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 - ~ We all fall over sometimes
 - ~ You can never wear too much glitter
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Nervous Flyer

During a trip from California to Indiana, it didn't help that my connecting flight from Denver was delayed twice because of mechanical problems. Then, after we were aloft, I noticed the lights began flickering. I mentioned this to a flight attendant. "I'll take care of it," she said.

Moments later the lights went out. Clearly she had solved the problem by turning off all the lights. A passenger across the aisle who had been watching me leaned over and said, "Whatever you do, please don't ask about the engines."

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Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: "Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 26 cars please return to class."

Diagnosis

A man walks into the doctor's office. He has a cucumber up his nose, a carrot in his left ear and a banana in his right ear.

"What's the matter with me?", he asked.

"You're not eating properly," replied the Doctor.

I feel sorry for people who don't have dogs. I hear they have to pick up food they drop on the floor.

Wanna-be Mechanic

A man applies for a job as mechanic. The boss says, "Can you roll your hard hat down your arm and pop it back on your head?"

The mechanic nods, confused.

"Can you play lightsaber with your wrench and another man's screwdriver?"

"Oh yes," says the mechanic.

"Can you bounce your screwdriver off the cement, grab it, whirl it around and put it in your belt like a gun?"

"Sir, I've been doing that for years!" says the wanna-be mechanic.

"Well in that case, I can't use you. I have 12 men doing that already!" says the boss.

Young Writer

A 3-year-old was diligently pounding away on her father's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?", he asked.

"I don't know.", she replied, "I can't read."

Games we Play

My 5-year-old son walks up behind me when I'm on the computer. "What game are you playing?" he says.

I reply, "I'm paying our bills"

"Are you winning?"

"No."

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The psychiatrist asks, "Don't you have a phone in your car?"

"That was a little too expensive, so I did the next best thing. I put a mailbox in my car."

"How's that working?"

Actually, I haven't gotten any letters yet," she replies.

"And why do you think that is?"

"I figure its because when I'm driving around, my zip code keeps changing."

At the bank, I told the cashier,
I'd like to open a joint account please.

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You're Late!

The General went out to find that none of his G.I.s were there. One finally ran up, panting heavily.

"Sorry, sir! I can explain, you see I had a date and it ran a little late. I ran to the bus but missed it, I hailed a cab but it broke down, found a farm, bought a horse but it dropped dead, ran 10 miles, and now I'm here."

The General was very skeptical about this explanation but at least he was here so he let the G.I. go. Moments later, eight more G.I.s came up to the general panting, he asked them why they were late. They all had the same story.

"Sorry, sir! I had a date and it ran a little late, I ran to the bus but missed it, I hailed a cab but it broke down, found a farm, bought a horse but it dropped dead, ran 10 miles, and now I'm here."

The General eyed them, feeling very skeptical but since he let the first guy go, he let them go, too. A ninth G.I. jogged up to the General, panting heavily,

"Sorry, sir! I had a date and it ran a little late, I ran to the bus but missed it, I hailed a cab but..."

"Let me guess," the General interrupted, "it broke down."

"No sir," said the G.I., "there were so many dead horses in the road, it took forever to get around them."

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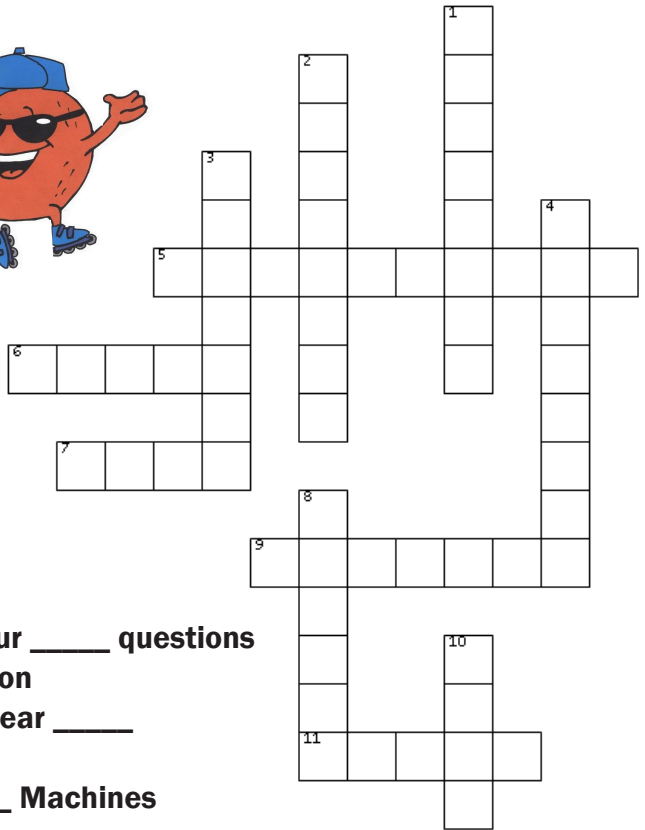
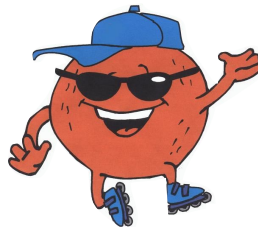
Driving to town this morning on the Interstate, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Mustang doing 85 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner! I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that dumb makeup!!!

