

Barry, Dave (continued)

Skiing combines outdoor fun with knocking down trees with your face.

The badness of a movie is directly proportional to the number of helicopters in it.

The high rate of teen-age suicide might be due to those seeing all those Old Milwaukee ads with the rednecks in the pick-up truck saying, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them.

The metric system did not really catch on in the States, unless you count the increasing popularity of the nine-millimeter bullet.

The most valuable function performed by the federal government is entertainment.

The word aerobics comes from two Greek words: *aero*, meaning "ability to," and *bics*, meaning "withstand tremendous boredom."

There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

They can hold all the peace talks they want, but there will never be peace in the Middle East. Billions of years from now, when Earth is hurtling toward the Sun and there is nothing left alive on the planet except a few microorganisms, the microorganisms living in the Middle East will be bitter enemies.

We Americans live in a nation where the medical-care system is second to none in the world, unless you count maybe 25 or 30 little scuzzball countries like Scotland that we could vaporize in seconds if we felt like it.

We don't know where the digital revolution is taking us, only that when we get there we will not have enough RAM.

Barry, Dave (continued)

We have an old saying in journalism: If you don't understand something, it must be important.

What happens if an asteroid hits the Earth? Judging from realistic simulations involving a sledge hammer and a common laboratory frog, we can assume it will be pretty bad.

What I look forward to is continued immaturity followed by death.

When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.

Williamsburg is an authentic colonial restored place in Virginia where people in authentic uncomfortable clothing demonstrate how horrible it was to live in historical colonial times.

Without software, a computer is just a lump of plastic- whereas *with* software, it's a lump of plastic that can permanently destroy critical data.

You have to be a real stud hombre cybermuffin to handle Windows.

You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.

Barry, Lynda

If it is your time, love will track you down like a cruise missile.

Barry, Marion S., Jr.

First, it was not a strip bar, it was an erotic club. And second, what can I say? I'm a night owl.

(Former Washington, DC mayor)

Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

(As Washington, DC mayor)

Barry, Marion S., Jr. (continued)

What right does Congress have to go around making laws just because they deem it necessary?
(As Washington, DC mayor)

Barry, Matt

It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married.

Barrymore, John

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

A man must properly pay the fiddler. In my case it so happened that a whole symphony orchestra had to be subsidized.

In Genesis, it says that it is not good for a man to be alone; but sometimes it is a great relief.

The way to fight a woman is with your hat. Grab it and run.

You never realize how short a month is until you pay alimony.

Barth, Karl

Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.

Bartley, Dave

Be suspicious of anything that works perfectly- it's probably because two errors are canceling each other out.

Bartley, Robert L.

People will always forgive you for being wrong. What they won't forgive you for is being right.

Bartok, Bela

Competitions are for horses, not artists.

Barton, Bruce

Conceit is God's gift to little men.

Baruch, Bernard

A political leader must keep looking over his shoulder all the time to see if the boys are still there. If they aren't still there, he's no longer a political leader.

Always do one thing less than you think you can do.

Don't try to buy at the bottom and sell at the top. It can't be done except by liars.

Every man has a right to be wrong in his opinions. But no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.

To me old age is always 15 years older than I am.

Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.

We didn't come over in the same ship, but we're all in the same boat.

Barzun, Jacques

Boredom and fatigue are great historical forces.

Finding oneself was a misnomer; a self is not found but made.

Baskin, Leonard

Pop art is the indelible raised to the unspeakable.

Basset, Lucinda

You have to do what you love to do. Life is not a dress rehearsal.

Bastiat, Frederic

The state is the great fictitious entity by which everyone seeks to live at the expense of everyone else.

Bates, Ken

The only people with a right to complain about what I do for a living [fur trapper] are vegetarian nudists.

Bates, Marston

Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind.

Bates, Wesley

There's no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat.

Batista, Fulgencio

A government needs one hundred soldiers for every guerrilla it faces.

Batiuk, Tom

[O]ne day you'll find that these high school years will be a tiny, distant memory. The scars, of course, are yours to keep forever.

Batt, Al

Good advice usually works best when preceded by a bad scare.

Battista, Orlando A.

An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.

The fellow who says he'll meet you halfway usually thinks he's standing on the dividing line.

Baudelaire, Charles

A sweetheart is a bottle of wine, a wife is a wine bottle.

For the merchant, even honesty is a financial speculation.

Baum, Vicky

Success is as ice cold and as lonely as the North Pole.

What I like about Hollywood is that one can get along by knowing two words of English: swell and lousy.

Bauman, Dr. Michael

As much as I hate to endorse anything to do with Freudianism, it seems to me that some feminists suffer from acute pronoun envy.

Bax, Arnold

You should make a point of trying every experience once, excepting incest and folk-dancing.

