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# Many Boomers Turning Their Passions into New Careers

**For many years, the average 50-something American** looked forward to a leisure-based retirement. But as Americans are living longer and feeling younger, many are finding it necessary to remain professionally active beyond traditional retirement age -- forging new paths that supply both money and meaning.

"Boomers are opting to stay in the game, or better, change the game by leaving a mark and making a difference," says Marci Alboher, vice president of Encore.org, an organization helping people transition to the nonprofit world and public sector. While moving into a new kind of work is not always quick or easy, some experts say that middle-aged Americans are well-equipped to handle it.

"With midlife comes a newfound capacity to tap into your accumulated experience and wisdom to accomplish new things you may have been unable to do earlier," says Alboher, whose new book "The Encore Career Handbook," is a comprehensive guide for anyone looking to make such a shift. Whether you're looking to jump right in or make a plan first, here are some tips and things to consider:

- Your new work may involve a trade-off. You may trade money for meaning and flexibility. You may trade power and influence for the chance to work more closely with people you can help.
- Transitions will take longer than you think, so be patient.
- Be prepared to face age discrimination. You can counter employer prejudices by ensuring your skills are up to snuff, especially when it comes to technology. Show you understand the job market today by having a great LinkedIn profile. Consider tailoring your resume to show your strengths as an adviser and mentor.
- Don't be discouraged by today's tight job market. The nonprofit sector has added jobs over the past decade and our government's need for highly skilled employees in a variety of sectors continues to grow. Between now and 2018, experts say that there may be as many as 1.7 million jobs available at all levels of government.
- Instead of jobs, think about projects. Instead of thinking about what you want to do forever, think about what you want to work on for a year or two. Think about a series of engaging commitments with periodic gaps for a personal break, retraining or travel in between.
- Rarely can you find and craft the job opportunity you want, simply by applying to job postings. Create your role through networking, volunteering and retooling for a new kind of work. Consider going solo as a freelancer, consultant or entrepreneur.

Don't approach your mid-life and beyond with trepidation. With skills, experience and care, you can launch a successful new career that combines your passion with a paycheck. For tips on making the most of this chapter of your life and work, visit [www.encore.org](http://www.encore.org)

**A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon.** As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck." The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."





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Panama recently took the top spot as the best country in the world to retire in InternationalLiving.com's 2014 Global Retirement Index. Coronado is a beach-resort town, located on the Pacific, an hour from the country's capital.

"Coronado is a popular expat town—the most developed beach community along the Pacific coast," says InternationalLiving.com's Panama editor, Jessica Ramesch. "With a new hospital, well-stocked groceries, restaurants, and so on, it caters to most First World needs. Living there expats can still enjoy many of the conveniences of life back home—plus enjoy the beach—and do it for much less than what a comparable lifestyle would cost up north."

While here for a month, the winner is asked to enjoy life, explore beaches, restaurants, and markets...take walks...and attend festivals and other events.

Although no writing experience is necessary, the winner will be asked to share impressions and experiences with readers of InternationalLiving.com's magazine, website and e-letters. If the winner's reporting is used, InternationalLiving.com will pay for it at the company's regular freelance-writer rates—on top of the \$1,500 living-expense stipend.

The competition is an opportunity to shine a light on the real-world experiences of somebody who is considering the benefits of a retirement abroad.

Now in its third year, the competition has already given one couple the opportunity to spend a month in Cuenca, Ecuador and sent another couple to Granada, Nicaragua. Both couples beat out hundreds of entrants to win the prize and reported back on their positive experiences. Last year's winners, Bill and Nancy Mattox, reported: "Thanks to everyone at *International Living* for a fabulous experience. It has been everything we imagined and more."

Those wishing to enter the "Win Your Dream Retirement Overseas Competition 2014", can do so by posting a video to YouTube (no more than three minutes in length) explaining why they would like to retire overseas—and why they would like to try a one-month test-drive in Panama. The deadline for submitting midnight EST on April 2, 2014. Candidates must be ready to fly to Panama before the end of 2014.

