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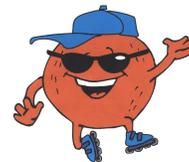
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The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream."

She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream."

Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top."

So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"



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St. Patrick's Day Facts

*As St. Patrick's Day draws closer, we'll soon be searching for that green Shamrock shirt, scanning Pinterest for (easy) Corned Beef recipes and picking up a little Guinness to get ready for the celebration. Sure we love to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but where did these traditions come from and how are we celebrating them today?*

Here are some of our favorite facts and tidbits about St. Patrick's Day:

1. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).
2. Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.
3. The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue. Wearing green has become a staple of St. Patrick's Day, but the holiday was originally associated with the color blue. It's thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle," the green in the Irish flag and the shamrock, or clover.
4. Beer is one of the most widely consumed beverages on St. Patrick's Day.
5. Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.
6. 1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St Patrick's Day.
7. Guinness is one of the most popular drinks on St. Patrick's Day
8. Shamrock shakes are also very popular (and tasty)
9. The real St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britan around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family.
10. Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.

**LOL**

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?"

He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later."

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The manager of a large office noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office. "What's your name?" he asked the new guy.

"John," the new guy replied.

The manager scowled, "Look... I don't know what kind of a namby-pamby place you worked before, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only ... Smith, Jones, Baker ... That's all. I am to be referred to only as Mr. Robertson. Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?"

The new guy sighed, "Darling. My name is John Darling."

"Okay John, the next thing I want to tell you is .."

## Where?

Torrential rainstorms were knocking down power lines all over town. That meant, as a customer service rep for the electric company, I was dispatching repairmen right and left. When one lineman called a customer to get her exact address, he was told, "I'm at Post Office Box 99." The weary lineman replied, "Ma'am, I'll be coming to you in a truck, not an envelope."

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A passerby foolishly asked what she was doing.

She quickly pointed to the notice on the front of the machine, which said, "Depress button for ice."

## Skinny People!

Skinny people irritate me. Especially when they say things like, "You know, sometimes I just forget to eat." Now I've forgotten my address, my mother's maiden name, and my keys. But I've never forgotten to eat. You have to be a special kind of crazy to forget to eat.

## New Model

"My uncle in Detroit tried to make a new kind of car. He took the engine from a Ford, the transmission from an Oldsmobile, the tires from a Cadillac, and the exhaust system from a Plymouth."

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He heads down to the department, asks the usual trouble shooting questions and scrolls through the log entries on the PC that reports are faxed from. There's just one error message, about a file not found. The tech reinstalls the fax service and tries faxing again. No luck.

Then he remembers that he's working with a fax modem, and that there might be a clue in the sound coming over the wire. Not surprisingly, the lab personnel have turned the volume off so they don't have to listen to the modem's screech all day.

The tech turns it back on and tries faxing one more time. "After I stopped laughing, I asked the lab manager to come in and listen."

Sure enough, what they hear is: "We're sorry, your phone number has been disconnected."

**Where's Mommy?**

A six-year-old ran up and down the supermarket aisles shouting frantically, "Marian, Marian, MARIAN!"

Finally reunited with his mother, she said to him: "You shouldn't call me 'Marian'. I'm your mother. You should call me that."

"I know," said the child, "but the store is full of Mommies."



**Fish Beverage Problem**

Two trout are dining in a restaurant when one of them starts waving his empty glass in the air.

The head waiter turns to another waiter and says, "I think there's a fish out of water."

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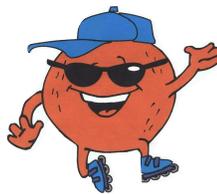



