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The Smart and Not-So-Smart Phone

Contributed by Mabel Sutton

In the age of smartphones, where everything is at our fingertips with a simple tap or swipe, it's easy to forget the charm and elegance of rotary phones. These vintage devices, with their intricate dialing process and limited features, required a level of patience and thoughtfulness that is sorely lacking in today's fast-paced world. Let's take a moment to appreciate the simplicity and nostalgia of a bygone era when every phone call was a deliberate and thoughtful act.

The tactile experience of spinning the dial on a rotary phone added a touch of ceremony to make a call, but it also opened the door to potential errors and annoyances. Part of the charm of the experience was patiently waiting for each number to gracefully reappear before dialing the next one. It added a touch of suspense and anticipation to the process, making each call feel like a mini adventure. I also have a vivid memory of my mother, being the epitome of elegance and grace, using a pen to dial her phone instead of her perfectly manicured nails. Priorities, right? Having to wait for a dial tone before making a call was not just a waste of time, but also a major headache for those in need of urgent communication. Party lines were a hot mess back in the day, causing major privacy concerns and the constant fear of someone eavesdropping on your juicy phone conversations. Imagine sharing a single phone line with multiple households – talk about a recipe for disaster!

On the other hand, smartphones offer a plethora of handy features such as apps, internet access, social media integration, high-quality cameras, and lightning-fast communication through text and video. With their sleek touchscreens and speedy connections, it's no wonder that rotary phones have become relics of the past. While some people may miss the tactile feel of rotary phones, smartphones have revolutionized communication in today's digital age.

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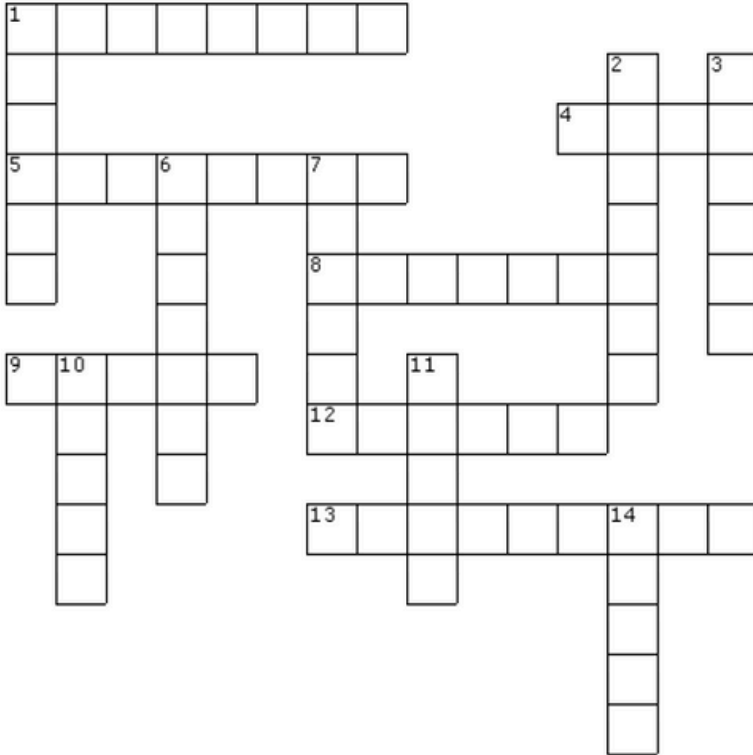
Question: What was the first feature-length animated movie ever released?

Answer: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

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FAMOUS QUOTES



ACROSS

- 1 Let the little ___ come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God
- 4 It is more blessed to ___ than to receive
- 5 The Lord is my ___, I shall not want
- 8 ___ ___ is a lamp unto my feet
- 9 For God so ___ the world that he gave his one and only Son
- 12 Enter by the ___ gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction
- 13 He hath made every thing ___ in his time

DOWN

- 1 Many are called, but few are ___
- 2 Seek ye first the ___ of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
- 3 To everything there is a ___, and a time to every purpose under the heaven
- 6 Love is ___, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud
- 7 For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou ___
- 10 I am alpha and ___, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord
- 11 Man shall not live by ___ alone
- 14 The spirit indeed is willing, but the ___ is weak



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Divide noodle mixture among 4 shallow bowls. Top evenly with salad kit contents and cucumber. Serve immediately.