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- 4 large oranges, peeled
- ¼ c. maple syrup
- 1 tsp. rum-flavored extract
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ c. walnut pieces, toasted
- ½ c. pomegranate seeds

- Carefully peel the oranges and slice ¼-inch thick. Put into a bowl.
- Mix together the maple syrup, rum extract and cinnamon and pour over the orange slices. Toss gently to coat. Refrigerate and marinate several hours or overnight.
- Toast the walnut pieces by tossing over a medium heat in a heavy pan. Be careful. Walnuts burn easily.
- Peel a pomegranate and extract ½ c. of seeds.
- Arrange the orange sections in individual dessert bowls or plates, add one T. of the marinade, sprinkle with walnuts and pomegranate seeds and serve.

**Nutritional Information per Serving:** 168 calories, 1.6 g protein, 31 g carbohydrates, 5 g fat (.5 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 3.7 g fiber, 2.2 mg sodium.

## Fight Wrinkles with Diet?

Vitamin C and linoleic acid defend against aging process



By Gale Maleskey, MS, RD  
Registered Dietitian

Who wouldn't like to avoid wrinkles? If you're hoping for smooth skin as you age, take a look at your diet, a new study suggests.

The study included more than 4,000 women ages 40-74. It used a 24-hour dietary recall to assess people's diets, and trained dermatologists to assess the women's skin for signs of aging.

The researchers found that a high intake of vitamin C-rich foods was associated with less chance of having wrinkled, dry skin, while foods high in linoleic acid were associated with moister, thicker skin.

Vitamin C is needed to make collagen, a connective tissue that provides structure to the skin. It's also needed for skin repair, and protects from sun damage. Linoleic acid reduces dermatitis and dryness.

Foods rich in vitamin C include citrus fruits, red peppers, strawberries, kiwi, guava, Brussels sprouts and green peppers. The best sources of linoleic acid are safflower, sunflower and soy oil.

Researchers also found that women with a higher fat and carbohydrate intake were more likely to have wrinkles and thin skin, perhaps because of impaired microcirculation and oxygen delivery to skin cells. High insulin and blood sugar levels can also damage skin cells, so limiting your intake of sugars and simple carbs may help, as well as managing diabetes appropriately, if you have it. And of course, smoking ages skin beyond what diet can repair.

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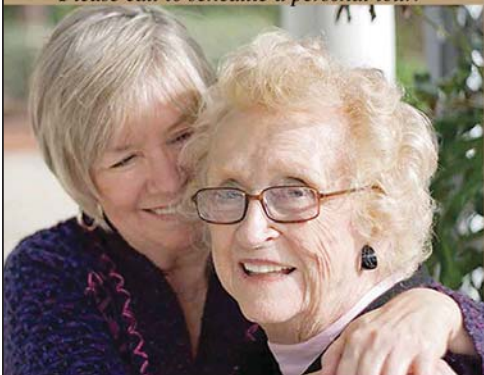
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# How Smart is Your Right Foot?

*I guess there are some things that the human brain cannot handle.*

You have to try this. It takes 2 seconds. It is was received from an orthopedic surgeon.

This will confuse your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but, you can't. It is pre-programmed in your brain!

1. While sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.

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Husband takes the wife to a disco. There's a guy on the dance floor living it large -break dancing, moon walking, back flips, the works.

The wife turns to her husband and says: "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down."

Husband says: "Looks like he's still celebrating!!!"

Some days you are the pigeon.  
Some days you are the statue.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark. Professionals, on the other hand, built the Titanic.

I never really liked the terminology "Old People" but this certainly puts the term in a whole new perspective. I received this from an "OLD Personal friend of mine"!

## "OLD PEOPLE" PRIDE

**Old People** are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. They remove their caps, cover their hearts, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words.

**Old People** remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women and treat them with great respect.

**Old People** hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

**Old People** get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV.

**Old People** have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children, grandchildren or their animals.

It's the **Old People** who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and the decent good values that define integrity.

