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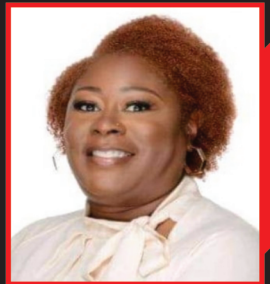
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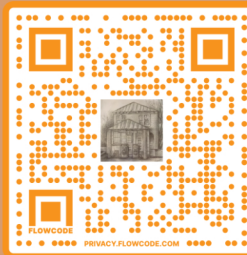
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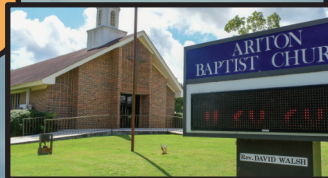
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THE PAIN OF FOLDING

A henpecked man got tired of his wife constantly picking on him, so he started playing poker on Friday nights with his buddies just to get some relief. After he came home she'd start right in on him again.

After several weeks went by, he came home early one Friday night about 9:30. His wife asked him how come he was home early. He told her, "You need to pack your bags and go to Herb's house, I lost you to him in the card game tonight."

His wife became furious and started to give him hell. She said, "Just how could you do such a thing!?"

He replied, "It was the hardest thing I ever done... I had to fold with king hi four aces."

Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?

To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



THINGS TO PONDER

I Might Be Funny

1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
3. Why do "fat chance" & "slim chance" mean the same? I Might Be Funny
4. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?
5. Why are there no "B" batteries?
6. Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
7. Why is a "pair" of underwear one item?
8. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

A man was driving his brand new BMW to 100 mph, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him. He floored it to 140, then 150, ... then 155, ... Suddenly he thought,

"I'm too old for this nonsense !"

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

The officer walked up to him, looked at his watch and said,

"Sir, my shift ends in ten minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend with my family. If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard before, why you were speeding... I'll let you go."

The Man looked very seriously at the police man, and replied :-

"Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back." !!!

The Cop left saying,

" Have a good day, Sir "...

Don't tell secrets to your clock because time will tell!



CONGRATULATIONS

**To the retiring sheriff, Wally Olson &
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I am so glad we have freedom of speech...without it we wouldn't know which people are idiots.

Texas Three Kick Rule."

A big city New York lawyer went duck hunting in rural Texas. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going into retrieve it."

The old farmer replied. "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U.S. and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in Texas. We settle small disagreements like this with the Texas Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Texas Three Kick Rule?"

The farmer replied, "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's shin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick landed square on the man's nose. The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, you old coot, now it's my turn!"

The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."



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"Do you think the shoes will still be at the shop?" the man asked.

"Not very likely," his wife said.

"It's worth a try," he said, pocketing the ticket. He went downstairs, hopped in the car and drove to the shoe shop. With a straight face, he handed the ticket to the man behind the counter. With a face just as straight, the man said, "Just a minute. I'll have to look for these."

He disappeared into a dark corner at the back of the shop. Two minutes later, the man called out, "Here they are!"

"No kidding," the customer called back. "That's terrific! Who would have thought they'd still be here after all this time?"

The man came back to the counter, empty handed. "They'll be ready on Thursday," he said calmly.

**You never know what you have...
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What Are You Doing With What God gave You?

Our heavenly Father is a wonderful and loving Father. He blesses His children with wonderful gifts, and talents that are immeasurable.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. We all have different talents and God-given gifts, but they are all important and can be used for God's kingdom.

For an application I would like to speak from the parable in Matthew 25:14-30. One servant was given five talents, he invested and doubled his talents, and have ten.

He gave another servant two talents and he invested and doubled his talents and now have four. (verse 23) His lord said to those servants, 'Well done, good and faithful servants; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The master also gave another servant one talent. (verse 24-25) Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

Notice the servant with the one talent remained a servant, but he was lazy and did nothing with what he had been given, and it was taken from him.

The question was: What Are You Doing With What God gave You?

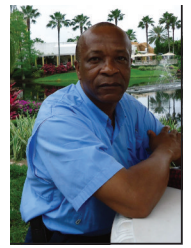
Everyone has certain talents or God-given gifts that they are skilled in. These gifts can be used for the glory of God. Using your talents for God can allow you to be a part of advancing the kingdom of God, helping others, and improving the world around you.

