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**MEET JACK**

Though born in 1954, Jack Sorenson grew up living the Old West lifestyle that he now depicts in his work.

Coming of age living and working at Six Gun City, a dude ranch and frontier town in the style of the Old West situated on the rim of the Palo Duro Canyon and owned by his father, Sorenson was deeply embedded with a love for the stories and imagery that characterized the Old West, and which continues to motivate him to this day.



Whereas other teenagers spent their adolescence working in retail or fast food, Sorenson worked as a stagecoach driver, a performance gunfighter, and a horse trainer. A naturally gifted artist since childhood, Sorenson began painting full-time in 1974. After his first one-man show sold out that same year, Sorenson committed himself to a career in art and never looked back. In November of 2021, Jack achieved a life-long career goal when he was voted into the prestigious Cowboy Artists of America Group. To view or purchase Jack's current works, contact Santa Fe Trails Fine Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

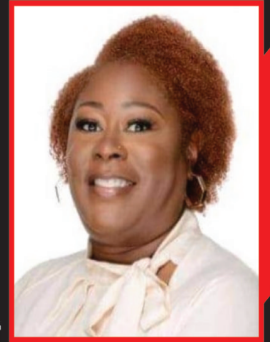
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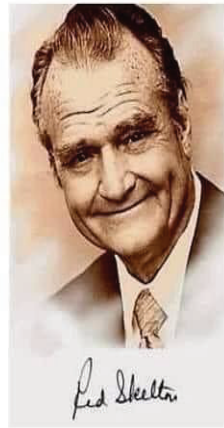
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Only a Southerner can show or point out to you the general direction of "yonder."

Only a Southerner knows exactly how long "directly" is -- as in: "Going to town, be back directly."

Even Southern babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not a request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl in the middle of the table.

All Southerners know exactly when "by and by" is. They might not use the term, but they know the concept well.

Only a Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana puddin'!

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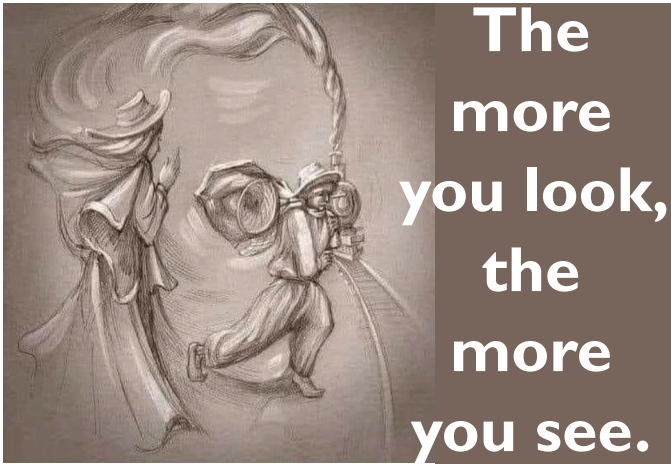
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*"The lawyers powered their way to a second place finish, while the doctors managed to finish next to last."*

## RIVER WALK

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank.

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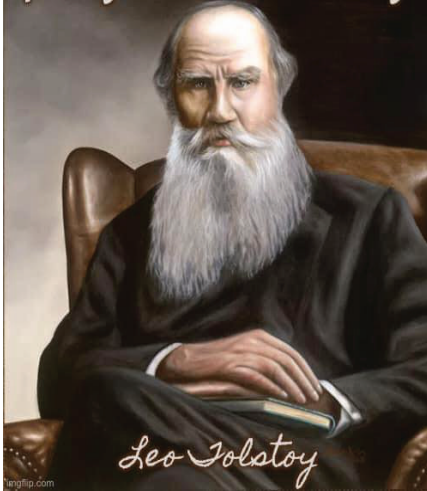
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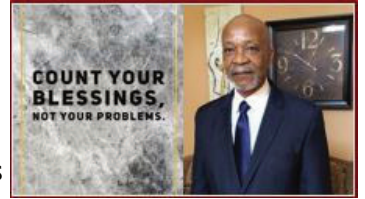
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By Wallace Kennedy, Jr



Be encouraged, our life is filled with high points and low points, and with much conflict and troubles. God is higher than anything and anyone, remember that God is bigger than anything that comes our way. We must remember how blessed we are, if we count our blessings we will discover our good days outnumber our bad days.

