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WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

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Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and



a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened.

He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. When he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world I do all day?"

"Yes," was his incredulous reply.

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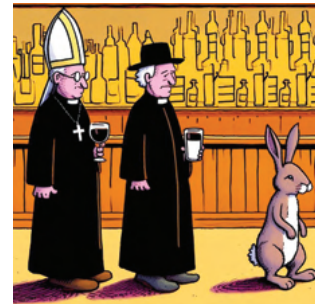
My house was clean. Then the dogs woke up. The end.

A priest, a minister, and a rabbit walk into a bar. Bartender walks up to the priest and says "What are you having?"

Priest says "The Lord does not approve of drunkenness, I'll have a glass of water."

Bartender pours him the water and turns to the minister and asks what he wants. The minister says "Alcohol is the devil's drink my friend, I too shall have a glass of water."

The bartender pours him a glass and turns to the rabbit.



"Water for you too, right?"

"That's right."

"What's the matter with you three, don't you know this is a bar? Why are you even here if you don't drink?"

The rabbit looks at the other two and says "Well, I don't know about them, but I'm pretty sure I'm a typo."

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"Um, I am just calling to advise you, sir, that your parrot died."

"My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition or the other one?"

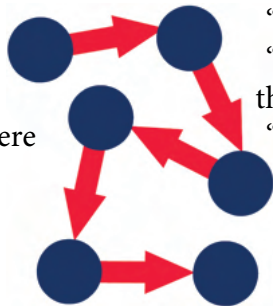
"The champion, sir."

"Darn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?"

"From eating rotten meat."

"Rotten meat? Who fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, senior. He ate the meat of one of the dead horses."



"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Mr. Lucky. He died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire."

"Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man?"

"The one at your house! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the.....!!! But there's electricity at the house!!!! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral."

"WHAT FUNERAL?!"

"Your mother in law's."

She showed up one night out of the blue and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with one of your new golf clubs."

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Grace Chapel Benson offers services on Sunday at 10:15AM. Contemporary music mixed with hymns. Dress nice casual. 1050 S Post Rd, Benson. 520-586-2358 www.gracechapelbenson.org

Bereavement Support Group

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BENSON Church Of Christ meets Sundays 10AM for Bible Study and 11 AM for the Worship Service at 601 E. Foothills Dr. 520-586-3004

Church Service every Sunday at 10:30AM at Calvary Baptist Church, 2300 W. Calvary Ln, Benson. 520-586-4408. Come in to church or sit in your car.

Bible Study at Community Center, Sunsites, AZ at 5:30pm. Bingo every Wednesday night!

Community Presbyterian Church 590 S Huachuca St Annex, Benson, AZ
TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tuesday 4:00pm -5:30pm

Country Estates Baptist Church. Come on by and visit us at 5700 S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista 520-378-2836

BSF Community Bible Study Women's Class on Tuesdays 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Host Church: Village Meadows Baptist Church 1407 El Camino Real Sierra Vista.

Adult Bible Study on Genesis, Wed 6PM,
Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, 10 N. 1st St, Tombstone, AZ 520-366-654

Country Estates So. Baptist Church Sunday Worship 10AM, All are Welcome. 5700 S Hwy 92, Hereford, AZ 520-378-2836

New Life Fellowship Assembly of God Church, opening in September, located at 806 W Stewart St. in Wilcox. Sunday evenings 4:00 PM, call 520-366-6540

FOOD BANKS

Tombstone Community Food Bank Inc is serving McNeal, Sunsites, Bisbee, St. David and Elfrida. Open 9AM-3:30PM Wednesday - Friday, closed Saturday

Benson Food Pantry needs dog/cat food donations. Donations stay in Benson community. Drop donations off at Benson Food Pantry, Monday-Friday during business hours.

GROUPS/CLASSES

Breast Cancer Support Group This group is for women who have experienced all phases of breast cancer. We invite you to navigate this challenging journey with friends who understand. Questions? 520-490-5996 Facilitator is an over 30 year cancer survivor. Time and location is TBD.

Do you like gardening? Church community garden in Douglas could use your help! Every Thurs or Fri. Call or text 970-231-8804

Living with Loss. Tuesdays, 9-10:30AM. St. Raphael Church, 730 S. Hwy. 80, Benson.

Soaring Spirits Widow Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3:15pm at 86 Cafe, 700 E 4th St., Benson AZ. You are not alone! Open to Widows and Widowers 805-910-5363

Benson Women's Club meets at 269 San Pedro, second Thursday each month. Call 520-586-2976 for times. Bridge played each Friday 12-4 PM.

