

How Do You Spell Quiche?

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As young child, I cannot count the number of times when I screwed up. My mother would always say, "Why don't you grow up?" Even in my advancing years, there are still more hills to climb, challenges to face, and columns to write. I hope I never grow up! Now, my mantra is this: I intend to live forever... so far, so good! Here are some examples of why some people never grow up:

- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried!
- Experience is something you don't get until after you need it!
- For your every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism!
- No one is listening until you make a mistake!
- Success always occurs in private, failure in full view!
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal ideas from many is research!
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory!

On another subject, Election Day is tomorrow. No matter to which political persuasion you adhere, PLEASE VOTE. It is a sad commentary on our times when only about 40 percent of our registered voters decide to go to the polls. How sad.

I have observed that the majority of our Writers Group are either on the liberal side of politics, or tend to lean towards that side. Nothing wrong with that! I am a registered Independent, which gives me the unbiased opportunity to agree or disagree with either side of the political spectrum, whether they're grown up or not. For all of you liberals, here's a fictional story you might enjoy:

One morning, Dick Cheney and George Bush are having brunch at a Washington restaurant. The attractive waitress asks Cheney what he would like. He replies, "I'll have a bowl of oatmeal and some fruit please." "And what can I get for you, Sir?" she asks George Bush. He replies, "How about a quickie?" "Why Mr. President" the waitress says, "you're beginning to sound like Mr. Clinton!" The waitress storms away. Cheney leans over toward Bush and says, "Sir, grow up! The letters q-u-i-c-h-e are not pronounced 'quickie', they're pronounced 'keesh'!

Whether you are a liberal or a conservative, just remember that if you think no grown-ups care about you, just try missing a couple of payments on your credit card!