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### **WELCOME TO THE SHOW!**

A little cool this morning. Too cool for me to wear my shorts -- which means I shaved my legs for nothing.

I don't have any new jokes today, so I'll talk about (LOCAL SPORTS TEAM). They're funny without jokes.

I'm working on a new diet. If it works, you'll want to buy numerous copies of the resulting book because those will be your only meals.

**PRESIDENTIAL WIT & WISDOM** ([click here to buy the book](#))

*(None on the weekends or holidays.)*

### **BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY**

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. -- [James 5:16](#)

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. — [Proverbs 23:24](#)

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. — [Mark 6:34](#)

### **HEARTLIGHT DAILY VERSE, PRAYER & THOUGHT**

*(From [VerseOfTheDay.com](http://VerseOfTheDay.com))*

Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins. — [James 5:20](#)

**Thought:** When someone wanders from the path of God, let's not take that rebellion frivolously. God has given us the tremendous blessing of carrying on the work of our Savior, who came to seek and save the lost!

**Prayer:** Be with those I love who are in rebellion against you, dear Father. Use me to be your agent of restoration. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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**“BIRTHDAY VERSE” OF THE DAY** *(The chapter and verse correspond to the month and day!)*

**1 Corinthians 6:17 NIV** = But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

### **TODAY IS SUNDAY – JUNE 17, 2018**

*(NOTE: Some holidays may be duplicated due to various calendars reporting conflicting dates)*

**WEIRD, WACKY, STRANGE, ZANY, ODD, BIZARRE, QUIRKY, UNUSUAL HOLIDAYS!**

**THERE ARE ONLY 190 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL NEXT CHRISTMAS.**

Today is **NATIONAL EAT ALL YOUR VEGETABLES DAY**. \*\*\*And so long as they are all covered in mozzarella cheese and pizza sauce, no problem.

This is **NATIONAL FORGIVENESS WEEK**, a week to forgive others. Who do you need to forgive? \*\*\*You can begin by forgiving me, because I should've told you about this yesterday.

**TODAY IS ALSO...**

Dollars Against Diabetes Day  
Eat Your Vegetables Day  
Family Awareness Day  
Father's Day  
Husband Caregiver Day  
National Garbage Man Day  
Stewarts Root Beer Day  
Turkey Lovers Day  
World Day To Combat Desertification and Drought  
World Tesselation Day

**COMING UP NEXT** (*Just a list, we are not endorsing the holidays posted below. Find more holidays and link to their websites at [BrownieLocks.com](http://BrownieLocks.com)*)

**MONDAY, JUNE 18**

Autistic Pride Day  
Clark Kent's Birthday (Superman)  
International Sushi Day  
National Splurge Day  
Ride To Work Day (Motorcycles)  
Sustainable Gasteronomy Day

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

Free BSD Day  
Garfield the Cat Day  
International Day For The Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict  
Juneteenth  
National Watch Day  
World Sickle Cell Day  
World Sauntering Day

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

American Eagle Day  
Flitch of Bacon Day  
Lambrusco Day  
National Hike With A Geek Day  
National Kouign Amann Day  
World Productivity Day  
World Refugee Day

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

Ann & Samantha Day  
Atheists Solidarity Day  
Cuckoo Warning Day  
Dump The Pump Day  
Go Skateboarding Day  
International Day of Yoga  
Litha  
Midsummer  
National Daylight Appreciation Day  
National Day of The Gong  
National Sea Shell Day  
National Selfie Day  
Recess At Work Day

Summer Solstice  
Summer  
Tall Girl Appreciation Day  
World Giraffe Day  
World Handshake Day  
World Humanist Day  
World Hydrography Day  
World Music Day

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

Baby Boomer's Recognition Day  
HVAC Technicians Day  
Global Smurfs Day  
National Eat At A Food Truck Day  
Stupid Guy Thing Day  
Ugliest Dog Day  
Take Your Dog to Work Day  
World Rainforest Day  
Worldwide VW Beetle Day

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

ARRL (American Radio Relay League) Field Day  
Great American Backyard Campout  
International Widows' Day  
Let It Go Day  
National Hydration Day  
Pink Flamingo Day (Lawn Ornaments)  
Public Service Day  
Runner's Selfie Day  
SAT Math Day  
Typing Day

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

America's Kids Day  
Celebration of the Senses  
Descendants Day  
International Fairy Day or Faerie Day  
Log Cabin Day  
Stonewall National Monument Day

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 25**

Color TV Day (CBS)  
Day of The Seafarer  
Global Beatles Day  
Leon Day  
National Catfish Day  
Please Take My Children To Work Day

#### **ON THIS DAY**

**1583:** Richard Martin of London took out the first life insurance policy, on William Gibbons. \*\*\*Then he started stalking Willie, leaving banana peels in his path, dropping safes on him from windows, that sort of thing.