Legal Aid is in Douglas every 1st and 3rd Tues. to accept service applications & assist. County Building, 1012 North G Avenue, Douglas.

Sunsites Community Library **Together We Lose weight loss support group.** Every Thurs. 9:30 - 10:30AM. Let's inspire each other! Contact Anita 520-241-2011

The **Sierra Vista Shooting Range** offers Skeet, Trap, & 5 Stand Clay target shooting. Wed 10am to 12 and Sat 10am to 2. Skeet & Trap avail all open hours. 5 Stand open 1st Sat. and 3rd Wed. every month. Located east of Sierra Vista just south of Hwy 90 near mile marker 334, look for signs.

No Fear Painting Workshop, Sundays at Benson VFW 1 to 3pm \$35.00 Supplies provided. Proceeds go to Cochise College Scholarships. Info, call Kathy 916-708-1234

Celebrate Recovery Friday nights 6:30 PM starting May 5th. A safe place to recover from your hurts, habits, and hang ups. Community Bible Church, 714 S J-6 Ranch Road, Benson. For questions call 520-586-2747

Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets on the 3rd Thurs. of every month from 10:30am to noon at the Sierra Vista Public Library conference room. Share needs, concerns, and resources. Provided by the Alzheimer's Association.

Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of a loved one? **Grief Share support group** meets every Wed in Madonna Hall, Room #3, 5 to 6:30 PM. St. Andrews Church, 800 Taylor Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 520-458-2925 or csm2_ic@yahoo.com

Community Tea Talk every 1st Sat @ 3PM, Desert Rose Herb Store Info 520-685-9615

St Raphael in the Valley Church, 730 S. Hwy 80 Benson. *Living With Loss*, Tuesdays 9 to 10:30am, call 520-586-4335 or email for more info at straphaelinthvalley@gmail.com

Cochise Toastmasters- Non-Profit, Public Speaking Club. Our club is dedicated to helping people become better communicators. A warm supportive group that shares your goals. Info: https://cochise.toastmastersclubs.org/.

Yoga & Pilates Fusion Class 8:30-9:30AM Wednesdays and Fridays at the Sunsite Community Center 1216 Treasure Rd. Pearce. Taught by instructor with 20 years experience.

Korean Language and Culture (Taekwondo) Learning. Offered at Bethel Church, 1130 N Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista. Sundays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

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Seeking New Members!

Meetings held 2nd Sat. of each month at the VFW 9972 Hall.

Coffee at 8:30am, meeting starts at 9am

549 Veteran's Dr., Sierra Vista

Things To Do & Places To Go



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Riders Post 45/Marine Corp League Detachment #1204 monthly Breakfast, 1st Sat. is Biscuits & Gravy or Pancakes \$10. Comes with scrambled eggs and sausage. 3rd Sat. is Breakfast Burritos or Pancakes, comes with scrambled eggs/sausage. 105 W. 5th St. Benson Alleyway/Concession trailer

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista meets 2nd & 4th Thur of each month at 5:30pm at Orient Express, 391 Fry Blvd. For info call Marge 520-508-3414

Pasta Dinner every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Benson, 750 E 4th St. The public is welcome.

American Legion Riders Post 141 Sunsites/Pearce offers 2 partial scholarships to accredited trade school in AZ to 2 graduating seniors (children of Military Veterans). Details alrcochisestronghold141@gmail.com

VFW Post 9977 Pearce/Sunsites. Every Wednesday Potluck, 5:30PM.

The Warrior Healing Center is now serving veteran families! Text G2G to 888-713-9163 for event info or go to <http://22toend22.com>

CIVIL AIR PATROL, volunteer branch of the United States Air Force. Cadets ages 12-18 meet every Thurs from 6:30 to 8:30. Seniors Meet 1st and 3rd Tues at 6pm at Squadron headquarters (first left turn), Sierra Vista Airport. Info Capt. R. Swann at 520-249-8470 New members always welcome.

DINNER every Fri. night 5-7 pm and BREAKFAST every Sat. morning 8-10 am. Post 52 American Legion Sierra Vista. Public Welcome! 12 Theater Drive. Call to make sure meal has not been canceled. 520-459-6050

Pearl of Venus Chapter #6, Order of the Eastern Star, Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. 2 PM Held at the Masonic Hall at 623 S. Foothills Dr. Benson AZ, for info 520-221-3591

San Pedro Masonic Lodge #55 meets the 4th Monday each month at 7 PM at 623 Foothills Dr., Benson AZ All members welcome. For info call Secy. Ar 520-529-2461

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When you don't know where to turn when someone drinks too much, **Al-Anon** can help. Wed at 6pm at the Serenity Club, 5049 Hwy 92 in Sierra Vista. <http://al-anon.org/welcome>

Monday Nights Addiction Meeting, 6pm. Free childcare provided (please let us know ahead). Broken Arrow Baptist Church, 1538 Hwy 191, Cochise.

