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I've been around a long time and I've seen a lot of things. You know I've never seen any leftover bacon!

Grandpa's 1968 Corvette

Grandpa: They say a man's car is a reflection of himself.

Granddaughter: I see what you mean Grandpa; sometimes your car doesn't want to start in the morning, and when it does start it sputters and back fires before it gets going.

Grandpa: Hey...

Wild Pitcher

I was sitting behind an enthusiastic mom at my son's Little League game. Her boy was pitching for the opposing team and she cheered as he threw wild pitch after wild pitch.

The little kid walked every batter. It was only the first inning and the score was 12-0. Then one batter finally hit the ball.

"Oh no," the mom wailed. "There goes his no-hitter."

Squabbling Siblings

Mother: Stop that water fighting!

Son: She started it!

Daughter: I did not!

Mother: There's only one way to settle this... divide the pool in half and each of you stay in your half.

Son: That's okay with me... I'll take the top half!

A Prickle of Porcupines

What is it called when you have not one, not two, but three or more porcupines? That is called trouble! However, in scientific terms it is called a prickle of porcupines.

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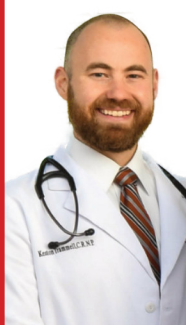



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You Want Answers

Son: Dad... can I have \$450 to buy a moped?

Dad: Son, listen to me very carefully. Due to the escalation of my personal monetary obligations brought on by spiraling inflation and the ever-fluctuating ramifications of the Petro-dollar, it behooves me to rule in the extreme negative when responding to my male issue.

Son: Huh?!? I don't get it!

Dad: Exactly.

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Children Learn What They Live By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

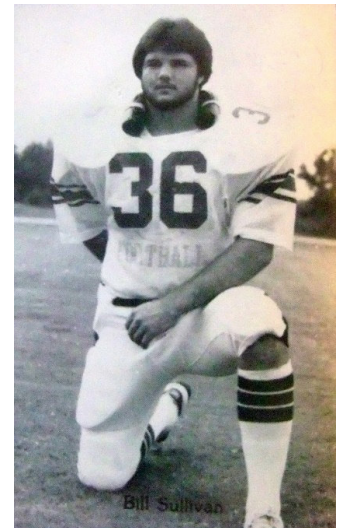
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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"Of course." replied the patient. "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."

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The husband said, "In the six weeks we've been together, we haven't been able to agree on one thing."

The wife said, "Seven weeks."

Stealthy Scholastics

School superintendent, Baker, speaking at a county-wide PTA luncheon, assured members that he was always happy to hear from them about problems. He told them, "You can call me day or night, at this number . . ." Suddenly there was a cry from the assistant superintendent. "Hey," he exclaimed, "that's MY number!"



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Cows Have Accents


Yes, it's true. Cows moo with an accent. The distinction in their moos will vary from herd to herd, from region to region, from country to country.

A Cow's Moo

Why does a cow moo? Does it mean it's happy or sad or hungry? According to a cattle geneticist, cows will moo when they are stressed out or need something. It's their way of saying that something is out of the ordinary.

WACKIE WORDS

1. another one thing	2. heart	3. p ^a y	4. temper _a ture
5. LEAST	6. DRAH	7. thought but thought	8. IT
9. and path	10. MILLION	11. purposes	12. b k
13. par two	14. u o i	15. the worse	16. hell winning
17. history history history	18. CHANCE	19. musically	20. ⁺ end



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The Whole Truth And Nothing But The Truth
Those that have nothing to regret are poor historians of their own lives.

BASES LOADED WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- BALK
- BALL
- BASES
- BATTERY
- BUNT
- CATCHER
- CHANGEUP
- CLEANUP
- COUNT
- CURVE
- DIAMOND
- ERROR
- FIELDER
- FLY
- FOUL
- GROUND
- LEAD
- LOADED
- ORDER
- PINCH
- PITCHER
- RELAY
- RELIEF
- WALK

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

Solution on page 29

My doctor told me to stop fishing so much, then 5 minutes later, he told me to stop laughing. ~ Bill Dance

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Suddenly he looked down and spotted a high-heel shoe half hidden under the passenger seat. Not wanting to be conspicuous, he waited until his wife was looking out her window before he scooped up the shoe and tossed it out of the car. With a sigh of relief, he pulled into the restaurant parking lot. That's when he noticed his wife squirming around in her seat.

