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"Would you like to take it for a test mow?"

More smiles

By Sue Klemetsrud



Here are a few more jokes from buzzfeed.com. Hope you are having a great week. Enjoy!

-- A man always smokes two cigarettes at the same time, so eventually one of his friends asks, "What's with the two cigarettes?" The man replies, "My brother is in prison and he told me to smoke a cigarette for him every time I smoke one for myself." Sometime later, his friend sees the man smoking one cigarette instead of two. Surprised, the friend asks, "Has your brother been freed from prison?" The man replies, "No, I just quit smoking." —ArinKamaran

-- A 60-year-old millionaire got married to a 20-year-old model. When his friends asked him how he did it, he said: "I lied about my age." They then asked: "Ah, so you said you were 40?" He answered: "No, I said I was 90." —WINNER nr 1

-- A woman ho \overline{l} ding her little baby gets onto a bus. The driver says, "Wow, that's an ugly baby!" The woman is outraged, but says nothing. As she walks back to an open seat another passenger sees that she is upset and asks why. She says, "That bus driver was so rude and insulting!" The passenger says, "Why, you just go right back and give the driver a piece of your mind! Here, I'll hold your monkey." —Mark

-- A man walks into the therapist's office and says, "I think I might be a dog." The therapist offers him a seat and the man responds, "Oh, I'm not allowed on the furniture." —leslie12345

-- A truck driver is starving and stops at a biker bar. He orders a beer and some food. Right after he's served, a biker gang enters the bar, eager for a fight. One walks up to the trucker and slaps his hat off. The trucker takes a sip of beer. Another biker swats his food off the table. The trucker takes another sip of beer. So a third biker grabs the beer and pours it over the trucker's head. The trucker gets up, pays the bill and leaves.

The biker leader shrugs and says, "That trucker sure wasn't much of a fighter." The bartender says, "He's not much of a driver either. He just drove over all your bikes!"—aditson

-- My wife called out to me from the other room: "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your chest...like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?" I said, "No?!" She said: "...How about now?" —Bill Weaver

-- A man lost one of his arms in an accident. One day, he felt terribly depressed and decided to end his life. He went to the top of a building to jump off, and was standing on the ledge looking down when he saw this man skipping along, whistling and kicking up his heels. He looked closer and saw this man didn't have any arms at all. He started thinking, what am I doing up here feeling sorry for myself? I still have one good arm to do things with. There goes a man with no arms skipping down the sidewalk, happy and going on with his life. He hurried down to the street and caught up to the man with no arms. The man continued dancing and kicking up his heels. Finally, the onearmed man asked, "Why are you so happy anyway?" He replied, 'I'm <u>not</u> happy...my butt itches.' —Charu R., Quora

-- Two old ladies are sitting on a bus stop, smoking. It begins to rain, and one old lady pulls out a condom, stretches it out, snips the tip off and puts it over her cigarette so she can smoke without her cigarette getting damp. The other old lady thinks that it is a nifty trick and makes a note to pick one up when she gets her prescription filled later that week.

A few days later, she enters the pharmacy, goes up to the young man working the counter, and says, "Young man, I would like to buy a condom, please."

The young man is taken aback by her advanced age and replies, "Wow. Good for you! No one has ever asked me for help with that before. Um...what size do you need?" The old woman pauses, then replies, "I need one that will fit a camel." —Mario

North Dakota newspapers thankful for legislative votes

BY CECILE WEHRMAN Executive Director,

ND Newspaper Association On the whole, North Dakota legislators understand the importance of newspapers, and their actions during the 2025 legislative session show it.

Legislators protected the publication of county minutes in newspapers, voting down a bill that would have given the option to post them only on county websites; voted to keep highway bid notices in newspapers rather than only posting them on trade or government agency websites; restored the historic practice of spreading publication of insurance abstracts across all newspapers in the state instead of just eight; passed a postal resolution asking for better delivery service for newspapers and consumers alike; and on Wednesday [April 16] passed a bill that gives legal weight to www.ndpublicnotices.com, a website maintained by the ND

Newspaper Association. SB 2069 was the first bill I testified on back on January 9, and the last of the five bills passed among those we were most concerned about. The bill provides two backstops for legal notices in the rare instance a newspaper fails to publish a notice, counting a notice at ndpublicnotices.com, as well as a notice on a state agency website, as fulfilling legal notice -- while leaving requirements for publication of print notices in place.