1 Peter 4:10-11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

Discover your God-given gifts. Pray God's Spirit will help identify your gifts. Fasting may aid in this process. There is a super-natural passion in you, follow it, and you will discover a sweet-spot in your life that God has given you. May the Spirit of our Lord shine on you, bless you and keep you in His care

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Matchstick Puzzles - #3

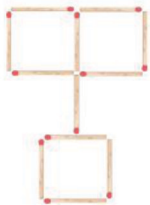
1. Move one matchstick to make a square.



4. Take one away from seven matchsticks, then move two to leave zero.



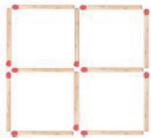
2. Move six matches to make five squares.



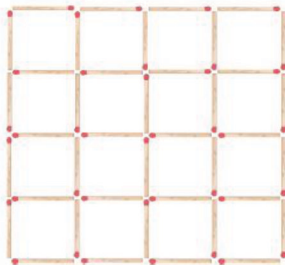
5. Take away six matchsticks from the fifteen shown to leave ten.



3. Move two matchsticks to make six squares.



6. Remove 9 matchsticks leaving no square of any size.



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WHY DO PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES THINK I SHOULD CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK



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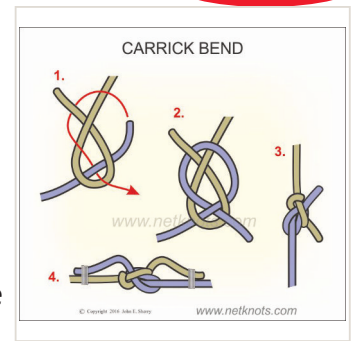
What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

I don't know and I don't care!



Carrick's Knot

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Remember the sequence: over, under, over, under, over and pass working end of second rope around first loop and itself following the sequence.

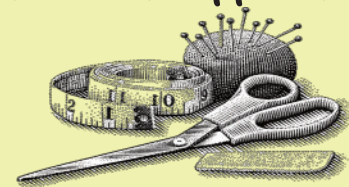
The ends come out of opposite sides of the knot. The knot loses its beautiful symmetry when tightened.

The ends should be seized to the standing parts if the ropes are large.



My friend asked me to meet at the vinyl shop in 45. I made it there in 33, which was record time

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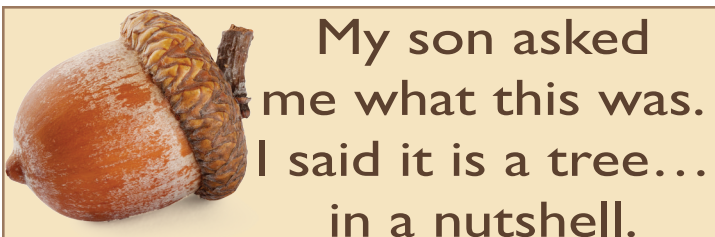


