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NASA is launching a new mission to say sorry to the aliens. They are calling it.....Apollo G.



When I look in the mirror and see gray hair, tiny wrinkles, and dimming eyes I think, "They sure don't make mirrors like they used to."



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God is in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole.

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We are in the era of smart phones and stupid politicians.

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You Might Be A Preacher IF

- 1. You've dreamed you were preaching, only to awaken and discover you were.
- 2. A church picnic is no picnic.
- 3. You wish people would die at more appropriate times.
- 4. Instead of getting "ticked off," you get "grieved in your spirit."
- 5. You're tempted to take an offering at a family reunion.
- 6. You've ever wanted to "lay hands" on a deacon's neck.
- 7. Everybody stops talking when you enter the room.
- 8. You sometimes stretch the truth at a funeral.
- 9. You've suffered an anxiety attack while playing Bible Trivia Pursuit.

10. The ideas you bounce off board members really do. **LASTLY.** You get your second wind when you say "And in conclusion..."

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Almost every week I
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much they love
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Old age is when it takes you longer to get over a good time than to have it!

Complimentary Insult or Insulting Compliment

Ever been told something, but you can't decide if it's a compliment or an insult?

Recently, when I greeted my coworker, she said, "You look so gorgeous, I didn't recognize you!"



If I am 83 years old and I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. So when I got to the first window I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done because as we moved up she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness.

When I got to the second window I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the queue and start all over again,

Don't blow your horn at old people, they have been around a long time.. " 😉

It would be less confusing if Joe would just turn the Teleprompter around and let us read it.



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Crappie can be caught all year, but they bite best in cold water, and the time most anglers pursue them is from November to February in pre-spawn mode, and from February through April on the spawning beds, primarily shoreline brush piles.

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I gave each my children a rock and a sucker. I had them walk down the road and back with the rock in their shoe and the sucker in their mouth. You should've heard the grumbling. They couldn't walk normal because the



rock was uncomfortable. They were limping and staggering just trying to get back to me.

We then came back inside and I asked them what was it like for them to walk around like that. The answers varied but most talked about how hard it was to walk around with the rock in their shoe. Nobody mentioned how sweet the sucker was in their mouth.

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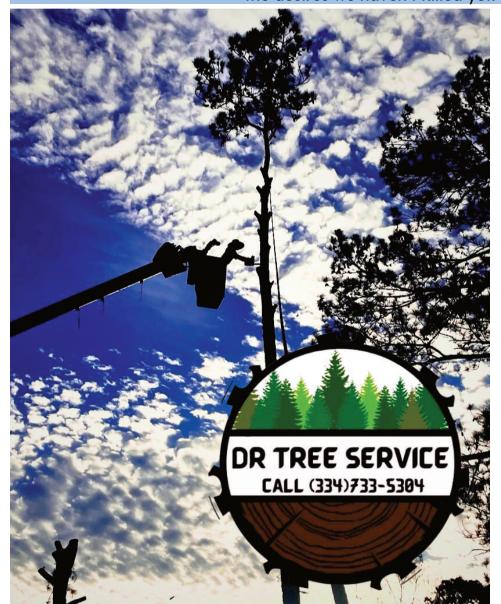
The opposite of formaldehyde is casualdejekyll.







David defeated Goliath but lost to Bathsheba. Our real giants are the desires we haven't killed yet.



His Choice of Weapon

Little Pete came home from the playground with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a bad fight and lost. While his father was patching him up, he asked his son what happened.

"Well, Dad," said Pete,
"I challenged Larry to
a duel. And, you know,
I gave him his choice
of weapons."

"Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair."

"I know, but I never thought he'd choose his sister!"





On A Safari

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were on a safari in Africa.

As they were walking

through the jungle, a huge lion comes creeping out towards them, ready to pounce.
"Shoot!" Mrs.
Morrison screamed to her husband.
"Shoot!!"
"I can't!" he yelled back. "I'm all out of film!"

Teenagers: It's cold can we turn the heat on?

Me: Nah you better put on that hoodie you've been wearing all summer.







