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This would be funny except there's no punch line...



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With His Left Hand

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in kindergarten. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked, "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?" Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed." This confused his grandmother a bit and she asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?" Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

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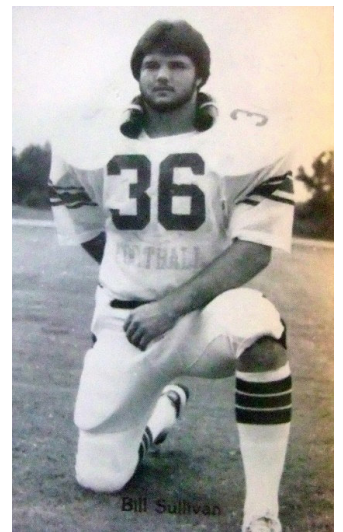
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Please continue to pray for us.

Roger Parrish,

Publisher

I visited a monastery & as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. "Are you the friar?" I asked. He said "No, I'm the chip monk."

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A POLITICIAN, A RABBI AND A HINDU.

A politician and two friends--a Rabbi, and a Hindu holy man--had car trouble in the countryside and asked to spend the night with a farmer.

The farmer said, "There might be a problem. You see, I only have room for two to sleep in the house. So one of you must sleep in the barn." "No problem," chimed the Rabbi. "My people wandered in the desert for forty years. I am humble enough to sleep in the barn for one evening." With that he departed to the barn, and the others bedded down for the night. Moments later a knock was heard at the door; the farmer opened the door. There stood the Rabbi from the barn. "What's wrong?" asked the farmer. He replied, "I am grateful to you, but I just can't sleep in the barn. There is a pig in the barn, and my faith believes that is an unclean animal." His Hindu friend agrees to swap places with him.



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Kimi Speaks, Mgr.

But a few minutes later the same scene reoccurs. There is a knock on the door. "What's wrong?" the farmer asks. The Hindu holy man replies, "I, too, am grateful for your helping us out, but there is a cow in the barn. In my country cows are considered sacred and I can't sleep on holy

ground!" That left only the politician to make the change. He grumbled and complained, but went out to the barn. Moments later there was another knock on the farmer's door. Frustrated and tired, the farmer opens the door, and there stood the pig and the cow.

A Fellow Jets Fan

A guy walks into a bar with a dachshund under his arm. The dog is wearing a Jets jersey helmet and is holding Jets pom poms. The bartender says, "Hey! No pets allowed in here! You'll have to leave!"

The man begs, "Look I'm desperate. We're both big fans, my TV is broken, and this is the only place we can see the game!"

After securing a promise that the dog will behave and warning him that if there is any trouble they will be thrown out, the bartender relents and allows them to stay in the bar and watch the game. The game begins with the Jets receiving a kickoff. They march down field stop at the 30, and kick a field goal. With that the dog jumps up on the bar and begins walking up and down the bar giving everyone a high-five.

The bartender says, "Wow that is the most amazing thing I've ever seen! What does the dog do if they score a touchdown?"

"I don't know," replies the owner, "I've only had him for four years."

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A guy walks into the human resources department of a large company and hands the executive his application. The executive begins to scan the sheet, and notices that the applicant has been fired from every job he has ever held.

"I must say," says the executive, "your work history is terrible. You've been fired from every job."

"Yes," says the man.

"Well," continues the executive, "there's not much positive in that."

"Hey!" says the guy as he pokes the application, "At least I'm not a quitter."

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Thomas Edison

In the early 20th Century, Thomas Edison was spreading the word about electricity.

Once, while vacationing out West, he stopped at the Sioux reservation. Edison was shocked to learn that there was no indoor plumbing, and that he would have to use an outhouse. In fact, he was told, the Sioux had to use the outhouse regardless of the weather. To help the Sioux, Edison installed lights in the outhouse. With this kind act, he became the first person to wire a head for a reservation!