It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my other ear which fell into the coffee between my legs and disconnected an important call! **WOMEN DRIVERS!**

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Overheard a child singing:
He's makin' a list, chicken and rice..."

Would You Be Scared?

I was trying to get my seventh-grade history class to understand how the Indians must have felt when they first encountered the Spanish explorers. "How would you feel," I asked, "if someone showed up on your doorstep who looked very different, spoke a strange language and wore unusual clothes? Wouldn't you be a bit scared?"

"Nah," one boy answered, "I'd just figure it was my sister's date."

Wrong Feet?

A true story...

My 3 year old son put his shoes on by himself. I noticed that they were on backwards.

I said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at me with a raised brow and said "Don't kid me Mom, I KNOW they're my feet!"

My kids will walk right past their father sitting on the couch and come bang on the shower door for me to open a fruit snack

The Young Witness

A boy, who was a witness in court, was asked by a lawyer: "Did anyone tell you what to say in court?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought so! Who was it?"

"My father, sir."

"And what did he tell you?"

"He said the lawyers would try to get me all tangled up, but if I stuck to the truth, I would be all right."

Young Love

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller. You don't love me any more..."

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Help Wanted

Santa is in need of new reindeers. The first bunch has grown too old. Dasher has gotten arthritis; Comet hates the cold weather. Prancer is sick of staring at Dancer's big behind. Cupid married Blitzen and Donner has lost his mind. Dancer is mad at Vixen for stepping on his toes. If you are a reindeer, we hope you will apply. There is just one tricky part; you MUST know how to fly.

Wives Go Fishing

•Wife to husband while fishing: "I don't know, it still seems to me that the boot you caught yesterday put up more of a fight than that inner tube you caught today."

•While I've not been very many times, I do enjoy deep sea fishing and have been fairly lucky in catching some good ones. To give you an idea, one time I caught a Marlin so big, it took a power winch to land it and a crane to get it off of the boat. There were no scales large enough to weigh it, but to give you an inkling of just how large it was, Mrs. Jim Jr took a photo of the fish, and the picture weighed 7 pounds.

I would have had it mounted, but none of the walls in our home were big enuff to display it.

•Wife after returning from fishing trip with husband to neighbor: "I did everything all wrong again today -- I talked too much and too loud. I used the wrong bait. I reeled in too soon and I caught more than he did."



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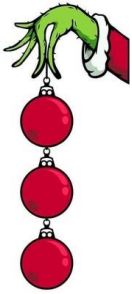
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C. Auger D. Spade

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A. China B. Home
C. Momma D. Rome

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Worldwide, how many people are estimated to have HIV/AIDS?
A. 25 Million B. 42 Million
C. 1 Billion D. 2 Million

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C. Manitoba D. New Brunswick

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A. 1885 B. 1918
C. 1957 D. 1983

(Answers below) See you next issue!

Answers: \$690 - C ; \$691 - A ; \$692 - C ; \$693 - D ; \$694 - B ; \$695 - A ; \$696 - B.

Christmas To-Do List

- ~~Buy~~ ^{Be} Presents
- ~~Wrap Gifts~~ ^{Someone in a hug}
- ~~Send Gifts~~ ^{Peace}
- ~~Shop for Food~~ ^{Donate}
- ~~See the Lights~~ ^{Be}

Women in History

And in recognition of "Women in History" month, does anyone know the true significance of Sacajawea's involvement in the Lewis & Clark expedition?

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Close, but not close enough. I drove through the following week and found it was changed. They had painted an I between the existing letters. Now it read YEILD.

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A bad attitude is like a flat tire.
You can't go anywhere
until you change it.

A Wrinkle in Time

My husband and I both look very young for our ages. In fact, we've hardly aged a day since we first laid eyes on each other in college -- at least, that's what we tell each other. Our children have a way of bringing us crashing back to earth.

Recently, my husband and I were discussing a man who was running for public office.

"He's a Vietnam Vet," commented my husband.

"What's that?" queried our young daughter.

Trying to answer the question in terms a four-year-old could readily grasp, my husband replied, "Well, Honey, that means that the man fought in a war that happened when Mommy and Daddy were little."

Our daughter regarded us both thoughtfully for a moment, then asked "So, was he a Viking?"

If showing up in a robe and a tiara
with a box of wine is wrong,
then maybe I don't fully understand
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His further comments: "I was invited to a lunch with the local phone company to discuss it. Being new to the project, I started by asking what percentage of the targeted rural population had touch-tone phone service -- a must-have for menu-driven phone systems. As I remember, the chicken salad was delicious and the project was never discussed again."

"What do you want for Christmas?"

"Hmmm... lately, I've been really into groceries and gas. Utilities are cool too. Stuff like that."

Popping Ears

Aboard a flight from Los Angeles to New York, Grandma Esther was taking her very first flight.

They had only been aloft a few minutes when the elderly lady complained to the flight attendant that her ears were popping.

The young woman smiled and gave the older woman some chewing gum, assuring her that many people experienced the same discomfort.

When they landed in New York, Grandma thanked the flight attendant.

"The chewing gum worked fine," she said, "but tell me, how do I get it out of my ears?"

And You Didn't Think?

A woman was driving down the highway about 75 miles an hour, when she noticed a motorcycle policeman following her. Instead of slowing down, she picked up speed.

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One day this scrawny little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the lemon rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass.

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weightlifter, or what?"

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