**1870:** George Cormack was born in Scotland. In 1924, working in the U.S., he invented Wheaties, breakfast of champions. \*\*\*Breakfast of champions - which explains why I've never had a bowl.

**1871:** Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bates were married. He was seven feet, two inches tall and she was an even seven feet. \*\*\*Carrying her over the threshold required TWO TRIPS.

**1879:** Daughter Mary Susan was born to Zerelda and Jesse James of Missouri. They already had a 3-year-old son, Jesse Jr.

**1885:** The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York Harbor aboard the French ship Iser.

**1925:** Harvard University granted the first degree in landscape architecture. \*\*\*\*"And it's my pleasure to present you, our first valedictorian, with these solid gold pruning shears..."

**1927:** The United States Postal Service offered a special ten-cent stamp. The stamp honored Charles Lindberg and was the first stamp to feature the name of a living American. \*\*\*The next one honoring a "living American" was for BUGS BUNNY.

**1933:** Vernon Presley, a sharecropper and a truck driver who hailed from Fulton, Mississippi, and Gladys Love Smith, a seamstress from Pontotoc County, Mississippi, were married. Less than two years later, they had twin boys, but the first, Jesse Garon, was still born. The second, Elvis Aaron, was okay and, in fact, did quite well.

**1957:** Jerry Lee Lewis's "Whole Lot of Shakin' Going On" entered the Billboard country chart after he performed the song on TV's "Steve Allen Show." Sun Records had released the single seven months earlier, but radio stations had refused to play it.

**1967:** The Hollies released "Carrie Ann."

**1972:** Five men carrying electronic surveillance equipment were arrested in the Watergate office headquarters of the Democratic Party National Committee. The arrest eventually led to the resignation of U.S. President Richard Nixon.

**1976:** What remained of the American Basketball Association, the Nets, Pacers, Nuggets, and Spurs, merged into the NBA.

**1980:** Mrs. Shakuntala Devi mentally multiplied two thirteen digit numbers in twenty-eight seconds. \*\*\*And she was only off by seventy-five digits!

**1983:** Sally Ride became the first American woman in space today in 1983. \*\*\*Wait, that can't be right – I remember June Lockhart... and Lieutenant Uhura... in space back in the '60s!

**1990:** After eight days of work, 12 students in Singapore completed a pyramid built with 263,810 bottle caps.

**1993:** A local character stole two security cameras from a Brooklyn bank. Police knew it was him because the last pictures both cameras took showed him unscrewing them from the wall.

**1994:** An estimated 95-million watched on television as police chased O.J. Simpson slowly hour after hour through Southern California. Simpson finally was taken into custody at his home, charged with two counts of murder. He was acquitted in 1995, but lost a civil judgment in 1996 to the victim's families.

**1995:** The stars of "Laverne & Shirley" were developing a feature film based on the TV series. \*\*\*But it never happened – proving God truly does care about us.

**1996:** Michael Jackson had reportedly purchased several plastic surgery gift certificates to give as Christmas gifts. \*\*\*He then proceeded to use them all on HIMSELF by Labor Day!

**1999:** Pope John Paul had to cancel appearances in Poland because of a bout with the flu. \*\*\*Every time he sneezed, people got to bless HIM for a change.

**2001:** After routinely tardy students claimed they didn't have alarm clocks, St James' Primary School in Gorton, England, handed out free alarm clocks to any students that wanted them. Since then, school officials says students arrive a lot earlier and are much more consistent.

**2006:** In a real-life version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears - in reverse - a West Vancouver woman came home to find a young bear eating oatmeal in her kitchen. Police couldn't get the bear to budge, so they let the animal finish his oatmeal. Eventually the bear decided to go out the same way he got in, through a sliding glass door, and headed back down toward a forest.

