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The math teacher was giving a lesson on fractions and wrote an example on the chalkboard. He explained that the numerator was the top and the denominator was the bottom. Leaning against the board, he asked the class, "Are there any questions?" When he turned back to face the board, laughter filled the room. "Mr. Alexander," one student giggled, "you have chalk dust all over your denominator!"

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What WAS the best thing 'before' sliced bread?

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A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing, Mister! You're just like Frank."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time.

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Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more! He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow, some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too -- He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Frank. He die and I married his widow!

Glue stick: is that redundant or an epoxymoron?

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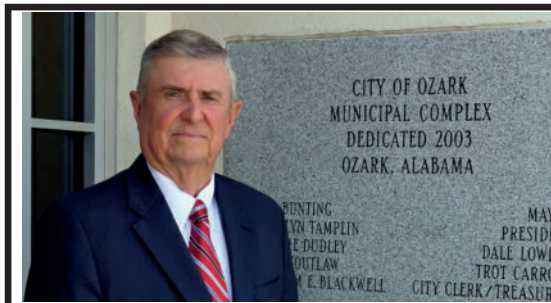
My husband and I couldn't decide which jacket to buy our granddaughter, so we asked the young salesman.

"If you were buying a jacket for your girlfriend," I said, "which would you get?"
 "A bulletproof one," he said. "I'm married."

A DUCK, A BUCK, AND A SKUNK

Three animals were having a drink in a cafe, when the owner asked for the money. "I'm not paying," said the duck. "I've only got one bill and I'm not breaking it."
 "I've spent my last buck," said the deer. "Then the duck'll have to pay," said the skunk. "Getting here cost me my last scent."

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Mrs. Applebee, the 6th grade teacher, posed the following problem to one of her arithmetic classes:

"A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom, little Morris raised his hand.

The teacher called on Morris for his answer. With complete sincerity in his voice, little Morris answered, "A lawyer!"

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Once there was couple traveling on a bus in a mountainous area. Close to their destination they decided to get off a bit early and enjoy a short walk the rest of the way. After the couple got off the bus, it proceeded on its route, but 100 feet later a huge boulder fell on the bus, crushing it and killing everybody on board. Upon see this happen the couple said, "We wish we were on that bus." Why do you think they said that? Think about it!

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GRANDMOTHER VISIT

The little boy greeted his grandmother with a hug and said "I'm so happy to see you grandma. Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that my dear" she asked. The little boy replied "I heard daddy tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us again."

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?"

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream? he inquired. *Continued on page 7*

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Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she

saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies -- her tip.

**"The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes."
- Martin Luther**

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LONG FREUD

Tophile lived across de bayou from Clarence who he don like at all. Dey all de time yell across de bayou at each other. Tophile would yell at Clarence "If I had a way to cross dis bayou, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah." Dis went on for years. Finally de state done built a bridge across dat bayou right by dere house.

Tophile's wife, Philoman, said, "now is your chance. Why don't you go over dere an beat up Clarence like you say?"

Tophile said, "OK" and started walking across de bridge but he see a sign on de bridge. So he turned around & went back home.

Philoman say, "Why you back so soon?" Tophile said, "Mais ah don changed mah mind about beat up Clarence. You know, he don look near dat big when I yell at him from across de bayou., but dey got a big sign on dat bridge dat say ... CLARENCE..13 ft 6 in".

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A collector of rare books ran into an friend who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it. "Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector. "Yes, that was it," said the friend. "You goober!!" shrieked the collector. "You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed! A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!!" "Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything close to that much," replied the friend. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some one named Martin Luther."

EXTRA HOT FUDGE



I walked into Dari King the other day and asked Dennis for a hot fudge sundae with extra hot fudge.

Dennis replied, "Roger, the hot fudge only comes in one temperature."

The best way to finish an unpleasant task is to get started.

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INTELLIGENCE TEST

Robert and Peter had applied for jobs at a large company and had to take an intelligence test as part of the application process. Though both of them found the test a breeze, they also both admitted to being momentarily stumped by the final question: "Name a 14 letter word for someone in charge of a plant." "How did you answer that last one?" asked Robert. "I thought it was tough at first ... then I thought of Superintendent." "I think I got it right too," Pete said. "But I wrote down Horticulturist."

