

THE POPE'S CROSSWORD

One day, a shy gentleman was preparing to board a plane when he heard That the Pope was on the same flight. "This is exciting," thought the gentleman. "I've always been a big fan of the Pope. Perhaps I'll be able to see him in person."

Suddenly, the man realized his seat was right next to the Pope himself. Still, the gentleman was too shy to speak to His Holiness.

Shortly after take-off, the Pope took a crossword puzzle out of his carry-on bag and began penciling in the answers.

"This is fantastic!" the gentleman mused. "I'm really good at crosswords. It crossed his mind that if His Holiness got stuck, He'd ask me for assistance."

Almost as if providence struck, the Pope turned to the man and said, "Excuse me, but do you know a four letter word referring to a woman that ends in 'unt'? The three Cardinals traveling with the Pope, in front of and beside him, shrunk down in their seats, as far as possible, all looking for something on the floor.

The man was in shock. He couldn't breathe and after almost a minute, the dark clouds of evil parted in his mind.

Turning to the Pope, the gentleman said, with reverence and politeness, "I believe Holy Father, that you're looking for the word, 'aunt'..."

"Of course," the Pope mused, not taking his gaze off the crossword, "You wouldn't happen to have an eraser, would you?"

FOUR GREAT RELIGIOUS TRUTHS

1. Muslims don't recognize Jews as God's chosen people
2. Jews don't recognize Jesus as the Messiah
3. Protestants don't recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world
4. Baptists don't recognize each other at Hooters

Coco'Nut' Funnies

THE BUTCHER

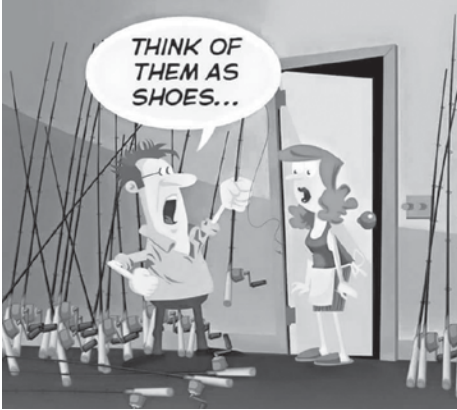
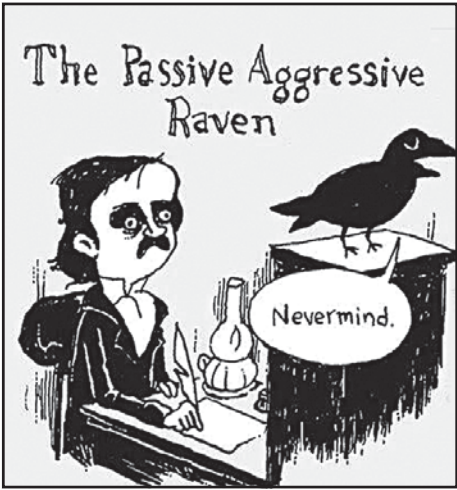
A Russian woman married an Australian gentleman and they lived happily ever after in Key Largo. The poor lady was not very proficient in English, but did manage to communicate with her husband. The real problem arose whenever she had to shop for groceries.

One day, she went to the butcher and wanted to buy chicken legs. She didn't know how to put forward her request, and in desperation, clucked like a chicken and lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. Her butcher got the message, and gave her the chicken legs.

The next day she needed to get chicken breasts, again she didn't know how to say it, and so she clucked like a chicken and unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breasts. The butcher understood again, and gave her some chicken breasts.

On the third day, the poor lady needed to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brought her husband to the store.

Hey! Get your mind out of the gutter!!! Her husband could speak English!



THE AMERICAN WAY

A golfer walks into the pro shop at the local course and asks the golf pro if they sell ball markers.

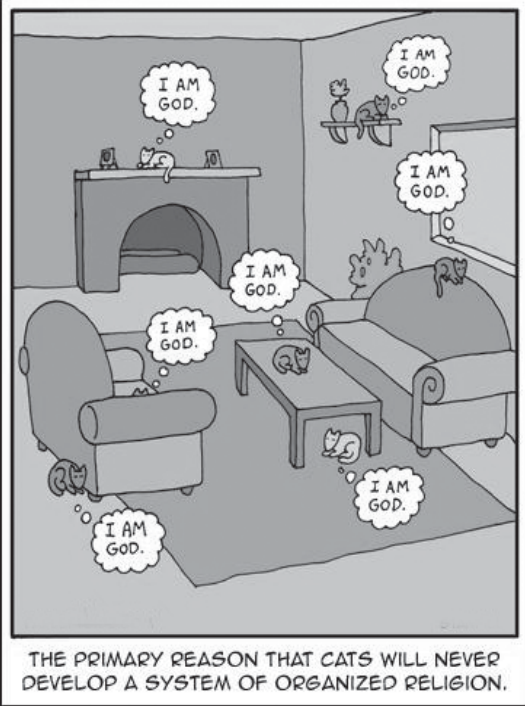
The golf pro says they do, and they are \$1.00.

