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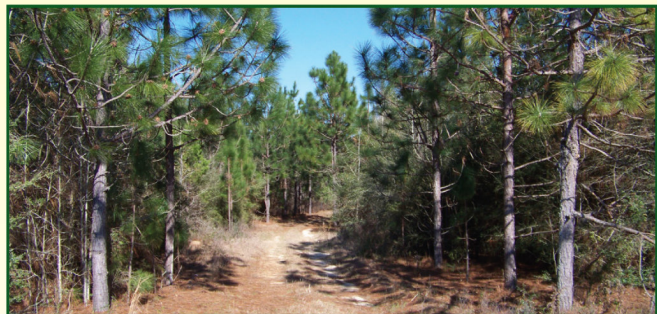
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The Law of the

Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.

My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us!

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

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He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage (frustration, anger, and disappointment, etc.). As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right & pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

It's frightening to think of how many things were completely useless until they were discovered!

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

The Judge said to the defendant, "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again?" "Your Honor," the criminal said, "that's what I tried to tell the police but they wouldn't listen."

WHAT AM I

I'm only one color but not one size; stuck at the bottom yet easily flies; present in the sun but not in the rain; doing no harm and feeling no pain. What am I? **Answer at bottom of page 27.**

The old man approached a young stranger in the post office and asked, "Sir, would you address this postcard for me?" The man gladly did so, and then offered to write a short note for the old fellow. Finally the stranger asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?" The old man thought a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you add, Please excuse the sloppy handwriting."

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Texas Pullover

Two men are driving through Texas when they get pulled over by a state trooper.

The trooper walks up and taps on the window with his nightstick, the driver rolls down the window and "WHACK," the trooper smacks him in the head with the stick.

The driver says, "What was that for?"

The trooper says, "You're in Texas, son.

When we pull you over, you better have your license ready when we get to your car."

The driver says, "I'm sorry, officer, I'm not from around here."

The trooper runs a check on the guy's license, and he's clean.

He gives the guy his license back and walks around to the passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger

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"WHACK," the trooper smacks him with the nightstick, too. The passenger says, "What did you do that for?" The trooper says, "Just making your wish come true." The passenger says, "Huh?" The trooper says, "I know that two miles down the road you're gonna say, 'I wish that jerk would have tried that with me."

If you're gonna put someone down,
put them down on your prayer list.

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LAKE DISAPPOINTMENT

Where in the world is Lake Disappointment? The answer is in Western Australia. The lake was given this name by explorer Frank Hann in 1897. Hoping to find a fresh water lake, he became 'disappointed' when it ended up being a saltwater one.

FIRST BABY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

President Grover Cleveland achieved many "firsts" in the White House during his term of office. He was the first President to get married in the White House and he (and his wife Frances) was the first to have a baby born AT 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW. To this day no other child has been born in the White House

MOJAVE DESERT SWIMMING

Swimming and the Mojave Desert, two things that do not go together. Right? Not so quick! Set up by the MAK Center for Art and Architecture at the West Hollywood Institute in 2014, there is a swimming pool in the Mojave and it is in a hidden location. It is open to the public but one must contact the center for its exact GPS coordinates.



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JUST PRETEND

Although this married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who



was always behind the wheel operating the boat. As time went along, he became concerned about what might happen in an emergency.

So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Honey, take the wheel... Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it."

So she drove the boat to shore and safely docked it.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching a show. She sat down next to him, switched off the TV, and said, "Honey, go into the kitchen. Pretend I've had a heart attack and you have to take care of yourself for a few days. Set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

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Two elderly ladies were discussing the dance at the country club. "We're supposed to wear something that matches our husband's hair, I'm wearing black," said Mrs. Smith. "Oh my," said Mrs. Jones, "I'd better not go."



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Aunt T's Kitchen

COCONUT CASHEW BRITTLE

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons plus 1 cup butter, divided
- 2 cups cashew halves
- 2 cups sweetened shredded coconut
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup plus 1 teaspoon water, divided
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda



Directions

1. Butter two 15x10x1-in. pans with 1 tablespoon butter each; set aside.
2. Combine cashews and coconut on a third 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown, stirring occasionally.
3. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup and 1/2 cup water. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Add remaining butter; cook and stir until butter is melted. Continue cooking, without stirring, until a candy thermometer reads 300° (hard-crack stage).
4. Meanwhile, combine the vanilla, baking soda and remaining water. Remove saucepan from the heat; add cashews and coconut. Add baking soda mixture; stir until light and foamy. Quickly pour onto prepared baking sheets. Spread with a buttered metal spatula to 1/4-in. thickness. Cool before breaking into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

