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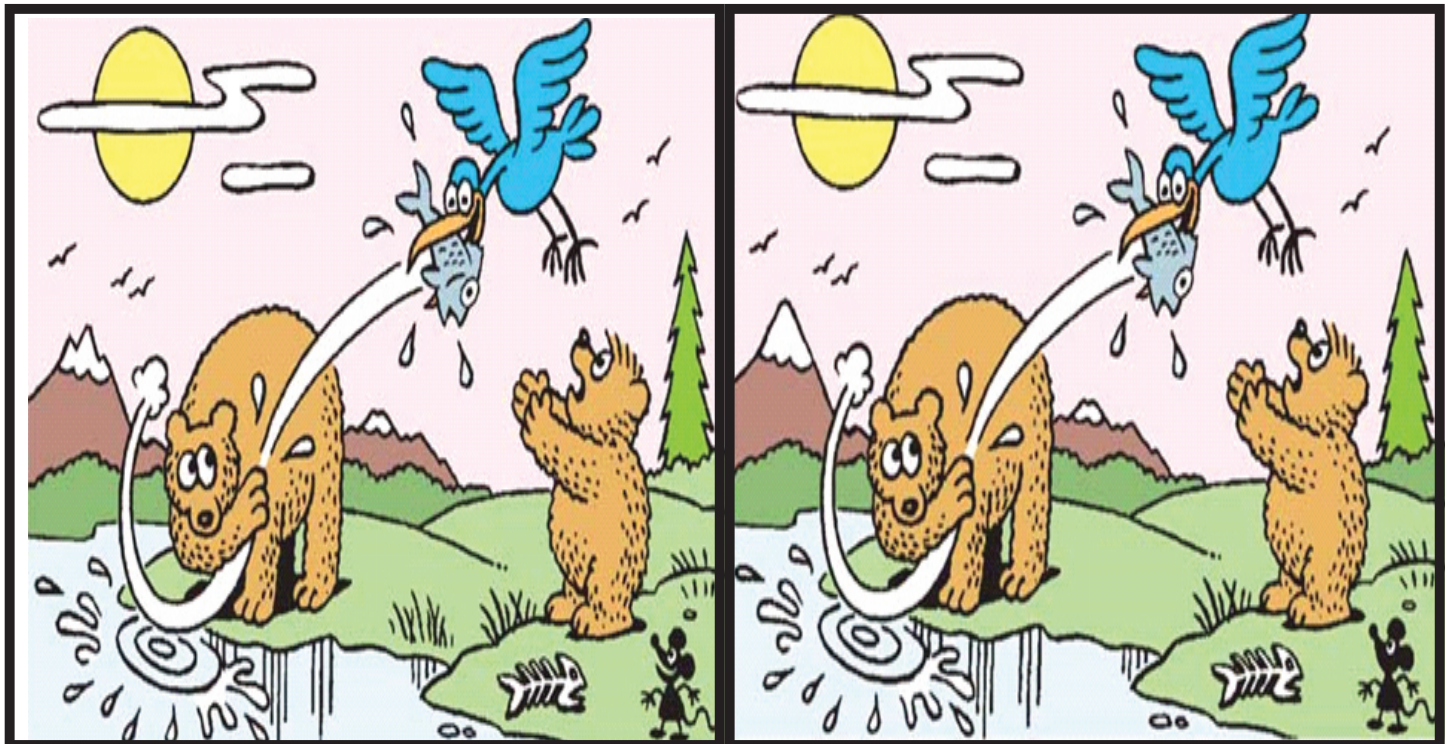
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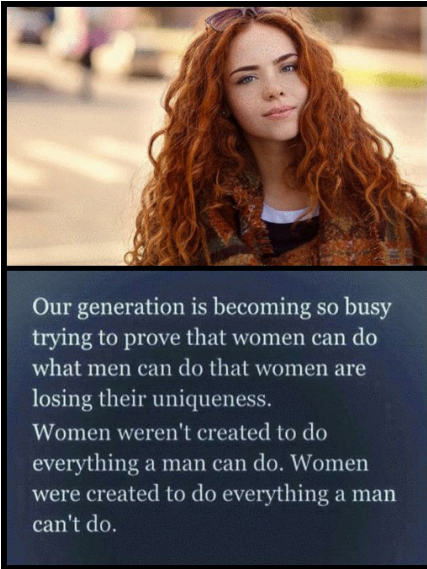
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## SPOT THE 6 DIFFERENCES

Answer on page 29



"The man who keeps busy helping the man below him won't have time to envy the man above him." - Henrietta Mears



Our generation is becoming so busy trying to prove that women can do what men can do that women are losing their uniqueness. Women weren't created to do everything a man can do. Women were created to do everything a man can't do.

### DESERT FOOD

Two cowboys were lost in the desert when they spotted a tree draped in bacon strips. "We're saved!" shouted one cowboy. But when he ran up to the tree, he was shot multiple times. It wasn't a bacon tree, it was a ham bush.

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After a lengthy conference with the estranged husband, the lawyer reported to his client. "Mrs. LaMay, I have succeeded in making a settlement with your husband that is eminently fair to both of you." "Fair to both?!?" exploded Mrs. LaMay. "I could have done that myself! What's the point of hiring a lawyer for then?"

