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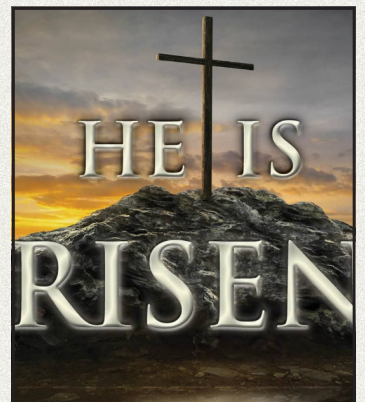
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Sale Pending



93.55±/- Acres • Pike County

Prime hunting land located on County Road 6608 near Saco in Northeast Pike County. Electricity is available and there are several possible home sites. Diverse habitat includes food plot openings, mature hardwoods, interior roads, and streams. L-2100269 • \$196,000

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44± Acres • Pike County

Located on the south side of Brundidge with frontage on the east side of four-lane Highway 231. **Parcel 1: SALE PENDING** 27± acres inside Brundidge City Limits,

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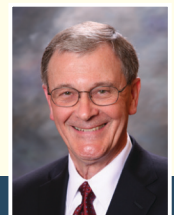
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They walked on a bit further and then came to another grave. The old man pointed to the gravestone and said, "Now there's a different type of man altogether. He owed me 60 dollars and he died without ever trying to pay me back.

If anyone has gone to hell, he has."

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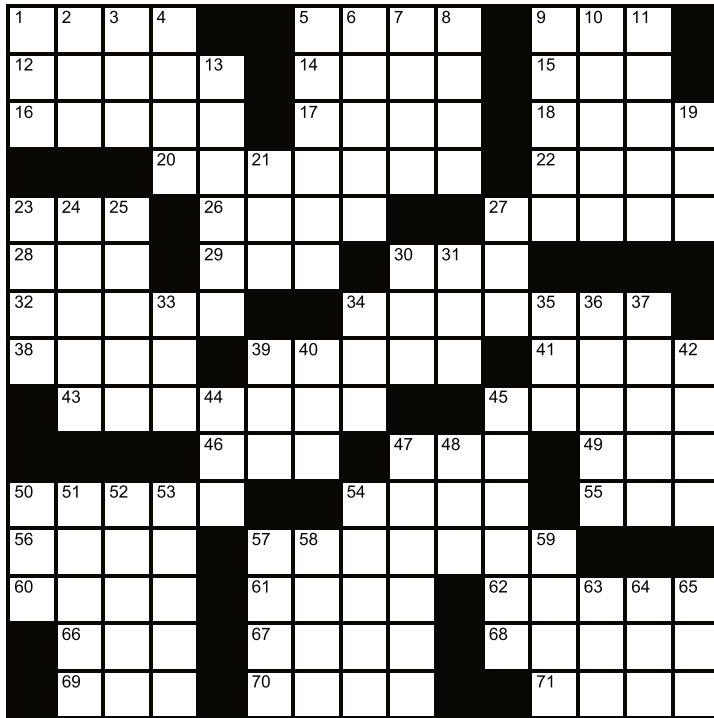
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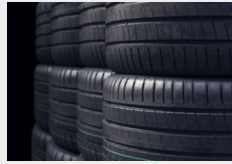
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His answer was "Twenty-two." The second was a social worker.

She said, "I don't know the answer but I'm glad we had time to discuss this important question." The third applicant was an engineer.

He pulled out a slide rule and showed the answer to be between 3.999 and 4.001.

The next person was a lawyer. He stated that in the case of *Jenkins v Commr of Stamp Duties (Qld)*, two and two was proven to be four.

The last applicant was an accountant.

The business man asked him, "How much is two and two?" The accountant got up from his chair, went over to the door and closed it then came back and sat down.

He leaned across the desk and said in a low voice, "How much do you want it to be?" He got the job.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I thought about making a fitness movie, for folks my age, and call it "Pumping Rust."

I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

Employment application blanks always ask 'who is to be notified in case of an emergency.' I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do -- write to these men?