SUMMER CAMP

A counselor was helping his kids put their stuff away on their first morning in Summer Camp. He was surprised to see one of the youngsters had an umbrella. The counselor asked, "Why did you bring! an umbrella to camp?" The kid answered, "Did you ever have a mother?"

My wife and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of my beer!

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Charlie was playing with his little brother Mickey when the little boy asked whether he could fly like Superman. "Sure you can, Mickey," Charlie said. "Just flap your arms really hard." So Mickey climbed up on the windowsill, started flapping like mad, jumped, then smashed into the ground just a few inches below. Horrified, their mother came screaming into the room and said, "What happened?" Charlie said, "I was just teaching Mickey not to believe everything he's told."

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THE GOODNIGHT KISS

At the end of their date, a young man takes the girl back to her home. He decides to try for that first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a good night kiss?"

Embarrassed, she replies, "Oh, I couldn't do that. My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. I would just die of embarrassment if someone saw us."

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."
"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

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PSALM 23 SUMMARY

The teacher asked her class if anyone could quote the 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

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In a software design meeting, we were using typical technical jargon to discuss a data exchange interface with a vendor. One co-worker said the programming we had ordered was delayed because the vendor was suffering from a "severe non-linear waterfowl issue."

Curious, the team leader raised his eyebrows and asked, "What exactly is that?"

The programmer replied, "They don't have all their ducks in a row."

THE FORGETFUL ACTOR

An actor had been out of work for years because he always forgot his lines. One day he got a phone call from a director who wanted him for an important part in a play. All the actor had to say was, "Hark! I hear the cannon roar!"

Opening night arrived, and while he waited in the wings, the actor muttered to himself, "Hark! I hear the cannon roar! Hark! I hear the cannon roar!" The time for the entrance finally came. As the actor made his appearance onstage, he heard a loud BOOOOM! He turned around and said, "What the heck was that?"

"Moses came down with the Ten Amendments, which were God's Bill of Wrongs." - Susie F., age 7

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Aunt T's Kitchen

Apple-Oat Cookies

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 Fuji or Gala apple, coarsely grated
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk



Directions

Preheat to 350 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk the flour, oats, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt and allspice in a medium bowl. Combine the butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and eggs in a separate bowl; whisk until smooth. Stir in the grated apple and vanilla, then stir in the flour mixture until just combined. Scoop heaping tablespoonfuls of the dough onto the prepared baking sheets, about 1 inch apart. Bake until just set around the edges, 10 to 12 minutes, switching the baking sheets halfway through. Let cool 5 minutes on the baking sheets, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Make the glaze: Whisk the confectioners' sugar and milk in a bowl; drizzle on the cookies.

Oatmeal Cookies

Raisin Pecan Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups pecans, toasted and chopped
- (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 1/2 cups raisins



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar together on medium-high speed until light and fluffy. With the mixer on low, add the eggs, one at a time, and the vanilla. Sift the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt together into a medium bowl. With the mixer on low, slowly add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture. Add the oats, raisins, and pecans and mix just until combined. Using a small ice-cream scoop or a tablespoon, drop 2-inch mounds of dough onto sheet pans lined with parchment paper. Flatten slightly with a damp hand. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until lightly browned. Transfer the cookies to a baking rack and cool completely.

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Oatmeal Cookies

Aunt T's Kitchen

Coconut & Oatmeal Drop Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 -1/2 cups shredded coconut
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
2 cups old-fashioned oats

Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 large cookie sheets. Cream butter and sugars in mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, beat together. Add vanilla, baking powder and baking soda. Then add the flour. Mix until well combined. Stir in coconut and nuts. Mix in oats.

Drop on greased cookie sheets by the tsp., spacing about 1/2 inch apart. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, just until the edges begin to brown. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Giant Monster Cookies

Ingredients

2 cups creamy peanut butter
2/3 cup butter, softened
1-1/3 cups sugar
1-1/3 cups packed brown sugar
4 eggs
2-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon light corn syrup



6 cups old-fashioned oats
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup milk chocolate M&Ms

Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream peanut butter, butter, sugar and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Beat in eggs, baking soda, vanilla and corn syrup. Add oats and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips and M&Ms. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

2. Preheat oven to 350°. Drop by 1/4 cupfuls 3 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake 14-18 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Yield: about 2-1/2 dozen.

