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Lowell D. Streiker has said, "Accept good advice gracefully — as long as it doesn't interfere with what you intended to do in the first place."

Warning: None of the advice printed on these cards are good advice.



A bus carrying five passengers was hit by a car in St. Louis, but by the time
police arrived on the scene, fourteen pedestrians had boarded the bus and had
begun to complain of whiplash injuries and back pain.
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- Editor's archives



A company trying to continue its five-year perfect safety record showed its
workers a film aimed at encouraging the use of safety goggles on the job.
According to Industrial Machinery News, the film's depiction of gory industrial
accidents was so graphic that twenty-five workers suffered minor injuries in
their rush to leave the screening room. Thirteen others fainted, and one man
required seven stitches after he cut his head falling off a chair while watching
the film.
- Editor's archives



A convict broke out of jail in Washington DC, then a few days later accompanied
his girlfriend to her trial for robbery. At lunch, he went out for a sandwich. She
needed to see him, and thus had him paged. Police officers recognized his name
and arrested him as he returned to the courthouse in a car he had stolen over
the lunch hour.
- Editor's archives



"After a short commercial break, I'll introduce you to Kansas City's latest	
murder victim."	
- WDAF-TV news anchor	

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A fisherman in Kiev on 25 May 1999 electrocuted himself while fishing in the
river Tereblya. The 43-year-old man connected cables to the main power supply
of his home, and trailed the end into the river. The electric shock killed the
fish, which floated belly-up to the top of the water. The man waded in to
collect his catch, neglecting to remove the live wire, and tragically suffered the
same fate as the fish. In an ironic twist, the man was fishing for a morning meal
to commemorate the first anniversary of his mother-in-law's death.
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A Guru promised a scholar a revelation of greater consequence than anything
contained in the scriptures.
When the scholar eagerly asked for it, the Guru said, "Go out into the rain and

raise your head and arms heavenward. That will bring you the first revelation."

The next day the scholar came to report: "I followed your advice and water

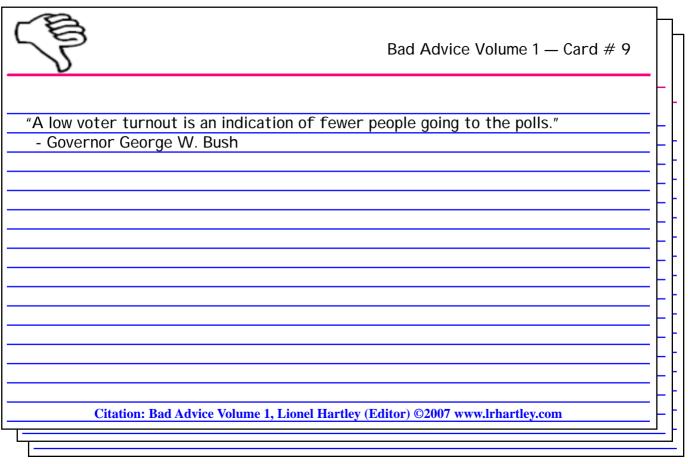
flowed down my neck-And I felt like a perfect fool."

"Well." said the Guru, "for the first day that's quite a revelation, isn't it?"

- Anthony de Mello, The Prayer of the Frog Part One, 1987



A Los Angeles man who later said he was "tired of walking," stole a steamroller
and led police on a 5 mph chase until an officer stepped aboard and brought the
vehicle to a stop.
- Editor's archives





Always keep a pound of lard in your pocket so that if you get your head stuck in
railings you'll be able to grease your ears and slide out.

- Kate Emblen, Uxbridge



A married couple was returning from the funeral of Uncle George who had lived
with them for twenty years and had been such a nuisance that he almost
succeeded in wrecking their marriage.
"Thoro is something I have to say to you doar" said the man "I f it hadn't been

"There is something I have to say to you, dear." said the man. "If it hadn't been for my love for you I wouldn't have put up with your Uncle George for a single day."

"My Uncle George!" she exclaimed in horror. "I thought he was your Uncle George!"

- Anthony de Mello, The Prayer of the Frog Part One, 1987

- Anthony de Mello, The Frayer of the Frog Fart One, 1967



A man in Johannesburg, South Africa, shot his 49-year-old fri	end in the race,
seriously wounding him, while the two practiced shooting beer	cans off each
other's head	

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A man walked into a Circle-K store in Louisiana, put a \$20 bill on the counter and
asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun
and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided.
The man took the cash from the clark and fled leaving the \$20 hill on the

The man took the cash from the cierk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? Fifteen dollars. The store owner asked, "If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?"

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A man was walking down a street with blisters on both of his ears. A friend
asked him what had happened to cause the blisters.
"My wife left her hot iron on, so when the phone rang I picked the iron up by

- mistake."

 "Yes, but what about the other ear?"
- "The caller called back!"
- Anthony de Mello, The Prayer of the Frog Part One, 1987



An hedgehog trained to scuttle up and down the table from guest to guest make	?S
an unusual mobile cheese and pineapple cube nibble dispenser at cocktail parties	j.

an unusual mobile cheese and pineapple cube nibble dispenser at cocktail parties
- L Traintu, Clarkesville



A Polish Newspaper in Czestochowa reported that small two-seater Cessna 152	
plane crashed into a cemetery early that afternoon in central Poland. The	
newspaper went on to say that Polish search and rescue workers have recovered	
300 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the	
evening.	
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A person in Birmingham, Alabama, dials 911 from her mobile 'phone to re	eport
that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her	situation
to the dispatcher. "They've stolen the dashboard, the steering wheel, t	he brake
pedal, and even the accelerator!" she cries.	
The 911 dispatcher says, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way. He will b	e there in
two minutes."	

