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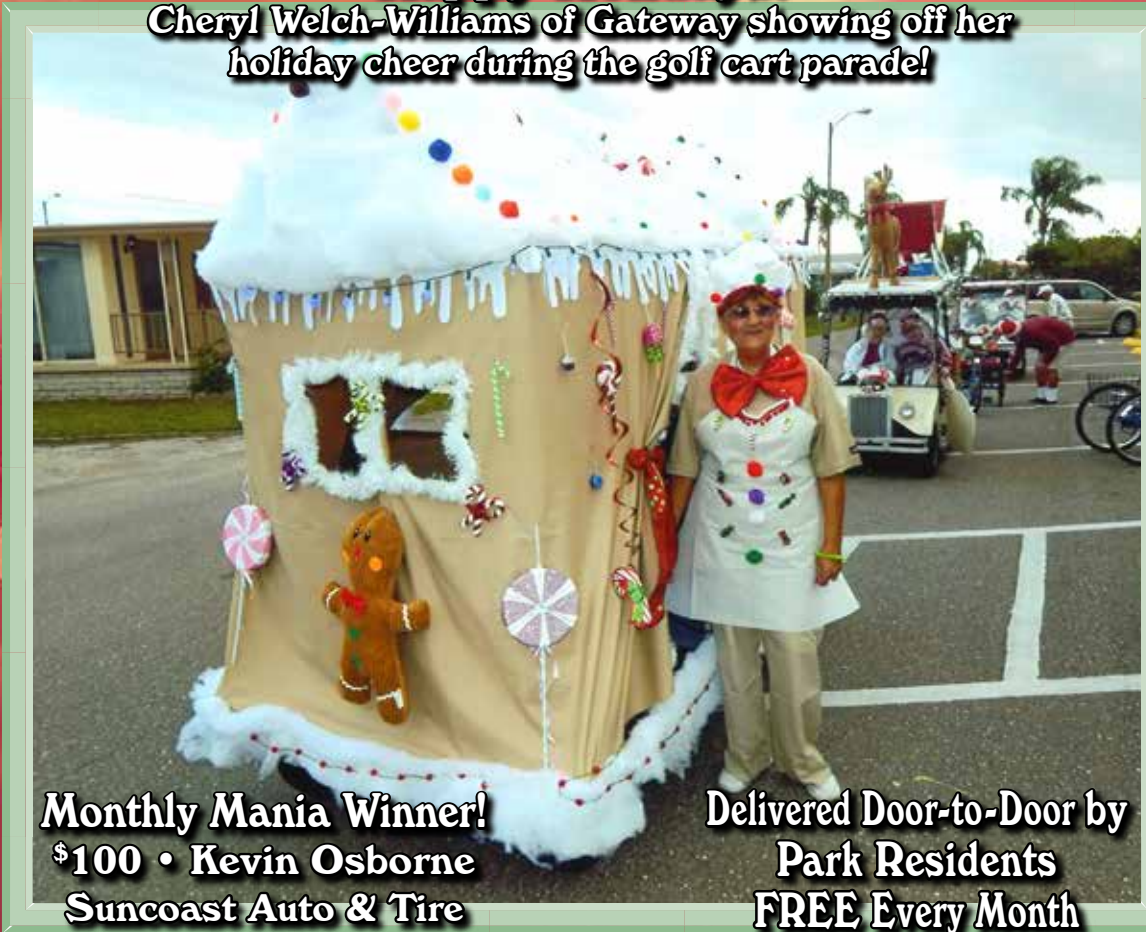
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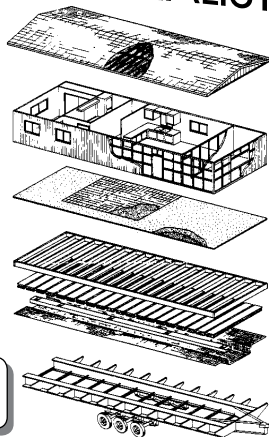
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10	Roger & Kathy Chasse	1976
11	Doug & Jean Griffiths	1981
	John & Tina Provost	2010
13	Al & Sara Noel	1969
20	John & Debra Gregoire	2014
	David & Linda Hirst	
27	Murray & Arlene MacNeill	1980
28	Wayne Debbie Stott	