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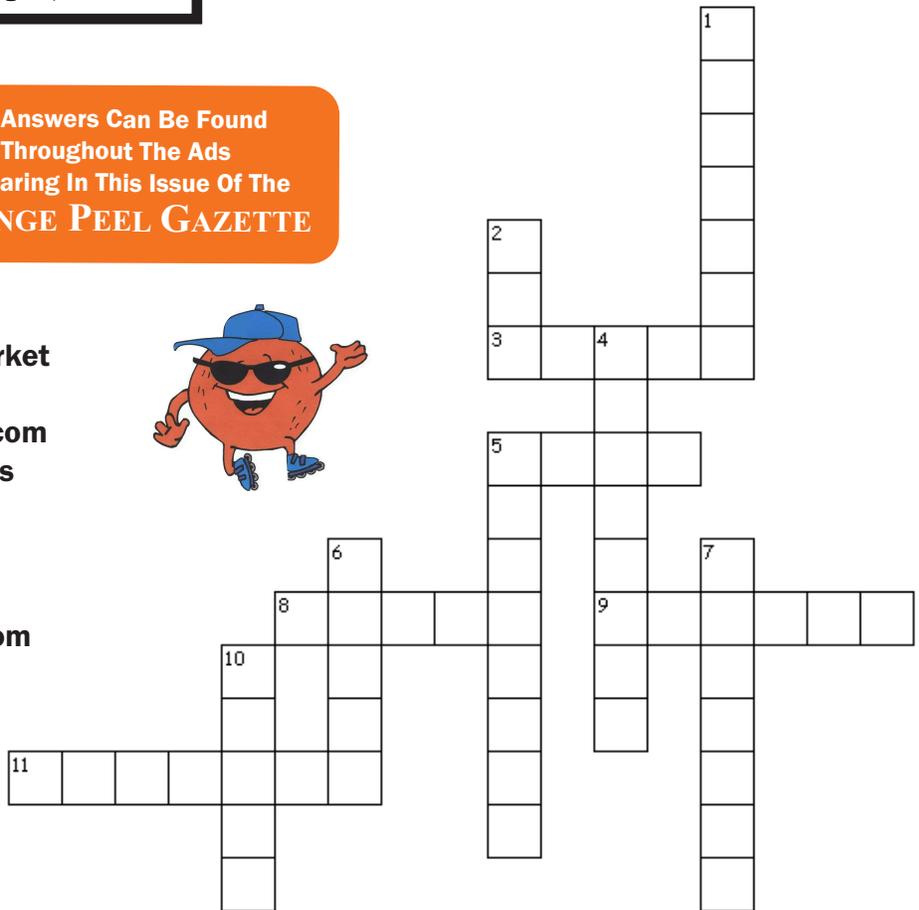
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On the 14th hole, one of them sliced his drive and it ended up on the cart path. As he reached down to pick up his ball to get relief, his friend said,

"Wait a minute! We agreed that we would not improve our lies! Remember? No matter what!"

The first player tried to explain that he was entitled to this relief, that it was in the rules of golf. But the second fellow would not allow it. Throwing up his hands in disgust, the man went to the cart and grabbed a club. As he stood near his ball, he took a few practice swings, each time scraping the club on the pavement and sending out showers of sparks. Finally, he took his shot. The club hit the path again, sparks went flying but his ball shot straight towards the green, landed and rolled to a stop two inches from the cup.

"Great shot!" his friend exclaimed. "What club did you use?"

The man gave him a wry smile,  
"YOUR 7 iron!"

### Young Patient

My nursing colleague was preparing an intravenous line for a 15 year-old male patient. The bedside phone rang and the boy's mother reached over to pick it up.

After talking for a few minutes, the mother held the phone aside and said, "Your father wants to know if you have any cute nurses."

The boy gazed at the nurse, who had the needle poised above his arm, ready for insertion. "Tell him," he replied, "they're absolutely gorgeous!"

### Zippers

A mother was showing her young son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit in the other side before you try to zip it up."

The boy looked at her quizzically... "Why does it have to be a secret?"

### Speedy Plumber

A lady answers her front door to find a plumber standing there.

"I'm here to fix the leaky pipe."

"I didn't call a plumber."

"Aren't you Mrs. Snyder?"

"The Snyders moved out of this house over a year ago."

"How do you like that! They call you up and tell you it's an emergency and then they move away!"

**Six Again**

A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday. "I'd love to be six again," she replied. On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear everything there was! Wow! Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down.

Right to a McDonald's they went, where her husband ordered her a Big Mac along with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake. Then, it was off to a movie - the latest sci-fi epic, and hot dogs, popcorn, Pepsi Cola and M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over and lovingly asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being six again?"

One eye opened and she said, "You idiot, I meant my dress size." The moral of this story is: If a woman speaks and a man is actually listening, he will still get it wrong.

**We Don't Have Any**

I was a manager at a toy store. A few years back during the height of the Furby craze I overheard one of my cashiers say to a customer, "We haven't had any for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting any soon."

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"No ..."

"Well, what was it she said she wanted?"

"Rain."

**Why do people wear shamrocks on St Patrick's Day?**

~ ~ ~ ~

**Because regular rocks are too heavy**



**Sincere Love Note**

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**\$864,000 Question...**

What did Spanish scientists fit to cows to increase milk yield?

- A) false teeth      B) saddles  
 C) feeding buckets      D) radios

**\$865,000 Question...**

Atephobia is a fear of what?

- A) frogs      B) imperfection  
 C) water      D) dying

**\$866,000 Question...**

Nekal was the first type of what product? (1917)

- A) money      B) juice  
 C) detergent      D) cooking oil

**\$867,000 Question...**

If you had a Brassica Rapa what, would you have?

- A) car      B) shoe  
 C) olive      D) turnip

**\$868,000 Question...**

Saponification is the process that makes what?

- A) gems      B) bread  
 C) money      D) soap

**\$869,000 Question...**

What is the common name of the Chaparral Cock?