CHRISTMAS CANDY

LIME-IN-THE-COCONUT ALMOND BARK

Ingredients

- 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) white baking chips
- 4 teaspoons shortening
- 2 to 4 drops green food coloring, optional
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds, toasted
- 4 teaspoons grated lime zest



Directions

1. Line a 9-in. square baking pan with foil; set aside. In a microwave, melt chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Stir in food coloring if desired. Stir in the coconut, almonds and lime zest. Spread into prepared pan. Chill until firm, 10-15 minutes.
2. Break into small pieces. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

SALTINE CRACKER CANDY WITH TOASTED PECANS

Ingredients

- 35 saltines
- 1 cup butter, cubed
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted



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Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 15x10x1-in. baking pan with foil; grease foil. Arrange saltines in a single layer on foil.

2. In a large heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Spread evenly over crackers.

3. Bake 8-10 minutes or until bubbly. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Allow chips to soften for a few minutes, then spread over top. Sprinkle with pecans. Cool slightly.

4. Refrigerate, uncovered, 1 hour or until set. Break into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

POLAR BEAR PAWS

Ingredients

- 1 (11 ounce) bag Kraft Caramel Bits or squares
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup peanuts, roasted and/or cocktail
- 12 ounces vanilla almond bark or white melting wafers

Directions

1. Line a large cookie sheet with Silpat mats (or parchment paper) and grease it with butter. Set aside.
2. Melt caramels with butter and cream in the microwave in 30 second increments, stirring, and repeating until smooth.
3. Mix in the peanuts and then let it sit in the bowl to cool for about 15 minutes, stirring every few minutes.
4. Spoon onto the mats in tablespoon size mounds. Place in the fridge for 30-60 minutes until set.
5. Place chocolate in a bowl and melt in the microwave on low in 30 second increments and stir until melted and smooth. Dip caramel cluster in the chocolate and use a fork to remove it. Holding it over the bowl, tap the fork on the edge to let any excess chocolate drip back down.



Place cluster back on the parchment lined pan and repeat with remaining clusters.

6. Put the pan back in the fridge for 30-60 minutes until chocolate is set. Remove and package up.

BUTTERSCOTCH SQUARES

Ingredients

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 16 ounces melting chocolate for dipping such as Candiquik or almond bark



Directions

1. Line a 9x9" pan with foil and spray with cooking spray.
2. Place brown sugar, cream, and butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir until melted. Bring to a rolling boil, then reduce heat to low and place a candy thermometer in the pot.
3. Stir occasionally and simmer until the mixture reaches 236°, about 7-8 minutes. Turn off heat and stir in vanilla and salt. Whisk in powdered sugar. Pour into prepared pan and allow to set at room temperature (a few hours, but this can be done the day ahead).
4. When ready to cut, remove from pan. Use a large kitchen knife and cut the square into quarters. From here, use small cuts to cut them into small squares.
5. Be sure to use small but swift cuts. The candy is fragile and is prone to flaking and breaking, so a quick cut will make the candy stay together.
6. Melt chocolate according to package directions and dip each square, tapping off excess. Place on a wax paper lined cookie sheet and chill to set.

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Elvis Presley, the King of Rock N' Roll,

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Butcher: "Then you should go there to buy it."
Customer: "But they are all out of it."
Butcher: " Oh, I see. When we don't have any we sell it for \$0.50 cents a pound."

Harry Houdini

Harry Houdini was a famed magician and illusionist who became popular at the turn into the 20th century. He was also involved in World War I. Houdini would train American soldiers and show them how to escape handcuffs, in case they were caught by the Germans.

Non-Visible Art

James Franco is a writer, director, award winning actor, and an artist. In fact, in 2011 he sold a piece of art called "Fresh Air" for \$10,000. What did this work art consist of? It was literally fresh air. There was nothing to it. The lady who made the purchase, paid \$10,000 for a piece of non visible art.

High Heel Shoes, Originally for Men

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President Trump went to visit a nursing home. He walked up to a lady in a wheel chair and said, "Maam, do you know who I am?" She answered, "No sir, I don't know who you are, but if you go up to that desk they can tell you."

The OK Corral

A Shootout at the OK Corral! That expression or quote has been heard in movies and even in real life conversation. Was this a real event? Did it take place? It did. It took place 137 years ago today, October 26, 1881, in Tombstone, Arizona. The Shootout at the OK Corral was a 30 second gunfight in which the Earp brothers (Wyatt, Morgan, and Virgil) and Doc Holliday took on the 5 members of the Clanton-McLaury gang.