Netflix gives you 15 seconds between episodes to decide if you're doing anything with your life today.

Aunt T's Kitchen

CRANBERRY ORANGE BREAD

Ingredients

- 1 cup dried sweetened cranberries
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 orange, zested

Instructions

- 1. Soak the cranberries in the orange juice in a small bowl.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and spray a 9x5 loaf pan with baking spray.
- 3. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- 4. In a large bowl, whisk together vegetable oil, egg and soaked cranberries, orange juice and orange zest until well combined.
- 5. Whisk in the dry ingredients until just combined.
- 6. Pour into greased loaf pan.
- 7. Bake for 1 hour, or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- 8. Let cool for 15 minutes before removing from loaf pan.

CRANBERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE

Ingredients

3 eggs



CRANBERRY

- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 12 oz fresh cranberries

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl.
- 2. Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries and stir to mix throughout.
- 3. Spread in a buttered 9x13 pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean.
- 4. Let cool completely before cutting into small slices. Cut small pieces, about 1"x2

WHITE CHOCOLATE AND CRANBERRY COOKIES

Ingredients

- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon brandy or brandy flavoring
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ¾ cup white chocolate chips

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease 2 cookie sheets.
- 2. Beat brown sugar, white sugar, and butter with an electric mixer in a large bowl until creamy. Add egg and brandy and beat until incorporated.
- 3. Combine flour and baking soda in a separate bowl. Stir flour mixture into the butter mixture until just combined. Fold in cranberries and white chocolate chips.



Be careful of the "Spirit of Offense." It hears things that were never said. It perceives an insult when none was given.

- 4. Drop spoonfuls of dough 2 inches apart onto the prepared baking sheets.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven for 8 to 10 minutes, switching racks halfway through; cookies will still appear slightly doughy.
- 6. Remove from the oven and let cool briefly on the cookie sheets before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

2. Add eggs and vanilla and cream for 1 minute longer.

light and fluffy. Scrape the sides of the bowl halfway

- 3. Stir in flour, rolled oats, cornstarch, baking soda, and salt. Fold in dried cranberries.
- 4. Drop onto a light-colored baking sheet. Bake for 9-11 minutes or until edges starts to turn a light golden color. Don't overbake.

CHOCOLATE NUT CRANBERRY CLUSTERS

Ingredients

- 8 oz good quality dark chocolate chips (although i've used nestles semi-sweet chocolate chips and they are still very good)
- 1 c coarsely chopped walnuts, pecans or almonds (make sure the pieces are not too small)
- 1/2 c dried cranberries (craisins) or you can use raisins



Directions

- 1. Line a small baking sheet with waxed paper.
- 2. Place chocolate chips in a 2 cup pyrex measuring cup and microwave on 50% power for approx 25 seconds - then stir well. Continue doing this until the chocolate chips are almost completely melted - reducing the time as you go. Be careful to not let the chocolate burn.
- 3. Add the nuts and dried cranberries to the melted chocolate and mix well.
- 4. Drop tablespoon fulls of the chocolate mixture onto the waxed paper-covered cookie sheet.
- 5. Place in the fridge for at least 15 minutes. Enjoy.
- 6. I like to store mine in the freezer.

CRANBERRY OATMEAL COOKIES

Ingredients

- 1 cup Butter (cut into cubes)
- 1 cup + 2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
- 2/3 cup Sugar
- 2 large Eggs
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 2 1/4 cup Flour
- 1 1/2 cup Rolled Oats
- 1/2 teaspoon Cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 2 cups Sweetened Dried Cranberries

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 365 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter, brown sugar, and sugar for 4 minutes or until

SAUSAGE, DRIED CRANBERRY & APPLE STUFFING

through to ensure even mixing.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound mild bulk breakfast sausage
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups sliced leeks, white and pale-green parts
- only, cleaned well (about 2 large leeks)
- 2 Granny Smith apples, cored and chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery with leaves
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 1 cup dried cranberries, rehydrated in boiling
- water for 15 minutes and drained
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage leaves
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 6 cups boxed bread cubes (croutons)
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 2 to 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