**2014:** A convent of nuns in suburban Chicago filed a lawsuit against a nearby strip club; they complained it was playing throbbing music while the nuns try to pray. \*\*\*The music was so loud; some nuns inadvertently began RAPPING the Lord's Prayer.

**2014:** British police had released a recording of a woman calling 999 (their version of 911) to report an emergency: the guy selling her ice cream didn't give her enough sprinkles. The woman said: "It doesn't seem like much of an emergency. But it is a little bit, because I've ordered an ice cream and he's put bits on one side and none of the other. And I've said 'Can you that properly please?' and he's like, 'No.' He's refusing to give me my money back and saying that I've got to take it like that." During the call, the woman could be heard continuing to argue with the vendor. \*\*\*And hey British guys: we hear she's SINGLE!

### **TODAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY**

**1700:** Massachusetts Puritans publish a law banning all Catholics on pain of death or imprisonment.

**1703:** John Wesley, founder of Methodism, is born in Epworth, England, to parents Samuel and Susanna. Though Methodism's emphasis on grace and instantaneous (often emotional) conversion marked a radical departure from high church tradition, Wesley always considered himself an Anglican.

**1963:** The US Supreme Court rules that reading the Lord's prayer or Bible verses aloud in public schools is unconstitutional.

### **HOLLYWOOD, SPORTS AND CELEBRITY FIGURE BIRTHDAYS**

- actor (The Lost Boys, Sleepers) Jason Patric 52
- Actor (You've Got Mail, Dear God, As Good As It Gets) Greg Kinnear, 55
- Actor (Larry on "Perfect Strangers") Mark Linn-Baker, 65 ([audio clip](#))
- Actor ("SNL," Johnny Dangerously, Wise Guys) Joe Piscopo, 67
- Former Speaker of the House (and 2012 U.S. Presidential candidate) Newt Gingrich, 75

### **BEE-BOP BIRTHDAYS**

*(Music Artist Birthdays From [SongFacts.com](#))*

**1882 :** Igor Stravinsky

**1902 :** Sammy Fain

**1910 :** Red Foley

**1930 :** Cliff Gallup ([Gene Vincent and his Blue Caps](#))

**1939 :** Dickie Doo (Dickie Doo and the Don'ts)

**1939 :** Dave Aldred (The Rhythm Orchids, Dicky Doo)

**1942 :** Norman Kuhlke (The Swinging Blue Jeans)

**1944 :** Chris Spedding

**1946 :** [Barry Manilow](#)

**1947 :** Greg Rolie ([Santana](#), [Journey](#))

**1947 :** Eric Lewis ([Middle of the Road](#))

**1956 :** [Paul Young](#)

**1969 :** Kevin Thornton ([Color Me Badd](#))

### **SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE (Answering questions that have plagued mankind for minutes!)**

**Why is someone who's indecisive "waffling?"**

Try to picture a waffle. It has lots of little squares that are ideal for holding syrup, correct? So, what do you conclude about the relationship between this breakfast food's shape and being indecisive? Well, I hope you find no relationship whatsoever, as there is no relationship between the two. The relationship is between waffle and the Old English word, "wafian," which meant "to wave." From that word in the 16th century came another, "whiffle," which described the wind when it changed direction. (Perhaps someone had a lisp and said what sounded like "the wind is whiffing.") Now jump to the 1950s and 60s and whiffle ball, a game in which you hit a wind-blown plastic ball with holes in it. That ball, like indecisive people, could go in any direction. So, when waffling on a subject, we're referring to the whiffle ball. So, why don't we say that indecisive people whiffle, instead of waffle? Perhaps someone tried to speak with his or her mouth full. I really don't know. I can't decide on the matter. If you ask me, I'd have to waffle on the subject... now, please pass the syrup if you don't mind.

## **NEWS KICKERS**

*(Not posted on weekends and U.S. holidays.)*

### **NEW NEWS KICKERS...**

### **NEWS KICKER EVERGREENS...**

## **AS THE JUNGLE TURNS**

*(Not updated on weekends and U.S. holidays.)*

**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD MONDAY'S EPISODE](#)**

OPEN: And now, FancyMonkey.com, (Show Name), and (Station Call Letters) bring you As the Jungle Turns! When last we left the jungle, Millard the Monkey had tried everything he could think of to somehow be better than Steve Mozart. But the more he tried, the worse things got... and now he's in the hospital. But he couldn't even do that better than Steve Mozart, because HE'S in the hospital too – and in worse condition!