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FLORIDA	DNP	Utah	Kentucky	USF	at Tennessee	EWU	Missouri	LSU	OFF	Georgia (1)	at Texas A&M	South Carolina	at Vanderbilt	at Florida State
GEORGIA	DNP	Oregon (2)	Samford	at South Carolina	Kent State	at Missouri	Auburn	Vanderbilt	OFF	Florida (1)	Tennessee	at MS State	at Kentucky	Georgia Tech
KENTUCKY	DNP	Miami OH	at Florida	YSU	NIU	at Ole Miss	South Carolina	MS State	OFF	at Tennessee	at Missouri	Vanderbilt	Georgia	Louisville
MISSOURI	DNP	LA Tech (9/1)	at K-State	ACU	at Auburn	Georgia	at Florida	OFF	Vanderbilt	at South Carolina	Kentucky	at Tennessee	NM State	Arkansas (11/25)
SOUTH CAROLINA	DNP	Georgia State	at Arkansas	Georgia	Charlotte	SC State	at Kentucky	OFF	Texas A&M	Missouri	at Vanderbilt	at Florida	Tennessee	at Clemson
TENNESSEE	DNP	Ball State (9/1)	at Pitt	Akron	Florida	OFF	at LSU	Alabama	UT Martin	Kentucky	at Georgia	Missouri	at South Carolina	at Vanderbilt
VANDERBILT	at Hawaii	Elon	Wake Forest	at NIU	at Alabama	OFF	Ole Miss	at Georgia	at Missouri	OFF	South Carolina	at Kentucky	Florida	Tennessee

West Division

ALABAMA	DNP	Utah State	at Texas	ULM	Vanderbilt	at Arkansas	Texas A&M	at Tennessee	MS State	OFF	at LSU	at Ole Miss	Austin Peay	Auburn
ARKANSAS	DNP	Cincinnati	South Carolina	Missouri State	Texas A&M (3)	Alabama	at MS State	at BYU	OFF	at Auburn	Liberty	LSU	Ole Miss	at Missouri (11/25)
AUBURN	DNP	Mercer	San Jose State	Penn State	Missouri	LSU	at Georgia	at Ole Miss	OFF	Arkansas	at MS State	Texas A&M	WKU	at Alabama
LSU	DNP	Florida State (4)	Southern	MS State	New Mexico	at Auburn	Tennessee	at Florida	Ole Miss	OFF	Alabama	at Arkansas	UAB	at Texas A&M
MISSISSIPPI ST	DNP	Memphis	at Arizona	at LSU	Bowling Green	Texas A&M	Arkansas	at Kentucky	at Alabama	OFF	Auburn	Georgia	ETSU	at Ole Miss (11/24)
OLE MISS	DNP	Troy	Central Arkansas	at Georgia Tech	Tulsa	Kentucky	at Vanderbilt	Auburn	at LSU	at Texas A&M	OFF	Alabama	at Arkansas	MS State (11/24)
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People keep telling me things they have heard about people and ask if I know whether or not it is true? What am I, a rumortologist

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A husband and wife were involved in a petty argument, both of them unwilling to admit they might be in error. "I'll admit I'm wrong," the wife told her husband in a conciliatory attempt, "if you'll admit I'm right." He agreed and, like a gentleman, insisted she go first. "I'm wrong," she said. With a twinkle in his eye, he responded, "You're right!"



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A new nurse listened while the doctor was yelling, "Typhoid! Tetanus! Measles!" The new nurse asked another nurse, "Why is he doing that?" The other nurse replied, "Oh, he just likes to call the shots around here."

Nurses Go To Heaven

Three nurses went to heaven, and were waiting turn to plead their case to St. Peter to enter the pearly gates. The first nurse said, "I worked in an emergency room. We tried our best to help patients, but occasionally we did lose one. I think I deserve to go to heaven." St. Peter looks at her file and admits her to heaven. The second nurse says, "I worked in an operating room. It's a very high stress environment and we do our best. Sometimes the patients are too sick and we lose them, but overall we try very hard." St. Peter looks at her file and admits her to heaven.