## December Birthdays

1	Vincent Baselj	14	Ronald Bennett
	Denise Foster		Lois Bruzek
2	Debbie Ziegler		Susan Delorme
3	Bob Fletcher	15	Ellen Fletcher
4	Sharon Mosher	16	Phil Blye
	Madeleine Souliere		Noella Gallant
6	Robert Arcand		Jane Jensen
	Bernie Lake		Paul Piche
	Joanna Proulx		Dorothy Wade
	Lucy Russell	18	Scott Small
	Alice Summers		Louis Vedrode
7	Mike Surano	19	Fred Large
	Norma Surano		Gerald Stone
8	Harriet Dray		James Waterman
	Lou Lowery	20	Bert Chouinard
	Bryan Marshman		Thersa Stephens
9	Dorraine Beleno		Susan Zulkofske
	Linda Hirst	21	Howard Chesley
	Eileen Kennedy	22	Louie Renfro
	Cheryl Kuhn	24	Fred Coleman
11	Steve Groh	25	Carol Szumita
	Michael Jariz	26	Ron Gurney
12	Susan Berton		Karen Sullivan
	Willie Glidden	27	Rosemary Papadopoulos
	Mike Martin	28	Al Noel
13	Jean Cahill	30	Ronnie Burman
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## Pool Improvement Club

The Park should be in full swing as you read this note. Happy that the pool deck and new fencing have been completed and freshly painted. It looks beautiful.

Thank you to the Ranch Mobile Governors Board for selecting a great design and company to do a super job. Thanks also to Lou Lowery and his crew for moving the chairs and lounges in and out of the pool area to accommodate the reconstruction and for purchasing and hanging the new clocks and the wind barrier too!

I know that you have been having lots of great gathering time around the pool since it was reopened in October, just the start of many to come. The wind skirts have been hung to protect you from the harsh winds that are sure to arrive soon.

Thank you to Rita Bennett. She is bringing AQUACISE back on Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 10:00 a.m. starting on Monday, November 12th. All are welcome.

By the time you are reading this note, the Pork dinner will be over. It is a tough dinner to predict because often our residents have not come back to the park until the last moments before the dinner is scheduled and ticket sales are iffy. We hope that we have filled the tables and provided another delicious menu that you all have enjoyed. Thank you for your participation.

The dinners help us to raise the funds to maintain the Pool amenities, tables, chairs, lounges, umbrellas, Aquacise equipment, clocks and such. Thank you for all your support!

Please remember to bring your soda, beer and pop cans to the pool recycling area in the breeze way cabinet of the Clubhouse attached to the garage. Thank you all for the revenue that supports the end of the season Splash Party.

Please consider taking a position on the Pool Committee Board. We are looking for a President, Vice President, Secretary and two or three AT Large members to support all our fun activities and dinners that we chair each year.

We hope to run elections as soon as possible.

Our first board meeting will be on the first Thursday of each month starting December 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Please plan on joining us and throwing your hat onto our board. Thank you all.

See you soon at the Pool!

Sue Berton, President

Pool Improvement Club



**A Complete Listing of Resident Services  
can be found on the page before your calendar**



## Cinnamon Christmas Brunch Cake

With Optional White Glaze

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/4 cups sugar (add in more for a sweeter taste)
- 1-1/4 cups milk
- 1 - 2 teaspoon vanilla (optional) or 1 -2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 large egg (optional)

### TOPPING:

- 1/2 cup brown sugar (can use more or less)
- 1 -2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- chopped walnuts (optional) or pecans (optional)

### Directions:

1. Set oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare a greased 13 x 8-inch baking dish, or two 8 or 9-inch round cake pans (although the batter will seem like it will fit into only one 8 or 9-inch pan, this flop rises very high and will run over the sides if baked in just one pan).
2. In a bowl mix the 2 cups flour, 1-1/4 cups white sugar, milk, vanilla or almond extract, baking powder, pinch of salt and egg (if using) until just combined, careful not to over mix.
3. Pour into prepared baking pans.
4. Generously spread brown sugar and cinnamon on top.
5. If desired, sprinkle chopped walnuts or pecans over top.
6. Drizzle melted butter over top.
7. Bake for about 20-25 minutes for 8 or 9-inch round cake pan, and about 30 minutes for a 13 x 9-inch pan.

