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A man writing at the post office desk was approached by an older fellow with a postcard in his hand.

The old man said, "Sir, I'm sorry to bother you but could you address this postcard for me? My arthritis is acting up and I can't even hold a pen." "Certainly, sir," said the younger man. He wrote out the address and also agreed to write a short message and sign the card for the man. Finally, the younger man asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?" The old fellow glanced at the card a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you just add, 'PS: Please excuse the sloppy hand-writing.'?"

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It's the Hat

A Policeman stops a speeding car and tells the woman driver, "When I saw you driving down the road, I thought to myself, 'sixty-five at least.'"

"SIXTY-FIVE!" shrieked the woman. "I don't think that is quite fair. I think this hat makes me look older."

Holding On!

A son asked his father how old he was.

He answered, "39 and holding."

The son thought for a moment and then asked, "But how old would you be if you let go?"

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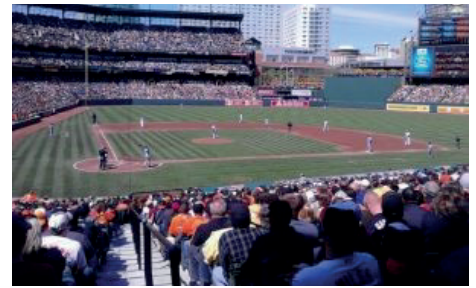
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Sitting behind a couple of nuns at a baseball game (with their habits partially blocking the view), three men decided to badger the nuns in an effort to get them to move. In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Utah, there are only 100 nuns living there." The second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Montana, there are only 50 nuns living there. The third guy said, "I want to go to Idaho, there are only 25 nuns living there." One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet calm voice said, "Why don't you go to Hell..... there aren't any Nuns there."

MOTHERS IN HISTORY

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it!"

COLUMBUS' MOTHER: "I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!"

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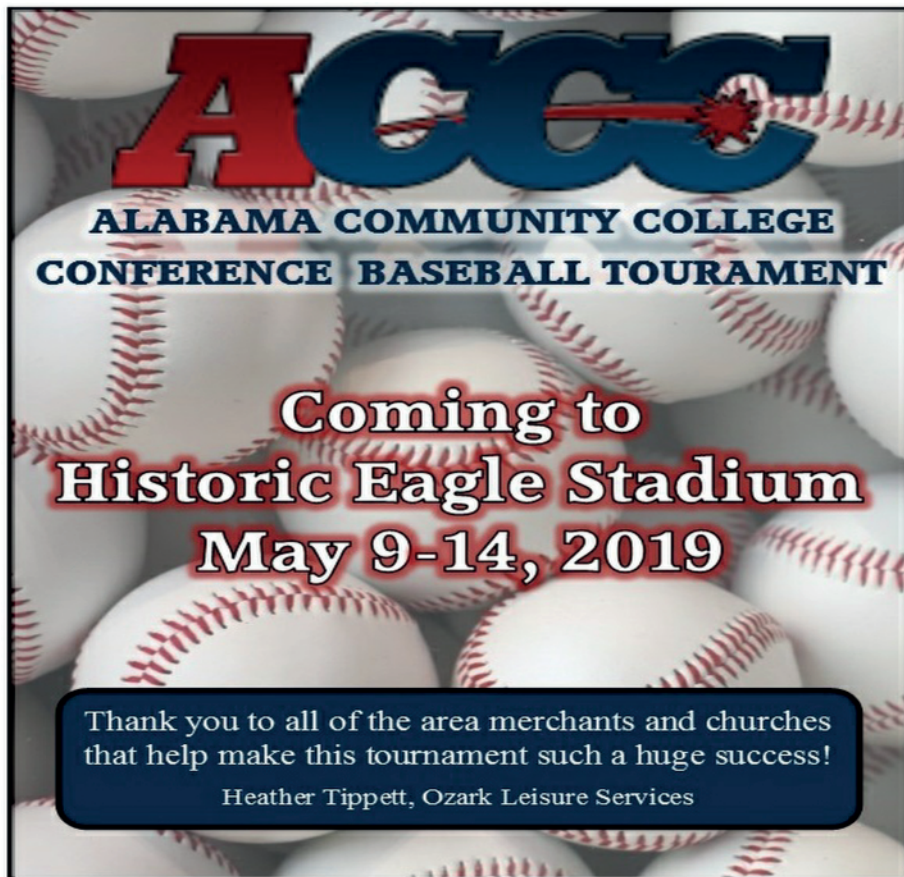
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My friend Jim told me that when he asked his wife where she wanted to go on vacation, she said that being married to him was a vacation.