When the struggles of life come, and oh yes, you'd better believe they will come, the number one focus must be to rely on truth. Truth can be challenging to uncover in this world, but God's promises are always true. This I know and depend on.

I don't believe we should thank God for bad things happening to us, but rather give thanks to God while in negative circumstances, He is always there with us.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

We serve a God that is bigger than cancer, bigger than covid, bigger than divorce, bigger than the wind and the rain, even hurricanes or tornadoes. Does He know our thoughts and feelings? Oh yes. He longs to be the One we trust in times of trouble, the One who deliver us, the One that strengthen us, and holds us in His caring arms in times of troubles.

Listen my friend; *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? Jeremiah 32:27* God is bigger than anything you are facing today or tomorrow.

Say, "God, I commit my challenges to You. Show me the way through them. Give me eyes to see Your solutions and strength to act on them." You can do it, how do I know that? Because: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Consider this passage, meditate on it, and get it in your spirit: *Psalms 103:1-5 Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Pray: Father God, I choose to be thankful, counting the many blessings You bestowed on my life. Today I will put aside my complaints and take time to remember Your goodness in my life. Thanking you always Father God, for Your faithfulness, Your protection, and the many times You demonstrate that You love me, in Your Son Jesus name I pray, amen.

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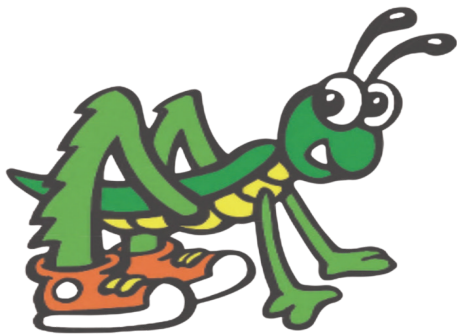


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1. I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.
2. Hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.
3. I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.
4. My wife says I have only two faults: I don't listen and ... something else.
5. At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.
6. I thought growing old would take longer.
7. I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on.
8. The officer said, "You drinking?"  
I said, "You buying?"  
We just laughed and laughed.

I need bail money.

9. Life is too short to waste time matching socks.
10. Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.
11. If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.
12. I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.
13. Some people call me crazy. I prefer 'happy with a twist'.
14. My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers with mental illness.  
I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."
15. Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
16. I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

How women apologize... I'm sorry that your terrible behavior made me act out of character. You should work on that.

To turn any sofa into a bed;  
Just tell your wife  
to calm down.



## Life Hack

My five year old students are learning to read. Yesterday one of them pointed at a picture in a zoo book and said, "Look at this! It's a frickin elephant!" I took a deep breath, then asked... "What did you call it?" "It's a frickin elephant! It says so on the picture!" And do it does...



**African Elephant**

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**Mr. Schwartz** was the oldest of 7 children, so he had to quit school and work to help support his younger brothers and sisters. He never learned to read, so when he married and started a checking account, he signed his checks simply "XX".



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"Sure, there's bad stuff in the world, but there's also you. You can be anything that you want today, so be bold, be kind, be awesome, repeat. It's like shampoo, but with your life."

— Kid President



Eventually he started his own business, which immediately prospered. He soon was a very rich man.

One day, he got a call from his bank. "Mr. Schwartz," said the banker, "I need to ask you about this check. We weren't sure you had really signed it. All

these years you've been signing your checks 'XX', but we just got one that was signed with three XXX's..."

Mr. Schwartz answered, "No problem, my friend. It's just that since I've become so wealthy, my wife thought I ought to have a middle name."

When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it happened or not.

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do I,  
Gladys,  
I can  
do it  
with my  
eyes  
closed!



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# AUNT T'S KITCHEN

## GREEN PEA CASSEROLE

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 cups frozen peas (about 20 ounces), thawed
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 package (6 ounces) stuffing mix



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Mix first six ingredients; transfer to a greased 11x7-in baking dish. Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions. Spread over pea mixture. Bake, uncovered, until lightly browned, 20-25 minutes.