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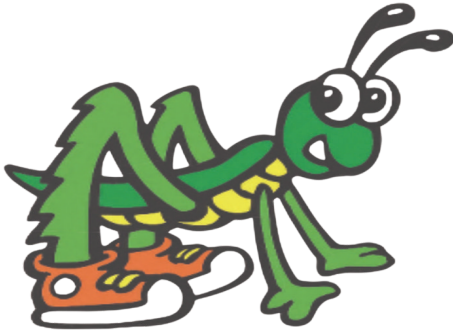
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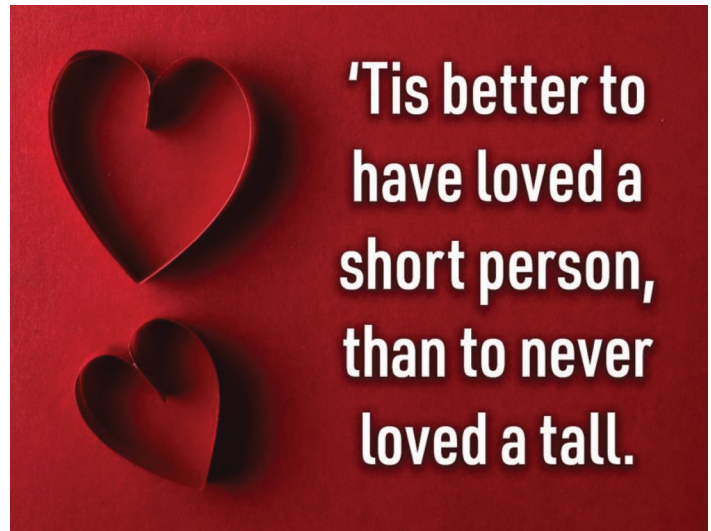
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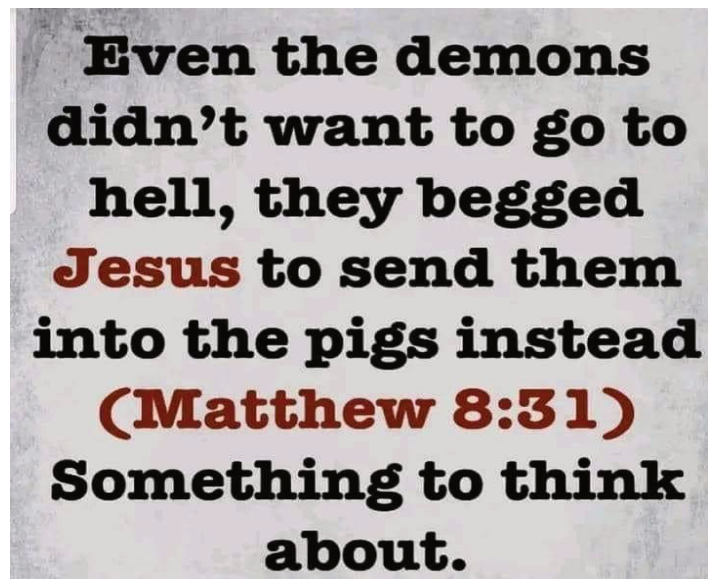
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'Tis better to
have loved a
short person,
than to never
loved a tall.



**Even the demons
didn't want to go to
hell, they begged
Jesus to send them
into the pigs instead
(Matthew 8:31)
Something to think
about.**

My wife says I have only two faults. 1. I don't listen ... and 2. something else.

”Former Talk Show Host and Minn. Congressman Jason Lewis asked his wife, “Did you ever in your wildest dreams ever expect to hear me filling in for Rush Limbaugh?” She replied, “Well no. You aren’t in my wildest dreams.”

Golf Gimme

The definition of a "gimme" in golf can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers... Neither of whom can putt very well.

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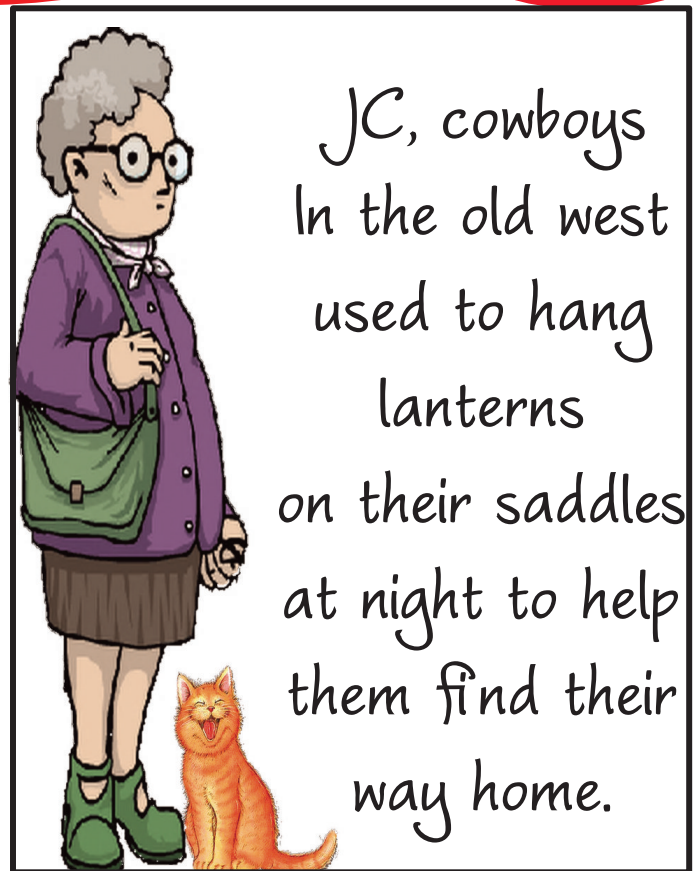
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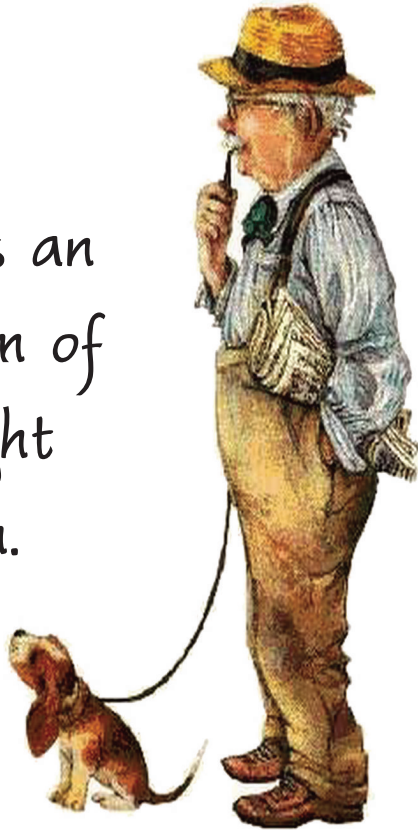
How many points to get into Heaven?
A man dies and goes to heaven.
St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says,
"Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make
it into heaven. You tell me all the good things
you've done, and I give you a certain number of
points for each item, depending on how good it
was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."
"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same
woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, and
loved her deep in my heart."
"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth two
points!"
"Only two points?" the man says. "Well, I attended
church all my life and supported its ministry with
my tithes and service."
"Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a
point."
"One point!?! I started a soup kitchen in my city
and also worked in a shelter for homeless
veterans."
"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," St.
Peter says.
"Two points!?!!" Exasperated, the man cries, "At
this rate, the only way I'll get into heaven is by the
grace of God."
"Bingo! Now you can come in!" St Peter lets the man
inside heaven
For by grace, you have been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God,
not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians
2:8-9