THANK YOU to all the 'old people' out there!!

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March is "National AMD Awareness Month"

## Things you should know about AMD

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is an eye disease that can greatly impact quality of life. Prompt diagnosis and treatment are key to maintaining independence.

By Cheryl L. Dejewski

### 1. What is macular degeneration (AMD)?

"AMD is an eye disease in which the macula (a highly sensitive area of the retina) becomes damaged causing loss of straight-ahead central vision (as needed for driving a car, reading fine print and recognizing faces)," explains Mark Freedman, MD, ophthalmologists and continuing education lecturers. "'Dry' AMD is more common (90% of cases) and tends to progress slowly and be less severe. 'Wet' AMD is less common, but can progress quickly and cause profound loss of central vision. Without treatment, about 70% of wet AMD patients become legally blind within two years."

### 2. What are the risk factors for AMD?

"Macular degeneration is the leading cause of central vision impairment in Americans over age 50. As baby boomers age and life expectancy increases, AMD is a growing health and economic

concern," warns Dr. Brett Rhode, Head of Ophthalmology at Aurora Sinai Medical Center. Although the exact cause is unknown, the following factors are known to be related to AMD:

· Aging · Heredity · Race (white ethnicity) · Gender (being female) · Sun exposure · Circulatory problems · Light eye color · Smoking (increases risk 3-4 times) · A diet high in fat and low in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants

### 3. What are the warning signs?

AMD usually develops gradually and painlessly, and good vision in one eye can often mask problems in the other. As it progresses, however, signs may become obvious. "Don't assume you simply need new glasses and then wait to make an appointment. A comprehensive eye exam is necessary to evaluate the presence, type and severity of AMD and whether or not treatment would help," advises Daniel Ferguson, MD, a partner at Eye Care Specialists, where thousands

of AMD patients are diagnosed and treated each year. If you suddenly notice any of the following changes, see an eye care specialist as soon as possible:

· Difficulty reading or doing close-up work · Faces, clocks and printed words appear blurry · Distortion of lines, colors, sizes and edges · Straight lines in a landscape appear wavy · Blind spots (dark or empty spaces) in the center of vision

### 4. Methods of treatment

If significant dry AMD is diagnosed, it is usual to recommend vitamin supplements, sun protection, and not smoking, as measures to prevent or slow progression. If wet AMD is diagnosed, review the risks, benefits and candidacy for injections of special medications, such as Avastin, Eylea and Lucentis.

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## Putting Off Working On Your Tax Return May Cost You

### 3 Tips for Keeping More of Your Own Money

Nearly 150 million Americans will file federal income tax returns this year and, unfortunately, many will be shelling out much more of their hard-earned money than necessary, says veteran financial expert Jeff Gorton.

"With the ridiculous complexity of our tax code, I can understand how the average person might want to put off doing their homework, but that'll cost you," says Gorton, a veteran Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner ([www.gortonfinancialgroup.com](http://www.gortonfinancialgroup.com)).

"When you think about all you do to earn your money, and the lengths we'll go to save a few bucks, it doesn't make sense to *not* do all we can to prepare for the inevitable – our compulsory contribution to Uncle Sam's bank account."

There is nothing unpatriotic about taking advantage of legal measures to reduce your tax bill, Gorton says. Most Americans, however, don't understand the basics of how to minimize the tax burden, he says.

"If you wait until the last minute to do your taxes, you're sure to miss out on savings," says Gorton, who offers some basic and more advanced tax-saving options.

**Credits:** Tax credits are usually subtracted dollar for dollar from the actual tax liability and may be utilized when filing for 2013. They include the Child Tax Credit, which allows up to \$1,000 for children younger than 17; the American Opportunity Credit, featuring up to \$2,500 in tax savings per eligible student for tuition costs for four years of post-high-school education; and the Energy-Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credit, which grants qualifying taxpayers 10 percent of the cost of certain energy-efficient building materials — up to a \$500 lifetime credit. The Child and Dependent Care Credit, for those who have to pay someone to care for a child younger than 13, or another dependent, offers up to \$3,000 for one qualifying individual, or up to \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals.

