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Are you familiar with **PROJECT HOPE**? **HOPE** stands for **Helping Our Precious Elderly**. The program is sponsored by the Richland County Sheriff's Dept. and serves more than 600 residents of Richland County. All the coordinators are retired law enforcement officers.

If you would like, you can ask to receive a phone call each morning at a time you request to see if you are okay. If there is no answer, a second call will be placed a short time later. If there is still no answer, they will call a designated family member or friend, and if there is a problem, the coordinator will be able to help.

Also, these dedicated workers can also visit senior and/or disabled citizens each month, conducting safety checks such as putting in smoke detectors or replacing smoke detector batteries. They work with citizens to make their homes safer and can also help by finding rides or specialized counseling if needed. They also explain how to avoid being the victim of a telephone scam or flimflam operation.

If you or a family member or friend can benefit from **PROJECT HOPE**, you can call Tom Amaro at 803 576-3183 or Pege (pronounced Peggy) Gay at 803 576-1411.



"Where there is darkness, truth shines the brightest light."

Slogan of the Times-Picayune Newspaper  
New Orleans, Louisiana

"Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do. "  
Voltaire

Father to 10-year-old son: "Tell you what...I'll explain the birds and bees to you, if you explain tweeting to me."

I finally finished a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle. It said, "TRY GOING OUTSIDE".

A tip jar in a local coffee shop had a sign that said, "Afraid of change? Leave it here."



## TINY TALES

**Please email us an original story of approximately 100 words. It just might appear in one of our newsletters!**

### THE GREATEST CAT WHO HAS EVER BEEN!

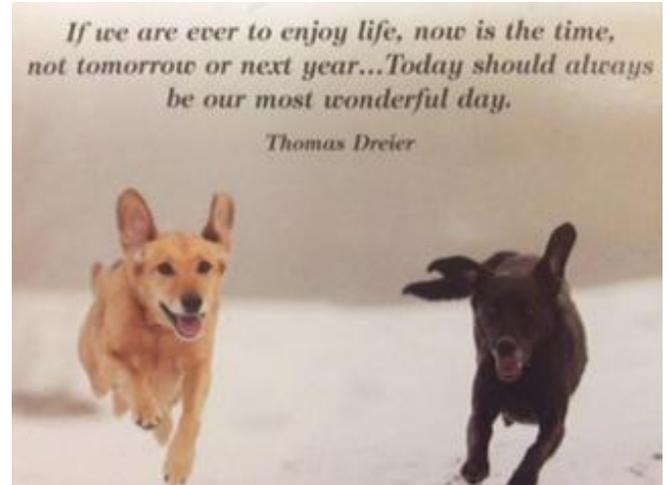
Pepper was with me constantly. If I did yard work he stayed beside me; he even slept on my chest. He could do whatever he wanted for it was he who cured me of my cat allergies. Pepper came out of the swamp behind our house and camped out under my bird feeders. I tried running him off by squirting him with water, but he wouldn't leave. I tried finding a home for him but no one would take him. I finally found his former owner who lived on the other side of town. At that time he had been gone six years! When she picked him up to take him to her car, he clawed her all the way. Two weeks later he was back! Pepper passed gently into the night a few weeks ago. I am eternally grateful that he wouldn't leave and also grateful to those who wouldn't take him. He became my boy and "My Boy" will be sorely missed.

Thanks to Jim Kelly

### TWILIGHT ZONE REVISITED

Back in the seventies I taught at the Army Education Center at Fort Jackson. I loved my job since I not only had the opportunity to help our service men and women, I got to meet folks from all over our country. Sometimes I thought I learned more from them than they learned from me! One day as I interviewed a new student, he said, "You're a Libra, aren't you?" I was quite surprised since my birthday was the last day of Libra on the zodiac chart. He proved to be a conscientious learner and I enjoyed working with him. Several weeks later, as we were going over pronouns, he said, "Your birthday is Oct. 23, isn't it?" I was awestruck; he was right! I said, "How did you know?" He smiled and said, "Because my birthday is Oct. 23!"

Eunice Sabo



### A TRUE STORY

A friend's brother in Florida wanted to dispose of an old recliner so he put it out by the curb. The trash folks wouldn't take it so he came up with an idea. He put it in the middle of his yard with a sign saying:

FOR SALE - \$75

In the morning it was gone! Does this say something about human nature?





## LET'S SMILE A WHILE



I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation, "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

Don't irritate old people. The older we get the less "life in prison" is a deterrent.

Have you ever listened to someone for a minute and thought, "Their cornbread ain't done in the middle."

Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors.

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

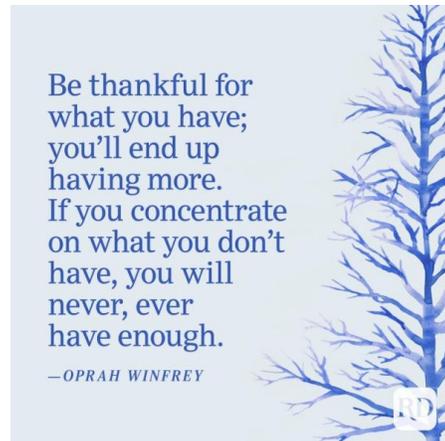
It turns out that being an adult is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I miss the 90's, when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of...it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I thought getting old would take longer.



Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.

Me: Sobbing my heart out, "I can't see you anymore... I'm not going to let you hurt me again." Trainer: "It was one sit-up. You did one sit-up."

I picked up a hitchhiker. He asked if I wasn't afraid he might be a serial killer. I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.

I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety test... same skills required.

I named my dog Six Miles since I can tell everyone I walk Six Miles every day!

I received a call from a telemarketer asking to speak to my husband. "Unfortunately, that's impossible," I told him. "He's in heaven." "In that case," he said, "what's the best time to reach him?"