**How many mystery writers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?**

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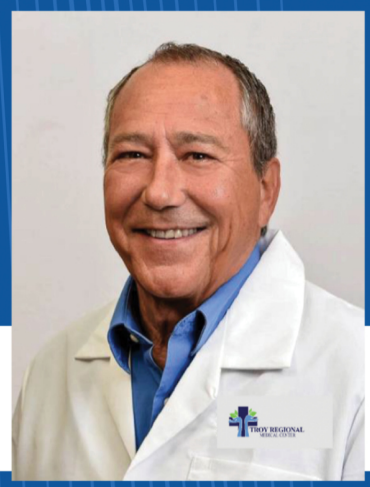
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**Mary was discussing** the various aspects and possible outcome of the insurance policy with the clerk at the Insurance Agency. During the discussion, she asked, "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?"

The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

**Signs You Probably Have Never Seen ----**

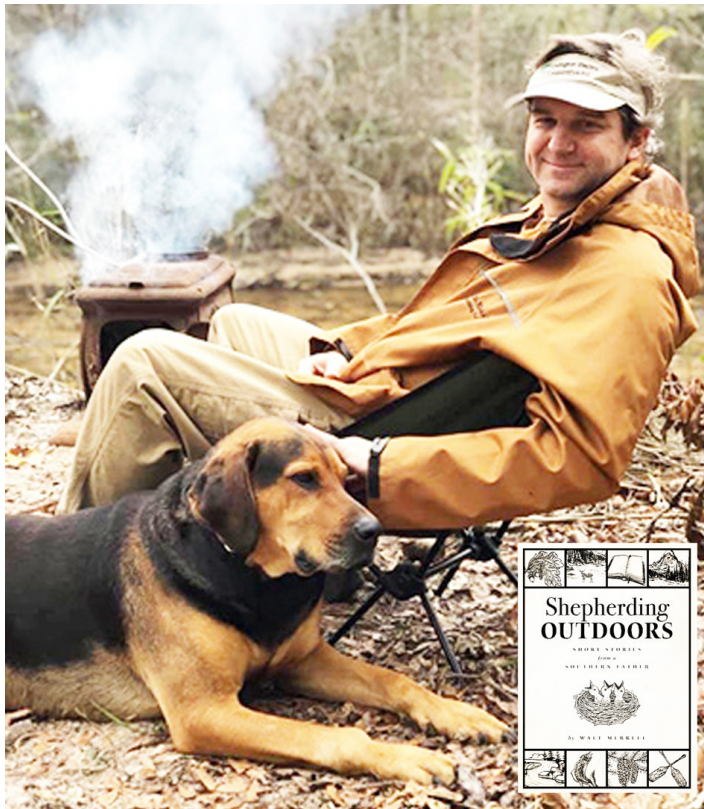
Sign in a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!!"

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

Sign in a dentist's office: "Patient parking only. All others will be painfully extracted."

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Dr. Ben & Candy Carson

**GET BETTER SOON**

A retired man who volunteers to entertain patients in nursing homes and hospitals went to one local hospital in Brooklyn and took his portable keyboard along. He told some jokes and sang

some funny songs at patient's bedsides. When he finished, he said, in farewell, "I hope you get better."

One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."



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- William Arthur Ward

**My Loving Dog Mace**

There was once a handyman who had a dog named Mace. Mace was a great dog except he had one weird habit: he liked to eat grass -- not just a little bit, but in quantities that would make a lawnmower blush. And nothing, it seemed, could cure him of it. One day, the handyman lost his wrench in the tall grass while he was working outside. He looked and looked, but it was nowhere to be found.

As it was getting dark, he gave up for the night and decided to look the next morning. When he awoke, he went outside and saw that his dog had eaten all the grass in the area, around where he had been working, and his wrench now lay in plain sight, glinting in the sun.

Going out to get his wrench, he called the dog over to him and said, "A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me."

When the new patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the psychiatrist began his therapy session. "I'm not aware of your problem," the doctor said. "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning." "Of course." replied the patient. "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."

**READING IN DREAMS**

When was the last time you were reading a book or magazine in a dream? If you are like most people, you won't be able to recall. More than likely, it has never happened. While not impossible, it is highly unlikely. Why does it not happen? Reading is a function of the right side of the brain. Dreaming comes from the left side. When you are dreaming, the right side of your brain is at rest.

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**PERSPECTIVE**

A woman walks in a store to return a pair of eyeglasses that she had purchased for her husband a week before.  
 "What seems to be the problem, madam?"  
 "I'm returning these glasses I bought for my husband. He's still not seeing things my way."

**TATT SYNDROME**

What is TATT syndrome?  
 TATT stands for "tired all the time" and it is a real condition. This goes beyond being tired all the time. It is a combination of physical and psychiatric symptoms, such as feeling sleepy, loss of motivation, inability to concentrate and/or make decisions, lack of energy, and more.

**THE RHODE ISLAND FARMER**

A farmer in Rhode Island just grew the largest pumpkin in North America, weighing over 2,200 pounds. The only downside, the man's wife no longer thinks it's cute when he calls her "pumpkin."



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## PREPPED FOR ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

What would happen if the United States were ever attacked by zombies? There is no need to worry as the US Government has a plan in case such a thing were to happen. In 2011, the Pentagon revealed a Counter-Zombie Dominance Plan, also known as CONPLAN 8888-11.

### Farmer Wins Lottery

Interviewer: "Congratulations on winning the lottery."

Farmer: "Thank you."

Interviewer: "Do you have any special plans for spending all of that money?"

Farmer: "Nope. Not really. I'm just gonna keep farming until the lottery money is all gone."