Never try to destroy someone's character with a lie, when yours can be destroyed with the truth.



Find 10 differences

SOLUTION ON PAGE 28

Man arrested for DUI says he wasn't drinking while driving, just at 'stop signs'

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Now in our 12th year

Dale Medical Center is pleased to announce that Dr. Shawn Watts, General Surgeon has joined our surgical team!



Dr. Watts hails from Lithonia, Georgia and completed her undergraduate degree in Biology with a minor in Computer Sciences from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She earned her medical degree at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City, IA. She completed her intern year at Tulane School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA, then transferred to the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL to complete her residency in General Surgery. She also had the privilege of completing a Fellowship in Burn Surgery at the New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Burn Center in New York, NY.

Since 2011, Dr. Watts has enjoyed a rich varied career in both the private and public sector. She has had the pleasure of operating with surgeons from all over the world as well as serving in many underserved communities across the nation. As such, Dr Watts has developed a particular interest in rural general surgery with an emphasis on closing the gaps in disparities in healthcare among rural underserved populations –

particularly with regards to Colon and Breast Cancer screening. She also enjoys helping to manage new/chronic wounds in a multidisciplinary fashion.

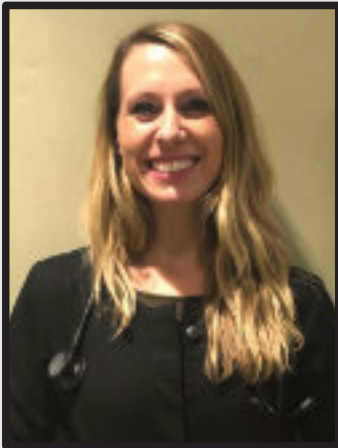
Dr. Watts has had an interest in the field of medicine since the third grade. Growing up in Atlanta, the outside summer temperatures were nearly unbearable, so she was perfectly content to stay inside and peruse her mother's medical textbooks and journals from nursing school. "My mother is the reason I became interested in Medicine." Her curiosity about the wide-breadth of pathology illustrated in those books sparked an early interest in Biology which carried across elementary school and into medical school where she served as a tutor for freshmen medical students in Gross Anatomy and Cell Biology. "Tutoring was a valuable experience because it taught me to slow down and explain topics in small portions. I use these same skills today when explaining complex surgical issues to my patients and their families. I enjoy helping them navigate the sometimes difficult/stressful world of General Surgery."

Dr. Watts is an Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Medical Association of Alabama, American Society of Breast Surgeons, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, and the American Burn Association. Additionally, Dr Watts is a member of the illustrious Delta Sigma Theta, Inc as well as The Links, Inc. While the majority of her family resides in the metro Atlanta area, her two fur babies, Milo and Samson have accompanied her on the move to Ozark.

She looks forward to joining the medical community in Ozark and is honored that Dale Medical Center has granted her the privilege to care for your family, friends and loved ones!

Her office is located at 2126 West Roy Parker Road , Suite 207. For more information or to make an appointment please call 334-443-0160.

Dale Medical Center Welcomes
April Tate, CRNP
To the Office of Dr. Scott Hammock,
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April Tate, MSN, CRNP, AGACNP-BC, graduated from Troy University with an Undergraduate degree in 2012. Prior to receiving her Master's degree from UAB in 2019, April worked in the Emergency Department and also in ICU as a Registered Nurse. Following her passion, April specializes in the care of the aging adult. She is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved back to the Dothan area with her husband of 3 years. She has a daughter and enjoys cooking, baking, and shopping in her free time. April is currently preparing to apply for doctoral programs.

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"Silence in the court!" The judge turns to the defendant again and says, "You are also charged with killing a paperboy with a shovel."

"You tightwad!" blurts the spectator. "Quiet!" yelled the judge. "You are also charged with killing a mailman with an electric drill."

"You cheap old geezer!" the spectator starts to shout. The judge thunders back, "I will hold you in contempt! What is the reason for your outbursts?"

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~Turkish proverb

Stop buying the children everything you wish you had growing up and start teaching them everything you wish you knew growing up.

Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world.
Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

The Gift For Life

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



What an awesome description of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This wonderful Son arrived many years ago, and He is everything Isaiah prophesied about and much more.

Certainly, Jesus is not in charge of the halls of Washington, China, Japan, Baghdad and Korea etc.... He is Lord of lords and King of kings of the entire world, and all power is in His capable hands.