"Honey," she asked, "have you seen my other shoe?"

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One of my prospects told me one day that he did not need to advertise, because everybody knew where his store was. I asked him when a customer came in to his store and asked for eggs, what kind of eggs did he sell them, and he said, "Hen eggs of course." I said, "Why did you sell them hen eggs instead of duck eggs?" I said I will tell you why. When the old rooster gets up each morning he crows, to let the world know he's in business. When the old hen lays an egg, she cackles, to let the world know that she has produced an egg. When the old duck lays, she hides in a bush, lays her egg, and slowly slips out, without letting anyone know she



I want to say this as politely as I can...
90% in Congress need to be making license plates.

has laid an egg." I said, "Now mister, doesn't that prove to you that advertising pays?"

From "The Back Forty to Mortgage Hill" by Fred S. Watson

Peter was telling a friend that he had just lost his job. "

Why did the foreman fire you?" the friend asked in surprise.

"Oh," Peter said, "you know how foreman are. They stand around with their hands in their pockets watching everybody else work."

"We all know that," replied his friend. "But why did he let you go?"

"Jealousy," answered Pete. "All the other workers thought I was the foreman."



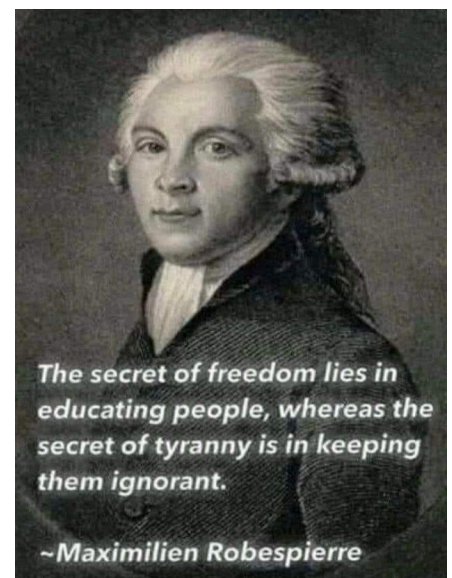
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CREAMY SEAFOOD CHOWDER 6 Servings

Ingredients

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1 teaspoon old bay seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 stalk celery sliced
- 1 carrot sliced
- 1 pound potatoes peeled and cubed
- ½ cup corn
- 5 cups broth seafood or chicken
- ½ cup white wine
- 8 ounces white fish cut into chunks (cod/salmon/tilapia/haddock)
- 8 ounces scallops
- 12 ounces shrimp peeled and deveined
- 6 ½ ounce chopped clams canned, drained
- 2 cups heavy cream



1 tablespoon parsley

Instructions

1. Cook onion in butter until tender. Add flour, Old Bay seasoning and thyme and cook 2-3 minutes.
2. Add carrot, celery, potato, corn, broth and wine & bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.
3. Stir in seafood and cream. Cook until fish is fully cooked and flaky and potatoes are tender, about 8-10 minutes.
4. Stir in parsley and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Seafood

SEAFOOD CASSEROLE 6 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 package (6 ounces) long grain and wild rice
- 1 pound frozen crabmeat, thawed, or 2-1/2 cups canned lump crabmeat, drained
- 1 pound cooked shrimp, peeled, deveined and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green pepper
- 1 can (4 ounces) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
- 1 jar (2 ounces) diced pimientos, drained
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs



Directions

1. Cook rice according to package directions. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 375°.
2. In a large bowl, combine the crab, shrimp, celery, onion, green pepper, mushrooms and pimientos. In a small bowl, whisk mayonnaise, milk, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; stir into seafood mixture. Stir in rice.
3. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with the dry bread crumbs. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly, 40-50 minutes.