### Opinion From a Former Judge

I am a student of law whose age is 85. My first year of college was 68 years ago. One class I took was political science. A half-page of my textbook essentially outlined a few steps to overturn a democracy.

- 1) Divide the nation philosophically.
- 2) Foment racial strife.
- 3) Cause distrust of police authority.
- 4) Swarm the nation's borders indiscriminately and unconstitutionally.
- 5) Engender the military strength to weaken it.
- 6) Overburden citizens with more unfair taxation.
- 7) Encourage civil rioting and discourage accountability for all crime.
- 8) Control all balloting.
- 9) Control all media.

What was printed in 1954 as a possible diabolic nightmare has become an emerging reality.

Keith M. Alber, California

*What has happened to all the village idiots we used to have?*

*We still have them, but since the internet, they have all gone global!*



His wife had been killed in an accident and the police were questioning Finnegan. "Did she say anything before she died?" asked the sergeant. "She spoke without interruption for about forty years," said the Irishman.

### STAMPS

A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps.

"What Denomination?"



Asked the clerk.

"Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman.

"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic."

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**Dead Horse Theory**

The tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians, passed on from generation to generation, says that "When you discover that you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount."

However, in government more advanced strategies are often employed, such as:

1. Buying a stronger whip.
2. Changing riders.
3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses.
5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.

8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.

9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase the dead horse's performance.

10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance.

11. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overhead and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some other horses.

12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses.

And, of course...

13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

**T**he math teacher was giving a lesson on fractions and wrote an example on the chalkboard. He explained that the numerator was the top and the denominator was the bottom. Leaning against the board, he asked the class, "Are there any questions?"

When he turned back to face the board, laughter filled the room. "Mr. Alexander," one student giggled, "you have chalk dust all over your denominator!"

**I** walked into Dairy King the other day and asked for a hot fudge sundae with extra hot fudge.

Dennis replied, "Roger, the hot fudge only comes in one temperature."

## JURY AGE

Just as she was celebrating her 80th birthday, our friend received a jury-duty notice.

She called to remind the people at the clerk's office that she was exempt because of her age.

"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," they said.

"I've already done that," she replied. "I did it last year."

"You have to do it every year," she was told.

"Why?" came the response. "Do you think I'm going to get younger?"

## THE PERFECT MAN

A man walks out to the street and stops a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the Cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman... he was a Cabbie who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, he was always in the right place at the right time. Things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone, and danced like a Broadway star. And you should have heard him play the piano! He was an amazing guy, perfect in every way."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order, and which fork to eat them with. And he could fix anything.



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Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, he could do everything right, he never made a mistake, he was perfect!!"

Passenger: "Wow, some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I



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always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never talk back to her, even if she was in the wrong. His clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake.

No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "This Frank Feldman was an amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well... I never actually met Frank. He died, and I have the pleasure of being married to his widow."

If what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it at all?

# AUNT T'S KITCHEN

## FRESH CORN SALAD

8 servings

### Ingredients

- 3 cups corn kernels about 4 ears of corn
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes quartered
- 1 cup cucumbers diced
- ¼ cup red onion diced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar or rice vinegar
- a generous sprinkle of course salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- fresh basil or dill optional



### Directions

1. Either boil or grill corn. Once cooked, remove kernels from corn.
2. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and gently toss.
3. Season with salt & pepper to taste.

## SWEET 'N' SOUR TOMATO SALAD

6 Servings

### Ingredients

- 7 tomatoes
- 1 small yellow onion
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup distilled white vinegar



# Summer Salads

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

1. Thinly slice the tomatoes. Cut the onion in half through root end, then thinly slice into half-circles.
2. In a large bowl, toss together tomatoes, onion, sugar, vinegar, oil, salt, and pepper. You may adjust the amounts of vinegar and sugar according to your taste. Serve at room temperature.

## CARAMEL APPLE SALAD

10 Servings

### Ingredients

- 4 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 oz package butterscotch pudding mix, sugar-free fat-free
- 1 (8-ounce) can pineapple, crushed (undrained)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 (8-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- ¾ cup chopped pecans
- Caramel sauce for drizzling



### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, combine pudding mix, pineapple with juice, cinnamon and mix well.
2. Gently stir in apples and whipped topping and refrigerate 1 hour, or until ready to serve.
3. Just before serving, sprinkle with pecans and drizzle with caramel sauce.

## COLESLAW

6 servings

### Ingredients

- 3 cups green cabbage finely shredded
- 2 cups purple cabbage finely shredded
- 1 cup carrot finely shredded

### Dressing

- ½ cup mayonnaise/dressing
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- ½ tablespoon cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon celery seeds
- salt & pepper to taste







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**Instructions**

Combine all dressing ingredients in a bowl.  
Toss with cabbage & carrots. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving to allow flavors to blend

### ROASTED PEPPER SALAD WITH FETA, PINE NUTS, & BASIL

4 Servings

**Ingredients**

- 4 bell peppers (any combination of red, yellow or orange), halved, seeded and cored
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, divided
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts
- 2 ounces (a scant ½ cup) crumbled Feta
- ⅓ cup pitted kalamata olives

**Instructions**

1. Set an oven rack in the top position and preheat the broiler. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place the pepper halves on the prepared baking sheet and broil for 5-10 minutes, rotating the pan once, until well charred. Remove the peppers from the oven and place in a bowl; cover tightly with plastic wrap (so they steam) and let cool until luke warm.
2. Peel the skin from the peppers (do not rinse under water) and cut into ¼-inch strips. Place back in the bowl; add the olive oil, red wine vinegar, garlic, 2 tablespoons of the basil, oregano, sugar, salt and pepper. Refrigerate for at least one hour or overnight.
3. Heat a small skillet over medium heat. Add the pine nuts and cook, stirring frequently, until golden, about 4 minutes. Immediately transfer the nuts to a small bowl to stop the cooking process. (Pay close attention: they go from perfectly golden to burnt quickly.)
4. Transfer the marinated peppers to a serving dish and top with the feta, olives, toasted pine nuts and remaining tablespoon basil (do not toss). Garnish with whole basil leaves if desired.

