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## *Proverbs 4:1-13*



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Which letter is silent in "scent" ...  
Is it the 'C' or the 'S'?

## *Exemplifying Family Values*



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I have nothing in common with lazy people who blame others for their lack of success.

### Next Time Go For the Kiss

A Dutch investigation concluded that kissing a person for 10 seconds was more sanitary than a handshake. Even safer than a kiss, the more popular than ever fist bump.

**Interviewer: How do you explain this 4 year gap on your resume?**

**Me: That's when I went to Yale.**

**Interviewer: That's impressive. You're hired.**

**Me" Thanks, I really need this Yob.**

**THE LESS YOU RESPOND TO RUDE, CRITICAL, ARGUMENTATIVE PEOPLE...THE MORE PEACEFUL YOUR LIFE BECOMES.**

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We were driving in my friend Larry's new car. I asked him about its features. He listed the usual, then added: "It tells me to slow down as I approach the speed limit. It warns me when I have to stop. It points out solid no-passing lines." I expressed my amazement. "But," he explained, "these features work only when my wife is in the car."



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6 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 small green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 envelope ranch dip mix
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 loaf (about 8 ounces) French bread
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese



### Directions

1. Preheat broiler. In a large skillet, cook beef, mushrooms, pepper and onion over medium-high heat until beef is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles, 8-10 minutes; drain. Stir in dip mix and sour cream.
2. Cut French bread horizontally in half; place halves on a baking sheet, cut side up. Broil 3-4 in. from heat until lightly toasted, 1-2 minutes. Remove from broiler.
3. Spoon beef mixture over bread. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil until cheese is lightly browned, 1-2 minutes longer. To serve, cut each into 3 pieces.

## HERB & CHEESE-STUFFED BURGERS

4 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 3 teaspoons Dijon mustard, divided

# More Ground Beef

- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried sage leaves
- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 4 hamburger buns, split
- Optional toppings: Lettuce leaves and tomato slices



### Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix cheddar cheese, cream cheese, parsley and 1 teaspoon mustard. In another bowl, mix green onions, bread crumbs, ketchup, seasonings and remaining mustard. Add beef; mix lightly but thoroughly.
2. Shape mixture into 8 thin patties. Spoon cheese mixture onto the center of 4 patties; top with remaining patties, pressing edges firmly to seal.
3. Grill burgers, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat until a thermometer reads 160°, 4-5 minutes on each side. Serve on buns with toppings as desired.

## LASAGNA SOUP

8 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium beef broth
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2-1/2 cups uncooked spiral pasta
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



### Directions

1. In a large saucepan, cook beef, green pepper and onion over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until meat is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain.

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2. Stir in tomatoes, broth, tomato sauce, corn, tomato paste, Italian seasoning and pepper. Bring to a boil. Stir in pasta. Return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 10-12 minutes or until pasta is tender. Sprinkle with cheese

## TACO CORNBREAD

8 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 envelopes taco seasoning
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 2 packages (8-1/2 ounces each) cornbread/muffin mix
- 1 can (8-3/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups corn chips
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend or cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 can (2-1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
- Optional: Shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes and chopped red onion

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. In a Dutch oven, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, 8-10 minutes, breaking it into crumbles; drain. Stir in taco seasoning. Add tomatoes, water, rice and green chiles; heat through, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, prepare cornbread mix according to package directions; stir in corn. Pour half the batter into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Layer with half the meat mixture, all the sour cream, half the corn chips and 1 cup cheese. Top with remaining batter, remaining meat mixture and olives.

3. Bake, uncovered, until cornbread is cooked through, 55-60 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup corn chips and 1 cup cheese; bake until cheese is melted, 3-5 minutes longer. If desired, serve with lettuce, tomatoes and red onion.



1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro

### Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a 6-qt. stockpot, cook and crumble beef with onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, 6-8 minutes; drain.
2. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, corn, chiles and dry seasonings; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until flavors are blended, about 5 minutes. Stir in macaroni and cilantro.