SEAFOOD FETTUCCINE ALFREDO 2 Servings

Ingredients

- 4 ounces uncooked fettuccine
- 1/4 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 pound sea scallops, halved
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 small shallot, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup chicken broth







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- 1/4 cup white wine or additional chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream or half-and-half cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 Roma tomato, diced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

Directions

1. Cook the fettuccine according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, saute shrimp and scallops in 1 tablespoon oil for 3-5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and scallops are opaque. Remove and keep warm.
2. In the same skillet, saute shallot in remaining oil until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in broth and wine. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 6-8 minutes or until most of the liquid has evaporated. Stir in cream; cook, uncovered, over medium heat for 5 minutes or until thickened.
3. Drain fettuccine; stir into cream sauce. Add shrimp, scallops and cheese; toss to coat. Sprinkle with tomato, parsley and if desired, additional Parmesan cheese.

WHITE SEAFOOD LASAGNA

12 Servings

Ingredients

- 9 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp (31 to 40 per pound), peeled and deveined
- 1 pound bay scallops
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 pound fresh crabmeat



CHEESE SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups 2% milk
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Dash ground nutmeg

RICOTTA MIXTURE:

- 1 carton (15 ounces) part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten

TOPPING:

- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Minced fresh parsley

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add shrimp and scallops in batches; cook 2-4 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and scallops are firm and opaque. Remove from pan.
3. Add garlic to same pan; cook 1 minute. Add wine and lemon juice, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Bring to a boil; cook 1-2 minutes or until liquid is reduced by half. Add crab; heat through. Stir in shrimp and scallops.
4. For cheese sauce, melt butter over medium heat in a large saucepan. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in remaining cheese sauce ingredients. In a large bowl, combine ricotta mixture ingredients; stir in 1 cup cheese sauce.
5. Spread 1/2 cup cheese sauce into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Layer with 3 noodles, half of the ricotta mixture, half of the seafood mixture and 2/3 cup cheese sauce. Repeat layers. Top with remaining noodles and cheese sauce. Sprinkle top with 1 cup mozzarella cheese and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.
6. Bake, uncovered, 40-50 minutes or until casserole is bubbly and top is golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley.

I challenge you all to find a way to make someone else's life just a little bit brighter today and be of service. You never know the impact you could have."

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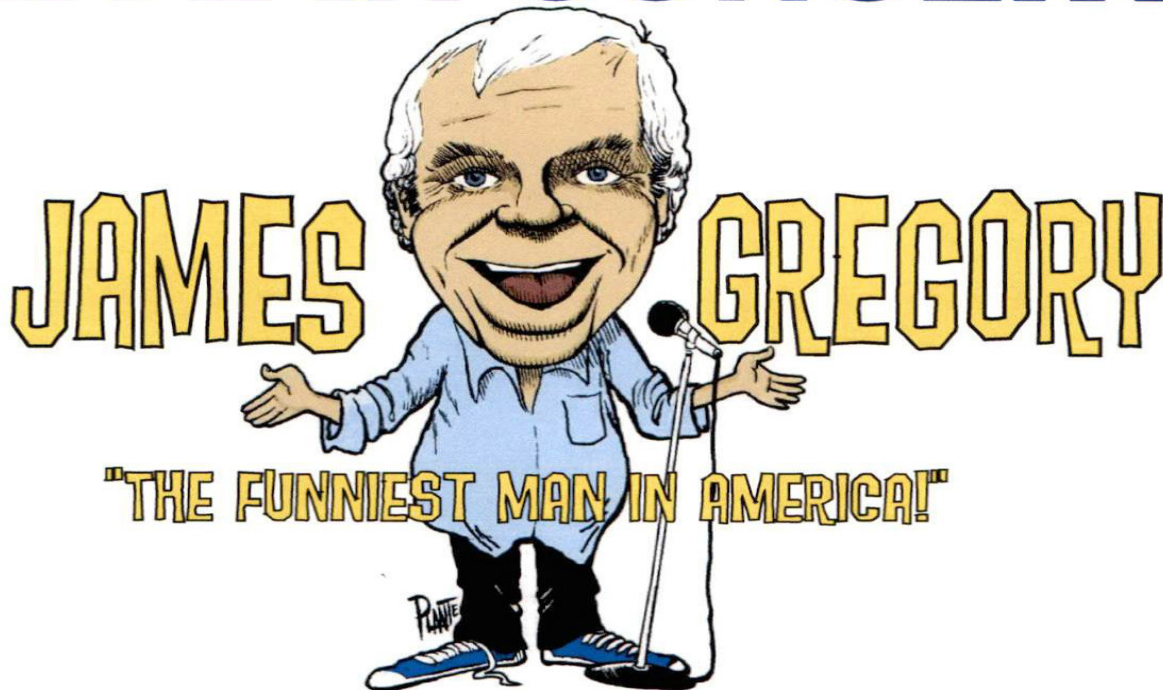
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"Some people say that I'm superficial, but that's just on the surface."