### WHITE GLAZE (Optional)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted (please sift to remove any small lumps)
- 1/3 cup whipping cream (any amount to desired texture - start with 1/4 cup, or use 18% table cream)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract or 1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract

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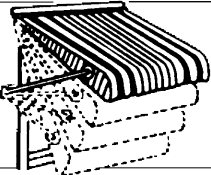
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## What Is It With Giving Fruitcake on Christmas?

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**F**ruitcake is for many families the giving and receiving of a favorite, though often ridiculed, traditional food. Fruitcake is considered to be a part of many families' Christmas traditions just as important as having a Christmas tree.

Like many Christmas traditions, the idea of giving fruitcakes as gifts is thought to have originated in ancient times. No one ever recorded who took the first cake and added fruit, honey, nuts, and alcohol to make an edible gift for their family, but records indicated that this tradition was occurring in Rome prior to the birth of Jesus (B.C.).

One of the main reasons fruitcakes were given as gifts in early times is that the ingredients combined in such a way as to greatly reduce the spoiling of this food. This was a huge advantage when the average family had very little control over their food supply, and allowed people to travel longer distances since they could carry a food supply with them that would not spoil.

The fruitcake as we know it today evolved from plum cake recipes in England. It became a natural food to have for holiday celebrations, since it could be made in advance (sometimes many months in advance) and then families could be prepared to give their visitors a treat.

After trying to eat a piece of fruitcake, I have joined the list of people who believe that fruitcakes are never consumed, just created and given as gifts to others. One day, our planet will be overwhelmed with fruitcakes and they will all need to be dumped into an ocean, possibly creating the new continent of 'fruitcokia'. Or, maybe they will just be used as bricks in the building of skyscrapers.


## Facts and Fiction about the Month of December

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**W**ell, when ol' man winter rolls around at the end of another year, everyone becomes eager for Christmas goodies and gifts. It is a cold month in many lands, as snow flurries (and storms) dot the weather forecasts around the world in the northern latitudes. Some people escape to southern shores and bask on warm beaches when the blustery weather seen in December rolls into their homelands. But how much do you really know about the month of December?

Here are some interesting facts about December and some information about the myths swirling throughout cyberspace concerning the 12th month of the Gregorian calendar year.

- December was the 10th month of the Roman Calendar.
- The name December comes from the Latin word 'decem' meaning 10.
- The birthstone for December is Turquoise or the mystical Blue Topaz.
- The flower representing this month is Holly.
- In December of 1787, the Marquis de Lafayette tried to join the America Colonial Army as a Major General.
- The Delaware colony became the first 'state' to ratify the U.S. Constitution in December 1815.
- December 3rd is Let's Hug Day.
- On December 3, 1947 - the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway starring Jessica Tandy as Blanche and Marlon Brando as Stanley.
- December 5th is National Blue Jeans Day..

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- On December 8, 1961, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed the state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election and George W. Bush became the president-elect of the United States of America.
  - In December of 1803 the Louisiana Purchase took place and France sold us a chunk of land.
  - The Charles Dickens classic story 'A Christmas Carol' was 1st published in December 6, 1843.
  - December 6th is the day many people celebrate the patron Catholic saint of children and pawnbrokers - St. Nicholas.
  - The 1st Nobel Prize was awarded in December 1901.
  - The first Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (The Bill of Rights) were ratified on December 15, 1791.
  - The Mason-Dixon Line was established in December 1782.
  - On December 18, 1977 - the movie Saturday Night Fever opened in New York, and the soundtrack album sold 25-million copies worldwide.
  - Here is the short list of famous people born on Christmas Day - Sir Issac Newton: 1642, Clara Barton: 1821, Humphrey Bogart: 1899, Anwar el-Sadat: 1918, Little Richard: 1932, Barbara Mandrell: 1948.
  - People always mistake Santa's reindeer 'Donder' and call him 'Donner'.
  - In England the traditional December Christmas Dinner was celebrated by serving a Pig's Head with stone ground mustard sauce.
  - December 17th was known for centuries, as the beginning of the Roman/Pagan Saturnalia Festival held in honor of the God of Agriculture.
  - December 21st marks the beginning of the Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere of the world.
  - December 28th has been celebrated as Childermass, also known as 'The Holy Innocents Day,' which commemorates King Herod's order to kill all the male children under 2, in order to kill the Messiah.

