



The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION
Canberra Circle 331

Meetings 6.45pm third Thursday of month
(Except December)
Southern Cross Club, Woden

NEWSLETTER May 2012

<http://www.canberracatenians.com/>

160th Meeting & Dinner

Thursday 17th May 2012

At

The Southern Cross Club, WODEN

Pre-meeting drinks @ 6.45 pm

Meeting @ 7.15 pm

Confirm your attendance and that of your guests for our

MAY MEETING & DINNER

By contacting our Temporary Under Assistant East Coast Catering Officer
Br NORM RUSSELL

preferably by email

Email: normandpeg@bigpond.com

or phone: 6291 6543

Before 1600 Sunday 13th May

Guest Speaker: Br Phil Murray

**On: "Seven Phases of Phil"
– His life, faith & music**

Last Month

At the AGM, Br Robin handed the reins to Br Jeff Cowley and so a new Catenian year commences. Br John McWilliam was then installed as our Vice President and Br Robin will be our Provincial Councillor.

Members are looking forward to a great year. Bro Robin spoke to members after dinner about the highlights of his past year as President. It was a good year with the Grand President's visit the centre piece.



**Canberra
Circle's new
leadership team
for 2012.**

**John
McWilliam, Vice
President (l),
Robin Wells,
Provincial
Councillor (c)
and Jeff Cowley,
President (r).**

**Note the
matching Circle
ties.**



THIS MONTH

Our 160th meeting is coming up this month and our Guest Speaker is our very own, Br Phil Murray. Phil is going to have to overcome a serious eye problem but has promised to share with us a rich tale of his life journey in faith and music. It promises to be an excellent night.

REMINDER: Our Catering Officer is currently away and Br Norm Russell has kindly stepped in for the May & June meetings. Be sure to get your acceptance or apology back to Br Norm.



Volunteer Needed

Our Membership Officer, Br Len Lambeth, has had to relinquish his post due to competing priorities at his work. Our Circle therefore needs a brave volunteer to step forward into this breach.

New members are the life-blood of the organisation and the duties of Membership Officer are both rewarding and fulfilling. There is a membership committee to assist the Membership Officer.

If you are interested, please contact Br President, Jeff Cowley.



Catena

Don't forget to drill into the UK Catenian Association web site occasionally and read the Catena magazine. Especially read the many items on Australian circles.

See: <http://www.thecatenians.com/>

Access info is available on OUR web site, on the "Notices" page.



Province 21 News

The big news coming out of Province was the appointment of Br George Kazs as Provincial Secretary on the 30th April. A well kept secret until now. A singular honour and something we in Circle 331 can be rightly proud of. Well done George.



Br George (r) receiving the documentation bag from outgoing Secretary Peter Tilbrook

At the same Provincial Council meeting, our former President, Br Robin Wells, was elected as the Provincial Councillor for Circle 331, replacing Br Myles Hannan. Congratulations Robin & many thanks to Myles for his work.



Br Robin Wells (I) was installed as Circle 331's Provincial Councillor at the Province 21 AGM. He is with newly installed Provincial President, Paul Despoges (C) and Provincial Secretary, George Kazz

All the latest news from Province 21, including the very informative “Eastern Link” prepared by Peter Cash (Cairns) can be found at: <http://www.thecatenianassociation.org.au/>

3rd Australian Conference of the Catenian Association

Dear Brothers,

Attached is the second notification of the most important Catenian event in 2012 - the 3rd Australian Conference of the Catenian Association.

This flyer gives more detail about the Conference, the surrounding events and billeting requirements for interstate Brothers which is required quickly.

There is also a REGISTRATION FORM that details costs and payment options for each of the events. Together with details of numbers attending arrival and departure times, etc.