**CREAMY CORN SALAD**

10 Servings

**Ingredients**

- 2 lbs. Frozen corn, thawed under cool running water
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- ¼ cup diced purple onion
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and diced
- ½ cup plain greek yogurt
- ½ cup mayo
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro

**Instructions**

1. Combine the corn, red bell pepper, onion and jalapeño in a large bowl.
2. In a separate bowl whisk together the yogurt, mayo, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Gently stir into the corn mixture. Add in the chopped cilantro and stir. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

**Notes**

Salad can be made up to a day ahead of time, but sauce does thin out the longer it stands. Best if enjoyed within 2 days.



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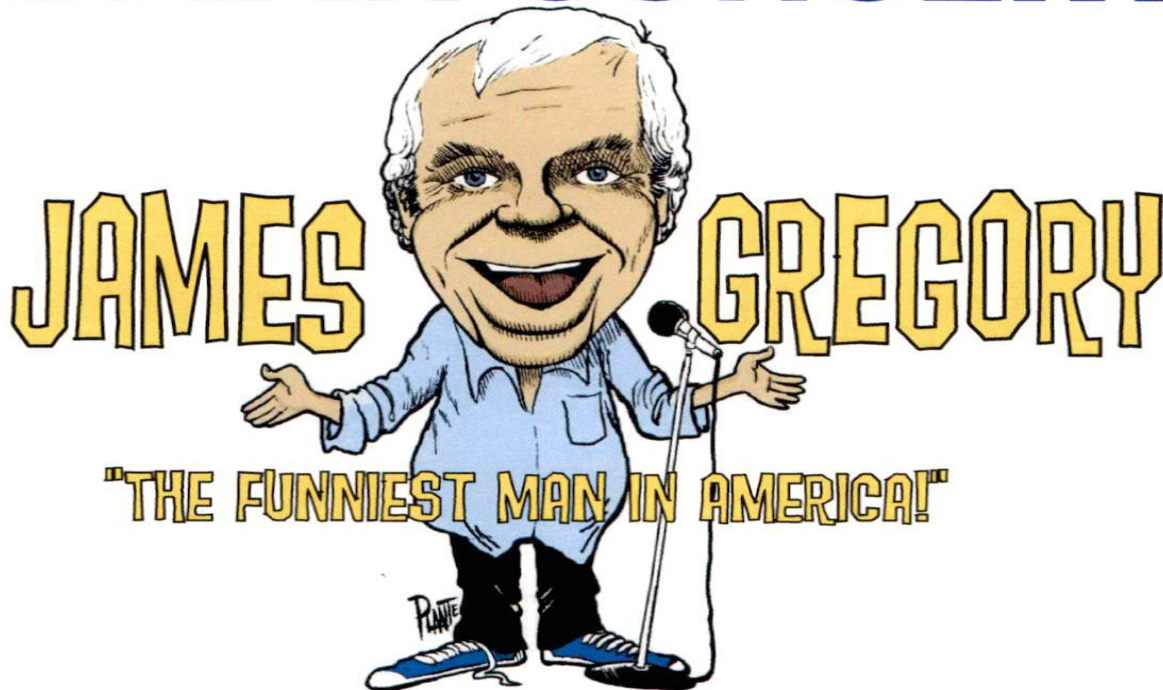
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I think it's OK.

### GUIDED BY HIS SPIRIT

By

Wallace Kennedy, Jr.



#### Guided By His Spirit

For we know that a guide is a person who advises or shows the way to others. Also, the word "guide" comes from two words: to lead and the way.

*John 16:13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will **GUIDE** you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.*

The word guide in this verse means: to lead on one's way, teacher, or to give guidance to. To be guided by the Holy Spirit we must be sensitive to His voice, and willing to yield our own ways and desires to align with His. The Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God and provide us direction for our life in every area.

When we yield ourselves, means to be open to hearing Him speak, seeking His guidance, and cooperating with Him.

When we failed to obey the Holy Spirit guidance and directions, "He is grieved".

(Ephesians 4:30) The Holy Spirit job is to assist and help us live a life that brings God glory and have a victorious life.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher, and will remind us of the things we have learned. He often speaks in the stillness of our hearts with a word of conviction or assurance.

The more we put into practice listening to what the Holy Spirit says, the more we get to know His voice and pay close attention. The more we do that, eventually it becomes a natural part of our life. Then we will have this deep inner peace, a sense of joy, excitement, and an eagerness to hear from Him all the time.

*Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

"In order to be Spirit led we must be Spirit fed".  
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1. Take care of your thoughts when you are alone.
2. Take care of your words when you are with people.

Once there was a couple traveling on a bus in a mountainous area. Close to their destination they decided to get off a bit early and enjoy a short walk the rest of the way. After the couple got off the bus, it proceeded on its route, but 100 feet later a huge boulder fell on the bus, crushing it and killing everybody on board.

Upon seeing this happen the couple said, "We wish we were on that bus."