## The Old Coot Is in A Panic

By: Merlin Lessler

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**Y**ou hear it all the time - a horn sends out a series of blasts in a parking lot. You fumble in your pocket for your key ring to make sure it's not your car that's causing the ruckus. When you discover it isn't, a smug grin crosses your face and you look around to snicker at the poor sap who pushed his panic button by mistake. We hear it! We ignore it! It's so common, we never consider that someone may be in trouble and need help. This 'boy' has cried wolf too many times.

The auto-lock panic button is yet another clever invention that has outlived its usefulness. It should be thrown on the junk pile, right on top of the hi-fi turntable, the reel-to-reel tape recorder, the rotary dial phone, the buggy whip. It's time for automakers to remove this nuisance from our lives, to eliminate the red button from auto door lock systems and give customers a can of mace or a stun gun so they'll be safe in parking lots.

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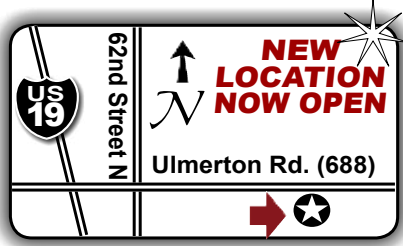
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This creates a true "panic." Several car horns start blasting as people push their panic buttons, thinking they are stopping their car horn from blowing but in fact are adding it to the symphony. More and more instruments join the chorus. No one can figure out what's going on, whose horn is yelling for attention. They run back to their cars to make sure it's not theirs. That's when I push my panic button to silence my horn and go into the store. When my wife comes along and says, "Sorry I took so long; did you get made waiting?" I smile and answer, "Of course not. I had my paper and coffee. And, you know how much I like to people watch. They really put on a show today!"

## **9 Things You Might Not Know About "Peanuts"**

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**O**n October 2, 1950, the four-panel comic strip by 27-year-old Charles M. Schulz made its debut. Known as Peanuts, it eventually became one of the world's most widely read comic strip turning its characters - Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, Peppermint Patty and Schroeder - into American pop culture icons. Get the facts about the famous comic strip Peanuts and its creator.

### **1. Schulz's lifelong ambition was to be a cartoonist.**

A Minnesota-born barber's son, Schulz dreamed of becoming a cartoonist from a young age. He drew constantly and read newspaper comic strips with his dad. When Schulz was 15, he published his first drawing, a picture of his dog, who later served as the inspiration for Snoopy.


### **2. Schulz wasn't a fan of the name Peanuts**

In 1947, one of Schulz's local newspapers, the St. Paul Pioneer, started publishing a weekly comic panel he'd created called "Li'l Folks," which featured the forerunners of the Peanuts characters. In 1950, Schulz sold "Li'l Folks" to the United Feature Syndicate. Due to worries about potential copyright infringement, the syndicate opted to rechristen Schulz's comic strip Peanuts. Even after Peanuts became hugely successful, Schulz said he never liked the name and wanted to call the strip "Good Old Charlie Brown."

### **3. The strip wasn't an instant hit.**

When Peanuts made its October 1950 debut, it was published in seven U.S. newspapers. That first year, the comic strip came in last place in the New York World Telegram's reader

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survey of cartoons; however, a book of Peanuts reprints helped the strip gain a larger audience. Eventually, the strip was syndicated to more than 2,600 newspapers around the globe and read by more than 350 million people in 75 countries. Schulz was also named Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year.

#### **4. Many of the Peanuts characters were inspired by real people and events.**

Snoopy was one of Schulz's earliest Peanuts characters, appearing for the first time on October 4, 1950, two days after the comic strip's debut. Schulz loosely based Snoopy on a black-and-white dog named Spike he had as a teenager. Schulz remembered his mother's suggestion that the family should name their next dog "Snoopy."