No Bake Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients

1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup milk
8 tablespoons butter, cut into large pieces
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 cups quick cooking oats

Directions

Add sugar, milk, butter, and cocoa powder to a medium heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil for about three minutes. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter, vanilla, salt and oats. Drop large scoops of no bake cookies onto parchment paper. Allow to dry for about 10-15 minutes until the no bake cookies have become firm.



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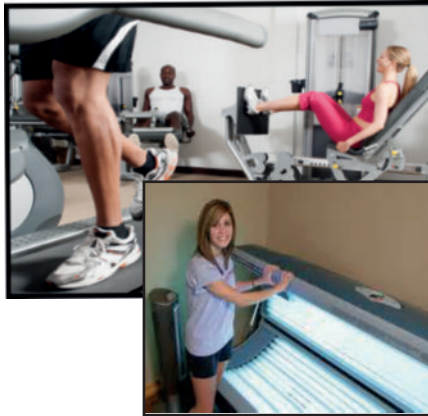
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LIFE AFTER DELIVERY

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and

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maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

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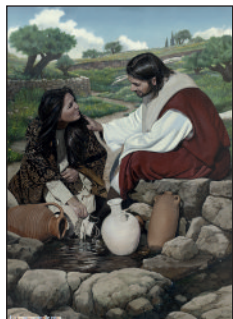
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The world is filled with Wells that will never quench your thirst!

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Remember the Samaritan woman. She had tried the pleasures



and the things the world offers, but never being satisfied. She had numerous relationships, but the MAN she really needed in her life she was talking to Him now at the well. Jesus said give Him some water to drink, in return He offered her water that would cause her never to thirst again. John chapter 4

This world is filled with wells that promise to provide love, acceptance, and self-worth but never fully satisfies. When our souls are empty, and the wells of the world provides temporary pleasures, and yet from deep within, something is missing, there have to be more to life than this, take a drink of the "living water" and never thirst again. Jesus has a divine appointment with us, and He will QUENCH our thirst and hunger with His Spirit, if we willingly let Him in. Matthew 5:6 Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Question, are you trying to fill the emptiness, the void, the space God reserved for Himself with: material things, intoxication (drugs/alcohol), relationships, entertainment, maybe busy working all the time hoping to drawn out the desire to have personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ? Stop fighting, and take a drink of water that Jesus offers. "John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water".

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1 Peter 1; 6-9

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.



This is the way most people's faith or religion is. On the outside it looks real pretty. The price tag shows that it is worth something, but when it comes right down to it, it's not worth much. Jesus died for our healing, our deliverance, and our salvation. It cost Him everything. He said that "I come that we might have life more abundantly", but how frequently do we live below the bar. This is not to say that this person's faith is not real, and that they are not sincere. However, it's like that gold chain. It's real, but it just don't weigh nothing. Invest something in your faith today!!

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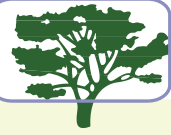
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No use in worrying about what others think about you or what they say. Just continue walking and living the right way.

So let it rest!

No use in trying to be what others want you to be, for the only one you have to prove anything to is God the Almighty

So let it rest!

In God's hands are our problems and pests. God knows and does what is best.

So in God, let it rest!

Just Like Mom

He didn't like the casserole,
And he didn't like my cake.
My biscuits were too hard...
Not like his mother used to make.

I didn't perk the coffee right,
He didn't like the stew.
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.

