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While working on the 49th floor, two construction workers found a skeleton in a small closet behind the elevator shaft. They called the police.

When the police arrived, they directed them to the closet and showed them the skeleton, fully clothed and standing upright. They said, "This could be Jimmy Hoffa or somebody really important."

Two days went by and the construction workers couldn't stand it any more; they had to know who they found. They called the police and said, "We are the two guys who found the skeleton in the closet and we want to know if it was Jimmy Hoffa or somebody important."

The police said it's not Jimmy Hoffa, but it was somebody kind of important."

"Well, who was it?"

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Windshield Wiper

Which windshield wiper blade always quits first? That's right -- the driver's side.

This happened to me one day while driving home in the middle of a blinding storm. Unable to see, I pulled over and tried to figure out a quick fix. I found it in a yellow cotton work glove lying on the floor. I wedged the cloth hand under the wiper arm. It did a great job keeping my windshield clear.

Not only that -- you'd be surprised at how many people waved back.

Follow the Rules

Two lawyers arrive at the pub and ordered a couple of drinks. They then take sandwiches from their briefcases and began to eat.

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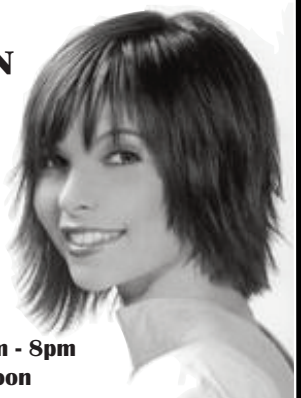
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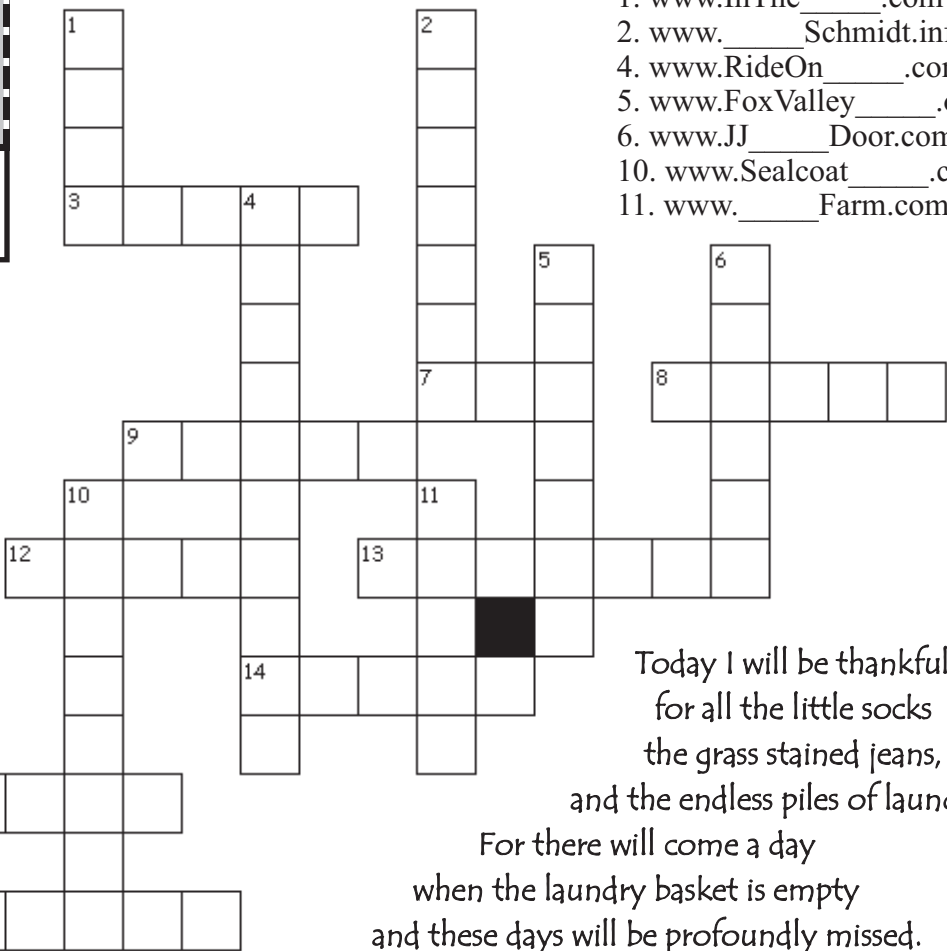
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 for all the little socks
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 and the endless piles of laundry.
 For there will come a day
 when the laundry basket is empty
 and these days will be profoundly missed.