**Deductions:** Like tax credits, deductions have phase-out limits, so you may want to consult with a professional. Deductions are subtracted from your income before your taxes are calculated, which may reduce the amount of money on which you are taxed and, by extension, your eventual tax liability. Some examples include contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. And, you may be able to write off out-of-pocket costs incurred while doing work for a charity. Others may include amounts set aside for retirement through a qualified retirement plan, such as an Individual Retirement Account; medical expenses exceeding 10 percent of your adjusted gross income are now deductible — expenses exceeding 7.5 percent are still deductible for those older than age 65; and, potentially, mortgage interest paid on a loan secured for your primary residence.

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**Isn't 65 the traditional retirement age?** Perhaps, but Baby Boomers are modifying the definition of a traditional retirement (if not redefining it altogether). The Social Security Administration has subtly revised its definition of the traditional retirement age as well.

## Retire at 65 ... or not?

If you glance at the SSA website, the "full" retirement age for Americans born from 1943-1954 is 66, and it is 67 for those born in 1960 and later. (The "full" retirement age increases gradually from 66 to 67 for those born during the years 1955-1959.)

Provided by Tim Stasinoulis, RFC

When Social Security started, the national retirement age *was* set at 65. In 1940, a 21-year-old American man had a 54% chance of living another 44 years (according to the federal government's actuarial estimates). By 1990, that chance had improved to 72%. For 21-year-old women, the probability of reaching age 65 increased from 61% to 84% in that same time frame. Americans also began living longer after 65. Increased longevity led to financial dilemmas for Social Security and the necessary redefinition of "traditional" retirement age.

**What do you lose by retiring at 65?** The financial opportunity cost is considerable, and maybe greater than some baby boomers realize. If your full retirement age is 67, you'll reduce your monthly Social Security income by around 13.3% if you start taking benefits at age 65. Moreover, for every year that you refrain from claiming Social Security until age 70, your Social Security benefits will rise by 8%.

Think of life after 65 as your "third act" that needs funding. Do you think of 65 as late middle age? It may be. As the SSA website notes, about 25% of today's 65-year-olds should live to age 90. About 10% of them should reach age 95. Even if that doesn't happen for you, you should know that the average 65-year-old today can expect to live into his or her mid-eighties.



Let those statistics serve as a flashing red light, illuminating two new truths of seniority. The first truth: for many Americans, "retire-

ment" will represent 10, 20 or even 30 years of activity and opportunities. The second truth: to stay active and pursue those opportunities, retirees will need 10, 20 or 30 years of financial stability.

Most Americans haven't amassed the equivalent 10, 20 or 30 years of retirement savings. Many want to "stay in the game" a little longer: a 2013 Gallup poll found that 37% of Americans expect to retire after age 65, compared with 14% in 1995.

How many Americans can work full-time until age 65? The bad news is that according to the same Gallup poll, the average retirement age in America is 61. The good news is that it was 57 in 1991. Assuming we keep living longer and healthier, it seems plausible that the average age of retirement might hit 65 – if not for the boomers, then for Gen Xers.

Regardless of when baby boomers retire, growth investing will continue to have merit. Even moderate inflation erodes purchasing power over time, and its effects can be felt in less than a decade. Who knows: the portfolios held by 65- and 70-year-olds in 2035 might look more like the ones they hold now instead of those held by their parents generations before.

When should you retire? If that question is on your mind to any degree, consider an evaluation of your retirement readiness – a review of what you have, an estimation of what you need and a clear look at the possibilities before you.

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## The Four Stages of Life

### Peace and Solace After the Loss of a Loved One

By Victoria D. Schmidt

***Losing someone you love is devastating.***

You have grief, pain, sadness, bewilderment and, even with the comfort of family and friends, you may feel very much alone. But, you are not alone. There are those you can call on to help you through the four stages of life that lead you to peace and solace ... or you may undertake them on your own.