**"FIRST WE OVERLOOK EVIL.
THEN WE PERMIT EVIL.
THEN WE LEGALIZE EVIL.
THEN WE PROMOTE EVIL.
THEN WE CELEBRATE EVIL.
THEN WE PERSECUTE THOSE WHO STILL
CALL IT EVIL."**

**"Woe unto them who call
evil good, and good evil."
Isaiah 5:20**

Two things I hate is a disrespectful child and a parent that thinks it's funny.

Yes,
Gladys,
That was an
early form of
saddle light
navigation.



Matchstick Puzzles - #3

SOLUTIONS

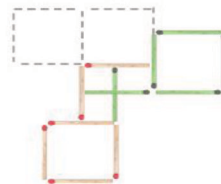
1. Move one matchstick to make a square.



4. Take one away from seven matchsticks, then move two to leave zero.



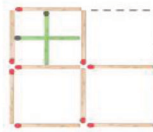
2. Move six matches to make five squares.



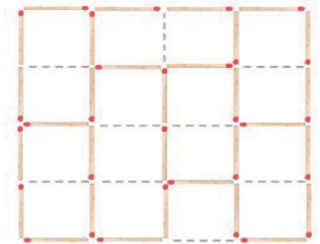
5. Take away six matchsticks from the fifteen shown to leave ten.



3. Move two matchsticks to make six squares.



6. Remove 9 matchsticks leaving no square of any size.



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I don't often scream like a litte girl, but when I do, it's because my wife just put her cold, undead feet on my body.

AUNT T'S KITCHEN

ZUCCHINI CARROT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1-1/3 cups vegetable oil
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups finely shredded carrots
- 2 cups finely shredded zucchini
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts



FROSTING:

1. 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2. 1/2 cup butter, softened
3. 5 cups confectioners' sugar
4. 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
5. Whole or chopped pecans or walnuts for garnish, optional

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl beat eggs and sugar until frothy. Gradually beat in oil. Combine dry ingredients; add to batter. Beat 4 minutes. Stir in carrots, zucchini and nuts. Pour into three greased 9-in. round baking pans. Bake at 350° for about 35 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pans.

COOKIES, CAKES & PIES

Cool thoroughly on a wire rack.

2. For frosting, beat cream cheese and butter in a large bowl until smooth. Add sugar and vanilla. Continue beating until sugar is dissolved. Spread between the layers and over the top and sides of the cake. Garnish with whole or chopped nuts if desired.