## SLOPPY JOE PIZZA

2 PIZZAS 8 SLICES EACH

### Ingredients

- 2 tubes (13.8 ounces each) refrigerated pizza crust
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) sloppy joe sauce
- 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



### Directions

1. Unroll pizza dough; place on two greased 12-in. pizza pans. Bake at 425° for 6-7 minutes or until golden brown.
2. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add sloppy joe sauce. Spread over crusts. Sprinkle with cheeses. Bake at 425° for 6-8 minutes or until cheese is melted.

A new wife prepared to bake a ham. She carefully cut off each end of the ham before placing it in the pan. Her husband asked her why she did that and she replied, "I don't know, it's what my mother always did. But I can ask her." She called Mom, who responded, "I always saw your Grandma do it, so I did the same." They decided to check further, so the young woman called Grandma, who explained, "It was the only way I could get it to fit into my pan."

## SOUTHWESTERN GOULASH

6 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 2/3 cup frozen corn
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
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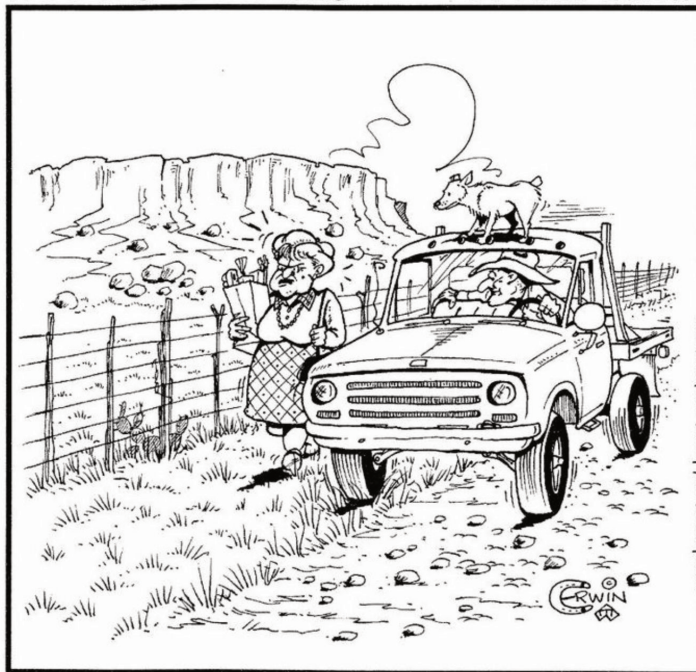


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**All classes of people were aboard the Titanic...**

wealthy people, famous people,  
highly educated people, illiterate people,  
and poor folks down in the steerage.

but a few hours later when they posted  
the list in the Cunard office in New York,  
there were only two categories:  
LOST and SAVED.

**That is how God sees humanity.**

1 John 5:12



My wife thinks it's weird that I stare at the window during a heavy rainstorm.  
It would be a lot less weird if she would just let me inside.

What if Teachers  
Secretly Started  
Baptizing Kids At  
School & Hide It  
From Parents?  
What Would The  
Left's Reaction Be?  
~Bo Snerdley

### GOOD NEIGHBOR

I helped my neighbor  
out with something  
this morning and she  
said to me, "I could  
marry you."  
I couldn't believe it...  
You do something nice  
for someone and they  
threaten to ruin your  
life in return.

### Name Calling

The wealthy socialite  
Mrs. Smythe was  
making final  
arrangements for an  
elaborate reception.  
"Nora," she said to  
her veteran servant,  
"for the first half-hour  
I want you to stand  
at the drawing-room  
door and call the  
guests' names as  
they arrive."  
Nora's face lit up.  
"Thank you, ma'am,"  
she replied. "I've  
been wanting to do  
that to some of your  
friends for the last 20  
years."