Alcoholics Anonymous AA meetings every Tuesday at 7pm, **Al-Anon** meets at 5:30 at the Church of the New Beginnings, 16759 Hwy 191, Morenci AZ. Call Mark 520-508-0120

Alcoholics Anonymous - AA Meetings 12100pm daily and 7pm on Friday. 637 H Ave. Contact Hector 520-335-5163

Celebrate Recovery: A safe place to recover from Hurts, Habits and Hang-Ups. Every Friday night at Community Bible Church, 714 S. J-Six Ranch Rd. Dinner starts at 6:15 - 520-586-2747

Does someone's drinking bother you? **Al-Anon** can help. Safford meetings Tuesday 6:00pm House of Hope, 601 W 1st St., Friday 9:00am, River Church. 1726 S 1st Ave. All are welcome.

Alanon meeting for friends and family of a problem drinker. 6PM every Fri. at Grace Chapel 1050 S. Post Rd. Benson. Entrance on west side

BINGO

Bingo every Monday night at Butterfield RV Park, (Banquet Hall) 251 S. Ocotillo Av, Benson, AZ. Monday nights. Doors open at 5pm and Bingo starts promptly at 6:00pm. Come on out, have fun and maybe win some money.

BINGO every Friday night at the VFW Post 10385 in Thatcher 6:45 pm and the 4th & 5th Sunday 1PM. Public invited!

BINGO! Sundays and Wednesdays at Columbian Hall 156 W. Kayetan Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ. \$2,000 progressive coverall jackpot. Doors open 5PM, first game 7PM

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Elks Club Bingo at 1 Elks Lane (off Wilcox Dr.), Sierra Vista. Thursday 6:30-9:30pm and Friday 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Bingo every Monday night, 6PM at Mescal Bar and Grill, 70 N Cherokee Trail, Benson.

San Pedro RV Resort Park Bingo! Doors open at 5PM, game starts at 6PM. We're on Highway 80 and will be open year around.

COMMUNITY

Discover Douglas Tours every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Visitorcenter@az.gov for reservations. Tours meet at 10AM at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16th St

Benson Beautification needs volunteers to help plan fun fundraising events benefiting Benson & Benson Beautification. If you can help, please call Cindy 520-631-5507

You can make a difference! **Join Healthy Huachuca City.** It's free! Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM in Senior Center, 504 Gonzalez Blvd.

Greenlee County Tourism Council meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 10am in the Art Depot in the Historic train Station in Clifton, AZ. For more information: 928- 215-9502

Enjoy a stroll every 2nd Sat. of the month on Chase Creek St. in Clifton, AZ. **Visit the 100 year old Historic District** between 11:00am until 6:00pm. It is a street party with music, food and vendors. www.visitcliftonaz.com

WANTED

1970s and earlier board games. Must have all the pieces and be in great shape. Give me a call with what you have. Gary 520-227-1535

The trouble with living alone is it's always my turn to do the dishes

“The earth is wicked again. I’m going to flood it and start over.” God told Noah. “Build another ark and save two of every living thing.”

Six months later the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard—but no boat. “Where is the ark?” He roared “I’m about to start the rain.”

“Well things have changed,” Noah said. “First, I needed a building permit. Then some groups said it was inhumane to put the animals in such a close space. Then the government halted construction to conduct an environmental impact study on the flood...”

Suddenly the clouds cleared, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. “You mean you’re not going to destroy the world?” Noah asked.

“What’s the point?” God said. “Looks like someone beat me to it.”



Back in my day, there was so much toilet paper and eggs that we used to throw them at the houses of our enemies.

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Saying Goodbye With Dignity

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agree with this and this is the very worst way. I almost would rather cut their throat and let them bleed to death than do this. My reason is they're wide awake and they can feel

because euthanizing your dog or your cat, your best friend, is just as hard because they too are family.

pain build.

What I have found with the dogs that I've had to euthanize, and there have been quite a few, there are different ways and veterinarians that think differently than the others, so nothing is engraved in stone. To make the matters worse, for some reason, veterinarians have decided that in order to put your pet to sleep you need to cough up somewhere between \$250 and \$400.

I had a dog who was having a lot of trouble breathing. She was a dog I had found half starved and had taken care of her. I thought she was getting along fine. So one day all of a sudden for no reason she starts gasping for breath and I was out of town so I went to the local vet, and they checked her

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For the everyday person out there, we don't normally keep that much money in our wallet for things such as this. We have rent to pay, groceries to buy, kids' clothes to buy etc. etc. So we find people who take it on themselves to shoot their dog, or have someone do it for them. I really have a problem with that. But then I'm not exactly happy with the way some of the veterinarians do it either.