Meditation Impacts Our Daily Lives

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.



Often times we find ourselves meditating, engaged in contemplation, reflecting, deep concentration and painting pictures in our minds of what we desire and the fears we desire not.

What we think about influence what we say and do. The Book of Proverbs gives wise insight into why what we think/meditate on is so important. [Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.](#) What's in our mind if not filtered by the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures will find it's way to our heart.

See: [Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...](#) [Matthew 12:34 ...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh](#)

When King David was hiding in the wilderness of Judea during a very hard time in his life, he said: [Psalm 63:6 I lie awake thinking of you, MEDITATING on you through the night.](#)

1. Meditation includes picturing, speaking, feeling and study.
2. Meditation is the Holy Spirit using all faculties in our hearts and mind.
3. Meditation, quieting our hearts with Scripture and a deeper intimacy with the Lord.
4. Our greatest revelation from God comes through meditation.
5. Our greatest ideas came through meditation.

When Moses died, God told Joshua he will be the next king to lead the children of Israel, what huge shoes to fill. Carefully consider what I believe to be one of the greatest verses in the Bible. Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt Meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

It is imperative after salvation we employ [Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.](#)

It's a lifelong process that requires learning God's thoughts and adopting them as our own. Then, as the Spirit develops within us the mind of Christ, our actions will become increasingly holy.

The apostle Paul gave us a measuring stick to help us determine what is worthy of our attention. He said to dwell on whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise (Phil. 4:8). With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can filter our thoughts through this list.

May our Lord bless you and your family and keep you in His care.



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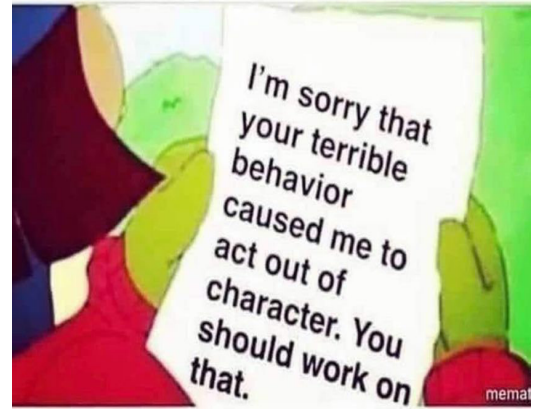


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HOW I APOLOGIZE TO PEOPLE 🙇



How bad is the Economy???

The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail. CEO's are now playing miniature golf. Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

They renamed Wall Street "Wal-Mart Street".

If you serve your kids frozen pizza or chicken nuggets, you're terrible! don't care how busy you are, find time to microwave them!

Everyone knows I'm a stickler for good spelling. So when an associate e-mailed technical documents asking me to "decifer" them, I had to set him straight.

"Decipher is spelled with a ph, not an f," I wrote. "In case you've forgotten, spell-checker comes free with your Microsoft program."

A minute later came his reply, "Must be dephective."

That risk you're afraid to take could change your life.

“Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY!

Bobby McFerrin had a song called, “Don't Worry Be Happy”. Here's a few of the lyrics; “Here's a little song I wrote. You might want to sing it note for note. Don't worry, be happy. In every life we have some trouble. But when you worry you make it double. Don't worry, be happy.” I saw a post today that made me think of that. It said, “The more you pray, the less you panic. The more you worship, the less you worry.” There's a lot of truth in both.

One of the biggest benefits of this attitude is that it removes worry. We are not always responsible for what happens to us, but we are responsible for our actions. We have to trust in God that events will unfold in a way that is good for us. “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” (Rom 8:28).

