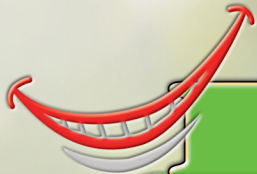


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### The Politics

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Dad: "Are you insane? Have you completely lost your mind? Are you a moron?"  
Son: "Forget it, there seem to be too many requirements."

### Lance

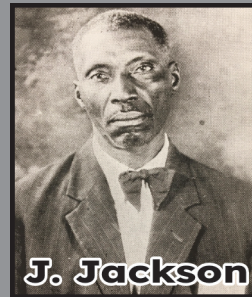
What's is the new employee's name? I asked.  
My coworker says, "Lance. Is that a common name?"  
"Now now, I said, but in the Middle Ages, people were actually named Lancelot."

**Three things cause severe memory loss:**  
a blow to the head, old age, and testifying before a congressional hearing.

**NEW GIRLFRIEND**  
"So how are you getting along with your gorgeous new girlfriend? Not so good. I asked her whether she could learn to love me."  
"Yeah...and?"  
She asked how much was I willing to spend on her education.

**Nervous Parent!**  
Sam had been extremely nervous while his wife was giving birth to their first child. When the nurse came to the waiting room, he said, "Quick, tell me! Am I a mother or a father?"

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appears at the opposite end, an eighth of a minute later, etc., etc.

How long will it take before the rabbit sticks his head out both ends of the box at the same time?

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**DUH!**

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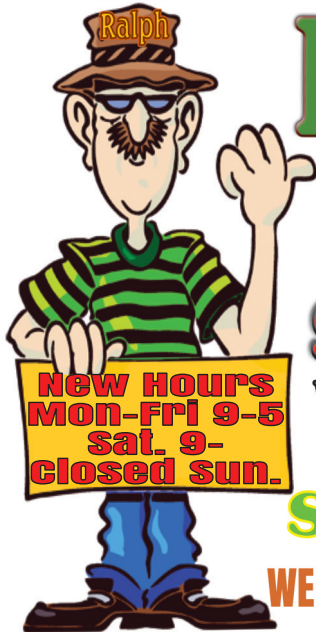
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A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in. A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth about \$19 million. It depends whose hands it's in. A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Venus Williams' hands is a Championship Winning. It depends whose hands it's in. A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's in. A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in. Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in. As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationship in God's hands because... It depends whose hands it's in.  
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I'm not saying you're dumb but blondes tell jokes about you.



**"It Takes Courage" (Author Unknown)**

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 To refrain from gossip when others delight in it, to stand up for the absent person who is being abused.

It takes courage  
 To live honestly within your means, and not dishonestly on the means of others.

It takes courage  
 To be a REAL man or a TRUE woman, To hold fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

It takes courage  
 To be talked about, and remain silent, When a word would justify you In the eyes of others, But which you dare not speak Because it would injure another.

It takes courage  
 To refuse to do something that is wrong Although everyone else may be doing it With attitudes as carefree as a summer song.

It takes courage  
 To live according to your own convictions, to deny yourself what you cannot afford. To love your neighbor as yourself.



A burglar broke into our house last night, I didn't shoot him; I just put the red laser dot on his forehead and my three cats did the rest.

A friend of mine had a bad experience that I feel I need to share. I'm so mad. Sorry, but I really need to vent!!! I experienced the WORST customer service today at a store in town. I don't want to mention the name because I'm not sure how I'm going to proceed. Yesterday, I bought something from this store and paid cash for it. I took it home but late last night I found out that it didn't work. So this morning, less than 24 hours later, I returned it asking for a refund. The young Lady at the store told me 'NO' even though I had my receipt. I asked if I could get a replacement instead. She still told me 'NO'! Seeing as I was

not getting anywhere with her, I asked to speak with the manager. I explained to her that I had purchased the item but it didn't work and even produced my receipt. The manager just smiled and told me .. without missing a beat .. that I was 'out of luck' ~ NO refund and NO replacement! Well, I tell you what... I am NEVER buying another lottery ticket at that store again!

