

"That's my story and I'm sticking to it!"

Ben's Daily Wake-Up Call and other assorted words of wit and wisdom

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Hi All:

I know times are hard, but I will be sitting pretty when my investments in Beanie Babies and 1996 Olympic pins start paying off like they said they would.

You know that you have gotten old when pictures of the stereo in your living room start appearing in nostalgic publications or TV specials featuring items.

Southernism No. 110: "Carry," as in take. "I'm fixin' to carry Mama to the Piggly Wiggly."

Yet another reason not to trust your auto mechanic: My window decal said to have my oil changed on Feb. 30.

Sean Hannity says that Neal Boortz is a national treasure. If that is true, we must be bankrupt.

You "hunker" by sitting on your heels. You "hunker down" if you also scrunch to hide or keep warm. You can't "hunker up" for as soon as you leave your heels, you are not hunkering. Next week, we will explain scrunching.

I finally stopped watching CNN when I discovered Fox News Channel does not have an annoying, idiotic AOL commercial on every four minutes.

I ask my brother-in-law why they settled in Tucker, GA. He said; "We looked all over for a decent place to live that was affordable. Then we just got tuckered out." (Ed's note: For you other Americans, "tuckered out" is when you become tired.)

Why did we pay so much for the Hubble telescope and never get to play with it?

After seeing the 9/11 documentary, my only regret is that a lot of those stinking, sorry terrorists probably got to watch it, also.

As I see it, popular music has been going downhill since the 1650s.

Great News: The Waffle House has now added a no-deodorant section!

When I go into a restaurant and they ask me, "Smoking or Non-Smoking", I always say Smoking, no

screaming kids, and no women that smell like they bathed in in Sheep dip. Believe me there are other bad smells around other than cigarette smoke.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Take care,

Ben

And for the latest!

My garbage disposal does not eat better than 50 percent of the world. Someone obviously has not tasted the cooking around here.

For all you pals who want to name a piece of highway after a pal, please just send him a friendship car instead.

Southernism No. 3233: "Tar." What you place on the wheels of your car, as in, "I need a new set of tars."

My hearing is so bad I am going to have to give up on radio---unless they find a way to use closed captions.

What came first---banana pudding or vanilla wafers?

Kmart is closing 284 stores and putting 22,000 employees out of work. I bet their CEO will get a huge bonus.

Drivers in the left lane are always on cellphones because hogging the left lane and blabbing while driving are stupid, selfish things that stupid, selfish people do.

Dear academy: A vote for Opie is a vote for Mayberry and a bottle of pop for America.

According to the esteemed Congressional Budget Office, we will have either a \$300 billion surplus or a \$150 billion deficit. Did these people previously work for the National Weather Service?

Col. Fischer, I have put David Harjo on my list. Are you sure he will know what is going on? Hell, he might think he has got in with a bunch of nuts.

Well, anyway here is your morning wake-up call.

Does it surprise me that Georgia schools get a bad report? Not when I heard one teacher teaching that the Confederates attacked Pearl Harbor in 1963.

Next we'll read that Osama bin Laden has been issued a green card.

Anybody who thinks that pigs can't fly hasn't flown coach lately.

Never, ever trust a man with one eyebrow.

Georgia's slogan should be TLC: Trash, Litter and Clutter.

If every idiot who refuses to use headlights in the rain had to pay a fine, Her Majesty Mayor Franklin could stop robbing city homeowners to pay for Bill Campbell's financial rape of Atlanta.

Murder won't do it; drug charges won't do it. Just what will it take to put O. J. behind bars?

My friend wrote a book about gardening and now calls himself a budding author. (I have another name for him; Budding Idiot.)

I think that the only way to get out of your AARP membership is to die.

You shouldn't mind working 75 hours a week on two jobs because you should know that millions who are on welfare are depending on you.

Are you practicing safe eating when you use condiments?

How do you know when you're out of invisible tape?

Things started to go downhill about the time somebody came up with the word "infotainment."

Too many activists, not enough wedgies.

When you look at metro Atlanta's roadsides, it is clear that our NHL team is misnamed. To be truly Atlantan, it should be called the Trashers.

Now you have your Morning Wake-up Call. It with a 64-ounce of strong cup of coffee will perk you right up.

Please stay tuned for your next wake-up call. Now go out there and let the world know you are alive

and still going strong.

As usual my disclaimer applies. And you have my 30/30 and taillight guarantee.

Now for your Daily Wake-Up Call!

If they outlaw cellphones in vehicles, let's all drive around with one hand up to our ear and drive the cops crazy.

My wife is retiring this year and we are having to cut back on spending. Should I complain when she spends money at Victoria's Secret?

And what the hell is Victoria's secret?

OK, I'm reporting back on my good deed. I didn't strangle the checkout girl at Wal Mart this morning.

Governors don't have tenure. Let's make sure they never get it.

My wife doesn't own a garbage disposal, unless you count me.

The Middle East cease-fire will occur only when one side has anyone left.