Bax, Clifford

No one becomes forty without incredulity and a sense of outrage.

Beacham, Charles

If you want to give a man credit, put it in writing. If you want to give him hell, do it on the phone.

Beal, Louise

Love thy neighbor as yourself, but choose your neighborhood.

Beals, Carleton

Stroll down Fifth Avenue and observe the luxuries demanded by women, and you will understand why wars are waged.

Bean, Judge Roy

Bring in the guilty bastard. We'll give him a fair trial, and then we'll hang him.

Beard, Charles Austin

One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in their struggle for independence.

Beard, Henry

Perennial: Any plant which, had it lived, would have bloomed year after year.

Beard, Peter

The whole world is a scab. The point is to pick it constructively.

Beaton, Cecil

Americans have an abiding belief in their ability to control reality by purely material means... airline insurance replaces the fear of death with the comforting prospect of cash.

Beatty, Paul

If all the world's a stage, I want to operate the trap door.

Bebel, August

In time of war the loudest patriots are the greatest profiteers.

Beberg, Adam L.

As a slave you have to work hard, live in a shack, and do what master says. As a capitalist no one gives you a shack.

Beck, Barry

We have only one person to blame, and that's each other.

Beck, Charlotte Joko

You cannot avoid paradise. You can only avoid seeing it.

Becker, May Lamberton

We grow neither better nor worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.

Beckett, Samuel

Some are born mad. Some remain so.

The contented person is never poor-the discontented is never rich. The quantum of wantum remains constant.

Try again. Fail again. Fail better.

Beckett, Sister Wendy

Ought is not a word we use to other people. It is a word we should reserve for ourselves.

Becque, Henri

Decisiveness is often the art of timely cruelty.

The defect of equality is that we desire it only with our superiors.

Beecham, Sir Thomas

The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes.

Beecher, Henry Ward

“I can forgive, but I cannot forget” is only another way of saying, “I cannot forgive.” Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note- torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.

A law is valuable not because it is law, but because there is right in it.

All men are tempted. There is no man that lives that can't be broken down, provided it is the right temptation, put in the right spot.

Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength.

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself.

In this world, full often, our joys are only the tender shadows which our sorrows cast.

Riches without law are more dangerous than poverty without law.

The blossom cannot tell what becomes of its odor; and no man can tell what becomes of his influence.

The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man, and never fails to see a bad one. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness and blind to light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game.

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is, that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

Beecher, Henry Ward (continued)

The dog was created specially for children.
He is the god of frolic.

The worst thing in the world, next to
anarchy, is government.

There are only two lasting bequests we can
hope to give our children. One of these is
roots... the other, wings.

There is nothing that makes more cowards
and feeble men than public opinion.

When a nation's young men are
conservative, its funeral bell is already
rung.

Beerbohm, Max

Fate weaves the darkness, which is perhaps
why she weaves so badly.

You cannot make a man by standing a
sheep on its hind legs. But by standing a
flock of sheep in that position you can make
a crowd of men.

You will find that the woman who is really
kind to dogs is always one who has failed
to inspire sympathy in men.

Beethoven, Ludwig van

I liked your opera. I think I will set it to
music.

Begala, Paul

Somewhere in Australia, a bunch of
kangaroos are bitching about the bad
reputation the Republicans are giving their
court system.

Behan, Brendan

Critics are like eunuchs in a harem; they
know how it's done; they've seen it done
every day; but they're unable to do it
themselves.

The world is a madhouse, so it's only right
it's patrolled by armed idiots.

Behar, Hada

The fragrance always stays in the hand that
gives the rose.

Behn, G.

Some people get lost in thought because it's
such unfamiliar territory.

Behrman, S.N.

A wonderful discovery, psychoanalysis.
Makes quite simple people feel they're
complex.

Belafonte, Harry

You can cage the singer but not the song.

Bell, Alexander Graham

When one door closes another door opens;
but we so often look so long and so
regretfully upon the closed door, that we do
not see the ones which open for us.

Bell, Derrick

It appears that my worst fears have been
realized: we have made progress in
everything yet nothing has changed.

Bellack, Dan

Life is too short for traffic.

Bellamy, Guy

Hindsight is an exact science.

Belloc, Hilaire

They murmured as they took their fees,
"There is no cure for this disease."

Bellow, Saul

A great deal of intelligence can be invested
in ignorance when the need for illusion is
deep.

A man is only as good as what he loves.

Ignorance of death is destroying us. Death is
the dark backing a mirror needs if we are to
see anything.

Bellow, Saul (continued)

She was what we used to call a suicide blonde: dyed by her own hand.

The presidency is now a cross between a popularity contest and a high school debate, with an encyclopedia of cliches the first prize.