Jesus is not only the giver of life but a governing system that will rule and have dominion over all those that trust Him as Lord of their life.

The names we see in Isaiah 9:6 are aspects of His character, they describe who He is and what He has come to do.

The Messiah is Wonderful: The glory of who He is and what He has done for us should fill us with wonder. You can never really look at Jesus, really know Him, and be bored. He is Wonderful and will fill our hearts and minds with amazement!

The Messiah is our Counselor: Jesus is the One fit to guide our lives and should be the Christian's immediate resource as a counselor. Jesus can help us with our problems. He may use the presence and the words of another Christian to do it, but Jesus is our Counselor.

The Messiah is Mighty God: The God of all creation and glory, the LORD who reigns in heaven, the One worthy of our worship and praise.

The Messiah is the Everlasting Father: The idea in these Hebrew words is that Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself. It does not mean that Jesus Himself is the Person of the Father in the Trinity.

The Messiah is the Prince of Peace: He is the One who makes peace, especially between God and man. The peace that Jesus offers is beyond our understanding; a supernatural peace even in the myths of turmoil.

Psalms 103:1-6 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Gift For Life Is Freely Given, To Everyone That Accept Jesus As Lord Of Their Life.

Merry Christmas



Find the Hidden Icons Just For the Fun of It!



Why do you still call your wife Darling & Sweetheart after 50 years of marriage?

To tell the truth, I forgot her name about three years ago.



May The Joy & Peace of Knowing
Christ Jesus
Be Yours
This Christmas.



Roger & Tric,
Laughs and Lifts Magazine

Think You Had A Bad Day Upon arriving home in eager anticipation of a leisurely evening, the husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the druggist - he insulted me terribly this morning on the phone." Immediately the husband drove downtown to accost the druggist and demand an apology. Before he could say more than a word or two, the druggist told him, "Now, just a minute - listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, but I'll be if I didn't lock the house with both house and car keys inside. I had to break a window to get my keys. Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Then, about three blocks from the store I had a flat tire. When I finally got to the store there was a bunch of people waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, and all the time the darn phone was ringing its head off. Then I had to break a roll of nickels against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I got down on my hands and knees to pick up the nickels - the phone is still ringing - when I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it, and half of them hit the floor and broke. The phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife -- she wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer. Well, believe me Mister, all I did was tell her!"



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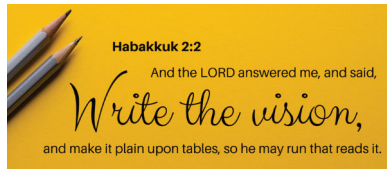
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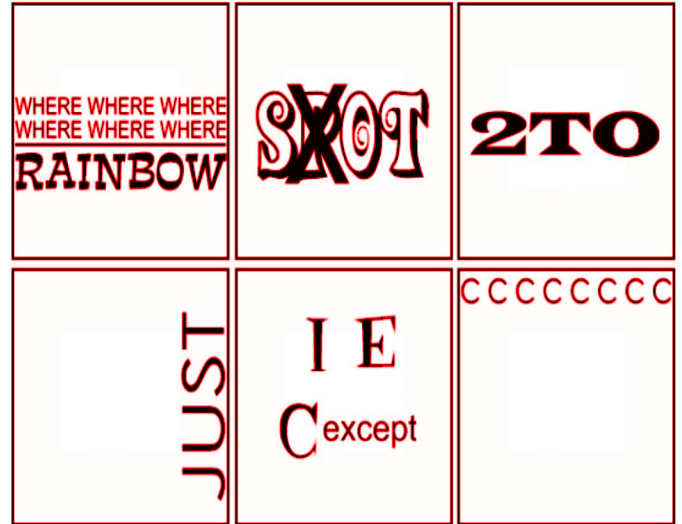


'Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.'" - Habakkuk 2:2. I

would like to pose a question to you as you read this article. Do you have vision for your life? Do you have a plan? Are you just wandering from day to day? I have a dear friend that told me recently that if I didn't have a sermon in December titled "Vision 2020" that we couldn't be friends. I am not going to preach a message with that title but you can use it if you would like to. However, it has got me thinking. God instructed Habakkuk to take the vision that he was given and write it down, so that those who read it would understand the message. I would like to help you get started with a vision for your life in 2020. At the top of your list, make Jesus your priority. December makes this a great starting point because our Christmas Celebration is centered around the birth of Jesus. . By making Jesus a priority in 2020, you take the same response you have to Christmas and make it every day. I promise that as long as you continue to put Jesus first, you will be headed in the right direction. The second step would be to put others first. As some church's say, their motto is "Love God, Love People". That is a great motto to not just say but to put into action. Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment and His response is found in Matthew 22:37-39. **'Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'** I leave you with this encouragement. It is never too late to begin a relationship with Jesus. Be blessed and have a Merry Christmas my friends.