Southernism No. 3233: "Mash" (pronounced MYaish), the pressing of buttons or keys, frequently heard on elevators. "Junior, mash 5 for your mama."

We should use our wit as a shield, not as a sword.

I like combining my wife's horoscope with mine. Today is said, "Make personal appearances, wear bright colors. You make other people laugh."

If there is ever a Southernisms calendar, would the "Big Haired Lady" be the calendar girl?

I guess we have to cut Tom Ridge and his color coding a little slack. He had just six months to come up with a system the White House could understand.

We can all see the road Atlanta is heading down when the present mayor is "saddened" when a jury convicts a cop killer and a former mayor is in court speaking on the convicted killer's behalf. (I mean, who in their right mind is going to speak on a convicted cop murderer's behalf. A former mayor, a former Ambassador. Will some of you people please cut us every day citizens some slack.)

My disclaimer applies, and you can have my 30/30 guarantee.

Wake-up lazy heads! It's that time again!

I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

My doctor just told me I have osteoporosis---a degenerate disease.

Can't Kirk Methuish ever say it is warm or cold without throwing "seasonably" or "unseasonably" in front of it? We all know what the current season is, and just how cold or hot it is supposed to be.

The Doppler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

I guess "Celebrity Boxing" pretty much proved that the Partridges never liked the Bradys.

All of England is going to celebrate the queen's 50 years on the throne, yet I get a hard time from my wife for taking 10 minutes.

My friend wondered why they would run an advertisement on a car when there was zero interest.

It's now officially spring: Gasoline price gouging has begun.

Cobb County's pride and joy: The East-West Connector, whisking suburbanites expeditiously from one red light to the next one! Can we all say synchronize?

The INS needs to stop using a credit card company to approve its visa applications.

Clue to the clue-less: Bobbing your head in the direction of my lane does not count as a turn signal.

Do I have this right? If a bartender gives me one to many, he is legally responsible for any harm I cause. But a psychiatrist who fails to properly treat a mentally ill person is not responsible for the harm that ensues. Bartenders need better lawyers.

Southernism No. 3669: "Spire." What you put in the trunk to replace a flat tire.

Life Lesson No. 777: Never wait until the last minute to go to the bathroom when wearing button-fly jeans.

There you have it for your Sunday Wake-up Call! See you next time, when we will hear Ben say: Get up and smell the coffee.

As usual my disclaimer applies, and you have my 30/30 guarantee.

Our morning wake-up call is very late today, as I have been busy.

Why are there so many more horses' rear ends in the world than there are horses?

Why do I think of Eastern Airlines every time I see an article about the Lockheed Martin strikers?

The tax instruction booklet has a section on "Larger Child Tax Credits." Sorry, but I don't think weight-based credits are fair.

Is there an advantage to getting traffic and weather together?

Paula Jones paid money for that nose?

My wife just left for a visit to her mother. It must be time for a refresher course in how to be cranky.

My father taught me about time travel. He'd say, "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

I have a four-year-old nephew, and he has decided he will be going to Georgia Tech to become an engineer. He wants to make the whistle blow as the train approaches intersections.

Jury duty is more than just civic responsibility. It's a great time to catch up on your reading.

Many of America's largest corporations pay no income taxes. But the IRS has announced it will come down hard on waitresses for those huge tips they receive. Is this a great country or what?

I predict we will be reading within the next few years about Andrea Yates getting pregnant in prison.

Southernism No. 2525: "Howsyomommaandim? Which means, "How is your family doing?" Plain copy: "How's your momma and them."

Suggested matchup for "Celebrity Boxing II": Either Carrot Top or Pee Wee Herman VS Mr. T.

And there you have it Ladies and Gentlemen. Sorry I was late, but think about it before you go to sleep.

No Mel, I am not working at this time. Check back with me in a few minutes. I am very busy

recanning chairs, and playing golf though. Damn that golf, is one great job. I pick up a little change every time I go out. Remember when betting on golf; "All bets are won on the first tee."

As usual my disclaimer applies, and you have my 30/30 or tail light guarantee.

Here is your Daily Wake-Up Call. It is late again today, as I had to play golf this morning.

Spring: That wonderful time of year when one has to choose between working in the yard or working on taxes.

If we are to maintain a balanced system of government in this country, the judicial system is way past due for a major slap down.

I decided to do something nice for someone yesterday, so I paid the toll for the guy driving behind me on 400. Two minutes later he cuts me off, changing lanes while talking on his cellphone.

Junk is something you keep for years, then throw away one week before you need it.

The most common element in the universe is stupidity.

I wonder if Nostradamus ever asked his girlfriend, "What have you got planned for this weekend?"

If I drank my eight glasses of Atlanta water that my doctor insists I drink every day, I would be arrested for being high on drugs.

Whenever people refer to the likes of Paula Jones and Tonya Harding as celebrities, you know that the line between fame and notoriety has been erased.