Why do you think they said that?

Think about it and then scroll down for the answer.

----- Answer !!!! -----

If the couple had remained on the bus instead of deciding to get off, the resulting time delay would have been avoided and the rock would have fallen after the bus had passed.

Remember and consider others in life.

"To limit God's revelation to a cold list of dos and don'ts is as tragic as looking at a Colorado road map and saying that you'd seen the Rockies."

- Max Lucado

### TAIL LIGHT

"How long have you been driving without a tail light, buddy?" demanded the policeman.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car, and gave a low moan.

His distress was so great that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

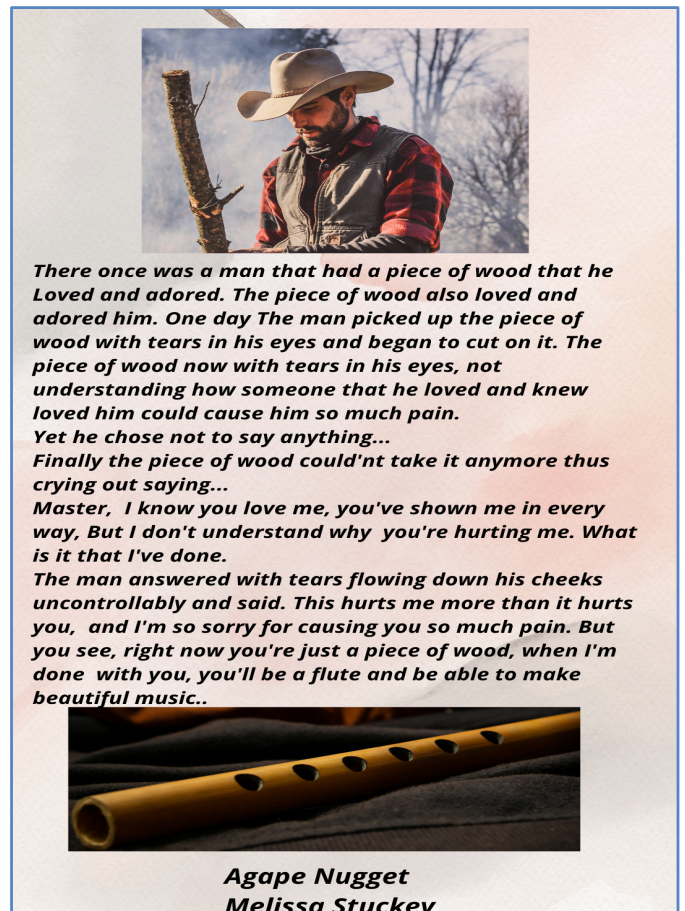
"Aw, come now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't?" cried the motorist.

"What happened to my boat and trailer?"



... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.



# “Wise Words”

**By: Hayes Wise**

**WHAT ARE YOU FOCUSED ON?**

Have you ever worked in a place where no one rubbed you the wrong way, or there were no arguments or unkind words? Did you leave your workplace because of these things or did you ignore it and learn to just focus on your job? As long as there are human beings involved no place will be perfect; not even a church. A lady went to the pastor and said, she wouldn't be attending church anymore. He asked her why she was doing that. She said she saw people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some i know aren't living right. The pastor thought a minute and asked her before she left if she would do one thing before she made her final decision. She asked him what he wanted her to do. He handed her a glass of water and asked her to walk around the church two times and don't let any water fall out the glass. She came back in a little while smiling and pleased, not one drop had spilled.

The pastor asked her three questions: did you see anybody on their phone? Did you see anybody gossiping? Did you see anybody living wrong? She told him she didn't see anything because she was so focused on this glass because she didn't want any water to fall out. He asked her to give church one more chance and to be just that focused on God. That's why Jesus said “follow me.” He did not say follow the pastor, deacons, choir leader, or any other people. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. As my daddy said, “mind your own little red wagon”. Remember sight can be deceiving and only God knows the heart. Let your church worship be determined by how focused you are on God.

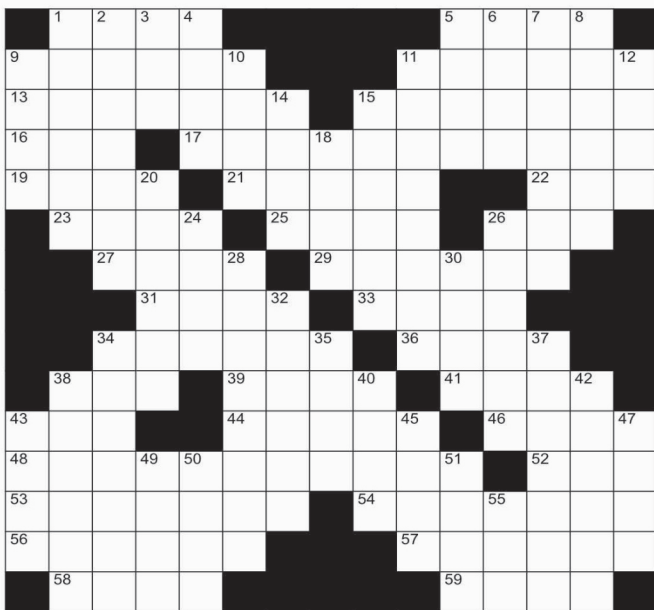
We don't come to church for the people, we come to the church for Christ. We get benefits from the fellowship, but our ultimate motivation should be Christ. Our motivation should be about Jesus and not the people. People will almost always let you down, Jesus never will.