Before the police get to the crime scene, however, the 911 dispatcher's telephone rings a second time, and the same person is on the line again "Never mind," giggles the lady, "I got in the back seat by mistake."



As adverts on the television tell us not to use light switches if we smell gas, I	
find it useful to always have a candle ready for use in such emergencies.	
Marc D. D'Ital. D. ali	

- Mrs D. Bibby Rugby



Australian S	statistics
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- 31 Australians have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.
- 19 Australians have died in the last 3 years by eating Christmas decorations
- they believed were chocolate. Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling incidents.
- 101 Australians since 1997 have had to have broken parts of plastic toys pulled out of the soles of their feet.
- 18 Australians had serious burns in 1998 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.
- A massive 543 Australians were admitted to casualty in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth or eye socket.
- 5 Australians were injured last year in accidents involving out of control Scalextric[™] cars.

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3 Australians die each	year testing if a 9V bat	tery works on their tongue.
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142 Australians were injured in 1998 by not removing all the pins from new shirts.

58 Australians are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

8 Australians cracked their skull in 1997 after falling asleep (passing out) while throwing up into the toilet.

- Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1999 Report



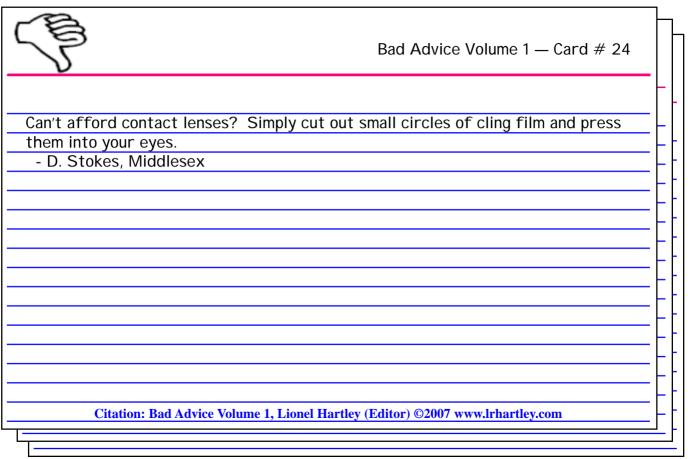


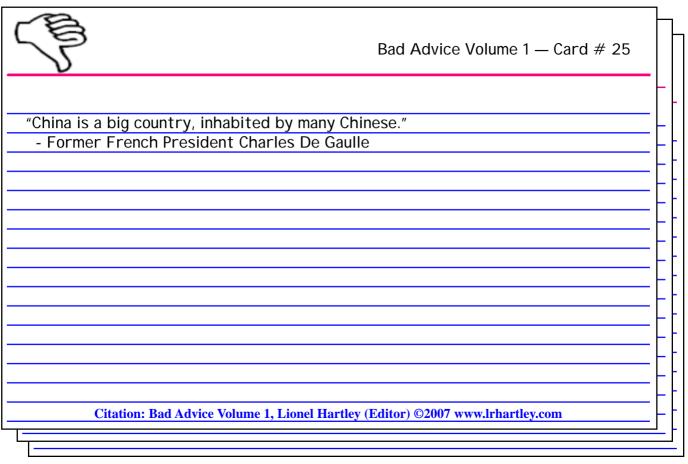
Avoid losing contact lenses by drilling a small note in each one and attaching
them with a length of nylon fishing line. This can then be worn around the neck.
- B Morgan Criccieth

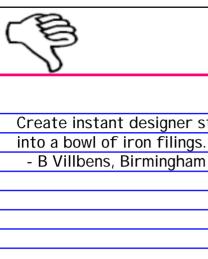
- B Morgan, Criccieth



Avoid paying tax by going to work in a politically unstable Middle East country
inhabited by religious fanatics. I gnore British Government advice to leave when
a war looks imminent, then moan a few weeks later when bombs start going off
and there aren't any planes home.
- S Goblin, Middlesex







Create instant designer stubble by sucking a magnet and then dipping your chin into a bowl of iron filings.

- B Villbens Birmingham

Birmingham



Bleach is an ideal substitute for alcohol, and far less pricey. It gives any cocktail a bit of 'oomph'.

- James Francis, Patient, Intensive Care Ward, East Glamorgan Hospital



Erecting the very latest equipment, Texaco workmen set about drilling for oil at
Lake Peigneur in Louisiana during November 1980.

After only a few hours of drilling they sat back expecting oil to shoot up.

Instead, however, they watched a whirlpool form, sucking down not only the entire 1,300-acre lake, but also 5 houses, 9 barges, 8 tug boats, 2 oil rigs, a

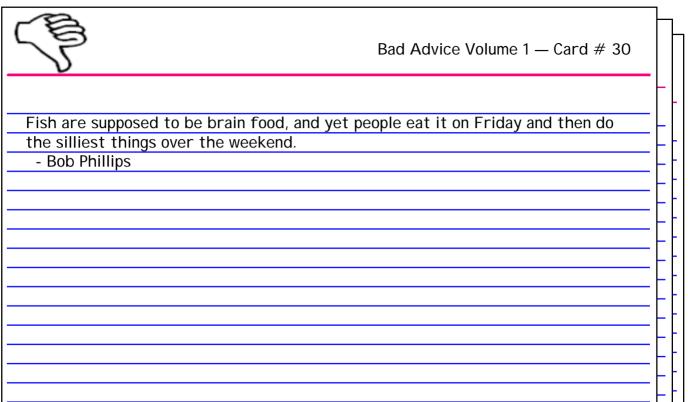
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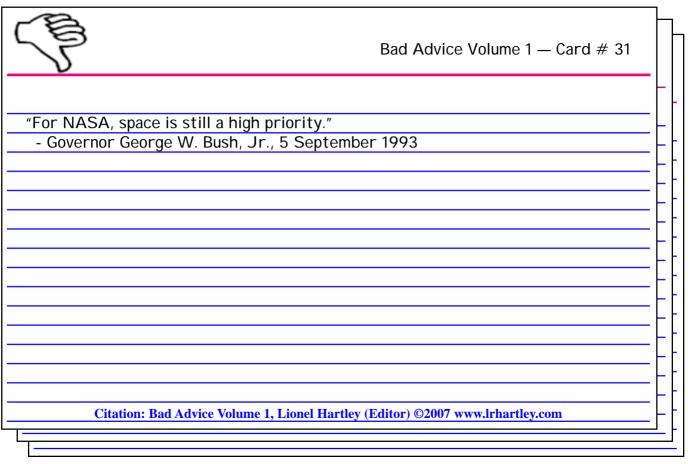
island, leaving a half-mile crater.