The side effects of most prescription medicines advertised on TV are worse than the ailments.

If Atlanta's TV weather people were baseball players, they would be batting about .200 and traded for players to be named later after last weekend.

There you have it. As usual my disclaimer applies, and you have my 30/30 and tail light guarantee.

This just in! It seems Florida is mad at Georgia about river water. They want to tell Georgians what they can do with the water that starts in Georgia and ends up in Florida.

I have news for Florida. The Flint River starts as a leaking faucet under the Atlanta Airport. The Chattahoochee River starts in Georgia, as does any other river that flows into Florida. The only thing I can say is: Florida you can have the water after we are through with it. And if you don't get enough, it was because we needed it more than you. We have to wash our dogs and cars. We really don't care if you don't have enough. Hell, you have a big Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other side. Strain out the salt, and drink it.

You people want to know why the water in Florida taste so bad. It's because all us Georgians go to the bathroom in it before it gets to Florida.

Yo'al have fun!

Your Daily Wake-Up Call!

If you had to identify, in one word, why the human race has not reached its potential, that word would be "meetings."

Does buying lunch for my cousin the pastor count as giving to the church?

Three things are certain in life: death, taxes and gas prices going up just before spring break.

Rugged, handsome, chiseled and clean-cut are all OK. But please don't call me cute.

Scientists say the universe is expanding at an ever-accelerating pace. Is that why my jeans no longer fit?

With this new color-coding thing going on, I'm a little concerned about wearing red underwear.

How smart are we to tell the world about a buried hydrogen bomb? Maybe we should also include a map.

I know violence is wrong, but wouldn't it be OK to, Just once, slap those rude people using cellphones in public?

We can end world hunger by sending them the excess french fries served at Atlanta restaurants.

About OUR water problem with Florida. And yes, it is OUR water until Florida gets it. All I can say is DAM, Dam, Dam!

Here is your Daily Wake-Up Call, and it is on time today!

Those models are so good-looking in the advertisements. It's a good thing my wife brings me back to reality.

With all the headgear those "celebrity boxers" wore, you'd think they actually had brains that could have been damaged.

Why are member of either sex would be attracted to Rosie escapes me.

You can now officially go ahead and call your computer "The Porn Box."

Hey, Fox 5: The release of a videotape of a robbery and murder that occurred more than a week ago is not "breaking news."

Why is the up escalator always broken down?

Outback is now advertising new "phone ahead" seating. Isn't that what used to be known as a reservation?

I went up north once and couldn't understand more than three words out of 10! Anyone for Yankeeisms?

My three favorite things about the Seiss: their army knives, their chocolate and their history of never threatening to bomb the hell out of people.

I think Clark Howard should be mayor of Atlanta. The city needs a lesson in how to be frugal.

Al Gore may have shaved his beard, but he is still Al Gore.

And finally this:

There really no debate: Man was made from dirt and woman was made from prime rib.

My disclaimer applies, and you can have a 30/30 or tail light guarantee.

Here is a little something to help with stress!

Long ago, there lived a sailor named Captain Bravo. He was a manly man's man, who showed no

fear when facing his enemies. One day, while sailing the Seven Seas, his lookout spotted a pirate ship. The crew became frantic! Captain Bravo bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!" The first mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, and while wearing the brightly colored frock, the Captain led his crew into battle and defeated the pirates.

That evening, all the men sat around on the deck recounting the day's triumph. One of them asked the captain, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before battle?"

The captain replied, "If I had been wounded in the attack, the shirt would not have shown my blood. Thus, you men would continue to fight, unafraid."

All of the men sat and marveled at both the courage and intelligence of such a manly man's man.

As dawn came the next morning, the lookout spotted not one, not two, but TEN pirate ships approaching! The crew stared in worshipful silence at the captain and waited for his usual brilliant orders.

Captain Bravo gazed with steely eyes upon the vast armada arrayed against his ship, and without fear, turned and calmly shouted, "Get me my brown pants."

A Merry Heart Is Good Medicine

Now for your Daily Wake-Up Call. You are in for a treat today. Some good ones coming your way!

So, patriotism is putting your country before your paycheck. That's easy to say when it's not your money.

Fire all the INS personnel and replace them with Blockbuster workers. Those folks can find anybody!

Lethal injection is cruel and inhumane? Then let's just scare our death row inmates to death. Just show them a picture of Roseanne when she wakes up in the morning.

I was surprised my car didn't make the "Top 10 cars thieves are most likely to steal" list. After all, I spent \$2,000 to restore my Pinto.

Woman was made from the rib of man and she's been ribbing him ever since.

A patriot is someone who heckles a Lockheed striker from the comfort of a Japanese import.

How do you turn up missing?

I've always had a problem with Iraq---especially the way it flagrantly flaunts its disregard for the "u" after "q" rule.

You know you haven't grown up when you take your newborn into a smoky bar on St. Patrick's Day so you can drink.

Florida should play the AARP card in the water wars by telling Georgia and Alabama to give them as much water as it wants or it'll send back all the senior citizens.