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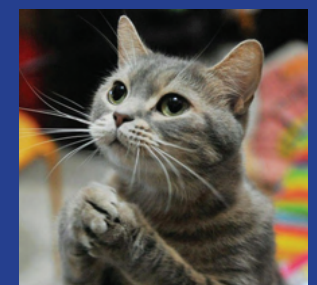
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For instance, the higher priced vet doctors want to give your animal an examination to make sure that it's as sick as you think it is. And of course, since they're doing this major exam, blood work etcetera, the bill just keeps going up. Then you have the other veterinarians that say fine, you bring them in, they lay them on a table, they give your pet a shot that relaxes him, and he goes to sleep. Then they give him a shot that takes care of his life. This is definitely a humane way to do it. The dogs just go to sleep and they don't know what's going on.

Then you have the veterinarians that will say, well let's do this easy and I'll only charge you X amount of dollars, not very much, and of course that's attractive because if you can save a dollar you're better off, right? So they take your pet in and the first thing they do is they put a line in their vein. OK, I don't like that done to me it hurts and so I know it hurts the dog, so this is intravenous.

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Saying Goodbye *Continued from page 7*

out. The diagnosis was she had a growth in her lungs and it was going to kill her. So of course I said, well let's put her down now instead of letting her suffer. Seemed like the right thing to do at the time. The first thing I noticed they put a intravenous line into her leg. I had never seen that done before so I didn't know what was going to go on. I'm standing there waiting to see what's going to happen next and they come in there and they give her a shot now this dog trusted me 100% and as the fluid started to hit her heart she looked at me with fear and horror in her face. No, it did not last very long it was pretty quick, but it wasn't fast enough for her not to feel the pain and then she was gone and I cried. And I was not crying

for the dog herself because like I said, she was a stray. What I was crying about was the fact that she had been through so much and she had to go through that terrible pain to end her life.

So there are choices and different vets who think about euthanasia differently. I suggest that you talk to that doctor to find out what they do before you get caught torturing that dog or cat just as he is dying. There are vets that are not as high-priced as others so it would also benefit you to find out the different costs for different doctors

Also I was told that there is something that you can buy off the Internet that will euthanize your dog painlessly. I'm not recommending this, but it is worth checking out. If it is painless, it

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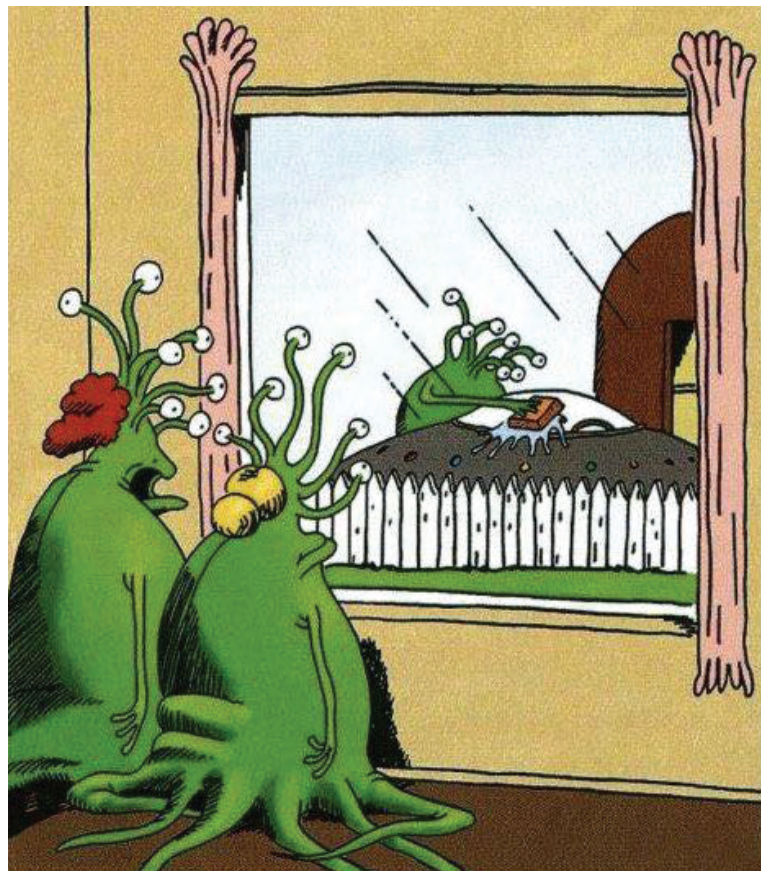
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The new pastor could not believe his eyes. He had just watched another pastor walk on water.