When I commented that was a nice thing to say to him, Jim replied, "Well, actually, what she said was I was the 'last resort.'"

PASTOR'S CONVENTION

Three pastors went to the pastor convention and were all sharing one room. The first pastor said, "Let's confess our secret sins one to another. I'll start – my secret sin is I just love to gamble. When I go out of town, it's cha-ching cha-ching, let the machines ring."

The second pastor said, "My secret sin is that I just hate working. I copy all my sermons from those given by other pastors." The third pastor said, "My secret sin is gossiping and, oh boy, I just can't wait to get out of this room!"



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MY NEW BASS BOAT

.. A good old Alabama boy won a bass boat in a raffle drawing. He brought it home and his wife looks at him and says, "What you gonna do with that?!" There ain't no water deep enough to float a boat within 100 miles of here." He says, "I won it and I'm a-gonna keep it." His brother came over to visit several days later. He sees the wife and asks where his brother is. She says, "He's out there in his bass boat", pointing to the field behind the house. The brother heads out behind the house and sees his brother in the middle of a big field sitting in a bass boat with a fishing rod in his hand . He yells out to him, "What are you doin'?" His brother replies, "I'm fishin'. What does it look like I'm a doin'?" His brother yells, "It's people like you that give people from Alabama a bad name, makin' everybody think we're stupid. If I could swim, I'd come out there and whip your butt!"

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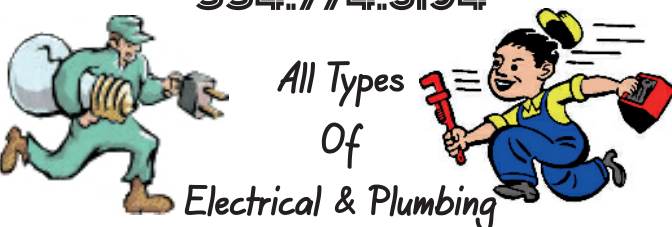
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WHAT MOMS REALLY WANT

Top 10 List of what Moms REALLY want...*

10. To be able to eat a whole candy bar (alone) and drink a soda without any "floaties" (ie, backwash)
9. To have my 14 year-old daughter answer a question without rolling her eyes in that "Why is this person my mother?" way.
8. 5 pounds of chocolate that won't add 20.
7. A shower without a child peeking through the curtain with a "Hi Ya Mom!" just as I put a razor to my ankle.
6. A full time cleaning person - period!
5. For my teenager to announce "Hey, Mom! I got a full scholarship & a job today!"
4. A grocery store that doesn't have candy/gum displayed at the checkout line.
3. To have a family meal without a discussion about bodily secretions.
2. To be able to step on a plane with my toddlers and NOT have someone moan, "Oh no! Why me...!"

And the #1 thing that moms REALLY want is.....

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Aunt T's Kitchen

Parmesan Spinach

Ingredients

- 3 packages (9 ounces each) fresh baby spinach
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream
- 1/3 cup plus 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) water-packed artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained & chopped
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 8 butter-flavored crackers, coarsely crushed



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place half of the spinach in a steamer basket; place in a large saucepan over 1 in. of water. Bring to a boil; cover and steam for 3-4 minutes or just until wilted. Transfer to a large bowl. Repeat with remaining spinach; set aside.
2. In a large saucepan, saute onion in butter until tender. Reduce heat to low; stir in the cream cheese, sour cream, half-and-half, 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, garlic and pepper. Cook and stir until cream cheese is melted. Stir in the artichokes, dill, seasoned salt and spinach.
3. Transfer to an ungreased 2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs and remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes or until edges are bubbly.

Vegetarian Casseroles

Brussels Sprouts au Gratin

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, quartered
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 3/4 cup cubed sourdough or French bread
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup shredded white sharp cheddar or Swiss cheese



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°. Place Brussels sprouts in a large bowl. Add oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; toss to coat. Transfer to two ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking pans. Roast 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned and crisp-tender. Reduce oven setting to 400°.
2. Meanwhile, place bread, butter, parsley and garlic in a food processor; pulse until fine crumbs form.
3. Place roasted sprouts in a greased 8-in. square baking dish. In a small bowl, mix cream, pepper flakes, nutmeg, and remaining salt and pepper. Pour over Brussels sprouts; sprinkle with cheese. Top with crumb mixture. Bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes or until bubbly and topping is lightly browned.

