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On The Other Side

There was an elderly man who loved his garden and spent many hours growing the most beautiful flowers on the entire street. One day while looking at new plants online, he came across a different sort of flowering shrub that he had never seen before. The flowers were exquisite. "I have to have it," he said to himself, and immediately ordered the plant.

When it arrived, he had a place prepared to put it at the base of a wood fence that separated him from his neighbor. He thought it would do nicely to block gaps in the fence.



Over the next weeks, it grew vigorously, with thick green leaves all over it, but there were no blooms. Day after day he continued to cultivate it, water it, feed it, but to no avail.

One day as he stood before the vine, he decided he would tear it out and plant something else there that would produce flowers. He went to the garden center to select a new plant.

While he was there, a young woman approached and said, "Aren't you Mr. Jones from Denning Street?"

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"Do I know you?" he asked.

"Not me, but my mother lives next door to you, and I have seen you around. I wanted to thank you. You have made her so happy with those wonderful flowers along the fence. She's too ill to work in her own garden, but you have made it beautiful for her."

When he went home that day, he got a box and stood on it so that he could see over the fence. Sure enough, the shrub he had planted had grown through the fence gaps, and on the other side it was rife with gorgeous flowers.

The moral of this story is that good work bears fruit, even if we can't always see it directly.

~ Purvi Shah

More Of Us Living To 100

It's starting to get crowded in the 100-year-olds' club.

Once nearly nonexistent, the world's population of centenarians is projected to reach nearly 6 million by midcentury. Here are the startling facts:



- 340K The number of people worldwide who are 100 or older today.
- **6M** The estimated number of people who will be 100 or older **in 2050**.
- 233% The estimated growth of the world's population 80 and older, by 2040.

The number of centenarians has already jumped from an estimated few thousand in 1950 to more than 340,000 worldwide today, with the highest concentrations in the United States and Japan, according to the latest Census Bureau figures and

a report being released by the National Institute on Aging.

Demographers attribute this boom to decades of medical advances and improved diets, which have reduced heart disease and stroke. Genetics and lifestyle also play a factor. So,

November Quiz Question

Q: A flock of crows is called a murder. What is a flock of ravens called?

Everyone who texts, emails or calls in the correct answer by the last day of this month will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate to

October Quiz Question

Q: What is the famous painting, La Gioconda, more commonly called?

A: The Mona Lisa.

too, do doctors who are more willing to aggressively treat the health problems of people once considered too old for such care.

Japan, known for its low-fat staple of fish and rice, will have the most centenarians in 2050-627,000, or nearly 1 percent of its total population, according to census estimates. In the United States, centenarians are expected to increase from 75,000 to more than 600,000 by midcentury.

Which Lesson Learned?

Johnny was being quizzed by the teacher during an arithmetic lesson.

"If you had ten dollars," said the teacher, "and I asked you for a loan of eight dollars, how much would you have left?"

"Ten," Johnny answered firmly.

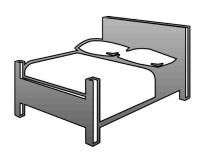
"Ten?" she said. "How do you still have ten if you've loaned me eight?"

Johnny replied, "My daddy says I shouldn't loan money or borrow it. So you can ask for ten, but I would say no. So I would still have ten.

Sleep-Inducing Colors

Can the color of your bedroom help you sleep?

According to the Hotel booking site Travelodge, the answer is yes. Travelodge studied 2,000 British homes and found that those who slept in a blue bedroom got an average of 7 hours and 52 minutes of sleep every night. The study authors think this is because blue is associated with being calm, and helps reduce blood pressure and heart rate.



Shades of yellow were the second best, clocking in 7 hours and 40 minutes of sleep for inhabitants, closely followed by green (7 hours and 36 minutes), silver (7 hours and 33 minutes) and orange (7 hours and 28 minutes).

The worst colors were purple (5 hours and 56 minutes), brown (6 hours and 5 minutes) and grey (6 hours and 12 minutes).

The study also had a few other interesting findings:

- Of those with a blue bedroom, 58% reported they regularly wake up feeling happy.
- Of those with a green bedroom, 22% reported they regularly wake up feeling upbeat and positive.
- Of those with silver decor in their bedroom, 21% reported they are more motivated to exercise in their bedroom.

Getting a Home Ready to Sell...

Dear Friends,

Here's a quick note to let you know how I can help you—or anyone you feel comfortable introducing me to.

A key factor in attracting (or repelling) homebuyers is the cleanliness and orderliness of a home. While buyers are sympathetic toward sellers who must live in a home while selling it, most buyers can't see past the normal clutter of a lived-in home.

Buyers view dozens of homes in a row. When they walk into a home, they're instantly comparing it to sparkling clean, well-staged homes they've just seen. If a home is even slightly cluttered with toys, books, furniture and refrigerator magnets, buyers can be turned off, simply by comparison. The solution? Work with me to spot the areas of potential problem. I'll help you figure out where to put your energy for the highest impact. Then start packing. Move 70% of your stuff out to a storage unit, and clean, clean, clean.

If you or someone you care about wants to get advice about preparing their house to sell, please contact me at 858-603-8225 or Purvi02shah@gmail.com. Ask for a copy of my report, *Five Deadly Mistakes Home Sellers Make*.

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P.S. Who do you know who's thinking about selling their home? Please introduce us so that I can make suggestions for how to get their house ready.

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