The next pastor stood up and said, "I believe I will also avail myself of the facilities." He stepped out of the boat, walked ashore, used the facility and walked back to the boat without getting any water on his shoes.

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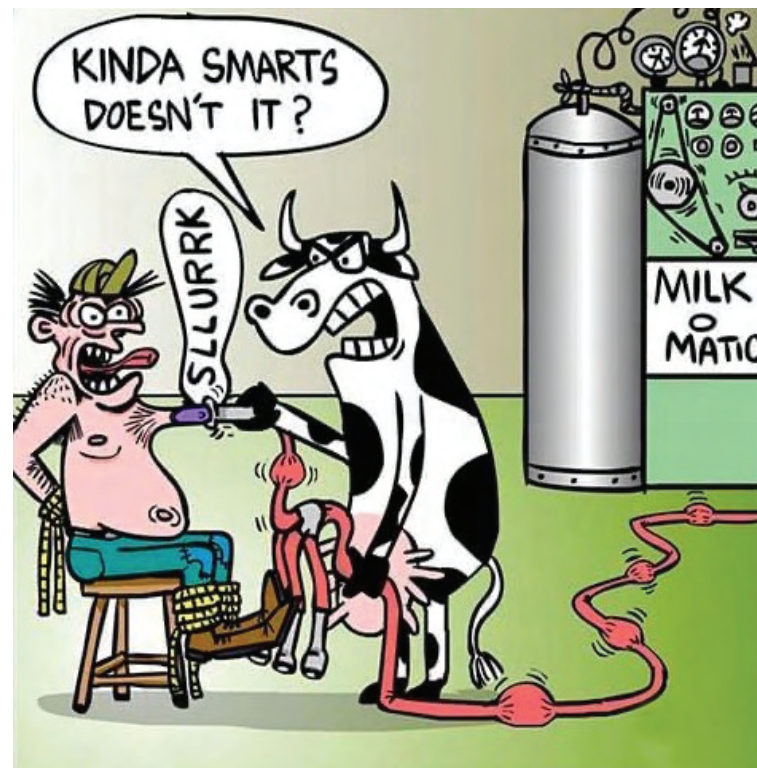


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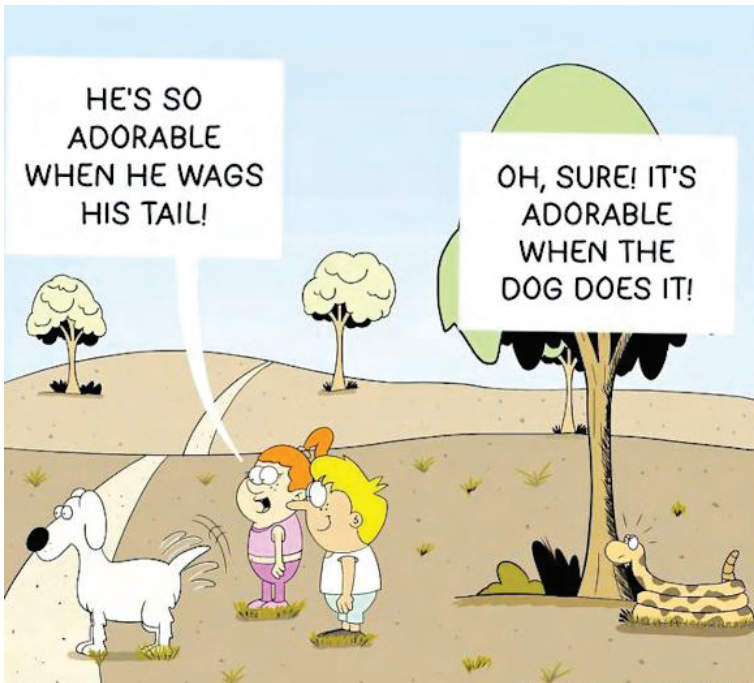
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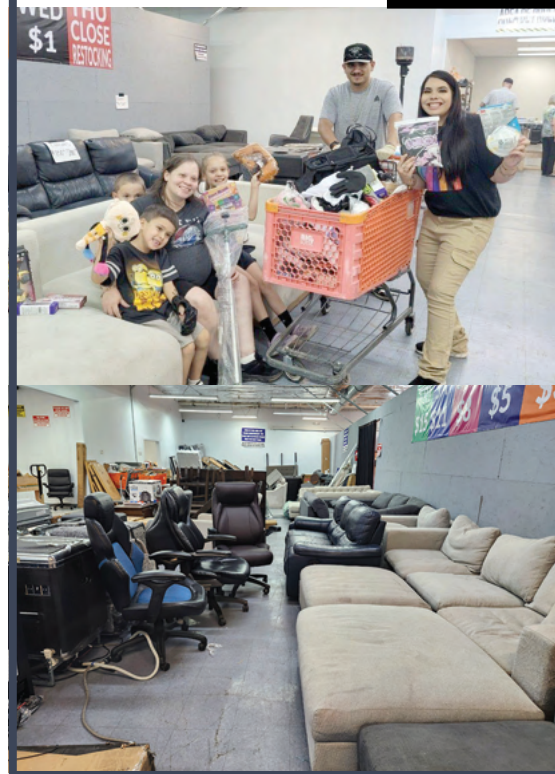
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time so they stay cold longer."

