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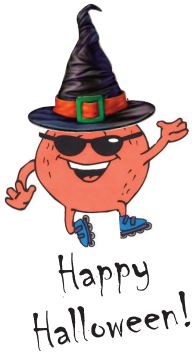
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The brush is quite thick, but Jim searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is, in fact, a 7-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.

Jim excitedly calls out to his golfing partner: "Hey Bob, come here, I got trouble down here."

Bob comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out: "What's the matter?"

Jim shouts back, "Throw me my 8 iron! You can't get out of here with a 7!"

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Stinky Advice

I was in my car one day listening to a guy on the radio help callers with their home problems. One woman called up hysterical after finding a skunk in her basement.

"Leave a trail of bread crumbs or cat food from your basement to your backyard," suggested the show's host. "That'll get rid of it."

An hour later the woman called back, even more upset. "Now I have TWO skunks in my basement!"

**PHYSICALLY I'M HERE,
mentally I'm in a pool in mexico
ordering my 3rd margarita**

Computer's Down

Our new office computer system was down as much as it was working. My co-worker Cathy decided to stay late one evening to catch up on the work that had accumulated. On her way home, a police officer stopped her for speeding. "What a perfect end to an awful day!" she exclaimed. "Our computer is up, then down -- up, then down. I stay late to catch up, and now this!"

The officer was unaffected by Cathy's griping and he went to his car to prepare a citation. After what seemed an eternity, he returned with her license and registration. As he handed them to her, he smiled and said, "Our computer is down."

**Why do the stores all think
I want to put up my Christmas tree
and eat turkey while wearing my
Halloween costume??**

Old Habit

I am five feet, three inches tall and pleasingly plump. Recently, after I had a minor accident, my mother accompanied me to the emergency room.

The ER nurse asked for my height and weight, and I responded in a serious tone, "Five-foot-eight, 125 pounds."

While the nurse pondered this information, my mother leaned over to me ... "Sweetheart," she gently chided, "this is not the Internet."

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Over the meal, the couples took turns catching up. "And soon after we were married," Sarah began, "we were blessed with a marvelous, chubby creature with cute bow legs and no teeth."

"Oh, you had a baby!" said the other husband.

"Nope," Dick broke in, "Sarah's mother came to live with us."

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Finally, to everyone's relief, they completed the construction.

As a finishing touch, they hung a sign on their booth. It read "Silent Auction."

I don't always go the extra mile,
but when I do it's because I
missed my exit.

The Bar Mitzvah

Two bees ran into each other. One asked the other how things were going. "Really bad," said the second bee, "the weather has been really wet and damp and there aren't any flowers or pollen, so I can't make any honey."

"No problem," said the first bee, "Just fly down five blocks and turn left and keep going until you see all the cars. There's a Bar Mitzvah going on and there are all kinds of fresh flowers and fresh fruit."

"Thanks for the tip" said the second bee and flew away.

A few hours later the two bees ran into each other again and the first bee asked, "How'd it go?"

"Fine," said the second bee, "It was everything you said it would be."

"Uh, what's that thing on your head?" asked the first bee.

"That's my yarmulka," said the second bee, "I didn't want them to think I was a wasp."

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especially at night.

Now there's something creaking;
it's the bedroom door. Oh, I really hate
this house. I'm not staying anymore.

I know I'm really nervous,
but the thing I hate the most,
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The man replied, "I don't know. It's not until next Tuesday."

Things I'm Super Good At

1. Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
2. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later.
3. Digging through the trash for the food box, I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions.
4. Making plans, and then immediately regretting making those plans.
5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to dewrinkle. Then forgetting it again.
6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now."

