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To everyone that signed my 7th Grade yearbook. You will be happy to know I did in fact "Stay Cool"

The Wrong Pencils

The little church in the suburbs suddenly stopped buying from its office supply dealer of twenty years. So, the dealer telephoned Deacon Brown to ask why.

"I'll tell you why," said Deacon Brown. "Our church ordered some pencils from you to be used in the pews for visitors to register."

"Well," interrupted the dealer, "didn't you receive them on time?"

"Oh, we received them all right," replied Deacon Brown. "However, you sent us pencils intended for the golf course... each stamped with the words 'Play Golf Next Sunday."

I just witnessed a lady throw away the center of a cinnamon roll. The center of a cinnamon roll! The greatest bite of the cinnamon roll! The reason you get the cinnamon roll! The center of the cinnamon roll!

This world is full of monsters.

MONSTERS I SAY!



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Building Customs

An Arkansas boy had moved away and made his fortune. When he retired, he returned home to spend the rest of his years hunting and fishing and build his retirement home. For the job he hired a local carpenter.

The retiree explained, "I've got the plans right here,

you can read a blueprint, can't you?"

"Oh, I can read a blueprint," said the carpenter, unrolling the plans. "And I can see a BIG mistake already. You can't build this house like this!"

"I certainly can," replied the retiree. "These plans were drawn by the best architectural firm in New York. I want to you follow them exactly or I'll find myself another contractor."

"Your funeral," the carpenter shrugged, "but I'm warning you right off - the bathroom is going to end up inside."

I don't care how old I get.

If I'm in a store and see a toy with
"Try me" on it, I'm pushing those buttons.

Tipping the Dealer

A blackjack dealer and a player with a thirteen count in his hand were arguing about whether or not it was appropriate to tip the dealer. The player said, "When I get bad cards, it's not the dealer's fault. Accordingly, when I get good cards, the dealer obviously had nothing to do with it so, why should I tip him?"

The dealer said, "When you eat out do you tip the waiter?"

"Yes."

"Well then, he serves you food, I'm serving you cards so you should tip me."

"Okay. But the waiter brings me whatever I order. So I'll take an eight."





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Snuggles

Larry got off the elevator on the 40th floor and nervously knocked on his blind date's door. She opened it and to his amazement and joy, was as lovely and sweet as his friend Dave had promised.

"I'll be ready in a few minutes," she said. "Why don't you play with Snuggles while you're waiting? She does wonderful tricks. She'll roll over, shake hands, sit up and if you make a hoop with your arms, like this, she'll jump through."

The dog followed Larry out onto the balcony and started rolling over. Larry made a hoop with his arms and sure enough, Snuggles jumped right through - and then over the balcony railing just before Larry's date walked out!

"Isn't little Snuggles the cutest, happiest dog you've ever seen?"

"To tell the truth," he replied, "she seemed a little depressed to me."

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out!

Life Is Like a Fountain

The rabbinical student is about to leave for America. When he asks his mentor for advice, the rabbi offers an adage that, he tells the student, will guide him for the rest of his life. "Always remember," the rabbi said sagely, "life is like a fountain."

Deeply impressed by his teacher's wisdom, the student departs for a successful career in America.

Thirty years later, he learns that the rabbi is dying, so he returns for a final visit.

"Rabbi," he says, "I have one question. For 30 years, whenever I was sad or confused, I thought about the phrase you passed on to me, and it has helped me through many difficult times. But to be perfectly frank, I have never understood the full meaning of it. Now that you are about to enter the realm of truth, tell me, dear rabbi, why is life like a fountain?"

Wearily, the old man replied, "All right, so it's not like a fountain."

The average toddler expends 6,500 caleries per day, consumes 1.5 bites of food per day, and grows 3 pajama sizes per night.

Why didn't the orange win the race?

~It ran out of juice!