No-one had told them that there was an abandoned salt mine underneath.

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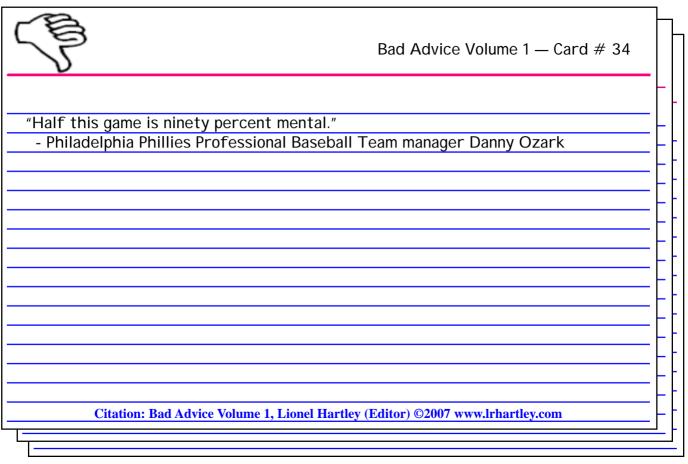


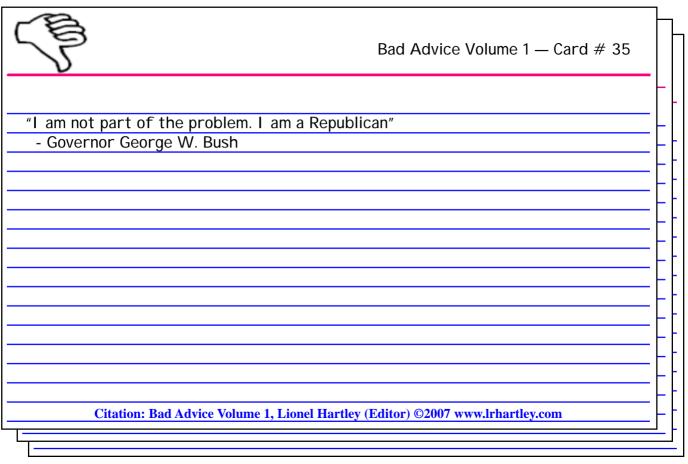
From an actual courtroom transcript: Question: (Showing man picture.) That's
you? Answer: Yes, sir. Question: And you were present when the picture was
taken, right?
- Lowell D. Streiker



Girls! Next time you feel like throwing a ball over-arm, don't, because you can't	
and it just looks silly. Just throw it girlie underarm style, and no-one will laugh	
at you or get hurt	

- D. Thresher, Wapping







"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy, but that could change."

- Governor George W. Bush 22 May 1998



- John Wayne



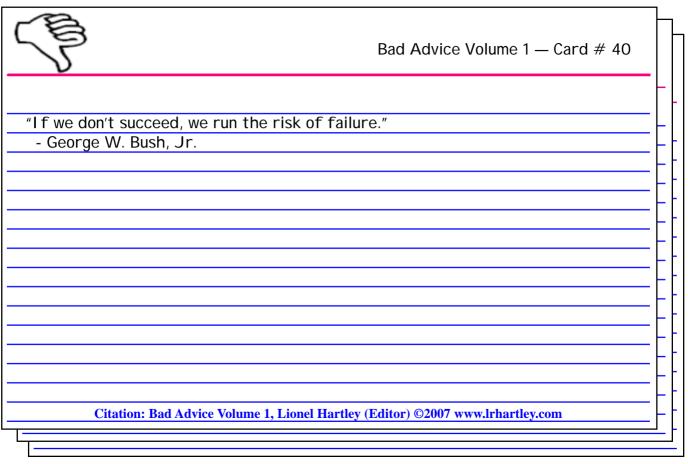
"If affirmative action means what I just described, what I'm for, then I'm for it."

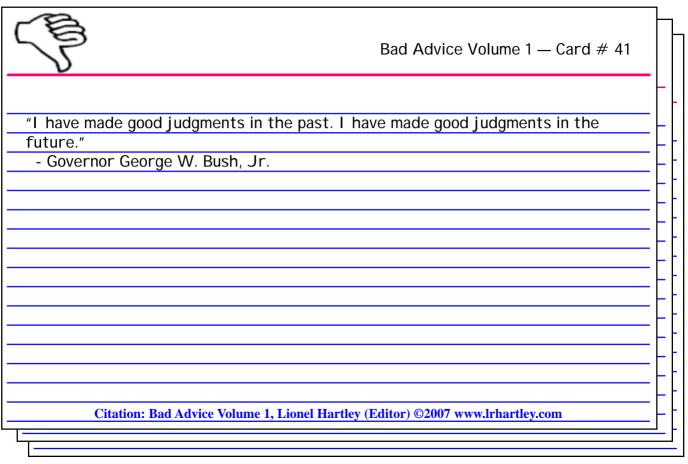
- Governor George W. Bush, St. Louis, Mo., 18 October 2000



"If you let that sort of thing go on, your bread and butter will be cut right out from under your feet."