When I say that I am a morning person it means that I am most productive when the day is young. It does not mean that being around me at that hour is pleasant.

Celebrity boxing match I'd like to see: Tonya Harding vs. Michael Jackson.

As I gallop along toward my impending 70th anniversary on this earth, I think my No. 1 annoyance is the condescending, arrogant intellectual.

I keep waiting for somebody to invent a drug that will fix my credit and relieve my anxiety at the same time.

I wish they still said, "Don't touch that dial." But the, kids today don't even know what a dial is.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

At my time in life, I figure Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

There you have it, your Daily Wake-Up Call.

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Here is your Daily Wake-Up Call!

Good News, Bad news? You decide!

Georgia puts more bad guys in prison than most other states.

Why the more things change, the more they seem the same: Those in charge come and go. The new ones don't know what failed before, and those who do are gone.

When the ends justify the means, all bets are off.

Scapegoats don't just wander by; they are created, cultivated and cuddled more than any pet.

Smoking, obesity, alcohol and lack of exercise are responsible for nearly half of American deaths. The other half? Old age.

If you jumped in the river and it was dry, would you consider it divine intervention or just more rotten luck?

The sky is falling, the sky is falling: Or in this case, Antarctica is melting. and before you know it, there really will be beachfront property in Arizona.

There they go again with that right-wing conspiracy: Clintons absolved by the hairs of their chinny-chin- chins in Whitewater investigation that resulted in 14 convictions. (See Scapegoat item)

The devil, when he dresses himself in angel's clothes, can only be detected by experts of exceptional skill, and so often does he attempt this disguise that it is hardly safe to be seen talking to an angel at all.

Headline story yesterday: U.S. foreign aid fails to boost democracy. Let's keep our money home.

I guess Denis and I are the only ones awake at this hour! So, for the rest of you, time to wake-up and smell the coffee.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.

If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway. (Weight Watchers... a waist of time???)

Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it. My disclaimer applies, and you can have my 30/30 or tail light guarantee.

This just in in. Extra, Extra, read all about it.

If you ever put peanuts in a small bottle of Coke, then you are a true Southerner.

Heavy is just a \$2 word for fat.

I keep hearing about a company that will clean your ducks for free. since my ducks live in the water, they are already pretty clean, but my dog could sure use a free bath.

Yankeeism No. 1: "Tooda," as in, "The wreck on 400 has been moved off tooda left."

That iceberg the size of Delaware is my fault. I accidentally left the engine on my pickup running the other night.

Want my vote? Promise to stop the endless, unsolicited computer-generated sales calls I get every night.

Someone tell clown News 46 that interviews with "Survivor" contestants don't qualify as news stories.

Herman, we loved you--- even with your overcoat's hidden pockets. You did more for Georgia during hard times than our present kings ever could.

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Another Just In for you!

I just read an article on Chelsea Clinton in the paper.

It seems she was rated fifth most eligible woman in Britain. I'm thinking eligible for what? Pet of the week?

Talk about being ugly. That woman is so ugly she could get a part time job haunting houses on the

weekend.

She was rated two places behind actress Kate Winslet and one behind Zara Phillips, daughter of Princess Anne.

Fifth, hell that is way down the line. Maybe the British know something after all. At least she was behind a Phillips. Talking about behind. I know her behind has to look better than her face. They have a picture of her. I can't tell if that is her nose, or she is eating a banana. Also what a mouth that woman has on her. I bet she could swallow a watermelon whole with that opening.

This is your Daily Wake-Up Call!

Life Lesson No. 2525: Never tailgate a chicken truck.

My favorite Yankeeism: "I'm from South Brooklyn, that's why I say youse guys."

A woman in Philadelphia returned her computer to Best buys because she had broken her foot pedal. That's right. She had put her mouse on the floor.

Aging isn't any fun. First you degenerate and then you decompose.

When God made Eve, he put Adam into a deep sleep. The bible doesn't say if he ever woke him up.

Why is it that on those shopping channels you can't "buy" anything? You have to either "pick up on it" or "get in on it." are they prohibited from saying "buy" or "purchase?"

I told my friend that I dream in color. He said that was just a pigment of my imagination.

Time to wake-up and smell the coffee. Here it is:

If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out. (Too Late....)

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

It ain't the jeans that makes your butt look fat.

Now for you sports fans!

What's this I hear about Julio Franco once being Babe Ruth's roommate?

Bobby Cox could make the Hall of Fame as the best TV nosepicker of all time.

Nobody ever says, "It's only a game" when their team has won.

To Arnold Palmer: Thanks for the memories. If only Tiger really knew how it was in the days of Arnie's Army.

Disclaimer applies.

HERE IS YOUR DAILY Wake-up CALL! TIME TO Wake-up AND SMELL THE COFFEE!!!!!!!!!!

My wife claims I don't pay any attention to her. At least, that's what I think she said.