The third nurse says, "I was a case manager for an HMO." St. Peter looks at her file. He pulls out a calculator and starts punching away at it furiously, constantly going back to the nurse's file. After a few minutes St. Peter looks up, smiles, and said, "Congratulations! You've been admitted to heaven ... for five days!"



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As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be in keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised.

My friend, Peterson, is very joyful about the future of the business. He has been raising hogs for twenty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was \$422 in 1968, until this year when he got your check for \$1000 for not raising

hogs.

If I get \$1000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get \$2000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4000 hogs not raised, which will mean about \$80,000 the first year. Then I can afford an airplane.

Now another thing, these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn and wheat. Will I qualify for payments for not raising wheat and corn not to feed the 4000 hogs I am not going to raise?

Also, I am considering the "not milking cows" business, so send me any information you have on that too.

In view of these circumstances, you understand that I will be totally unemployed and plan to file for unemployment and food stamps. Be assured you will have my vote in the coming election.

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If your teenage daughter wants to learn to drive, you better not stand in her way.

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BAKED FRIED OKRA

6 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound okra ends trimmed and sliced
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- cooking spray



Instructions

1. Whisk together egg, buttermilk, and hot sauce in a medium bowl. Add okra and stir to coat well. Let sit while you prepare the other ingredients.
2. Combine cornmeal, flour, paprika, salt and pepper in a zip top bag
3. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray and preheat oven to 425 degrees.
4. Toss about 5 to 6 pieces of okra at a time into the bag and shake to coat with cornmeal mixture. Place coated okra on baking sheet and repeat with remaining okra.
5. Spray okra well with cooking spray and bake 25 to 30 minutes, stirring halfway through.
6. Season to taste with salt.

Okra

OKRA STEW WITH SPINACH & CARROTS

8 Servings

Ingredients

- 1/3 Cup Olive Oil
- 1 Large Onion; Chopped
- 6 Carrots
- 2 Lbs. Okra
- 6 Oz. Tomato Paste
- 1 Lb. Fresh Spinach
- 3 Garlic Cloves; Chopped
- 2 Tbsp. Better Than Bouillon Vegetable Paste
- 1 Tsp. Salt
- 4 Cups Water
- 1/4 Cup Fresh Parsley
- 3 Garlic Cloves; Chopped
- 1 Tbsp. Allspice; Or use 1 1/2 Tsp. Ground Cloves
- 1/2 Tsp. Black Pepper
- 1/4 Cup Water For Slurry
- 1 Tbsp. Cayenne Pepper For Slurry
- 1 Tsp. Cayenne Pepper; Optional



Instructions

1. Chop the onions, carrot, garlic, and parsley. Set aside. Over medium high heat in a skillet, add the oil. Once heated, add the carrots and onions. Cook for 5 minutes. Add the okra. Stir and cook for about 25 minutes. Use the spoon to mash the okra as they become tender. Cover with a lid and continue cooking for 10 minutes. Stir to avoid sticking at the bottom, and continue to mash with the spoon. This process should take about 5 minutes. Cover and cook for additional 10 minutes. Remove the cover, and add in the tomato paste. Stir well to combine. Then add 1/2 cup of water.
2. While mixing, add in the spinach a little at time until you have used half of the spinach bag. Add in 1 1/2 cups of water. Cover and allow to cook for about 10 minutes to allow the spinach to wilt. Uncover, stir and add in the remaining spinach. Next, add in the parsley and garlic. Add in the remaining 2 cups of water. Cover and cook for about 10 minutes.
3. After 10 minutes, uncover, stir, and add in the spices, cayenne pepper, and vegetable paste. Stir well, then add the slurry. Cover to simmer over medium heat for an additional 15 minutes over medium heat. Serve over white rice or with yellow yams.