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"Actually, yes," said the applicant modestly. "Last year I had two short stories published in national magazines, and I finished my novel."

"Very impressive," he commented, "but I was thinking of skills you could apply during office hours."

Mrs. Smith explained brightly, "Oh, but that was during office hours."

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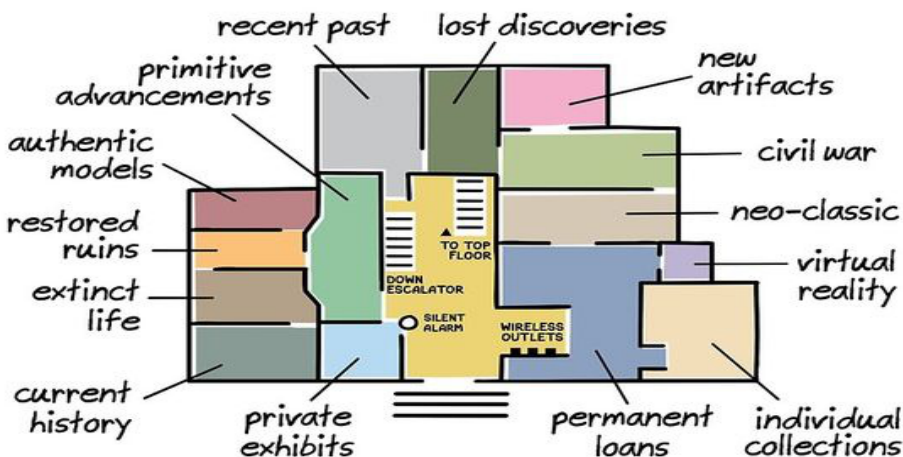
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Aunt T's Kitchen

CARAMEL APPLE

Ingredients

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 cup water
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 Granny Smith apples (1 lb.), peeled, coarsely chopped
- 20 KRAFT Caramels
- 3 Tbsp. milk



Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat first 6 ingredients in large bowl with mixer until blended. Stir in apples. Pour into greased and floured 12-cup fluted tube pan or 10-inch tube pan. Bake 50 min. to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 15 min. Loosen cake from sides of pan; invert onto wire rack. Gently remove pan. Cool cake completely. Transfer to plate. Microwave caramels and milk in microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 min. or until caramels are completely melted and sauce is smooth, stirring every 30 sec. Cool 10 min. or until slightly thickened. Drizzle over cake just before serving.

Easter Cakes

OLD FASHIONED PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN

Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 (20 ounce) can sliced pineapple
- 10 maraschino cherries, halved
- 1 cup sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon almond extract



Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). In a 10-inch cast iron skillet, melt 1/2 cup butter over very low heat. Remove from heat, and sprinkle brown sugar evenly over pan. Arrange pineapple slices to cover bottom of skillet. Distribute cherries around pineapple; set aside. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Separate the eggs into two bowls. In a large bowl, beat egg whites just until soft peaks form. Add granulated sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Beat until

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medium-stiff peaks form. In a small bowl, beat egg yolks at high speed until very thick and yellow. With a wire whisk or rubber scraper, using an over-and-under motion, gently fold egg yolks and flour mixture into whites until blended. Fold in 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine and almond extract. Spread batter evenly over pineapple in skillet.

Bake until surface springs back when gently pressed with fingertip and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Loosen the edges of the cake with table knife. Cool the cake for 5 minutes before inverting onto serving plate.

PINA COLADA TUBE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package white cake mix (regular size)
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant coconut cream pudding mix
- 1 cup canola oil
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/4 cup rum
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple
- **Glaze**
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup cream of coconut
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 1/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut



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Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10-in. fluted tube pan.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, oil, water, eggs and rum; beat on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium 2 minutes. Stir in pineapple. Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

In a small bowl, mix 1 cup confectioners' sugar and pineapple juice; brush over warm cake. Cool cake completely.

In another bowl, mix cream of coconut, rum and remaining confectioners' sugar; drizzle over cake. Sprinkle with coconut.