HONEY CRUNCH COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup honey
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 4 cups crisp rice cereal



DIRECTIONS

1. Sift together first three ingredients; set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter.
3. Add honey a little at a time, mix well.
4. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
5. Mixture will appear to separate.
6. Gradually add dry ingredients; mix until moistened.
7. Fold in coconut, chips and cereal.
8. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.
9. Bake at 350°F for 12 minutes or until golden brown.
10. Remove cookies to cooling rack immediately to cool.

BUTTERSCOTCH PECAN SLICES

INGREDIENTS

- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans, divided



DIRECTIONS

Cream butter and brown sugar. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup pecans.

Shape into two 7 in rolls; wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Unwrap and cut into slices. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Sprinkle with remaining nuts; press gently.

Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes or until edges begin to brown.

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EASY COCONUT CREAM PIE**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 1-1/2 cups sweetened shredded coconut, toasted, divided
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Unroll crust into a 9-in. pie plate; flute edge. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Line crust with a double thickness of foil. Fill with pie weights, dried beans or uncooked rice. Bake on a lower oven rack or until edge is golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Remove foil and weights; bake until bottom is golden brown, 3-6 minutes longer or. Cool on a wire rack.
3. In a medium saucepan, combine sugar, flour and salt. Stir in milk; cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer.
4. Remove from the heat; gradually stir about 1 cup of hot mixture into beaten eggs. Return all to saucepan; cook and stir over medium heat until nearly boiling. Reduce heat; cook and stir about 2 minutes more (do not boil). Remove from the heat; stir in 1 cup coconut, butter and vanilla.
5. Pour into crust; sprinkle with remaining coconut. Chill for several hours before serving.

MACADAMIA TOFFEE SNACK CAKE**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- ½ cup cold butter, cubed
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup white baking chips
- ½ cup chopped macadamia nuts
- ¼ cup flaked coconut

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. In a large bowl, combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Set aside 1 cup for topping. Add baking powder and salt to remaining crumb mixture. In another bowl, whisk the egg, milk and vanilla.

Stir into crumb mixture just until moistened.

2. Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan; sprinkle with reserved topping mixture, baking chips, nuts and coconut. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and edges pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely on a wire rack before cutting. Yield: 20 servings.

RASPBERRY OATMEAL COOKIE BAR**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¾ cup seedless raspberry jam

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8x8-inch square pan; line with greased foil.
2. Combine flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Rub in butter using your hands or a pastry blender to form a crumbly mixture.
3. Press 2 cups oat mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan. Spread jam to within 1/4 inch of the edge. Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture on top; press down lightly into jam.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until lightly browned, 35 to 40 minutes. Allow to cool before cutting into bars.



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Anybody that can, at age 65, do what they did when they were age 25 wasn't doing much at age 25.

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**Yesterday my husband
thought he saw a cockroach
in the kitchen. He sprayed
everything down and
cleaned thoroughly.**

**Today I'm putting the
cockroach in the bathroom.**

NO APPOINTMENT

Peter called his doctor's office for an appointment. "I'm sorry," said the receptionist, "we can't fit you in for at least two weeks."

"But I could be dead by then!"

"No problem. If your wife lets us know, we'll cancel the appointment."

**When my husband tells me NO, I just ask again,
because clearly, he misunderstood me.**

"Wise Words"

By: Hayes Wise

The Good Place

As I was googling for a message, I came across a "comedy sitcom" that I never heard about. It first aired in 2016, and was called "The Good Place". It focused on four dead people and their friendly struggle in the afterlife to define what it means to be good. The Good Place is a town where those who have been good throughout their lives go once they have passed away. One female realizes she isn't meant to be there at all. With the help of another dead resident she tries to right her wrongs, seeking to finally earn her spot in the Good Place. She and her companions desperately worked to avoid the afterlife they deserved in the Bad Place and its eternal torments. The plot has a lot of twists and turns, but the one constant is the points system humans use to determine whether they go to heaven or to hell. There are so many things to say about this, but for brevity, I'll try to narrow it down.

I have to wonder about the people that watched this and the impact it had on their spiritual lives. To start, no one is good; "There is no one righteous, not even one;" (Rom 3:10). There is no "friendly struggle" after you are dead. God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die and after that to be judged (Heb 9:27). There is not a place called purgatory where you get a second chance at salvation. There are no "do overs" after you die. A good example is in Luke 15, "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom [heaven]. The rich man also died and was buried and in torments in Hades [hell]... (v22-23). Your place of existence is instantly changed for eternity when you die. Good works alone will not get you to heaven. Jesus said there would be some coming to Him, claiming good works. What was Jesus' reply? "...I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers." (Mat 7:21-23). Salvation doesn't come from anything we do it is a free gift for believing in Jesus. (Rom 6:23). "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father [heaven] except through me" (John 14:6). This is the only way for you to know you are going to the "Good Place".

