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#### PERFECTION

An off-duty police officer, familiar with radar guns, drove through a school zone within the legal speed limit when the flash of a camera went off, taking a picture of his license plate. The officer, thinking the radar was in error, drove by again; even more slowly. Another flash. He did it again for a third time, at an even slower speed. Same result. "This guy must have mixed up the settings," the offduty officer thought. A few weeks later, when he received the violations in the mail, he discovered three traffic tickets: each for not wearing a seat belt!





#### **BASEBALL QUOTE**

A caller to the USPS phone center said, "I need a baseball quote."

The USPS guy immediately answered with Yogi Berra's famous "It ain't over 'til it's over!"

Caller (after a brief silence): "What was that??" USPS guy: "You asked me for a baseball quote and that was the first thing that came into my head."

Caller: "Oh. Well, my boss told me to call and get a baseball quote to ship a package." USPS guy (as light dawns): "Um... Maybe you

want a ballpark figure?" Caller: "Yeah, that's it!"

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I never lose. I either win or I learn.

#### I remember when yoga was called Twister.



**MY WIFE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO ME IN THREE DAYS. I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED ON** SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN SHE THOUGHT SHE **HEARD A NOISE DOWNSTAIRS.** SHE NUDGED ME AND WHISPERED, "WAKE UP, WAKE UP!" **"WHAT'S THE** MATTER?" I ASKED. **"THERE ARE BURGLARS IN THE KITCHEN. I THINK** THEY'RE EATING THE **TUNA CASSEROLE I** MADE TONIGHT." "THAT'LL TEACH THEM!" I REPLIED.

"Cowardice asks the question: Is it safe? Consensus asks the question: Is it popular? Conscience asks: Is it right?" -Martin L. King, Jr

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Confidence is not "They will like me." Confidence is "It will be fine if they don't."



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Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90: 12

If a tin whistle is made out of tin (and it is), then what, exactly, is a fog horn made out of?

Women only call me ugly until they find out how much money I have, then they call me ugly and poor.

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#### DANGER DO NOT TOUCH

Our supply clerk at the factory was in a dither. A box had been left on the loading dock with this warning printed on it: "Danger! Do Not Touch!" Management was called, and we were told to stay clear of the box until it could be analyzed. When the foreman arrived, he donned safety goggles and gloves, and then he carefully opened the box. Inside were 25 signs that read: "Danger! Do Not Touch!"

#### FREE TECH SUPPORT?

Outraged by the high charges that the computer service wanted for repair work, one employee asked her co-worker which service she used.

"My sons," was the reply. "They both have degrees in Computer science." "So you get that kind of work done for nothing," the friend marveled. The co-worker smiled. "Actually, I figured that it cost me about \$140,000 for my kids to fix my computer for free."

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5: 6



A new kind of broom just came out, it's sweeping the nation!



An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter: "Want coffee."

The waiter says, "Sure, Chief. Coming right up."

He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun, causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere and then just walks out.

The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand, pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walks up to the counter and says to the waiter "Want coffee."

The waiter says "Whoa, Tonto!!! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?"

The Indian smiles and proudly says,

"Training for position in United States Congress...Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day."



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"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine." ~ D. L. Moody

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Some people have issues, Some have a subscription.

I don't know why I keep making mistakes if you aren't going to learn from them.



The public, more often than not, will forgive mistakes, but it will not forgive trying to wiggle out of one.



Lewis Grizzard



#### Shy Visit To The Dentist

A shy little 4year-old came in to the dentist for his first cleaning and check-up. The hygienist tried to strike up a conversation but no response. After the cleaning, the dentist was called in to do the final check. The dentist tried to strike up a conversation as well. "How old are you?" No response. The dentist then asked, "Don't you know how old you are?" Immediately four tiny fingers went up. "Oh," replied the dentist, "and do you know how old that is?" Four little fingers went up once again. Continuing the effort to get a response, the dentist asked, "Can you talk?" The solemn little patient looked at him and asked, "Can you count?"

God loves me even when I don't forward those chain emails.



## Lantern Trial

In a terrible accident at a railroad crossing, a train smashed into a car and pushed it nearly four hundred vards down the track. Though no one was killed, the driver took the train company to court.