- Former British foreign minister Ernest Bevin

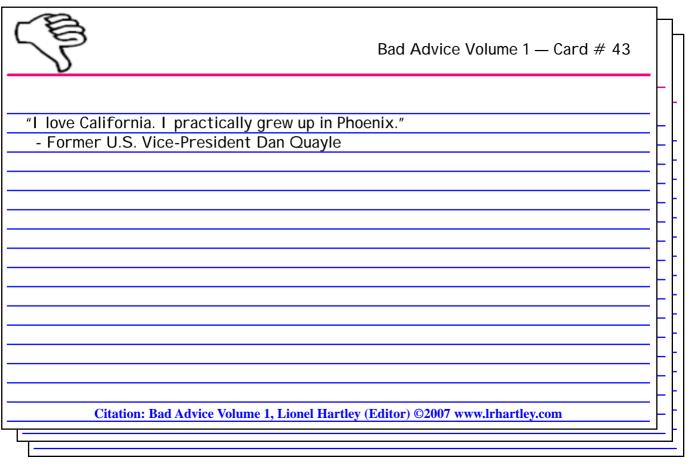






"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law"
- David Dinkins, New York City Mayor, answering accusations that he failed to

pay his taxes.





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"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president."

- Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents



In Arkansas, it seems this guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that
he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze,
and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the
window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head,
knocking him unconscious. Seems the liquor store window was made of Plexiglas.
The whole event was caught on videotape.
- Editor's archives



In New York, as a female shopper exited a convenience store, a man grabbe	d her
purse and ran.	
The clerk called 911 immediately and the woman was able to give them a det	ailed

description of the snatcher.

Within minutes, the police had apprehended the snatcher.

They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID.

To which he replied "Yes, Officer that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

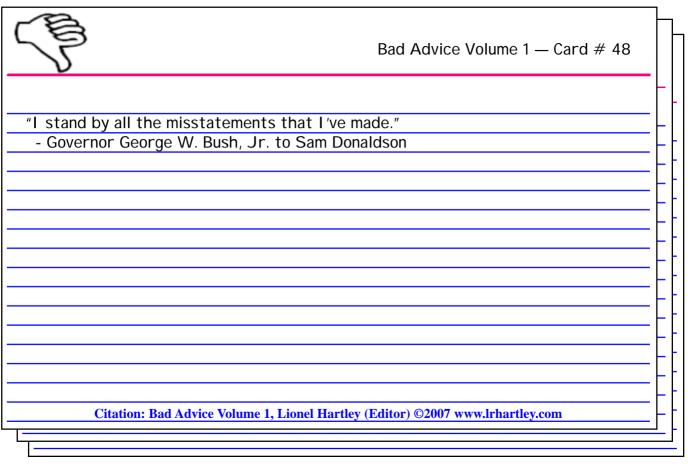
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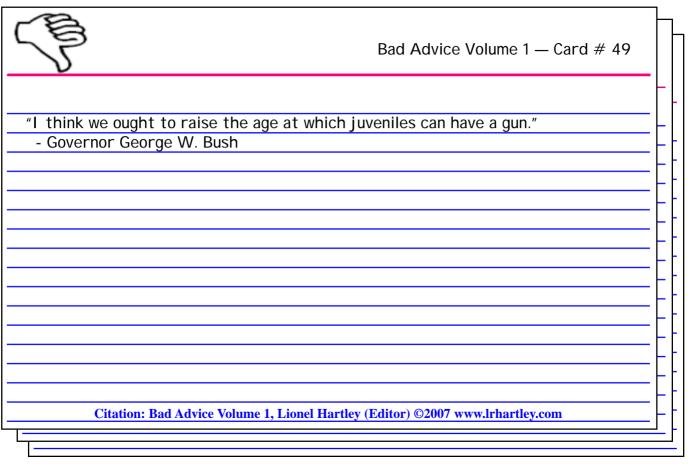
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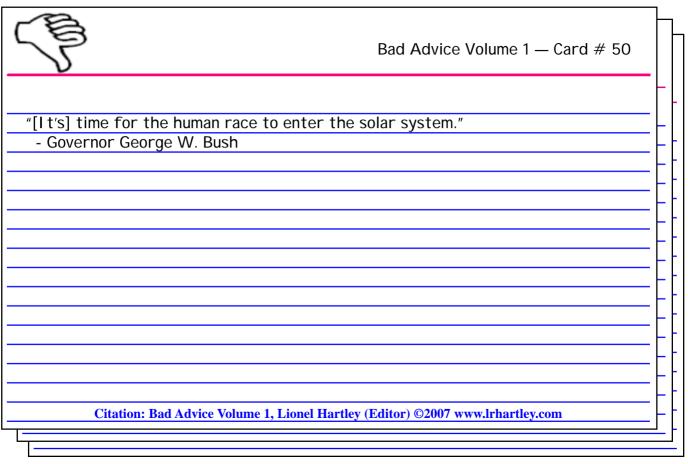


