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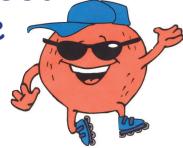
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Sometimes I think I'm reasonably intelligent, and sometimes I click the remote car door lock a second or third time for extra lockiness.

The Truth About Getting Older

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?" I'm four and a half! You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you? I'm gonna be 16! You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life... You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSSS!

But then you turn 30. Oooohhh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch, you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into your 90's, you start going backwards; 'I was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!'

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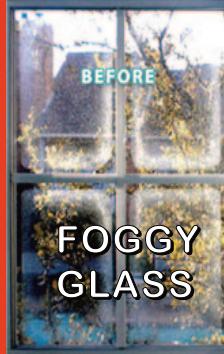
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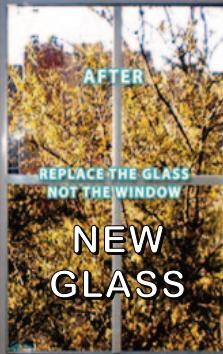
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64 fourth great-grandparents

128 fifth great-grandparents

256 sixth great-grandparents

512 seventh great-grandparents

1,024 eighth great-grandparents

2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment - How many struggles?

How many battles? How many difficulties?

How much sadness? How much happiness?

How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...

This morning my son said his ear hurt and I asked, on the inside or outside, so he walked out the front door, came back in and said both.

Moments like this have me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.

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Give a Guy a Break

My wife and I went into town to shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on man, how about giving a guy a break?" He just ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a "butthead." He glared at me and starting writing another ticket for having worn-out tires.

So my wife called him a "jerk." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he starting writing more tickets! This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we offended him, the more tickets he wrote.

Finally he finished, sneered at us and walked away. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home..

We try to have a little fun each day :)

SNOW ALERT

Expecting:

Zero (0) to 85 inches of snow.

Starting:

Saturday or Sunday or Monday maybe, but probably not happening at all.

Recommendations:

Stock up on all necessities immediatly and prepare for a snowpocalypse or a beautiful weekend, either one is possible.

Sweet Potatoes

Every morning during our coffee break, my co-workers and I listened to the culinary disasters of a newlywed colleague. We then tried to share some helpful hints and recipes.

One day she asked us for step by step instructions on cooking sweet potatoes - one of her husband's favorites. "I've finally been able to make them sweet," she said, "but how do you make them orange?"

There is nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Even if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka.

I told my husband, "See, I can fit all my craft supplies into one box."

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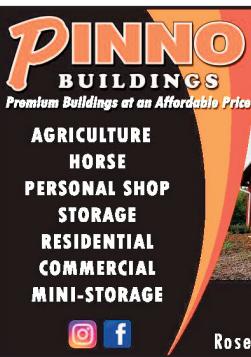
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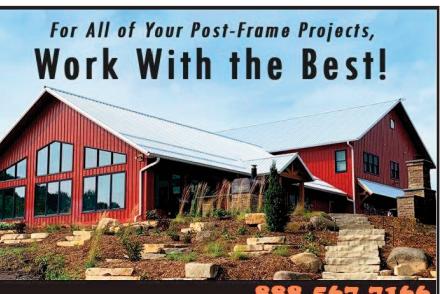
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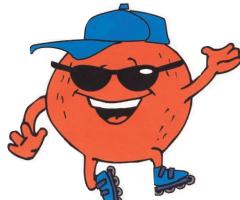
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"My fortune cookie's message of hope for the new year: 'You will finally use that gym membership.'

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The Pastor's Teeth

A pastor went to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after getting his teeth, he preached for only 8 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 10 minutes. But the following Sunday, he preached nonstop for nearly 3 hours... until the congregation realized he couldn't quit, and finally helped him sit down. Concerned for his health, they asked, "Are you Okay? What happened?"

The pastor explained, "Well, the first Sunday with my new teeth, my gums were so sore I couldn't preach longer than 8 minutes. The second Sunday, I felt I could go a little longer. But, today, I mistakenly put my wife's teeth in, and discovered I couldn't stop.

ANYBODY HAVE AN OWNERS MANUAL FOR A HUSBAND?

MINE IS MAKING A WHINING SOUND

We Fill A Bathtub

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an assisted living home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years.

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As I smugly glanced over the mechanic's shoulder, I saw him write on his clipboard, "Lady says it makes a funny noise."

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Kid: Grandma would say yes

**Mom: Well, it sounds like my Mom
is cooler than yours**

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• "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

• "So, you don't know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

• "Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

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'Twas the Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scale there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt—

I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So—away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie—not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore—
Bit isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

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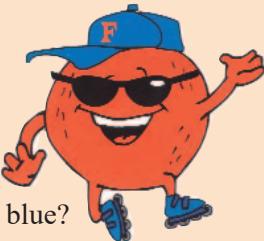
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\$840,000 Question...

What would you do with an Edzell blue?

- A) Sing it
- B) Eat it
- C) Drive it
- D) Read it

\$841,000 Question...

In 1760 what means of transport was invented?

- A) roller skates
- B) bicycle
- C) scooters
- D) auto

\$842,000 Question...

What was the first gramophone record made from?

- A) paper
- B) vinyl
- C) tinfoil
- D) leather

\$843,000 Question...

What is measured on the Gay-Lussac scale?

- A) oil pressure
- B) wind speed
- C) tire wear
- D) alcohol strength

\$844,000 Question...

This was the first country to guarantee freedom of worship?

- A) England
- B) Transylvania
- C) America
- D) France

\$845,000 Question...