The man says, "No thank you, m'lady. Ya see my brothers and I used to drink together back in Ireland, but as we got older we three went our separate ways. I moved here to America, my older brother stayed in Eire and our younger brother moved to Australia. But we wanted to keep the tradition alive, so once a week we go to a local pub and drink "together."



The waitress said, "That sounds like a fine way to honor your brothers. I'll get your drinks." The man proceeds to drink 3 rounds, pays the waitress and leaves a nice tip, then staggers out of the bar back home.

This continues for several years, the man always ordering his 3 beers per round, 3 rounds and he's off, until one day the man comes in and only orders 2 beers.

The waitress, knowing all about his tradition, and having heard many stories about his brothers over the years, is worried. With the man's advanced age, she assumes one of his brothers must have passed. As she's delivering his second round of drinks she says, "I'm so sorry for your loss." The man looks at her slightly confused. The waitress says, "Well, I know about your custom of drinking with your brothers, but you only ordered 2 beers so I assume something happened to one of them."

The mans face softens and a smile forms as he says, "No, no lass, me brothers are fine. I just quit drinking."

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When he arrives at the meeting, the pastor looks at the intelligent, eager young women who are obviously waiting to hear him talk about something topical, relevant, and hard-hitting.

He thinks: "Good Lord, I can't talk about

yachting to these intelligent people". So he leads a discussion about the place of sex in relationships in the 21st century.

After the morning service the following Sunday, the pastor's wife is farewelling the congregation when a member of the Young Wives Group approaches her and says: "My, that was a wonderful talk your husband gave at our meeting last week—topical, informed, controversial. He is obviously an expert on the subject."

"Really?" says the pastor's wife. "I'm

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“135,” I answered. She put me on the scale.

Turns out my weight is 180.

She asked me my height. “5ft 4in,” I responded. The nurse checked and saw I only measure 5’2”.

She then took my blood pressure and exclaimed, “It’s very high!”

“Of course it’s high,” I screamed. “When I came in here I was tall and slender. Now I’m short and fat!!!”

She put me on Prozac.



A 16 year old boy approached his dad one day and says “Dad, you know I’ve earned my drivers license and I was wondering if I could use the family car someday. A lot of my friends’ parents have allowed them.”

The Dad says “Son, that could probably happen but there are 3 things I want you to do first. Number 1, you have to make the honor roll at school. Number 2, I want you to start reading a little bit of the Bible every day, and number 3, you have to get that damn hair cut.” The son agrees.

Time goes by and one day the son approaches his dad, huge smile on his face, report card in hand. “Dad look! I made the honor roll.”

Dad says, “Son, I knew if you applied yourself you could do it. You’ll understand the importance of it someday.”

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Dad replied, “Son, I think you’re forgetting something, what about that damn hair?”

“You know, reading the Bible and watching the movies, Jesus and the 12 disciples, they all had long hair, so long hair can’t be bad!!!”

Dad “Son, that’s true, but something else you probably noticed about Jesus and his disciples-**THEY WALKED EVERYWHERE THEY WENT.**”

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A young couple decided to get married and honeymoon in Mexico. After having a wonderful meal they decide to visit some of the little shops. The husband discovers a little curiosity shop and in the back finds an old human skull. He asks the shopkeeper to tell him about the skull. "Si, this is the skull of Pancho Villa". Then the husband became really excited and asked the shopkeeper how much he wanted for it. The shopkeeper said "4000 pesos". He said that's a lot, but he'd take it!

Twenty years later the couple is still together and just as much in love as ever.



They decided to renew their vows and even take a second honeymoon back in Mexico. They are enjoying themselves and decided to do some shopping. The husband sees the same old curiosity shop from many years ago and goes inside. In the back he finds this very old human skull, but it was really small.

