tongue depressors taste faintly of Fudgesicles
- Your Prozac comes in colors and has little "m's" on each pill
- The only proctologist lists his address as Rotorooter
- The only 100% covered expense is embalming
- The Lone Star Bar and Grill is an approved pharmacy
- Your Viagra prescription includes a popsicle stick and some duct tape.

MOTHER: Why did you get such a low mark on that test?
JUNIOR: Because of absence.
MOTHER: You mean you were absent on the day of the test?
JUNIOR: No, but the kid who sits next to me was.

TEACHER: If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?
VINCENT: One dollar.
TEACHER: You don't know your arithmetic.
VINCENT: You don't know my father.

TEACHER: Max, use "defeat", "defense", and "detail" in a sentence.
MAX: The rabbit cut across the field, and defeat went over defense before detail.

Wisdom from Grandpa...

- If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.
- Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds, and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.
- First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper but it's really worse when you forget to pull it down.
- Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth.... Remember about Algebra.
- You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up, or leaks.
- "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside...thoroughly used up...totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming-- WOW! what a ride!!"

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Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly...but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank! This proved, once and for all, that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too!

"A little lemon and seltzer will remove those pesky ink stains after you've been fingerprinted." -Martha Stewart

Two old-timers, Zeb and Noah, were sitting in rocking chairs in front of the General Store in Atherton, Vermont, gabbing away about politics... Zeb said to Noah, "I used to eat a lot better back when Ronald Reagan was president." "Oh... So you think times were better back then?" asked Noah. "No..." replied Zeb, "I had my own teeth."

A Collection of Classic Lawyer Jokes

Q: How can you tell when a lawyer is lying? A: His lips are moving.

Q: What do you call a lawyer with an I. Q. of 50? A: Your honor.

Q: What do you call a lawyer whose gone bad? A: Senator.

Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and a trampoline? A: You take off your shoes to jump on a trampoline!

Q: What do you call 5000 dead lawyers at the bottom of the ocean? A: A good start!

Q: What's the difference between a dead dog and a dead lawyer in the road? A: There are skid marks in front of the dog.

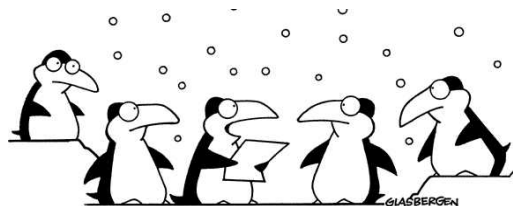
Q: What do you have when a lawyer is buried up to his neck in sand? A: Not enough sand.

Q: How do you stop a lawyer from drowning? A: Shoot him before he hits the water!

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," said Jack to his wife as he stepped out of the shower... "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money!" she replied.

In a small town in Texas, the local madam operated an escort service. The police finally arrested her and seized her big black book in which her talent was listed. Each officer on the force was assigned a group of the names in it and told to check them out. After a week, the Chief called a meeting to get their reports. When it became the turn of Constable Ralph to tell what he had found, he said, "I'm sorry, chief but I think I should disqualify myself. One of the ladies on whom I called is an eighty-four-year-old woman. She is so charming that I have fallen in love with her." "Holy Moly!" exclaimed the Chief. "I'm sure surprised at you, Ralph. You've been a policeman almost all your life -- and here you are, falling for the oldest trick in the book!"

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.....Today, it's called Golf.



"They say we're not placing enough emphasis on diversity."

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat & drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

A patient, while recovering in the hospital from a heart attack, met this over-zealous evangelist. After listening politely for a over a half hour on how thankful he should be to have been spared, and how he should repent at once, he asked if all of his sins had flashed before his eyes during the heart attack. The patient responded, "Don't be ridiculous, the attack only lasted 6 hours!"

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To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice. Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping - they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So, before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMICAL FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

- **Shortly before arrival:** "Weather at our destination is 50 degrees, with some broken clouds; but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your travel money, more than this airline."
- **Before takeoff:** "To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. Actually, it works just like every other seat belt on the planet. If you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."
- **On the ground, after an exceedingly bumpy landing:** "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."
- **Upon arrival:** "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at this airline."
- **Prior to Takeoff:** "In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, or someone who is acting like a small child, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with two such persons, decide now which one you love more."

WORDS WOMEN USE

FINE is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

GO AHEAD is a dare, not permission. Don't do it.

FIVE MINUTES If she is getting dressed, this is half an hour. 5 minutes is only 5 minutes if you have 5 more minutes to watch the game before chores.

NOTHING means "something," and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with 'Nothing' usually end in "Fine"

LOUD SIGH This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing"

THAT'S OKAY This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

THANKS A woman is thanking you. Do not question it or faint. Just say you're welcome.