Ponderisms: When the guy who made the first drawing board got it wrong, what did he go back to?

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SIXTEEN THINGS THAT IT TOOK ME OVER 40 YEARS TO LEARN
by Dave Barry, submitted by Roger Moffat

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be ‘meetings’.
3. There is a very fine line between ‘hooby’ and ‘mental illness’.
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
10. 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.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
13. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.
14. Your friends love you anyway.
15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

FINAL Thought for the Day:
16. Men are like a fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it’s up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.
July is National Baked Bean Month

3rd is Compliment Your Mirror Day
8th is Video Games Day
14th is National Nude Day
19th is Flitch Day

Bizarre Bonus: An old custom from yester-year developed into the holiday of Flitch Day. Bacon was given to any married couple who could prove they had lived in harmony and fidelity for one year. Very few “Took Home The Bacon”.

You’re in the Army Now!

Good Luck to Martell Jefferson, who will be going into the reserves in August. Martell was last seen on stage in Oklahoma! and was originally cast in Meanwhile Back on the Couch. Because his ship date moved up, Martell had to drop from the show.

We’ll miss you Martell, and PLEASE! Take good care of yourself while you’re taking good care of US.

The First Law of Theatre: Everything will take longer than it really should.

In Honour of Stupid People…

This happened in Birmingham AL. I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything into your baggage without your knowledge?” To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?” He smiled knowingly and nodded, “That’s why we ask.”

10 Foods You Should Never Eat

1. Pepperidge Farms Roasted Chicken Pot Pie:
510 Calories and 9 grams of fat and that’s for half of the pot pie. Who eats just half of a pot pie?

2. McDonald’s Chicken Selects:
A standard 5-strip order has 630 calories and 11 artery clogging grams of fat.

3. The Cheesecake Factory’s 6 Carb Cheesecake:
Each slice has 610 calories and 29 grams of fat. You could have had an 8-oz prime rib with less fat and calories.

4. Dove Ice Cream:
Dove squeezes 300 calories and 13 grams of fat into a half cup sized serving of its ice cream.

5. Mrs. Fields Milk Chocolate & Walnut Cookie:
1 cookie has more than 300 calories, as much saturated fat as a 12-oz sirloin steak and 6, yes 6 teaspoons of sugar. Remember I said that is 1 cookie.

6. Starbucks’ 20-oz Venti Caffé Mocha:
With 490 calories and 16 grams of fat, you can think of this as a Quarter Pounder with Cheese in a cup!

7. Burger King Quad Stacker:
1,000 calories, 30 grams of fat and 1,800 mg sodium. Are you suicidal?

8. Campbell’s Chunky, Select and Red and White Label Condensed Soups:
These soups are brimming with salt. Half a can averages MORE than half of a person’s daily quota of salt.

9. Chipotles Chicken Burrito:
1,180 calories and 19 grams of fat. You should be able to SEE that many calories!

10. Häagen-Dazzs Mint Chip Dazzler:
Is the winner with 1,270 calories and 38 grams of fat. That’s two days worth. Now that’s just crazy!

Talented local artist Pamela Biesen has a passion for vintage buttons. Using this talent, she takes discarded buttons and fashions them into beautiful bracelets that are wearable works of art. Each bracelet she makes is a one of a kind treasure.

Below are just a few samples of her colourful and fun work.

Pam will be offering her bracelets for sale at the annual Frankfort Fall Festival, which will take place on August 31, September 1 and 2. Look for her under the ButtonTown USA banner.

The Frankfort Historic Business District, located in the four-block area surrounding Kansas Street, provides the backdrop for the festival’s major attraction, 300 participating artisans. In addition, you will not want to miss the other special events throughout the weekend including a community parade on Sunday, carnival, live entertainment and food court provided by area civic organizations.

For more information about ButtonTown USA or to inquire about purchasing Pam’s bracelets, email: plbiesen@aol.com.
I agree to face paint at Ellie’s family picnic. I am sure that it will come as no surprise to anyone who knows Ellie that, what with her eye for detail (anal retentiveness), the map she gave me to help me find Main Park in Frankfort, looked much like the 8 x 10 color glossies that the police took of the garbage pile in Alice’s Restaurant with the circles and arrows. The only difference being Ellie included a satellite aerial view of the park.

I arrive at the park and it turns out that there was another huge event going on at the park. A fundraiser for a child stricken with cancer. There were hundreds of people there and these people assumed that I was there to face paint for them, so they helped me carry the gear up to the picnic area and are trying to get me to give them my car keys so they could go and get my canopy and table and chairs to help me set up. I was looking around trying to find Ellie or a face I recognized. I told this woman trying to get me to set up that I was a friend of Ellie’s and she said, “Oh good, good,” and continues to try to get me to set up. Telling me that a good spot would be by the bouncy house.

I told this woman that Ellie told me that there were about 30 kids and this woman says, “Oh no, there are about 150 to 200.” So I called Ellie.

The phone picks up and a voice yells, “What! What do you want? What?” Ellie being Ellie, I assumed it was her and asked her where the Hell she was... Then I hear Ellie in the background shouting, “Ma, it’s Rochelle and she thinks you’re me!!! Tell her I am almost there!!!” *sigh*

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Please find enclosed a check for the amount of: $ ____________________________

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† Please call in advance to reserve your seat(s) - performance dates on reverse.

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