Ben-Gurion, David

The true right to a country- as to anything else- springs not from political or court authority, but from work.

Benchley, Robert

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing.

Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I said nothing.

Even nowadays a man can't step up and kill a woman without feeling just a bit unchivalrous.

Except for an occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did.

I am the oldest living white man, especially at seven in the morning.

In America there are two classes of travel- first class, and with children. Traveling with children corresponds roughly to traveling third class in Bulgaria.

It took me fifteen years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous.

Tell me your phobias and I'll tell you what you are afraid of.

The surest way to make a monkey out of a man is to quote him.

Benchley, Robert (continued)

There may be said to be two classes of people in the world: those who constantly divide the people of the world into two classes, and those who do not.

Why don't you slip out of those wet clothes and into a dry martini?

Bender, Betty

When people go to work, they shouldn't have to leave their hearts at home.

Benedict, Ruth

The trouble is not that we are never happy- it is that happiness is so episodal.

Benfied, John

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Benham, W.G.

When you see a snake, never mind where he came from.

Benn, Ernest

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy.

Benn, Tony

A faith is something you die for; a doctrine is something you kill for: there is all the difference in the world.

Benner, Richard

Canada is a country so square that even the female impersonators are women.

Bennett, Alan

I can walk. It's just that I'm so rich I don't need to.

Standards are always out of date. That is what makes them standards.

Bennett, Arnold

It is well, when one is judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.

The price of justice is eternal publicity.

Bennett, Dan

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax-deductible or not.

When temptation knocks, imagination usually answers.

Bennett, James Gordon

Remember, son, many a good story has been ruined by over-verification.

Bennett, Michael

In Buffalo, suicide is redundant.
(From *A Chorus Line*)

Bennett, William

Hypocrisy is better than no standards at all.

There are no menial jobs, only menial attitudes.

Bennis, Warren

Failing organizations are usually over-managed and under-led.

The factory of the future will have only two employees, a man and a dog. The man will be there to feed the dog. The dog will be there to keep the man from touching the equipment.

Benny, Jack

Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter.

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful woman... and you can keep the golf clubs and fresh air.

I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either.

Bensley, Jill

The most effective form of birth control I know is spending the day with my kids.

Benson, A.C.

I don't like authority. At least I don't like other people's authority.

Bent, Silas

Harmony seldom makes a headline.

Bentham, Jeremy

The greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation.

Bentley, Jon

Brilliance is typically the act of an individual, but incredible stupidity can usually be traced to an organization.

Benza, A.J.

Fame. Ain't it a bitch.

Berard, Edward V.

Walking on water and developing software from a specification are easy if both are frozen.

Bercow, Mark

We've got to remember with Microsoft, they don't have to get it right-they just have to get it right enough.

Berenson, Bernard

Consistency requires you to be as ignorant today as you were a year ago.

Governments last as long as the undertaxed can defend themselves against the overtaxed.

The average European does not seem to feel free until he succeeds in enslaving and oppressing others.

Bergen, Candice

I can't think of anything grimmer than being an aging actress. God! It's worse than being an aging homosexual.

Bergen, Edgar

Hard work never killed anybody, but why take the chance?

Bergman, Andrew

There's a kind of freedom in being completely screwed, because you know things can't possibly get any worse.

Bergman, Ingmar

Everything is worth precisely as much as a belch, the difference being that a belch is more satisfying.

Bergman, Ingrid

Be yourself. The world worships an original.

Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

Bergson, Henri

The only cure for vanity is laughter, and the only fault that's laughable is vanity.

Think like a man of action, act like a man of thought.

Berlanti, Greg

Dumb gorgeous people should not be allowed to use literature when competing in the pick-up pool. It's like bald people wearing hats.

(From *The Broken Hearts Club*)

Berle, Milton

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Berlin, Irving

Everybody ought to have a lower East Side in their life.

Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it.

Berlin, Irving (continued)

The mob is always right.

The reason American composers have done nothing highly significant is because they won't write American music.

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success.

Berlioz, Hector

Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils.

Berman, Morris

How is it, in the United States, that excellence in sports is celebrated, while excellence in scholarship is considered elitist?

Berman, Shelley

A hotel is a place that keeps the manufacturers of 25-watt bulbs in business.

Bernal, J.D.

Men will not be content to manufacture life: they will want to improve on it.

Bernard, Claude

Art is I, science is we.

Bernard, Jeffrey

Oh, the self-importance of fading stars. Never mind, they will be black holes one day.

Bernardi, Herschel

There are five stages to an actor's career: who is Herschel Bernardi? get me Herschel Bernardi; get me a Herschel Bernardi type; get me a young Herschel Bernardi; and who is Herschel Bernardi?

Bernbach, William

An idea can turn to dust or magic, depending on the talent that rubs against it.