Yours fraternally

Rob Young

Acting Area Vice President
and Conference Publicity

SECOND NOTICE • SECOND NOTICE



The Catenian Association
3rd Australian Conference
Melbourne
26th - 28th October 2012

1. Accommodation - We anticipate that all visitors will be billeted!
Visitors to Conference – Please advise Bro. Frank Peck (by email) immediately on fcmpeck@bigpond.com if you require billeting and for how long.
2. Brothers of Area Victoria – Please advise Bro. Frank Peck (by email) fcmpeck@bigpond.com now if you are able to billet a Catenian couple for the 3 day conference or longer.
3. The Conference will include the following:-
 - i) 8.00pm Friday night - Registration and Welcome at St Leonard's Community Centre, 349 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley (plenty of off road parking available). Finger Food and Refreshments will be served.
 - ii) Saturday - Ladies - visit to The Australian Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne (9.30am to 3.30pm - pick-up and return to Conference venue)
 - iii) Saturday – All day conference at Melbourne Catholic University, Victoria Parade, Melbourne
9.00am Registration; 9.30 Conference opens with guest speaker Most Reverend Peter Elliott DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, on the Year of Grace; then a report on the Restructure Commission;

plus motions and discussion relevant to the future of the Association in Australia. On-site parking is available all day - Flat Rate \$10.

iv) A light lunch will be served.

v) Saturday Night 7 for 7.30pm – Conference dinner at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club with Most Reverend Denis Hart DD Archbishop of Melbourne as guest of honour. Our guest speaker is Dr Dein Vindigni OAM, B.App.Sc.(Chiro.), B.A.(Soc Sc), Master Med Sc,PhD. Dein is the founder of Hands On Health which operates in Australia and Asia.

vi) Sunday 11.00am – Conference Mass celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Patrick's Cathedral vii) Sunday Picnic Lunch – 1.00pm onwards, beside the Yarra River at Yarra Bank Reserve. Bring your own Circle name badge for all Conference functions

4. Conference Registration (next page)

If you are attending any function or event, a Registration form needs to be completed and forwarded to Bro Frank Peck. Please send this form in as soon as possible as this will assist us with our planning and organising.

5. Agenda items and motions

Your views on items pertinent to the Conference are requested. Motions should include a background paper and an introduction to the topic and should be placed through your Circle and your Provincial or Area Council. These are needed as soon as possible.

6. After Conference

For the remainder of the week or so in Melbourne, we can possibly assist with some of the following :- Golf; River Cruises; Immigration Museum; Sports Museum at MCG and the City of Melbourne Circle meeting on Monday Night.

The aim of the conference is to build on the wonderful groundwork begun by Province 21 in 2008 and continued by Province 20 in 2010.

SPECIAL NOTE:

All Circle 331 Brothers who Register for attendance are requested to keep our Br Secretary, George Kazs informed.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

To be dispatched with payment to: Bro Frank Peck, 916 Burke Rd, Deepdene Vic 3101; Phone: (03) 9817 1620, mobile: 0400 008 114, e-mail: fcgmpeck@bigpond.com

A separate booking form is required for each Brother

1. Applications close Friday September 21, 2012.
2. Cancellations after Monday September 24, 2012 cannot be refunded

	Cost	Number Attending	Total Cost	Office use only
Friday 26th October				
Welcome Social	\$15.00			
Saturday 27th October				
Botanical Gardens Tour (Ladies)	\$20.00			
Saturday Conference Fee with Lunch and Fellowship	\$35.00			
Conference Dinner	\$80.00			
Sunday 28th October				
Conference Mass	Free			
Picnic Lunch	Free			
		TOTAL COST		

BANK TRANSFER

Transfer funds for all attendees to the National Australia Bank BSB: 083 266

Account No: 54183 2205

Account Name: The Catenian Association Victorian Area Council

Please ensure your surname is included on the payment, then email Treasurer Michael Howard with the names of attendees to michael.howard@optusnet.com.au or phone (03) 9812 2548

Please complete your details in Block Letters

Cheque/Money Order herewith for	\$	Payable to THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN AREA COUNCIL		
Surname		Initials		
Known Names				
Address				
Town / City		Phone/mobile		
Email address				

Bring your own Circle name badge for all Conference functions

Special Needs or Dietary requirements

Name:-..... Requirements

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For any Visitor outside of Melbourne Vic

I am attending the 3rd Australian Catenian Association Conference Weekend in Melbourne
October 26 to 28, 2012.