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Artichoke Egg Casserole

Ingredients

- 4 jars (6-1/2 ounces each) marinated artichoke hearts
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 8 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 jar (4-1/2 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 3 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup butter-flavored cracker crumbs (about 25 crackers)



Directions

1. Drain artichokes, reserving 1/2 cup marinade. Set aside. Cut artichokes into slices; set aside. In a small skillet, saute green onions in oil until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Remove from the heat.
2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, artichokes, mushrooms, cheese, cracker crumbs, onion mixture and reserved marinade.
3. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting.

Eggplant Parmesan

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 2-1/2 cups panko bread crumbs
- 3 medium eggplants, cut into 1/4-in. slices
- 2 jars (4-1/2 oz. ea.) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 jar (28 ounces) spaghetti sauce

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Place eggs and bread crumbs in separate shallow bowls. Dip eggplant in eggs, then coat in crumbs. Place on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake 15-20 minutes or until tender and golden brown, turning once.
2. In a small bowl, combine mushrooms, basil and oregano. In another small bowl, combine mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses.
3. Spread 1/2 cup sauce into a 13x9-in. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Layer with a third of the mushroom mixture, a third of the eggplant, 3/4 cup sauce and a third of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers twice.
4. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

Black Beans with Bell Peppers & Rice

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 ea. sweet yellow, orange and red pepper, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 package (8.8 ounces) ready-to-serve brown rice
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1-1/2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro



Directions

- In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add peppers, onion and garlic; cook and stir 6-8 minutes or until tender. Add beans, rice, cumin and oregano; heat through. Stir in 1 cup cheese; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with cilantro.

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TEXAS THREE KICK RULE

A big city California lawyer went duck hunting in rural Texas. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going into retrieve it."

The old farmer replied. "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U.S. and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in Texas. We settle small disagreements like this with the Texas Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Texas Three Kick Rule?"

The farmer replied, "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's shin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick landed square on the man's nose.

The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, you old coot, now it's my turn!" The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

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**What is the
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 between a loaf of
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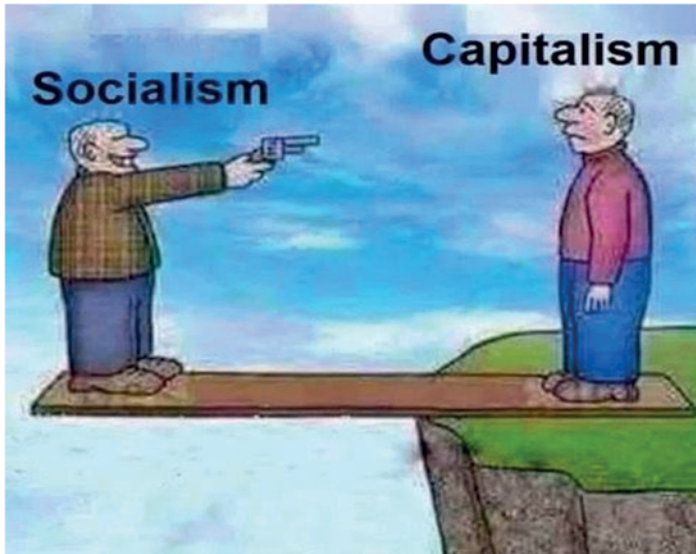


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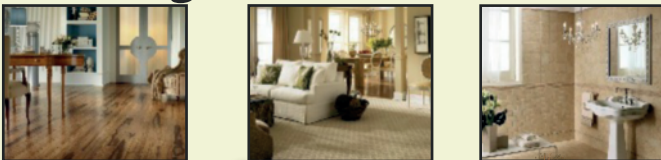
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- * The men must shave their legs and wear makeup daily, which they must apply themselves, either while driving or while making four lunches.
- * They must attend weekly PTA meetings; clean up after their sick children at 3:00 a.m; make an Indian hut model with six toothpicks, a tortilla and one marker; and get a 4 year old to eat a serving of peas.
- * The kids vote them off the island, based on performance.
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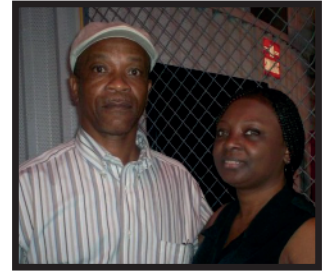
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Our Spiritual Filter

**By Wallace Kennedy,
Jr.**



Our Spiritual Filter

What is a filter and what is its purpose? A filter is a device designed to allow the good to flow through while catching invaluable, harmful things and removing impurities.