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OLIVE OIL ROASTED OKRA

3 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 lb. fresh okra
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or ½ teaspoon sea salt)
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder



Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with foil.
2. Rinse the okra and dry it on a clean kitchen towel. Trim the ends.
3. Place the okra in a large bowl and toss with the olive oil, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.
4. Transfer the okra to the prepared baking sheet. Roast it until lightly browned and tender, about 20 minutes, stirring halfway through baking. Serve immediately.

CREOLE OKRA

4 Servings

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) can diced tomatoes in juice
- ¾ teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen cut okra



Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté the onion and garlic until limp. Add the green pepper; cook and stir until tender. Drain the tomatoes, reserving juice, and pour them into the skillet. Season with thyme, parsley, cayenne, salt, and pepper. Simmer for 5 minutes over medium heat.
2. Add the frozen okra, and pour in enough of the reserved juice from the tomatoes to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover, and cook for 15 minutes, or until okra is tender.

OKRA FRITTERS (10 FRITTERS)

Ingredients

- 2 cups okra cut in round pieces
- 1 1/4 cups self-rising
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup onion finely
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- Salt & Pepper (Optional)
- 1 cup oil



Instructions

1. In a large mixing bowl with a spoon mix together all ingredients except okra and oil. Fold in the okra. Heat the oil in a large skillet. Drop by spoonfuls into the hot oil. (I use a 1/4 cup measuring cup for each fritter). Fry on one side about 2 minutes or until good and crusty, turn and fry the other side. Drain on paper towels. Slather with butter and enjoy

FRESH CORN SAUTE WITH TOMATOES, SQUASH, & FRIED OKRA

4 to 6 Servings

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 teaspoon (or more) cayenne pepper
- 12 okra pods, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces
- 6 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 cups fresh corn kernels (cut from about 3 ears of corn)
- 6 baby green pattypan squash, each cut into 6 pieces
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 12-ounce bag cherry tomatoes, halved (2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, chopped

Mix cornmeal and 1/4 teaspoon cayenne in small bowl. Add okra and toss lightly to coat. Pour okra into sieve and shake off excess cornmeal. Heat 4 tablespoons oil in heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add okra and sauté until coating is golden brown, stirring occasionally, about 6 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer okra to paper towels to drain; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Wipe out skillet. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in same skillet over medium heat. Add corn, squash, and garlic; sauté 2 minutes. Add tomatoes; cover and cook until squash is crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Mix in okra, cilantro, and green onions. Remove from heat. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and more cayenne, if desired.



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Use your Words To Build and Not Tear Down

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Colossians 4:6 When you talk, you should always be kind and wise. Then you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should. (ERV)



Use our words to bring out the best in others. Being always careful with our words, because once they are said, they can be only forgiven, not forgotten. People may not remember what you said, but they will remember how our words made them feel.

Every word we say will have an effect on others. Positive words will encourage and strengthen other people, but negative words will tear down and harm them. You must decide whether to speak positively or negatively.

Speak without thinking, and your words can cut like a knife. Be wise, and your words can heal. Proverbs 12:18 Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate, and to humble. *Proverbs 16:24 Kind words are like honey; they are easy to accept and good for your health.*

Please understand that speaking positively requires a deliberate decision, whereas speaking negatively comes easy, for it is human nature. Therefore, actively strive to speak positive and encouraging words to others. *Ephesians 4:29 When you talk, don't say anything bad. But say the good things that people need—whatever will help them grow stronger. Then what you say will be a blessing to those who hear you.*

In Psalm 19:14, David prays, *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

1 Peter 3:10 "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies."

We must deliberately choose to speak positive words; otherwise, we will instinctively complain and be negative—for that is human nature. Thus, it is no surprise that *Ecclesiastes 5:2 tells us, "Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven, and you are on earth, so let your words be few."*

Since words carry power, *(life and death is in the power of the tongue Proverbs 18:21)* make a decision to use your words as building blocks not battering rams.

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The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely.."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "In that case, we'd like to use this store for our wedding presents list."