### Interesting bit for English lovers - Absolutely brilliant!

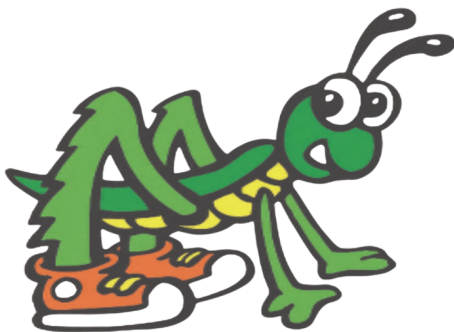
Once Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, Bengali  
poet and scholar, jokingly asked Michael  
Madhusudhan Dutt, an Anglophile poet  
of great repute; "**As you are a Master  
in English, can you make a sentence  
without using a single 'E'?**"

### Dutt, the genius, wrote this:

"I doubt I can. It's a major part of many  
many words. Omitting it is as hard as  
making muffins without flour. It's as hard  
as spitting without saliva, napping without  
a pillow, driving a train without tracks,  
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when it is clearly a “double v”?



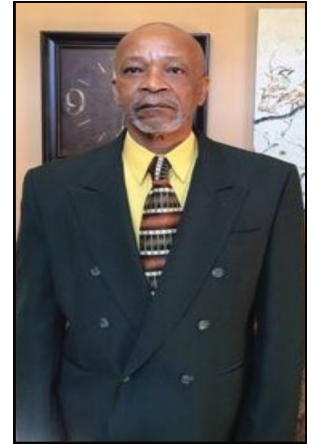
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## Status Symbol

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr



Often times we identify ourselves with possessions, wealth, high social status, or professional and academics status. One of the first questions we tend to ask someone we meet for the first time is, “What is it that you do?” By “do,” we mean what they do for work. The answer to the question, whether we admit it or not, determines what we think of them. We have a tendency to see ourselves that way.

God's assessment of us is totally different. Galatians 3:28 says: Now, in Christ, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or free, male, or female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus. (ERV)

Paul indicates in Galatians, for him, a slave is on the same level as a free person. A Jew is on the same level as a Gentile. A woman is on the same level as a man. No one is above, and no one is below.

Our identity should always be based on how our Creator, God sees us. We should never feel insecure because we don't drive prestigious cars, live in the best neighborhoods, have the highest degrees of education, nor titles in front of our names.

When you say you don't belong or matter, God says you are chosen. He says He chose you before the foundation of the world! The Creator of the universe has been thinking about you even before the beginning of creation!

1 Peter 2:9 But you are his chosen people, the King's priests. You are a holy nation, people who belong to God. He chose you to tell about the wonderful things he has done. He brought you out of the darkness of sin into his wonderful light. (ERV)

Jesus said in: John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because servants don't know what their master is doing. But now I call you friends, because I have told you everything that my Father told me. (ERV)

Finally my friends, “you are a friend of God almighty”. You are special in God's eyes. He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in His care.

**A friend had a new baby girl.**  
**Her coworker asked; “What's her name?”**  
**The new Mom replied: “Melanie Noelle.”**  
**Her coworker: “Well then, how do you spell it?”**

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Ms. Ruth Sistrunk was selected as the Employee of the Year 2023 by her peers for her commitment to Dale Medical Center's goals and values while demonstrating the motivation required that contributes to the overall success of the organization.



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### 10 YEARS



Elena Stallings, Margaret Steward,  
Jason Jones, Dustin Goolsby,  
James McKinney

### 20 YEARS



fr: Heather Reeners, Misty Pelham, Tammy  
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Robertson, Zach Edwards, Shawn Jaggars

### 25 YEARS



Lynn Farris, Samantha Johnson,  
Mark Carpenter, Cheri Houston,  
Jason Houston

### 30 YEARS



Becky Mixon, LeeAnne Maund, Kim Casey,  
Melissa Carroll

### 40 YEARS



Kip Davis

She said: It's the guy's duty to pay the bill at the restaurant, that's why it's called MENU.  
 I said: Nope, it's both our responsibility, that's why it's called ME'N'U.

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When asked, 'What is more important: praying or reading the Bible?' I ask, 'What is more important: breathing in or breathing out?'