CLOSE: Is it true, will Steve Mozart really live? Will Millard still live? Will Steve be okay in time for his concert – and will Millard still be angry about Steve being better than him? Find out next time, As the Jungle Turns!

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## **MOMENT OF DUH**

**Getting arrested during the job interview... not the best way to make a good first impression!**

If your job interview ends with you being arrested, you likely aren't going to be getting the job. Anthony Phillips was arrested during an interview for a job with a Stillwater, Oklahoma construction company when his job prospective employer called the cops. Apparently he recognized Anthony from the surveillance tapes of a robbery that took place the day before... at the SAME COMPANY he was interviewing at for the job!

## **TOP TEN**

### **TOP TEN MOST COMMON FORMS OF OFFICE ILLNESS**

10. The Macy's One Day Sale Flu.
9. The Drivers License Renewal Appointment 24-Hour Virus.
8. The Friday-Afternoon-Start-The-Weekend-Early Sudden Unbearable Stomach Pains.
7. The I'm Looking for a New Job and I Don't Know How Long It's Going to Take, but I Want To Stay On The Payroll Until Then Mysterious Infection.
6. The My Boyfriend's Got the Week Off So Suddenly I'm Too Contagious To Come In To The Office Disease.
5. The I Need a Hair Cut and My Stylist Doesn't Make Evening Appointments Bout of Influenza.
4. The There's No Federal Holidays for Two Months and I Want a Day Off Sickness.
3. The It's Spring Break and I Want To Pretend I'm a Teenager Again General Ailment.
2. The I've Messed Up Royally and I Won't Come In To Face the Music Terminal Illness.
1. The I Really Am Sick and I've Got The Doctor's Bills and the Completed Medical Expense Reimbursement Forms to Prove It Infirmary.

## **THE FILES OF LAW & DISORDER**

**Planning on stealing somebody's checkbook? We have a tip on what NOT to do after robbing your victim in today's files of Law & Disorder!**

FILE #1: Grocery store clerk Gennifer Robinson knew immediately that the customer at her cash register was a crook when the woman tried to pay with a check stolen from Gennifer's car five days earlier. If that wasn't enough proof, there was one more thing. "She handed me my own driver's license," says the 20-year-old worker at Sav-A-Center in Metairie, LA. Gennifer says she stayed calm and told the woman she had to get the store managers approval. Then she left her register and called the cops, who arrived to find the woman still waiting to check out. Gennifer was visiting a friend when her car was broken into and her purse stolen. Five days later, she says she'd just finished a break at work when a 20-year-old New Orleans woman wrote her a check for \$259.17. The clerk was stunned to see her own brown checkbook and the distinctive Looney Tunes background on the check. And the driver's license -- complete with her picture on it -- was the last straw, she says.

FILE #2: In Brighton, England, police got a tip about a pair of guys who had stolen some cars. They got a warrant and went to the apartment the guys shared. While arresting the two men, the police also found a camera, and decided to develop the film in it. The last four photos on the roll showed the thieves proudly displaying the tools of their trade. They had both posed happily with car keys, screwdrivers, wrenches, and other tools for breaking into cars. The earlier pictures on the roll showed a family on vacation in the Canadian Rockies. It turned out that that the two men had stolen the family's car, found the camera inside, and snapped several shots of themselves, not realizing that they were linking themselves directly to one of their victims.

FILE #3: 19-year-old Brandon Naradovy, of Chino Hills, California thought it would be cool to have his own cell phone, but apparently he didn't have the money. That didn't stop Brandon from going to a nearby Radio Shack and picking up a phone. That's just what he did. He picked up a phone and ran out of the store without paying for it. However, before Brandon beat it, he was nice enough to fill out a credit application with his name and address on it. And, to make policemen's jobs even easier, Brandon also left behind pictures that he took of himself with the cell phone's camera.

STRANGE LAW: In Colorado one may not mutilate a rock in a state park.