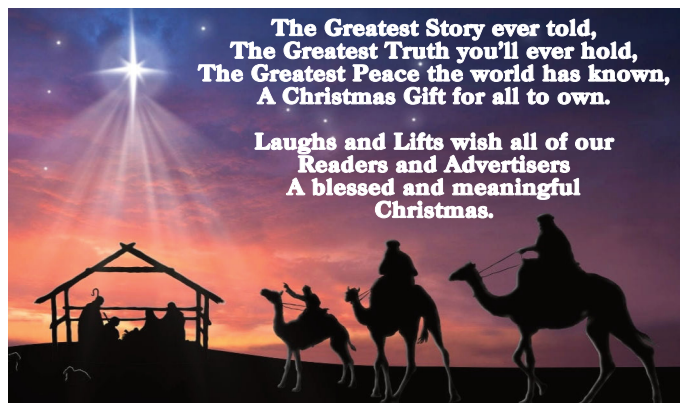
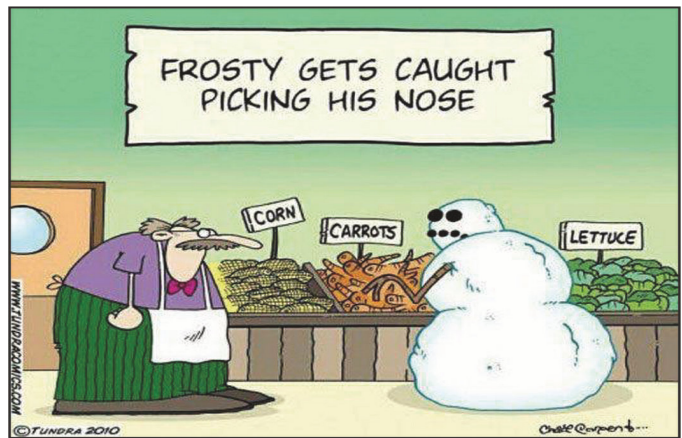


Bamboozables



Solution on page 25

Don't be mad at the pastor. He didn't know what you did before he preached the sermon.



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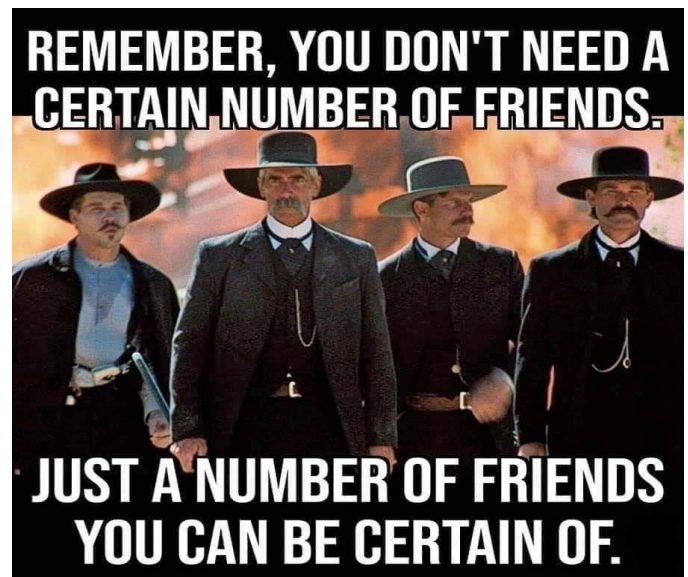
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December is upon us, and already we've gotten through some freezing temperatures. And now to get our fruit trees and cold sensitive plants through the winter. Mulching with pine straw or wood chips can help retain moisture, but to protect against several hours of below freezing temperatures in the Wiregrass area, cover your sensitive plants with a **breathable** cover like a sheet or frost cloth. Plastic is not recommended; it will cause freeze burn on the leaves.

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There will be NO December meeting of the Claybank Master Gardeners. However, stay tuned for the January meeting information in next month's issue of Laughs and Lifts.

Have a wonderful Holiday and Merry Christmas to all.

Dee Gilbert
 Claybank Master Gardeners



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Six Little Stories

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's FAITH

{2}

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That's TRUST.