## FRESH PEA SOUP

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium shallots, finely chopped
- 2 cups water
- 3 cups fresh shelled green peas
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream (Optional)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Melt the butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Cook the shallots until soft and translucent, about 3 minutes. Pour in the water and peas, season to

# GREEN PEAS

taste with salt and pepper. Increase the heat to medium-high, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until the peas are tender, 12 to 18 minutes.

2. Puree the peas in a blender or food processor in batches. Strain back into the saucepan, stir in the cream if using, and reheat. Season to taste with salt and pepper before serving.

## CREAM PEAS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups frozen green peas, thawed
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon white sugar



### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine peas, water, and salt in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, then stir in butter.

2. Whisk together cream, flour, and sugar in a small bowl. Stir mixture into peas. Cook over medium-high heat until thick and bubbly, about 5 minutes.

## SPLIT PEA SOUP

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 cups dried split peas, sorted and rinsed
- 8 cups water
- 1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
- 2 medium celery stalks, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 ham bone or 2 pounds shanks
- 3 medium carrots, cut into 1/4-inch slices (1 1/2 cups)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat peas and water to boiling in 4-quart Dutch oven. Boil uncovered 2 minutes; remove from heat. Cover and let stand 1 hour.

2. Stir in onion, celery and pepper. Add ham bone. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 1 hour 30 minutes or until peas are tender.

3. Remove ham bone; remove ham from bone. Trim excess fat from ham; cut ham into 1/2-inch pieces.

4. Stir ham and carrots into soup. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until carrots are tender and soup is desired consistency.

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When I was young I was terrible at golf but now after years of dedication, practice and coaching, I'm no longer young.

## POLISH VEGETABLE SALAD

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 sm potatoes, cooked and sliced into very small pieces (can sub 2 cans cooked potatoes)
- 1 can peas, drained (15 oz)
- 1 can carrots, drained and sliced into small pieces (14.5 oz)
- 1/2 c mayonnaise
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1 stalk celery, cut up into very small pieces
- 1 apple, any kind, peeled and cored, chopped into small pieces
- 2-3 pickles, chopped into very small pieces
- 2-3 Tbsp sour cream
- 1 tsp mustard
- 3 Tbsp fresh dill



### DIRECTIONS

1. Peel and cook potatoes, unless you are using canned. Place very small potato pieces into a large mixing bowl.
2. Add peas, carrots, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt, pepper, celery, apple, pickles, sour cream, dill, and mustard.
3. Mix well. Sprinkle paprika on top of finished salad for presentation.
4. \*You may want to take away or add some ingredients to your liking. I typically have to add more mayonnaise to make it a bit creamier.

## INDIAN SPICED PEAS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup (100 grams) yellow onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup (75 grams) red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- 2 garlic cloves, grated or finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons water
- 12 ounces (340 grams) frozen peas, defrosted
- 1 teaspoon fresh mint



### DIRECTIONS

1. To a large pan, heat the oil over medium heat.
2. Add the onions and pepper and cook until softened, about 8 minutes.
3. Turn down the heat to low. Add the cumin, turmeric, coriander and garam masala. Stir well and cook for 2 minutes. Add the garlic, salt and pepper and cook for 1 more minute.
4. Add the water and stir well. Stir in the peas. Serve warm, garnished with mint.

## CREAMED GARDEN POTATOES AND PEAS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds small red potatoes, quartered
- 3 cups fresh or frozen peas
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups 2% milk
- 1 cup half-and-half cream



### DIRECTIONS

1. Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with 1 cup water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until tender, 8-12 minutes. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, place peas and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until tender, 3-5 minutes. Drain.
3. In a large saucepan, saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until blended; gradually add milk and cream. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in potatoes and peas; heat through.

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"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay."