Life can turn around some uncertain corners, and sometimes it can be difficult to maintain a positive attitude about the future. It's never easy to be completely sure about unknown outcomes in life, and everyone needs a little reassurance that things will work out in the end. While it's easy to worry endlessly about what-ifs and worst-case scenarios, the Bible can provide some helpful guidance to calm you down during scary times.

Consider what it says in John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” There is a reason that “Fear not”, appears in the Bible 365 times. That's once for everyday in the year.

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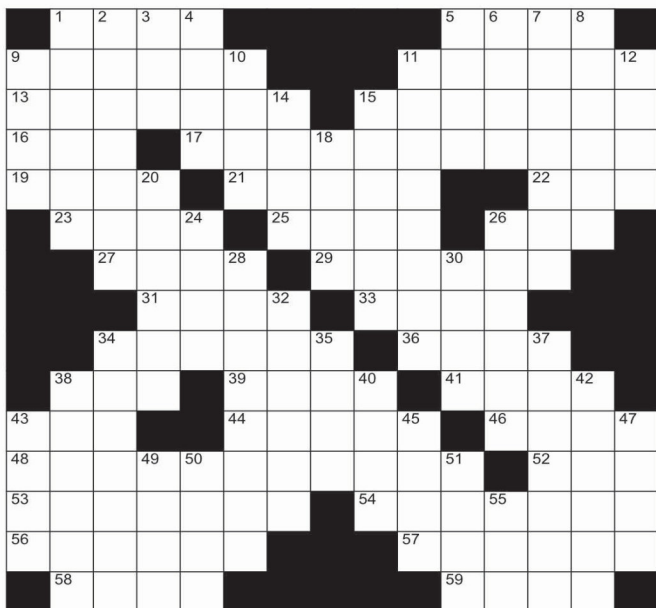
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CLUES ACROSS

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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. |

Now that you are older do you want people thinking "Oh what a sweet old man?"

No Way! I want them saying, "Oh crap! What's he up to now!"



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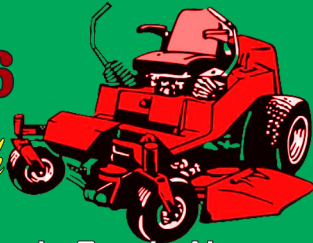
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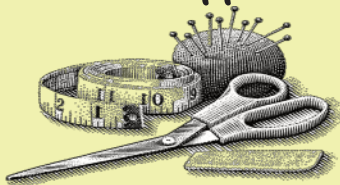
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FOR WOMEN ONLY!

In dire need of a beauty make-over, I went to my salon with a fashion magazine photo of a gorgeous, young, lustrous-haired model. I showed the stylist the trendy new cut I wanted and settled into the chair as he began humming a catchy tune and got to work on my thin, graying hair.

I was delighted by his cheerful attitude until I recognized the melody. It was the theme from "Mission: Impossible."

FIVE THINGS TO QUIT RIGHT NOW

1. Trying to please everyone.
2. Fearing change.
3. Living in the past.
4. Putting yourself down.
5. Overthinking.



Please when someone is talking about their problems, don't talk about yours. It's not a competition.

Claybank Master Gardeners J 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 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.

Dee Gilbert
Claybank Master Gardeners



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

A man was boasting to his kids that when he was young, the young ladies would be chasing after him.

The kids (naturally) went to the man's mother and asked if it were true. The grandma says, "Well, kids, it's mostly true but I wouldn't quite put it like that."

"How would you put it, grandma?" asked the kids.

"I'd say the young ladies were chasing him AWAY!"



Goodness, JC
I hear they're
going to
create
hundreds
of new laws
this year.



"I hear people talking about how they "struggle with sin." To be honest, I'm not sure "struggle" is the right word for most of us. Most of us are 'surrendering to sin.' It would be nice if we would do a little more struggling."

Say Cheese?