## **THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON DRUGS**

***"This Is Your Brain On Drugs" is about people doing dumb things under the influence, but addiction is no laughing matter. If you or someone you know needs help, there's a toll free number you can call 1-800-438-0380. That's the Addiction Hope and Help Line at 1-800-438-0380.***

**It's not often you see anything but a Fudgsicle fly out the window of an ice cream truck...**

...but when a Wisconsin woman saw an unidentified object land in her front yard, she picked up the phone and called police. The object, it turned out, was an empty can of malt liquor. The driver, David A. Blundell, was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and littering. In an interview with local media, Blundell said he did not drink beer while he was driving the ice cream truck. He says, "I'm driving and selling ice cream to kids, you know, and it's like, dude gave me a beer and I dumped it out and I shot it on the ground. Why I grabbed it I had no idea. That was just stupid. Then I realized, 'I got to get rid of this, it's not good.'" Blundell said he didn't know why the result of a Breathalyzer test he took was three times the level considered evidence of intoxication.

## **PHONER PHUN**

Ever wanted to have your own TV show? Well, it looks like the Netherlands are willing to give you a shot at it! TV producers are looking for reality show ideas, and we thought, "hey -- that's a great phone topic!" If you could create your own reality TV show -- serious or funny -- what would it be?

## **BIBLE BRAIN BUSTER!**

**QUESTION: What did Peter, James and John do while Jesus prayed in Gethsemane?**

**ANSWER: They fell asleep / they slept. (Mark 14:37)**

**QUESTION: Who said, "I called you to curse my enemies, but you have blessed them"?**

**ANSWER: Balak (Numbers 24:10)**

**QUESTION: For whose sin was Israel defeated in Ai?**

**ANSWER: Achan (Joshua 7)**

**QUESTION: What did a sinful woman do for Jesus as he had dinner at a Pharisee's house?**

**ANSWER:** *She washed his feet with her tears and hair and poured perfume on them. (Luke 7:37-39)*

### **QUESTION IMPOSSIBLE**

**QUESTION: How many hours does the average child spend in front of the television each week?**

**ANSWER:** *28 hours a week*

### **TRUE OR FALSE**

***Pay attention! If our next player doesn't answer all ten T/F questions correctly we start all over from question #1! First person to answer question #10 correctly is our winner!***

1. The soft drink "7-Up" was introduced at the 1904 St. Louis Exposition. (False, Dr. Pepper)
2. In the year 1763, there were over 2,000 coffee shops in Venice. (False - 200)
3. The highest point of the Empire State Building was put in place by Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York, on September 17, 1930. (False - he placed the corner stone.)
4. The movie rating "PG-13" was invented for the movie "Jaws". (False - "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.")
5. "David" is the only sculpture on which Michelangelo is believed to have carved his name. (False - "The Pieta" is)
6. A squid can dig its own den and close the entrance with stones after it is safely inside. (False - but an octopus can.)
7. Former U.S. president Gerald Ford was a car salesman by profession. (False - an attorney)
8. Human beings are the only mammals that drink milk beyond infancy. (True)
9. An albatross in flight can be so perfectly attuned to wind conditions that it may not flap its wings for hours, or even for days. (True, it can even sleep while flying.)
10. A camel can eat a thorny twig without hurting its mouth. (True. The lining of the mouth is so tough that the sharp thorns cannot push through the skin.)

### **TABLOID MATCH GAME**

***You have to match the blank in the tabloid headline with the word or phrase that has been removed!***

**"Pilot Has \_\_\_\_\_ Right Before Flight!" (Nervous Breakdown)**

Fortunately the United Airlines jet hadn't taken off yet. Passengers aboard a plane on the runway in Austin, Texas, say a pilot clad in civilian clothes began addressing them via the intercom about her divorce and the presidential election (she called both candidates liars) before breaking into tears. The plane was still parked on the runway as she spoke, and some passengers got up and left.

### **THE WAY TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING TO UNDERSTAND THE PUNCHLINE EVEN AFTER TWO CUPS OF COFFEE JOKE OF THE DAY**

#### **JOKE #1**

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed.

"Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung again and missed. "Strike Two!" he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together.

He straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike Three!"

"Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

## **JOKE #2**

The young man entered the Ice Cream Palace and asked, "What kinds of ice cream do you have?"  
"Vanilla, chocolate, strawberry," the girl wheezed as she spoke, patted her chest and seemed unable to continue.  
"Do you have laryngitis?" the young man asked sympathetically.  
"Nope," she whispered, "just vanilla, chocolate and strawberry."

## **JOKE #3**

*(I'm sure every married man in the world can relate to this joke.)*

The Rosenthals had an outstandingly happy and successful marriage, and Mr. Rosenthal was once asked to what he attributed this remarkable situation.

"It's simple," he said. "Division of labor. My wife makes all the small, routine decisions. She decides what house we buy, where we go on vacation, whether the kids go to private schools, if I should change my job, and so on."

"And you?"

"I make the big, fundamental decisions. I decide if the United States should declare war on China, if Congress should appropriate money for a manned expedition to Mars, and so on."

## **USELESS FACTS**

You can't plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina. \*\*\*Which is a real pity for all of those out-of-work pachyderms that still haven't recovered from the financial crisis.

Half of all men start to lose their hair by the time they turn 30. Everybody loses dozens of hairs a day - the key thing is whether or not they grow back. More than 40 percent of men wind up with significant hair loss. \*\*\*They shouldn't call it hair loss - that makes it sound like it's your fault, like you've somehow misplaced it. Or you lost it in a poker game. "Sorry I look like this, Honey - I lost the entire front of my scalp going all-in with a pair of tens!"

## **FEATURED FUNNIES**

### **WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?**

Several years ago, the community theatre group was rehearsing "Little Women" for the Garland Civic Theatre. The older gentleman who was playing the father's part was wearing a hearing aid. Everyone wondered why he kept missing his cues until they discovered that it was not a hearing aid; he was listening to a ball game.

## **IT MUST BE TRUE BECAUSE I HEARD IT ON THE RADIO!**

### **SHOTGUN WEDDING**

**Having a blast at your wedding is one thing... getting blasted in the stomach with an air rifle just before saying your vows is something else entirely!**

If you don't know, Turkish weddings are often rowdy gatherings, in which air rifles and other guns are fired to celebrate the event. Which is ok we guess, unless you hit the bride. That's exactly what happened to 22-year-old Aynur Tayoglu. During the pre-wedding celebration, one of her relatives accidentally shot eight air rifle pellets into her stomach! She was taken to the hospital, but doctors agreed to postpone surgery to remove the pellets after her fiancé's father refused to set another date for the wedding, saying people had traveled a long way for the day's ceremony (gee, thanks, Dad!). So they carted her back to the wedding where she said, "I do," and even danced with her new husband despite her wounds.

## **INSPIRATIONAL INSPIRATION**

### **THE THIEF**

*by Jo Hart*

After years of wandering, Clint Dennis had come to that point in his life when he knew he had been missing something important. And for months he had felt he could find what that something was in that church on the hillside in North Phoenix.

He arrived at Phoenix First Assembly of God on an unusual day. The choir room was filled with members putting on long robes, tying ropes around their waists, wrapping headdresses around their head. "Come be part of the mob," a stranger told him.

It was Palm Sunday and the church was reenacting the Crucifixion in costume. Like others in the congregation, he would be part of the crowd that yelled, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Hesitantly he agreed.

Then another stranger hurried up to him. "The man who was supposed to play one of the thieves on the cross didn't show up," he said. "Would you take his place?"

Again he agreed and was shown to the cross where he would look on as Christ died. Just then, though, something

about dirt's manner caught a member's eye. He turned to Clint and asked, "Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive your sins?"

"No," Clint replied softly, "but that's why I came here." There beneath the cross, they prayed, and Clint asked Jesus to come into his heart. His life was transformed.

What the church didn't know then was that Clint had been in prison for ten years. Even after his release he had gone on stealing cars and trucks until he knew he had been missing something in life. He was a real thief, but at last he was welcomed into God's kingdom by the same Jesus who welcomed another thief two thousand years ago.

### **DRIVE TIME DEVOTIONAL**

A tax assessor came one day to a poor pastor to determine the amount of taxes the pastor would have to pay.

The following conversation took place;

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am a very wealthy man," replied the minister.

"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"First, I have everlasting life, John 3:16.

"Second, I have a mansion in heaven, John 14:2.

"Third, I have peace that passeth understanding, Philippians 4:7.