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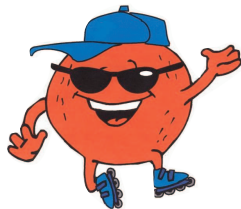
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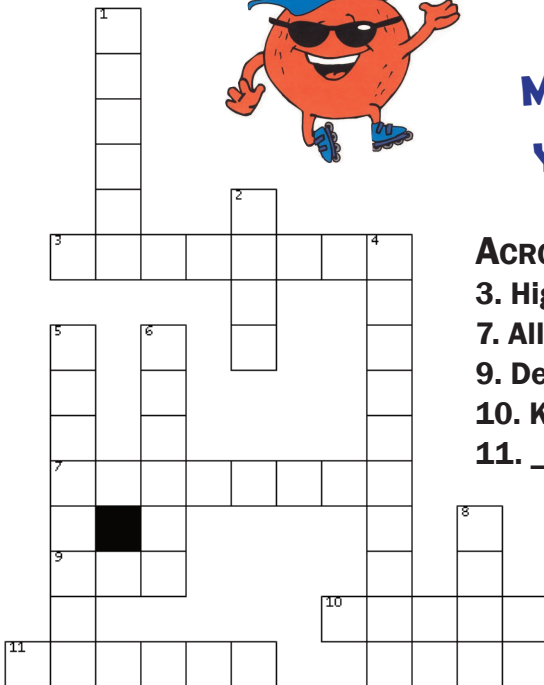
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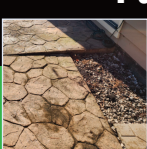
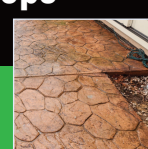
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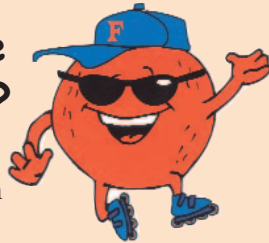
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- B) Samhain
- C) Lughnasadh
- D) Imbolc

\$199,000 Question...

The word "Halloween" comes from a shortened form of:

- A) Holy Evening
- B) Hallowed Night
- C) All Hallows' Eve
- D) Harvest Evening

\$200,000 Question...

Before pumpkins became popular in North America, what vegetables were traditionally carved for jack-o'-lanterns in Ireland and Scotland?

- A) Turnips and rutabagas
- B) Potatoes and onions
- C) Cabbages and carrots
- D) Beets and parsnips

\$201,000 Question...

Which older custom is considered one influence on modern trick-or-treating?

- A) Caroling
- B) Souling
- C) Maypole dancing
- D) Wassailing only

\$202,000 Question...

In medieval folklore, witches were often believed to travel to gatherings called:

- A) Covenings
- B) Witch moons
- C) Sabbaths
- D) Shadow feasts

\$203,000 Question...

Which author created the famous vampire character Count Dracula?

- A) Mary Shelley
- B) Edgar Allan Poe
- C) Bram Stoker
- D) H. G. Wells

\$204,000 Question...

In European folklore, black cats were sometimes associated with:

- A) Pirates
- B) Witches
- C) Knights
- D) Royal families

(Answers below - See you next issue)

Answers: \$198 - B; \$199 - C; \$200 - A;
\$201 - B; \$202 - C; \$203 - C; \$204 - B.

Russian

The couple was delighted when their long wait to adopt a baby came to an end. The adoption center called and told them that there was a wonderful Russian baby boy available, and the couple took him without hesitation.

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The couple said proudly, "We just adopted a Russian baby. In a year or so, when he begins to talk, we want to be able to understand him."

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Large Family

Ben came from a large family. He had five sisters and three brothers.

One day he was looking through the family photo album with his mother when he noticed, in page after page, that all the children were dressed in the same colors.

He asked his mother why they were all dressed alike.

She explained, "At first, when we had just four children, I dressed you alike so we wouldn't lose any of you. "Then," she added, "as other five came along, I started dressing you alike so we wouldn't accidentally take one home that didn't belong to us."

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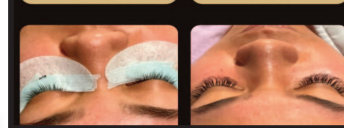
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Deep within a forest a little turtle began to climb a tree. After hours of effort he reached the top, jumped into the air waving his front legs and crashed to the ground. After recovering, he slowly climbed the tree again, jumped, and fell to the ground. The turtle tried again and again while a couple of birds sitting on a branch watched his sad efforts. Finally, the female bird turned to her mate. "Dear," she chirped, "I think it's time to tell him he's adopted."

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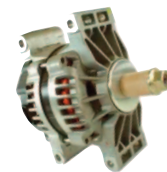
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