CHARLES SPURGEON

Ten years later, at age 60, the gang again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace, and it was good value for the money. Ten years later, at age 70, they discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it

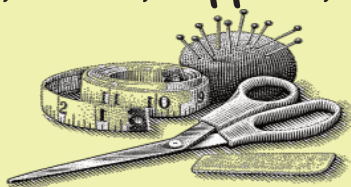
I read there is an island off the coast of Italy with 5 million Sicilian people.

Man, that's the largest number I've ever heard of.



was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled. Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters because they had never been there before.

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"How did the wedding go?" asked the preacher's wife. "Just fine until I asked the bride if she would obey and she said, 'Do you think I'm nuts?' and the groom said, 'I do,' and then things really began to happen fast."

**GUARD DOG KARATE**

A young couple lived in a town filled with crime. After three neighbors had been robbed, the couple decided to get a guard dog. Visiting the pet store, the young wife asked for a good guard dog. "Sorry, we're all sold out," the

clerk replied. "All we have left is this little Scottie dog. But he does know karate!" The woman didn't believe the clerk, so he told the dog to karate a chair. The dog broke the chair into pieces. Then he told the dog to karate a table, and the dog quickly broke the table in half. So the woman bought the dog and took it home. Her husband was disappointed and skeptical about the Scottie dog's abilities as a guard dog. The wife told him about the dog's excellent karate skills. "Karate, my butt!" the husband yelled. To this very day, he is still in the hospital.

Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius. (Quote by Josh Billings)

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## ONE DOLLAR PER POINT

A college professor was giving a big science test. Upon collecting the tests she noticed a note attached to one of them with a \$100 bill underneath it. The note read, "One dollar per point please." The professor returned the test the following day with \$40 and a note attached.

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“The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.”  
 — Fred Astaire

## “Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise  
 Father’s Day

In America, Father’s Day is a national holiday. It originated with a Civil War veteran, who raised six children after their mother died in childbirth. Being a man is hard. Being a father is harder. One of the most challenging and rewarding roles in many men’s lives is that of being a dad. I know that is true of my life. This is one of those jobs that you really can’t study for or prepare for. At the end of the day, being a good dad will require much prayer and wisdom that comes from God’s Word and the Holy Spirit.

The importance of fathers is obvious, yet often overlooked. Everyone has a father, whether good or bad, present or not, and the action or inaction of our dads has a profound effect on us for the rest of our lives. It’s been shown to affect everything from IQ to income levels, and from graduation rates to incarceration rates. It’s why “daddy issues” is a recognizable term, and why so many people go through life trying to earn their father’s approval. A Godly father will go a long way in preventing many of these issues.

Good fathers are not perfect. A good father brings up a child in the way he should go so that when he grows older he will not depart from it. (Pro 22:6). God says we must be diligent in teaching our children. That means we should “...talk of them [God’s ways] when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise...” (Deut 6:6). In other words, everything you do and say should reflect God’s way to go in life.

You can’t be a Godly father unless you live out what it means to be a godly man. That’s because, although kids may fail to do what you say, they rarely fail to do what you do. And no matter how much you try to teach them something, they will be unlikely to listen if they see you doing the opposite. To make sure that is a good impact, you should take your cues from the only father who is fully and perfectly good.... Our heavenly Father.

Happy Father’s Day.

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### CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

Greetings Gardener Friends,

**\*\*Check out the fresh new look of the rose garden next to the Holman House.** The Claybank Master Gardeners have fertilized and mulched around the roses by the fountain and benches so stop by and take a breather.



**\*\*Also drop by the pollinator garden at Vivian B. Adams School.** The Claybank Master Gardeners were invited to set up one up a couple months ago, so we began preparing the soil, choosing the plants, mulching with pine straw and it's beginning to look terrific.

**\*\*Now that our infamous Alabama heat and humidity is upon us, remember your outdoor plants will need frequent watering to stay healthy, just like us humans.** Leaves may turn yellow, droop or curl up when they are thirsty. Try to avoid wetting the leaves, and water the soil just below the leaves early in the day to avoid viral and fungal diseases. Drip irrigation is the most efficient and water-saving method for large garden areas. If you have an automatic sprinkler system water early in the morning before the sun gets high to give the leaves time to dry off before evening.