Accommodation (Please Circle) Billeting Hotel Independent

Date of arrival		Date of departure	
Name of Host or Hotel			
Address			
Suburb		Phone/mobile	



Circle 331 Events Programme - Catenian Year 2012–2013

@ May 2012

	Date	Event	Comments
MAY	Sat 5 th Thur 17 th	Province 21 Workshop Meeting & dinner	St Joseph's Centre, Sydney Guest Speaker: Br Phil Murray
JUNE	Thur 21 st	Joint Circles 331/340 meeting & ladies' dinner	Sponsor: 331
JULY	Sun 1 st Thur 19 th Thur 26 th	Province 21 Mass Meeting & dinner O'Connell Cup	Sacred Heart, Mosman Southern Cross Club, Woden Parramatta Circle
AUGUST	Wed 1st	Joint Circles 331/340 meeting & dinner	Sponsor: 340
SEPTEMBER	Thur 20 th	Meeting & dinner	Guest Speaker: Br Myles Hannan - "A layman who started a revolution within the church - Maurice Blondel".
OCTOBER	Thur 18 th 26-28	Meeting & ladies' dinner 3 rd Australian Catenian Conference	Invite Circle 340 Melbourne
NOVEMBER	Thur 8 th	<i>Joint Circle Mass for Vocations in conjunction with Serra Club</i>	<i>Sponsor: 331 (Bro J Malycha)</i>
NOVEMBER	Thur 15 th Thur 22 nd	Meeting & dinner Truthful Jones Trophy	Southern Cross Club, Woden Castle Hill Circle
DECEMBER	Sun 2 nd	Joint Presidents' Mass & Social Function:	Sponsor: 340

JANUARY 2013	Thur 17 th	Meeting & dinner	Casual dress
FEBRUARY	Thur 21 th	Joint Circles 331/340 meeting & ladies' dinner	Sponsor: 331 Casual dress
MARCH Sun 3 rd <i>not the Canberra Day long weekend</i>	Sat 2 nd &	Joint Circles 331/340 Weekend Away	Sponsor: 340
MARCH	Thur 21 st	Meeting & dinner	

Please note:

1. The Events Program is always readily available on our web site www.canberracatenians.com. Bookmark the site and add key events to your personal planner or diary.
2. Sometimes things change. The web site will be updated with a "correct at (date)" message attached when necessary.



He ain't heavy

As always, let us pray for sick and deceased brothers, the continuing strength of our Circle, and health of its members and families.

Br Phil Murray has had some serious eye surgery and needs some prayers.

Also, Paddy Reardon is recovering from his successful bowel cancer operation recently. His daughter says all went well - no baggage. Pray for his speedy recovery so he enjoy Canberra's autumn.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

May	
02	Myles Hannan
10	Elaine Kazs
25	Arthur Ringer
29	Veronica Lambeth

June	
01	Helen Flynn Robin Wells
05	Jeff Cowley Mary Morris Trevor Barker
21	Terry Brown

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May	
07	John & Susan McWilliam
09	John & Mary Malycha
16	Paul & Sue Schirripa
30	Bob & Mary Cousins

June	
08	John & Muriel Madden
10	Peter & Marie Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!



That's what makes the Circle go round for this month.

Art

THE FUNNY PAGES

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,..... just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.



A BLONDE STORY

A blonde was terribly overweight, so her doctor put her on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least 5 pounds."

When the blonde returned, she shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds. "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?" The blonde nodded. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that 3rd day." "From hunger, you mean?" asked the doctor. "No, from skipping."

ANOTHER BLONDE STORY

Three weeks after her wedding day, Joanna called her minister. "Reverend," she wailed, "John and I had a DREADFUL fight!" "Calm down, my child," said the minister, "it's not half as bad as you think it is. Every marriage has to have its first fight!" "I know, I know!" said Joanna, "but what am I going to do with the BODY?"

... NOT ANOTHER BLONDE STORY

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid. So, she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. She decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house while her husband is off at work. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand.

Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a heavy parka and a leather jacket at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is OK. She replies yes. He asks what she

is doing and she replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, and she wanted to do it by painting in the house. He then asks her why she has a parka over her leather jacket. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and it said...

"FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS"



COURT REPORTER

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget..

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honour, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them... The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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SHOPPING FOR MEN

Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

Rule #1: When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

Rule #2: If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By the way, are you through with my 3/8-inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.

Rule #3: If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99-cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

Rule #4: Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.

Rule #5: You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.

Rule #6: Do not buy a man any of those fancy liqueurs. If you do, it will sit in a cupboard for 23 years. Real men drink whiskey or beer.

Rule #7: Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after shave or deodorant. I'm told they do not stink - they are earthy.

Rule #8: Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups. Saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why.

Rule #9: Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over.