Simple Asian Noodle Bowl

INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 cup frozen shelled edamame
- 1/2 cup sesame or peanut flavored bottled Asian sauce, such as P.F. Chang's® Sesame Sauce or House of Tsang® Bangkok Peanut Sauce
- 1 (13 ounce) Asian salad kit, such as Taylor Farms® Asian Chopped Salad Kit
- 1 cup chopped cucumber





That Whiff of BBQ Aroma

by Cherie Britton

If you've ever found yourself stuck in traffic on the corner of Baldwin and Cottonwood Streets in Jenison, you've undoubtedly been seduced by the tantalizing scent of freshly grilled BBQ. Like a culinary siren, the aroma beckons you to Dickey's BBQ Pit. Unfortunately, we arrived a tad too early and some menu items weren't available yet, despite it being high noon. We expected a lunchtime feast, but had to settle for a slightly delayed gratification.

Opting for the pork brisket, as it was the source of the mouthwatering scent that led us there, we were not disappointed. The pork practically melted in our mouths, no sauce necessary. However, the condiments counter offered original, sweet, and spicy sauces that were equally delightful.

Our side of choice was the mac and cheese, a healthier version that left me craving a goier, more sinful rendition. But hey, to each their own when it comes to mac and cheese preferences, right?

Being a slow eater, I had my leftovers packed up, only to find that reheating them later left them a bit lackluster. Lesson learned: eat faster, or risk losing that juicy goodness.

So, next time you catch a whiff of that irresistible BBQ aroma wafting from Baldwin Street, don't fight it. Embrace it. You won't regret it. I'm already planning my return visit to try their wings, my initial craving.



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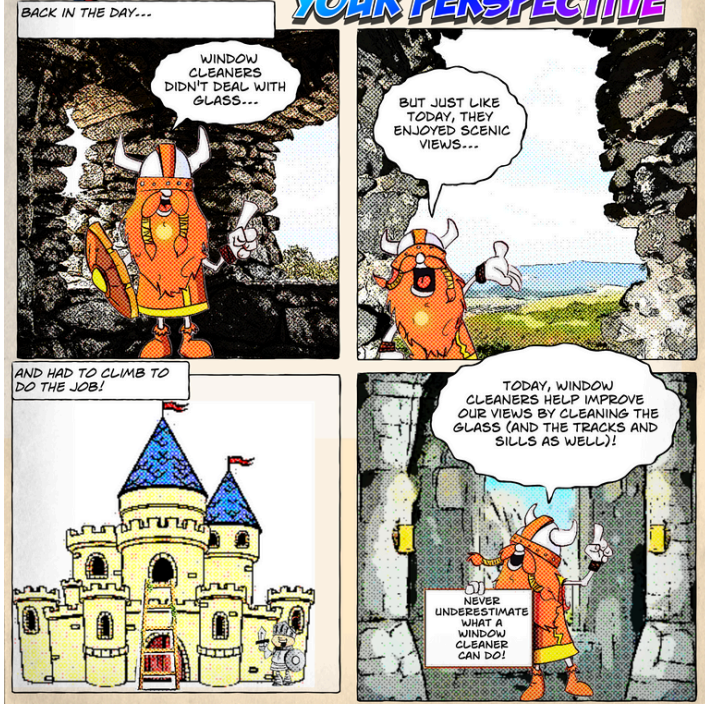
QUIZ TIME

What did the Knave of Hearts do to the Queen of Hearts' tarts in the nursery rhyme?



- A. Smelled them
- B. Helped bake them
- C. Stole them
- D. Ate them

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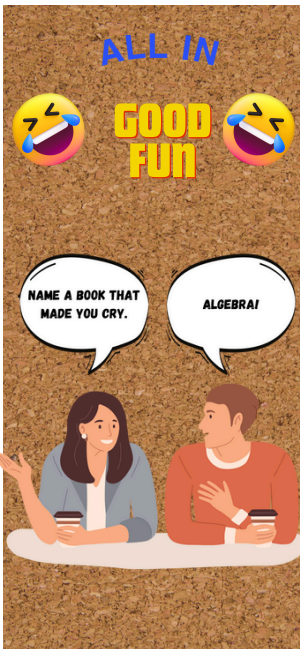


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