The guy gives the golf pro a dollar.

The golf pro opens the register, puts the dollar in, and hands him a dime to use as the marker.

This economic model is also used by the government.

Thank you Doug Myers!



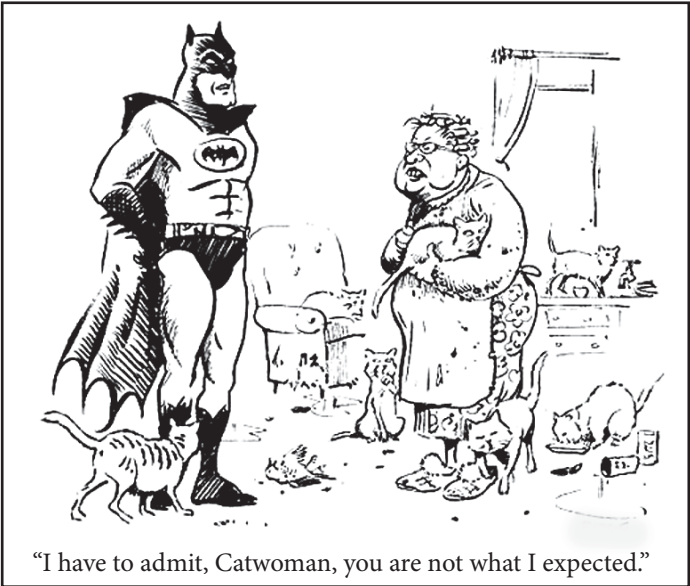
OVERHEARD IN A BAR

A guy meets a hooker one night in a Key Largo bar.

She says, "This is your lucky night. I've got a special game for you. I'll do absolutely anything you want for \$300, as long as you can say it in three words."

The guy whips his wallet out of his pocket, and one at a time lays three hundred dollar bills on the bar, saying slowly... "Paint. My. House."

Thank you Thad Bowling!



Did I read that sign right?

"TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW."

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In a department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS..

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

In an office: AFTER COFFEE BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE COFFEE POT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A NICE BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.

Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

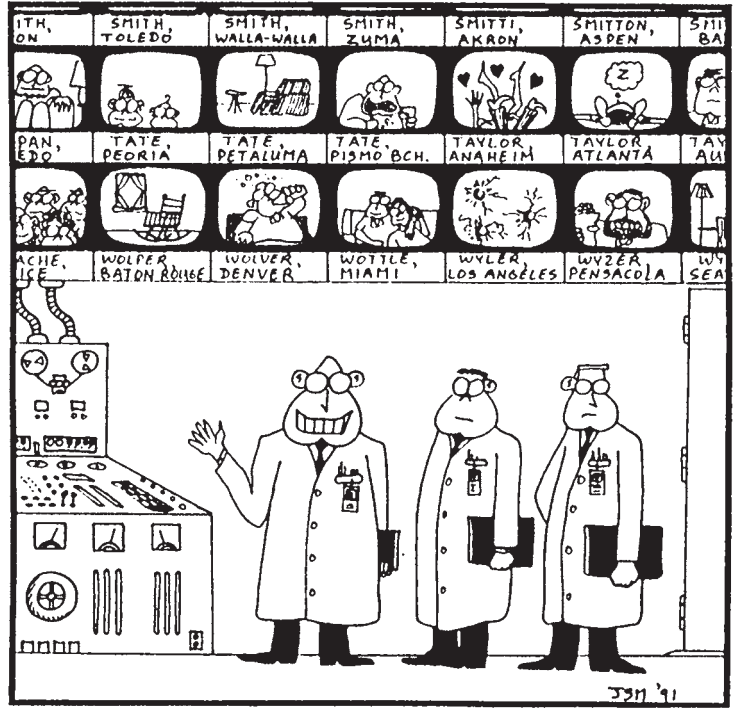
Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Left Field

by J.S. McKinna



"Gentlemen, your final step as CIA trainees is to learn our best-kept secret... Remember how you always thought that televisions only *received* signals?..."

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