Insurance Claims

Here are a selection of strange but true stories from people filling in their insurance claims.

- * To avoid a collision I ran into the other car.
- * A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
- * I thought the side window was down but it was up, as I found when I put my head through it.
- * If the other driver had stopped a few yards behind himself the accident would not have happened.
- * She suddenly saw me, lost her head and we met.
- * Cow wandered into my car. I was afterwards informed that the cow was half-witted.
- * Three women were talking to each other and when two stepped back and one stepped forward I had to have an accident.
- * There were plenty of lookers-on but no witnesses.
- * A bull was standing near and a fly must have tickled him because he gored my car.

- Redneck Computer Terms**
- **Backup** - What you do when you sight a skunk in the woods.
 - **Bar code** - Them's the fight'n rules down da local tavern.
 - **Bug** - The reason you is a giv'n for calling in sick.
 - **Byte** - What yer pit bull dun to cusin Jethro.
 - **Cache** - Needed when you go to da store.
 - **Chip** - Yer cusin's uncle's mother's boyfriend's name.
 - **Terminal** - Time to call da undertaker.
 - **Crash** - When you go to Junior's party uninvited.
 - **Digital** - The art of counting on your fingers.
 - **Diskette** - A female Disco dancer.
 - **Hacker** - Uncle Leroy after thirty years of smoking.
 - **Hardcopy** - Picture looked at when selecting tattoos.
 - **Internet** - Where cafeteria workers put their hair.
 - **Keyboard** - Where you hang the keys to the John Deere.
 - **Mac** - Big Bob's favorite fast food.
 - **Megahertz** - How your head feels after seventeen beers.
 - **Modem** - What ya did when the grass and weeds got too tall.
 - **Mouse pad** - Where Mickey and Minnie live.
 - **Network** - Scoop'n up a big fish before it breaks the line.
 - **Online** - Where to stay when taking the sobriety test.
 - **Rom** - Where the pope lives.
 - **Screen** - Helps keep the skeeters off the porch.
 - **Serial port** - A red wine you drink with breakfast.
 - **Superconductor** - Amtrak's Employee of the year.
 - **Scsi** - What you call your week-old underwear.

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As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Pets on Planes

While working as an airline customer-service agent, I got a call from a woman who wanted to know if she could take her dog on board.

I told her the dog was welcome, as long as she paid a \$50 charge and provided her own kennel. I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around and roll over.

"I'll never be able to teach him all that by tomorrow!" the customer complained.

Food Quips

"Artichokes ... are just plain annoying ... After all the trouble you go to, you get about as much actual 'food' out of eating an artichoke as you would from licking thirty or forty postage stamps. Have the shrimp cocktail instead." -- Miss Piggy

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but left-overs. The original meal has never been found." --Sam Levinson

"This recipe is certainly silly. It says to separate two eggs, but it doesn't say how far to separate them." -- Gracie Allen

Doctor's Strike

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M&M Evolution theory

Whenever I get a package of plain M&Ms, I make it my duty to continue the strength and robustness of the candy as a species.

To this end, I hold M&M duels.

Taking two candies between my thumb and forefinger, I apply pressure, squeezing them together until one of them cracks and splinters. That is the "loser," and I eat the inferior one immediately. The winner gets to go another round.

I have found that, in general, the brown and red M&Ms are tougher, and the newer blue ones are genetically inferior. I have hypothesized that the blue M&Ms as a race cannot survive long in the intense theatre of competition that is the modern candy and snack-food world.

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Back at his friend's house after being released from the hospital, he was in the kitchen when the tea kettle started whistling. He immediately grabbed a bat from a nearby closet and bashed the tea kettle into an unrecognizable lump of metal.

His friend, hearing the ruckus, rushes into the kitchen, sees what has happened and asks the old prospector, "Why'd you do that to my tea kettle?"

The prospector replies with complete sincerity, "Because, ... you gotta kill them things when they're small."