#### Stage One

*The First Hurdle: The Shock and the Grief* - Grieve. Cry. Talk ... a lot. Grieve more. Grieve as long as it takes. Don't punish yourself. Then, let go of your grief ... laugh, a lot. Evangelist Billie Graham, says, "Sometimes we need to be alone with our grief and memories. We just need to guard against making this our only response for its not healthy."

#### Stage Two

*The Renewal* - Prepare for your life without your lost loved one. Identity crisis? Learn to know yourself. Go slowly. Set goals. Have a plan. If you are alone, enjoy the unexpected gains of life alone: exercise, meditate, relax, be kind to yourself. Attain financial security.

#### Stage Three

*The Bridge ... The Passage* - Have you achieved emotional and physical renewal along with financial security? Are you prepared to move on? Or should you repeat some of the steps above to assure you are empowered to take charge of your life? Not to worry. The time it takes is different for everyone.

#### Stage Four

*New Life Options ... Adventures* - If you are ready to move on there are limitless options to consider: Single? A new significant other or a different type of relationship. Unconditional Love? Adopt a pet. Volunteer work, a new job. Pleasurable pursuits, travel, new friends, take in the arts. Pursuits with a purpose, helping others. Pack up and move ... when the time is right.

Experiencing even some of the steps of the Four Stages of Life is, in itself, a distraction from your loss and sadness to help you move on. While you handle your grief, achieve renewal and undertake one or more of the adventures, you may come to realize and accept why it is you who are still here. You have happy memories to cherish, wonders in the world to enjoy and rewards from reaching out to help others.

You will find solace and peace. It is just a matter of dedication and time!

After losing her husband to Parkinson's disease, Schmidt wrote *Finding Solitary Contentment: Ways to Handle Grief and Embrace a New Life and Remembering the Loved One You Lost*. <http://www.victoriadschmidt.com>

#### In Memory of William Treants

And many hugs to my Nona Tula (Godmother)  
and all the family that will miss him dearly.



# When I was a kid...



...adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning -uphill... barefoot... BOTH ways. Yadda, yadda, yadda .

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way I was going to lay a bunch of stuff like that on kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it! But...

Now I'm over the ripe old age of fifty. I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today... You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in Utopia! And you don't know how good you've got it! I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library and look it up ourselves... in the card catalogue!! My parents couldn't afford our own set of Enclopedia Britannica!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter... with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our butt!

There were no MP3's or Napsters! You had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ'd usually talk over the beginning and mess it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished.

We didn't have fancy Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called they got a busy signal... that's it! And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was. It could be your school, your mom, your boss, a collections agent, you just didn't know!! You had to pick it up and take your chances.

We didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600 with games like 'Space Invaders' and 'asteroids'. Your guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination!! But boy was it fun!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on TV. No channel surfing! You had to get off your butt and walk over to the TV to change the channel! There was no Cartoon Network either. You could only get cartoons on Saturday morning. Which, by the way, was the ONLY day we were allowed to watch TV during the day.

And we didn't have microwaves, if we wanted to heat something up we had to use the stove... imagine that! you kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled. You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1970. Makes me think about the next generation of kids... we could be in trouble!!

~Anonymous

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*Dear Mrs. Samuel,*

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Samuel, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras.

**June 15:** Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.

**July 2:** Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

**July 7:** He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.

**July 19:** Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money.

**August 4:** Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.

**August 14:** Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

**August 15:** Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

**August 23:** When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

**September 4:** Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

**September 10:** While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

**October 3:** Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.

**October 6:** In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.

**October 18:** Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

**October 21:** When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'

And last, but not least:

**October 23:** Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.




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### IRISH BLONDE...

An attractive blonde from Cork, Ireland, arrived at the casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty thousand dollars in a single roll of the dice.