Berne, Eric

A whole page of learned polysyllables may not convey as much as the statement that a certain woman is a bitch, or that a certain man is a jerk.

Berner, Jeff

Earth is a great, big funhouse without the fun.

Bernhardt, Sara

It is in spending oneself that one becomes rich.

Bernstein, Al

If you want to recapture your youth, just cut off his allowance.

Sometimes the fool who rushes in gets the job done.

Success is often the result of taking a misstep in the right direction.

Bernstein, Henri

Hollywood is full of genius. And all it lacks is talent.

Berra, Dale

The similarities between me and my father are different.

Berra, Yogi

Even Napoleon had his Watergate.

I really didn't say everything I said.

If I had to do it all over again, I'd do it all over again.

If there's one pitch you keep swinging at and keep missing, stop swinging at it.

If you don't know where you're going, when you get there you'll be lost.

We have deep depth.

We made too many wrong mistakes.

You can see a lot by observing.

Berry, Chuck

Don't let the same dog bite you twice.

Berry, Rick

The investors in Amazon.com will make the tulip investors of the 17th century look like value investors.

Berryman, John

The world is gradually becoming a place where I do not care to be anymore.

Best, George

I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars. The rest I just squandered.

Best, Tom

People who live in glass houses don't have much of a sex life.

Betti, Ugo

Even when things go well, they're still going poorly. If nothing else, because we grow old.

Bezos, Jeff

We [amazon.com] were profitable for a brief period in December 1995. It was a mistake.

Bhatnagar, Ranjit

If I ever meet a vampire, I want it to be an anorexic one.

Biafra, Jello

Don't hate the media. Become the media.

Bible

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1 Timothy 6:7 KJV

Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

Proverbs 31:6-7 NIV

Bible (continued)

It is better to marry than to burn.

1 Corinthians 7:9

No man knows when his hour will come:
As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds
are taken in a snare, so men are trapped by
evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.
(Ecclesiastes 9:12 NIV)

Wine maketh merry; but money answereth
all things.

(Ecclesiastes 10:19)

Bidault, George

The weak have one weapon: the errors of
those who think they are strong.

Bierce, Ambrose

Absurdity-A statement or belief manifestly
inconsistent with one's own opinion.

Academe, n. An ancient school where
morality and philosophy were taught.

Academy, n. (from academe). A modern
school where football is taught.

Achievement-The death of endeavor and the
birth of disgust.

Alone-In bad company.

Bore-A person who talks when you wish
him to listen.

Calamities are of two kinds: misfortunes to
ourselves, and good fortune to others.

Capital, n. The seat of misgovernment.

Consult-To seek another's approval of a
course already decided on.

Corporation, n. An ingenious device for
obtaining individual profit without
individual responsibility.

Day, n. A period of twenty-four hours,
mostly misspent.

Deliberation, n. The act of examining one's
bread to determine on which side it is
battered.

Bierce, Ambrose (continued)

Diplomacy-The patriotic art of lying for
one's country.

Egotist, n. A person of low taste, more
interested in himself than in me.

Fidelity, n. A virtue peculiar to those who
are about to be betrayed.

Friendship-A ship big enough to carry two
in fair weather, but only one in foul.

Habit-A shackle for the free.

Heaven-A place where the wicked cease
from troubling you with talk of their
personal affairs, and the good listen with
attention while you expound your own.

Husband, n. One who, having dined, is
charged with the care of the plate.

In Dr. Johnson's famous dictionary
patriotism is defined as the last resort of a
scoundrel. Will all due respect to an
enlightened but inferior lexicographer I beg
to submit that it is the first.

Language-The music with which we charm
the serpents guarding another's treasure.

Lawyer-One skilled in circumvention of the
law.

Learning-The kind of ignorance
distinguishing the studious.

Marriage-The state or condition of a
community consisting of a master, a
mistress and two slaves, making in all, two.

Noise-A stench in the ear. Undomesticated
music. The chief product and authenticating
sign of civilization.

Peace, in international affairs, is a period of
cheating between two periods of fighting.

Plagiarize- To take the thought or style of
another writer whom one has never, never
read.

Politics is the conduct of public affairs for
private advantage.

Bierce, Ambrose (continued)

Pray- To ask that the laws of the universe be annulled on behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy.

Reverence-The spiritual attitude of a man to a god and a god to a man.

Saint-A dead sinner revised and edited.

The gambling known as business looks with austere disfavor upon the business known as gambling.

War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography.

Witch-(1) An ugly and repulsive old woman, in a wicked league with the devil.
(2) A beautiful and attractive young woman, in wickedness a league beyond the devil.

Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands.

Biershbach, Matt

People that think logically are a nice contrast to the real world.