At the trial, the crossing guard insisted that he had given the driver ample warning by waving his lantern back and forth for nearly a minute. He even stood and convincingly demonstrated how he'd done it. The court believed his story, and the suit was dismissed. "Congratulations," the lawyer said to the guard when it was over. "You did superbly under crossexamination." "Thanks," he said, "but he sure had

me worried." "How's that?" the lawyer asked. "I was afraid he was going to ask if the lantern was lit!"

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I constantly return to the refrigerator in hopes that something new to eat will have materialized.



Daylight Saving Time: Why can't they spring ahead on Friday night?

Who remembers when a journey of a thousand miles began with your Dad saying "I know a shortcut"?





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## **PICTURE THIS**

The scene: The "F" train of the subway line in New York City. I was commuting from the Borough of Queens to my iob in Manhattan. I'd finished reading the morning paper and was saving it to bring to friends on the job. How do you save a newspaper on the subway? You sit on it. A new commuter came in, saw the newspaper under my rear, and asked the second most stupid question I've ever heard (someday I may tell of the first): "Are you reading that paper?" I stood up, turned the page, sat down on the paper, and answered, "Yes."

Every so often, I go outside, look up, and smile for a satellite picture.



ecently in Traffic Court, a man who received an expensive parking ticket testified that a uniformed Policeman had given his OK for the man to park there. The Judge asked the man if he would recognize the Officer if he ever saw him again, and the man replied that he would. The Judge then said, "Good. When you see the Officer again, tell him he owes you 57 dollars. Next..."



Today is a good day for procrastination...

#### **Best Way to Learn**

Little Johnny asks his father, "Where does the wind come from?" "I don't know." "Why is the earth round?" "I don't know." "Why do dogs bark?" "I don't know." Little Johnny pauses for a beat, "Does it disturb you that I ask so much?" "Not at all son. How else are you going to learn."

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## SOUTH CAROLINA POUND CAKE

#### Ingredients

3 c. sugar 6 eggs 2 sticks butter 1/2 c. shortening 3 1/4 c. plain flour 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. lemon flavoring 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 c. milk 1/2 tsp. Mace Mix as for any other pound cake. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

## NORTH CAROLINA SAND CAKE

#### Ingredients

- 1 Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
- 2 (6-oz.) packages butterscotch morsels
- 2 cups pecans, chopped
- 1 stick of margarine
- 1 box of powder sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons milk

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350.
- 2. Mix cake according to box directions.

3. Add 1 package of morsels and 1 cup of pecans to batter.





4. Bake in greased and floured 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan for 35-40 minutes.5. Test for doneness.

#### **Frosting:**

Melt margarine & 1 pkg. morsels. Add sugar & 1 cup nuts. Add milk, if needed, so icing will drizzle over cake easier.

## TENNESSEE HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups plain flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups cooking oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups chopped bananas
- 2 cups chopped nuts
- 1 (10 ounce) cans crushed pineapple

#### Directions

Sift all dry ingredients. Set aside.

Beat eggs,add oil and vanilla.

Add dry ingredients and beat about 2 minutes. Add bananas,pineapple,nuts and fold in with a fork--don't beat.

Pour into two greased and floured 9" cake pans Bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

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# Mo South in Yo Mouth CAKES

## **TEXAS BUTTERMILK SHEET CAKE** Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- CHOCOLATE-BUTTERMILK FROSTING
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 3 tablespoons buttermilk
- 2 1/4 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

#### Directions

Grease 13 x 9 inch baking pan; set aside. combine flour, sugar, baking soda and salt and set aside.

In a medium saucepan combine butter, cocoa powder and 1 cup water.

Bring mixture just to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Add the chocolate mixture to dry mixture and beat with an electric mixer on medium to high speed until thoroughly combined.

Add eggs, buttermilk and vanilla.

Beat for 1 minute (batter will be thin).

Pour batter into the prepared pan.

Bake in a 350 degree oven about 35 minutes or until wooden toothpick comes out clean when

inserted in the center of the cake. Pour warm chocolate buttermilk frosting over the

warm cake, spreading evenly. Place cake in pan on a wire rack; cool thoroughly before cutting.





