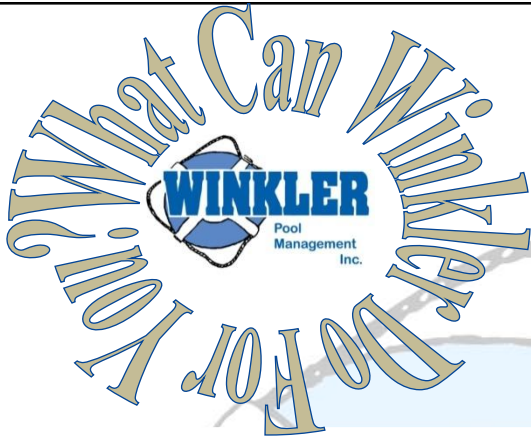


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The countdown begins  
only one more month  
to go! "Come  
Monday"

## Short Quotes

Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer. The Nobel. Oscars. Tonys. Emmys. But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back. A kiss behind the ear. A four-pound bass. A full moon. An empty parking space. A crackling fire. A great meal. A glorious sunset. Hot soup. Cold beer. Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights. There are plenty for all of us.

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One furnace melts all hearts – love;  
One Balm soothes all pain – patience;  
One medicine cures all ills – time;  
One light illuminates all darkness – hope.

-IVAN PANIN

We often consider that joy is essential. I don't know of any other culture so bent on pleasure. We are lost in the pursuit of pleasure so much that we forget there are other things.... Joy is a great teacher, but so is despair. Hope is a great teacher, but so is disillusionment... to deny yourself any of these is not experiencing life totally.

-DR. LEO BUSCAGLIA  
U.S. educator and author

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# Milky Way Ice Cream

A perfect treat for the summer heat



## What you'll need!

4 ounces Milky Way candy bars, chopped

1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk

1 cup whole milk

1 cup half-and-half

1/2 cup chocolate syrup (optional)



## Directions

Melt the candy bars and condensed milk in a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water, stirring, until smooth (do not let the bowl touch the water). Remove the bowl from the saucepan and whisk in the milk, half-and-half and chocolate syrup. Refrigerate until cold, at least 2 hours.

Churn the mixture in an ice cream maker. Transfer to an airtight container and freeze until firm, at least 2 hours.

**After passing the bar exam, a man opened his own law office. He was sitting at his desk when his secretary announced that a Mr. Jones had arrived to see him.**

**"Show him right in!" the lawyer replied.**

**As Mr. Jones was being ushered in, the lawyer wanted to look busy. He quickly picked up the phone and shouts into it " ...and you tell them that we won't accept less than fifty thousand dollars, and don't even call me until you agree to that amount!"**

**Slamming down the phone, he stood up and said, "Good Morning, Mr. Jones, what can I do for you?"**

**"I'm from the phone company," Mr. Jones replied, "I'm here to connect your phone."**

# *A Loser's Story*

The late Earle Nightingale, writer and publisher of inspirational and motivational newsletters, once told a story about a boy named Sparky. For Sparky, school was all but impossible. He failed every subject in the eighth grade. He flunked physics in high school, getting a grade of zero. Sparky also flunked Latin, algebra, and English. He didn't do much better in sports. Although he did manage to make the school's golf team, he promptly lost the only important match of the season. There was a consolation match; he lost that too.

Through out his youth Sparky was awkward socially. He was not actually disliked by the other students; no one cared that much. He was astonished if a classmate ever said hello to him outside of school hours. There's no way to tell him he might have done at date. Sparky never once asked a girl to go out in high school. He was too afraid of being turned down.

Sparky was a loser. He, his classmates... everyone knew it. So he rolled with it. Sparky had made up his mind early in life that if things were meant to work out, they would. Otherwise he would content himself with what appeared to be his inevitable mediocrity.

However, one thing was important to Sparky - drawing. He was proud of his artwork. Of course, no one else appreciated it. In his senior year of high school, he submitted some cartoons to the editors of the yearbook. The cartoons were turned down. Despite this particular rejection, Sparky was so convinced of his ability that he decided to become a professional artist.

After completing high school, he wrote a letter to Walt Disney Studios. He was told to send some samples of his artwork, and the subject for a cartoon was suggested. Sparky drew the proposed cartoon. He spent a great deal of time on it and on all the other drawings he submitted. Finally, the reply came from Disney Studios. He had been rejected one again. Another loss for the loser.

So Sparky decided to write his own autobiography in cartoons. He described his childhood self- a little boy loser and chronic underachiever. The cartoon character would soon become famous worldwide. For Sparky, the who had such lack of success in school and whose work was rejected again and again was Charles Schulz. He created the "Peanuts" comic strip and the little cartoon character whose kite would never fly and who never succeeded in kicking a football – Charlie Brown.

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## Can you match these August Birthdays?

Tom Brady	August 19, 1946
Barack Obama	August 25, 1987
Hulk Hogan	August 15, 1979
Halle Berry	August 30, 1972
Ben Affleck	August 3, 1977
Madonna	August 14, 1966
Robert DeNiro	August 28, 1965
Bill Clinton	August 11, 1953
Cameron Diaz	August 17, 1943
Shania Twain	August 16, 1958
Blake Lively	August 4, 1961

## Fun Thought

If the metric system of measurement is adopted by the United States, Perhaps some of our favorite sayings will have to be changed:

Peter Piper picked 8.81 liters of pickled peppers.

It hit me like 907 kilograms of bricks.

A miss is as good as 1.609 kilometers

A decigram of salt.

Beat him within 2.54 centimeters of his life.

All wool and 91.4 centimeters wide.

Give them 2.54 centimeters and they'll take 1.609 kilometers

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**Answers:** Tom Brady- aug 3, 1977 Barack Obama- aug 4, 1961  
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