**Observations**

"Life is hard. It's even harder if you're stupid"  
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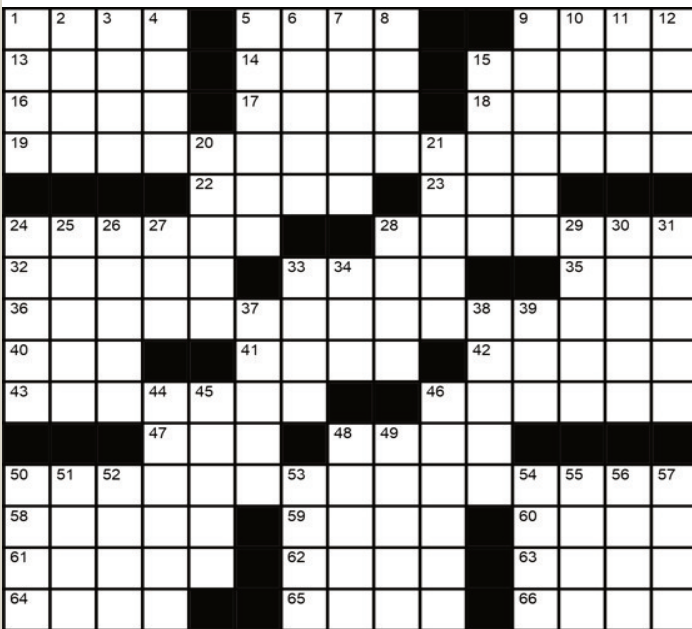
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**Across**

- 1. "The \_\_\_ of the Mohicans"
- 5. \_\_\_ bean
- 9. Pool site, maybe
- 13. First Lady of Jazz
- 14. Arab ruler
- 15. Squirrel away
- 16. Dam
- 17. Ship of 1492
- 18. Rubbernecked
- 19. James Patterson novel
- 22. Gross
- 23. Ring bearer, maybe
- 24. Starve
- 28. Shallow basin in a desert
- 32. Come to mind
- 33. Final notice
- 35. Blood-typing letters
- 36. James Patterson novel
- 40. Pallid
- 41. Clickable image
- 42. Corpulent
- 43. On the line
- 46. Mortarboard attachment
- 47. Formula \_\_\_
- 48. Domestic
- 50. James Patterson novel
- 58. Composed
- 59. All fired up

- 60. \_\_\_ mater
- 61. The Dow, for example
- 62. Bank (on)
- 63. When repeated, a 1997 Jim Carrey comedy
- 64. Reverse, for example
- 65. Arborist's concern
- 66. "\_\_\_ of the Flies"

**Down**

- 1. Bawdy
- 2. On the safe side, at sea
- 3. Type of pickings
- 4. Hawaiian tuber
- 5. Good guy
- 6. Eskimo boat
- 7. Fool
- 8. Alum
- 9. Found on the dairy aisle
- 10. French Sudan, today
- 11. Street \_\_\_
- 12. Contributes
- 15. Every 60 minutes
- 20. Japanese-American
- 21. "\_\_\_ Be Not Proud"
- 24. Islamic decree
- 25. Buddhist who has

- attained Nirvana
- 26. Airs
- 27. Any doctrine
- 28. Communicate silently
- 29. Loses color
- 30. Bad treatment
- 31. Dynamite inventor
- 33. "\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"
- 34. High school class, for short
- 37. Protected by levees
- 38. Sycophant
- 39. "60 Minutes" network
- 44. Whistle blower
- 45. Building addition
- 46. '60s coloring method
- 48. Go-getter
- 49. Like an old woman
- 50. Big gulp
- 51. Coastal raptor
- 52. Conclusion
- 53. "B.C." cartoonist
- 54. Washington locale, with "the"
- 55. Assortment
- 56. "Rubáiyát" poet
- 57. Old ointment



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## ENOUGH

Recently overheard was a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure.

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The daughter replied, 'Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad.'

They kissed and the daughter left. The Father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral,' he said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough..' May I ask what that means?'

He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has

been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone..' He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

He then began to cry and walked away.

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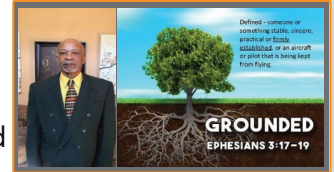
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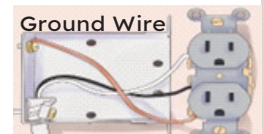
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The word grounded has different meanings, such as:

1. Someone who is grounded makes good decisions and does not say or do stupid things.
2. Someone who is sensible and reasonable, and that they understand the importance of ordinary things in life.
3. Someone who is mentally and emotionally stable.
4. In electrical engineering, ground or earth is a reference point in an electrical circuit.