Bijold, Lois McMaster

You cannot push back the darkness with reason. You have to use fire.

Biko, Steven

The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.

Billingsley, Kenneth Lloyd

Tolerance: (n) Openness to all ideas from the Left.

Bing, Stanley

The big top is a lot like big business. You spend your day juggling, walking a tightrope, coping with clowns and cleaning up after elephants.

Birkett, William Norman

I do not object to people looking at their watches when I am speaking. But I strongly object when they start shaking them to make certain they are still going.

Birtles, Jasmine

If you love a man, set him free. If he comes back, it means he’s forgotten his sandwiches.

Bishop, Stephen

I feel so miserable without you, it’s almost like having you here.

Bishop, Tom

Business is not a spectator sport.

Bissonette, David

I recently read that love is entirely a matter of chemistry. That must be why my wife treats me like toxic waste.

Black, Dave

Britain and America are separated by the Irony Curtain.

Black, Diana

Big egos are big shields for lots of empty space.

Black, Jay

All problems in computer science can be solved by adding an extra level of indirection.

Blair, Tim

We’ve got our anti-US forces. Lots of them. We’ve taken the precaution of rounding them up and keeping them penned in newspaper offices.

Blake, Anita

They call it cutting the apron strings. It feels more like amputating body parts.

Blake, Eubie

Pay the thunder no mind- listen to the birds.

Blake, John

The world tolerates conceit from those who are successful, but not from anybody else.

Blake, William

A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent.

I must create a system, or be enslaved by another man's.

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

Prisons are built with stones of Law,
Brothels with bricks of Religion.

To generalize is to be an idiot.

You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.

Blakeman, Scott

Beer commercials are so patriotic: "Made the American Way." What does that have to do with America? Is that what America stands for? Feeling sluggish and urinating frequently?

Blanchard, J.

Evangelicalism is like a swimming bath. Most of the noise is at the shallow end.

Blass, Bill

When in doubt, wear red.

Blattner, Jerome

A person who trusts no one can't be trusted.

Bliss, Arthur

What is called the serenity of age is only perhaps a euphemism for the fading power to feel the sudden shock of joy or sorrow.

Bliven, Naomi

Behind almost every woman you ever heard of is a man who let her down.

Bloch, Arthur

An expert is the one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most.

Bloch, Robert

The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone else he can blame it on.

Block, Herbert

If it's good, they'll stop making it.

Bloom, Allan

American high school graduates are among the most sensitive illiterates in the world.

Bloom, Barbara

When the Japanese mend broken objects, they aggrandize the damage by filling the cracks with gold. They believe that when something's suffered damage and has a history it becomes more beautiful.

Blount, Roy, Jr.

If a cat spoke, it would say things like, "Hey, I don't see the problem here."

Bluestone, Ed

I have a great diet. You can eat anything you want, but you must eat it with naked fat people.

Blum, William

Patriotism, like religion, meets people's need for something greater to which their individual lives can be anchored...America's state religion, [is] patriotism, a phenomenon which has convinced many of the citizenry that "treason" is morally worse than murder or rape.

Boaz, David

Half the stories in every newspaper should be headlined “Stop me before I legislate again.”

Bodzin, Anke

There’s no problem so large it can’t be solved by killing the user off, deleting their files, closing their account and reporting their *real* earnings to the IRS.

Boehme, Jacob

Hell is in Heaven and Heaven is in Hell. But angels see only the light, and devils only the darkness.

Boethius, Anicius Manlius Severinus

In every kind of adversity, the bitterest part of a man’s affliction is to remember that he once was happy.

Bogart, Humphrey

A hot dog at the ball park is better than steak at the Ritz.

The whole world is about three drinks behind.

Bogart, John B.

When a dog bites a man that’s not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that is news.

Bohn, Henry George

The candle lights others and consumes itself.

Bohr, Niels

An expert is a man who has made all the mistakes, which can be made, in a very narrow field.

Everything we call real is made of things that cannot be regarded as real.

Never express yourself more clearly than you are able to think.

Bohr, Niels (continued)

One of the favorite maxims of my father was the distinction between the two sorts of truths, profound truths recognised by the fact that the opposite is also a propound truth, in contrast to the trivialities where opposites are obviously absurd.

There are some things so serious you have to laugh at them.

Bok, Curtis

Truth has a way of shifting under pressure.

Bok, Derek

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

Bolitho, William

We will never have Fascism in England; no Englishman will dress up, not even for a revolution.

Bombeck, Erma

A grandmother will put a sweater on you when she is cold, feed you when she is hungry, and put you to bed when she is tired.

An ugly carpet will last forever.

Don’t confuse fame with success. Madonna is one; Helen Keller is the other.