# WACKIE WORDS

Solution on page 31

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**CLUES ACROSS**

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| 1. Slovenian mountain               | 33. Female mammal's nipple      |
| 5. Growl                            | 34. Pandemonium                 |
| 9. Where things stand               | 36. Satisfy                     |
| 11. Made a sharp sound              | 38. Arrived extinct             |
| 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore | 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)     |
| 15. Deteriorate with age            | 41. Network of nerves           |
| 16. A way to save for retirement    | 43. Monetary unit               |
| 17. The Big Apple                   | 44. Showed old TV show          |
| 19. Intestinal pouches              | 46. They help you hear          |
| 21. City in New Hampshire           | 48. One who eliminates          |
| 22. Giving a bad impression         | 52. Congress' investigative arm |
| 23. Samsung laptops                 | 53. Parties                     |
| 25. Without (French)                | 54. Most supernatural           |
| 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)        | 56. Takes illegally             |
| 27. System of one more computers    | 57. Breathes while asleep       |
| 29. Captures                        | 58. Sea eagles                  |
| 31. Authentic                       | 59. German surname              |

**CLUES DOWN**

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Looks at for a long time             | 26. Long upholstered seat          |
| 2. Solution for diseases                | 28. Set wages                      |
| 3. Belonging to a thing                 | 30. Peter Gabriel song             |
| 4. Former Packers fullback              | 32. Sides of a jacket              |
| 5. Contemptible person                  | 34. More beautiful                 |
| 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)    | 35. Actress Kate                   |
| 7. Helps                                | 37. Furniture with open shelves    |
| 8. Final section of the large intestine | 38. Indicate                       |
| 9. Invests in little enterprises        | 40. The cost of a room             |
| 10. Look for                            | 42. Gets rid of something          |
| 11. Unbeliefs                           | 43. Impudence                      |
| 12. Susan and Tom are two               | 45. No No No                       |
| 14. Female sheep                        | 47. Drunkards                      |
| 15. A poet writes it                    | 49. Middle eastern country         |
| 18. Affirmatives                        | 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)     |
| 20. "Full House" actress Barber         | 51. Primary component of ribosomes |
| 24. Traveled rapidly                    | 55. An informal debt instrument.   |

When I played semi-pro baseball my teammates called me James Bond because I had tricks to confuse the other team.

I always thought they called you James Bond because you had a .007 batting average.



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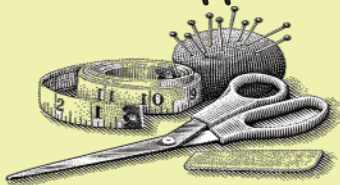
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0909 HARD 1

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0909 HARD 2

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0909 MEDIUM 2

Squirrels bury nuts in the ground. They will also dig fake holes in the ground to trick any potential thieves.

# Claybank Master Gardeners July 2022

## Greetings Gardeners,

\*\*With a heat index running over 100° gardening activity is restricted to early morning for this gardener, and hopefully for most of you, too. (Although some of you may be like a couple of friends recently retired from over 30 years in missionary work in Indonesia who say it's not even humid here!)

\*\* **Garden tip:** I have put shade cloth netting next to my tomato plants to protect them from the scorching afternoon sun. Tomatoes like heat, but most varieties won't produce new fruit in temperatures over 90 degrees, or when night temperatures are above 70 degrees. More frequent watering is necessary to even maintain most fruit-bearing veggies.

\*\* In June **Bence Carter, Regional Extension Agent in Forestry Wildlife and Natural Resources**, spoke to the Claybank Master Gardeners about snakes of Alabama. Although many people are so afraid of snakes, they will kill any they see, **Bence emphasizes the importance of NOT killing snakes, because of the 60 known species here in Alabama only 6 are actually venomous, and the rest are beneficial.** The six venomous ones are copperheads, cottonmouths, pigmy rattlesnakes, eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, timber or canebrake rattlesnakes, and eastern coral snakes.

Pit-vipers, the first 5 on this list, are recognizable by their thin necks and "cat-like" pupils of their eyes. Coral snakes are recognizable by the red, black, and yellow bands running across their bodies. ("Red on black, a friend of Jack; red on yellow, kill a fellow.") The rest are harmless and beneficial, as they feed on insects and disease-carrying rodents. Did you know that black or indigo snakes are natural enemies of rattlesnakes? If you go online to [www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forestry-wildlife/identification](http://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forestry-wildlife/identification) you will find great information and photos to help identify friend or foe in the realm of snakes.

\*\* If you farm, and wild hogs are your nemesis, call Bence. He is also the agent for all of AL who can advise on hog management.

\*\*According to the SOW app, you can still plant corn, pumpkins, southern peas, tomatoes, & watermelons at this time.

\*\* The *Claybank Master Gardeners* usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month at **Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave.**, across from Milky Moos. Come join us, we love new faces. We have informative programs and speakers. Call the Dale County Extension Office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting date, and for more information.

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Goodness, JC  
You are  
shrinking.  
What did  
the doctor  
have to say  
about that?





Answers to riddle on page 7.....SHORT

Genie: I shall grant you 3 wishes.

Me: I wish for a world without lawyers.

Genie: Done, you have no more wishes.

Me: But you said 3.

Genie: Sue me.

What do you call 2 guys above a window?  
Kurt and Rod



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He said I would just have to be a little patient!



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I never called you stupid, but when I asked you to spell "Orange" and you asked me the fruit or the color it caught me off guard.