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could be as sharp as this policeman.

He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility...

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line -- and we think he'll win.

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So many people these days are too judgemental.
 I can tell just by looking at them

The teacher asked Little Johnny,
 “What comes after a sentence?”
 Little Johnny answered,
 “My daddy said an appeal.”

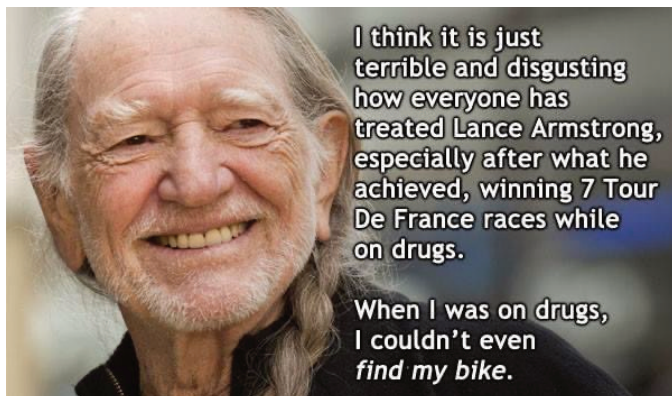
What is the Friendship Paradox?

It's a phenomenon based on the observation that people have less friends/friendships than their friends do. There is even a mathematical equation attached to this belief.

Bamboozable Solution

1. He's Larger Than Life
2. Little did I Know
3. Count Your Blessings
4. I'm in Trouble
5. Don't Bet on It
6. Hand it Over Now

1. Middle of the Road
2. See You Around
3. Lost in Space
4. Safety in Numbers
5. Hold on a Minute
6. Mass Confusion

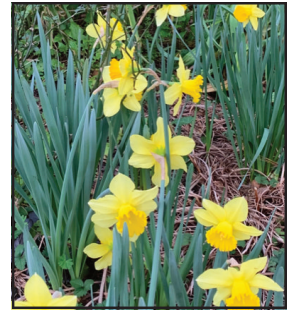


CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

February 2023

Greetings Gardeners,

This is the month we gardeners start SPRING-ing into action. The long winter is about to morph into budding daffodils, narcissus, paperwhites, snowdrops, and the daylilies already in the garden start showing their leaves. At a recent Master Gardener meeting Janet Shinaberry informed us that for 2023 the last frost date is March 10th, plus or minus two weeks. So it's possible we can still get a frost or freeze that late. To get your garden ready for spring planting, clean out the weeds, add fresh organic composted soil, check out the aces.edu website for proper soil temperatures for what you plan to plant.



Here are some dates to mark in your calendar:

***FEB 8**, 11 AM at Ozark's Hoppergrass Restaurant from Mayim Farms Greg and Carole Lolley will present how to raise Moringa Trees,

* **FEB 18** Dothan Area Botanical Gardens (DABG) Backyard Bird Count, 8 AM to 5 PM

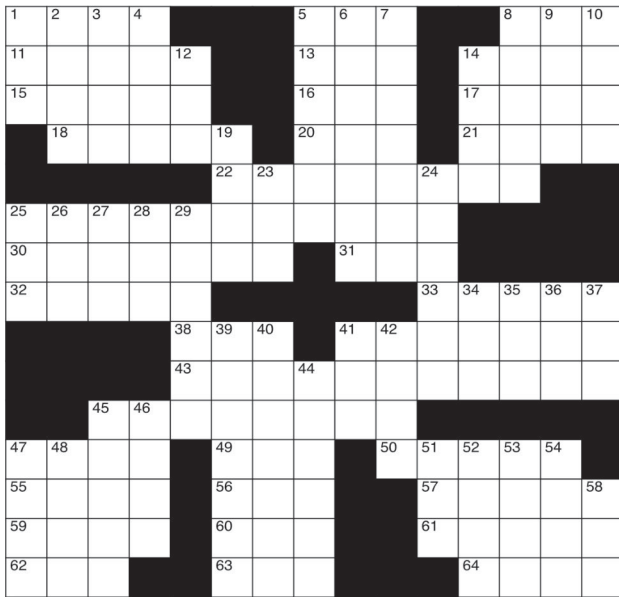
***FEB 25** DABG Roses 101, Jim Mills from K&M Roses and other speakers, 9 AM to 12 Noon (\$20)