He finds the shopkeeper and asks him to tell him about the skull. The shopkeeper says "Si, this is the skull of Pancho Villa". Now hearing this the man becomes angry, feeling like he is being taken advantage of.

He says to the shopkeeper, "Wait a minute, I was in here 20 years ago and bought an old skull from you and you told me then that it was the skull of Pancho Villa!"

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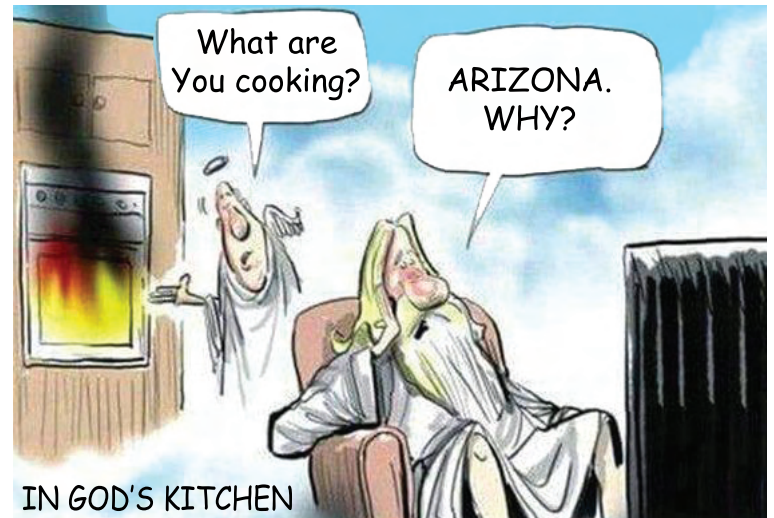
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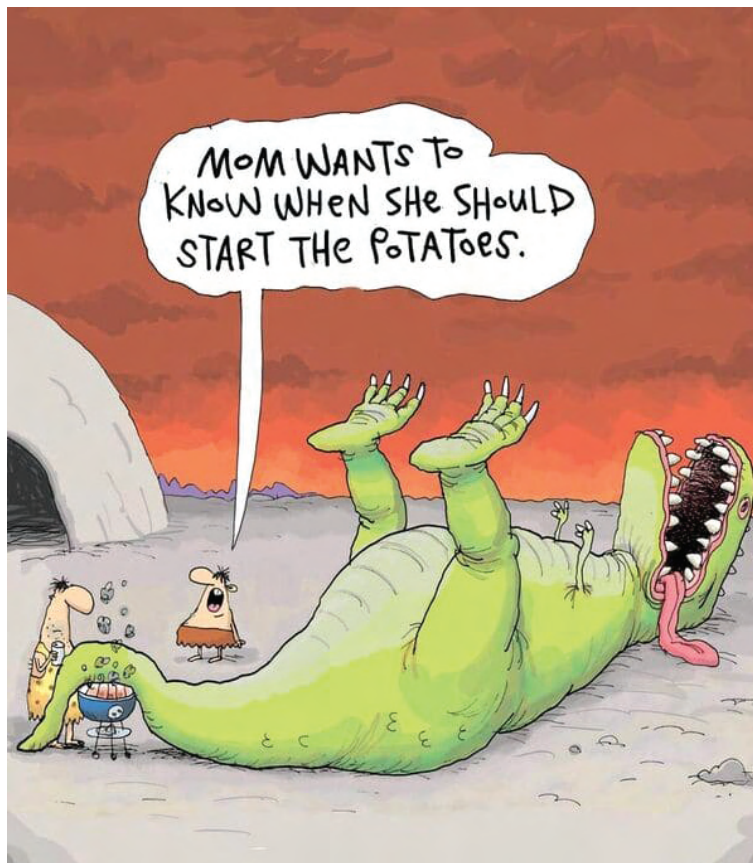
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3212 W Etoi Place, Benson, AZ

Major updates and upgrades to both plumbing and electrical systems June 2025, and new septic system installed 2024. This cute two bedroom, two bath home has two huge Add-ons, one is an Arizona room w/3 walls of windows and a new patio door, and the second Add-on is a huge family room/den that includes a cozy fireplace and a second kitchen. Attached garage, plus detached carport that is part of the well/pump house and storage shed building. Chain link fenced with mature trees and shrubs. Propane tank is owned. Private Registered Well. On Cul de Sac, so no through traffic and just minutes from I-10, but far from Highway noise.



**1200 S Highway 80 #34
Benson, AZ**

What a cutie! Adorable, well maintained, one bedroom, one bath home in Retirement Community. Partially furnished, freshly painted with stunning kitchen cabinets. New AC, furnace and kitchen appliances. Large Arizona Room with washer. Welcoming covered front porch. Storage shed. Close to community hall and pool. Price is for home only. Lot rent is \$435.00 monthly.