Getting out of the hospital is a lot like resigning from a book club. You’re not out of it until the computer says you’re out of it.

I haven’t trusted polls since I read that 62% of women had affairs during their lunch hour. I’ve never met a woman in my life who would give up lunch for sex.

I will never engage in a winter sport with an ambulance parked at bottom of the hill.

Bombeck, Erma (continued)

I'm trying very hard to understand this generation. They have adjusted the timetable for childbearing so that menopause and teaching a sixteen-year-old how to drive a car will occur in the same week.

I've been on a constant diet for the last two decades. I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet.

Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth.

Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the *Titanic* who waved off the dessert cart.

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

There are only three things worth remembering: you social security number, the formula for your hair dye and how many hours you were in labor with your children.

What does it profit a seventy-eight-year-old woman to sit around the pool in a bikini if she cannot feed herself?

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

Bona, Skip

If we can't do this project the way we want to do it, then we'll do it some other way. (FAA spokesman)

Bonaparte, Napoleon

A journalist is a grumbler, a censurer, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.

A leader is a dealer in hope.

Bonaparte, Napoleon (continued)

A man will fight harder for his interests than for his rights.

Ability is nothing without opportunity.

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step.

Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever.

If you start to take Vienna- take Vienna.

Impossible is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools.

In politics an absurdity is not a handicap.

Never ascribe to malice that which is adequately explained by incompetence.

Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

Oh well, no matter what happens, there's always death.

Religion is what keeps the poor from murdering the rich.

The best way to keep one's word is not to give it.

The only conquests that are permanent and leave no regrets are our conquests over ourselves.

The policy which is not moral must glorify morality.

The surest way to remain poor is to be honest.

There are different ways of assassinating a man- by pistol, sword, poison, or moral assassination. They are the same in their results except the last is more cruel.

There are only two forces that unite men- fear and interest.

We may stop ourselves when going up, never when going down.

We won't run out of heroes so long as we don't run out ribbon.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the other direction.

Politics are not the task of a Christian.

Bonicelli, Vittorio

A good many dramatic situations begin with screaming.

(From the film *Barbarella*)

Bonnano, John

Among Republicans, family values seems to be an article of faith, like heaven, rather than an actual way of life.

Bonnano, Margaret Wander

It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day-to-day basis.

Bono, Sonny

I've never been qualified for anything I'm good at.

Politics is show business for ugly people.

Boom, Corrie Ten

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Boone, Daniel

I can't say I've ever been lost, but I was bewildered once for three days.

Boone, Pat

Don't trust anyone under 65.

Boorstin, Daniel

A bestseller was a book which somehow sold well simply because it was selling well.

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

Boorstin, Daniel (continued)

More appealing than knowledge itself is the feeling of knowing.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers.

The great obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents, and the ocean was not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge.

The sign of celebrity is often that his name is worth more than his services.

We must abandon the prevalent belief in the superior wisdom of the ignorant.

Boosler, Elayne

Mr. Right is now a guy who hasn't been laid in fifteen years.

My ancestors wandered through the wilderness for 40 years because even in Biblical times, men would not stop to ask directions.

The latest fad, giving birth under water, may be less traumatic for the baby, but it's more traumatic for the other people in the pool.

The Vatican is against surrogate mothers. Good thing they didn't have that rule when Jesus was born.

We have women in the military, but they don't put us in the front lines. They don't know if we can fight, if we can kill. I think we can. All the general has to do is walk over to the women and say, "You see the enemy over there? They say you look fat in those uniforms."

When the sun comes up, I have morals again.

When women are depressed, they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country.

Boosler, Elayne (continued)

You never see a man walking down the street with a woman who has a little pot belly and a bald spot.

Borah, William H.

The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments.

Borchert, Wolfgang

Truth is like a well-known whore. Everyone knows her, but it is embarrassing to encounter her on the street.

Boren, James H.

Guidelines for Bureaucrats:

1. When in charge, ponder.
2. When in trouble, delegate.
3. When in doubt, mumble.

Most educators would continue to lecture on navigation while the ship is going down.

Borenstein, David

I don't see what's so damned wrong with having a whole lot of voices in my head. They're all smart, funny, and have good ideas.

Borenstein, Nathaniel

The most likely way for the world to be destroyed, most experts agree, is by accident. That's where we come in; we're computer professionals. We cause accidents.

Borge, Victor

Ah, Mozart! He was happily married-but his wife wasn't.

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year.

The difference between a violin and a viola is that a viola burns longer.

When an opera star sings her head off, she usually improves her appearance.

Borger, Gloria

For most folks, no news is good news; for the press, good news is not news.

Borges, Jorge Luis

Democracy is an abuse of statistics.

There is a concept which corrupts and upsets all others. I refer not to Evil, whose limited realm is that of ethics; I refer to the infinite.

