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Summer Swing Set

Liz and I have been kicking around the idea of getting Preston and Ella a wooden swing set for their birthdays. Preston turned three in June and Ella turned one in July. After pricing several models, already assembled, I soon realized they were rather pricey. So being the cheapskate I am, I decided I could order the kit from the hardware store, buy the wood separately and put it together myself. Sounds good right, especially since I would save nearly half the price of the aforementioned options.



The kit made it in on a Friday, so I picked it up and selected all my wood. I enlisted the help of a friend, as I soon found out all my family had previous engagements, which I still find fishy :). We started Friday night and with the occasional help from a friend or two, I finally finished it up on Sunday afternoon around 5:00 PM. While I am still not a carpenter by any measure I was very proud of myself and happy to be done.

Preston decided right from the start he was going to be my main helper and assembled all his plastic tools in my work area. He stayed right there through the project and even got a little jealous when someone else would stop by to help. I really think he had as much fun building the swing set as he now has playing on it. This made me think that sometimes we may be too concerned with the finish line to enjoy the journey. Remember summer is the time for fun and relaxation so make sure you do a little of both.

As always, I hope this Edition finds you living well...

Your Friend and Neighbor,
Bryan E. Chandler

Funny Questions About Life

by: Hal Lacious

Ever had one of those funny questions about life? Then please read on. When it comes to funny questions and thoughts about life, every time I think I've seen them all I find one I've never seen before or come up with more of my own. The following are some of the ones I've discovered or written however, I know there's more because that's, well... life. So, if you find while reading these funny questions and thoughts about life make you smile, pass them along. All right, let's get started!

Funny Questions about life - Group 1 Why does Hawaiian pizza also contain Canadian Bacon? Grape Nuts cereal. No grapes - no nuts. Huh? What's the difference between regular ketchup and fancy ketchup? Do Dutch people always split the bill? If you use Miracle Whip on Wonder Bread, do you have to use Heavenly Ham?

Funny Questions about life - Group 2 Is there ever a day that mattresses aren't on sale? They make bullet proof vests, why not bullet proof pants? Why are oriental rug stores always going out of business? Is there any difference between partly cloudy and partly sunny?

Funny Questions about life - Group 3 If it only takes one match to start a forest fire, why on earth does it take me a whole box of matches and a can of lighter fluid to light my grill? When they ship those styro-foam peanuts, what do they pack them in? How do you know when pickles or sour cream has gone bad?

Funny Questions about life - Group 4 How does one know when their bagpipes need tuning? Allstate Insurance has a disclaimer that reads: not available in all states. What? If Donkey Kong's main character is a monkey, why isn't it called Monkey Kong? Why does the word lisp have an "s" in it?

Funny Questions about life - Group 5 How come you never read the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"? The next time someone says, "Now I've seen everything", ask them if they've ever seen a UPS truck parked in a parking space. Has anyone ever really seen a Jolly Rancher? If you get a club soda stain, how do you remove it?

Funny Questions about life - Group 6 Has anyone (besides Donald Trump's wife) ever been fooled by a comb over? Is it really possible to change the direction of a bowling ball by waving your hands? There's senior citizens, so why aren't there junior citizens?

Funny Questions about life - Group 7 They say laughter is the best medicine - so who came up with the phrase, "I died laughing"? Why do doctors leave the room when your getting dressed? After all, they've already seen you naked. What's wrong with the United States? They only have two choices for President, but fifty for Miss America. Any reason they nail down the lid of a coffin? When butterflies get upset or nervous, what do they get in their stomachs?

Funny Questions about life - Group 8 Where do they put price stickers on non-stick pans? If it's called lipstick, why is it always coming off? When they sing, "Take me out to the ball game" they're already there. Why? Who's idea was it to make the word abbreviation so long?

Yes, these are just a few of the Funny Questions about life that try men's -and women's souls. And there's a ton more funny questions about life not listed here. Some of them come to me during the course of a day. For example, why does every shampoo bottle say, lather, rinse, repeat? I'm sorry, did I miss my head entirely the first time or do you just want to sell more shampoo? If you have or have thought up any funny questions of life yourself, feel free to send them along and thanks for wasting a few minutes of your life pondering these funny questions of life. Now get out there and do something good. Like figuring out what people in China call their good plates...