{3}

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That's HOPE.

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE.

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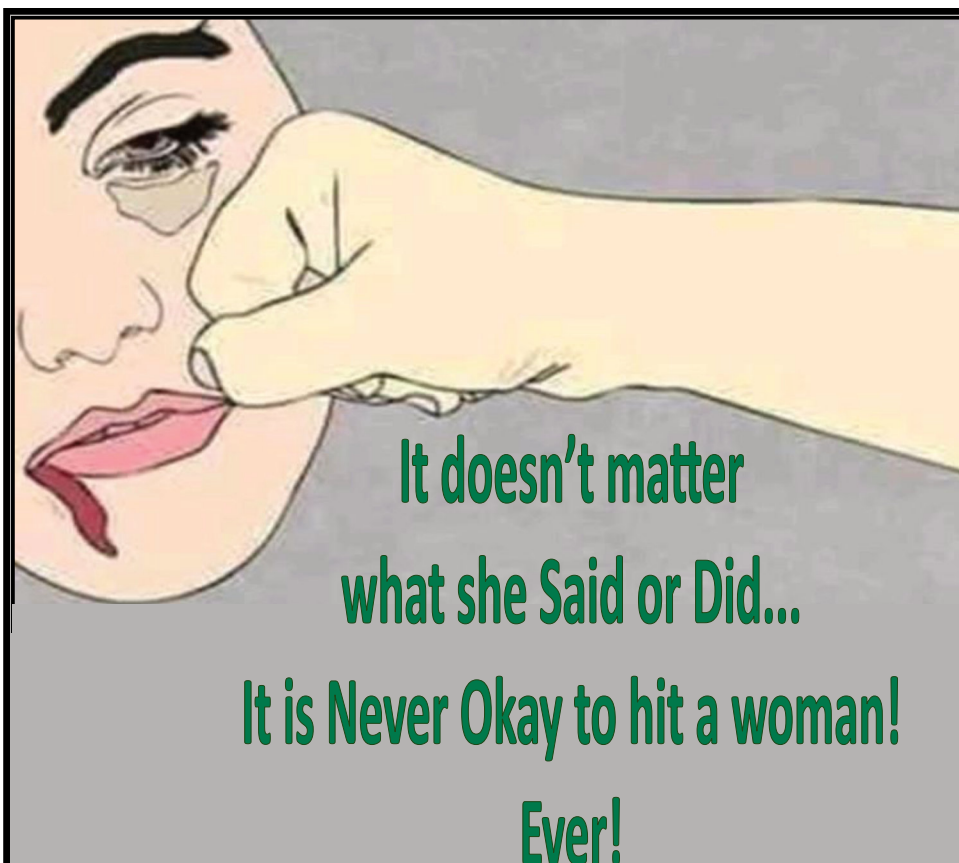
We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE.

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That's ATTITUDE.

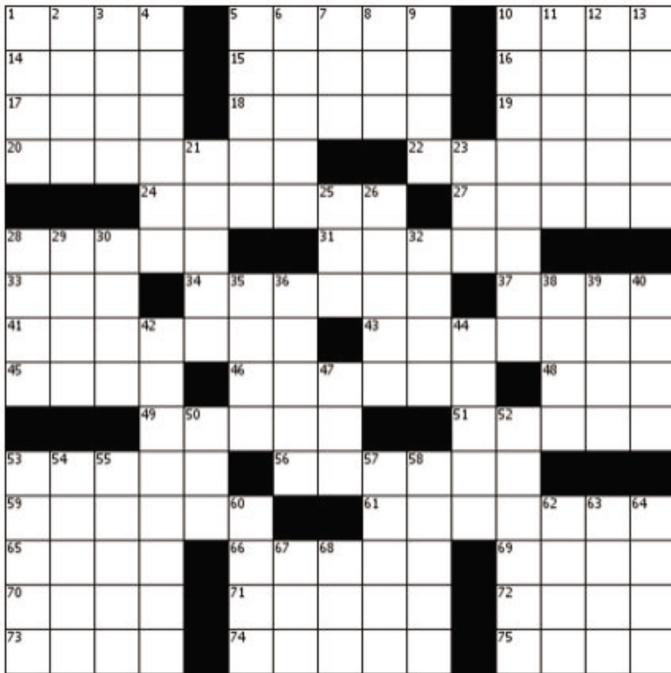
Bamboozable Answers

1. Somewhere Over the Rainbow
2. X Marks the Spot
3. Put two and two Together
4. Just Right
5. I Before E Except After C
6. High Seas



They said I changed a lot.
I said a lot changed me.