Rule #10: Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook - but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue with a 100-pound propane tank. Tell him the gas line leaks. "Oh the thrill! The challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"

Rule #11: Tickets to a Red Wing/Lions/Pistons/Tigers game are a smart gift. However, he will not appreciate tickets to "A Retrospective of 19th Century Quilts." Everyone knows why.

Rule #12: Men love chainsaws. Never, ever, buy a man you love a chainsaw. If you don't know why - please refer to Rule #8 and what happens when he gets a label maker.

Rule #13: It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man a step ladder. It must be an extension ladder. No one knows why.

Rule #14: Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least the Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope. No one knows why...



MY NIGHT OUT

I would like to share an experience with you, about drinking and driving. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends at the Marriott Hotel and had a few too many beers and some rather nice red wine.

Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a bus home.

Sure enough I passed a police road block but as it was a bus, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise; as I have never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got it.



LOGIC LESSON

A fourth-grade teacher was giving her pupils a lesson in logic.

"Here is the situation," she said. "A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help. His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?"

A girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings?"



Q: What washes up on small beaches?

A: Microwaves.



BRAINS OF BRITAIN

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE (BBC2)

Jeremy Paxman: What is another name for 'cherrypickers' and 'cheesemongers'?

Contestant: Homosexuals.

Jeremy Paxman: No. They're regiments in the British Army who will be very upset with you.

BEG, BORROW OR STEAL (BBC2)

Jamie Theakston: Where do you think Cambridge University is?

Contestant: Geography isn't my strong point.

Jamie Theakston: There's a clue in the title.

Contestant: Leicester

BBC NORFOLK

Stewart White: Who had a worldwide hit with What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: I don't know.

Stewart White: I'll give you some clues: what do you call the part between your hand and your elbow?

Contestant: Arm

Stewart White: Correct. And if you're not weak, you're...?

Contestant: Strong.

Stewart White: Correct - and what was Lord Mountbatten's first name?

Contestant: Louis

Stewart White: Well, there we are then. So who had a worldwide hit with the song What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: Frank Sinatra?

LATE SHOW (BBC MIDLANDS)

Alex Trelinski: What is the capital of Italy ?

Contestant: France.

Trelinski: France is another country. Try again.

Contestant: Oh, um, Benidorm.

Trelinski: Wrong, sorry, let's try another question. In which country is the Parthenon?

Contestant: Sorry, I don't know.

Trelinski: Just guess a country then.

Contestant: Paris.

THE WEAKEST LINK (BBC2)

Anne Robinson: Oscar Wilde, Adolf Hitler and Jeffrey Archer have all written books about their experiences in what: - Prison, or the Conservative Party?

Contestant: The Conservative Party.

BEACON RADIO (WOLVERHAMPTON)

DJ Mark: For 10, what is the nationality of the Pope?

Ruth from Rowley Regis: I think I know that one. Is it Jewish?

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Bamber Gascoyne: What was Gandhi's first name?

Contestant: Goosey?

GWR FM (Bristol)

Presenter: What happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963?

Contestant: I don't know, I wasn't watching it then.

PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC RADIO? MANCHESTER)

Phil: What's 11 squared?

Contestant: I don't know.

Phil: I'll give you a clue. It's two ones with a two in the middle.

Contestant: Is it five?

RICHARD AND JUDY

Richard: Which American actor is married to Nicole Kidman?

Contestant: Forrest Gump.

RICHARD AND JUDY

Richard: On which street did Sherlock Holmes live?

Contestant: Er.

Richard: He makes bread

Contestant: Er

Richard: He makes cakes

Contestant: Kipling Street?

LINCS FM PHONE-IN

Presenter: Which is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world?

Contestant: Barcelona.

Presenter: I was really after the name of a country.

Contestant: I'm sorry, I don't know the names of any countries in Spain ..

NATIONAL LOTTERY (BBC1)

Question: What is the world's largest continent?
 Contestant: The Pacific.

ROCK FM (PRESTON)

Presenter: Name a film starring Bob Hoskins that is also the name of a famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci.
 Contestant: Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

THE BIGGEST GAME IN TOWN (ITV)

Steve Le Fevre: What was signed, to bring World War I to an end in 1918?
 Contestant: Magna Carta?

JAMES O'BRIEN SHOW (LBC)

James O'Brien: How many kings of England have been called Henry?
 Contestant: Er, well, I know there was a Henry the Eighth ... ER. ER ... Three?