For encouragement I would like to speak to you for a moment about number four, and electrical ground. The ground wire offers an additional path for the electrical circuit to flow into the earth so as to not endanger anyone that touch an appliance or electrical items. Without the ground wire, your body could instead complete the ground path and may cause shock or electrocution.



Being "Grounded In The Lord" can help prevent the great "SHOCK" caused by adversities, troubles, and the storms of life. *1 John 2:24 says; "Be sure you continue to follow the teaching you heard from the beginning. If you continue to follow what you heard from the beginning, you will stay in the Son and in the Father". (NCV)*

Some people live life without the ground wire attached. When the unexpected happens, they suffer a tremendous shock, a jolt so hard that it knocks them to their feet. Jesus said *"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing". John 15:5 (NCV)*

*Hebrews 6:18-19 When we are grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ, it serve as an anchor for our soul. These two things cannot change: God cannot lie when he makes a promise, and he cannot lie when he makes an oath. These things encourage us who came to God for safety. They give us strength to hold on to the hope we have been given. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and strong. It enters behind the curtain in the Most Holy Place in heaven.*

"My soul's been anchored in the Lord," meaning I've made a commitment to the Lord, and I will not stray from it. For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

May the blessings of the Lord overflow in your life. I hope you have a joyous Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday celebration.

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What is the difference between a lama, a llama, and a 3L llama.

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"No, I'm afraid it don't work that way. You can't let a young'n decide for himself. He'll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it. Then, when he finds out there's a hook in it, it's too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it's hard to convince 'em that other things might be better in the long run. All a parent can do is say 'wait' and 'trust me' and try to keep temptation away."

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A young couple were touring southern Florida and happened to stop at a rattlesnake farm they discovered along the road. After seeing the sights, they engaged in small talk with the man that handled the snakes. "Gosh!" exclaimed the young woman. "You



certainly have a dangerous job. Don't you ever get bitten by the snakes?"

"Yes, on rare occasions," answered the handler.

"Well," she continued, "what do you do when you're bitten by a snake?"

"I always carry a razor-sharp knife in my pocket, and as soon as I am bitten, I make cut across the fang entry and then suck the poison from the wound."

"What, uh...what would happen if you were to accidentally sit on a rattler?" persisted the woman.

"Ma'am," answered the snake handler, "that will be the day I learn who my real friends are."

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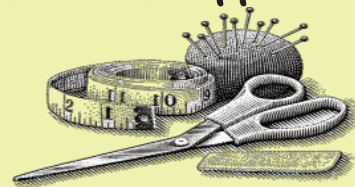
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Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituaries that he had died. He immediately phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" "They said I died!" "Yes, I saw it! Replied Finney. "where are you calling from?"

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### BAKED ONION DIP

4 Servings

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups shredded cheese\*
- 4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- 2-3 small Vidalia onions, diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise



#### Instructions

1. Place the cubed cream cheese in a large bowl and microwave for about thirty seconds, just until soft.
  2. 4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
  3. Add diced onion, cheese, and mayo to the mixing bowl with cream cheese. Stir to combine.
- 3 cups shredded cheese\*, 2-3 small Vidalia onions, diced, 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Spoon into a greased baking dish (8x8 works fine).
4. Bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes or until bubbly and lightly brown on top.
  5. Serve with corn chips or crackers.

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#### Ingredients:

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# ONIONS

- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt



#### Directions

1. In a saute pan over medium heat add oil,
2. heat and add onions and salt. Cook the onions until they are caramelized, about 20 minutes.
3. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.
4. Mix the rest of the ingredients, and then add the onions. Refrigerate and stir again before serving.