Thanks to that extremely import front-page story on the Brooklyn dialogue coach, I finally know why southern accents are so bad in the movies.

I gave my wife a mood ring and she quickly told me that no matter what color it turns, she's not in the mood.

So, in Afghanistan they are celebrating the new year of 1423. Sounds about right to me.

One of the nice things about getting older and having a failing memory is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

There is nothing more seductive than an unlimited supply of someone else's money.

I saw that Neal Boortz received the Radio Personality of the Year Award. In the same vein, I nominate Saddam Hussein for Mr. Congeniality.

I've always wondered if Yasser Arafat's men say, "Yes, sir Yasser," when they're talking to him.

In Mississippi, "Hee Haw" reruns are considered documentaries. (Ed. Note: I guess they could be considered documentaries under certain situations. Plus, that is where our reunion will be held this year. Yo'al come, you hear.)

Good Morning, Sirs; It's 7:30AM and time for your Daily Wake Call!

Yankeeism No. 2: "Doze" as in "doze Southerners sure talk funny."

Mama always said "getting older isn't for sissies." I have come to understand what she meant.

It was very heartwarming to see the beautiful people at the Academy Awards giving Woody Allen a standing ovation. Is he still married to his daughter?

If lethal injection is cruel, harsh and inhumane, how would you describe the crimes against the victims?

People who are against drilling for oil in Alaska should only be allowed to drive in odd-numbered years.

Who was it that say: "If you are going through hell. Keep Going"?

An example of why I don't like PETA. A bizarre ad campaign is being waged by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. It seems that they take issue with the consumption of milk that is extracted from animals (except "Mother's milk). The ads claim that people should switch from milk to beer because it has a much lower fat content. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) has waged a counter campaign stating that this is a ridiculous diet that will kill thousands of Americans.

Don't you just love Political Correctness in its rarest form?

I know I was kind of reaching for it this morning, and there wasn't much there. But what the hell, we all have bad days.

This just in:

Subject: Wal-Mart Wine

PLANT CITY, FL - Some Wal-Mart customers soon will be able to sample a new discount item-Wal-

Mart's own brand of wine. The world's largest retail chain is teaming up with E&J Gallo Winery of Modesto, California, to produce the spirits at an affordable price, in the \$6-8 range. While wine connoisseurs may not be inclined to throw a bottle of Wal-Mart brand wine into their shopping carts, there is a market for cheap wine, said Kathy Micken, professor of marketing at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode. Island. "There is wine in a box that people are willing to buy," she said, "the right name is important."

My top 15 suggested names for Wal-Mart Wine:

15. Box O' Grapes
14. Chateau Traileur Doublewide
13. White Trashfindel
12. Big Red Gulp
11. Grape Expectations
10. Domaine Wal-Mart "Merde du Pays"
9. NASCAR Bernet
8. Chef Boyardeaux
7. Peanut Noir
6. Blue Light Special Nun
5. Chateau des S***face
4. Martha Stewart's Sour Grapes
3. I Can't Believe It's Not Vinegar!
2. World Championship Wriesling

And the number 1 name for Wal-Mart Wine...

1. Nasti Spumante

I really don't have much for you today. So, I will go with the list below.

A list of things you should have learned if you raised kids.

A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000sq. foot house 4 inches deep.

If you spray hairspray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller skates, they can ignite.

A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.

If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42lb boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape.

It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.

You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on.

When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit.

A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.

Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

A six-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year-old man says they can only do it in the movies.

Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year-old.

Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.

Super glue is forever.

No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.

Pool filters do not like Jell-O.

VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.

Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

You probably do not want to know what that odor is.

Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.

The fire department in Macon, GA has a 5-minute response time.

The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.

It will, however, make cats dizzy.

Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

And for your Daily Wake Call!

Weeks ago, I spotted a U.S. Postal Service worker delivering mail in a Mercedes S-Class sedan. I should have known then that a postal rate hike was imminent.

Those emotional Oscar acceptance speeches make me wonder: Could they be, you know, acting?

Carl Sandburg surely had Jesse Jackson in mind when he said, "I won't take my religion from any man who never works except for his mouth."

The post office should remove the American eagle from its promotions and replace it with an albatross.

Does Yasser have a brother named Nossir?

Life Lesson No. 369: don't go to court for your DUI trial while drunk.

I went to the doctor a few days ago for some tests, and now I know what an apple feels like. It took me 30 minutes to get all the stickers off my body.

My wife said: "Dopey me. I bought a clothes dryer without a "fold" cycle."

I paid \$700 on a brand-new lawn mower, and it doesn't even have a cup holder for my beer.

Northernisms NO. 96-97: "Tolite" and "earl". As in, "The toilet seat was squeaking, so I put some earl on it."

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Kids, please finish college! Microsoft's Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard. Now, he asks us to close down Windows by clicking "Start."

Predatory lending? Does that mean lending to a predator, like a lot of our Foreign aid?

More models are full-figured these days. Did you hear that Rosie may be the next supermodel?