What you really value is what you miss, not what you have.

Born, Max

The human race has today the means for annihilating itself-either in a fit of complete lunacy, i.e., in a big war, by a brief fit of destruction, or by careless handling of atomic technology, through a slow process of poisoning and of deterioration in its genetic structure.

Borne, Ludwig

Losing an illusion makes you wiser than finding a truth.

Bossuet, Jacques Benigne

The greatest weakness of all is the great fear of appearing weak.

Bostic, Keith

Perl [is] the only language that looks the same before and after RSA encryption.

Boucher, Karen

Never underestimate the power of a lot of stupid people working in the same company.

Boucicault, Dion

Men talk of killing time, while time quietly kills them.

Boulding, Kenneth

Anyone who believes exponential growth can go on forever in a finite world is either a madman or an economist.

Bouton, Jim

Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field?

You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time.

(In the book *Ball Four*)

Bovard, James

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

Bovee, Christian

Doubt whom you will, but never doubt yourself.

The worst deluded are the self-deluded.

Tranquil pleasures last the longest; we are not fitted to bear the burden of great joys.

When all else is lost, the future still remains.

Bowen, Bob

We are only young once. That is all society can stand.

Bowen, Elizabeth

Children are God's spies.

Memory is the editor of one's sense of life.

The heart may think it knows better: the senses know that absence blots people out. We really have no absent friends.

Bowie, David

All you have to do is wear a hat and carry a Greek newspaper. Nobody will look twice at you.

Bowie, Louise

Success in life means not becoming like your parents.

Bowles, Chester

Government is too big and important to be left to the politicians.

Boy George

I'm very uncomfortable with the idea of vaginas. They bother me in the way that spiders bother some people.

Boyd, L.M.

The Scots long ago came up with an ancient word for a magic spell that creates an illusion of beauty where no beauty exists. The word is "glamour."

Brack, Andy

People get addicted to good e-mail like they get addicted to good chocolate.

Bracken, Peg

Now that women have been more or less freed by the three C's- cars, can-openers, and contraceptives- it seems too bad that the fourth one, conscience, so often has to butt in.

When there's a lot of it around, you never want it very much.

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut save you 30 cents?

Brackett, Leigh

"Sorry" don't get it done, dude.

(Spoken by John Wayne in the film *Rio Bravo*)

Never tell me the odds.

(From the film *The Empire Strikes Back*)

Bradbury, Malcolm

I like the English. They have the most rigid code of immorality in the world.

Bradbury, Ray

I don't try to describe the future. I try to prevent it.

If we listened to our intellect, we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go into business, because we'd be cynical. Well, that's nonsense. You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down.

Insanity is relative. It depends on who has who locked in what cage.

Read, read, read and put away computers. Forget the Internet, that's all crap.

The human race likes to give itself airs. One good volcano can produce more greenhouse gases in a year that the human race has in its entire history.

There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches.

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

Braddon, Mary Elizabeth

There can be no reconciliation where there is no open warfare. There must be a battle, a brave boisterous battle, with pennants waving and cannon roaring, before there can be peaceful treaties and enthusiastic shaking of hands.

Women are like barnacles... they are always ready to fasten upon a wreck.

Bradford, Gamaliel

In great matters men show themselves as they wish to be seen; in small matters, as they are.

Bradley, Bill

Trying to take money out of politics is like trying to take jumping out of basketball.

Bradley, David

I invented control-alt-delete, but Bill Gates made it famous.
(member of the original IBM PC design team)

Bradley, F.H.

There are persons who, when they cease to shock us, cease to interest us.

Bradley, Omar

The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

We need to learn to set our course by the stars and not by the lights of every passing ship.

Bradley, Paul A.

History is like shampoo: exotic or generic, the last step is always "repeat."

Bradshaw, John

Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.

Bradstreet, Anne

Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish.

Brady, Charles J.

The real measure of a day's heat is the length of a sleeping cat.

Bragg, William

God runs electromagnetics by wave theory on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the Devil runs them by quantum theory on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Bramah, Ernest

There are few situations in life that cannot be resolved promptly, and to the satisfaction of all concerned, by either suicide, a bag of gold, or thrusting a despised antagonist over a precipice on a dark night.

Bran, William

The trouble with our Texas Baptists is that we do not hold them under water long enough.

Brand, Jo

Say what you like about Genghis Khan, but when he was around, old ladies could walk the streets of Mongolia at night.

Brandeis, Louis

Arguments seem futile to me, for behind every argument I have ever heard lies the astounding ignorance of someone.

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.

If we desire respect for the law, we must first make the law respectable.

Low wages are not cheap wages.

The most important political office is that of private citizen.