### HERB-ROASTED ONIONS

Yield: 3 servings

#### Ingredients:

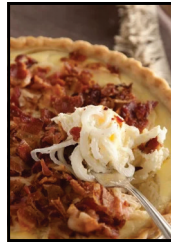
- 2 red onions
  - 1 yellow onion
  - 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
  - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
  - 1/2 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves
  - 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 1/4 cup good olive oil
  - 1/2 tablespoon minced fresh parsley leaves
1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
  2. Remove the stem end of each onion and carefully slice off the brown part of the root end, leaving the root intact. Peel the onion. Stand each onion root end up on a cutting board and cut the onion in wedges through the root. Place the wedges in a bowl.
  3. For the dressing, combine the lemon pepper in a large bowl. Slowly whisk in the olive oil. Pour the dressing over the onions and toss well.
  4. With a slotted spoon, transfer the onions to a sheet pan, reserving the the onions for 30 to 45 minutes, until tender and browned. Toss the onions once during cooking. Remove from the oven, and drizzle with the reserved dressing. Sprinkle with parsley, season to taste and serve warm or at room temperature.



Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips,  
yet you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.

**VIDALIA ONION PIE****Ingredients**

- 3 cups Vidalia onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (9-inch) prebaked deep dish pie shell
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 325 °F.
2. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onions and sauté until lightly browned.
3. Put the pie pan on a sheet pan. Line the bottom of pie crust with the onions.
4. In a small bowl, beat the eggs and the flour together to combine. Add the milk, sour cream and salt. Mix well and pour over the onions. Garnish with the bacon and bake until firm in the center, about 30 minutes.
6. Transfer to a serving platter and serve.

**QUICK PICKLED RED ONIONS****Ingredients**

- 1 large red onion
- 1 c. apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 c. red wine vinegar
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/8 tsp. ground allspice
- pinch of red pepper flakes

**Directions**

1. Slice the top and bottom off the onion and then slice onion in half, from top to bottom. Remove the outer peel. Lay the cut surfaces of the onion onto the cutting board, and then slice into half moons about 1/8" thick using a very sharp knife. I also recommend using a mandoline for slicing the onions, especially if you like super thin or very even slices.
2. In a medium saucepan, whisk together apple cider vinegar, red wine vinegar, sugar, and salt. Place over medium-high heat and bring mixture to a boil. Whisk until sugar and salt dissolve, then remove pan from heat and whisk in allspice and red pepper flakes.
3. Carefully add sliced onion to the pan and gently stir to combine. Let mixture cool completely at room temperature, stirring occasionally.
4. Pour into a glass container (I like to use a large canning jar), cover tightly with a lid, and

refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. The pickled flavor will intensify over time, but it's good to go after resting overnight in the refrigerator. This recipe is for refrigerator pickling only and needs to be stored in a refrigerator. Enjoy for up to one month.

**TENNESSEE ONIONS****Ingredients**

- 2-3 whole Vidalia onions or any sweet onion will do
- 4 tbsp stick unsalted butter
- Garlic salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 1 Cup sharp cheddar cheese the better quality, the better taste
- 1 Cup mozzarella Cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- Fresh oregano or other herbs for garnish

**Instructions**

1. Using non-stick cooking spray, prepare a 9x13 baking dish.
2. Heat over to 350
3. Slice the Vidalia onions in 1/4 to 1/2 inch slices and separate the rings.
4. Lay the rings in the prepared baking dish
5. Sprinkle the onion rings with garlic salt (about 1 tsp), pepper (about 1/2 tsp).
6. Cut the butter into pats and place around the dish on top of the onions.
7. Spread the cheddar and mozzarella cheeses on top of the onions and then top with the grated Parmesan cheese.
8. Bake at 350 uncovered for 30 minutes or until bubbly and the cheese has started to brown (browned cheese bits is one of the best parts!)
9. Remove from the oven, allow to cool for a few minutes, garnish with some fresh herbs (oregano, chives, thyme all work well) and then serve.



**Here's an Easter Tip: Never put all your bunnies in one basket—unless, of course, you want more bunnies.**

## “Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

### “I Did It My Way”

Frank Sinatra sings a song called, “My Way”. Here are a few lyrics: “I’ve lived a life that’s full. I traveled each and every highway. I planned each charted course. Each careful step along the byway And more, much more than this, I did it my way”. These lyrics remind me of a person that does it “their way”. I know you’ve heard the phrase, “eat, drink, and be merry”. How about, “go for the gusto” or “life is short, live fast”. These are human desires for the temporary pleasures of life. They have a bunch of people convinced because they appeal to our own selfish notions of what’s best.