I regularly drive to the pub, but am never guilty of drink driving. The secret is
to consume so much alcohol that by closing time you have completely forgotten
ever owning a car

ever owning a car.
- Mike Grey, Essex



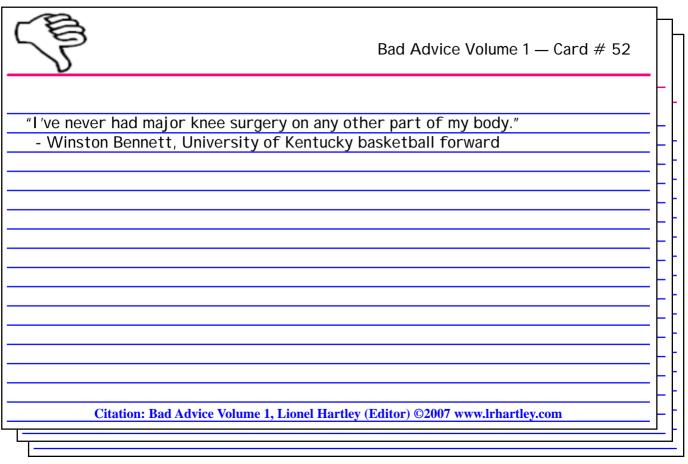






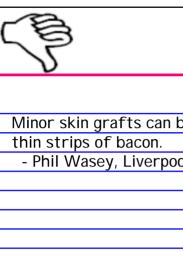
"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air
and water that are doing it."
Former U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle, repeated verbatim by Covernor

- Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle, repeated verbatim by Governor George W Bush, Jr.





"Mars is essentially in the same orbit Mars is somewhat the same distance
from the Sun, which is very important. We have seen pictures where there are
canals, we believe, and water. If there is water, that means there is oxygen. If
oxygen, that means we can breathe."
- Governor George W. Bush, Jr., 11 October 1994



Minor skin grafts can be performed on pigs by covering any cuts and grazes with - Phil Wasey, Liverpool



[ivii . Fai kei Teads a side of the box with the prize that he won]
Mr. Parker: Fra-gee-lay. That must be I talian.
Mrs. Parker: Uh, I think that says FRAGILE, dear.
Mr. Parker: Oh, yeah.
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[Mr. Darker reads a side of the box with the prize that he won!

- From the movie film: A Christmas Story (1983)



"Mr. Vice President, in all due respect, it is — I'm not sure 80 percent of the
people get the death tax. I know this: 100 percent will get it if I'm the
president."
- Governor George W. Rush

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"Natural gas is hemispheric. I like to call it hemispheric in nature because it is a product that we can find in our neighbourhoods."

- Governor George W. Bush, Austin, Texas, 20 December 2000

- Governor George W. Bush, Austin, Texas, 20 December 2000



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"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Governor, and that one word is 'to be prepared'."

- Governor George W. Bush, Jr., 16 December 1993

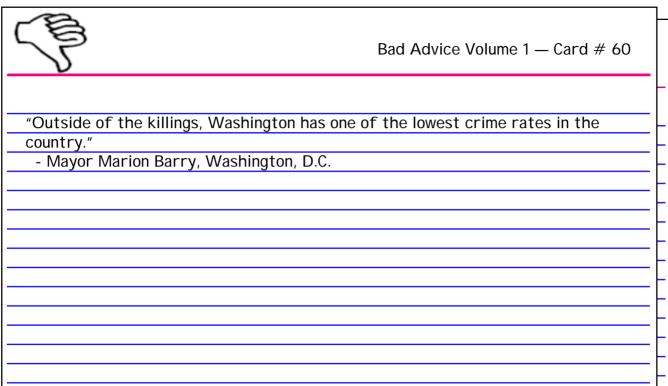


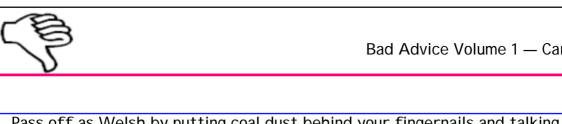
On 15 July 1999 in Alabama, a 25-year-old man died of injuries sustained from a
3-story fall, precipitated by his attempt to spit farther than his buddy.

His plan was to hurl himself towards a metal guardrail while expectorating, in order to add momentum to his saliva.

In a tragic miscalculation, his momentum carried him right over the railing, which he caught hold of for a few moments before his grip slipped, sending him plummeting 24 feet to the cement below.

plummeting 24 feet to the cement below.Editor's archives





rass of ras weish by parting coar dast bening your ringernalis and talking
gibberish all the time, stopping occasionally to sing loudly, or set fire to someone
else's house.
- Mr P. Lilburn, Rotherham

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"People that are really very weird can get into sensitive positions and have a tremendous impact on history."

- Governor George W. Bush, Jr.

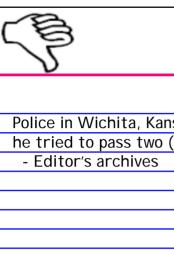


Police in Radnor, Pennsylvania, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander
on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine.

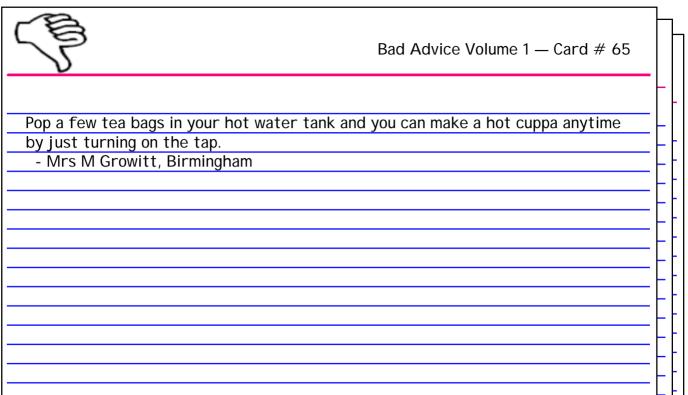
The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth.

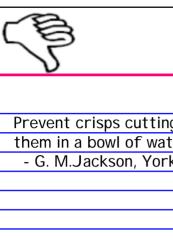
Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

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Police in Wichita, Kansas, arrested a 22-year-old man at an airport hotel after he tried to pass two (counterfeit) \$16 bills.