Mulching the soil with pine straw or leaves also helps to keep the root systems hydrated and cooler. As our weather gets really **HOT** you may find that keeping most plants in areas of partial shade or afternoon shade will help them thrive. In temperatures above 85° most tomato plants will not even set new fruit.

Save the date: June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 PM Noon the Dale County Extension office Bence Carter will present a **Lunch and Learn** workshop on tree diseases.

**\*\*Visitors are always welcome to Claybank Master Gardener meetings.** We will meet at **11 AM Wednesday June 14th, 2023** 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. Please call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting time at Hoppergrass.



"When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test."

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criminal, and  
everyone in your face  
ain't your friend.  
**#Facts**

**WHAT IS  
FOREST  
GUMP'S  
PASSWORD?**

**1-FOREST-1**

**Did you hear Pres.  
Trump was banning  
shredded cheese?**

**He wants to make  
America grate  
again.**

**Does my  
wife think I'm a  
control freak?**

**I haven't  
decided yet!**

You say that the first french fries wasn't cooked in France...Well, where was it cooked?

In Greece!





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Puzzle 1



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The invention of the shovel was groundbreaking, but the broom...well that swept the world.

**Chemistry teacher:  
"What is barium?"**

**Student: "It's what you  
do after you killum."**

**Bamboozable Solution**

- 1. Bunk Beds**
- 2. Tricycle**
- 3. Stay overnight**
- 4. One on One**
- 5. I overslept**
- 6. A close race**
- 7. Little fish in a big sea**
- 8. So long for now**
- 9. Foreigner**
- 10. Round of Golf**
- 11. Holy Cow**
- 12. Picket line**

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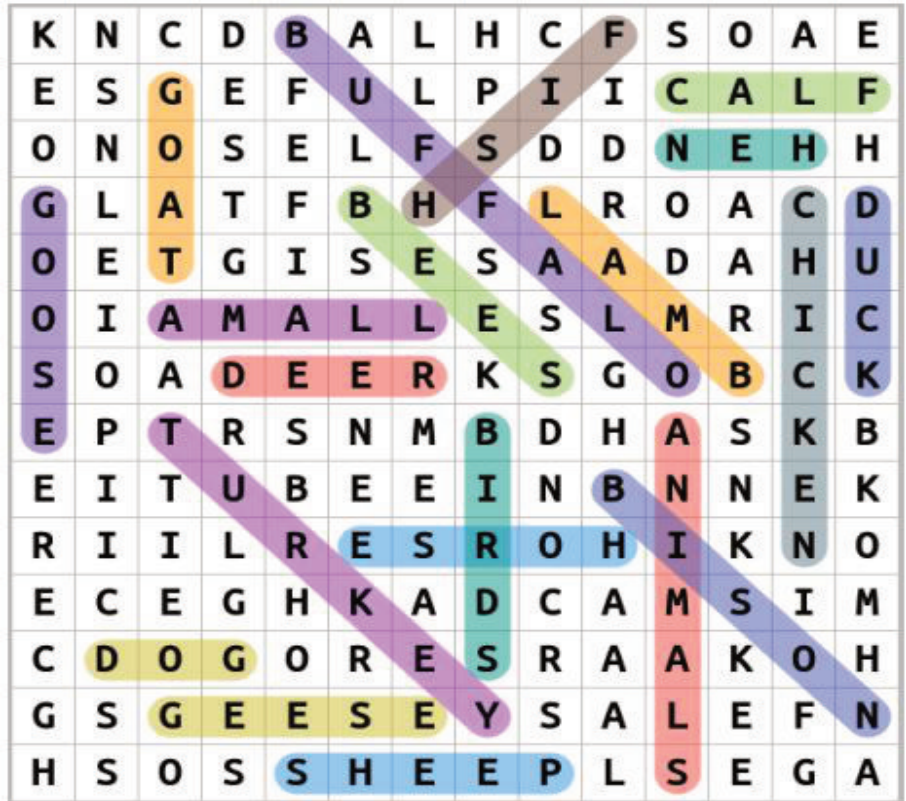
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### 58 Years of Satisfaction

Per the man himself, it was 58 years ago today - May 7, 1965 - that Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards got the inspiration for the hit song "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." It was the opening guitar riff for the song. The inspiration hit Richards in the early hours of the day. He got up, recorded the riff, then went back to bed.