#### Chocolate-Buttermilk Frosting:

In a medium saucepan combine butter, cocoa powder and buttermilk. Bring to boiling. Remove from heat. Add sifted powdered sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. If desired, stir in 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans.

## KENTUCKY BUTTER CAKE WITH RUM SAUCE

#### Ingredients:

- For the cake
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons rum or vanilla flavoring
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

#### **Directions:**

In a large bowl cream sugar, eggs, butter, and buttermilk together

with mixer. Add flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and vanilla

or rum and mix. Pour batter into a well-sprayed bundt pan or pan of

your choice. Bake in a preheated 325 degree oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until done.

until done. Let cool in the pan at least 30 minutes before removing.

#### For the Rum Sauce SEE PAGE 18



# **Dale Medical Center Earns High Patient Satisfaction Scores**

A patient's perception of his or her hospital experience is an important measure of overall quality of care. A national industry survey places Dale Medical Center among the top quartile hospitals in the region for patient satisfaction.

Dale Medical Center's high marks were received from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid through its Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems scores. Dale Medical Center ranks in the top quartile in areas of doctor communication, nurse communication and overall rankings.

These and other areas of hospital performance are reported to CMS as part of a national effort to enhance transparency in hospital data and demonstrate quality.

"Understanding what our patients perceive about their care is an important element of improving our dayto-day performance. We use the information from the HCAHPS survey to evaluate the care we provide and find ways to ensure we are addressing all of our patients' needs," explained hospital CEO Vernon Johnson.

HCAHPS (pronounced "H-caps") is a survey process that measures patients' perceptions of their hospital experience, then shares that information through a national public database, to help health care consumers make more informed decisions about their care. This data has been tracked since 2002, to make sure that hospital care is appropriate, timely and preventative. Every acute-care hospital in the United States participates in this public reporting process.

"We're pleased that Dale Medical Center ranks in the top hospitals locally, as well as on the national front," says Johnson. "We know that patients have more choices than ever before for their health care needs, and we're pleased that Dale Medical continues to be the hometown hospital of choice."

The HCAHPS program incentivizes hospitals to improve the quality of care and enhances accountability by publicly sharing hospital data about patients' care experiences and other topics that matter most to health care consumers. "High-quality, accessible and targeted health care services for the Ozark and surrounding communities — that's what it's all about," said Johnson.

# Dale Medical Center Partners with Flowers Hospital as Clinical Site for Surgical Technologist Program

Dale Medical Center recently signed an agreement with Flowers Hospital to provide clinical site for their Surgical Technologist Program. Students of the program will begin rotating through DMC surgery department gaining valuable experience to prepare them for the workforce. Surgical technologists are also known as operating room technicians and scrubs. Surgical technologists are members of operating room teams and work alongside surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses.

The aim of the accredited program at Flowers Hospital is to graduate Surgical Technologists who can function in the operating room. To reach this goal, they combine classroom instruction and excellent clinical experiences.

Classes are currently enrolled each year in the fall. The course lasts 11months and is divided into six quarters lasting 7-9 weeks each. There are scheduled breaks during the year. Calendars for the current year are available from the Program Coordinator.

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#### Continued From Recipe Page Rum Sauce For Kentucky Butter Cake

3/4 cup sugar 1/3 cup butter 3 tablespoons water 2 teaspoons rum or vanilla flavoring (can use more rum if you want) **Directions** 

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until fully melted. Do not boil! Pour over cake.

LIVE YOUR LIFE SO THAT YOU HAVE FRIENDS YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON; AND LIVE IT SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO. Courage is never to let your actions be influenced by your fears.





A doctor had been attending a rich old man for some time, but it became apparent that the old chap had not long to live. Accordingly, the doctor advised his wealthy patient to put his affairs in order.

"Oh yes, I've done that," said the old gentleman. "I've only got to make a will. And do you know what I'm going to do with all my money? I'm going to leave it to the doctor who saves my life."