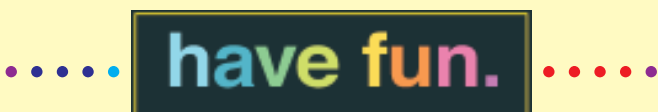
She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed. "Yes! Yes! I won, I won!" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

#### MORAL OF THE STORY

Not all Irish are drunks, not all blondes are dumb, but all men...are men!



**RIDDLE:** You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is another galloping horse but your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the horse in front of you. What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation? (answer on page 26)

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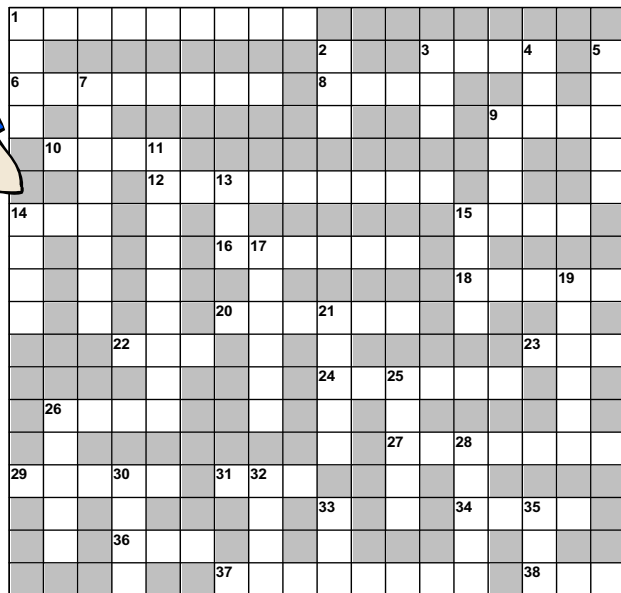


## ACROSS

1. Scary Dream
3. Snow Wish
6. Small laptop
8. To sit and be moved
9. Playground game '.... Square'
10. Finished
12. Physical feats
14. Past tense of be
15. Quiet crying
16. Greenback
18. To talk
20. Work life
22. Attempt
23. Once you've borrowed
24. Expression of disbelief
26. .... to the Lou my darling
27. Oblong circle
29. Strength
31. Relative to small
34. Caveman weapon
36. Which came first
37. Opening a door for a lady
38. Optical receptor

## DOWN

1. Empty set
2. Creative inspiration
3. Past tense of meet
4. Square root of four
5. To wash hard
7. Another word for a grand
9. Result of combustion
11. Listen to others inadvertently
13. To do away with
14. Place you earn money
15. Exhibiting common sense
17. Citrus fruit
19. Forever
21. Our world
25. Onward
26. Who the knife ran away with
28. Meeting with unforeseen success
30. Happily .... after
32. Not out of
33. Road patch material
35. Practice of employing something



Crossword answers below.



**RIDDLE ANSWER:** Get your drunk butt off the merry-go-round!

A husband, who has six children, begins to call his wife "mother of six" rather than by her first name. The wife, amused at first, chuckles. A few years down the road, the wife has grown tired of this. "Mother of six," he would say, "what's for dinner tonight? Get me a beer!" Finally, while attending a party with her husband, he jokingly yells out, "Mother of six, I think it's time to go!" The wife immediately shouts back, "I'll be right with you, father of four!"

A little girl is serving her father tea while her mother is out shopping. The mother comes home and the father says, "Watch this!" The little girl goes and serves the her daddy tea and he proudly drinks it. The mother smiles and responds, "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"

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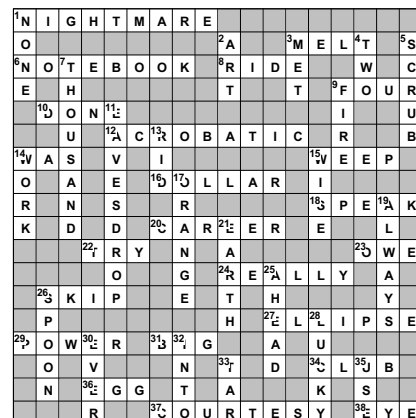
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A: A Barbie-Q



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