After serving in World War II, Schulz worked as an instructor at the Minneapolis correspondence school where he'd taken art classes as a teen. It was there where he befriended Charlie Brown, whose name would later become that of his main character. Also while employed at the school, Schulz became romantically involved with a redhead named Donna Johnson, who worked in the accounting department. She eventually rejected him for another man, leaving Schulz crushed. However, the experience inspired the cartoonist to develop a character called the Little Red-Haired Girl, Charlie Brown's unrequited love.

In 1968, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Schulz introduced his comic strip's first black character, Franklin, whose father was a soldier in the Vietnam War. Another character, a yellow bird called Woodstock, was named for the 1969 landmark music festival.

#### **5. TV execs thought "A Charlie Brown Christmas" would flop.**

Network executives expected the Christmas special to be shown once on TV and then disappear. Instead, when the program premiered on December 9, 1965, it drew a large audience. It later won an Emmy award and became one of the longest-running holiday specials of all time.

#### **6. Snoopy went to space.**

Following the 1967 Apollo I fire disaster, NASA officials contacted Charles Schulz to use Snoopy as their safety mascot. Schulz helped design a pin for the Silver Snoopy award, which was presented to aerospace workers for outstanding contributions toward safer spaceflight operations. Later, during the Apollo 10 mission, NASA dubbed the lunar module "Snoopy" and the command module "Charlie Brown."

#### **7. Schulz was a World War II veteran**

During the war, Schulz was drafted into the Army and assigned to the 20th Armored Infantry Division. Schulz later commemorated Veteran's Day and honored the anniversary of D-Day in Peanuts. He was involved in planning the National D-Day Memorial in Virginia. He once said, "I think any sensible person with a grasp of history would have to admit that D-Day was the most important day of our century."

#### **8. The Peanuts creator died one day before his final Sunday comic strip appeared.**

On February 12, 2000, the 77-year-old cartoonist died at his home in Santa Rosa, California,

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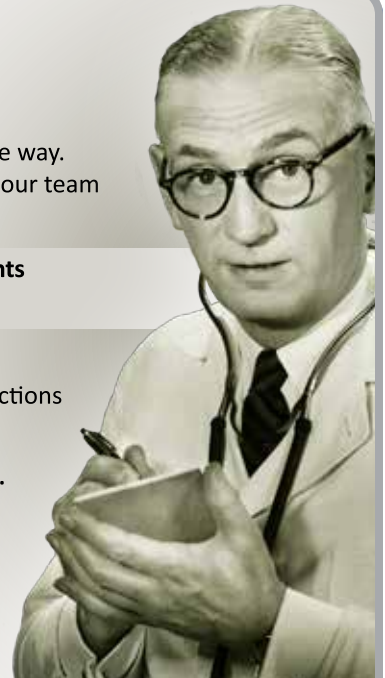
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<p>12:00p Blue Grass Music @ CH 9</p> <p>6:30p Open Door Church</p> <p>7:00 Bid Euchre</p>	<p>9:00a Scrapbooking 10</p> <p>9:30a Bowling</p> <p>10:00a Aquacise</p> <p>1:00p Scrabble @ CH</p> <p>5:00p Poker @ HH</p> <p>5:00p Golden Agers</p>	<p>9:00a Dance 9:30a Shuttle 1:00p Court 7:00p Win</p>
<p>12:00p Blue Grass Music @ CH 16</p> <p>6:30p Open Door Church</p> <p>7:00 Bid Euchre</p>	<p>8:00a Pancake Breakfast 17</p> <p>9:00a Scrapbooking</p> <p>9:30a Bowling</p> <p>10:00a Aquacise</p> <p>1:00p Scrabble @ CH</p> <p>5:00p Poker @ HH</p>	<p>9:30a Shuttle 1:00p Court</p>
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the day before his last Sunday Peanuts strip appeared in newspapers. Schulz had stipulated in his syndicate contract that no one else could take over the comic strip he's drawn for nearly half a century. In all, Schulz produced 17,897 strips: 15,391 daily strips and 2,506 Sunday strips.