"Fourth, I have joy unspeakable, 1 Peter 1:8.

"Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth, 1 Corinthians 13:8.

"Sixth, I have a faithful precious wife, Proverbs 31:10.

"Seventh, I have healthy, happy obedient children, Exodus 20:12.

"Eighth, I have true, loyal friend Proverbs 18:24.

"Ninth, I have songs in the night, Psalms 42:8.

"Tenth, I have a crown of life, James 1:12."

The tax assessor closed his book, and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

~ Author Unknown ~

### **LEFTOVERS**

#### **GIVE TILL IT HURTS - OR I WILL HURT YOU**

##### **A priest is accused of kidnapping... his entire congregation!**

Desperate for cash to repair the roof of his crumbling church, a parish priest locked his Turin, Italy, congregation inside and refused to let them out until they emptied their pockets into the collection plate. Now 76-year-old Father Dino Giacchero faces charges of kidnapping, false imprisonment, extortion and robbery in a court case that could land him in prison for up to 20 years. "They brought me food and flowers but no money to help our church," Giacchero said of the congregation in his statement to police. "I got down on my knees and begged them to help but they looked the other way."

### **LIFE... LIVE IT**

#### **While back a study came out that said some people could be fat and yet still be fit if they were active. Guess again.**

New research says that being active is good, but it still won't eliminate the risks of heart disease. This new study involved nearly 39,000 women with an average age of 54. They were considered active if they got at least 30 minutes of moderate activity most days of the week. However, researchers found they were still at an increased risk of heart problems. But, a leading proponent of the so-called fit and fat theory is sticking by his claims. He says the problem with this new study is that the women just filled out questionnaires on the honor system and weren't monitored by doctors.

### **JUST FOR FUN**

#### **32 FLAVORS**

##### **I scream, you scream, we all scream for horseradish ice cream! It really exists - along with a few other very strange flavors!**

So... you like ice cream. You ADORE ice cream. If that's true, and you want to sample all of the ice cream flavors of the world, be sure to plan a trip to Max & Mina's kosher ice cream parlor in Kew Gardens Hills, New York. The store was just featured in Jewish Week magazine, bringing readers up to date on the many offbeat flavors the store makes -- all rich in butterfat but meeting various Jewish kosher dietary standards. Some of those delicious kosher flavors include "lox," "corn on the cob," "horseradish," "peanut butter and jelly," "beer and nuts" and "campfire delight" which

is basically the flavor of baked beans. Max and Mina once actually made a "broccoli" ice cream but have since discontinued the flavor due to poor sales. \*\*\*MARLAR: So people are actually ordering the other flavors?

## **FUN LIST**

### **REASONS FOR LEAVING THE LAST JOB (These are real examples from real resumes):**

- Responsibility makes me nervous.
- They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 every morning. Couldn't work under those conditions.
- I was working for my mom until she decided to move.
- The company made me a scapegoat - just like my three previous employers.

### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- While I am open to the initial nature of an assignment, I am decidedly disposed that it be so oriented as to at least partially incorporate the experience enjoyed heretofore and that it be configured so as to ultimately lead to the application of more rarefied facets of financial management as the major sphere of responsibility. (Say wha?!?)

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS & JOB OBJECTIVES:**

- Please call me after 5:30 because I am self-employed and my employer does not know I am looking for another job.
- My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I have no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage.
- I procrastinate - especially when the task is unpleasant.

## **MORE SHOW PREP STUFF...**

### **KEYLESS ENTRYLESS**

People in Bremerton, Washington, are very frustrated right now... because they can't get into their cars. It seems that almost everyone in town is unable to use their keyless entry gadgets. No one knows why it's happening, but it seems to be a problem with almost every keyless entry device for almost every car in the entire town. Even stranger still is the fact that once people leave the area, the devices begin to work again. Speculation about the cause has ranged from solar flares to the International Space Station or possible interference from a local Navy ship. \*\*\*MARLAR: Some are also confused about what that key-shaped metal thingy is for that's hanging off of their keyless entry remotes.