Bonus Recipe: Strawberry-Lemonade Cake On page 19

God, we thank you for the reminder that you are a safe place for us to put our hope. This year there have been many troubles that have shaken our ability to live with peace and have attempted to rob our hope. We pray that as we celebrate Easter that our friends and family would be reminded that hope is still alive and it has a name! May our loved ones be led to find hope in Jesus this Easter. Amen.



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The other day I was reading in 1 Kings where Elijah had found himself fleeing for his life. It came right after 2 amazing miracles. The first was the defeat of the prophets of Baal and the second was the ending of a drought. In both cases, God used Elijah. I think it goes without saying that sometimes we feel our weakest right after we experience a miracle. Elijah has now found himself hiding in a cave. God then ask him a powerful question, "What are you doing here Elijah?" After Elijah responds God invited him to the opening of the cave where 4 things happened. 1 Kings 19:11-13, **"And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'"** Notice what happened when Elijah waited for God to speak. There was a mighty wind, an earthquake, and fire, however scripture says that God was not in any of those great displays. I think if we were to be honest, we look for God in the big moments as well. However, God is speaking to us in the little things. It is in the quiet times when a whisper can be heard, that God is speaking His biggest revelations. I must admit, I enjoy being a part of the miraculous and just saying, "wow just look at God!" Since we are looking for the miraculous, are we missing God speaking the rest of the time? Friends, we serve a God that is relational. For Elijah the words God spoke through the whisper sustained him much longer than the powerful displays. Today I encourage you to slow down and pause to listen for what God is trying to speak to you. Are you listening?

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STRAWBERRY- LEMONADE CAKE

Ingredients

Cake

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 4 large eggs, separated
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 cups cake flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon table salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Shortening

Strawberry-Lemonade Jam

- 2 1/2 c. chopped fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 tbl. cornstarch

Strawberry Frosting

- 1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar, divided
- 2/3 cup chopped fresh strawberries
- 1 drop pink food coloring gel (optional)
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Beat butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, 1 at a time, beating until blended after each addition. Stir together flour and next 2 ingredients; add to butter mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended. Stir in zest and juice. Beat egg whites in a large bowl at high speed until stiff peaks form. Gently stir one-third of egg whites into batter; fold in remaining egg whites. Spoon batter into 4 greased (with shortening) and floured 9-inch round cake pans. Bake at 350° for 16 to 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks, and cool completely.

For Strawberry-Lemonade Jam: Process strawberries in a blender until smooth; press through a wire-mesh strainer into a 3-qt. saucepan, using back of a spoon to squeeze out juice; discard pulp. Stir in sugar. Whisk together lemon juice and cornstarch; gradually whisk into strawberry mixture. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat, and cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute. Remove from heat. Place plastic wrap directly on warm jam; chill 2 hours or until cold. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 1 week.

For Frosting: Beat cream cheese and 1/3 cup sugar with an electric mixer until smooth; add strawberries and food coloring (if desired); beat until blended. Beat cream and juice at medium speed until foamy; increase speed to medium-high, and slowly add remaining 1/3 cup sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold half of cream mixture into cheese mixture; fold in remaining cream mixture. Use immediately.

Layer Cake: Place 1 cake layer on a serving platter, and spread with about 1/2 cup Strawberry-Lemonade Jam, leaving a 1/2-inch border around edges. Spoon 1 cup Strawberry Frosting into a zip-top plastic freezer bag. Snip 1 corner of bag to make a small hole. Pipe a ring of frosting around cake layer just inside the top edge. Top with second and third cake layers, repeating procedure with filling and frosting between each layer. Top with last cake layer, and spread remaining Strawberry Frosting on top and sides of cake.



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Our New identity

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Who do you identify yourself with? Many of us respond with our family name, race, our vocation, or political affiliation. We paint images of ourselves on how we want people to see us, through "name brand" clothes, cars, living in certain neighborhoods, fashions, or styles.

If you are reading this message and you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, our first and most important identify is in Christ Jesus.

Considering our society today, there appears to be an "Identity Crisis".