### **9. There's a museum devoted to all things Peanuts**

In 2002, the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center opened in Sonoma County, California, where the cartoonist lived and worked for four decades. Among the museum's collection of Peanuts-related artwork, letters and photographs are a recreation of Schulz's work studio and a life-size wrapped Snoopy doghouse by the artist Christo. Numerous other museums, including the Louvre and the Smithsonian, has hosted Peanuts-themed exhibits.

## **11 Phone Battery Myths You Really Have to Stop Believing**

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### **Myth: I shouldn't keep my phone plugged in overnight**

Truth: Smart technology stops your phone battery from charging after it's full. If the battery drops back down to a certain point when it's still plugged in, the phone knows to start charging again, says Sergio Flores, Electronics engineer for Samsung. "This way, even if you are charging your phone overnight, the phone battery is only being charged when it is necessary," he says.

### **Myth: Might as well always leave my phone on efficiency mode**

Truth: Keeping your phone on low-power mode after it's charged won't harm the software, but it might lead to poorer user experience. "Phones are designed to be really flashy and give you an over-the-top experience," says Brad Nichols, a technician with technology repair service company Staymobile. "When you turn them into that efficiency mode, it gets rid of all the redundant things." Low brightness might make the screen hard to see, and you might notice the sound isn't as loud as you like. plus, apps might only check for notifications every ten minutes or so, so you won't get the instant feedback you're used to.


### **Myth: My phone is totally safe in a public charging port**

Truth: Using a public port could put your information at risk. Unlike the typical socket you'd plug your charger into, those cords you see at restaurants and airports create an easy path to transfer data. "People don't realize they're not just a power source," says Eva Velasquez, CEO and president of Identity Theft Resource Center. "It's not like plugging your lamp into the wall. Hackers could potentially access anything in your phone - emails, text, photos, and more. If you need to charge your phone battery in public a lot, a portable charger is a much safer option, says Velasquez.

### **Myth: I need to charge my new phone fully before I use it**

Truth: Your phone already has some juice, and skipping that first charge won't affect its life long-term. The only reason some manufacturers suggest charging it first is to make a good first impression. By the time that new phone reaches your hand, testing and manufacturing have already drained up to half the battery. "If you expect an eight-hour battery and it lasted four hours, that's not the experience the manufacturer wants you to have," says Nichols. "Most of

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the time these recommendations are to make users feel like they are getting the quality of the device they were promised."

**Myth: I should charge my phone until it dies**

It's better to juice up the lithium-ion battery in your phone before it reaches zero. "These kind of batteries tend to 'forget' what their full capacity level is, and so when recharged, they do not recharge to the same level as they were at the beginning," says Flores. Major brands have solved the problem for the most part, but older models might still have that issue, he says.

**Myth: One app can't take up that much energy**

Truth: Just one app could be sucking up a ton of your phone's battery. Sadly, one common culprit is the Facebook app. "A lot of [apps], like the Facebook app, do things in the background, even when you're not running it," says Nichols. The app is constantly checking for messages and status updates, and refreshing your feed in the background, he says. Some Android users have even reported that deleting Facebook apps helped their other apps run 15 percent faster and saved 20 percent of their phones' battery lives. Keep from running to your charger as often by deleting the app and checking Facebook through a web browser on your phone instead, suggests Nichols.

**Myth: Turning my phone off is totally useless**

Truth: Resetting your phone could help conserve battery. Most people don't fully close apps when they're done using them, so those apps are still working in the background. Each one might not use a ton of juice, but the more that are running, the shorter your battery life will be. If you're in the habit of leaving apps up, make a point of turning your phone off at least once a week to close those battery suckers. "Restarting your phone takes two minutes, and you can usually tell the difference," says Nichols. "If you turn your phone off completely, it's processing zero tasks as opposed to 20 tasks every ten minutes." Keeping it off overnight might not be realistic, so try shutting it down before a long meeting or at the movies.

**Myth: I should touch my phone while it's plugged in**

Truth: You can feel free to open apps or take calls while your phone is charging. "Although when you are charging your phone, the power is different from the one you normally use (the battery), the results and performance of the circuitry are always the same," says Flores. One caveat: Open apps use up power while the phone battery is charging, meaning it will take longer to juice up, says Nichols. So if you need a full charge fast, fiddling with your phone will work against you.