- A) Pistol Pete      B) Daffy Duck  
 C) Road Runner      D) Elmer Fudd

**\$870,000 Question...**

In what language did St Paul write his epistles?

- A) Hebrew      B) Greek  
 C) Latin      D) Spanish

**\$871,000 Question...**

Fidelity Bravery Integrity is which dept.'s motto?

- A) FBI      B) CIA  
 C) ATF      D) NAPA

(Answers below - See you next issue)

Answers: \$864 - A; \$865 - B; \$866 - C;  
 \$867 - D; \$868 - D; \$869 - C; \$870 - B; \$871 - A.

**Baby Sister**

Used to being the center of attention, Robbie was a little more than jealous of his new baby sister. The parents sat him down and said that now that she was getting older, the house was too small and they'd have to move. "It's no use." Robbie said, "She's crawling good now and she'd probably just follow us."

**A Day in Court**

A woman was on trial for killing her husband. All the jurors but one voted to convict her. The one juror was so determined that the woman should be found innocent that she eventually was able to change the mind of all the others, and they all voted "not guilty."

Afterwards, the juror who had held out for the innocent vote was questioned by reporters, who asked her how she could have been so certain the woman on trial was innocent. She replied, "Well, I don't know. I guess I just felt sorry for her. After all, she is a widow."

**Well-Dressed Professor**

The history professor in our very small town, was very concise, stiff and not very friendly to anyone, especially his students. He always dressed to perfection; hat, over coat, jacket, gloves, vest and tie.

One day he walked into the only Barber Shop in our town and began to remove his outer garments; his gloves, his top coat, his jacket, his vest, his tie, and finally his eye glasses. He sat down in the chair and the barber asked him what he wanted?

He replied very curtly that he wanted a hair cut, and why else would he come into the barber shop and sit down in the chair?

"Well," the barber replied, "don't you think that you should remove your hat?"

**Finding Tea**

My poor wife was sick in bed with the flu. Being a dutiful husband, I offered to fix her some of her favorite herbal tea. I couldn't find the tea though and went back upstairs to ask where it was.

She said, "I don't know how it could be any easier to see. It's in the pantry, third shelf down, in a cocoa tin marked 'matches'."

## The Smart Stock Boy

One day, a man walked into the produce section of his local supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold wholeheads of lettuce. But the man was insistent that the boy ask his manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, "Somejerk out there wants to buy only half a head of lettuce."

As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, "and this gentleman wants to buy the other half."

Later the manager found the boy and said "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?"

"Boajvill, sir," the boy replied. "Well, why did you leave Boajvill for," the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing up there but ugly women and baseball players."

"Really!" said the manager. "My wife is from Boajvill!"

"No kidding?" replied the boy "What team did she play for?"

## Cross-Eyed Dog

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.

"My dog is cross-eyed," the man says. "Is there anything you can do for him?"

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him."

So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes and ears and then checks his teeth. Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What?" The man was astonished. "Why? Because he's cross-eyed?"

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**Worried**

Little Johnny's mother was becoming worried. She hadn't seen her neighbor, Mrs. Goldbaum in days.

Fearing the old widow may have had an accident, she decided to send Johnny next door to check up on her.

"Johnny, would you go next door and see how old Mrs. Goldbaum is?"

"Sure Mom" he said running out the door.

A few minutes later, Johnny returned.

"Well," asked Johnny's mom, "is she all right?"

"She's fine, except that she's mad at you."

"At me?" the woman exclaimed. "Whatever for?"

"She said its none of your business how old she is."

**Band Insect**

The summer band class I taught was just getting underway when a large insect flew into the room. The sixth-graders, eager to play their shiny new instruments, tried to ignore the buzzing intruder, but eventually one student, Tommy, could stand it no more.

He rolled up his music book and swatted the insect and then stomped on it to ensure its fate.

"Is it a bee?" another student asked.

"Nope," Tommy replied. "Bee flat."

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 My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning! Can you believe that, 2:30am!!

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## The Band Played On

A band performing at an outdoor concert kept playing although the crowd had dwindled down to one man. Finally, the tired musicians told the man that if he left, they could all go home.

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Just then, the person behind him tapped him on his shoulder and handed him a \$20 bill. The boy smiled, placed the \$20 in the plate, and passed it on, admiring the man's generosity.

Then the boy felt another tap from behind and heard a whisper: "Son," the man said, "that was your \$20 bill that had fallen out of your pocket."

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"How could you get me such a cheap gift?" she asked indignantly.

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I only have a few of each of the four sizes. When all of the air conditioners are sold and all the furnaces are "given" away, that's it. There are no more at this price. Call Bre now at (630)262-8484 to set up an appointment for your no-obligation survey.

Warmly,

*Chris Carpenter*



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