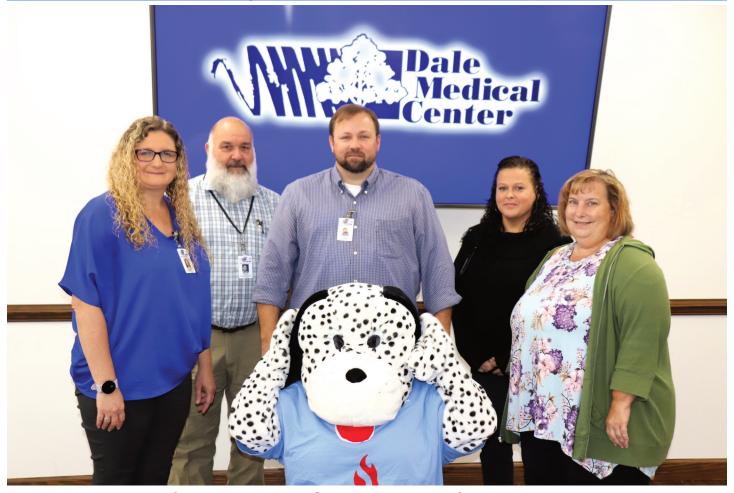
Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Saute the sausage in a large heavy skillet over medium high heat until cooked through, crumbling coarsely with the back of a spoon, about 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the sausage and drippings to a large bowl. Melt the butter in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Add the leeks, apples, celery and poultry seasoning to the skillet and saute until the leeks are soft, about 8 minutes. Mix in the drained cranberries, sage and rosemary. Add the mixture to the sausage, then mix in the croutons and parsley. Next add the chicken stock a little at a time until the stuffing is very moist. Be sure not to overdo it; it shouldn't be mushy. Season with salt and pepper. Place in a casserole dish. (The stuffing can be made to this point 2 days in advance, refrigerated.)
- 3. Bake in a 14-inch oval or 9 by 13-inch rectangular casserole dish and place, uncovered, in the oven for 20 to 30 minutes, until the top is crispy and the center piping hot. Remove and serve immediately.

Merry Christmas from Dale Medical Genter



And A Blessed New Year! I asked my childhood sweetheart, my best friend, and the most beautiful girl in the world to marry me. All three of them said "NO."



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(L-R) Stephanie Knight, Joe Robertson, Jason Houston, Regina Brogdon, Shelley Aho Center: Sparkie Firestarter Mascot

> Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from

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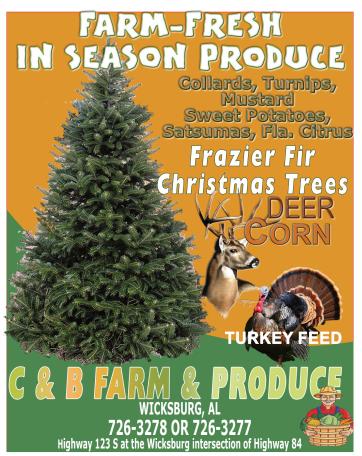
In third grade, a teacher came in and gave us all a lecture about not smoking, and then they sent us over to arts and crafts...to make ashtrays for Father's Day.

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

IN THESE PHOTOS ... Solution on Page 30







Leadership is getting
Someone to do what
They don't want to do,
To achieve what they
Want to achieve.
- Coach Tom Landry



Student: You teach me to fight, but you talk about peace. How do you reconcile the two. Master: Because it's better to be a warrior in a garden, than to be a gardener in a war.

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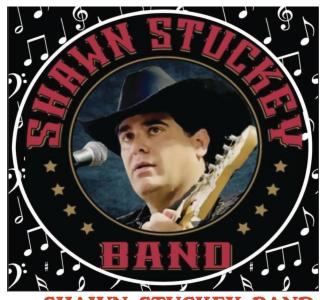
Floating Penguins

A group of penguins on land can be referred to as a colony or a rookery. Did you know that a group of penguins in water have a different name? Oh yeah, they do. A group of floating penguins in the ocean are referred to as a "raft".