## CHASING HIS TAIL

There is an old fable about a puppy that was vigorously chasing its tail. An old dog saw him and asked, "Why are you chasing your tail so?"

The puppy answered, "I have mastered philosophy. I have solved the problems of our universe, which no dog before me has solved correctly. I have learned that the first thing for a dog is contentment and happiness. I have further discovered that contentment lies within my tail. Therefore, I am chasing it; and when I catch it, I shall have happiness!"

The old dog just nodded his wrinkled head, then replied, "My son, I, too, have paid attention to the problems of our universe. In my own weak way, I have formed some opinions. Like you, I have judged that contentment and happiness are fine things for a dog and that, indeed, happiness lies within my tail. But I have also noticed that when I chase it, it keeps running from me; but when I simply go about my business, it follows after me."

## LONG FREUD

Tophile lived across de bayou from Clarence who he don like at all. Dey all de time yell across de bayou at each other. Tophile would yell at Clarence "If I had a way to cross dis bayou, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah."

Dis went on for years. Finally de state done built a bridge across dat bayou right by dere house.

Tophile's wife, Philoman, said, "now is your chance. Why don't you go over dere an beat up Clarence like you say?"

Tophile said, "OK" and started walking across de bridge but he see a sign on de bridge. So he turned around & went back home.

Philoman say, "Why you back so soon?"

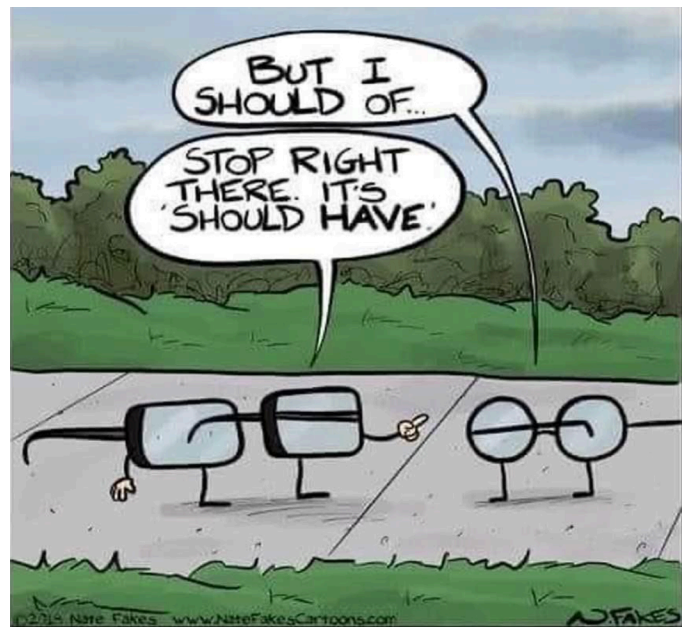
Tophile said, "Mais ah don changed mah mind about beat up Clarence. You know, he don look near dat big when I yell at him from across de bayou., but dey got a big sign on dat bridge dat say ... CLARENCE..13 ft 6 in".

## "IF ONLY I COULD TAKE IT BACK..." EDITION

On a family vacation in Texas, my brother-in-law Mike exhibited the exuberance of a tourist. At a diner, he and his brothers ordered cheeseburgers. When his meal arrived, the first thing Mike noticed was its size.

"Wow," he exclaimed, "everything IS bigger in Texas!"

As he lifted the burger off the plate, his eyes met the cold stare of the 300-pound waitress.



Corrective Lens

# KITTY CAT WORD SEARCH

G P W D D R J Y H S J A W P Y L H Y T W  
 U I T I R I O K D Y A H K U G S A P W O  
 T N O U W E G C P F P P R T L R L R K E  
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## WORDS

- AILUROPHOBIA
- CALICO
- CAT
- CATNIP
- CLOWDER
- DEWCLAW
- DIGITIGRADE
- DOMESTIC
- FELINE
- FERAL
- HAIRBALL
- JOWLS
- KITTEN
- KNEAD
- MEOW
- NEUTER
- PAPILLAE
- PURR
- SPAY
- STRAY
- STROPPING
- TABBY
- TONGUE
- WHISKER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Solution on page 29

“While having their evening dinner together, a little girl looked up at her father and asked, “Daddy, you’re the boss in our family, right?” The father was very pleased to hear it and confidently replied, “Yes, my little princess.” The girl then continued, “That’s because mommy put you in charge, right?”

Little Johnny wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he made the teacher quite surprised.

He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades....somebody is going to get a spanking...."

### Food For Thought

*If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally ...you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.*

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So let it rest!

No use in turning lively discussions into a heated one, or turning road rage into murder with a gun.

So let it rest!

No use in exchanging hurtful words or insults, or letting your blood pressure skyrocket as a result!

So let it rest!

No use in stressing yourself out, or walking around mad or in a pout.

So let it rest!

No use in worrying about what others think about you or what they say. Just continue walking and living the right way.

So let it rest!

No use in trying to be what others want you to be, for the only one you have to prove anything to is God the Almighty

So let it rest!

In God's hands are our problems and pests. God knows and does what is best.

So in God, let it rest!