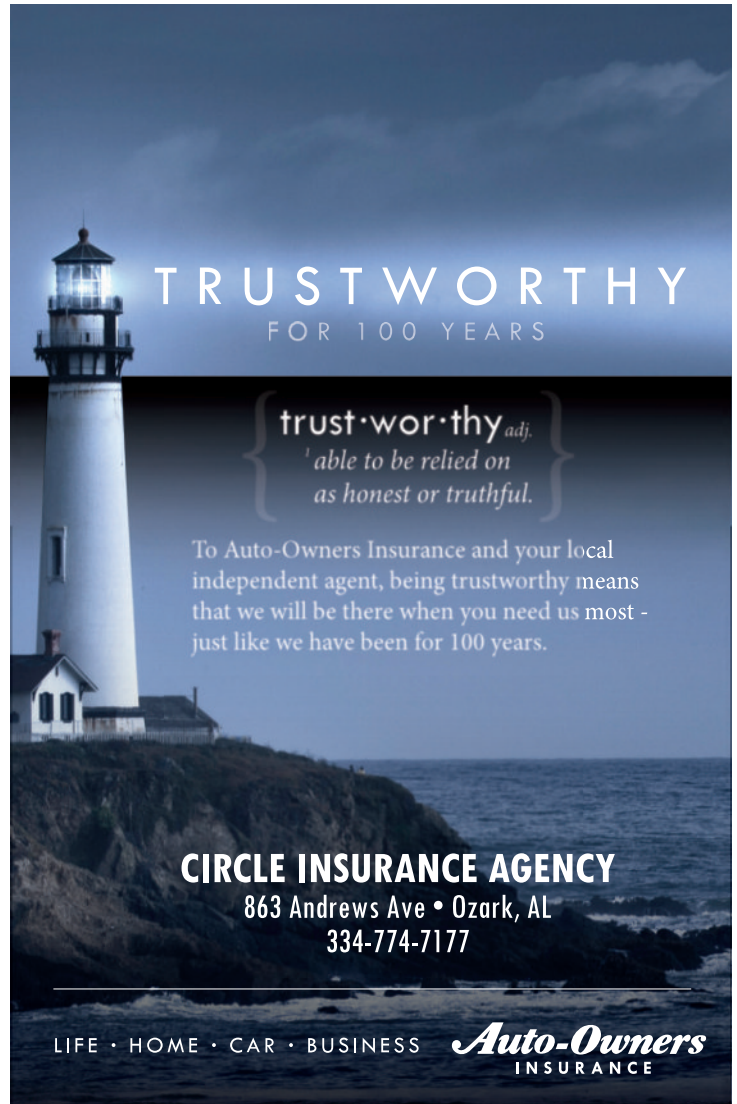
I pondered for an answer,
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and smacked him...
Just like his Mother used to do.

BAD REPORT CARD

Little Johnny wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he made the teacher quite surprised.

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"It isn't?" cried the motorist.

"What happened to my boat and trailer?"

Dull Razor

One morning, while shaving, a fellow started cursing and swearing so loudly it attracted the attention of his wife, who was preparing breakfast in the kitchen.

"What's the matter?" she called out.

"My razor -- it won't cut!" he answered.

"Don't be silly, dear!" she declared. "You mean to tell me your beard is tougher than linoleum?"

**QUOTE: Persistence,
Calvin Coolidge**

"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

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"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," they said.

"I've already done that," she replied. "I did it last year."

"You have to do it every year," she was told.

"Why?" came the response.

"Do you think I'm going to get younger?"

NERVES OF STEEL



An ex-Marine Aviator wanted to show off his new twin-engine plane to his friend. His friend was riding along as he put it through its paces.

Suddenly, they were caught in a violent thunderstorm, with lightning crashing all around them. Next, they lost the radio and most of the instruments.

As they were being tossed around in the sky, the Marine said, "Uh-oh!" Fearing the worst, his friend asked, "What's wrong now?" He replied, "I got the hiccups. Do something to scare me."

"To limit God's revelation to a cold list of dos and don'ts is as tragic as looking at a Colorado road map and saying that you'd seen the Rockies."
- Max Lucado



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Hello Readers,

I hope that you all are enjoying the summer so far. My family and I took a week and went to Washington D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend and really enjoyed seeing all the sites. I had not seen the World War II memorial before, and that was incredibly impressive. There were veterans of the war there slowly making their way around the memorial and conjuring up their own memories of their service to our country. Many of them were there by way of Honor Flights from all around our great nation. My heart was warmed by the vast number of vacationers who would stop, kneel down, shake their hand and say thank you to them for putting their life plans on hold and risking their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom to go on these vacations. My children got a bit of a reality check as we visited this, the Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials. I hope they will have a deeper understanding of importance these wars were to our history and, in turn, a greater sense of appreciation for the men and women who served our country.

Most poignant to me was the tour of Arlington National Cemetery. It brings chills to my spine today as I write. There will be very few places in this world that bring to shocking reality, the tremendous cost of lives lost in war, as well as other non-war contributions of very special people in our history, for example, the memorial to the astronauts of the Columbia space shuttle.

We stood in amazement watching the Changing of the Guard, and the laying of wreaths. The soldier's unbelievable attention to detail was only exceeded by the solemnness and respect of the hundreds of people standing there paying respect to the unknown soldiers lost in service. You could hear a pin drop.

Try to take a moment this July 4th to remember the great men and women who have served, and are currently serving, our country. We only have independence and freedom because of their sacrifice.

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