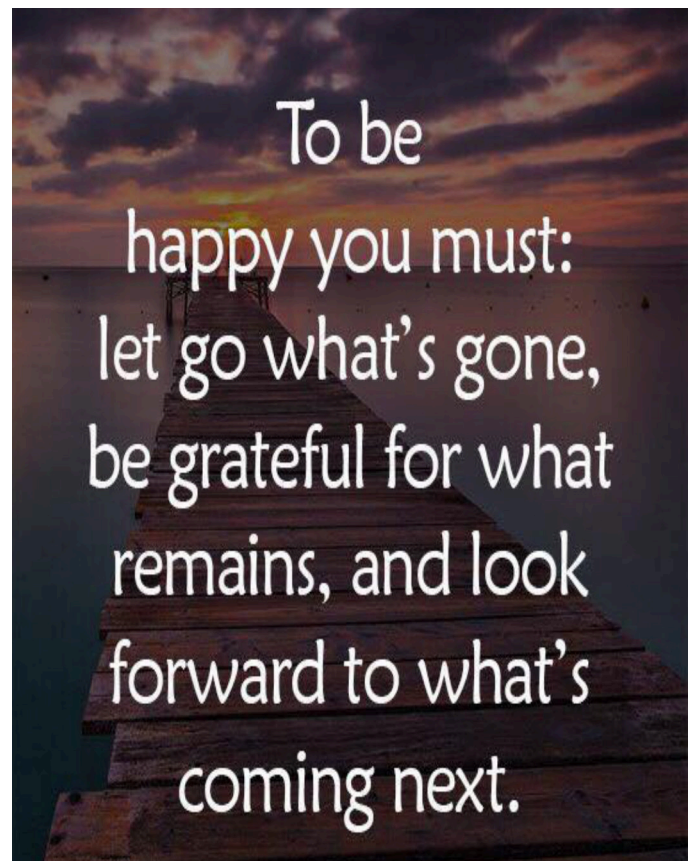
A family was having dinner and the little boy said, "Dad I don't like the holes in the cheese!"

Well son, eat the cheese and leave the holes on the side of the plate.

IF I CAN MAKE ONE PERSON LAUGH LONG ENOUGH TO FORGET THEIR PROBLEMS THEN MY DAY WAS NOT WASTED.

EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS	
UPSET	JOHN 14
WEAK	PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY	PSALM 23
SINNED	PSALM 51
WORRIED	MATTHEW 8:19-31
ANXIOUS	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
UNHAPPY	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
IN DANGER	PSALM 91
DEPRESSED	PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH	EXODUS 14
NEED COURAGE	JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION	PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE	MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP	PSALM 121
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS	LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY	PSALM 37
DISCOURAGED WITH WORK	PSALM 126

Gladys, until we learn to follow the "10" God gave us, nothing will ever change.



To be happy you must: let go what's gone, be grateful for what remains, and look forward to what's coming next.

I wish we could crossbreed mosquitoes with lightning bugs. At least then we could see them coming.

A sense of humor can help
 You overlook the unattractive,
 Tolerate the unpleasant,
 Cope with the unexpected,
 And smile through the unbearable.

- Moshe Waldoks

An Alabama state trooper, stopped a woman on
 231, just north of Ozark for going 15 miles over
 the speed limit. After he handed her a ticket, she
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"Don't you give out warnings?"

"Yes, ma'am," he replied. "They're all up and
 down the road. They say, 'Speed Limit 65.'"