A young man was sitting next to me in one of the two chairs provided for men outside the ladies fitting room in our local department store. After 30 minutes and 6 changes of outfits, the fellow's wife came out of the changing room one more time. He looked at her and immediately said, 'That looks great on you! Get that one." . "Honey," she replied, "this is what I was wearing when we came in.'

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MAY 2016 **18**  Don't take the wrong side of an argument just because your opponent has taken the right side.

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#### THE ART OF ROMANCE

A fellow was very much in love with a beautiful girl. One day she told him that the next day was her birthday. He told her he would send her a bouquet of roses... one for each year of her life. That evening he called the local florist and ordered twenty-one roses with instructions that they be delivered first thing the next morning. As the florist was preparing the order, he decided that since the young man was such a good customer, he would put an extra dozen roses in the bouquet. The fellow never did

find out what made the young girl so angry with him.

#### AIRBORNE RECRUITING

After enlisting in the 82nd Airborne Division, I eagerly asked my Recruiter what I could expect from jump school. "Well," he said, "its three weeks long." "What else," I asked. "The first week they separate the men from the boys," he said. "The second week, they separate the men from the fools." "And the third week?" I asked.

"The third week, the fools jump."

"Some burn up in the fire. Others are refined by it."





#### **CHURCH NEVERS...**

6. Never ask an usher to break a \$20. 5. Never do a cannonball in

the baptismal tank. 4. Never hold a church business meeting on Super Bowl Sunday.

3. Never tell the pastor, "We love your church and we might even come back next Easter."

2. During youth group activities, never bungee jump off the church steeple or play chicken with the church buses.

1. After a soloist of impressive size sings "Love Lifted Me," don't follow with the hymn "It Took a Miracle."

#### THE DIFFERENCE OF A YEAR

Our seven-year-old daughter was thrilled when we took her to Disney World for the first time, and she headed straight for Space Mountain. I worried that the roller coaster would be too scary for her, but she insisted.

To her delight, we rode it twice.

The next year we returned to the Magic Kingdom, and my daughter, now eight, again dragged me to Space Mountain. As we stood in line, though, I could see her soberly studying the signs that warn about the ride's speed. "Dad," she said, "I don't think I want to go." I asked her why she would be nervous when she had enjoyed herself last time.

She replied, "This year, I can read."



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- 28. Wiped out the competition

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31. Cheer leader cheer

Self-control is STRENGTH. Right thought is MASTERY. Calmness is POWER.



#### Passion Reveals Purpose, Purpose Leads to Fulfillment

#### Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Are you becoming complacent, seeming like prayers are not being answered? God seem to be distant in some faraway place. Attending church feels like just going through the motions, or



checking the good-behavior block. The excitement of being in God's presence we long for, but don't have the energy and motivation we once had. Every relationship requires intimacy, communication (prayer) and quality time.

Listen my friends, God did not move, we did. We cannot afford to serve and worship God only when it is convenient, and nothing else to do, we must seek God with passion, in our life and in our prayers. God is still there, draw close to Him and feel His love like before, God is waiting for you to get serious and demonstrate passion and love towards Him, and watch how vibrant and fulfilling your relationship become.

We all desire to live a fulfilling life, a "Purpose Driven Life" will give us the fulfillment we are longing for. If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you directly to your purpose.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. Deuteronomy 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Seek the Lord with "PASSION" and discover the hidden potentials God has place in you!



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#### Man in boxers leads police in brief chase.





Does running out of time count as exercise?

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doorbell.





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## "It Takes Two"

"It takes two to make a thing go right" Have you ever heard that before. Yes, I know that is not a Christian song, but those words have great meaning. Two in the bible is a significant number it represents Union and



validates witnesses. The bible always lays out how two is better than one. This past week as I was working outside the office, (I am a bi-vocational pastor and I was in the field with an employment specialist of mine for SouthCARE Specialty Services) the Lord told me that "Two is always more affirmative". I pondered that thought and went straight to His Word to clarify what he meant. In Mark 6;7 Jesus sends the apostles out in pairs or 2's and gave them authority over the unclean spirits... also in Ecclesiastes 4; 9-12:

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

There is so much productivity that takes place with two that one could never do alone. With Two accountability takes place. With two competition takes place which in turn brings stability. I don't know about you but I don't normally get motivated by myself, but with two each other can motivate the other. Don't be a lone ranger. Don't be a mother hen. GOD has called us to work together, and yield to the Holy Spirit so that the lost might be saved!!