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“Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise
Time After Time

I heard a popular song sang by Cyndi Lauper, called, “Time After Time”. Here are a few of the lyrics that caught my attention: “Sometimes you picture me I’m walking too far ahead. You’re calling to me, I can’t hear what you’ve said. Then you say, “go slow” and I fall behind...If you’re lost you can look and you will find me. Time after time. If you fall, I will catch you, I’ll be waiting. Time after time”.

The fact is that we as Christians will sin and fall short, time after time. The Scriptures, as well as our own experiences in life, tell us this is true. Paul was one of the greatest Christians in the Bible. Here’s what he said, “I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.” (Rom 7:19-21). According to 1 John 1:8, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” This is not an excuse for ungodly living. Nor is it a license for sin. It is a simple acknowledgement of reality. As long as we are in this human body we will be tempted and we will fall. Time after time.

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Pet 2:24). Did you know that God has put a safety net under you? By that I mean, when you slip, when you fall, when you make a mistake, it doesn’t mean that your name has been blotted out of the Book of Life. John 10:29 tells us, “for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand’. Because He came into your heart, forgave you, and committed Himself to you, He now protects you, sealed you, and justified you as a result of that commitment. If you fall, He will catch you. Time after time.



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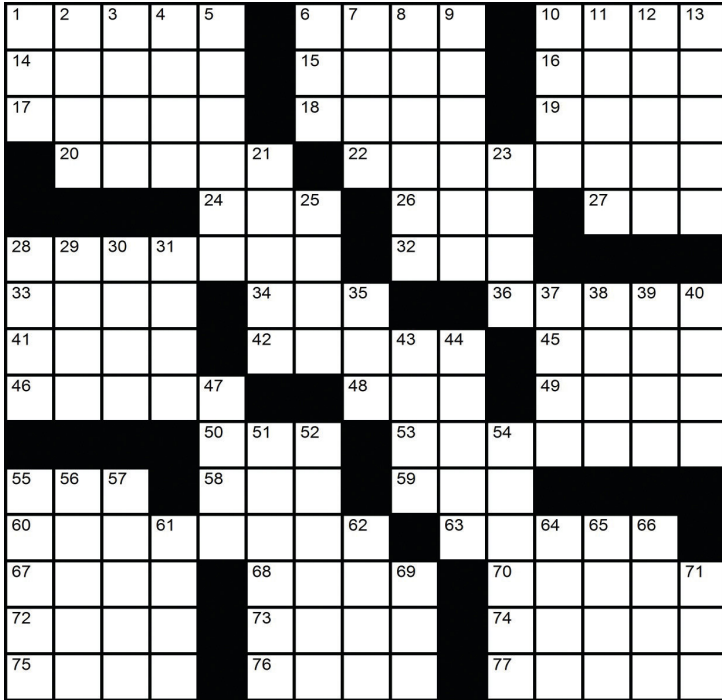
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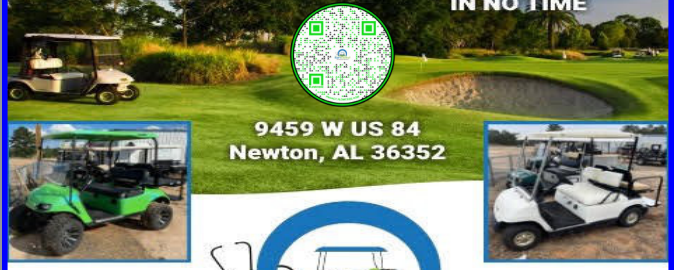
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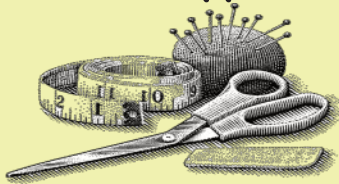
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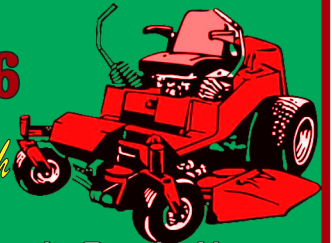
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 "Well," Bill replied with sarcasm, "how about on your last date?"