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SOLUTION PAGE 29

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace" So I bought her nothing.

Across

1. Heidi's mountains
5. Stone worker
10. Took a cab
14. Golfer's warning
15. Sports locale
16. Satan's specialty
17. Vinegary
18. Ceremonies
19. Sense
20. Hungary's neighbor
22. Get even for
24. Tantalizes
27. Fiery felony
28. Metal fastener
31. Group of rooms
33. Author _____ Tolstoy
34. Wiped clean
37. Many years
41. Navy VIP
43. Without expression
45. Nobleman
46. Stripe of color
48. Buddy (Fr.)
49. Settle a debt
51. Rented again
53. _____ Fools' Day
56. Motive
59. Ladybug, e.g.
61. Aquatic mammal
65. Length times width
66. _____ Prize
69. Donkey sound
70. Pinball no-no
71. Humming sound
72. Bait
73. Other
74. Mails
75. Elongated fish

Down

1. Not nearby
2. Insane
3. Proper

4. Tranquilize
5. "West Side Story" character
6. Operatic melodies
7. Immovable
8. Wallet bill
9. Apollo agcy.
10. Officiated at a boxing match
11. Cookie cookers
12. San _____
13. Actress _____
- DeGeneres
21. Not as old
23. Tub
25. Snaky curve
26. Brushed leather
28. Wallop
29. Give up
30. European capital
32. Original thought
35. File
36. Church table
38. Iridescent gem
39. Title
40. Bad mood
42. Aggravate
44. Ohio city
47. Deli loaf
50. Building section
52. Empower
53. Lessen
54. Risk
55. Film spools
57. Fix
58. Bargain events
60. Finales
62. Correct
63. British nobleman
64. Looks over
67. Raw metal
68. _____ voyage!

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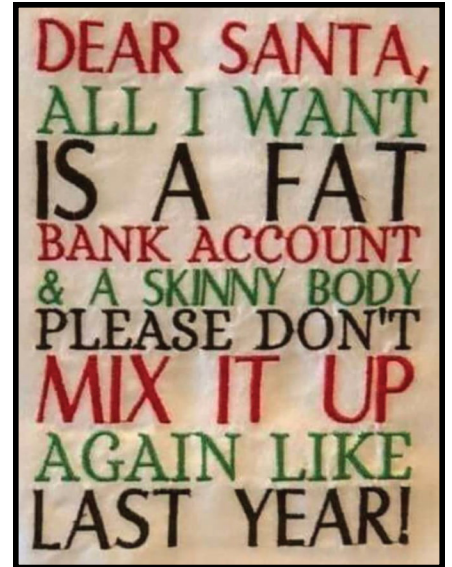
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The word "hello" came into existence for a highly practical purpose. Something was needed to start a phone conversation. Something was needed to let the other person know that you were on the line. It is believed the Alexander Graham Bell was going to go with 'Ahoy' but chose hello instead after hearing a person say the word 'Hullo', which is an English greeting.



fifth fairway, which adjoined a tomato farm. These "off the vine" tomatoes were about the most delicious things the men had ever tasted. Consequently, much grumbling accompanied the installation of fence posts along the farm's property line. But imagine the vets' delight the next morning when, instead of the fence they expected, they found a saltshaker atop each post.



