



From Our Graduates

Regarding David McPhail:

Malissa Starnes Baugh: "Love the pictures and hearing about dear David! We are losing soooo many classmates."

Tommye Blair Toler: "I'm sorry to learn of his passing. Praying for comfort for Janie."

Betty Barkley Flowers: "I certainly remember David & always thought he was just a super nice guy & I'm sorry to hear he is no longer with us."

Bev Murphy Wells: "My sincere condolences to Janie. David had an adventurous life, and I admire his contributions and service to our country. Without people like him, who knows where our country would be today, so indebted to him."

Birthdays for March

- 1 Karon Shinault Jackson**
- 7 Glenn Hurta**
- 14 Clara sue Griffis Arnsdorff**
- 17 Jane Berry Neece**
- 18 Jim Johanson**
- 19 David Dibb**
- 25 Larry McMurray**
- 28 Douglas Crook**
- 31 Stan Lennard, Malachi Kelly**

A neat idea:

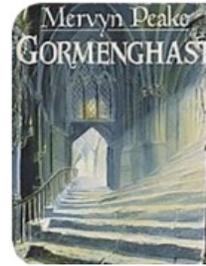
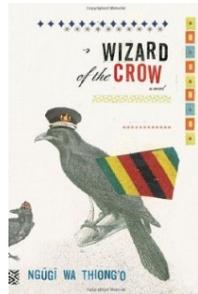
Shoe protector: It is easy for heels or other nice shoes to get scratched when packed in a suitcase. Before you put the shoes in the suitcase, slip each one in an old sock and they will be protected. Your clothes will stay cleaner, too.

Birdhouse: An old mailbox with the door removed makes a great birdhouse. You can even repaint it or mount it in a tree.

To Polish brass: Take half a lemon and dip it in salt. Rub the lemon on the brass, Rinse brass and then polish with a soft cloth.



The Book Corner



John Anderson caught a bad lung/pneumonia infection and had to be hospitalized for a period of time. After being released from the hospital, he entered a rehab facility for a brief time. Once released from the rehab, he went to Judy's in Boston to gain more strength but now has returned to his home in California. All the time during this setback, John had plenty of time to read. He wants to recommend three books that he finds exceptional. To quote John, "You asked for books to read—I will provide 3 and bet a Yankee dollar if anyone can recommend any better."

1. The Master and Margarita -by Mikhail Bulgakov

"The most popular work of fiction in Russia the past 100 years (unknown in USA)"

2. The Wizard of the Crow- by Ngugi wa Thiong'o

"A book you will never forget."

3. Gormenghast- by Mervyn Peake

"So vivid to me- A world that never, ever could be."

Hopefully by now, John has completely recovered and is ready to satisfy his wanderlust of completing items on his bucket list. This health setback undoubtedly put an unwanted pause in his 2026 travel plans. Now that he is healed and able to be 'in the air/on the road again', we look forward to more postcards from our most traveled graduate.

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

-Saint Augustine



'A SHOT OF WHISKEY'

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo, he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

COBWEB

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

Robert Duvall, a great actor, recently died. He said his favorite role was playing Gus in the TV series, **LONESOME DOVE**. I recently watched the whole series. Some famous quotes from the movie:

Gus- " It's not dying I'm talking about, it's living."

Woodrow- "I hate rude behavior in a man. I won't tolerate it."

Woodrow- "Better to have that and not need it than need it and not have it."

Gus- "Here's to the sunny slopes of long ago."

Gus- "It's been quite a party ain't it?"

Humor

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" Neighbors feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbors, concerned for her, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?" The wife said, " Let him dig. I had him buried upside down...and I know he won't ask for directions."

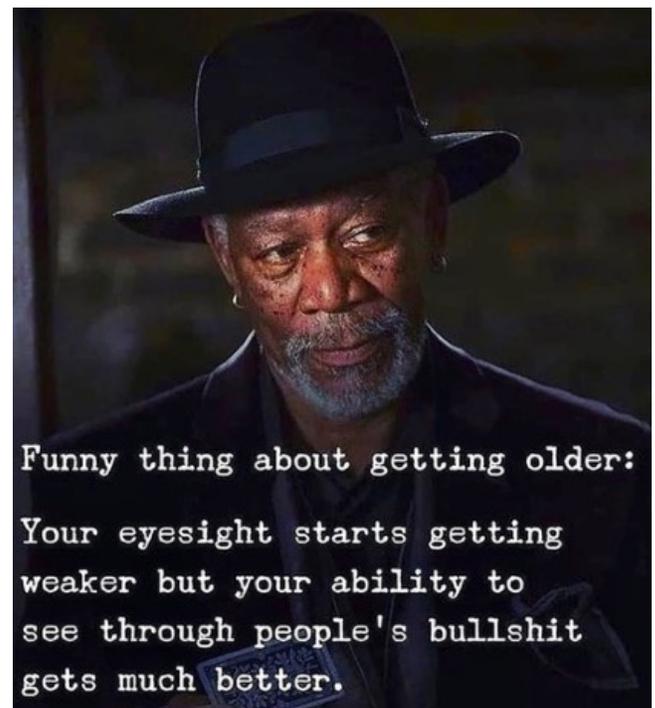
I told my wife to embrace her mistakes... She hugged me.

Tsunami —> T is silent
Honest —> H is silent
Knee —> K is silent
Mom is mad -> whole house is silent.

I need everyone to wish me luck. I have a meeting at the bank later and if all goes well, I will be out of debt. I'm so excited I can barely put on my ski mask.

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night." You gotta love Grandmas!

A woman with a salad walked past me in the restaurant and said you know a cow died so you could eat that beefburger. I said if you weren't eating its food it might have lived.



**Funny thing about getting older:
Your eyesight starts getting weaker but your ability to see through people's bullshit gets much better.**

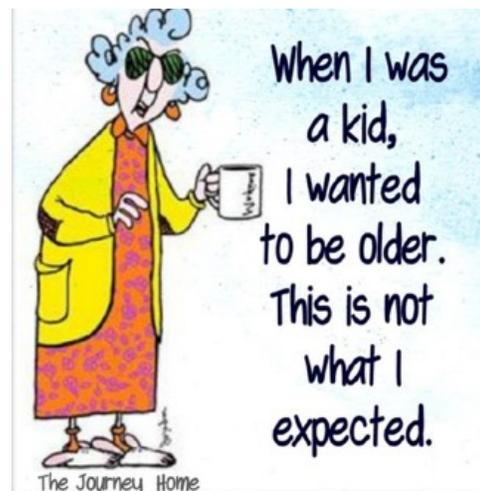
Should I get a dog.....



Or have children?



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"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."



When I was a kid, I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected.

The Journey Home

A sobering thought.....

' The Last Time' :

One day, you'll do something for the last time. The last time you hug your mom without realizing it. The last late-night drive with your best friend before life pulls you in different directions. The last meal at your favorite spot before it closes. The last time you laugh until you cry with people you won't see again. You won't know it's the last. It won't feel special in the moment. It'll feel like any other day. Until it isn't. So be where your feet are. Look people in the eye. Say what you mean. Feel it fully. Because the ordinary moments... they're only ordinary until they're gone.

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