When
The Three
Stooges
starred in
"Three
Little
Pigskins"
in 1934,
in a small
role, the
cast
included



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WHAT IS LOVE?

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

What Is Love?

According to the dictionary, love is "an intense feeling of deep affection." Meanwhile, the Dictionary defines love as, "The act of caring and giving to someone else. Having someone's best interest and wellbeing as a priority in your life. To truly love is a very selfless act."

1 John 4:9-11 This is how God showed His love to us: He sent His only Son into the world to give us life through Him. 10 True love is



God's love for us, not our love for God. He sent His Son as the way to take away our sins. 11 That is how much God loved us, dear friends! So, we also must love each other. (ERV)

We might say that the greatest gift that has ever been given to humanity is God's gift of Christ Jesus.

In John 3:16, we read about a most precious gift: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus came to earth as a baby born in Bethlehem. His life is an example for us.

The Gift of Jesus meets all of the criteria for being a perfect gift. #1, Jesus reflects the One Who gave Him—God the Father. #2, God's gift of His Son reflects knowledge of our needs. And #3, the Gift of Jesus is of a nature and quality that will hold its value as times goes on.

Jesus Christ does not come, therefore, to us as deserving Him; but He is God's unspeakable gift. Let us think of the splendor of His grace, the lavish wealth of blessing which comes to us through Him. The Epistles of 1 John 5:13 says: I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Let us all not get caught-up in the commercialization of Christmas, but to reflect on God's greatest gift to us, and share this gift with the world of people around us.

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day (night) and forever. Amen. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.

Merry Christmas, and have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

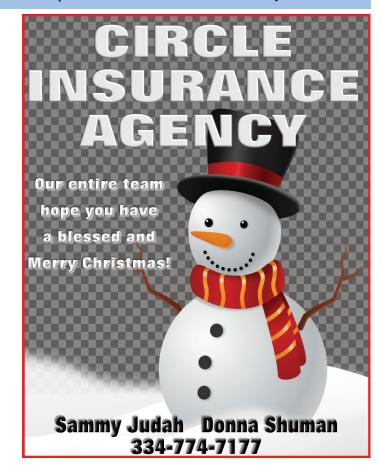
The sign on the door read "Press." I did. The door opened. The room was full of journalists.

"Wise Words" By: Hayes Wise "The Cross"

I love the hymn "At The Cross" Here's some of those lyrics: "Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light". This song is about the amazing love God displayed for sinful mankind. He did this so we could escape sin's penalty. He went as far as placing Himself on the cross.

The last thing God wants is for anyone to go to Hell. (1 Tim 2:4). That is why Jesus spoke of it in detail. That is why He warned us about it. And that is why Jesus did everything He could do for us so that we would not have to be separated from Him for all eternity. Jesus Christ experienced Hell on earth so that we don't have to experience it for eternity. Jesus was forsaken so that we might be forgiven. That was the mission of His life on earth. When Jesus hung on the cross and bore the sins of the world, He was absorbing God's wrath in our place, taking the judgment upon Himself. He was bearing our sin on the cross.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). The cross shows us how much God loves us and doesn't want us to go to Hell. We choose our eternal destination. The rich man found this out the hard way when he died and went straight to hell. He called out to Abraham to have pity on him and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue, because "I am in agony in this fire." (Luke 16:24). Those who want to reject God's offer and live in their sin will have no one to blame but themselves on that final day. He died for you. He rose from the dead. And He is standing at the door of your life and knocking. He says, "If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in" (Rev 3:20). The cross made that possible.



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write a book about
all the things I
should have done
with my life.

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Paying For His Mistake

A husband and wife had a big argument. Frustrated and fed up, the wife called up her mom and said, "We fought again, I can't do this anymore. I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

As I was checking out with some chicken legs, I asked the young girl if these were front legs or back legs. She said she didn't know but would go ask.

When she got back she said,
"NOT FUNNY."



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After the two months long drought, which really hurt our local

farmers, we're so thankful for the three days of gentle rains and hopefully more rain soon to come. This gardener is very grateful to have full rain barrels again!

