



On the Lighter Side

Evensky and Katz is a well-known financial planning firm out of Florida. Their recent newsletter came to me while I was writing our quarterly update. Since the continuous tone of economic news has been downbeat for some time, I found some of their postings funny / interesting and thought I would share them. I hope you enjoy them.

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

A few examples of student responses:

- Q. "Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements." A. "Learning to speak Latin."
- Q. "What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Kahn have in common?" A. "Unusual names."
- Q. "Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld." A. "Mrs. Orpheus."
- Q. "Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?" A. "At the bottom."
- Q. "What is a fibula?" A. "A little lie."
- Q. "Steve is driving his car. He is traveling at 60 feet/second and the speed limit is 40 mph. Is Steve speeding?" A. "He could find out by checking his speedometer."
- Q. "What is a vibration?" A. "There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960's."
- Q. "Where was Hadrian's Wall built?" A. "Around Hadrian's garden."

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE

The year is 1911. One hundred years ago:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for the car was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Jay Leno

If you've ever watched Jay Leno you probably know one of his most popular shticks is his reading of the headlines. Here are some real winners.

Worker suffers leg pain
after crane drops 800-
pound ball on his head

Bridges help people cross rivers

**City unsure why
the sewer smells**

**Study Shows Frequent Sex
Enhances Pregnancy Chances**

**Man Accused of Killing
Lawyer Receives a New Attorney**

Homicide victims rarely talk to police

Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf

Man with 8 DUIs blames drinking problem

**County to pay \$250,000
to advertise lack of funds**

**Army vehicle
disappears**

Caskets found as workers demolish mausoleum

**Federal Agents
Raid Gun Shop,
Find Weapons**

Statistics show that
teen pregnancy
drops off significantly
after age 25.

Rally against apathy draws small crowd

**Hospitals resort
to hiring doctors**

THE 401-KEG

Hot Investment during this financial turmoil:

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares one year ago in:

1. Delta Airlines, you will have \$49.00 today
2. AIG, you will have \$33.00 today
3. Lehman Brothers, you will have \$0.00 today

But if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminum cans for recycling refund, you will have received \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the 401-Keg.

Repartees

- NYC Mayor Ed Koch after the reporter insisted on pressing a point about an inconsistent statement Koch had made – “I can explain it to you; I can’t comprehend it for you.”
- Abraham Lincoln vs. Stephen Douglas, after Douglas called him “two-faced” during a debate – “I leave it to my audience. If I had another face, do you think I would wear this one?”
- Pierre Trudeau vs. Richard Nixon, upon hearing that Nixon had called him an a—hole – “I’ve been called worse things by better men.”
- Oscar Wilde vs. Lewis Morris... Morris had just been passed over for the Poet Laureateship – Morris “There’s a conspiracy against me, a conspiracy of silence but what can one do? What should I do?” Wilde: “Join it.”
- Mohandas Gandhi responding to a reporter – “What do you think about Western Civilization?” Gandhi: “I’m all for it.”
- Bill Clinton vs. Dan Quayle, after Quayle revealed that he planned to be “a pit bull” in the 1992 campaign – “That’s got every fire hydrant in America worried.”
- Henry Clay vs. Massachusetts Senator Daniel Webster after seeing a pack of mules walk by – Webster: “Clay, there goes a number of your constituents.” Clay: “Yes. They must be on their way to Massachusetts to teach school.”
- Winston Churchill vs. a Member of Parliament – MP: Mr. Churchill, must you fall asleep while I’m speaking?” Churchill: “No, it’s purely voluntary.”
- Reverend Edward Everett Hale when asked if he prayed for the Senators – “No. I look at the Senators and pray for the country.”

I’ll bet you didn’t know

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321$
- Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One thousand
- Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? A. All were invented by women.
- Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey
- Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? A. Father's Day