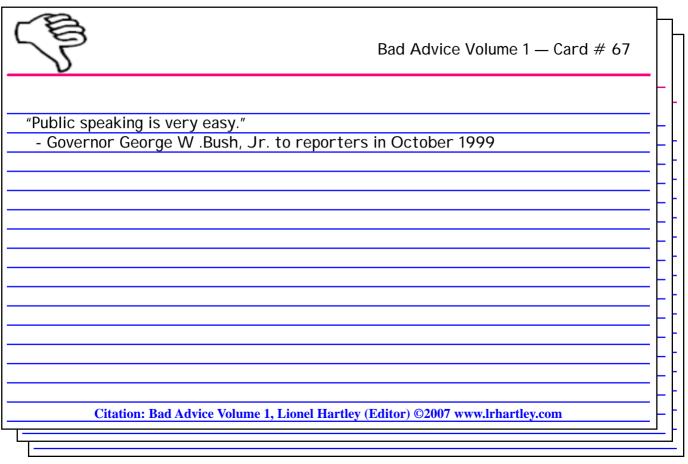




Prevent crisps cutting your gums and getting caught between teeth by soaking them in a bowl of water before eating them.

- G. M. Jackson, York

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Put a stop to car thieves by siphoning off all your petrol whenever you park your
car, and carrying it round with you in one or two plastic buckets.
- D. Griffiths, Kent

- D. GHITTIIS, Ken



Putting just the right amount of gin in your goldfish bowl makes the fishes' eyes				
bulge and causes them to swim in an amusing manner.				

- Contributor's name withheld upon request



Answer: That's the person throwing bread at the aeroplanes.

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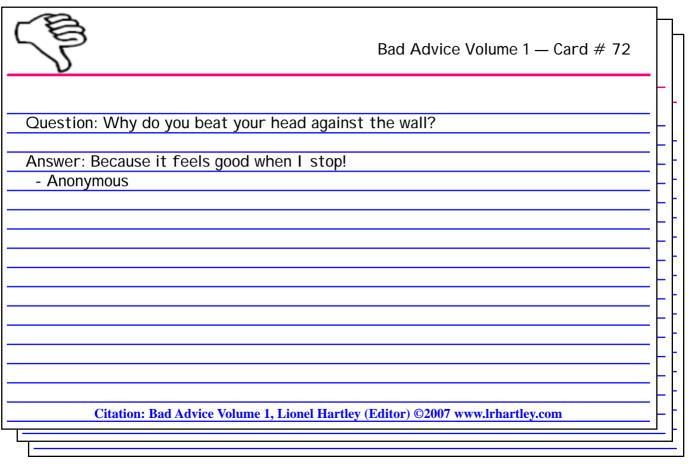
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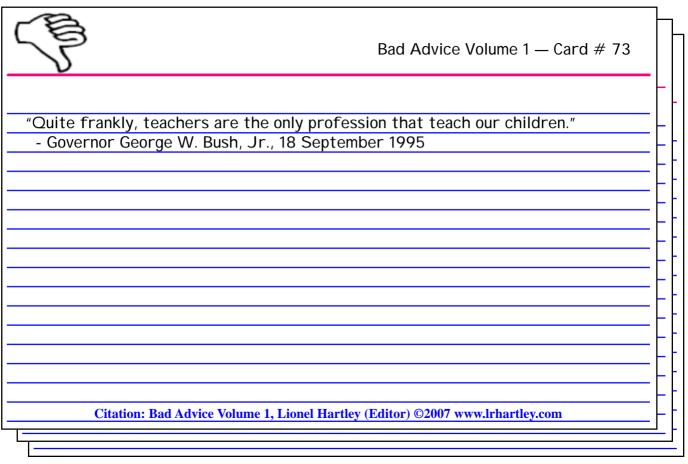


Question:	lf you could	live forever, woul	d you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live

- forever, which is why I would not live forever."
 Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest
 - White That and the trip Type White Control







tape through headphones next time you need to tell her something important.
Record the sound of your wife talking, and then whisper quietly and listen to the

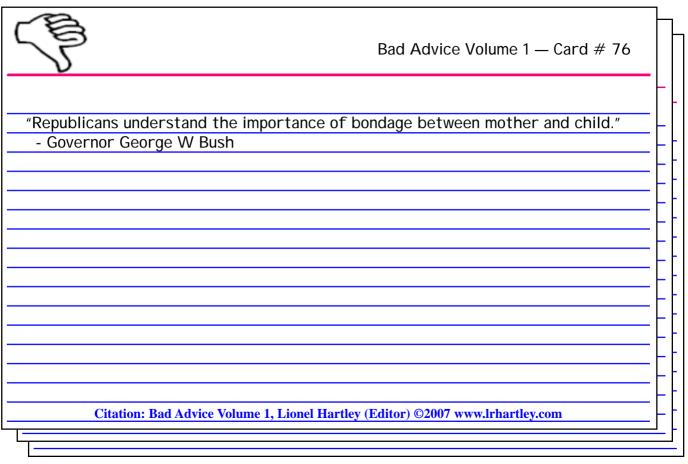
That way you can have a conversation without bothering her.
- Frank Wilson, Southend (adapted)

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"Researchers have discovered that chocolate produces some of the same	
reactions in the brain as marijuana. The researchers also discovered othe	r
similarities between the two, but can't remember what they are."	