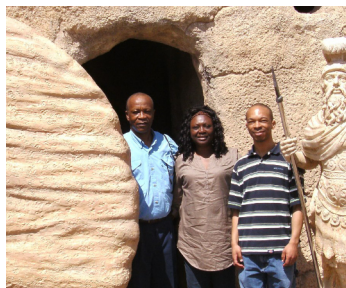
As we celebrate Easter/Resurrection Sunday, let us reflect on the fact that when Jesus Christ surrendered His life on that "Old Rugged Cross" and we believe on Him, that moment we believed we became a "New Creation" in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. God loves you and I so much, He gave us His only begotten Son. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Today is the day of salvation, if you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, do it now, tomorrow is not promised to anyone. His Spirit will take up residence in side you and make your spirit perfect. God promise He will help us renew our mind /soul until the day of Christ return, and on that day, Christ will give us a glorified body like His, and we will live forever with Him.

Remember my friends, the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the grave, is the same Holy Spirit that will raise us up also.

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT)



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GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

A stranded motorist knocked on the door of an inn named "George and the Dragon."

"Could you spare a poor stranded motorist a bite to eat?" he asked the woman who answered the door.

"No!" she screamed, slamming the door.

A few seconds later he knocked again. The same woman answered the door.

"Could I please have a bite to eat?" he asked again.

"Get out, you good-for-nothing!" shouted the woman. "And don't you ever come back!"

After a few minutes there's another knock at the door. The woman comes to the door.

"Pardon," said the motorist, "but could I have a few words with George this time?"

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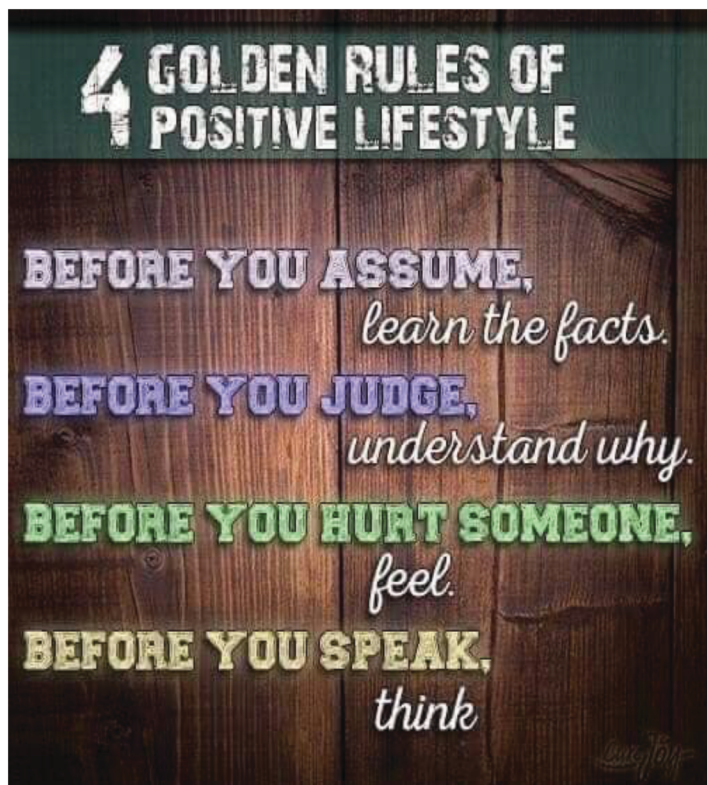
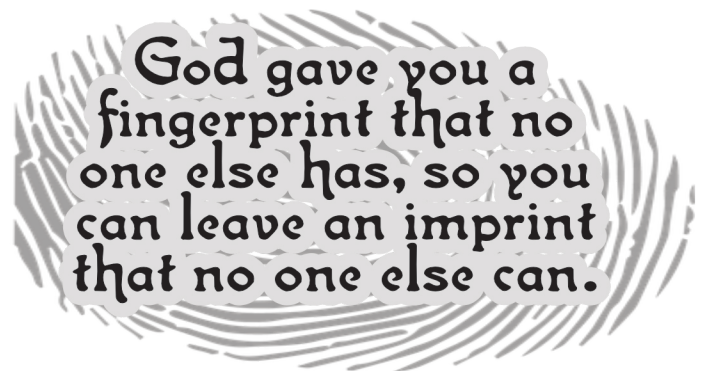
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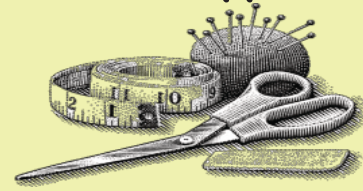
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49 year old Ron Chester was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

