



Yes, these are real signs

On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

On an electrician's van: "We'll remove your shorts!"

In a veterinarian's office: "Back in 15 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

On the door to a proctologist's office: "To expedite your visit, please back in."

At a tailor shop: We give our customers the lowest prices and workmanship

At a Pennsylvania cemetery: "Please do not hunt during daylight"

On a septic tank business: "We're #1 in the #2 business"

At a photo studio: "Have your kids shot while you wait!"

In a cafeteria: "Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria."

In a clothing store: "Wonderful bargains for men with 16 and 17 necks."

At a teriyaki restaurant: "\$3.99 Chicken Bowl!"

In a Vermont men's store: "25 men's wool suits, \$10. They won't last an hour!"

In a Mall: "Ears pierced, while you wait"

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen." The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, "That driver just insulted me!" The man says, "You go right up there and tell him off! Go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you." ++++++
 A patient says, "Doctor, last night I made a Freudian slip. I was having dinner with my mother-in-law and wanted to say: 'Could you please pass the butter?' But instead I said: 'You silly cow, you have completely ruined my life.'"



After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.



Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.
 His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"



Pelly Coffee Pot



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Is 99.9% "Good Enough"?

One of the many 1990's business trends was "three nines" -- businesses should strive for 99.9% accuracy, 99.9% customer satisfaction, 99.9% quality, etc. Is 99.9% "good enough"? If so...

- ★18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled in the next hour.
- ★291 pacemaker operations will be performed incorrectly this year.
- ★880,000 credit cards in circulation will turn out to have incorrect cardholder information on their magnetic strips.
- ★\$9,690 will be spent every day on defective, often unsafe sporting equipment.
- ★55 malfunctioning automatic teller machines will be installed in the next 12 months.
- ★20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions will be written in the next 12 months.
- ★114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped this year.
- ★\$761,900 will be spent on tapes and CDs that won't play.
- ★107 incorrect medical procedures will be performed each day.
- ★315 entries in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of English Language will be misspelled.
- ★And you thought 99.9% was good enough!

Events - 2014

- Jan 6 - school begins
- Jan 16 - garbage day
- Jan 30 - garbage day
- Feb 14 - Valentines Day
- Feb 17-21 School Winter Break
- Mar 9 - Daylight savings time
- May 11 - Mother's Day
- Apr 20 - Easter Sunday (corrected date from last week)

Named for the Roman god Janus, the two-faced god of beginnings, January was originally the 11th month, not the 1st, until at least 153 b.c. Janus looks simultaneously to the future and the past, a fitting symbol for this first day of the year. The weather of the first 12 days of the year is said to be indicative of the following 12 months.

If the old year goes out like a lion, the new year will come in like a lamb.

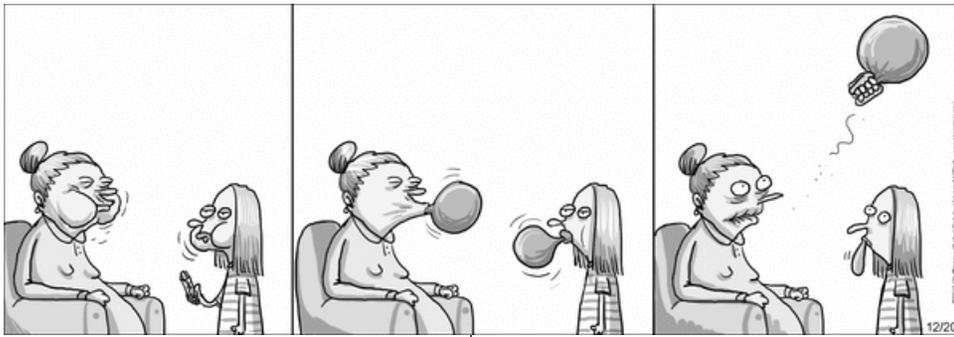
*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–92)

Saskatchewan is so flat that, on a clear day, you can see the back of your own head.

