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Marybeth was picking through the frozen turkeys at the local grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're all dead."

I leave my house a mess
so when friends visit they go home
feeling better about their own
housekeeping skills.

I'm just that good of a friend.



Moving Furniture

Co-workers sympathized as my mother complained that her back was really sore from moving furniture.

"Why don't you wait till your husband gets home?" someone asked.

"I could," my mother told the group," but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it."

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Life as a Female Bear

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Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a female bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Managing your weight around the holidays just requires a little planning... For example, I'm taking the batteries out of my scale on Wednesday.

To Look Pretty

I overheard our 5 year old daughter, Emma talking to her Dad. She asked, "Why does Mom wear makeup?"

Her Dad replied, "To look pretty."

Emma said, "But she's already pretty."

Dad smiled to which Emma responded, "Dad, you should wear makeup."

In a Fight

I got into a fight with a really big guy and he said, "I'm going to mop the floor with your face."

I said, "You'll be sorry."

He said, "Oh yeah? Why?" and I said, "Well, you won't be able to get into the corners very well."

Long Day

I was asked to participate in a video for work, so I brought in a couple of outfits and played thespian for a day. At the end of the shoot, the receptionist eyed me suspiciously as I walked around in outfit number two. "Have you changed clothes?" she asked. "Or did I forget to go home?"

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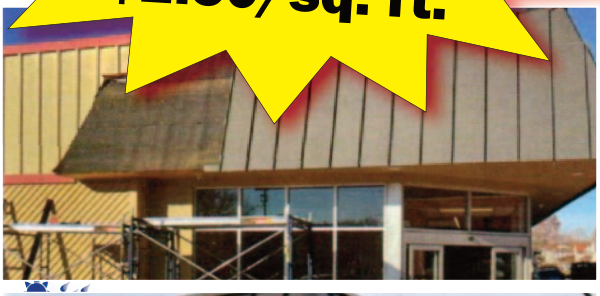
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Mr. Turkey's Detour

As I was walking down the street one day, I heard some people talking and I had to get away! They were talking about eating turkey on some holiday...

If Thanksgiving is tomorrow, then I'm outta here! They can have their corn and pumpkin pie! Pour their gravy on potatoes or just eat 'em dry! Stuff themselves without blinking an eye!

But I'll flap my wings, keep it moving, see ya later, bye bye! When your cousin asks why I'm not on his plate, tell him veggies are important for a healthy weight! He should be grateful and celebrate for Mr. Turkey has taken a detour, not a minute too late.

It's cute how the grocery store cashier told me to have a great Thanksgiving, like I won't be back to the store six more times in the next seven days.

Game of Chess

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why," they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.

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Conversation overheard in a garage....

Father: "I expect they'll be raising the gas prices again soon."

Teenage Son: "Won't affect me. I always put in just $20 worth."

Why did the police arrest the turkey?

- - They suspected fowl play

Pie Manners

In a country home that seldom had guests, the young son was eager to help his mother after his father appeared with two dinner guests from the office.

When the dinner was nearly over, the boy went to the kitchen and proudly carried in the first piece of apple pie, giving it to his father, who passed it to a guest. The boy came in with a second piece of pie and again watched his father give it to a guest.

This was too much for the boy, who said, "It's no use, Dad. The pieces are all the same size."

Worried

Two kids are talking to each other.

One says, "I'm really worried. My dad works twelve hours a day to give my family a nice home and plenty of food. My mom spends the whole day cleaning and cooking for me. I'm worried sick!"

The other kid says, "What have you got to worry about? Sounds to me like you've got it made!"

The first kid says, "What if they try to escape?"

Can you really get salmonella from eating raw cookie dough, or are people just trying to keep me from living my best life?

Just a Thought

I find it helps to organize things into three catagories: First, things I won't do now; second, things I won't do later; and third, things I'll never do.

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I laughed so hard
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I don't know how we do it.

Forget *two peas in a pod*
We're more like two nuts in a tree.

Roughing It .....

A friend and his wife were considering traveling to Alaska -- a trip that the husband had long dreamed of taking. He kept talking about how great it would be to stay in a log cabin without electricity, to hunt moose, and drive a dog team instead of a car. "If we decided to live there permanently, away from civilization, what would you miss the most?" he asked his wife.

She replied, "You."

I'm wearing black today to morn the death of my
MOTIVATION.

Concept is Lost.....

When the company I worked for had an employee-suggestion competition, I told my staff to submit entries that would save money for the firm.

The winner was a man in my department who suggested we post corporate memos on bulletin boards, instead of printing 200 individual copies for distribution. He got a helium balloon with the company logo and one share of stock.

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WHY DID THE TURKEY CROSS THE ROAD?

- - TO PROVE HE WASN'T CHICKEN.

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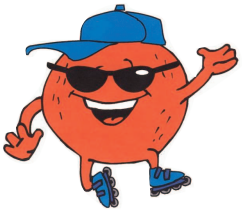


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Each day I understand the phrase, "I'm getting too old for this" on a deeper level

Sam's Fishing

A game warden noticed how a particular fellow named Sam consistently caught more fish than anyone else. Whereas the other guys would only catch three or four fish a day, Sam would come in from the lake with a boat full of fish. Stringer after stringer was packed with freshly caught trout. The warden, curious, asked Sam his secret. The successful fisherman invited the game warden to accompany him and observe.

So the next morning, the two met at the dock and took off in Sam's boat. When they got to the middle of the lake, Sam stopped the boat, and the warden sat back to see how it was done.