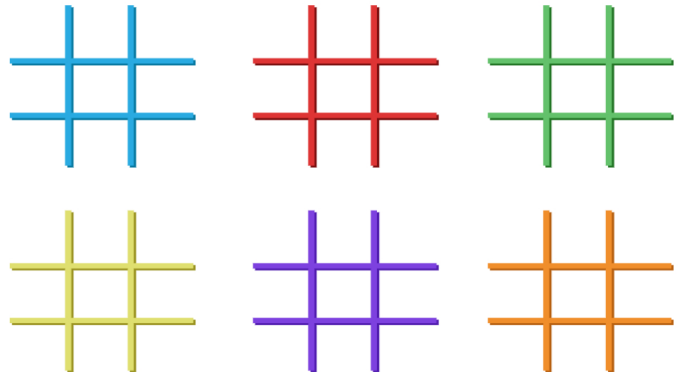
Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

Tic Tac Toe

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My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 50-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended my high school. "Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He Answered, "in 1966. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!", I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, That Ugly, Old, Bald, Wrinkled, Fat, Gray, Decrepit, So in So, Asked, "What Did You Teach?"

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Stuck

Charlie's wife, Lucy, had been after him for several weeks to paint the seat on their commode. Finally, he got around to doing it while Lucy was out. He left to take care of another matter before she returned. Lucy came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the commode. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the commode seat. About that time, Charlie got home and realized her predicament. They both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, Charlie undid the commode seat bolts. Lucy wrapped a sheet around herself and Charlie drove her to the Hospital Emergency Room. The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her. Lucy tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before" The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen a lot of them. I just never saw one FRAMED before!"

**Don't be less white,
don't be less black,
don't be less Asian,
don't be less Hispanic
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be anything less than
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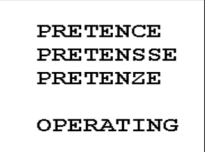
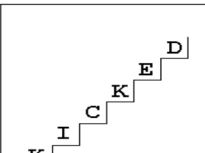

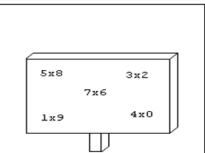
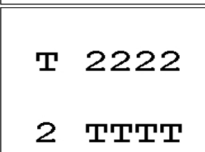
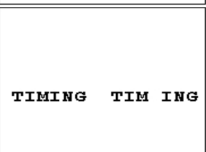