Insurance form questionnaire

A man collided with a cow and completed the requested form as follows:

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Even people who don't eat okra may find it useful -- for example, as a green plumb-bob for a vegetarian architect.

A pod of okra on a gold chain makes an excellent conversation piece. You can tell everyone that's it's an Elk's tooth -- with plaque.

Okra can be boiled, fried, steamed, or pickled. But no matter what you do to it, it still tastes exactly like okra.

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Signs and Notices

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- Official sign near door: Door Alarmed. Handprinted sign nearby: Window frightened.
- Road sign seen on the island of Cyprus. (translation of the Greek): 'Caution: Road Slippery from Grape juice'
- A sign advertising a Company wide skiing race: Let's see who can go downhill the fastest.
- Sign in King's Canyon in California. 'Slow Parking Ahead'
- A billboard seen next to the highway, travelling from Johannesburg International Airport into town. An Ad for BMW showing a photo of a BMW 328i convertible with the roof and all the windows down. The caption reads: 'Our hardware runs better without WINDOWS!!!'
- Two signs found on top of one another in a country kitchen several years ago: Restrooms to the left. Please wait for the hostess to seat you.
- Seen in a health food store. "Shoplifters will be beaten over the head with an organic carrot"
- "Children left unattended will be towed at parents expense."
- I went to a little hole in the wall restaurant: the sign read: Women are not served here. You have to bring your own.
- Found written on the wall in front of a photocopier of a company going through hardships : "DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE - XEROX YOUR PAY CHECKS"
- At an Applebee's restaraunt: "NOTICE: AFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY! A new 6% tax will be charged for the cost of collecting taxes!"

Only the Best!

My daughter goes to extremes in caring for her new sports car. One afternoon we went to get gas. When the attendant asked what kind, she said, "Unleaded -- super. The best you have. And check the oil, please." When the man found the car needed a quart, he asked, "What kind do you use?" "I just want the finest," she said. "Whatever it costs. And look at the radiator too. It might need water." "What does it take," the attendant inquired, "Perrier?"

Pandemonium Strikes Again

When the ice-maker on our refrigerator broke, my husband dropped by the local hardware to find the part. Because the sun was so bright that day and the interior of the store was dark, his eyes hadn't quite adjusted when he walked in. He accidentally stepped on the foot of a woman examining some samples. She screamed, causing my husband to jump sideways into a display of fireplace tools that went crashing in every direction. Unnerved, he stumbled over to the service desk, and as he put his hands on the counter, he flipped over a bowl of marbles, scattering them everywhere. After taking a deep breath to calm himself, he announced to the wide-eyed woman working there, "My refrigerator doesn't work." She replied, simply, "I don't doubt it."

A Paradigm

"I'm the greatest batter in the world," said the proud boy as he tossed the ball into the air and swung his bat. He missed. Undaunted, he threw the ball up again and said, "I'm the greatest batter ever!" He missed again. He looked at his ball then his bat. Once more he tossed the ball up into the air. "I'm the greatest batter who ever lived!" He swung hard and missed. "Wow!" he exclaimed. "And I'm an even better pitcher!"

Did you hear about the young man who got really worried when his nose kept growing until it was eleven inches long?

He thought it might turn into a foot.

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C) 345 D) 425

\$735,000 Question...
Under NBA regulations, this is the only article of clothing that can bear a commercial logo...
A) headband B) jersey
C) sneakers D) wristband

\$736,000 Question...
The odds of a good golfer making a hole in one is...?
A) 1 in 2,300 B) 1 in 8,606
C) 1 in 9,322 D) 1 in 19,325

\$737,000 Question...
Rain falls at a maximum speed of...?
A) 6 mph B) 11 mph
C) 14 mph D) 18 mph

\$738,000 Question...
The Beatles drummer Ringo Starr joined the group in order to make some extra money for his business. What type of business did he operate?
A) hair salon B) restaurant
C) pet store D) chimney sweep

\$739,000 Question...
In 1930, United Airlines first put women as flight attendants. Their were hired primarily as this?
A) nurses B) waitresses
C) announcers D) maids

\$740,000 Question...
Based on the standard formula to measure your foot size, the Statue of Liberty would wear a rather large shoe. In fact it would be a size...?
A) 27 B) 545
C) 601 D) 879