**Myth: I should save money with an off-brand charger**

Truth: Knockoff chargers could damage your phone's battery. "Cheaper chargers don't necessarily have the standards in place to fill your phone constantly with the correct voltage," says Nichols. "The fluctuation of voltage can damage the charger port, and even damage your battery." In a pinch, an off-brand cord probably won't do as much damage as a knockoff of the piece that plugs into the wall or car might. But your best bet is to stick with manufacturer-certified products, says Nichols. This is why cold weather kills your phone battery.

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Dr. Shah is a board-certified MD in Internal Medicine and has been in practice for twelve years. He received internal medicine training from New York Medical College and also holds a Master's in public health from the University of South Florida.



Dr. Shah specializes in geriatric care. With his training and experience, he has been very successful in managing and treating high blood pressure, diabetes, back pain, heart problems, respiratory problems, and obesity.

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**Myth: There's no point in hitting "eject"**

Truth: Taking your phone out of your computer without ejecting it could damage your files. "If you were before transferring pictures or data, unplugging it may disrupt that connection too soon," says Nichols. You could end up with corrupted files or keep your phone from backing up completely, he says. But if your phone is plugged in to the wall, you can pull the plug any time.

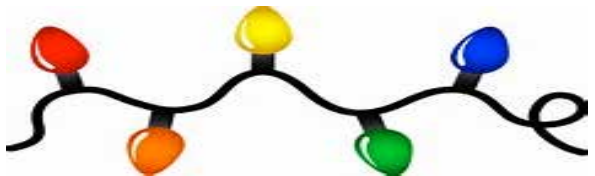
**Myth: Having Wi-Fi searching is killing my battery**

Truth: Searching for WI-Fi does take energy, but not enough to notice. When your phone is set up to hunt for Wi-Fi, it searches for signals from access points and sends out its own signals to let them know it's there. But that doesn't mean you need to turn Wi-Fi off every time you leave the house. "You're talking about very low tasks," says Nichols. "They're not taking up much battery at all."



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The three men looked at each other and then looked at St. Peter and nodded. St. Peter then retrieved a folded piece of paper from a glass fish bowl labeled “Admittance questions for Heaven.”

“Captain,” St. Peter said, “What was the name of the ship that hit an iceberg and sank in April 1912?”

“The Titanic,” the captain replied.

“That is correct,” answered St. Peter as he stepped aside to make a path for the captain. “You may pass through the pearly gates.”

St. Peter looked at the two remaining men and said, “This next question is for the accountant. How much did it cost to build the Titanic?”

“It cost \$7.5 million.”

“Welcome to heaven,” St. Peter said to the accountant as the gates opened.

“Marvin,” said St. Peter. “Are you ready for your question?”

“Yes,” said Marvin. “I was born ready.”

“There were three dogs rescued from the Titanic. A Pekinese and two Pomeranians. What was the name of the Pekinese?”

Marvin blinked. “Seriously? How is that a simple question?”

St. Peter said, “If you were meant to be here, you’d know the answer.”



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After several weeks, the student's curiosity got the better of him. He approached the man and initiated a conversation. Eventually, the student asked the man why he sat by the river all day long.

The man explained that he believed in reincarnation and that his soul had been reborn many times. He said that life was filled with many lessons and that one might be reborn and faced with the same lessons many times before ascending into a different life the next time around.