Today's TV killing average is seven per day? We had westerns and gladiators who would get that many in three minutes.

There you have it for another day. Wake-up and smell the coffee. Happy Easter to all!

I have a friend that received his walking papers from a job he had had for about 30 years. He received the following notice from his employer;

"Dear Employee:

As a result of the reduction of money budgeted for department areas, we are forced to cut down on our number of personnel. Under this plan, older employees will be asked to take early retirement, thus permitting the retention of younger people who represent our future. Therefore, a program to phase out older personnel by the end of the current fiscal year, via retirement, will be placed into effect immediately.

This program will be known as SLAP (Sever Late-Aged Personnel). Employees who are SLAPPED will be given the opportunity to look for jobs outside the company.

SLAPPED employees can request a review of their employment records before actual retirement takes place. This review phase of the program is called SCREW.

SCREW (Survey of Capabilities of Retired Early Workers). All employees who have been SLAPPED and SCREWED may file an appeal with upper management.

This appeal is called SHAFT (Study by Higher Authority Following Termination).

Under the terms of the new policy, an employee may be SLAPPED once, SCREWED twice, but may be SHAFTED as many times as the company deems appropriate.

If an employee follows the above procedure, he/she will be entitled to get: HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel's Early Severance) or CLAP (Combined Lump sum Assistance Payment).

As HERPES and CLAP are considered benefit plans, any employee who has received HERPES or CLAP will no longer be SLAPPED or SCREWED by the company.

Management wishes to assure the younger employees who remain on board that the company will continue its policy of training employees through our: Special High Intensity Training (SHIT). We take pride in the amount of SHIT our employees receive. We have given our employees more SHIT than any company in this area. If any employee feels they do not receive enough SHIT on the job, see your immediate supervisor.

Your supervisor is specially trained to make sure you receive all the SHIT you can stand.

And, once again, thanks for all your years of service with us."

Yo'al Take care!

I have recently been diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. "Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder"... Also known as C.R.S.; "Can't Remember Shit!" I am sorry to say if you ever come down with this problem, there is no known cure. You are stuck with it for life.

This is how it goes: I decide to wash the car; I start toward the garage and notice the mail on the table. Ok, I'm going to wash the car. But first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail and I notice the trashcan is full.

Ok, I'll just put the bills on my desk and take the trashcan out, but since I'm going to be near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay these few bills first. Now, where is my checkbook? Oops, there's only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk. Oh, there's the coke I was drinking. I'm going to look for those checks. But first I need to put my coke further away from the computer, oh maybe I'll pop it into the fridge to keep it cold for a while. I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye... they need some water. I set the coke on the counter and, uh oh! There are my glasses! I was looking for them all morning! I'd better put them away first.

I fill a container with water and head for the flower pots - - Aaaaaagh! Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We'll never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch TV, so I'd

better put it back in the family room where it belongs. I splash some water into the pots and onto the floor. I throw the remote on a soft cushion on the sofa and I head back down the hall trying to figure out what it was I was going to do? End of day: The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, the flowers are half watered, the checkbook still only has one check in it, and I can't seem to find my car keys. When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because...I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY!!

I realize this is a serious condition and I'll get help. But first I think I'll check my email.

Some say that what brings on this problem is drinking too much Japanese beer, sake, or rice wine, while in the Far East. This may be one of the causes, but I am sure that there are other causes.

Taking memory pills does not help this problem. As you can remember things, but for not more than about 3 seconds.

Here is your Daily Wake-Up Call!

Any man with half a brain knows the answer to the "Do these pants make me look fat?" question: "No dear, your butt makes those pants look great."

When my ship finally came in. It was more like a canoe.

I heard where Celine Dion claimed that when she sings to her son that he cries. That doesn't surprise me a bit. It can be painful.

When I told my wife my new pickup truck had a V-8 she asked, "When did they change from gasoline?"

I married my high school sweetheart, and always thought we would grow old together. But, alas, she beat me to it.

I hear the female panda at Zoo Atlanta only gets "interested" once a year. Has she been talking to my wife?

Unlike the U.S., Saddam Hussein wouldn't be using his weapons of mass destruction to END a war.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

Some organizations have a crack research department and others have a research department on crack.

Most women say they want a career, but it turns out they just wanted paychecks.

Why is it you always need the knowledge of a person that has just been laid off.

Isn't it about time we recognized bologna as the official product of the US Legislature?

To the person who thinks spring break is overrated: You obviously have never taught school.

I don't believe God offers immunity. Justice always prevails.

Southernism No. 71: "Rurnt." Downhome for "ruined." as in, "Mama rurnt supper so we gotta go to Krystal."

Wake-up and smell the coffee. Then turn in to your morning Wake-up Call!

Let's just go with this:

You have two choices in life: you can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead." W.W. Renwick

Getting married is very much like going to a restaurant with friends. You order what you want, then when you see what the other person has, you wish you had ordered that.