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Really Stupid People

- Police in Wichita, Kansas, arrested a 22-year-old man at an airport hotel after he tried to pass two (counterfeit) \$16 bills.
- A man in Johannesburg, South Africa, shot his 49-year-old friend in the face, seriously wounding him, while the two practiced shooting beer cans off each other's head.
- A company trying to continue its five-year perfect safety record showed its workers a film aimed at encouraging the use of safety goggles on the job. According to Industrial Machinery News, the film's depiction of gory industrial accidents was so graphic that twenty-five workers suffered minor injuries in their rush to leave the screening room. Thirteen others fainted, and one man required seven stitches after he cut his head falling off a chair while watching the film.
- Swedish business consultant Ulf af Trolle labored 13 years on a book about Swedish economic solutions. He took the 250-page manuscript to be copied, only to have it reduced to 50,000 strips of paper in seconds when a worker confused the copier with the shredder.

- The Chico, California, City Council enacted a ban on nuclear weapons, setting a \$500 fine for anyone detonating one within city limits.
- A bus carrying five passengers was hit by a car in St. Louis, but by the time police arrived on the scene, fourteen pedestrians had boarded the bus and had begun to complain of whiplash injuries and back pain.
- When two service station attendants in Ionia, Michigan, refused to hand over the cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police. They still refused, so the robber called the police and was arrested.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
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Last Saturday night Kate returned home very late from a party.

The next morning her father, Roger, went out to the drive to get the newspaper and came back into the house frowning.

At 11:30am Kate sleepily walked into the kitchen, and her father asked her, 'Darling, what time did you get in last night'

'Not very late, Dad,' Kate replied nervously as she thought about being allowed to continue borrowing the car. With a dead pan face Roger continued, 'Then, my little angel, I'll have to talk with the paperboy about putting my paper under the front tire of the car.'

Eye Test

A short Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license.

First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters. On the bottom row were these letters:

'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

'Can you read this?' the optician asked.

'Read it?' the Polish guy replied - 'I know the fellow.'

I'm the oldest, I make the rules

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- How does a spoiled rich girl change a lightbulb? *She says, "Daddy, I want a new apartment."*
- What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long? *Polaroids.*
- What do prisoners use to call each other? *Cell phones.*
- What do you call cheese that isn't yours? *Nacho Cheese.*
- What do you call four bull fighters in quicksand? *Quatro sinko.*
- What do you get from a pampered cow? *Spoiled milk.*
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? *Frostbite.*
- What do you get when you cross an elephant and a skin doctor? *A pachydermatologist*
- What has four legs, is big, green, fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree would kill you? *A pool table.*
- What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? *Sanka.* And what kind of lettuce? *Iceberg.*
- Where do you find a no legged dog? *Right where you left him.*
- Why are there so many Smiths in the phone book? *They all have phones.*
- Why do bagpipers walk when they play? *They're trying to get away from the noise.*

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"What did he look like?" the sergeant asked.
 "I don't know, but I got the licence plate." she replied.

•TELEVISION IS CALLED A MEDIUM BECAUSE SO LITTLE OF IT IS EITHER RARE OR WELL DONE.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

A nursery school teacher was observing her class of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to little Sarah who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. Sarah replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Sarah replied, 'They will in a minute!'

Time to Stop

A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting. Realising that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman wound down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO', the young lady yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

The Burglar

A burglar alarm sent out its piercing wail in the dark of night in Brooklyn and the police arrived just in time to collar the burglar as he was leaving the premises with a big bag full of loot. Soon, he was in court facing a grim-looking judge. "Did you have an accomplice?" asked the judge. "What's an accomplice?" the burglar replied. "A partner. In other words, did you commit this crime by yourself?" "What else?" demanded the culprit. "Who can get honest and reliable help these days?"

The Duel

A little boy came home from the playground with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a bad fight and lost. While his father was patching him up, he asked his son what happened. "Well, Dad," said the boy, "I challenged Larry to a duel. And, you know, I gave him his choice of weapons." "Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair." "I know, but I never thought he'd choose his big sister!"

• *Did you hear about the mad scientist who crossed a parrot with an alligator?*

It bit off his arm and said, 'who's a pretty boy now?'

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