## “Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

### A Man For All Seasons

is a 1966 British historical drama film about the final years of Sir Thomas More, the 16th-century Lord Chancellor of England who refused both to sign a letter asking Pope Clement VII to annul Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine and to take an Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry the Supreme Head of the Church of England. Sir Thomas refuses to take it and is imprisoned, tried, and gets the death penalty. At the execution, Sir Thomas reminds them that prisoners are to be asked before sentencing if they have anything to say. Sir Thomas declares, "I die his Majesty's good servant, but God's first." He then kneels at the block and the executioner cuts off his head.

That was a true story and is both a tragic and inspiring story about a Christian man who defied a king because of his conscience, his conviction and his faith in God. He died for his beliefs. This could have

been the story for the apostles. The apostles spent between 1 to 3 years with Jesus during His public ministry, expecting Him to proclaim His kingdom on earth. Although disillusioned at His untimely death, they became the first witnesses of the risen Jesus and they endured persecution and all but John experienced martyrdom.

But the greatest story ever told is about the one and only person who lived on this earth who can rightfully be called the Supreme Head of the Church. He is Jesus Christ, who refused to bow before Caesar and would not allow Pontius Pilate or any of the others to have authority over Him. He was true to death, dying for the sins of all for all seasons. "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". (Phil 2:9-11). Jesus is truly the "The Man for All Seasons." Do you know Him?

There are three men on a boat and they have 4 cigarettes, but nothing to light them with. What should they do?

I suggest they throw a cigarette overboard and then the whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter!



## Sudoku

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	8		9				3	

I finally found a diet plan that works; it's called "The Cost of Food."



**“THE WHOLE NINE YARDS”**

American fighter planes in WWII had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

**“BUYING THE FARM”**

This is synonymous with dying. During WWI soldiers were given life

insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

**Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace**

At a wedding ceremony, the pastor asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. Everything quickly turned to chaos when a woman carrying a child started walking towards the front.

Everybody was surprised, shocked, and the bride even fainted. The pastor asked the woman if she had anything to say. The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

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It has rained so much lately that got pulled over by the Coast Guard and got a ticket for no life jacket!

## Answers to puzzles

1. Too funny for words
2. Tip of the iceberg
3. You win some, you lose some
4. Domino
5. West Indies
6. One if by land, two if by sea
7. Day in, day out
8. An afterthought
9. What's black and white and red all over?
10. Robin Hood
11. Life after death
12. Sitting on top of the world
13. A cut above the rest
14. Ten pounds over weight
15. Crossfire
16. Cryin' Shame
17. Who's in charge?
18. Tuna Fish
19. Hole in one
20. Long underwear
21. No U turn
22. A pair of pants
23. Go for it
24. Someone's following me
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**MY BLOND WIFE**

**Blond wife: "Happy Anniversary, Honey! I got you a DVD player."**

**Husband: "Oh, thank you, dear, but how were you able to afford it?"**

**Blond wife: "I sold our TV."**

Having a teenager is like living in a haunted house. Every now and then you'll see a figure in the corner of your eye, followed by a moaning sound and then a door will slam shut.

**CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS**

*March 2023*

*Greetings Gardeners,*

This gardener has been a reluctant seed starter when it comes to growing vegetables in our raised bed gardens.

Either I planted too early and they grew scraggly long stems, or waited too late and they got too much heat. Yet some seeds grow more healthy plants than the starter plants purchased lately at some of the big box stores. I decided to give seeds a try again last month, keeping some on a sunny porch, and also got good results from other seeds that could be planted directly in the garden. One Russian blue kale survived the cold snaps, and it's a beautiful kale with pink stems and large flat leaves. Seeds planted in small peat seed starter pods, using seed starter soil (it's sterilized) did well. Waiting to transplant until they have their second set of leaves is important.

Here's what you can plant now in our Zone 8 according to the SOW app: **beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onions, sweet peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, turnips, white potatoes.** Be sure to keep the soil moist but not too wet, while the plants are developing their roots. I use newspaper or cardboard boxes to cover the baby plants if temperatures get below 35°, but uncover in the morning so the plants can get air and sun.

Don't forget:

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Food dehydrating workshop at Dale County Extension Office, 1-3 PM. \$5 per person.