At the cocktail party, one man said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other man replied, "Yes I am, I married the wrong woman."

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." He replied, "Yes dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Wife wanted." Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

The man, upon getting engaged, went to his father and said, "I've found a girl just like mother!" His father replied, "So what do you want from me, sympathy?"

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe.

Man is incomplete until he is married. Then he is finished.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

Young Son: Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her? Dad: That happens in every country, son.

Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; by then it was too late."

A woman was telling her friend, "It is I who made my husband a millionaire. " "And what was he before you married him?" asked the friend. The woman replied, "A billionaire."

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. A Second Marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

You know the honeymoon is pretty much over when you start to go out with the boys on Wednesday nights, and so does she.

During a heated spat over finances the husband said, "Well, if you'd learn to cook and were willing to clean this place, we could fire the maid." The wife, fuming, shot back, "Oh yeah??? Well, if you'd learn how to make love, we could fire the chauffeur and the gardener."

Personally, I think one of the greatest things about marriage is that as both husband and father, I can say anything I want to around the house. Of course, no one pays the least bit of attention.

According to the latest surveys, when making love, most married men fantasize that their wives aren't fantasizing.

Husband: Want a quickie? Wife: As opposed to what?

My wife told me I should be more affectionate. So, I got two girlfriends.

How do most men define marriage? A very expensive way to get your laundry done for free.

Words to live by: Do not argue with a spouse who is packing your parachute.

First guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!" Second guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are beautiful.

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing."

"At my lemonade stand I used to give the first glass away free and charge five dollars for the second glass. The second glass contained the antidote."

"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand."

"I got a letter from the IRS. Apparently, I owe them \$800. So, I sent them a letter back. I said, "If you'll remember, I fastened my return with a paper clip, which according to your very own latest government Pentagon spending figures will more than make-up for the difference."

"I got in a fight one time with a really big guy, and he said, "I'm going to mop the floor with your face." I said, "You'll be sorry." He said, "Oh, yeah? Why?" I said, "Well, you won't be able to get into the corners very well."

"I got some new underwear the other day. Well, new to me."

"I love to go down to the schoolyard and watch all the little children jump up and down and run around yelling and screaming. They don't know I'm only using blanks."

"I once had a large gay following, but I ducked into an alleyway and lost him."

"I ran three miles today. Finally, I said, "Lady, take your purse."

"Did you hear about the girl at a bar nursing a beer. Her nipple was getting quite soggy."

Now that should open your eyes!

This News Flash Just In.

On the Atlanta News Channel tonight. It seems the police were chasing a guy up I-85 this afternoon. Well, he crashed, and was ejected from the car about 30 feet into the opposite lane, and ran over by more than one car. Of course, the world is one better tonight.

He was only wanted for forgery, and a lot of the newscasters were asking this question! "If he was

only wanted for forgery, why were the police chasing him?" I think I know the answer. They wanted to catch him and put him in jail. They missed out on putting him in jail. Damn the luck! I know that sometimes innocent people get hurt or killed in police chases. This guy was not one of the innocent ones, and he was the one that decided to run away at over 100 MPH. Again, I say life is tough! Live with it! The police are out there to catch crooks. Let them do their jobs. If you are on the road and you see a fool running 100 MPH, get the hell out of the way.

Luckily no one else was hurt in this situation. For this I am most grateful.

Let's see what you have to say about this one.

Time for your morning Wake-up Call!

We will finally take down our snowman, now that it's covered with pollen.

The tax holiday worked out great. Next time, can Governor Barnes give us some spending cash also?

I was born before 1945. (Thank God) We went to the pool hall, not the billiard parlor. We had one movie in town, not the 24 at the mall. And we wore sneakers, not athletic shoes.

That's right. We're the whippersnapper Generation, and we're proud of it.

Can someone tell me the name of the company that Dilbert works for? I need to know so I'll be sure not to buy stock in it.

Misunderstood Lyrics No. 5 from Kenny Rogers; "You picked a fine time to leave me Lucille, with 400 children and a lot in the field." Or "You picked a fine time to leave me loose wheel."

New Hampshire must be heaven for the people living there. No sales tax and no income tax.

A neighbor told me I shouldn't be drinking beer while driving my lawn mower.

Separated at birth: Vice President Dick Cheney and Richard Dreyfuss.

How do all the morning news programs manage to synchronize their commercials.?

Yankeeism No. 223.6: "Youze"---as in "Why do youze guys say y'all?"

Misunderstood Lyrics No. 5: My son used to think the song "Feliz Navidad" was "release Bobby Dodd."

Life Lesson No. 556: Beware of the doctor whose waiting room is filled with dead plants.

Here is your Daily Wake-up Call!

"My friend was in a bar the other night, hopping from barstool to barstool, trying to get lucky, but there wasn't any gum under any of them."

"My friend was pulled over in Massachusetts for reckless driving. When brought before the judge, he was asked if he knew what the punishment for drunk driving in that state was. He said, "I don't know... reelection to the Senate?"