Pearl Dream

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for our anniversary. What do you think it means?"
 "You'll know tonight." he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

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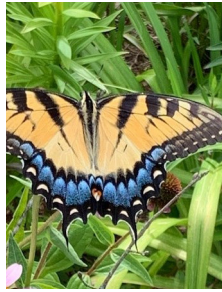
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My wife says I'm nosey, at least that's what she wrote in her dairy.

Claybank Master Gardeners

Greetings Gardeners,

**There are so many newcomers arriving in our area and we welcome you! Of course, you may be wondering how to grow things in SE Alabama?" If you seek out the local Extension agents and Master Gardener groups in your county, you'll find them more than willing to share information to get you started. This gardener came from a tropical climate of South Florida, with two seasons: wet and dry! I knew nothing about growing in clay soils, in seasonal changes, with a combination of heavy rains, high temperatures and droughts. Not to mention plants and shrubs and grasses completely foreign to me! But going to Master Gardener meetings and meeting such friendly folks and then taking the Master Gardener Course, I learned so much!



What do you know about butterflies? These lovely "flying flowers" have an important role in our gardens as pollinators, swooping from one plant to another, pollinating the plants on the way to help them develop flowers and bear fruit. There are so many amazing things to learn about butterflies, and as Debi Breedlove, Secretary at DABG announced at our August Master Gardener meeting, the **Dothan Area Botanical Gardens (DABG) has just opened it's Wings of Wonder butterfly house. Take the kids and your camera and head over to DABG to see the butterflies and the plants they love. **Sat-Tues 10 am-4 pm, and Wed-Fri 1 pm-4 pm** until October 31st. Cost is only \$3 per person over the general admission, or free for members. (If you become a member, you'll get a lot of advantages.) Find them on Facebook for more information or visit online at dabg.com.

Believe it or not, the **SOW app says **NOW is the time to plant beets, cabbage, carrots, collards, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, snap peas, and turnips**.

**Recently I was given a wonderful seed starting kit which makes growing seeds so easy. You can find them in almost any garden supply store. A bag of seed starting mix is all you need. Or make your own with equal parts potting soil (without fertilizer!), perlite, sterile compost, and worm castings which keep the mix light and nutritious. Fall is not too far away, and for once, my seeds are ready!

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A man runs out of gas

A MAN was driving down the road and ran out of petrol. At that moment, a bee flew in his window.

"What seems to be the problem?" asked the bee.

"I'm out of petrol," the man replied.

The bee told the man to wait right there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his petrol tank.

After a few minutes, the bees flew out.

"Try it now," said the bee.

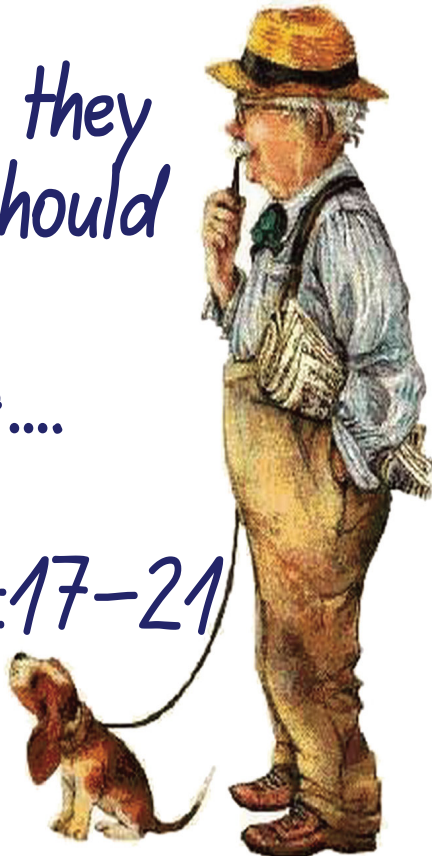
The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up.

"Wow," the man exclaimed. "What did you put in my petrol tank?"

"BP," answered the bee.


Gladys, they really should keep reading....