Because I wrote on this topic earlier in the session, it's important to let people know what is NOT happening.

The state will NOT be developing a public notice website capable of cutting newspapers out of public notice placements at some future point. It was, however, a discussion among some legislators who saw this bill as a way to take a step toward eliminating the costs of publishing notices in newspapers.

When you know there are people in government who feel notices in newspapers have no value, it can seem like your house is on fire.

But the votes on some of the bills I mentioned above show that, by and large, legislators support upholding newspapers as the vehicle for delivering public notices.

Just look at some of these tallies: HB 1380, the county minutes on the web bill, failed in the House 80-13; HB 1398, the House 86-6; and SB 2069.



Cecile Wehrman

though it had a closer vote in the Senate -- possibly due to some confusion since we opposed it originally -- passed in the House 72-17; SB 2062, taking highway bids out of newspapers, failed

That feels, to me, like an incredible showing of support for the importance of public notices in newspapers.

Now, 73 privately owned businesses operating newspapers can breathe a sigh of relief, along with voters.

We know citizens give overwhelming support to the concept of a trusted third party like newspapers having oversight of public notices.

SB 2069 as passed will now solve the issue of a public hearing needing to be rescheduled because one out of a dozen or more papers required to publish it had a miss.

I wish I could say newspapers are perfect, but every business occasionally has a hiccup due to illness, death, employee turnover -- heck, even a cyber attack -- which can cause highly consequential notices to be missed. You'll still never convince me

that a website alone is where public notices should be placed, because the mechanism for people to see them is much different than for people sitting down with a newspaper delivering news about their community along with notices about the government actions that may impact them.

However, in the end, SB 2069 is a good compromise -providing an alternate avenue for people to learn of a pending hearing when unforeseen disruptions impact newspapers, while leaving alone the printed restoring the historical abstract newspapers' supremacy as the publication process, passed in trusted place to access public notices in North Dakota.

Asparagus soup is easy, creamy spring goodness

For a soup that smells as divine as it tastes, warm up your home with the fresh scents and flavors of creamy asparagus soup. Pair with chicken salad croissants for a simple weeknight meal without the hassle, then visit Culinary.net to discover more spring soup

Creamy Asparagus Soup Courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy' Servings: 4-6

- 2 asparagus bundles
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon onion powder 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 3 cups broth of choice, divided



- 1 cup Parmesan cheese 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- Salt, to taste

serving Chop asparagus into bite-

asparagus gets tender. Transfer to blender with

1 cup broth and blend until smooth. Transfer back to pot and, over medium heat, mix in cream cheese, remaining broth and Parmesan cheese. Add celery salt and Italian seasoning. Cook while stirring, blending seasonings in well, then add heavy cream. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve with chicken salad croissants.

- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

- Pepper, to taste Chicken salad croissants, for

size pieces. In large pot, place asparagus, butter, onion powder, garlic powder and 1 cup broth. Cook over medium heat until

-- Family Features

A springtime twist on classic chicken soup

Chasing away those final cool days in the spring can be done in a cinch: just turn classic chicken noodle soup into a fresh, lemony meal. This lemon chicken orzo soup calls to mind those classic brothy soups from when you were a kid, but with a flavorful spring twist. Serve with fresh cucumber sandwiches for a veggie-forward meal and find more soup inspiration at Culinary.net. Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup

Courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy' Servings: 4-6

- 2 carrots
- 2 celery stalks
- 3 tablespoons butter 2 cups cooked, chopped chick-
- - 1/3 cup lemon juice 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
 - 6 cups broth
 - 1 cup orzo 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 - 1 tablespoon onion powder 1 tablespoon thyme 1 tablespoon sugar

1 cup heavy cream

Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste Cucumber sandwiches, for serving

pot, sauté with butter. In bowl, mix chicken with lemon juice and lemon pepper, then set aside.

Chop carrots and celery. In

After carrots and celery are tender, add broth and orzo to pot. Then add garlic powder, onion powder, thyme and sugar. Simmer 10 minutes then add chicken and cream; simmer about 5 minutes. Add salt and

pepper, to taste. Serve with

cucumber sandwiches. --Family Features

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