***MAR 2** Food dehydrating workshop with Bridgette Brannon at Dale County Extension Office 1-3 PM

Our next **CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENER** Meeting will be held at **Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark** on **Wednesday February 9th** from 11:00. Come buy your meal, (the line is short at 10:30) and bring it into the meeting. **129 East Ave., across from Milky Moo's**. Visitors tell us they always learn something new and learn from our experienced Master Gardeners. We would love to hear about your gardening experiences as well. Call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting time at Hoppergrass.



Did you hear the rumor about butter?
 Never mind, I better not spread it.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

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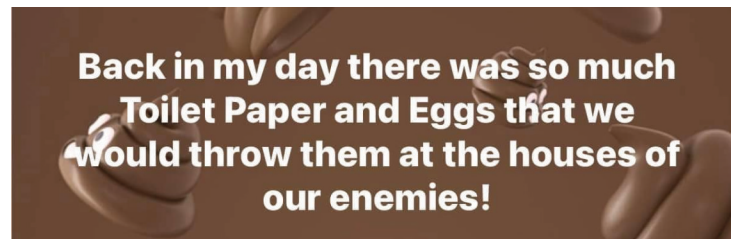
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RESIST THE DEVIL

A preacher challenged his wife and criticized her actions after finding a dress costing \$250 in her bag. He said, "You know we are on an incredibly tight budget.

The wife admitted that she was wrong but explained she was tempted by the devil who followed her to the shopping mall.

The man rested a hand on the woman's shoulders and spoke softly, asking her to constantly resist the devil with the command, "Get behind me, Satan!"

The preacher's wife response was: "I did, and he said "The dress even looks good from back here."



A Fish Tale

There was a man that was trying to get some fish overseas for an experiment. He tried everything he could to get them over there alive, yet every time, they were all dead. So out of Frustration and Desperation, He decided to put a Cat in with the Fish Tank.....

When The Fish arrived overseas, they were surprisingly all alive.... Granted, they were exhausted and Tired, But alive Nonetheless.

Moral of The Story
Sometimes The Lord will put a Cat in your Fish Tank,
(Unexpected Things, Situations, People....ect...) Not to
Devour you, But to keep you Alive.

Melissa Stuckey
Agape Ministry



When most people see a jalapeno, they think it is hot...when in reality it's a little chilli.



EMPLOYMENT WORD SEARCH

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

An elderly woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she



carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and

miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

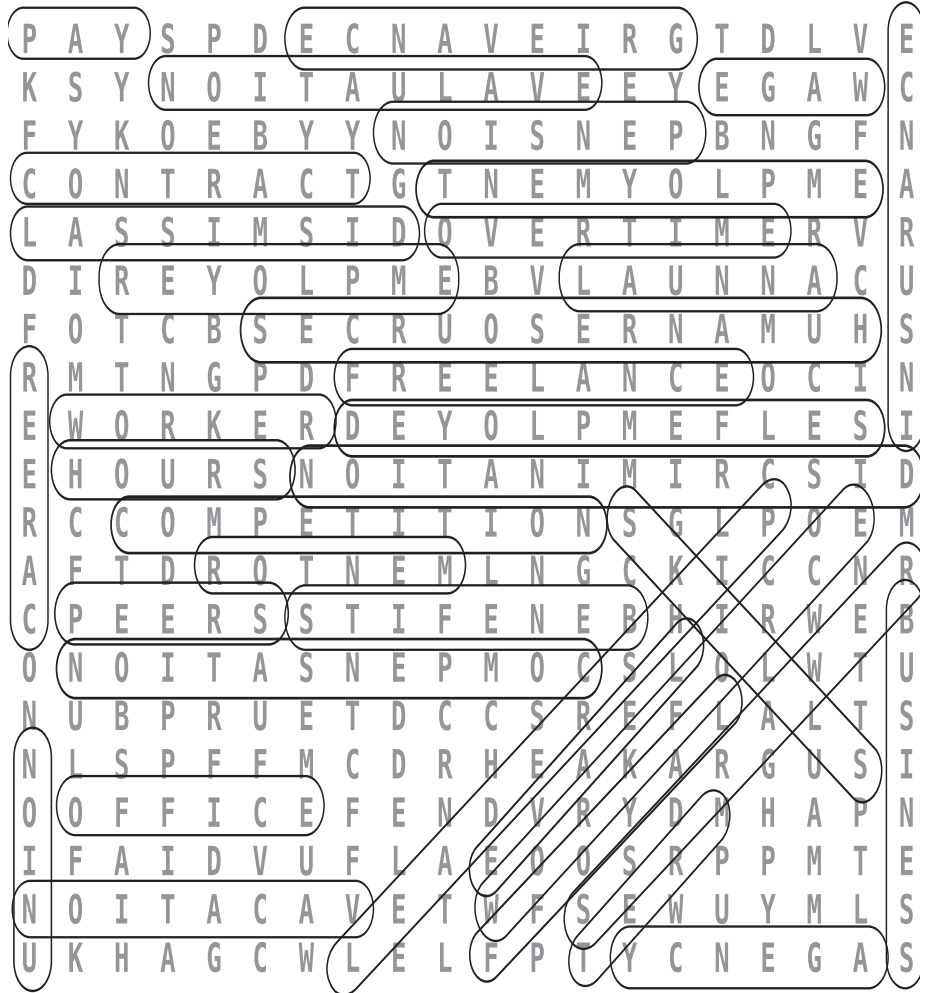
Moral of the story:

