MEAN SIDEWALKS

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• REBUSSES (answers below):
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• ASTRAY THOUGHTS
All Chinese cook alike.
One swallow does not a supper make.
Did you ever notice than an R angle (90°) is actually an L angle? Unless it faces Left. Right?
Old people who play golf hope to cut down on strokes.
If Time and Tide wait for no man, they must be a couple of liberated women.
Tattoos have revived the old branding iron principle worldwide.
If your name is CLINT, be sure to spell it with the L and I clearly separated.
If you think up something funny while in the hospital does that make it a sick joke?
  99% of people believe half the world is stupid.
  Half the world believe 99% of people are stupid.
Doctors have finally cracked the Hippocratic Code.
Right wingers are very conscientious. They avoid artificial conservatives. (Often unsuccessfully.)
When they say 'ad break free' that means they don’t charge you for the ad breaks.
(The ad world becoming the real world is the great horror of the 20th century!)
Here's an update of an old DuPont ad slogan:
“Better things for better dyeing thru chemistry!”
[ note added to second edition:]
(DuPont added that e after I sent this article in!)
Being agreeable disagrees with contrarians.
The German word for weather is wetter!
Always the pessimists, eh? (Or optimists?)
Do kids produce twice as much urine as adults? —— pee pee pee
Birds of a feather lack pluck.
The only thing that matters is the Higgs boson, physicists tell us. Yet out of the other side of their mouths they tell us that ‘nothing matters’, that the Universe arose out of a void.

If a hole can be said to exist then nothing exists!

Does the phrase ‘a number of’ imply that one (1) is not a number? I’ve often thought it might be a fake number. It doesn’t count.

Police are always on the lookout for vandals and goths, if you see any.

Have they looked for UFO landings in central Eurasia? That’s where I would expect the centre of world government to be if I were an alien, which I’ve been accused of.

• ECHO OF A THORPE GEM FROM THE NET

Irony is the opposite Wrinkly.

Our editor rightly disapproves of putting i-net items in WW, but this one is justified by being very Word Ways-like and by reverberating with another WW classic, Susan Thorpe’s chemical joke,

Irony = Fey.

(Fe is the symbol for iron.)

The new(?), anonymous one from the net turns from the chemical lab to the laundry room for an ANTONYM/SYNONYM DOUBLE with two direct double meanings:

Opposites yes, ironing negates wrinkles, yet ironic and wrinkle are also ca. synonyms indicating a twist or crease. It would be even more logologically elegant if wrinkle could be spelt wrinkley, but history is against us, the rats! That’s simply intolerably cruel.

> REBUS ANSWERS:
1. mild alarm
2. Big Mac logo

• AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL CONFESSIONS

I’m a Reformed Protestant. I got over it.

I’m still treading water frantically as I try to swim down the time stream.

I wish to remain anomalous.

When I fast the day goes really slow.
When I was a toddler I had a babysitter named Betty Bigh, I seem to recall
Dad took me to the Elks Club (BPOE) when I came of age. It was frightening. All those antlers!
Yes, Father was an Elk. (Mother was a Dear.)
As I get older my supply of inhibitors is running low—so watch out!
I have strange genes, but I wear them well.
I won’t be worried if I get lost in the woods. A wild turkey will find me.
I’m thinking of starting a new religion just for kids. I’ll call it Little Faith.

* SHOCKING BIOGRAPHICAL SHORTS

**The Beatles** were hit men!

**Beethoven** had no ear for music.

**Caballeros** are gay!

**Caesar** et one tu many **Brutus**.

**Dali** wasn’t real! (More fake news.)

**Da Vinci** was actually at the Last Supper. He has a picture to prove it.

**Lady Godiva** rode bareback.

There was a ceiling to **Michelangelo**’s achievements. Yet he got high on his work.

**Milton** lost his sight and became enlightened.

**Napoleon**’s belly itch wasn’t shingles but ambition. ———

**Darwin** and **Wallace** were naturally selective thinkers.

**Karl Marx** wasn’t as funny as **Groucho**. (To most people.)

**Freud** had sexual hangups. This gave him good insights.

**Herbert** and **J. Edgar Hoover** were suckers who sold vacuums.

**Truman** bombed as a President. So did **Kennedy, Johnson** and **Nixon**, but not as big time.

**Billy Graham** wondered why his prophesied end of the world hadn’t occurred, then it came to him.

**Donald Trump** wants to stamp out US poverty—and its owners.

* TRIPLE RESONANCE

**metal mettle medal**

These three homophones have three different meanings yet all are related etymologically. Unique?