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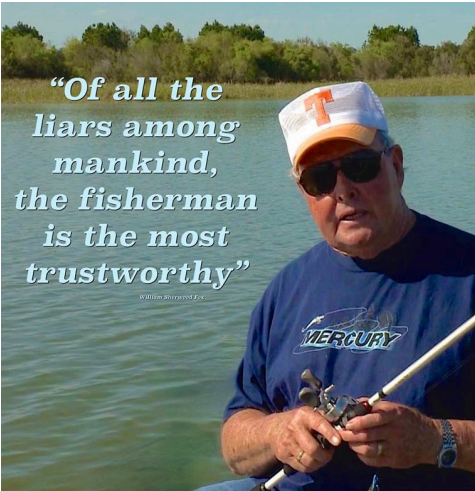
A few months ago, President Biden received and was reading a report that there were over



100,000 cattle guards in Colorado . The Colorado ranchers had protested his proposed changes in grazing policies, so he ordered the Secretary of the Interior to fire half of the "cattle" guards immediately! Before the Secretary of the Interior could respond and presumably try to straighten President Biden out on the matter, Vice-President Kamala Harris, intervened with a request that...before any "cattle" guards were fired, they be given six months of retraining. 'Times are hard,' said Harris, 'it's only fair to the cattle guards and their families be given six months of retraining! HUH!!

You know, over the years I have lost tons of phone chargers, but don't know anyone who as ever just found one. I imagine there must be a huge battle on some alternate plane somewhere between socks and phone chargers!!

A. Anderson



**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION**

1. The first mountain peak is different in the two pictures.
2. The mouse is smiling in the first picture, but not in the second.
3. The fir tree is taller in the first picture: it reaches up to the birds.
4. There are two tufts of grass in the first picture, and only one in the second.
5. The bird has three tail feathers in the first picture, and only two in the second.
6. There is a line missing from the fish in the second picture.

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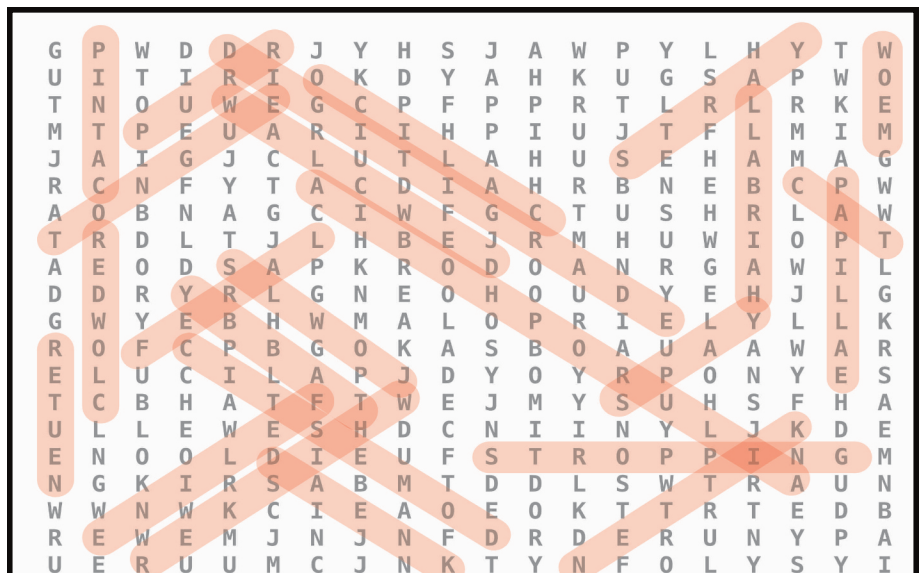
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I'm at the airport & I've just witnessed a man collapse on the luggage carousel. I think he's OK, as he's slowly coming around.

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## Talk about a SENIOR moment! Submitted Anonymously!

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was

empty. I immediately call the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call her "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen." There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard her voice, "Honey," she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"

You may not like guns.

That is your right.

You may not believe in God.

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- 2) Pray they get there in time

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## WACKY WORDIES

1. Leave no stone unturned
2. Foot in the door
3. Go on a double-date
4. Green with envy
5. Look me square in the eye
6. Broken promise
7. Pull up alongside the curb
8. Excuse me
9. High-grade performance
10. Take on a big job
11. Split the difference
12. He came out of nowhere
13. Wait on hand and foot
14. Suit to a T
15. Know it forward and back
16. A period in history
17. Crooked lawyer
18. Get up on the wrong side of bed
19. Sign on the dotted line
20. Disorderly conduct

# Sudoku

EASY

5		1			3			4
	2			8				6
3								
						8		
	4				7	9		3
		9						
				6			1	7
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12	9	6	63	62	61	60	59	56
11	10	5	4	3	2	1	58	57

0909 HARD 1

59	60	61	62	63	66	67	68	69
58	57	56	55	64	65	78	77	70
51	52	53	54	81	80	79	76	71
50	49	48	47	46	45	44	75	72
33	34	35	36	41	42	43	74	73
32	31	30	37	40	13	12	9	8
25	26	29	38	39	14	11	10	7
24	27	28	19	18	15	2	1	6
23	22	21	20	17	16	3	4	5

0909 MEDIUM 1

47	46	45	44	25	24	19	18	17
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55	54	51	42	27	22	21	14	13
56	53	52	41	28	29	10	11	12
57	58	59	40	31	30	9	4	3
64	63	60	39	32	33	8	5	2
65	62	61	38	35	34	7	6	1
66	69	70	37	36	75	76	79	80
67	68	71	72	73	74	77	78	81

0909 HARD 2

1	10	11	18	19	74	75	76	81
2	9	12	17	20	73	72	77	80
3	8	13	16	21	70	71	78	79
4	7	14	15	22	69	68	67	66
5	6	27	26	23	56	57	64	65
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0909 MEDIUM 2

MEDIUM

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