Sam's approach was simple: He took out a stick of dynamite, lit it, and threw it into the air. The explosion rocked the lake with such a force that dead fish immediately began to surface. Sam took out a net and started scooping them up.

Well, you can imagine the reaction of the game warden. When he recovered from the shock of it all, he began yelling at Sam, "You can't do this! I'll put you in jail, buddy! You will be paying every fine there is in the book!"

Sam, meanwhile, set his net down and took out another stick of dynamite. He lit it and tossed it in the lap of the game warden with these words: "Are you going to sit there all day complaining, or are you going to fish?"

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Plenty Cryptic After All

A minor e-mail virus infestation hits the group that this network technician is responsible for, and after cleaning up the mess he decides it's time for new passwords all around, just to be safe.

Most of the group works in the same location, so he just takes a walk around the office, whispering the new password to each user.

But one woman is at a remote site. The tech can't reach her by phone, and he's leery of sending her new password in an unencrypted e-mail.

Finally, he has an idea. He begins the e-mail message by explaining the password change.

Then he writes: "And your new password is: (the last name of our intern from that hot country) followed by the digits of (the number of points our basketball team scored in our last game)."

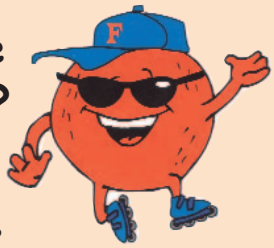
Very clever, he figures -- it's information only someone in the group would know.

Until he gets a reply message from the user: "I tried the password, but it didn't work. Could you set it to something not so long and hard to type? And are those parentheses important?"

Shopping with your husband is like hunting with the game warden.

Opee Gazette says: Let's Play!

Who Wants To Be A ZILLIONAIRE?



$212,000 Question...
Who made Thanksgiving a national annual holiday in 1863?
A) George Washington B) Abraham Lincoln
C) Thomas Jefferson D) Donald Trump

$213,000 Question...
What is the main ingredient in traditional stuffing?
A) Bread B) Rice
C) Potatoes D) Onion

$214,000 Question...
What is the red flap of skin hanging over a turkey's beak called?
A) Gobbler B) Wattle
C) Snood D) Waddle

$215,000 Question...
What famous parade takes place on Thanksgiving morning in New York City
A) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
B) The Turkey Trot Parade
C) The Pilgrim Parade
D) Kohl's Thanksgiving Parade

$216,000 Question...
What do two people traditionally pull apart for good luck?
A) Turkey leg B) Wishbone
C) Drumstick D) A Holiday Cracker

$217,000 Question...
Which state was the first to make Thanksgiving an annual holiday?
A) Massachusetts B) New York
C) Virginia D) Illinois

$218,000 Question...
What do you call the person who carves the Thanksgiving turkey?
A) The turkey captain B) The turkey server
C) The dinner director D) The head carver

(Answers below - See you next issue)

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Hesitant Driver

A hesitant driver, waiting for a traffic jam to clear, came to a complete stop on the freeway on-ramp.

The traffic thinned, but the driver still waited. Finally a furious voice from the vehicle behind him cried, "Hey, fellow! The sign says 'Yield,' not 'surrender!'"

If you come across a snake skin it means the snake shed it to grow bigger. Same thing if you come across my clothes at Goodwill.

Price Reduction

Our minister announced that admission to a church social event would be nine dollars per person. "However, if you're over 65," he said, " the price will be only $8.50."

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Pretty Smart

The two ladies were sitting in the living room, waiting for their hostess, who was slightly delayed. The daughter of the family was with them, on the theory that she would keep the visitors occupied during the wait. The child was about six years old, snub nosed, freckled, buck-toothed and bespectacled. She maintained a deep silence and the two ladies peered doubtfully at her.

Finally, one of them muttered to the other, "Not very p-r-e-t-t-y, I fear," carefully spelling the key word.

Whereupon the child piped up, "But awfully s-m-a-r-t!"

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What is blue and covered with feathers?
A turkey holding it's breath!

What happened to the turkey that got into a fight?
He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

Why did the turkey play drums in the band?
Because he already had drumsticks.

Pass It Along

My husband, Michael, and I were at a restaurant with his boss, a rather stern older man. When Michael began a tale, which I was sure he had told before, I gave him a kick under the table. There was no response, so I gave him another poke. Still the story went on. Suddenly he stopped, grinned and said, "Oh, but I've told you this one before, haven't I?"

We all chuckled and changed the subject. Later, on the dance floor, I asked my husband why it had taken him so long to get my message.

"What do you mean?" he replied. "I cut the story off as soon as you kicked me."

"But I kicked you twice and it still took you awhile to stop!"

Suddenly we realized what had happened. Sheepishly we returned to our table. The boss smiled and said, "Don't worry. After the second kick I figured it wasn't for me, so I passed it along!"

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2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your children.
3. Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like clearing the driveway before it has stopped snowing.
4. There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother has it.(Chinese Proverb)
5. Mothers of teens know why animals eat their young.
6. I asked Mom if I was a gifted child...she said they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.
7. Children are natural mimics, who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.
8. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
9. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
10. We child proofed our home 3 years ago and they're still getting in!

Every time someone in my house leaves an empty box in the freezer or panty, I'm going to wrap it up in Christmas paper and put it under the tree with their name on it.

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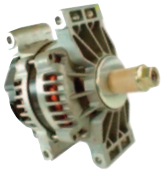


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I know, I know, no need to call us. I do this one every year. It's one of my favorites.

If showing up in a robe and a tiara with a box of wine is wrong, then maybe I don't fully understand how Casual Friday actually works.

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