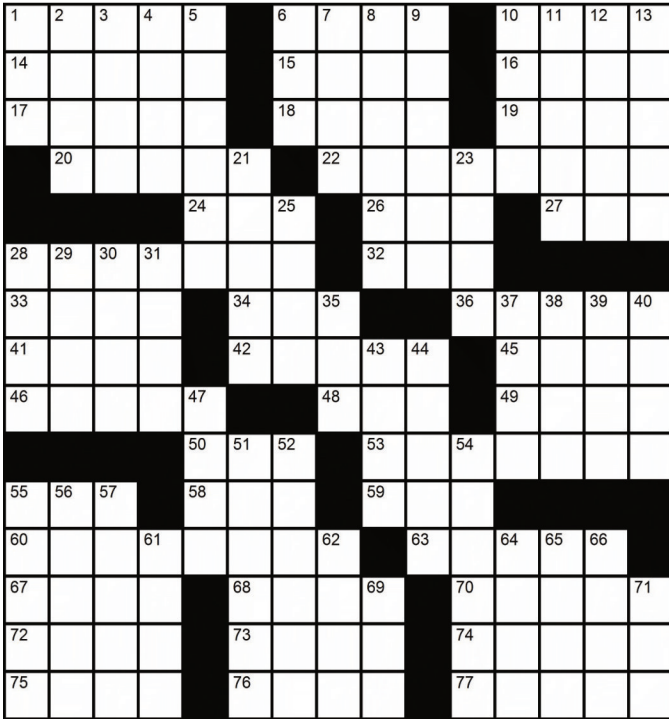
**March 23-25<sup>th</sup>** Dothan Area Botanical Gardens spring plant sale.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Wings of Wonder Butterfly Garden opens at Dothan Area Botanical Garden.

Visitors are welcome to come to our next Claybank Master Gardener meeting on **Wednesday March 8, 2023** at 11 AM at **Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from Milky Moo's.** You can buy your meal if you want, (the buffet line is shorter at 10:30) and bring it into the meeting. We love new faces! Please call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting time at Hoppergrass.



Patient: What are the results of my tests, Doc? I'm dying of curiosity.  
Doctor: Well, it's not just curiosity



**Across**

- 1 Slumber
- 6 Dines
- 10 Shower alternative
- 14 Proportion
- 15 Blind segment
- 16 Crème cookie
- 17 Brainy
- 18 Twosome
- 19 Actor Sharif
- 20 Skirt fold
- 22 Tennis shoes
- 24 Mr. Turkey
- 26 Pitch
- 27 Hair colorer
- 28 Susan B. \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 Hit the slopes
- 33 Detective Wolfe
- 34 Compass reading
- 36 Shining
- 41 Twelve \_\_\_\_\_
- 42 Soothing ointment
- 45 Where the Vatican is
- 46 Finished
- 48 Napkin's place
- 49 Frosted
- 50 Ginger \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Religious lectures
- 55 Doctrine (Suffix)
- 58 Chess pieces
- 59 Kind of party
- 60 Prehistoric time
- 63 Glances over
- 67 Like some excuses
- 68 Aspect
- 70 Fill with joy
- 72 Shade trees
- 73 Oklahoma city
- 74 Kentucky Derby prize
- 75 Oceans
- 76 Tennis units
- 77 Sewing joints

**Down**

- 1 AARP members (Abbr.)
- 2 Light source
- 3 And others, for short
- 4 Emerald Isle
- 5 Baked or mashed
- 6 Sixth sense, for short
- 7 Word of regret
- 8 Sullies
- 9 Run of luck
- 10 Library item
- 11 Fortified
- 12 Watery-eyed
- 13 Trigger, for one
- 21 Musical notes
- 23 Opera solo
- 25 Talkative bird
- 28 *Green Gables* girl
- 29 Sign gas
- 30 Stepped
- 31 Fine-tune
- 35 Building addition
- 37 Depressing
- 38 Bonkers
- 39 Foreboding
- 40 Marries
- 43 Widespread
- 44 Fencing swords
- 47 Lady's title
- 51 Rents
- 52 Motor
- 54 Go-carts
- 55 British \_\_\_\_\_
- 56 No longer fresh
- 57 Female parent
- 61 Famed loch
- 62 Rework a news item
- 64 \_\_\_\_\_ vera
- 65 Space org.
- 66 Flower part
- 69 Asner and Begley
- 71 Sharp curve

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Solution on page 30



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One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door. Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week." The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen doughnuts waiting for him at his door. Then a Member of Congress came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The Member of Congress was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Members of Congress lined up waiting for a free haircut. And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch up.