## **OTHER STUFF I WANT TO CRAM INTO TODAY'S PREP**

*(Not posted on weekends and U.S. holidays.)*

## **AND I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT**

When I was a boy, I always thought the world was a wondrous and magical place. Now that I'm a man, though, I've brought litigation against my parents and their alleged "wondrous and magical Kool-Aid." --*Dan Sternfeld*

## **THE TICKET Movie Reviews with MARIE ASNER**

**Marie Asner has been reviewing films for over 35 years. Her outlets include radio, print and Internet. For more in-depth movie reviews of the following films, visit [www.Tollbooth.org](http://www.Tollbooth.org). Ratings from 1 (Low) to 5 (High).**

### **JUNE 15, 2018...**

**Loving Pablo (opening in select cities)**---This film is a study of the leader of a drug cartel. Javier Bardem plays Pablo Escobar, and in this film (based on real life), we see the connection between Escobar and a reporter, Virginia Vallejo (played by Penelope Cruz.) What is Escobar's life really like? Also in the cast is Peter Sarsgaard. "Loving Pablo" is rated R. No rating.

**Incredibles 2**---This reviewer has waited in vain for Plastic Man to have his own film. Alas, no, but second best is Helen Parr (voice of Holly Hunter) who is the Mom (ElastiGirl) of the Parr family, and Dad (Bob, voiced by Craig T. Nelson is Mr. Incredible.) The kids have their own special gifts from throwing fire (the baby Jack) to physical strength. This family really stays together. Now, in the plot which begins after the first film, a super hero is needed to

give the public positive publicity, so ElastiGirl is chosen. That means Mom goes out to work while Dad stays home with the kids. Not always fun when the teens, Violet and Dash (Sarah Vowell and Huck Milner) begin to explore their own powers and like what they have. Violet can be invisible which Dash can bounce all over the place. As for the baby? He has his own agenda, sometimes. Is the general public ready for this? We will see and in the meantime, are real theater audiences so immersed in super characters, whether real actors or animation, that they would yawn their way through "Incredibles 2?" Time will tell, but methinks, since the first "Incredibles" was a hit (with an Oscar, too) that fans are still there and ready to follow the Parr family exploits. Also in the cast are Bob Odenkirk and Catherine Keener. "Incredibles 2" is rated PG. Rating of 3 for fans.

**Superfly**---This reviewer has worn out the tape of the soundtrack to the first "Superfly" film. Now comes a remake starring Trevor Jackson as Priest, a top drug dealer who wants one more large job before leaving the business. Priest is known for his wardrobe, too. Can he do it? One big score and then walk away? By the way, if Trevor Jackson's name sounds familiar, he was Simba in a National Touring Company of "The Lion King" and is on television's "grownish." Also in the cast of "Superfly" are Jason Mitchell and Michael E. Williams. Director is Director X. "Superfly" is rated R. Rating of 2 for fans.

**Set It Up**---Here comes a comedy about two overworked junior executives who want to get their bosses together. The reason being" this would give the junior's more time rather than work. The best thought-out plans don't always go together. Zoey Deutch is one junior and Glen Powell is the other. Will their plan work? Also in the cast are Lucy Liu and Taye Diggs. "Set It Up" is

rated PG-13. No rating.

**Tag**---Do some adults ever really grow up? Not in this film, that has Jon Hamm, Ed Helms, Hannibal Buress, Jake Johnson and Jeremy Renner trying to get at each other even as adults. No one, even at their age, wants to be "it." Now the plans develop and nothing is sacred, including work, someone's wedding and even a funeral. The stunts took their toll on the actors, too, with injuries. "Tag" is rated R. Rating of 2 for fans of "Tag."

**Gotti**---This film was to have opened in December 2017. John Gotti was a famous mobster in New York City. He ruled the town and in this film, John Travolta takes on the role of Gotti, with Kelly Preston as his wife and Spencer Lofanco as his son, John Gotti, Jr. Violence follows the life of someone in crime. Also in the cast are Stacy Keach and Leo Rossi. "Gotti" is rated R. No rating.

### **JUNE 22, 2018...**

**Damsel** is a western starring Robert Pattison about finding a lost girlfriend. Isn't Andrew Garfield doing the same thing?

**Under The Silver Lake** is a mystery/thriller starring Andrew Garfield about finding a lost girlfriend. Isn't Robert Pattison doing the same thing?

**Boundaries** is about a family traveling across country---and they don't really want to because of Grandpa who sells weed on the side. Stars Christopher Plummer.

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