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#### What do you call a male ladybug?

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My sources are unreliable but their information is fascinating.



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We had a breezy but sunny day for our Claybank Master Gardener plant sale on April 2nd, at the Ozark-Dale County Library. Many folks to attended the book/bake and plant sale, and beautiful plants went home with happy new owners. All the proceeds went directly into the library's fund.



\* A **Home Grown Tomato Workshop** will be held in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office on May 5th from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Cost of the workshop is \$10, pre-register by calling the Extension Office at <u>334-774-2329</u>

#### \* A new Master

**Gardener Volunteer Training Course** willbe offered in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office this fall. The cost is \$135. It will meet each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning **September 7th through November 16th**. For more information or an application please contact Lucy Edwards at the Dale County Extension Office at <u>334-774-2329</u>.

Come join the Master Gardeners at their next meeting on *May 19th at the Ozark-Dale County Library* at 6:00 PM. We welcome visitors!

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"It is My Secret What God Can Do"

"There is Scattered Cloudiness in My Soul Today"

"Onward, Christian Reserves"

"Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following"

"Just As I Pretend to Be"

"When the Saints Go Sneaking In"

#### How did the farmer meet his wife? He tractor down!



#### **Don't Be Offended**

If another says something hurtful, it is wise to ignore it;

if the words were not intended to hurt, our resentment will hurt the innocent; if the words were intended to hurt, our resentment will reward the guilty.



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#### Where exactly is Easy Street?

#### **Family Secrets**

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When they decided to compile a family history as a legacy reminder for their children and grandchildren they hired a fine author. Only one problem arose and that was how to handle that



great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author said he could handle the story tactfully. The book appeared. It said "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

# You know you're in trouble when ...

1. Your accountant's letter of resignation is postmarked Zurich.

2. Your suggestion box starts ticking.

3. You make more than you ever made, owe more than you ever owed, and have less than you've ever had.

4. The simple instructions enclosed aren't.

5. People send your wife sympathy cards on your anniversary.

6. The plumber floats by on your kitchen table.

7. Your secretary tells you the FBI is on line 1, the District Attorney is on line 2, and CBS is on line 3.

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Okay, who stopped the payment on my reality check?





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# **FLOORING**



# Medium Sudoku

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# <u>HANDY MAN</u>



What do you call a cow that just gave birth? De-CALF-inated.



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As a rule, Man's a fool. When it's hot, He wants it cool. And when it's cool, He wants it hot, Always wanting What is not.

# GOOD ADVICE

A friend confided in me she's a kleptomaniac. I told her she should take something for it. It feels good to be there for a friend in need.

Of all the possible utensils that could have been invented to eat rice with... how did 2 sticks win out!?



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"God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him."



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The president went to visit a nursing home. He walked up to a lady in a wheel chair and said, "Maam, do you know who I am?" She answered, "No sir, I don't know who you are, but if you go up to that desk they can tell you."



If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with "Quit while you're ahead"? As iron is eaten away by rust, so the envious are consumed by their own passion. ~ Antisthenes



NOTHING "My dad is a doctor. I can get sick for nothing," bragged one little boy. "Big deal," said his friend. "My dad is a minister, and I can be good for nothing."





BAMBOOZABLES ANSWERS 1. Last Dance

2. No TV for a Week
3. SIT UPS
4 No one to Blame
5. Right between the Eyes
6. Jack in the Box
7. Down Payment
8. Left Overs
9. Bedspread
10. Looking out for Number one
11. BLine
12. Home is where the heart is

## Freshman Bricks

While a friend and I were visiting Annapolis, we noticed several students on their hands and knees assessing the courtyard with pencils and clipboards in hand. "What are they doing?" I asked our tour guide. "Each year," he replied with a grin, "The upperclassmen ask the freshmen how many bricks it took to finish paving this courtyard." When we were out of earshot of the freshmen, my friend asked our guide: "So what's the answer?" The quide replied: "One."

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If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.



Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. ~ Henry David Thoreau



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