Beauty inside and out! Like new three bedroom, two bath home with top-of-the-line appliances, including washer and dryer. Roomy bedrooms, luxurious main bath with double sinks and stunning tile shower surround. 400 Amp electric box service. Large garage with workshop, cabinets, shelves and work-table. Fruit and vegetable producing plants in green houses with raised beds. Irrigation systems. Trees and shrubs add to the welcoming vibe. Two sheds, carport.



**3138 W Green Park Drive,
Benson, AZ**

From the moment you step through the welcoming courtyard and into the spacious three bedroom, two bath home, you will know **YOU ARE HOME!** Stunning custom tile throughout, from the floors to the counter tops in kitchen and bathrooms and tub and Shower surrounds. Roomy bedrooms, walk in closets, large Arizona room, and bonus room that can be office, classroom, exercise room, hobby room, whatever. Double garage, Plus detached carport and large workshop w/power and water. Fenced corner lot with drive in gate to back yard.



**1110 S Highway 80 47,
Benson, AZ**

Gently lived in, well-loved home ready for next luck homeowner! Well equipped kitchen with newer refrigerator and microwave. Washing machine replaced 2024. Roof recoated 2024. Water heater replaced 2022. AC and furnace less than five years old. Two room bedrooms, two baths. Irrigation to garden. Storage shed, carport. In 55+ community with Pool, spa, community center, dog park, laundry, etc. FULLY FURNISHED, including dishes, pots and pans, etc., just stock the refrigerator and hang up your clothes, and you are ready to enjoy the good life!



1636 W Stage Coach Pass, Cochise, AZ

Pristine inside & out! Spacious 4 bdrm, w/huge family rm/den, charming fireplace & built in entertainment center. Efficient kitchen w/all appliances, walk-in pantry, center island & miles of counters & cabinets. Dining rm w/ built in china hutch. Laundry rm incl W&D, utility sink & cabinets. Newer flooring, ceiling fans throughout, wood blinds, exterior painted 2016. 40'X50' Mueller 3+ car garage w/guest quarters/studio apartment incl 3/4 bath. Screened in porch, rear deck w/firepit & hot tub. Additional garage, and 2 more metal carports=covered parking for 8 vehicles! Numerous fruit trees, cement walkways, lawn, pine trees etc. on irrigation. Green house. Full RV hook up. Fenced w/electronic gate. Call for detailed list of amenities.



825 N Diana Drive, Benson, AZ

Beauty inside and out! Like new three bedroom, two bath home with top-of-the-line appliances, including washer and dryer. Roomy bedrooms, luxurious main bath with double sinks and stunning tile shower surround. 400 Amp electric box service. Large garage with workshop, cabinets, shelves and work-table. Fruit and vegetable producing plants in green houses with raised beds. Irrigation systems. Trees and shrubs add to the welcoming vibe. Two sheds, carport. Property includes Parcel #124-04-004M (4.12 Acres) which includes the home and all improvements, PLUS #124-04-004K (4.12 Acres), AND 124-04-004L (4.12 Acres), for a total of 12.36 fenced acres. Lots at K and L have water and electric at lot line.



590 N Warren Road, Benson, AZ

Country Cousin cutie! Three bedroom, Two bathrooms, plus family room/ Den. Cozy Wood burning fireplace in Living Room. Two sheds. Covered front deck and covered back porch. Double carport. Partially fenced. Minutes from I-10 for quick and easy commutes, but far from Highway noise. AS IS - NO REPAIRS!



752 E Comstock Street, Benson, AZ

Welcome Home! Three bedrooms, two baths plus bonus room with large office/workshop with fresh paint, updated bathrooms, flooring, etc. Laundry closet has hook ups for both gas and electric dryer, Central Air. Privacy fenced backyard, storage shed. In well-established neighborhood, close to shopping, restaurants, etc.



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Sean had long heard the story of a family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday.

On that special day, they would walk across the lake to their local pub, Murphy's Bar, for their first legal drink.

So when Sean's 21st birthday arrived, he and his friend Mick took a boat, rowed out to the middle of the lake, and Sean stepped out of the boat. He immediately sank and nearly drowned. He was only saved by Mick, who managed to pull him back into the boat.

Furious, soaking wet and confused, he went to see his Grandma. "Gran, 'tis me 21st birthday. So why can't I walk across the water like me father, me grandfather and his father before him?"

Grandma looked deep into Sean's trouble eyes with her kind, benevolent eyes and said, "Because they were all born in January and the lake was frozen over. You were born in August, ye blitherin' idjut!"



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