"I was sleeping the other night, alone, thanks to the exterminator."

"I was the kid next door's imaginary friend."

"I was walking down the street the other day and I found a wallet, and I was gonna return it, rather than keep it, but I thought: well, if I lost a hundred and fifty dollars, how would I feel? And I realized I would want to be taught a lesson."

"A guy from Alabama was with this girl the other night and from the way she was responding to his skillful caresses, you would have sworn that she was conscious from the top of her head to the tag on her toe."

"My classmates would copulate with anything that moved, but I never saw any reason to limit myself."

"A guy from Mass. girlfriend said to him in bed last night 'you're a pervert'. He said, 'that's a big word for a girl of nine'."

"New York's such a wonderful city. Although I was at the library today. The guys are very rude. I said, "I'd like a card." He says, "You have to prove you're a citizen of New York." So I stabbed him."

"People always ask me, "Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" Well, I don't have an alibi."

"Probably the toughest time in anyone's life is when you have to murder a loved one because they're the devil."

"Well, my brother-in-law, says Hello. So, hooray for speech therapy."

"When I wake-up in the morning, I just can't get started until I've had that first, piping hot pot of coffee. Oh, I've tried other enemas..."

"When I was a kid, I used to pray every night for a new bicycle. Then I realized that the Lord doesn't work that way so I stole one and asked Him to forgive me."

"Women: You can't live with them, and you can't get them to dress up in a skimpy little Nazi costume and beat you with a warm squash or something..."

"You don't appreciate a lot of stuff in school until you get older. Little things like being spanked every day by a middle-aged woman: Stuff you pay good money for in later life."

"You know what I hate? Indian givers...no, I take that back."

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor, crawled painfully onto a stool, and ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied, "it's just arthritis."

Here is your Daily Wake-up Call!

I'm also a member of the whippersnapper generation, but I'm coming up fast on the geezer generation, and I sure do hate it.

Too bad about that government warning. I wanted to go to the Middle East for vacation.

My doctor has a telephone system which prevents virtually all contact with qualified humans. The recorded message told me my message was important. that tells me all about the depth of his concern.

Since when is it front-page news that people no longer display good manners?

Every December, in anticipation of the gift-giving season, my kids sing: "Fleece Mom and Dad."

Now that the AJC printed the news that marrying your cousin is OK, I am just waiting for the Alabama bashing to begin.

(Note: It has always been legal to marry your second cousin in the USA!)

To the person who said the South would never rise again: Apparently you moved down here, so we must be doing something right. Now go back!

Neal Boortz is egotistical, rude, opinionated, irreverent and insulting. why do I keep listening to him?

The Chinese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine, and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

Here is your Morning Wake-up Call! Happy Trails, as this is the last one that I will be sending!

"Violence only leads to more violence." This one is so stupid you usually have to be the president of an Ivy League university to say it.

Have you seen that bumper sticker that says, "No More Hiroshimas"? I wish I had one that says, "You First. No More Pearl Harbors."

I knew it! CNN's Christiane Amanpour shows up in the Middle East and a war starts. Happens every time.

Sorry, Texans, you have an accent, but we Georgians don't. GOD talks like we do.

The ideal suburb has lots large enough lots so that I cannot see my neighbor's lights or hear his dog.

Spring Break: A week designed to give parents a preview of what their summer will be like and give them time to fill the necessary prescriptions before school is out.

If every shrink in the world opened a practice in the Middle East, it would make not one iota of difference.

Neal Boortz, by now everyone in the free world knows you are a lawyer and own an airplane. Give it

a rest.

Southern Expression No. 3388. Mercy! Best when well- timed --- say after passing by a woman of outstanding beauty.

There are two types of headlights in Georgia---those that are always off, and those that are always on high beam.

You know you are a popular person when they recognize your voice on the Burger King speaker.

In some Atlanta schools, the foreign language program is English.

One of the first signs of spring is a Yankee in his tank top, shorts, socks and sandals.

In Georgia another sign of spring is all the snow-bunny Yankee auto tags on I-75 and I-95 headed North.

My wife looks upon me as her consultant. She has said to me many times, "When I want your advice, I'll ask for it."

Why do we keep building sidewalks when runners continue to jog in the streets?

Life's lesson No. 278. Before heading into rush-hour traffic, be sure you have a full gas tank and an empty bladder.

Take care,

Ben

P.S.: I worked at the Sugarloaf Golf Club this last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the Shriners, raising money for their Children Hospital. Helped run a concession stand, and we all worked our rear ends off. Mama did not have to rock me to sleep either night. As of Yesterday afternoon, we had raised over \$50,000 for the local Children's Hospital. Not bad for a few volunteer old men. No, I am not a Shriner, but I have a lot of friends that are, and they ask me to help them out. I figure that I have lived 65 years, and have had a lot of help from different people during that time. So with that in mind, I think I need to spend the most of my time paying back for all the help that I have had.

Ben