Since the time of Adam and Eve peoples’ own agendas frequently get in the way of God’s plan. In the book of Judges, Israel was in a dark and disastrous period because “everyone did whatever seemed right to him” (Judges 21:25). We never learn. Current and ancient history are a continuous story of people going off course and suffering as a result. They go through the wide gate that opens onto an easily traveled roadway. Most will take that path, though it leads to destruction. Why? Everyone wants to do it their way.

There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death (Pro 14:12). This highlights the problem with worldly, human wisdom: it seems right! Without comparison to the God’s way, it looks pretty good. Those who won’t seek God’s opinion regarding the right path will pay a high price in the end. How do we break away from doing it our way? Psalm 139:23-24 suggests we surrender our lives to God. “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting”. The way everlasting! These are directions for God to lead and us to follow. Will you do it your way or God’s way?

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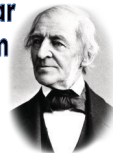
An elderly woman lived on a small farm in Canada, just yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for years. The now widowed woman lived on the farm with her son and three grandchildren. One day her son came into her room holding a letter.

"I just got some news, Mom," he said. "The government has come to an agreement with the people in North Dakota.

They've decided that our land is really part of the United States. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the agreement. What do you think?"

"What do I think?" his mother said. "Sign it! Call them right now and tell them we accept! I don't think I could stand another one of those Canadian winters!"

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After services one day, she noticed a stranger leaving the church. She went up to introduce herself. Extending her hand, she said, "I'm Gladys Dunn." The stranger replied, "Me, too! That was the longest sermon I've ever heard!"

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**CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS**

*April 2023*

*Hello Gardeners,*

May this find your spring gardens well under way, whether they be flowers, veggies, fruit trees or potted herbs or whatever you are growing. It is the time when I get overzealous looking at all the things I want to plant, and then wind up with a very crowded garden due to the lush growth of the mature plants (“It’s small, it won’t take up much space.” NOT.). I get fooled every time! Come the inevitable drought periods and all my time is spent trying to keep up with the watering.

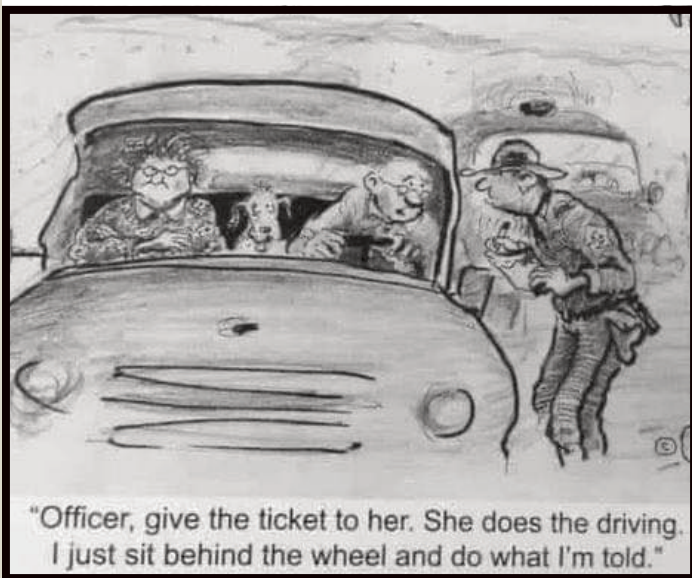
However, this year I have discovered the delight of sharing the overgrowth with appreciative friends...PLUS making green smoothies (In your blender or juicer, add some kale, chard, an apple, cucumber, celery, a bit of ginger, plus a smidgeon of honey—a real pick-me-up!)

The SOW app says you can plant now: Asparagus, beets, cabbage, carrots, collards, kale, peas, potatoes, radishes. You can start seeds indoors for some summer veggies, look up [aces.edu](http://aces.edu) zone 8 “Vegetable Seasons in Alabama” for detailed information.


Some dates to remember:

April 1<sup>st</sup> Wings of Wonder Butterfly Garden opens at Dothan Area Botanical Garden. You’ll love it. If you’re a member of DABG, there is no extra charge.