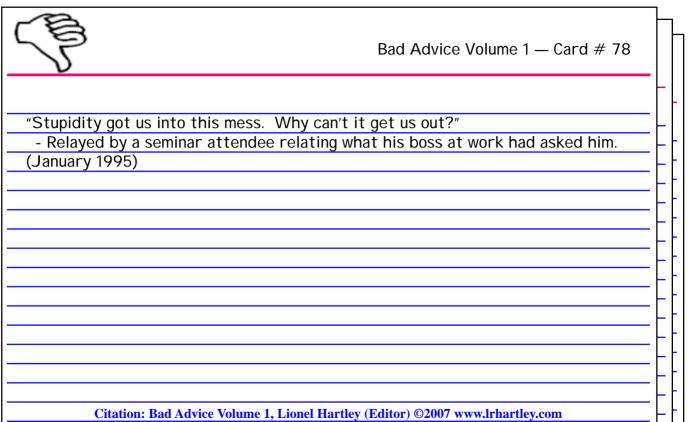
- Matt Lauer on NBC's Today show





"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."

- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign





Swedish business consultant Ulf af Trolle laboured 13 years on a book about	
Swedish economic solutions.	

He took the 250-page manuscript to be copied, only to have it reduced to thousands of strips of paper in seconds when a worker confused the copier with

- the shredder. - Editor's archives



"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm	
just the one to do it."	
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- A congressional candidate in Texas



The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger	
King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 8:50am, flashed a gun and demanded cash.	

The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order.

When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast.

The man, frustrated, walked away.
- Editor's archives



The Chico City Council in California enacted a ban on nuclear weapons, setting a
\$500 fine for anyone detonating one within city limits.
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- Editor's archives



the ship.

- Nikki Scarlett

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The company where I	work services cargo access equipment on ships.

After each service job, a report must be filed listing the ship's name, location,

One of our service engineers was writing his report on a recent job, but was unsure of the ship's name. His boss told him to read the name off the stern of

The report came back with the ship name listed as: "Beware of Propeller."

and summary of the work performed.



"The government is not doing enough about cleaning up the environment. This is a good planet."

- Mr. New Jersey contestant when asked what he would do with a million

- Mr. New Jersey contestant when asked what he would do with a million dollars.



"The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history.

I mean in this century's history.

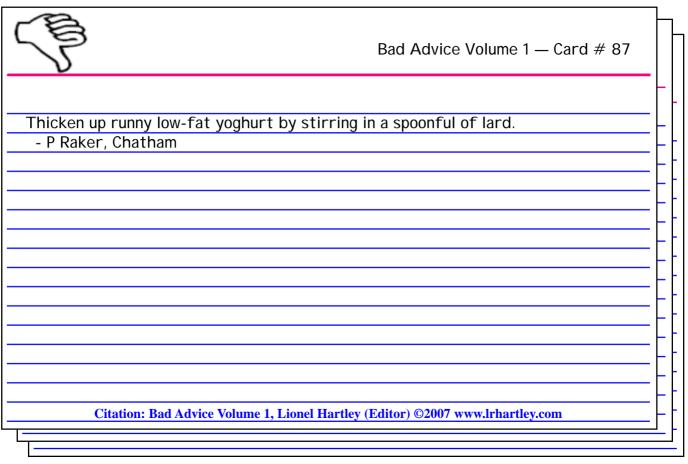
But we all lived in this century.

- I didn't live in this century."
- Governor George W. Bush, 15 September 1995



"They're multipurpose. Not only do they put the clips on, but they take them
off."
Dratt 9 Whitney englyceners on explaining why the company charged the Air

- Pratt & Whitney spokesperson explaining why the company charged the Air Force nearly \$1000 for an ordinary pair of pliers.





Top ten things a consultant should always tell a client 10. That was my first guess as well ... but then I really thought about it. 09. You should see the hotel I'm staying at! 08. Hey - I just realised that I was just starting high school when you started working here. 07. I like this office space. I'll have them put me in here when you're gone. 06. My rental car looks nicer than that old rust-bucket you're driving. 05. Sure it'll work - L learned it in business school. 04. So what do you need me to tell you? 03. Of course it's right; the spreadsheet says so! 02. I could just tell you the answer now - except we're committed to a threemonth project. 01. What 'are' you, then? Stupid? - Anonymous seminar attendee Citation: Bad Advice Volume 1, Lionel Hartley (Editor) ©2007 www.lrhartley.com



Two men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a chain from the
machine to the bumper of their pickup truck.
Instead of pulling the front panel off the machine, though, they pulled the

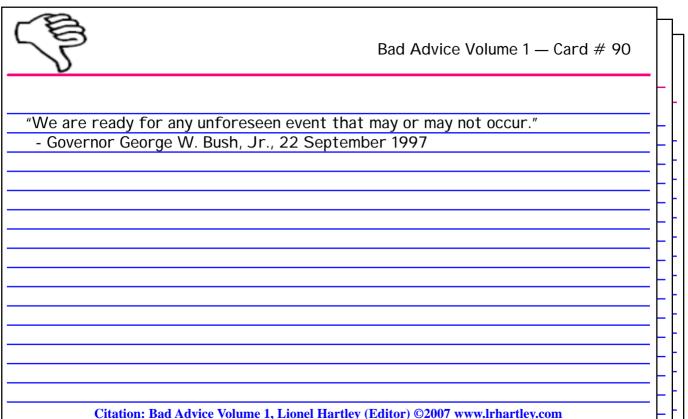
Scared, they left the scene and drove home.

bumper off their truck.

With the chain still attached to the machine.

With their bumper still attached to the chain.