We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both. (in 1939)

Brando, Marlon

An actor's a guy who, if you ain't talking about him, he ain't listening.

I don't mind that I'm fat. You still get the same money.

If there's anything unsettling to the stomach, it's watching actors on television talk about their personal lives.

If we are not our brother's keeper, at least let us not be his executioner.

Brandon, Dick

Documentation is like sex: when it is good, it is very, very good; and when it is bad, it is better than nothing.

Brann, William Cowper

No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach.

Braque, Georges

Art is meant to disturb. Science reassures. There is only one valuable thing in art: the thing you cannot explain.

Truth exists; only lies are invented.

Braude, Jacob

Always behave like a duck. Keep calm and unruffled at the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others.

Brault, Robert

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

Most people would rather defend to the death your right to say it than listen to it.

Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am of what is true.

Braunstein, Richard

The hard part about being a bartender is figuring out who is drunk and who is just stupid.

Breathed, Berkeley

And irony, oh the goddammed irony, that courses through the popular culture like a cancer. If nothing is serious anymore, then there's nothing to satirize.

Brebner, J. Bartlett

Americans are benevolently ignorant about Canada, while Canadians are malevolently well informed about the United States.

Brecht, Bertolt

Advocates of progress often have too low an opinion of what already exists.

Art is not a mirror held up to reality; it is a hammer used to shape it.

Food comes first, then morals.

From the cradle to the coffin underwear comes first.

He who laughs last has not yet heard the bad news.

If there are obstacles, the shortest line between two points may be a crooked line.

Playing cards without money is like a meal without salt.

Politicians are swine. You cannot reason with swine. You must hit them on the nose with a stick.

Suppose they gave a war and nobody came? Why, then the war would come to you.

Those who have no share in the fortunes of the mighty often have a share in their misfortunes.

Today every invention is received with a cry of triumph which soon turns into a cry of fear.

What is the robbing of a bank compared to the founding of a bank?

Bremer, Sylvia

The finest kind of friendship is between people who expect a great deal of each other but never ask it.

Brenan, Gerald

Old age takes away from us what we have inherited and gives us what we have earned.

Brenan, Gerald (continued)

The great thing about marriage is that enables one to be alone without feeling loneliness.

Those who have some means think that the most important thing in the world is love. The poor know that it is money.

When the coin is tossed either Love or Lust will fall uppermost. But if the metal is right, under the one will always be the other.

Brenner, David

A vegetarian is a person who won't eat anything that can have children.

Brenner, Sydney

A modern computer hovers between the obsolescent and the nonexistent.

Breslin, Jimmy

Politics: where fat, bald, disagreeable men, unable to be candidates themselves, teach a president how to act on a public stage.

The office of the president is such a bastardized thing, half royalty and half democracy, that nobody knows whether to genuflect or spit.

When you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place.

Bret, Antoine

The first sigh of love is the last of wisdom.

Brickman, Morrie

I don't know whether the world is full of smart men bluffing or imbeciles who mean it.

Some people suffer in silence louder than others.

Briers, Richard

A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever.

Brilliant, Ashleigh

All I want is a warm bed and a kind word and unlimited power.

I can do only one thing at a time, but I can avoid doing many things simultaneously.

It's good to know that if I behave strangely society will take full responsibility for me.

It's not easy taking my problems one at a time when they refuse to get in line.

My life has a superb cast but I can't figure out the plot.

Strangely enough, this is the past that somebody in the future is longing to go back to.

The best reason for having dreams is that in dreams no reasons are necessary.

The closest you will ever come in this life to an orderly universe is a good library.

The trouble is that sex is a force of nature, and reason is not.

We've been through so much together, and most of it was your fault.

Brimer, John Burton

America is a place where Jewish merchants sell Zen love beads to agnostics for Christmas.

Brin, David

We have to go forth and crush every world view that doesn't believe in tolerance and free speech.

Why must conversions always come so late? Why do people always apologize to corpses?

Brinkley, David

A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.

Brinkley, David (continued)

People have the illusion that all over the world, all the time, all kinds of fantastic things are happening. When in fact, over most of the world, most of the time, nothing is happening.

Washington DC is a city filled with people who think they are important.

Brinner, Roger

The plural of anecdote is not data.

Brittain, Vera

Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity.

Broca, Paul

The least questioned assumptions are often the most questionable.

Brodeur, Paul

Statistics are human beings with the tears wiped off.

Brodsky, Joseph

If there is any substitute for love, it is memory.

Brody, Reed

If you kill one person, you go to jail; if you kill 20, you go to an institution for the insane; if you kill 20,000, you get political asylum.

Brogan, Colm

There is only one word for aid that is genuinely without strings, and that word is blackmail.

Bronowski, Jacob

No science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power.

Bronte, Charlotte

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last.