Visitors are welcome to come to our next Claybank Master Gardener meeting on Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 11AM 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.



**I**t takes two things to blow down a tree: a heavy wind outside and rot and decay inside. So it is with man, The winds of adversity may cause him to bend, but if he’s strong and vigorous within, he will arise and grow to new heights after the storm has passed.

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What do these seven words all have in common:

**banana, dresser, grammar, potato, revive, uneven, and assess?**

Answer on next page.

**Love Letters From Grandpa, Literally**

My grandmother told me how she ended up marrying Grandpa. She was in her 20's, and the man she was dating left for war. "We were in love," she recalled, "and wrote to each other every week. It was during that time that I discovered how wonderful your grandfather was."

"Did you marry Grandpa when he came home from the war?" I asked.

"Oh, I didn't marry the man who wrote the letters. Your grandfather was the mailman."

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Money can't buy happiness, but poverty can't buy anything. Go to work! Get a job.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



## Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message. Answer on page 30

RETWEAH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## The Art of Test Taking

During a test...  
 People look up for inspiration,  
 Look down in desperation,  
 And left and right for information!




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Answer to seven words in common.  
 If you remove first word and place it in the last then all the words will be same as before.




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If some people ran like their mouth, they would be in great shape.



## The Power of Letting Go

While incarcerated "AGAIN", I remember attending a Church service in the prison Chapel, while once "AGAIN" I find myself standing at the Altar crying my eyes out because of all the guilt, remorse and sadness I had because Once "AGAIN" I had failed as a mother due to my addiction. There were some members from a church that had come to the prison giving us their time and most importantly offering us Jesus... There was about 10 women standing at the Altar, including myself, she came straight to me, took me by the hands and said, let me tell you a story, close your eyes...I did and lowered my head as she began The story....

There was a young man that constantly stayed in jail for one thing or another, His Father threatened him to no end, but the son continued his behavior and was once again incarcerated. By this time, out of Frustration, Desperation and Exhaustion the Father let go and declared from this point on I no longer have a son. The son got locked up again and called his father and said Dad I'm in jail I need you to come get me out, The father said .... Sir, I don't have a son...The son then asked the jailer to call his father, the jailer told the father of his son being locked up and that he wanted him to come get him out. The father said ...Sir, I don't have a son.... A few months later a coroner called the father saying that his son had jumped off of a bridge and killed himself, and that they wanted him to come down and view the body.....(Now at this point I lift my head and look at her as if saying.... He can at least go view the body) ...She looked me in the eye, squeezed my hand and motioned for me to lower my head and close my eyes...She then continued... The father said ...Sir, I don't have a son....

6 months later the son called his father, told him he had gotten saved and wanted to come home. It's amazing what Letting go Coupled with The Power of Faith can accomplish.

Agape Nugget  
Melissa Stuckey

### Bamboozable Solution

- 25. Toucans
- 26. Count on us
- 29. Bigfoot
- 30. Middle C
- 33. Ambiguous (am BIG-Uous)
- 34. H2O(h t o o)
- 37. Singing in the Rain
- 38. Broken Promise

MAY I NEVER  
FORGET ON  
MY BEST DAY,  
THAT I STILL  
NEED GOD AS  
DESPERATELY  
AS I DID ON  
MY WORST.

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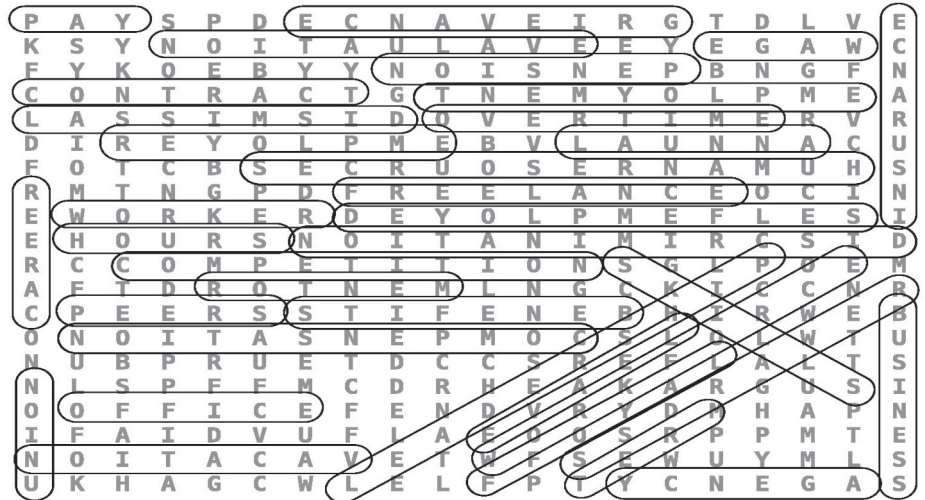
# Mumbo Jumbo