Richard Penniman became famous as who?

- A) Elvis
- B) Clark Gable
- C) Fats Domino
- D) Little Richard

\$846,000 Question...

What is a snood?

- A) hairnet
- B) shoe or boot
- C) auto
- D) bird

\$847,000 Question...

Which European country eats most breakfast cereal?

- A) Britain
- B) Spain
- C) Italy
- D) France

(Answers below - See you next issue)

\$843 - D; \$844 - B; \$845 - D; \$846 - A; \$847 - A.
Answers: \$840 - B; \$841 - A; \$842 - C;

Being Responsible

Last night we went to a party and had a few drinks, followed by a few more drinks, followed by a few shots. That's when we decided to do what we have never done before: WE TOOK A CAB HOME.

Sure enough, there was a DUI checkpoint on the way home, and since it was a cab, they waived it past. We arrived home safely without incident. This was both a great relief and a surprise because I had never driven a cab before. I don't even know where I got it from and, now that it is in our garage, I don't know what to do with it!!

**I wish my bank account
refilled as fast as my
laundry basket.**

Afraid To Fly

Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour long wait, it finally took off.

A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," he explained.

"It took us awhile to find a new pilot."

Swollen Foot

A man with a swollen foot goes to the doctor. After a careful examination, the doctor hands the man a pill big enough to choke a horse.

"I'll be right back with some water," the doctor tells him.

The doctor has been gone a while and the man loses patience. He hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back into the examining room.

Just then the doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water. "Ok, after the tablet dissolves, soak that foot for about 20 minutes."

School Days

Tommy had reached school age. His Mother managed with a blast of propaganda to make him enthusiastic about the idea. She bought him lots of new clothes, told him of the new friends he'd meet and so on. Came the first day, he eagerly went off and came back home with a lot of glowing reports about school.

Next morning when she woke him up, he asked "What for?" She told him it was time to get ready for school.

"What, again ?" he asked.

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Stress Relief

As an assistant professor, I taught during the day and did research at night. I would usually take a break around eight, however, to play the strategy game Warcraft online with a teammate.

One night I was paired with a veteran of the game who was a master strategist. With him at the helm, our troops crushed one opponent after another, and after six games we were undefeated. Suddenly, my fearless leader informed me his mom wanted him to go to bed.

"How old are you?" I typed.

"Twelve," he replied. "How old are you?"

Feeling my face redden, I answered, "Ten."

A recent study found that women with a little extra weight live longer than the men who point it out.

Sawmill

Two men were working at the sawmill and one guy got too close to the saw and cut his ear off. It fell in the sawdust pit so he jumped down into the pit and was hunting around trying to find it. The second guy saw him and hollered down, "What're you doing?" The first man said that he had cut off his ear and was looking for it. The second guy said, "I'll help you" and jumped in the pit. He was searching around on his hands and knees and then hollered, "I found it!" The first guy took it and examined it closely, then said, "Keep looking. Mine had a pencil behind it."

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If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito. — Dalai Lama

First Day

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Midway airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.

The Congregation Replied

Down in the South, there are many churches known as "answer back" churches. When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies.

One Sunday, a preacher was speaking on what it would take for the church to become better. He said "If this church is to become better, it must take up its bed, and walk." The congregation said "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

Encouraged by their response, he went further. "If this church is going to become better, it will have to throw aside its hindrances and run!" The congregation replied, "Let it run, Preacher, let it run!"

Now really into his message, he spoke stronger. "If this church really wants to become great, it will have to take up its wings and fly!" "Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!" the congregation shouts.

The Preacher gets louder. "If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!"

The congregation replied. "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

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**Parenting is mostly saying,
"I'M NOT CLEANING YOUR MESS"
while continuing to clean everyone's mess.**

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."

Counterfeit Bills

At the drive-thru Window at Taco Bell, I gave the guy a \$50 bill. He grabbed the money and lays it on the counter and takes the marker and marks it to see if the money is real or fake...

He promptly hands it back to me and says, "Sir, I cannot accept this money it is counterfeit. You see the dark line; that means it's counterfeit!"

I tell him, "Wow, this bill came straight from the bank!" So I hand him another \$50 bill and he lays it on the counter and marks it. "Yep, this one is counterfeit too."

I say, "Wow!!!! Both of my \$50's are fake!"

At this point I had one important question...
I say, "Sir, are you using a sharpie???"

He takes a loooooong look at the marker.....
"YES, I AM!"

**The older I get, the more I
understand why roosters
just scream to start their day.**

Salesmanship

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Philip's reply? "Well, how about a subscription to Good Housekeeping?"

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**What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
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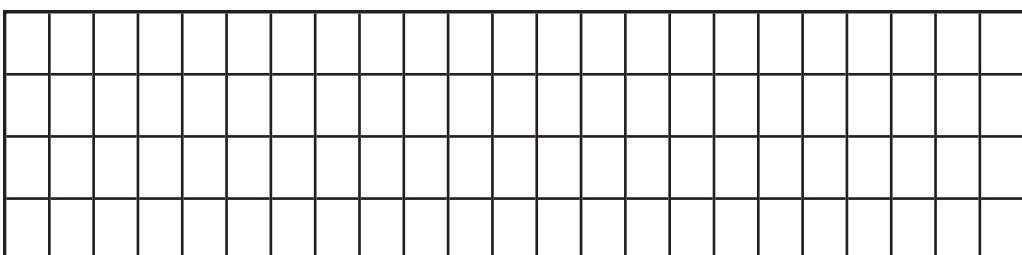
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