**"I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
 --I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the
 difference."**

—Robert Frost



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."

RANDOM TIDBITS

Who still believes in Santa? Studies say more four-year-olds do than any other age group.

Only 10 percent of U.S. households put cookies out for Santa on Christmas Eve.

U.S. kids leave an estimated 812 million cookies out for Santa on Christmas Eve.

More than 25 million kids visit Santa in malls nationwide each year.

Worldwide, Christmas has been celebrated on 135 different days of the year.

Americans send about two billion Christmas cards every year.

New Laws 2014

1 January is habitually a watershed for new rules, appointments and bylaws; 2014 is no exception.

So what is changing? Well, if you are driving in Oregon with children in your car, do not light up. It'll be illegal. And if you're driving in Switzerland, turn your headlights on. Even if it's the middle of the day.



While we're on the subject of lighting, if you live in Canada please remove those last incandescent lightbulbs – they won't be allowed any more.

Other things that are no being banned: owning unregistered assault weapons in Connecticut; harassing celebrities and their children with long-lens cameras in California; hunting elephants in Botswana and injudicious calls to the London Fire Brigade (if you're a business you'll be fined for false alarms). Oh, and if you're an architect practising in Texas, you will have to get yourself fingerprinted. Don't ask why.

On the other hand, there are moments of great liberalization to salute. Colorado on Wednesday will become the first state in the US to allow the sale of marijuana for recreational purposes. Also in America, for the first time it will be OK to be a gay Boy Scout, while for their British counterparts, it's OK to be an atheist.

There's a saying in Turkey: "If you kill a cat, you need to build a mosque for God's forgiveness." This all stems back to a cat named Muezza, the favorite pet of the prophet Muhammad. According to one folktale, Muezza saved Muhammad from a deadly snake. When the prophet stroked her back as thanks, cats gained their ability to always land on their feet.

Muhammad would go on to teach his followers, "Cats are not impure; they keep watch around us." The prophet's legendary appreciation for cats made the creatures far more welcome by Muslims than by their Christian counterparts, who for centuries reviled felines as agents of the devil and carriers of plague. To this day, cats are welcomed into mosques with open arms.

It costs \$50 per second to operate Air Force One. - Time Magazine, 6/4/12

I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, "Mom, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy."

Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "What is that?"

He replied, "They're all nocturnal."

New Years RESOLUTION #1:

2007: I will read at least 20 good books a year.

2008: I will read at least 10 books a year.

2009: I will read 5 books a year.

2010: I will finish The DaVinci Code.

2011: I will read some articles in the newspaper this year.

2012: I will read at least one article this year.

2013: I will try and finish the comics section this year.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify: 'I put 'DOCTOR.'

If I try to be like him, who will be like me?

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled in with snow.

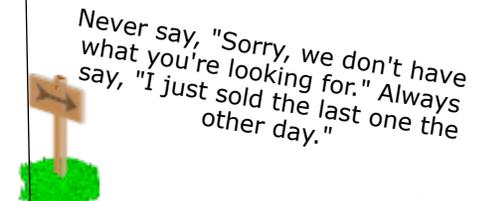
Until just recently, it was common for the Vera Wang Wedding Dress Boutique in Shanghai to charge a \$484 "try-on fee". - Time Magazine, 4/15/13

Late for work already, I was annoyed to find a strange car in my reserved parking space again. After locating a spot far away, I stormed into my office determined, to have the car towed. As the morning wore on, however, my anger cooled, and I decided to give the driver another chance.

During lunchtime, I went outside and left this note on the driver's windshield:
"Please don't take my parking space. If you do, and your car disappears, don't say I never towed you!"

What happened when Santa's cat swallowed a ball of yarn?
She had mittens.

Henny Youngman said: "I saw a sign in a big department store that read, 'Five Santas -- No Waiting!'"



Never use a preposition to end a sentence with.



I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.