# United States

All the words listed are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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# Christianity, Faith & Righteousness

**A preacher and the president of a soap manufacturing company went for a walk together. The president said, "What good is Christianity? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world! Still there, even after years, thousands of years, of teaching about goodness and truth and love and peace. Still there, after all the sermons and teachings. If Christianity is good and true, why should this be?" The preacher said nothing. They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the preacher said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is after all!" The president of the soap company protested, "But preacher, soap cannot do any good unless it is used!" "Exactly," replied the preacher. "Exactly."**



*"It ain't what ya don't know that hurts ya. What really puts a hurtin' on ya is what ya knows for sure, that just ain't so."  
 Uncle Remus*

**My wife has left me for my best friend. Well he was a complete stranger at the time...  
 But, he's my best friend now.**

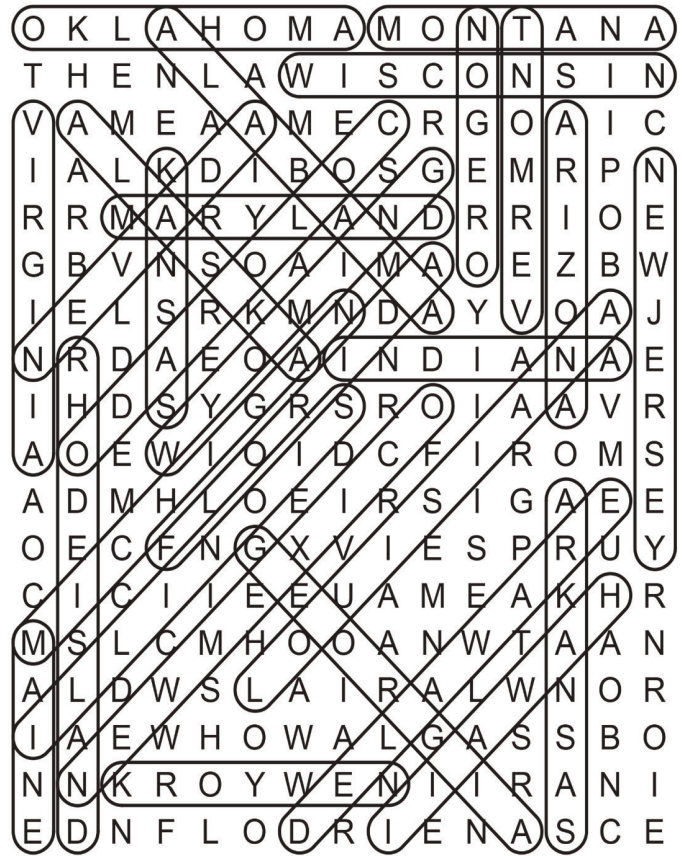


A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures.

I'd just come out of the take out restaurant with fried chicken, biscuits, beans and mashed potatoes when a homeless man sat there and said "I haven't eaten in two day." I told him "I wish I had your will power."