- I know lots of people who are educated far beyond their intelligence.
  - There's no such thing as being too Southern.
  - The idiot who invented instant grits also thought of frozen fried chicken, and they ought to lock him up before he tries to freeze-dry collards.
- I come from a big family. As a matter of fact, I never got to sleep alone until I was married.

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"My dad has bees. 🐝  
Today I went to his house and he showed me all of the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off of a 5 gallon bucket full of honey and on top of the honey there were 3 little bees, struggling. They were covered in sticky honey and drowning. I asked him if we could help them and he said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection I suppose.



I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly, after all he was the one who taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery. He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the bucket. He put them in an empty Chobani yogurt container and put the plastic container outside.

Because he had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey 🍯 collection, there were bees flying all over outside.

We put the 3 little bees in the container on a

**One day I found Johnny, my five-year-old son, with the telephone, which he quickly hung up when he saw me.**

**"What were you doing?" I asked him.**

**"Calling Aunt JoAnn."**

**"How could you have called Aunt JoAnn?" I asked. "You don't even know her number."**

**"Yes, I do and I did call her," little Johnny replied.**

**I wasted a lot of breath trying to convince him that he didn't know her number, but he insisted he had made the call. "Okay," I said finally, "What did she say then, if you called her?"**

**"She told me I had the wrong number."**

bench and left them to their fate. My dad called me out a little while later to show me what was happening. These three little bees were surrounded by all of their sisters (all of the bees are females) and they were cleaning the sticky nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off of their bodies. We came back a short time later and there was only one little bee left in the container. She was still being tended to by her sisters.

When it was time for me to leave we checked one last time and all three of the bees had been cleaned off enough to fly away and the container was empty.

Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them, family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness and resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

Bee Sisters. Bee Peers. Bee Teammates. ❤️

We could all learn a thing or two from these bees. 🐝 🐝 🐝



Forget it enough to get over it, remember it enough so it doesn't happen again.

### **Letter of Recommendation**

When Peters learned that he was being fired after a career of incompetence he went to see the head of human resources. "Since I've been with the firm for so long," he said, "I think I deserve at least a letter of recommendation."

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### **Rules for Today**

**A little more laughter**

**A little less worry**

**A little more kindness**

**A little less hurry.**

Well Gladys,  
That's  
where  
I come  
In!



### **BEST MAN**

A college senior took his new girlfriend to a football game. The young couple found seats in the crowded stadium and was watching the action. A substitute was put into the game, and as he was running onto the field to take his position, the boy said to his girlfriend, "Take a good look at the fellow. I expect him to be our best man next year."

His girlfriend snuggled closer and said to the surprised young man,

"That's the strangest way I ever heard of for a fellow to propose to a girl. Regardless of how you said it, I accept!"

### **COMMANDO MOSES**

Nine year old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pon-toon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israel-ites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.  
~ Nelson Mandela



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"DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! I SHOULD GET FOUR FOR A DOLLAR!"

MEEKLY THE GROCER CAPITULATED AND PACKAGED FOUR EGGPLANTS. THE TAILOR NEXT DOOR HAD BEEN WATCHING THESE ANTICS AND FINALLY ASKED THE GROCER, "AREN'T YOU GOING TO FIX THE MISTAKE ON YOUR SIGN?"

"WHAT MISTAKE?" THE GROCER ASKED. "BEFORE I PUT UP THAT SIGN NO ONE EVER BOUGHT MORE THAN ONE EGGPLANT."

A man is driving with his wife at his side and his mother-in-law in the back seat. The women just won't leave him alone.

His mother-in-law says, "You're driving too fast!" His wife says, "Stay more to the left."

After ten mixed orders, the man turns to his wife and asks, "Who's driving this car - you or your mother?"