Everything we see and hear must be channeled through "Our Spiritual Filter". Our eyes and ears are passage ways to our heart. *Proverbs 4:23 Keep or guard our hearts with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

So we emplace a filter to help guard our hearts. Out of the abundance of the heart our mouth speaks and whatsoever we think so will we be. Power resides in the words that we speak, so our thought life must be filtered from the enemy's, the world, and even our own flesh attempts to steal, kill and destroy. Ref. Proverbs 18:21

Therefore it is imperative that we indulge in a healthy diet of God's Word daily and prayer. We have the Holy Spirit to help us, He will remind us of all that we have learned. This will help us: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ - 2 Corinthians 10:5

What you think on, is it true, noble, just, pure, lovely, does it have good report, is there virtue in it, would it be considered praiseworthy by God's standard? If not, get rid of that thought.

"There may be many ships sailing the waters of life, but you decide which one will dock on your shore". When we fail to engage "Our Spiritual Filter" before long the seed (Word of God) is surrounded by foreign seeds and thorns that will grow and begin to choke the good seed which is the Word of God. When that happens the seed (Word of God) will not produce or yield thirty fold, sixty fold or a hundredfold" blessings.

May our Lord shine upon you, bless you with favor of Himself and mankind, and keep you in His care.

CLEVER NAMES

"Nice dog. What's its name?" I asked my friend's 10-year-old son.
 "Bob," he said.
 "And your cat?"
 "Bob."
 "How do you keep them straight?"
 "Well one is Bob Cat and the other is Bob Barker," the boy answered.
 "Tell him your rabbit's name," his father suggested.
 The kid smiled and said, "Dennis Hopper."

HE LIVED SO LONG

A boy was sitting on a bus and eating one piece of chocolate after the other. A man sat down next to him and said, "Eating so much chocolate isn't good for you boy."
 The boy answered, "My grandfather died when he was 112 years old."
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In the court the old man told the Judge: "They were just comments, didn't harm anyone."
 The judge told the old man: "Write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut them up and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out.

Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

Next day, the judge told the old man: "Before receiving the sentence, you will have to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out yesterday."

The man said: "Impossible! The wind spread them and I won't know where to find them."
 The judge then replied: "The same way, simple comments may destroy the honor of a man to such an extent that one is not able to fix it.

If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything."

Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words.

I am willing to make the mistakes if someone else is willing to learn from them.

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Jesus Knows Who You Are

Pastor Josh and Kayla Sims, Faith Christian Center, Ozark



On Good Friday I preached a message entitled, "Jesus Knows Who You Are". I went through several passages where Jesus spoke through prophecies and words of knowledge to people He

encountered. One passage we looked at was the passage of Zacchaeus and Jesus found in Luke 19:1-10.

Jesus was coming into Jerusalem and a crowd was gathering along the path. Zacchaeus was a short man and wanted to see Jesus. As the crowds pressed in, Zacchaeus ran down the path ahead of everyone and climbed into a tree, so he would be able to see Jesus as He passed by. When Jesus got to the tree Zacchaeus was in, He called him by name and told him to come down, and that He was going to stay at his house that evening.

This was very controversial to the religious leaders, because in their opinion Zacchaeus was a sinner and Jesus had no business being with a sinner. I wonder how many of us have been deemed unworthy in the eyes of our peers, or maybe we have deemed ourselves unworthy because of our past. I want to send a clear message to everyone reading this. Jesus knows who you are. He knows what you have done. He knows what you have been through. He still chooses YOU. **Luke 19:9-10** says, "9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

You may have lost your way but Jesus has started a search party for you. Today choose Jesus, He knows where you are.