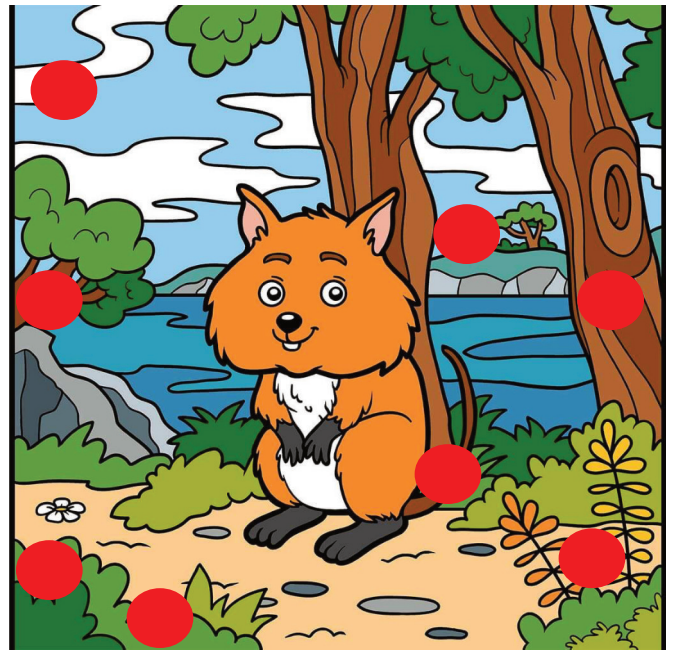
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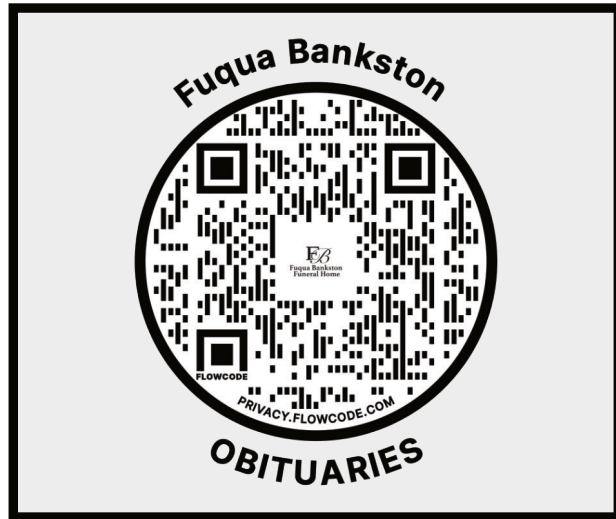
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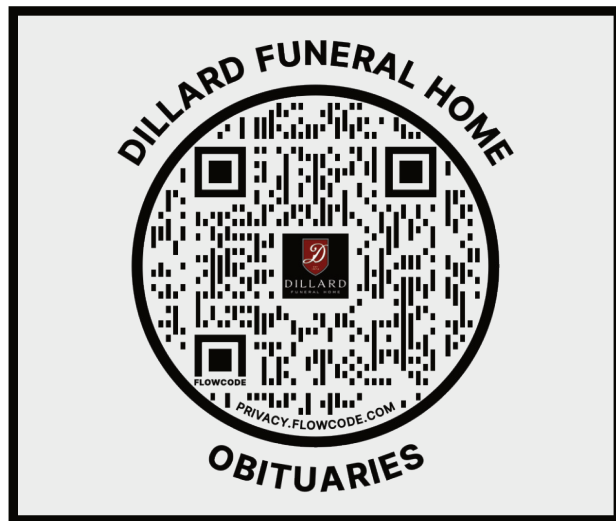
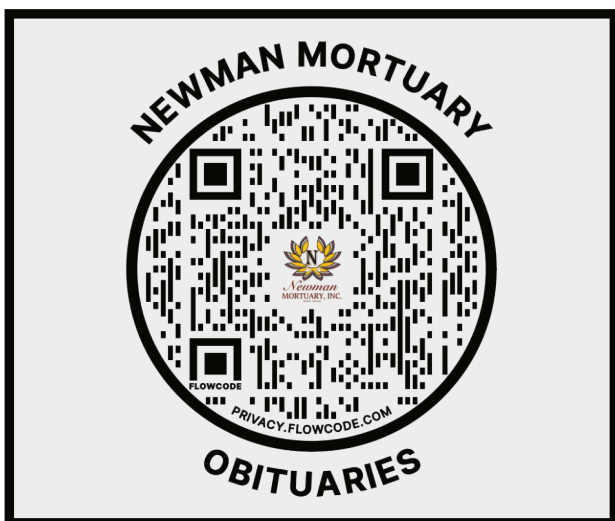


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