Perfect Birthday Present

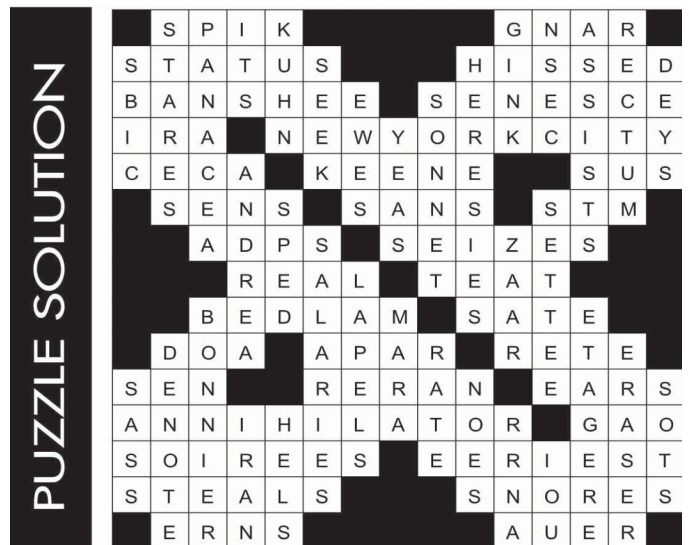
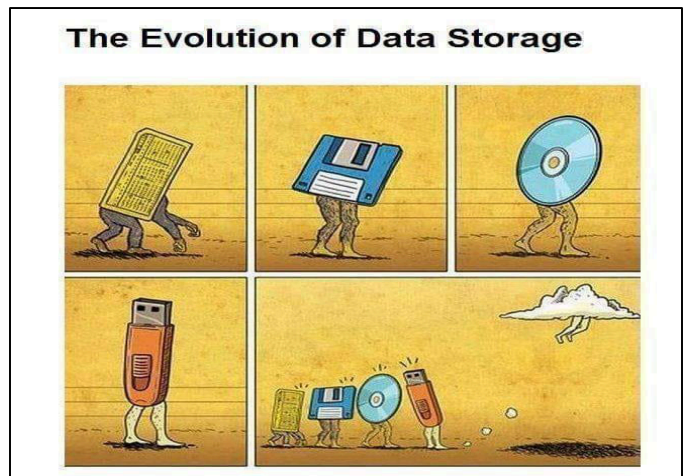
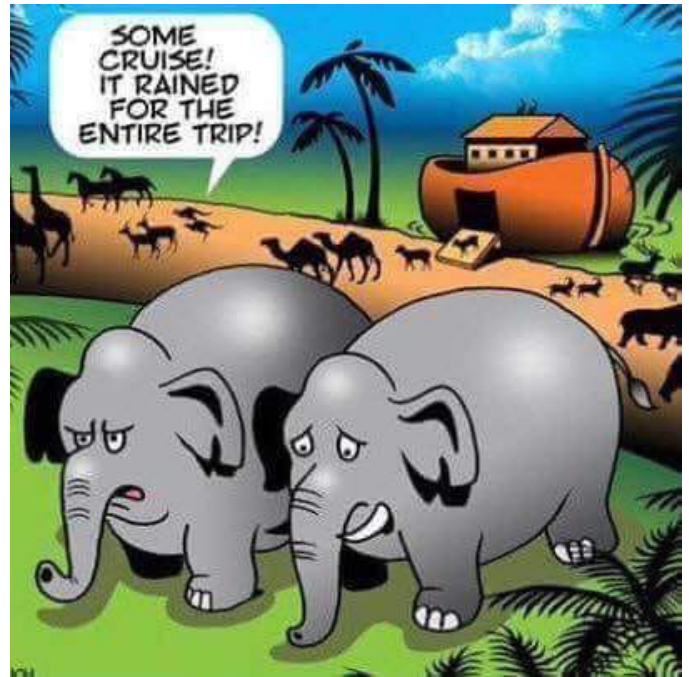
Mary Jane: "Your husband's birthday is coming up.
 What are you getting him?"

Wife: "Oh, 100 of his favorite cigars."

Mary Jane: "What did you pay for them?"

Wife: "Nothing! For the last few months, I have
 taken one or two from his box daily. He has not
 noticed and will be delighted with my ability in
 getting the kind he always smoked."

Life is short, live it.
 True love is rare, grab it.
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 Fear is awful, face it.
 Memories are sweet, cherish them



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Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened to me in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big, where you are headed is much more important than what you've left behind.



"We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers."

Martin Luther King Jr.



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The most terrifying moment in life is when the toilet refuses to flush at someone else's house.

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If you wanna be able to buy things without looking at the price, You gotta be able to work without looking at the clock.

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?", he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me."


"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I order a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

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3. A raise in pay
4. A drop in temperature
5. Last but not least
6. Hard up
7. But on second thought
8. The long and short of it.
9. The straight and narrow path
10. One in a million
11. Cross purposes
12. Bookends
13. Two under par
14. Fooling around
15. Turn for the worse
16. Hellbent on winning
17. History repeats itself
18. Fat chance
19. Musically inclined
20. Beginning of the end

Sudoku

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