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Claybank Master Gardeners

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- herbs to grow: rosemary, flat parsley, thyme, fennel, dill, lavender, oregano. sage, basil: lemon, sweet Italian, Thai, Cardinal, Holy basil; lemon herbs: lemon verbena, lemon balm, lemon catmint, lemon grass
- herbs enhance flavors in cooked food, chemical free
- herbs add nutrients to food, especially if a bit of black pepper is added
- herbs do best with little watering
- cut back fully-grown herbs once a week to promote bushy leaves
- they should be harvested and dried upside down by their stems, or laying flat on a paper covered table under a fan
- keep the dried herbs in glass containers

- flavors are more intense when cooking with dried herbs rather than fresh cut herbs
- Petals from the Past in Jemison, AL offers Linda's cooking with herb demonstrations regularly.

What to plant this month:

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| asparagus (crowns, not seeds) | peppers |
| lima beans | tomatoes |
| summer squash | cucumbers |
| cantaloupe | snap beans |
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| sweet potatoes | eggplant |
| corn | southern peas |
| | winter squash |

The **MAY** Claybank Master Gardener meeting will be held at 11 AM on **Thursday MAY 18th** at *Hoppergrass Restaurant, 129 East Ave.*, across from Milky Moo's in Ozark. We will have lots of information to share, opportunities to volunteer, and a brief presentation. Come buy your lunch if you wish, and enjoy the company of some wonderful, down-to-earth friendly folks.

Did you know that the Claybank Master Gardeners have a Facebook page? Look for it, we post useful and interesting local gardening information.



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1. Remember, you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else's hands.
2. From time to time you will experience a painful sharpening, but remember that this will make you a better pencil.
3. Don't forget that you will be able to correct any mistakes you might make along the way.
4. The most important part of you is what's on the inside.
5. And remember, upon every surface you are used, you must leave your mark.

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**CONTEST RULES
SEE PAGE 24
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CONGRATULATIONS

Judith Horne of Arton



She found the hidden items in the April edition of Laughs and Lifts
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And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

FAMOUS GREETING

A world famous movie star is sitting in a hotel lobby, planning his motivational speech to a group of businessmen, when a man walks up to him.

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The movie star readily agrees, and fifteen minutes later, the man walks by, deep in conversation with his client.

The star comes up and says, "Hello, Steve." Steve replies, "Not now! I'm in a meeting," and keeps walking.

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JAR!**



**I wish there was a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence.
The one for brightness didn't work.**

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In this life I'm a woman. In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear.?

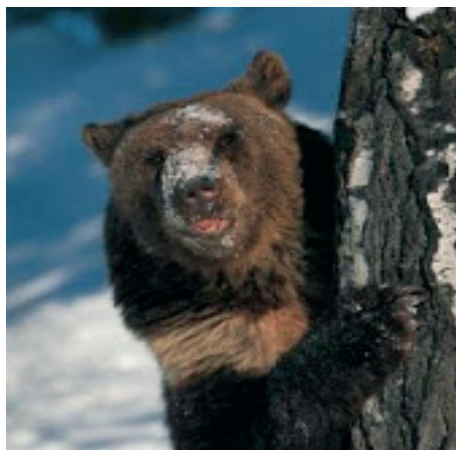
When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too.

When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat. Yup...gonna be a bear.



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| 1.. Cry all the way to the bank | 1. Last Dance |
| 2. The stakes are high | 2. For Crying Out Loud |
| 3. That's too bad | 3. Inground Pool |
| 4. Eyes in the back of my head | 4. No TV for a Week |
| 5. Miniskirt | 5. High Frequency |
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ONE AND TWO

A little girl won two goldfish at a fair. When the family arrived home, her mother asked her what she was going to call them.

"I think I'll call them One and Two," said the little girl.

"They're unusual names for goldfish. Why have you chosen them?"

"Because if One dies, I'll still have Two!"

JEWELRY

As I was admitted to the hospital for a procedure, the clerk asked for my wrist, saying "I'm going to give you a bracelet."

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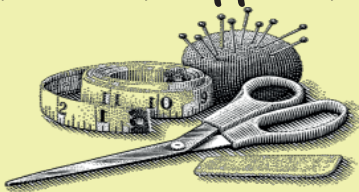
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HEAD DOWN

After a particularly poor round, a golfer spotted a lake as he walked despondently up the 18th. He looked at his caddie and said, "I've played so badly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake." The caddie, quick as a flash, replied, "I'm not sure you could keep your head down that long."

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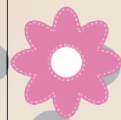
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