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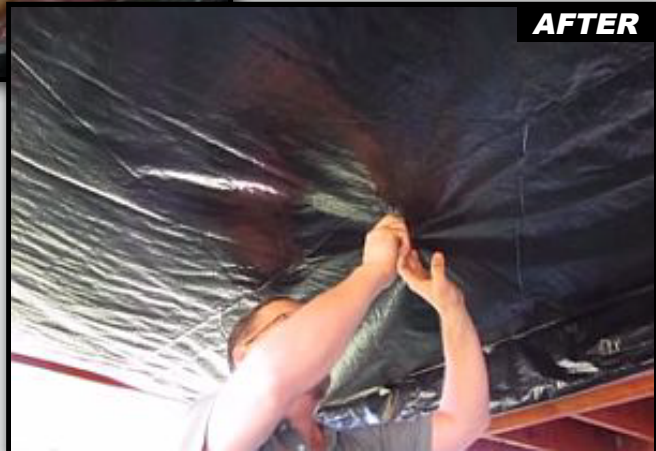
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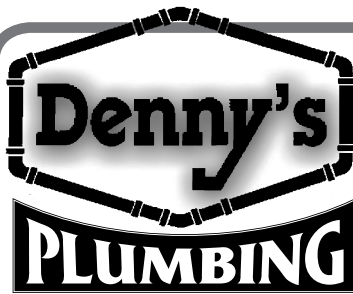
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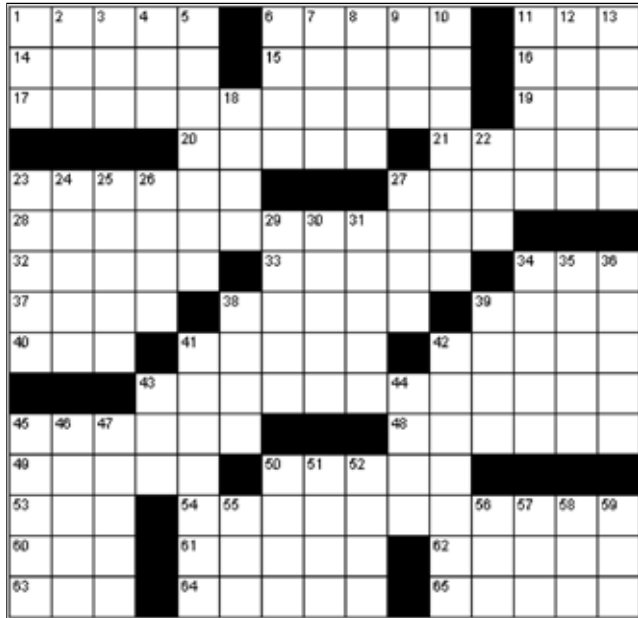
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**ACROSS**

- 1. He told fables
- 6. Hebrew unit of dry measure
- 11. Each and every one
- 14. France's longest river
- 15. Goat-like antelope
- 16. Meadow
- 17. A person who amuses
- 19. Dine
- 20. Boast
- 21. Handbag
- 23. Sheen
- 27. Whirlpool
- 28. Crossroads
- 32. An unbroken period of time
- 33. Fool
- 34. Louse-to-be
- 37. Slant
- 38. Book of fiction
- 39. Windmill blade
- 40. Collection
- 41. Movable fence barriers
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- 43. An irrational belief
- 45. Ancient ascetic
- 48. Terminates
- 49. Colorful parrot
- 50. Fern-to-be
- 53. American Dental Association
- 54. A commemorative date
- 60. Sick
- 61. Tropical vine
- 62. Eagle's nest
- 63. Caustic
- 64. Kick out
- 65. Directs from the front



**DOWN**

- 1. Beer
- 2. Long, long time
- 3. Seat oneself
- 4. Refinable rock
- 5. Deviant
- 6. Jacob's brother
- 7. Ache
- 8. Suggestion
- 9. How old one is
- 10. Whaling weapon
- 11. Warning
- 12. Rent
- 13. Rubber
- 18. Thick bituminous liquids
- 22. Ashes holder
- 23. Enumerates
- 24. Unfasten
- 25. Piling
- 26. Canvas dwelling
- 27. Six-stringed instrument
- 29. Overact
- 30. Don't judge a book by this
- 31. Lock of hair
- 34. Low point
- 35. Metal bar
- 36. Adolescents
- 38. Back of the neck
- 39. Disallow
- 41. Thick plank along the side of a wooden ship
- 42. Not conservative
- 43. Ocean
- 44. Container weight
- 45. Electronic messages
- 46. Unhappily
- 47. Weighing machine
- 50. Break
- 51. A coniferous tree
- 52. Elliptical
- 55. Prohibit
- 56. Behold
- 57. Southern constellation
- 58. Purge
- 59. Not no



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