Have you ever tried to grow blueberries? At our November meeting we gained helpful new information about raising blueberries from Neil Kelly, Regional Extension Agent to commercial growers. After several years of



terrible results in blueberry growing, I'm now armed with all this new information!

Here are some useful facts:

- Blueberries are acid loving plants, and produce best in high organic matter soil with acidity level that ranges from pH 4.2 to 5.5
- Blueberries grow best in 6 to 8 hours of sunlight
- Best to plant blueberries in their dormant state, in December
- Strip the blooms off for the first two years of planting to encourage a robust root system
- Depending on the cultivar, fruiting runs from middle May through early July
- New Rabbiteye cultivars Alapaha, and Vernon (which make good companion plants), and Ochlockonee and Desoto
- Blueberry plants can live 20-30 years
- Excellent resource for research-based information from the Extension system is smallfruits.org

Upcoming:

November 28th Making Holiday Jams and Jellies with Bridgette Brannon, at the Dale County Extension Office, \$10. To register call the Extension Office at (334) 774-2329

We Claybank Master Gardeners are working toward having a Spring Plant Sale in Ozark. Keep watching out for more details in the next couple months.

Would you like to become a Master Gardener Volunteer? The Spring training class will be offered from January 8th to April 4th. Apply, get background checked, and sign up between November 1st through November 30th. It is a hybrid course requiring online and in-person participation. Cost is \$150. For information contact your County Extension Office. Dale County Ext. Office (334) 774-2329; Houston County Ext. Office is (334) 794-4108, Coffee County Ext. Office is (334) 894-5596, or visit online at

https://www.aces.edu/go/mgv

The next Claybank Master Gardeners meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, on the 10th of January 2024 at 11 AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave. Call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting time and place. The lunch line is shorter at 10:30. Come join us, we love new faces and enjoy exchanging gardening ideas.

Dee Gilbert, Claybank Master Gardener



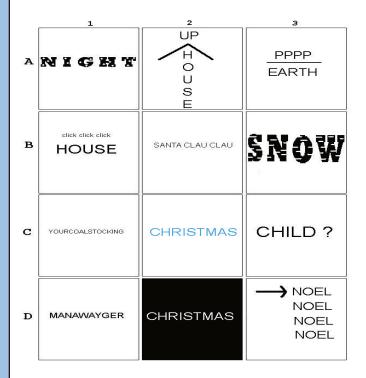


Someone asked me what the ninth letter of the Alphabet...
It was a complete guess, but I was right.

Wacky Wordies

Each of the puzzles below provides a visual representation of a common word or phase. Can you decipher the clues in each puzzle?

Solution on page 28



The Minister & the Lawyer

A minister and lawyer were chatting at a party. "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" The minister asked.

"Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer.



"What do you do?"
The minister replied, "Oh, more or less the same. Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers,' so I let it go."

Those willing to kill the unborn should not be allowed to govern the living.



I told her my name was Heath, She said her name was Heather.

I told her this isn't a competition.

JUST CURIOUS...

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- BRAKES
- OIL CHANGES
- ALIGNMENTS
- A/C CHECKS
- 24 HOUR TOWING



334-896-0227 4017 Andrews Ave. Ozark, AL 36360 An old man was eating in a truck stop when three roughlooking bikers walked in.
As they passed the old man, the first biker pushed his cigarette into the old man's pie, then laughed and took a seat at the counter.

The second biker picked up the old man's milk and spit into it. The third biker turned over the old man's plate before joining the others at the counter. Without saying a word to the laughing bikers, the old man put his money down, got up, and left the diner. One of the bikers said to the waitress, "Not much of a man, was he?" The waitress replied," Not much of a truck driver either. He just backed his big rig over three motorcycles!"



The number of men looking to be treated like a lady is astonishing!



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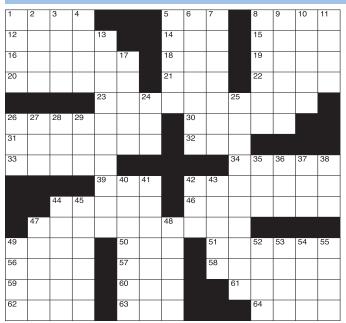
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The fitness instructor asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I told her . "Diddly."

