

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem Of The Month . Friends are like elevator buttons - they can take you up or down.

Easy Banana Split Dessert

1 2/3 cups graham cracker crumbs
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup melted butter
 Combine all ingredients and press onto bottom of an ungreased 13 X 9" pan.
 Bake at 350° for 8 - 10 minutes. Cool.
 Cut 5 Bananas in slices and layer over crust.
 1/2 gal Neopolitan or vanilla ice cream.
 Cut lengthwise into 3/4" slices and cover bananas completely. Freeze till firm.
 Remove 10 min. before serving. May garnish with hot fudge topping if desired.

A six-year-old ran up and down the supermarket aisles shouting frantically, "Marian, Marian!" Finally reunited with his mother, he was chided by her - "You shouldn't call me Marian! I'm your mother. You should call me that." "I know," said the child, "but the store is full of mommies."

Do you know where the expression "wet your whistle" originated? Years ago in English pubs, regular attenders had whistles baked into the rim or handle of their cups. When they needed a refill, they blew the whistle for service. "Wet your whistle" came from this practice.

You can carry a pack if it's strapped to your back,
 You can carry a weight in your hands.
 You can carry a bundle on top of your head
 As they do in other lands.

A load is light if you carry it right
 Though it weighs as much as a boulder.
 But a tiny chip is too heavy to bear
 If you carry it on your shoulder.

Do you have an aching back? Maybe this is why. If a man carries a thick wallet in his back pocket and sits on it for long periods, it could be pressing on nerves that cause back pain. Likewise, if a woman carries a heavy purse on her shoulders, it can twist her body causing a similar kind of pain. Try doing without these problems for several days and see if your back feels better. (Reader's Digest)

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

The Perfect Hug

Last week while spending quality time (today's buzz for baby-sitting) with my three year old granddaughter, she shyly revealed to me that I was very special to her as I possessed the perfect hug. Of course, I was overcome with pride. How so? I asked with bated breath, eagerly waiting to hear what it could possibly be that placed me above the rest of the family in this unique category. She pressed her small head against my cheek as we sat together on the big, blue chair watching one of those mind numbing children's TV shows. She was resting in the crook of my arm dressed in her teddy bear pyjamas, as cosy as a little bird. She smiled one of those smiles that make all grandmas smile back, and gave me the million dollar answer; "I like your hugs best, Grandma," she whispered confidentially, "because you are so soft and squishy."

Submitted by Alice Miller

Exit Line - One of Grandpa's country wisdom: It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

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