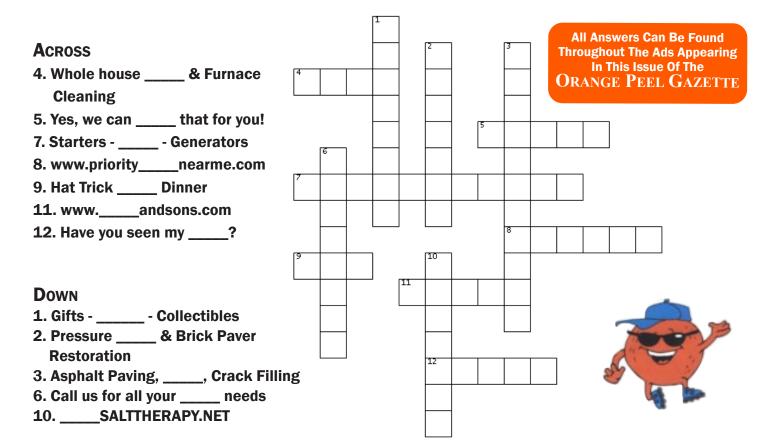
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Brain at 3am:

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Traffic Camera

A man was driving when a traffic camera flashed. He thought his picture had been taken for exceeding the speed limit, even though he knew he had not been speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. Again the camera flashed.

He thought this was quite funny, so he circled the block and drove past the area a third time, driving even more slowly. Again the camera flashed.

He tried a fourth time with the same result.

The fifth time he was laughing when the camera flashed as he drove by at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later he got five traffic tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

We DO NOT throw away perfectly good food in this house.

We put the left overs in Tupperware, put the Tupperware in the fridge, let it go bad, THEN throw it out.

Diet Scale

"Darn!" the man said to his friend while weighing himself at the local drug store scale.

"I started on a new diet but the scale says I'm heavier than I was before."

Turning to his friend, he said, "Here, hold my jacket."

The scale still indicated that he had not lost any weight.

"OK," he said to his friend. "Hold my Twinkies."

- •"The Law of Volunteering" If you dance with a grizzly bear, you had better let him lead.
- •"The Law of Avoiding Oversell" When putting cheese in a mousetrap, always leave room for the mouse.

Benefits of a Good Vocabulary

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-Thermal Treatment Of Ceramics, Aluminum and Steel under a Constrained Environment."

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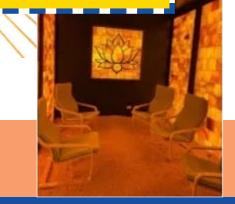


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Recruiting

The Chief of Staff of the US Air Force decided that he would personally intervene in the recruiting crisis affecting all of our armed services. He directed that an Air Force base in the south be opened and that all eligible young men and women be invited.

As he and his staff were standing near a brand new F-15 Fighter, a pair of twin brothers who looked like they had just stepped off a Marine Corps recruiting poster walked up to them. The chief of staff walked up to them, stuck out his hand and introduced himself.

He looked at the first young man and asked, "Son, what skills can you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man looks at him and says, "I'm a pilot!"

The general gets all excited, turns to his aide and says, "Get him in today, all the paper work done, everything, do it!"

The aide hustles the young man off. The general looks at the second young man and asked, "What skills to you bring to the Air Force?"

The young man says, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the general replies, "we don't need wood choppers in the Air Force, what do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffs the general, "you are not listening to me, we

don't need wood choppers, this is the 20th century!"

"Well," the young man says, "you hired my brother!"

"Of course we did," says the general, "he's a pilot!" The young man rolls his eyes and says, "Dang it, I have to chop it before he can pile it!"

I've never wrestled a rage filled alligator in the dark, BUT
I have given a small child liquid medicine in the middle of the night, so basically the same thing.

Regional Differences

Zoos are different in the North and South. In the North, the sign on the cage shows the common name of the animal and under that, the Latin classification.

In the South, there is also a recipe.

There are people out there training for marathons... and here I am on the couch, trying to lasso the remote control with my phone charger.

I keep my house messy so that if someone tries to kill me, they'll trip over something and die first.







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C. Wasps

D. Termites

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Hand papermaking began in what country?

A. USA

B. England

C. China

D. Italy

\$789,000 Question...

Most paper is made from this?

A. Straw

B. Animal fibers

C. Rags

D. Wood cellulose

\$790,000 Question...

A sheet of paper is held together by this?

A. animal glue

B. hydrogen bonding

C. magnetism

D. gelatin

\$791,000 Question...

Papermaking was brought to Europe by ?

A. Arabs

B. Chinese

C. Greeks

D. Russians

\$792,000 Question...

The web and frame combination used in hand

papermaking is called the

A. mortar and pestle B. mold and deckle

C. egg and dart D. orb and sceptre

\$793,000 Question...

How much water is in paper before the final papermaking

step of pressing?