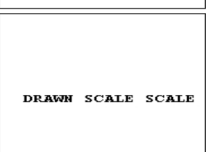
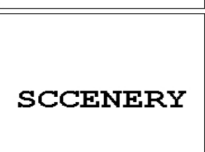
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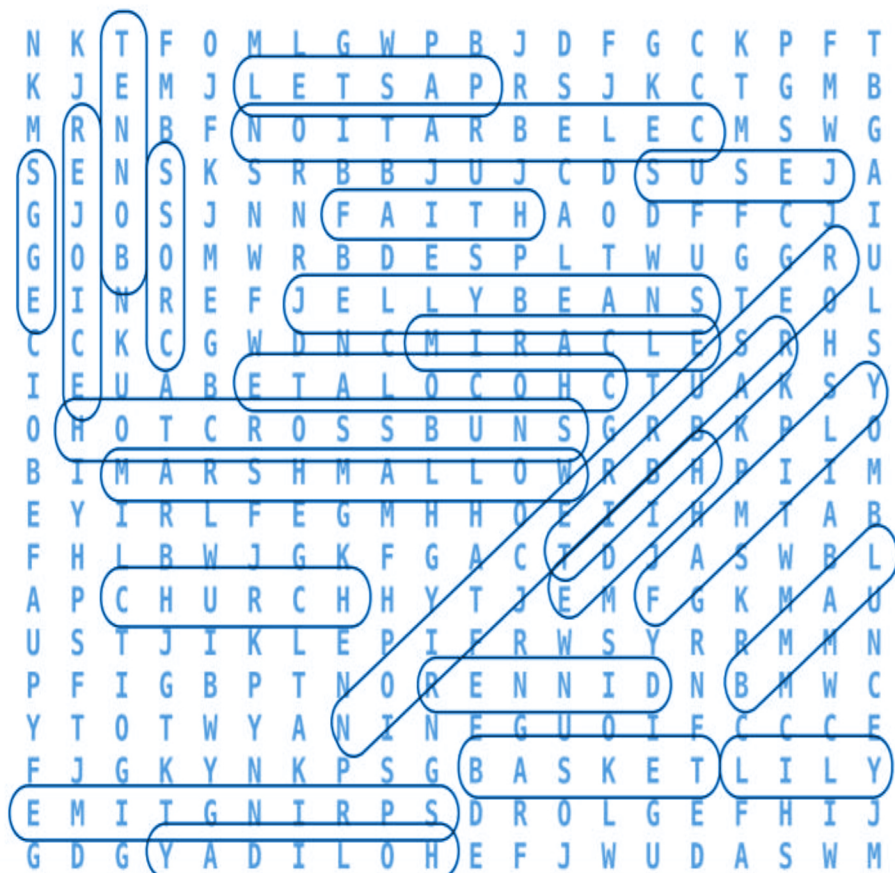
People seem to read the Bible more as they get older.

I know. I guess they are cramming for their finals.



Every family has secrets until a Sunday school teacher asks a group of kids if they have any prayer requests.

In Life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply Let them be wrong.



Border Crossing

An elderly couple was crossing the Canadian border to go to their winter recluse in Florida. At the crossing they were stopped by an over-zealous border guard, on his first day at work. He commenced to ask the couple a battery of questions.

The husband, on behalf of his almost deaf wife, answered the barrage of queries.

Officer: "Where are you going?"

Husband: "We're on vacation and going to Florida."

Wife: "What did he say? What did he say?"

Husband: "He wants to know where we're going."

Officer: "How long will you be gone?"

Husband: "About one month."

Wife: "What did he say? What did he say?"

Husband: "He wants to know how long we'll be gone."

Officer: "Where are you from?"

Husband: "We're from Toronto, Ontario."

Officer: "Toronto, huh. I was there once. Nice city, had the worst date experience in my life."

Wife: "What did he say? What did he say?"

Husband: "He says he knows you!"

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Claybank Master Gardeners



Lower Alabama weather is so unpredictable in the spring months, we can go from winter frosts to summer heat almost overnight, not to mention raging downpours followed by drought conditions just when we're setting out new seeds and/or plants. How to cope? Greg Lolley, one of our truly knowledgeable Master Gardeners, recommends spraying the leaves of the plants with compost tea. The plants readily absorb this "liquid gold" and you will see results in a few days. Compost is full of nutrients which help your plants overcome many stress factors. With three compost piles in different corners of our yard, for this gardener this is a free and easily applied solution. If your compost piles are not yet matured enough (when the compost has turned into very black soil) try using a small scoopful from a bag of Black Kow compost mixed into a watering can of water.

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What to plant in April? The AL Extension's SOW app suggests asparagus, cantaloupe, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, kohlrabi, lima beans, okra, peppers, radishes, snap beans, southern peas, summer squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, watermelons, and winter squash.

Also look for herbs you can use in cooking. Herbs contain many healthful nutrients that make your food taste better so you need less salt, fat and sugar, and provide disease fighting phytochemicals. Basil, cilantro and parsley are three basic ones that grow easily from seed or transplants. Rosemary, sage and thyme are great with meats and potatoes.