CHRIS SEARLE SHOW (BBC RADIO BRISTOL)

Chris Searle: In which European country is Mount Etna ?
 Caller: Japan.
 Chris Searle: I did say which European country, so in case you didn't hear that, I can let you try again.
 Caller: Er Mexico ?

PAUL WAPPAT (BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE)

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six-Day War between Egypt and Israel last?
 Contestant (long pause): Fourteen days.

DARYL DENHAM'S DRIVETIME (VIRGIN RADIO)

Daryl Denham: In which country would you spend shekels?
 Contestant: Holland?
 Daryl Denham: Try the next letter of the alphabet.
 Contestant: Iceland? Ireland ?
 Daryl Denham: (helpfully) It's a bad line. Did you say Israel ?
 Contestant: No.

PHIL WOOD SHOW (BBC GMR)

Phil Wood: What 'K' could be described as the Islamic Bible?
 Contestant: Er...
 Phil Wood: It's got two syllables . . . Kor . .
 Contestant: Blimey?
 Phil Wood: Ha ha ha ha, no. The past participle of run . . .
 Contestant: (Silence)
 Phil Wood: OK, try it another way. Today I run, yesterday I . . .
 Contestant: Walked?

THE VAULT

Melanie Sykes: What is the name given to the condition where the sufferer can fall asleep at any time?
 Contestant: Nostalgia.

4 Worms in church

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol...Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke...Dead.

Third worm in chocolate syrup...Dead.

Fourth worm in good clean soil...Alive .

So the Minister asked the congregation, What did you learn from this demonstration?

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, 'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!'

That pretty much ended the service!



JEWISH WOMAN

A "progressive" Jewish woman is on the NYC subway when a man enters the car. He has a long beard, a black hat, and a long, black coat. The woman goes up to him and says, "Look at you -- you're dressed like it's 1850 and you're still in a small town in Poland. It's Jews like you who confirm the worst stereotypes of many Gentiles and make it tough for the rest of us Jews."

The man says, "Miss, I am Amish, not Jewish."

She says, "Oh, it's so nice that you people have stuck with your traditions."



WHAT HOLYWOOD HAS TAUGHT US

- At least one of a pair of identical twins is born evil. Honest and hard-working policemen are traditionally gunned down three days before their retirement.
- All beds have special L-shaped sheets that reach the armpit level of a woman, but only the waist level of the man lying beside her.

- Most laptop computers are powerful enough to override the communications system of any invading alien society.
- All grocery bags contain at least one stick of French bread.
- It does not matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts: your enemies will wait patiently to attack you one by one, dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessors.
- You're very likely to survive any battle in any war unless you make the mistake of showing someone a picture of your sweetheart back home.
- A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating, but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
- If a large pane of glass is visible, someone will be thrown through it before long.
- If staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises in their most revealing underwear.
- Even when driving down a perfectly straight road, it is necessary to turn the steering wheel vigorously from left to right every few moments.
- All bombs are fitted with electronic timing devices with large red readouts so you know exactly when they're going to go off, but luckily you'll always blindly choose to cut the right wire.
- A detective can only solve a case once he has been suspended from duty.
- Police departments give their officers personality tests to make sure they are deliberately assigned a partner who is their polar opposite



MORE ONE LINERS

A grown-up is someone who suffers from responsibility.

They who are afraid to ask are ashamed of learning.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

Sermons and biscuits are improved by shortening.

If your parachute doesn't open up for you, you've obviously jumped to a conclusion.

If we knew what we were doing, it wouldn't be called research.

Sign in a travel agency window: "Please go away."

Hummingbirds have forgotten the words.

If you can buy a person's friendship, it is not worth it.

Humility is such an elusive thing. Just when you think you've got it, you've lost it.

I'd never make it on one of those Survivor shows. Every time I even think about eating something like caterpillars, I get butterflies in my stomach.

Change is good as long as I don't have to do anything differently.

People who are wrapped up in themselves are overdressed.

Coincidence is just a euphemism for conspiracy.

George Washington's brother was the uncle of America.

It's neither conservative nor liberal to be anti-war. It's humanitarian.

Life is like a doughnut. You're either in the dough or in the hole.

When Wal-Mart builds stores in China, will they only sell imported items?