John 3:17-21



Undesirable Food

As a trail guide in a national park, I ate with the rest of the seasonal staff in a rustic dining hall, where the food left something to be desired. When we were finished with our meals, we scraped the remains into a garbage pail and stacked our plates for the dishwasher. One worker, apparently not too happy after his first week on the job, was ahead of me in line. As he slopped an uneaten plate of food into the garbage, I heard him mutter, "Now **STAY** there this time."




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THIN THIN THIN

Barty and Dunny met in a pub and discussed the illness of a friend named Hogan.

"Poor Micheal Hogan! Faith, I'm afraid he's goin' to die."

"Shure, an' why would he be dyin'?" asked the other.

"Ah, he's gotten so thin. You're thin enough, and I'm thin -- but by my soul, Micheal Hogan is thinner than both of us put together."

The Cowboy and the Preacher

One Sunday, a cowboy went to church. When he entered, he saw that he and the preacher were the only ones present. The preacher asked the cowboy if he wanted him to go ahead and preach.

The cowboy said, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him." So the minister began his sermon.

One hour passed, then two hours, then two-and-a-half hours. The preacher finally finished and came down to ask the cowboy how he had liked the sermon.

The cowboy answered slowly, "Well, I'm not very smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

**Why isn't holy water used in vaccines?
Because you can't take the lord's name
in vein.**



THE ROSE

A woman on her trek to work every day would notice a rose growing on the side of the road. She would marvel at how tall, strong and vibrant it stood. The color was the brightest she'd ever seen. So one day during one of her treks, she decided to stop pluck it up and take it home with her, she wanted to make sure that the rose would never lose its Splendor. Yet over time, One thing or another starts getting in the way. She stopped watering and noticing The Rose. The rose began to dry out, wilt and eventually die. As things began to settle down, her attention finally came back around to the pot that the plant once Graced. With regret and sorrow, She began remembering the beauty of the rose along with the joy it gave her to see it on her trek to work every day. She decided to take it back to the place it formerly stood with so much radiance. She would definitely miss it. Months had gone by, she had forgotten about the rose, when one day to her surprise, there it was, The rose in all its glory.

Agape Ministry
Melissa Stuckey

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's Morning:

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Husband texts back:

"Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

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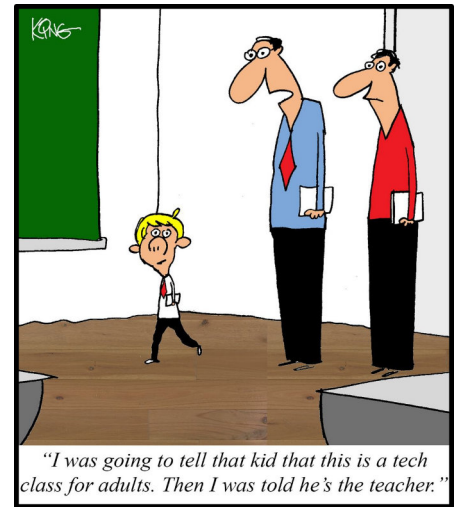
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The other day I spotted an albino dalmation. It's the least I could do for him.

Food For Thought

By Junius P. Long

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.

If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If the only school curriculum allowed to explain how we got here is evolution, but the government stops a \$15 million construction project to keep a rare spider from evolving to extinction ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If you have to show identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor or check out a library book, but not to vote who runs the government ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If the government wants to ban stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines with more than ten rounds, but gives 20 F-16 fighter jets to the crazy new leaders in Egypt ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If, in the largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not a 24-ounce soda because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If an 80-year-old woman can be stripped searched by the TSA but a woman in a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

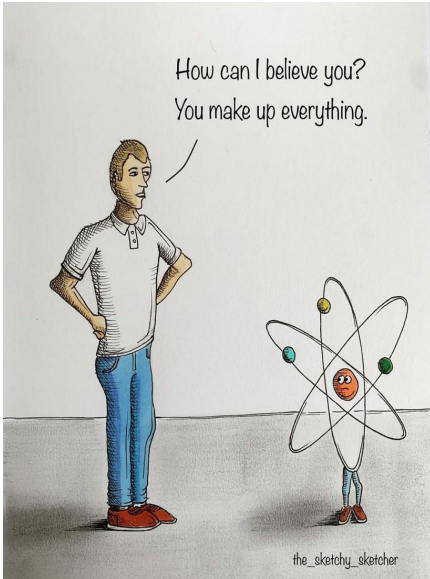
If a seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher's "cute," but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.