### **MORE OR LESS GUILTY**

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time. Judge: "Where do you work?"

Defendant:

"Here and there." Judge: "What do you do for a living?"

Defendant:

"This and that."

Judge:

"Take him away."

Defendant: "Wait! When will I get out?" Judge: "Sooner or later."

### **HAPPY 14th**

The traditional gift for the 14th anniversary is Ivory.

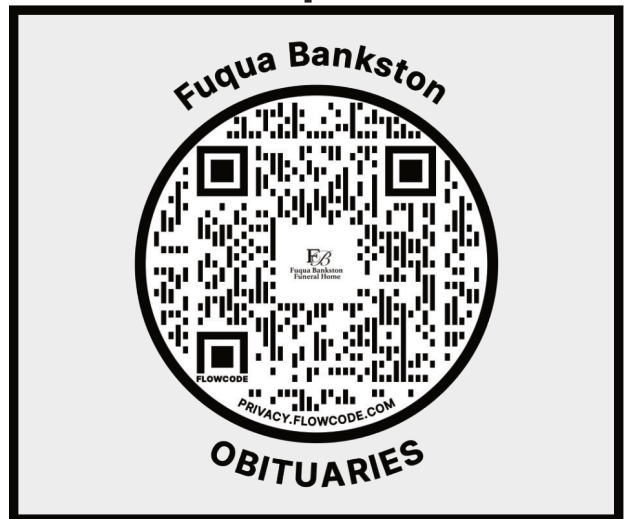
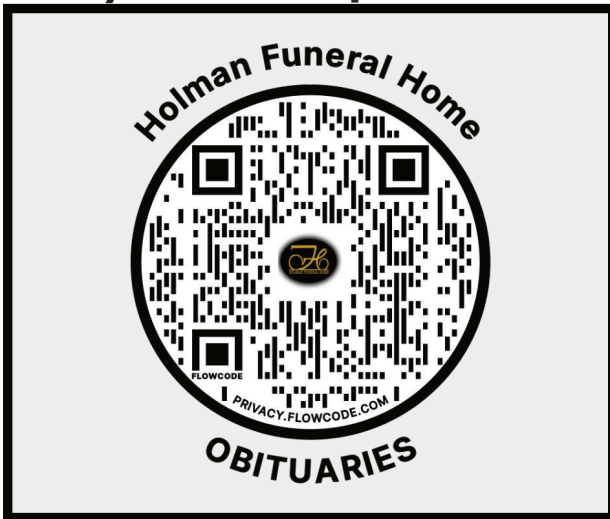
But, elephants are endangered and the ivory trade is a big "no, no" and I don't feel like going to jail today... so you will have to settle for Ivory soap... which I am told on good authority is excellent catfish bait.~ Robyn Hill to her husband, Brian

### **SHOW CATS**

We have 2 show cats in our home. One showed up about 6 years ago and another this past winter.

It is far better to be alone than to wish you were ~ Ann Landers

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## IN LOVING MEMORY



### SOUL WINNING EFFORTS

A very zealous soul-winning young preacher recently came upon a farmer working in his field. Being concerned about the farmer's soul, the preacher asked the man, "Are you laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, my good man?"

Not even looking at the preacher and continuing his work, the farmer replied, "Naw, these are soybeans."

"You don't understand," said the preacher. "Are you a Christian?"

With the same amount of interest as his previous answer, the farmer said, "Nope my name is Jones. You must be lookin' for Jim Christian. He lives a mile south of here."

The young, determined preacher tried again, asking the farmer, "Are you lost?" "Naw! I've lived here all my life," answered the farmer. "Are you prepared for the resurrection?" the frustrated preacher asked.

This caught the farmer's attention and he asked, "When's it gonna be?"

Thinking he had accomplished something, the young preacher replied, "It could be today, tomorrow or the next day."

Taking a handkerchief from his back pocket and wiping his brow, the farmer remarked, "Well, don't mention it to my wife. She don't get out much, and she'll wanna go all three days."

Who decided the abbreviation for pound should be two letters it doesn't contain?

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