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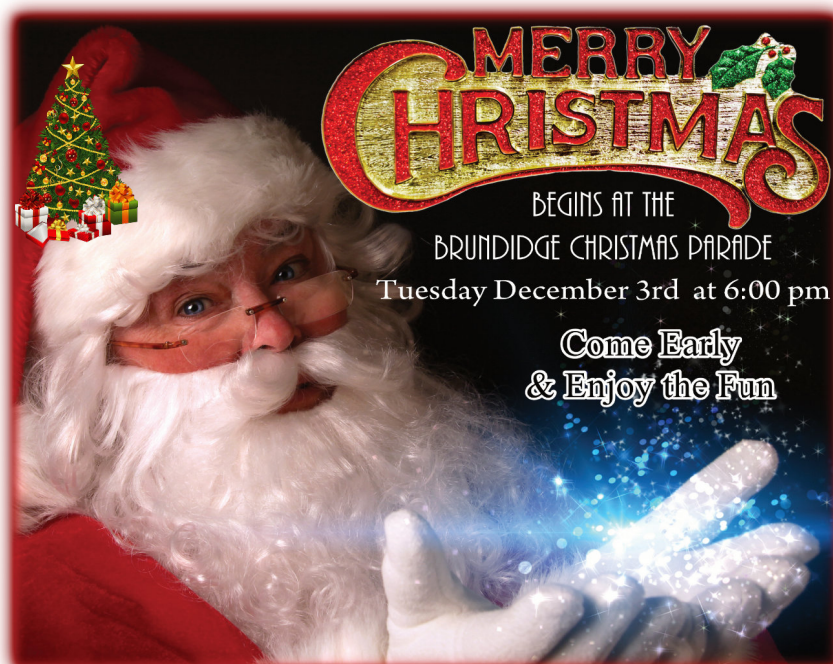
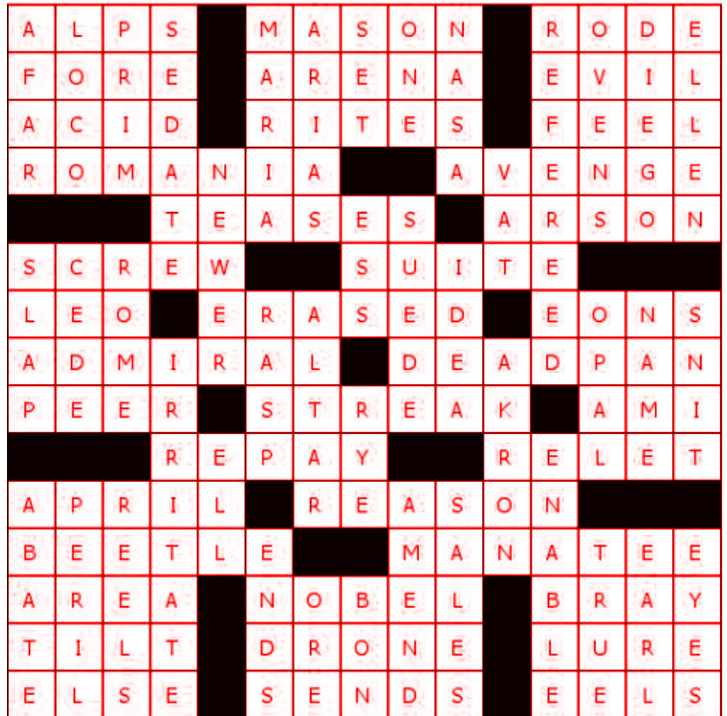
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A young woman, extraordinarily attractive in personality, character and presentation, was suffering from an illness that made her lips cracked and sore. The slightest movement of her mouth caused pain and embarrassment. Her condition, though not cured, was somewhat relieved by the application of a prescription medication from her physician.

The instructions on the prescription were to apply the medication once a day, but the young woman found that more frequent applications were palatable and effective. After exhausting her supply, she returned to the doctor's office for another one. The receptionist announced to the returning patient to the doctor: "It's the super gal with the fragile lips expecting extra doses."

"How did school go today?"

"How did school go today? A mother asked her little boy. "Fine", the little fellow replied. "We had a new teacher and she wanted to know if I had any brothers and I told her I was an only child". What did she say?" his mother asked. "The teacher said, "Thank goodness"

I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

The Knot Prayer

Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.

Ramblings of the Clairy



NO ONE
falls in love by choice,
it is by CHANCE.
No one
stays in love by chance,
it is by WORK.
And no one
falls out of love by
chance,
it is by CHOICE

Cargo Handler

A work at a cargo handler
for a major package
delivery company came
across an express
envelope with shipping
instructions that puzzled
him, particularly the line
describing the contents.
He finally realized the
parcel contained some
kind of manual and was
addressed to a church.
But at first he thought he
was processing one of our
company's most
momentous pieces of
freight.
The description read,
"Instructions for the
Assembly of God."

ONE AGE FITS ALL

A woman was shopping for
something to wear to her 50th
high school reunion when a
group of teenage girls came
into the same shop to try on
dresses for their school
formal.
"Gross," complained one girl
loudly to her friends, "this
dress makes me look 40 years
old!"
"May I have it?" called out the
lady. "That's just what I'm
looking for!"

An apology is a great way to have the last word.

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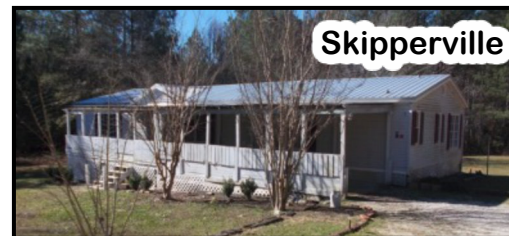
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