WaCKiE Words Solution

	1	2	3
A	A giant leap for mankind	Tuesday or Today	Moving backwards
B	A bit overstated	Repeat after me	Foreign Films
C	Spread a little sunshine	Tiptoe through the tulips	Madison Square Garden
D	Infinite wisdom	Chopped liver	Rub me the wrong way

I paid my electric bill today so I'll have a nice, cool place to starve to death.





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Christening Champagne

When we moved into our new home, the first one we owned rather than rented, two of my husband's friends gave him a bottle of champagne. In the hustle and bustle of getting settled, the gift was tucked away and temporarily forgotten.

Three months later we held a Christening party for our third child. Champagne flowed in celebration until, running short, we remembered our housewarming gift. In front of our guests, I opened the attached card and read it aloud, "Donald, take good care of this one, it's yours!"

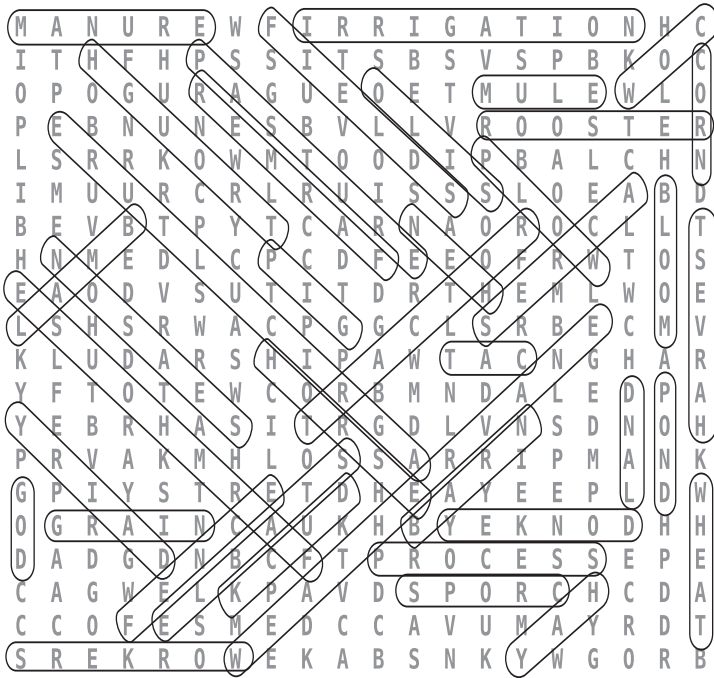
FARM FINDS WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

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|-------------|--------------|
| Acres | Horse |
| Agriculture | Irrigation |
| Barn | Lamb |
| Bloom | Land |
| Cat | Manure |
| Corn | Mule |
| Cow | Pasture |
| Crops | Pig |
| Dairy | Plow |
| Dog | Pond |
| Donkey | Process |
| Duck | Rooster |
| Farmer | Season |
| Farmhouse | Silo |
| Fence | Stable |
| Fields | Tractor |
| Grain | Trough |
| Harvest | Weather vane |
| Hay | Wheat |
| Hen | Workers |

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



The Second Floor Suite

My wife, a real estate agent, wrote an ad for a house she was listing. The house had a second-floor suite that could be accessed using a lift chair that slid along the staircase. Quickly describing this feature, she inadvertently made it sound even more attractive: "Mother-in-law suite comes with an electric chair."

Sudoku

EASY

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	8		9				3	

Church Signs



MEDIUM

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		3			7		9	

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