With their vehicle's Kentucky license plate still attached to the bumper.
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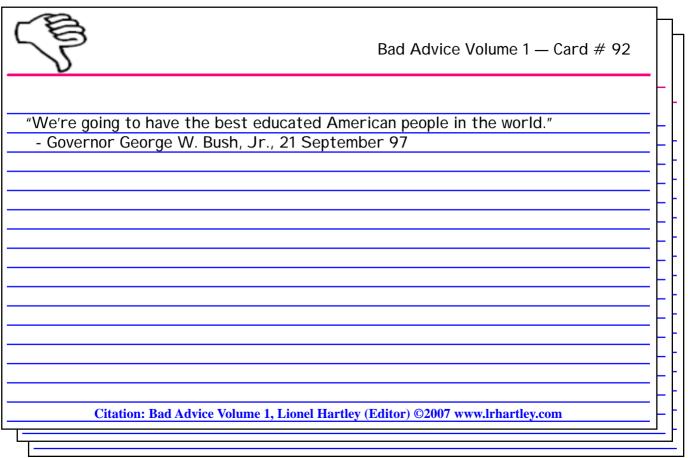


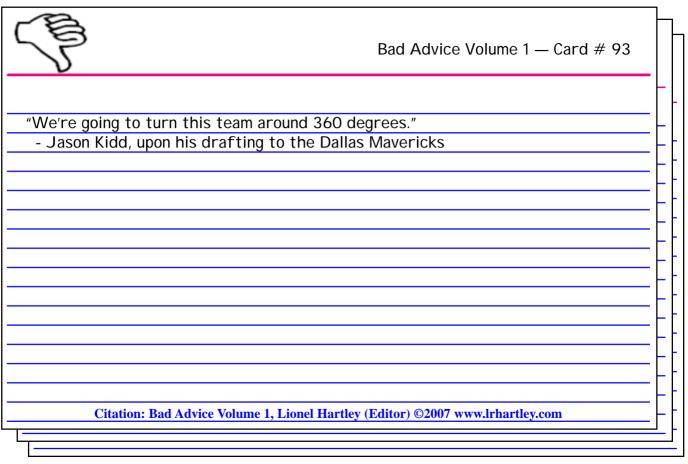
"We have a firm commitment to NATO, we are a part of NATO.

We have a firm commitment to Europe.

We are a part of Europe."

- Governor George W. Bush, Jr.







"What a waste it is to lose one's mind.

Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful.

How true that is."

- Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle at a fundraising event for the United

Negro College Fund.

(He was attempting to quote the line "a mind is a terrible thing to waste".)



"Whenever I	watch TV	and see	those poor	starving	kids all over	the world, I	
can't help bu	t cry.						

I mean I'd love to be skinny like that but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

- Mariah Carey



When I have been asked during these last weeks who caused the hots and the
killing in L.A., my answer has been direct and simple: Who is to blame for the
riots? The rioters are to blame. Who is to blame for the killings? The killers are
to blame."
- Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle on the complex social issues behind
the Los Angeles Riots.

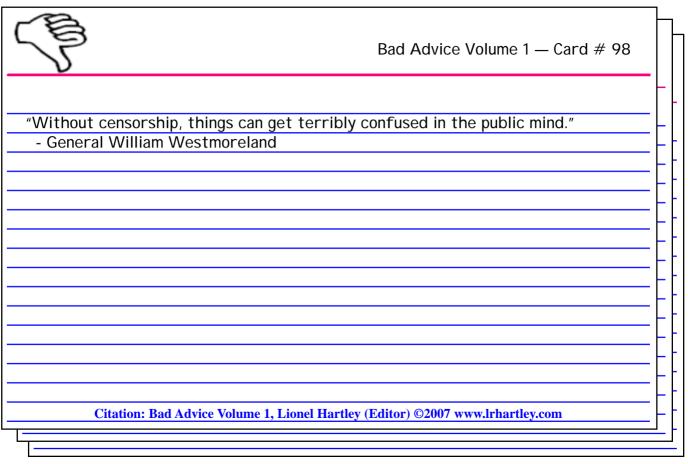
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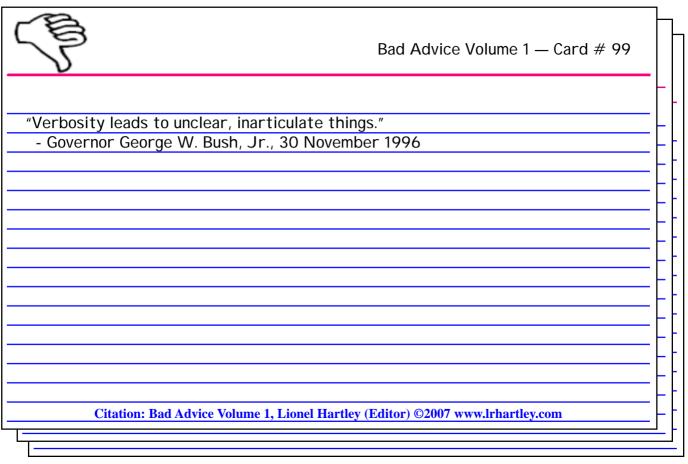


When two service station attendants in I onia, Michigan, refused to hand over
the cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police.

They still refused, so the robber called the police and was arrested.
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Finally,	Some	more	wisdom:
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- 1) I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good either.
- 2) Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid doing altogether.
- 3) Everyone has a right to be stupid. Some just abuse the privilege.4) On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.
- E) Please I and let me prove that winning the lettery wan't spail me
- 5) Please, Lord, let me prove that winning the lottery won't spoil me.

6) Does vacuuming count as Aerobic Exercise?

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More	wisdom	Continued

- 7) I am young at heart and slightly older in other places.
- 8) Time is Nature's way of making sure that everything doesn't go wrong at once.
- 9) The trouble with being in the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.
 - 10) People who keep dogs are cowards who haven't got the fortitude to bite people themselves.
- 11) If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

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12) There's no speed limit on the Information Superhighway.		
13) It is much easier to apologise than to ask permission.		
14) There are two rules for ultimate success in life. Never tell everything you		
know, and		
15) Do unto others then run.		
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