90% of all electric vehicles are still on the road... The other 10% made it home.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Requests
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Invests in little enterprises
- 12. Bird sound
- 14. S. American plant cultivated for tubers
- 15. Car
- 16. Bullfighter
- 18. Hill (Celtic)
- 19. Strong criticism
- 20. Detector
- 21. When you hope to get there
- 22. Having the skill to do something
- 23. Legendary MLB broadcaster
- 26. Vulcanite
- 30. C. Asian mountain range
- 31. In a way, healed
- 32. Midway between east and southeast
- 33. Small appendages of insects
- 34. __ Greene, Bonanza actor
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Postal worker accessory
- 44. Classical music
- 46. A way of wrecking
- 47. Terminator
- 49. You eat three a day
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. NATO official (abbr.)
- 56. Genus of clams
- 57. Boxing's G.O.A.T.Ó
- 58. A colorless, odorless gas used as fuel
- 59. Covered thinly with gold paint
- 60. Bachelor of Laws
- 61. Red fluorescent dye
- 62. Engineering group
- 63. Female sibling
- 64. Adjacent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. What a thespian does
- 2. Footwear
- 3. Adjust spacing between
- 4. Witnesses
- 5. Who shows excessive fondness
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. National capital
- 8. Hunting expedition
- 9. Related to medulla oblongata
- 10. European country
- 11. Cola
- 13. Excluded from use or mention
- 17. Speak
- 24. Bloodshot
- 25. Make better
- 26. Keyboard key
- 27. Type of degree
- 28. Paddle
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Not young
- 36. Baseball stat
- 37. Ones grandmother
- 38. Breakfast food
- 40. Bathroom features
- 41. Disease-causing bacterium
- 42. NY ballplaver
- 43. Got up
- 44. Prophet
- 45. Part of the mouth
- 47. Unnatural
- 48. Acronym for brain science study
- 49. Three are famous
- 52. Languages spoken in Patagonia
- 53. Freedom from difficulty
- 54. Widely used OS
- 55. Many people pay it



An elderly man rear-ended a younger man who was driving an expensive European sports car...

Enraged, the younger man hops out & confronts the old man. "Look what you did to my car...!!! "He yells

"I demand that you give me \$10,000 right now or I'm going to beat you to a pulp!"

"Oh my..." the old man said nervously, "I don't have that kind of money."

" Just let me call my son...," he said with hope, "he trains dolphins and he will know what to do."

"Dolphins..!?!?! Right" the other driver huffed, while rolling his eyes.

The old man took out his phone, dialed his son, & just as his son answered, the irate man snatched the phone away from the old man.

"So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh..?!?!"
The irate man yelled, "Well, your old man here just rear-ended my car and I need TEN GRAND right now, or I'm going to beat you AND your old man to a pulp...!!"

"I'll be there in 10 minutes," says the voice calmly on the other end.

Exactly 10 minutes later, a Jeep pulls up and a guy hops out and proceeds to pulverize the bully, leaving him in a heap on the side of the road.

When he finished, he walked over to his father and said....

" Dad .for the last time, I train Seals...
Navy Seals."

"NOT dolphins..!!"

Kids are like boats. They go in the right direction when paddled from the rear.

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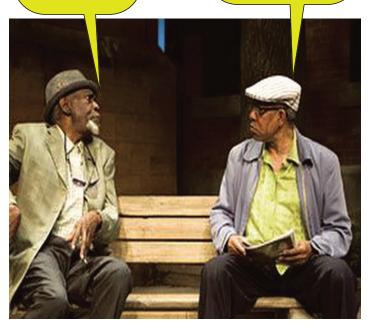
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Sudoku

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Wackie Words answers

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В	Up on the Housetop Click, Click, Click	Santa Claus	Dashing Through the Snow
С	Coal in Your Stocking	Blue Christmas	What Child Is This?
D	Away In A Manger	White Christmas	The First Noel

Bubba and Billy Bob

Bubba and Billy Bob were the two star performers on their college football team. Their professor informed the team coach that their grades were below average, making them ineligible to play in Saturday's "Big Game".