Best Recipes: Brownie Turtle Cookies

by: Donna Monday

This is a great recipe that is to die for and you can be proud of to serve in large social occasions and even family members because everyone knows how much critics they are. Hope that you enjoy

2 quarts (1-ounce each) unsweetened baking chocolate.	½ teaspoon salt
1/3 cup solid vegetable shortening	1 cup M&M milk chocolate mini baking bits, divided
1cup granulated sugar	1 cup pecan halves
½ teaspoon vanilla extract	1/3 cup caramel ice cream topping
2 large eggs	1/3 cup shredded coconut
1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour	
½ teaspoon baking powder	

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease cookie sheets; set aside. Heat chocolate and shortening in 2-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until melted; remove from heat. Mix in sugar, vanilla and eggs. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in 2/3 cup M&M's milk chocolate mini baking bits. For each cookie, arrange 3 pecan halves, with ends almost touching at center, on prepared cookie sheets. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls onto center of each group of pecans; mound the dough slightly. Bake 8 to 10 minutes just until set. Do not over bake. Cool completely on wire racks, in small bowl combine ice cream topping, coconut and chopped nuts; top each cookie with about 1 ½ teaspoons mixture. Press remaining 1/3 cup M&M milk chocolate mini baking bits into topping. Makes about 2 ½ dozen cookies.



Veteran's Corner

by: Bill Shayler

I sadly remember the day we buried my father. An American flag covered the coffin before being transported to the cemetery. There it remained during the service. At the end of the service my brother-in-law and I tried our best to remember our own military training while we folded dad's burial flag into a neat triangle and took it home. Each day similar scenes are repeated across America. Our country has many veterans who have sacrificed and suffered for their country. The number is now growing rapidly. The burial flag represents a period of great sacrifice during the life of one American. In the case of my father who was stationed on the USS Curtiss in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1942 he was also present aboard the USS Piedmont in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945 the day the treaty ending the war with Japan was signed. Most of what happened between these events was never talked about. He held the horror and devastation of this period of his life to himself.

I never really understood how he felt until my own service time during the Vietnam War. It seems I do not like to talk about that time period either. Perhaps the feeling of sacrifice has again surfaced with my son, a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps now serving in Baghdad while his wife and daughters wait and hope here at home.

Before his departure my son and I traveled to Washington DC where he and I stood together in the beautiful new World War II Veterans Memorial, we walked the Vietnam Wall and through the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Our national memorials in Washington DC have a direct tie to each of the veterans flags in our homes. Each represents the individuals who have given of themselves for the freedom we enjoy in America.

Your veteran's flag should not be placed in a drawer or closet and forgotten. Display or even fly your veterans flag for all to see. Tell people about this person who gave so much. Cherish your flag as you did the loved one who earned it. My father's flag is proudly displayed in a case made for the display of burial flags in our home. We have an engraved plate attached with a remembrance of him so our grand children can remember him with the pride we all do, as a family and as Americans.



A loving, sensible Plan for the future

Most of us have life insurance, and we at least know that we should have a will. Isn't it strange, that many people consider it distasteful to pre-arrange a funeral? Instead, let's consider why pre-arrangement is really a thoughtful, loving thing to do.

It helps our loved ones - In the first day or two of bereavement, grief makes it difficult for survivors to ponder budgets and make the countless decisions that go along with arranging funeral services.

It fulfills a personal need - We all have some idea of how we'd like to be remembered. Pre-arrangement lets us have a say in that, in whatever details we desire.

For many, it is a necessity - When we live alone, travel widely, or foresee family problems, establishing a funeral plan in advance can give us peace of mind to ensure that our wishes are carried out.

It's economical - We make level headed decisions on how elaborate we want our departure to be and under most plans, we protect survivors from inflation by securing today's prices.

Please contact the professionals at Chandler Funeral Home to answer all the questions you have concerning the benefits of pre-planning.

If this reaches you at a difficult time, please accept our apologies.