A. 10% B. 30%

C. 50%

D. 90%

Bonus Question: A Hollander is a device for

A: removing water

B. beating fibers

C: cutting rags

D: cooking fibers

(Answers below) See you next issue!

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- •Your home has more miles on it than your car.
- •Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.
- •Your Momma has "ammo" on her Christmas list.
- •You've totaled every car you've ever owned... and they are still parked outside.
- •You burn your front yard rather than mow it.
- •Your good deed for the month was hiding your brother from the law for a few days.

As a young child, my mother told me I can be anyone I want to be

Turns out this is called identity theft

An Irish Toast

A guy raises his glass and toasts his blonde girlfriend. "May you be in Heaven a half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!"

"What's that mean?"

"That is an authentic Irish toast."

"Oh. In that case, here's to bread, eggs and cinnamon."

"Bread, eggs and cinnamon? What's that?" "That's French toast."

I just read the top 100 things to do before you die. I was surprised that YELL FOR HELP' wasn't one of them.

Oil on Fish

Students at school were asked to write about the harmful effects of oil on fish.

One 11-year old wrote, "When my mom opened a tin of sardines last night it was full of oil and all the sardines were dead."

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Measuring

A city slicker came upon two country folk balancing a long piece of lumber vertically on the ground, while a third fellow with a measuring tape climbed up on the lumber.

"What are you doing?" asked the urbanite. "We are trying to measure this piece of wood," replied the country cousin.

"Why not lay it down and measure it?" asked the city fellow.

Nope," replied the country boy. "That won't do it! We want the height, not the length!"

Strange new trend at the office.
People putting names on food in the company fridge. Today I had a tuna sandwich named Linda

Chocolate Rules

- 1) If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
- 2) Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices & strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.
- 3) The problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.
- 4) Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.
- 5) If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.
- 6) If I eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet?
- 7) Money talks. Chocolate sings.
- 8) Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.
- 9) Q. Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? A. Because no one wants to quit.
- 10) Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

Math Homework

Parents are expected to participate in their hildren's education, and my friends were no exception. They gladly help their fifth-grade son, Andrew, whenever he's stumped. One day after school, Andrew ran into the house waving a paper in the air. "Hey, Mom, great news! There were only three mistakes on my math homework," he announced. "You made one, Dad made one and I made one!"





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Deep in the Hills

An old man and his wife lived deep in the hills and seldom saw many people. One day a peddler came by to sell his goods and asked the man if he or his wife wanted to buy anything.

"Well, my wife ain't home," said the man. "She's gone down to the crick to wash clothes, but lemme see what you got!"

The peddler showed him pots and pans, tools and gadgets, but the old man wasn't interested.

Then the man spotted a mirror and said, "What's that?"

Before the peddler could tell him it was a mirror, the old man picked it up and said, "My God! How'd you get a picture of my Pappy?"

The old man was so happy he traded his wife's best pitcher for it. The peddler left before the wife came back and spoiled his sale.

The old man was worried that the wife would be mad at him for trading her best pitcher, so he hid the mirror in the barn behind some boxes of junk.

He would go out to the barn 2 or 3 times a day to look at the "picture," and eventually the wife got suspicious.

One day she got fed up and after he retired for the night, she went out to the barn. She saw the mirror behind the boxes, picked it up and said, "So this is the hussy he's been foolin' around with!"

Weird Things That Make You Happy As An Adult

- ~ Writing with a nice pen.
- ~ Freshly cleaned sheets.
- Cleaning the dryer lint screenUsing your favorite spatula
- ~ Enjoying coffee before anyone else wakes up.
 - ~ Having plans cancelled.

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Will You Dance With Me?

Go on and have a nice day, TODAY. Do something you WANT to.....not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterflies erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say 'Hi?

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away..... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

Life may not be the party we hoped for.. but while we are here we might as well dance!

Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who's always there for you?

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The Senior Wedding

Jacob (92) and Rebecca (85) are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way go past a drugstore. Jacob suggests that they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter:

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers "Yes".

Jacob: "Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety."

Jacob: "What about vitamins and sleeping pills?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob turns to Rebecca: "Sweetheart, we might as well register our wedding gift list with them."









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HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Here is some good advice...

- 1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
- 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
- 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
- 4. Enjoy the simple things.
- 5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER...

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

The bad news is, I accidentally took the wrong medication today.

The good news is, I'm now protected from heartworms and fleas for the next three months.