The professor agreed to raise their grades if they passed a test.

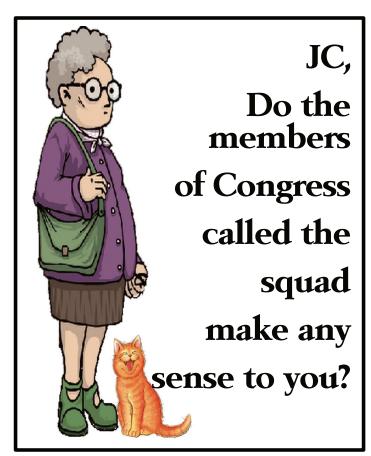
The coach pleaded, "Make the test easy professor".

The test was one, fill-in-the-blank question:

"Old MacDonald had a _____."
While taking the test Billy Bob asked
Bubba, "Hey Bubba, what's the answer?"
Bubba made sure the professor wasn't
looking and said, "FARM."

Billy Bob then asked,"Hey, how do you spell farm?"

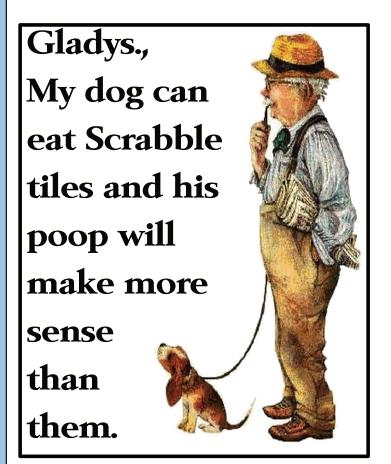
Bubba said, "You big dummy, e i e i o."



I hate when you offer someone a sincere compliment on their mustache and suddenly She's not your friend anymore.



The President has been working hard, 24 / 7 24 hours a month, 7 months a year.



LIAR!

A judge asks a defendant to please stand.

"You are charged with murdering a garbage man with a chain saw."

From the back of the courtroom a man shouts, "You liar!"

"Silence in the court!" The judge turns to the defendant again and says, "You are also charged with killing a paperboy with a shovel."

"You tightwad!" blurts th spectator.

"Quiet!" yelled the judge. "You are also charged with killing a mailman with an electric drill."

"You cheap old geezer!" the spectator starts to shout.

The judge thunders back, " I will hold you in contempt! What is the reason for your outbursts?"

"I've lived next to that liar for ten years now, but do you think he ever had a tool when I needed to borrow one?"

President
Biden went
to visit a
nursing
home the
other day.



He walked up to a lady in a wheel chair and said, "Maam, do you know who I am?"

She answered, "No sir, I don't know who you are, but if you go up to that desk they can tell you."

I had to apologize to the waitress at the Mexican restaurant. I ordered a Taco Salad but I was so hungry that I accidentally ate the bowl.



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The Perfect Woman

Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life was, of course "perfect."

One snowy, stormy
Christmas Eve, this perfect
couple was driving their
perfect car (a SUV) along a
winding road, when they
noticed someone at the
side of the road in distress.

Being the perfect couple
they stopped to help.
There stood Santa Claus
with a huge bundle of toys.
Not wanting to disappoint
any children on the eve of
Christmas, the
perfect couple loaded
Santa and his toys into their
vehicle. Soon they were driving
along delivering the toys.
Unfortunately, the driving
conditions deteriorated and the
perfect couple and Santa
Claus had an accident. Only

one of them survived the accident.

Who was the survivor?
The perfect woman survived.
She's the only one who really existed in the first place.
Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.
So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This also explains why there was an accident.

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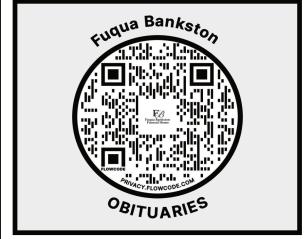
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