The Claybank Master Gardeners meetings meet on the third Thursdays at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from Milky Moos. Join us, we love new faces. Come buy your lunch if you wish, or just visit. Call the Dale County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the date.

Dee Gilbert,
Claybank Master Gardener



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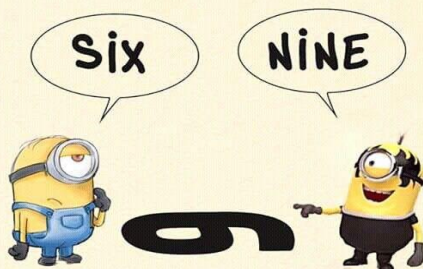
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- A-2 Feeling Down in the Dumps
- A-3 Operating under False Pretenses
- B-1 Kicked Upstairs
- B-2 Moose Trap
- B-3 Sign of the Times
- C-1 Tea for Two & Two for Tea
- C-2S Split Second Timing
- C-3 Boulder Dam
- D-1 Helen Reddy
- D-2 Down to Scale
- D-3 A Change of Scenery

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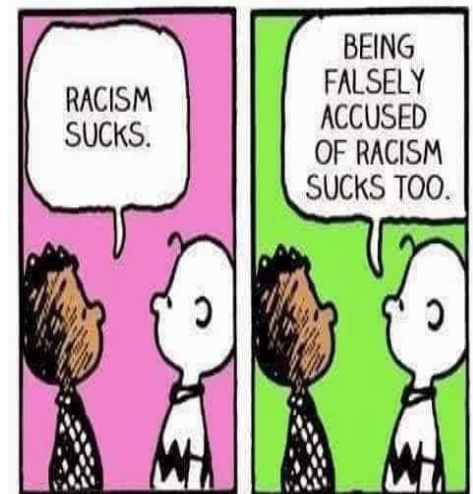
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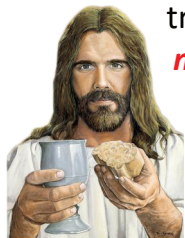
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For people who can visualize one million dollars, this comparison should give you an idea about a trillion - ***"If you started spending a million dollars every single day since Jesus was born, you still wouldn't have spend a trillion dollars"***.



Why not think of it in terms of seconds, I asked myself? A trillion seconds would have to be years, probably many years ago. I made a wild guess. As it turned out, I wasn't close. I found that 1,000 seconds ago was

equal to almost 17 minutes. It would take almost 12 days for a million seconds to elapse and 31.7 years for a billion seconds. Therefore, **a trillion seconds would amount to no less than 31,709.8 years.**

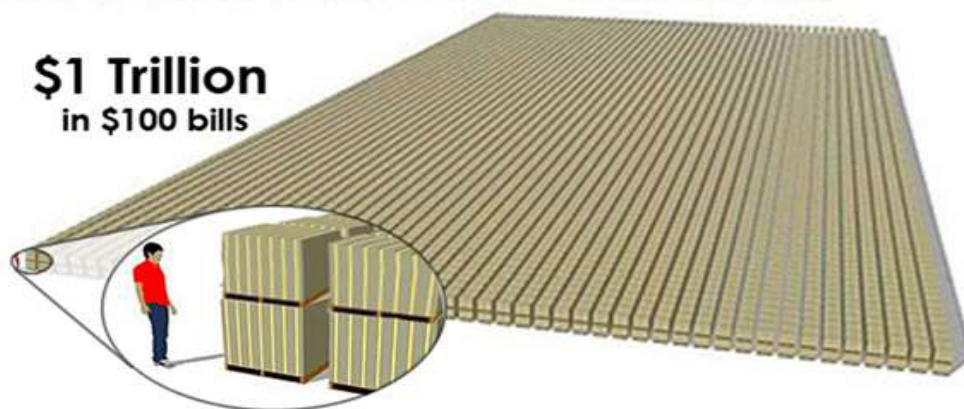
A trillion seconds ago, there was no written history. The pyramids had not yet been built. It would be 10,000 years before the cave paintings in France were begun, and saber-toothed tigers were still prowling the planet.



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