## Mumbo Jumbo Answers

- weather
- storm
- rain
- tornado
- hail
- mud

Final Message: SUMMER

## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION



## THE THREE BLACK LINES ON THE BUS

The three black lines on the school bus serve a purpose. The bottom line is the floor of the bus. The middle line is the seat line. The top line is the top of the seat. These lines are reinforced, but they also let first responders know where to cut in case of an accident.

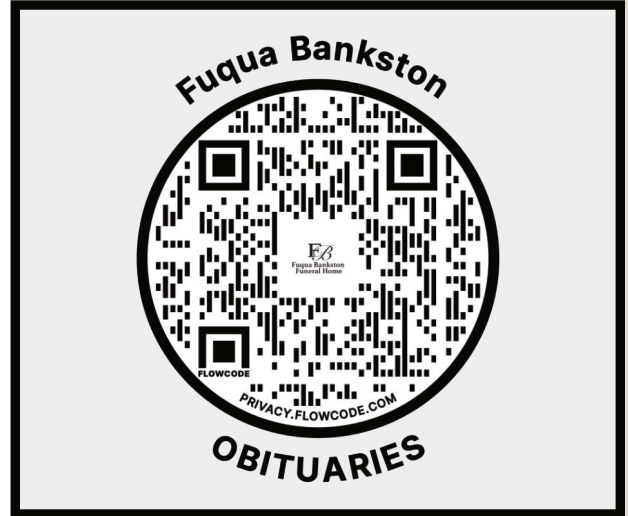
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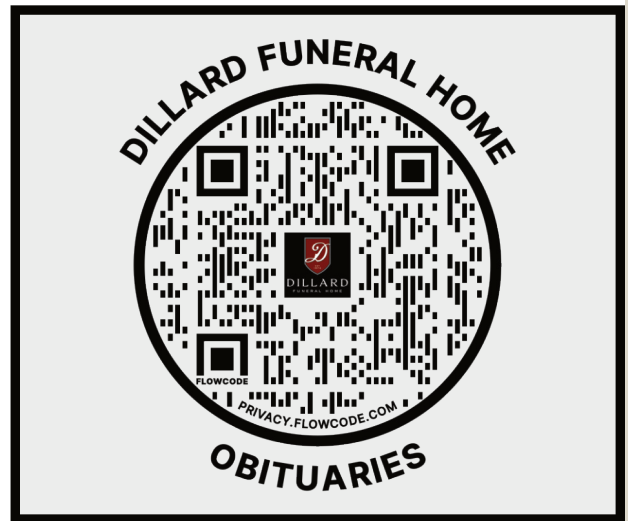
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Q. What did your husband do before you divorced him?  
 A. A lot of things I didn't know about.

Use your smart phone to scan and read current and past obituaries.



# IN LOVING MEMORY



### “GOOD COMPANY”

A married couple checked in at the airline counter to pick up their tickets. As the smiling woman processed their tickets, the wife asked, “Are these good seats.? “They are very good seats.” the airline lady said. “You will be sitting next to a handsome gentleman, and your companion will be seated beside a beautiful lady.”

### TOO YOUNG

A 9 year old girl has disappeared. .. She disappeared after using a revolutionary new moisturizer that makes you look 10 years younger.

### THE POLITICAL DANCE

There was a dance teacher who talked of a very old dance called the Politician. “All you have to do” she told her class “is take three steps forward, two steps backward, then side-step side-step and turn around.”

Speak to people in a way that if they died the next day you’d be satisfied with the last thing you said to them.

Two truths about change:  
1. People CAN change  
2. YOU can’t change them.

Daniel Tardy

I am not responsible for what my face does when you speak.



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