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

If you're feeling down, try drinking a pint of water before going to bed. It'll give you a reason to get up in the morning.

So I ordered Chinese from a local place (won't name them) went to pick it up and as I was driving home, heard the bags rustling and moving!!! I thought what on earth is that? Has something gotten into the bag? I thought I could see a little pair of eyes peering out. I was driving so pulled over, I leaned forward, picked up the bag, put it on the passenger seat and there it was again, more rustling and little eyes looking out behind the cashew chicken! I thought it's got to be a rat or a mouse or something, so I carefully pulled the bag down ... And there it was ...
...A Peeking Duck!!

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



PUZZLE SOLUTION

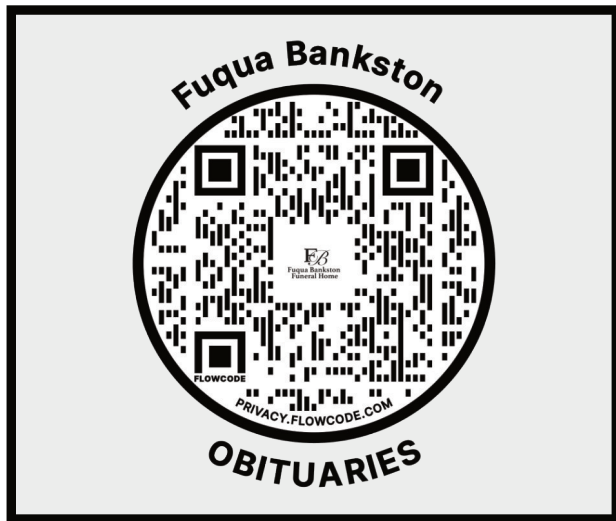


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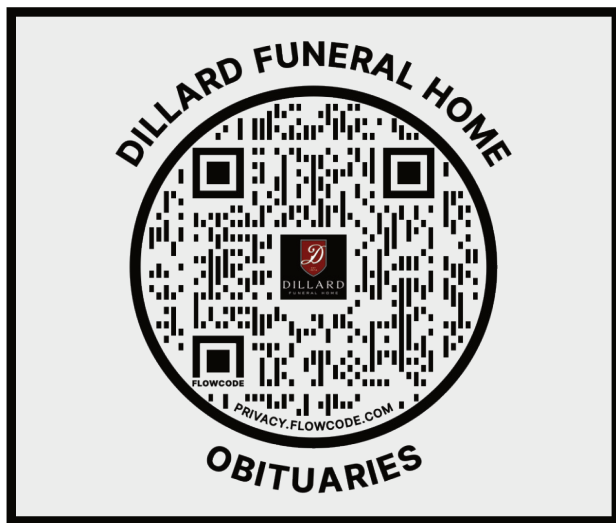


I opened my electric bill at the same time I opened my water bill. Needless to say, I was shocked.

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