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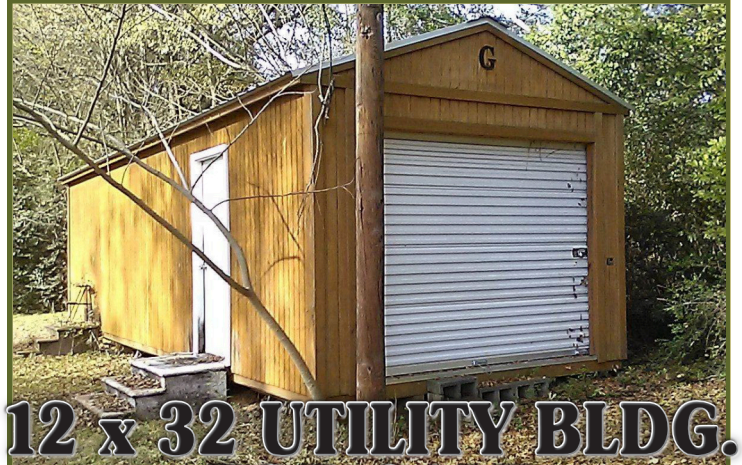
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Over a round of golf, two doctors were talking shop.

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### Are You Doing Anything?

My neighbor, is single, shapely, beautiful, and she lives right across the street.

I watched her as she got home from work this evening. I was surprised when she walked across the street, up my driveway and knocked on my door.

I opened the door, she looked at me and said, "I just got home, and I have this strong urge to have a good time, go dancing, and have some fun tonight. Are you doing anything?"

I quickly replied, "Nope, I'm free!" "Great" she said. "Can you watch my dog?"

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Shaking hands at the end of the service, he was approached by one of the older ladies who was known and respected in both the church and community.

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**“It isn’t the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it’s the pebble in your shoe.” - Muhammad Ali**

## **Why did God create evil?**

A professor at the university asked his students the following question:

- Everything that exists was created by God?

One student bravely answered:

- Yes, created by God.
- Did God create everything?
- a professor asked.

“Yes, sir,” replied the student.

The professor asked :

- If God created everything, then God created evil, since it exists. And according to the principle that our deeds define ourselves, then God is evil.

The student became silent after hearing such an answer.

The professor was very pleased with himself. He boasted to students for proving once again that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said:

- Can I ask you a question, professor?

“Of course,” replied the professor.

A student got up and asked:

- Professor, is cold a thing?
- What kind of question? Of course it exists. Have you ever been cold?

Students laughed at the young man’s question. The young man answered:

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Cold does not exist. We created this word to describe what we feel in the absence of heat.

A student continued:

- Professor, does darkness exist?

— Of course it exists.

- You’re wrong again, sir. Darkness also does not exist.

Darkness is actually the absence of light. We can study the light but not the darkness. We can use Newton’s prism to spread white light across multiple colors and explore the different wavelengths of each color. You can’t measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into the world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you tell how dark a certain space is? You measure how much light is presented. Isn’t it so?

Darkness is a term man uses to describe what happens in

the absence of light.

In the end, the young man asked the professor:

- Sir, does evil exist?

This time it was uncertain, the professor answered:

- Of course, as I said before. We see him every day.

Cruelty, numerous crimes and violence throughout the world. These examples are nothing but a manifestation of evil.

To this, the student answered:

- Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist for itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is like darkness and cold—a man-made word to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not faith or love, which exist as light and warmth. Evil is the result of the absence of Divine love in the human heart. It’s the kind of cold that comes when there is no heat, or the kind of darkness that comes when there’s no light.

Student’s name was Albert Einstein...

“The hardest 3 things to say: 1. I was wrong. 2. I need help. 3. Worcestershire sauce.”

## Aunt T's Kitchen

### Creamy Tortellini Soup

Serves 6

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound Italian sausage, casing removed
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium sweet onion, diced
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (9-ounce) package refrigerated three cheese tortellini
- 1/2 bunch kale, stems removed and leaves chopped
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil



#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add Italian sausage and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the sausage as it cooks; drain excess fat.
2. Stir in garlic, onion and Italian seasoning. Cook, stirring frequently, until onions have become translucent, about 2-3 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
3. Whisk in flour until lightly browned, about 1 minute.
4. Gradually whisk in chicken stock and tomato sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, stirring

## Winter Soups

occasionally, until reduced and slightly thickened, about 10 minutes.

5. Stir in tortellini; cover and cook until tender, about 5-7 minutes.
6. Stir in kale until wilted, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in heavy cream and basil until heated through, about 1 minute; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
7. Serve immediately.

### Roasted Carrot Soup

Serves 6

#### INGREDIENTS

- Extra virgin olive oil
- 3 pounds carrots, peeled
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 5 cups low-sodium vegetable broth, divided
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup whole milk
- Fresh mint leaves, for garnish (optional)



#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 425°F. Brush a sheet pan with olive oil.
2. Roast the carrots. Arrange the carrots on the prepared sheet pan. Season lightly with salt and pepper and drizzle generously with olive oil. Roast for 25 minutes, then flip and roast until the carrots are fork tender and nicely caramelized, about 20 minutes more. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.
3. When the carrots are cool enough to handle, cut into chunks and place in a large food processor or blender. Add the garlic, ginger and 3 cups of the broth. Puree until the mixture is smooth.
4. Transfer the carrot puree to a heavy cooking pot. Add the remaining 2 cups of broth, coriander and allspice. Place the pot on medium heat and watch carefully as the soup bubbles. Stir occasionally until reduced slightly, 10 to 15 minutes.
5. Turn the heat to medium-low and stir in the milk. Once heated through, remove from the stove.
6. Transfer to serving bowls and garnish with fresh mint leaves, if using. Enjoy!

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## Stuffed Cabbage Soup

Serves 8

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 yellow onion , chopped
- 1 head cabbage chopped roughly
- 14 ounces diced tomatoes
- 14 ounces crushed tomatoes
- 3 cups beef broth
- 3 cups rice , cooked



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add the ground beef to a large dutch oven with the salt and pepper and brown it really well then remove it from the pot and add in 4 tablespoons of butter, onions and cabbage and cook for 5-6 minutes until they start to caramelize.
2. Add in the diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, beef broth and the cooked beef and let simmer on low heat for 15 minutes then stir in the cooked rice and cook until its warmed through and serve.

## Roasted Cream of Cauliflower Parmesan Soup

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into small florets (about 4 cups)
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Arrange cauliflower, onion, and garlic in a single layer on a greased baking sheet. Drizzle olive oil evenly over vegetables and season with salt and pepper to taste. Roast vegetables at 400F 20-25 minutes or until very tender.
2. In a medium pot, melt butter over medium-high heat. Whisk flour into butter until completely smooth and

cook 1 minute until golden-brown. Gradually whisk milk, cream, and chicken broth into flour mixture until completely smooth. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until simmering and slightly thickened,

3. Place roasted cauliflower mixture in a high-speed blender and top with milk mixture. Blend on high speed until completely creamy.
4. Return soup to pot and bring to a low simmer over medium-high heat, then reduce heat and simmer at low 10 minutes. Remove soup from heat and whisk in Parmesan until melted, then stir in parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Serve soup hot and enjoy!

## Stuffed Pepper Soup

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 small yellow onion chopped
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (14.5 oz) cans petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce
- 1 (14.5 oz) can low-sodium beef broth
- 2 1/2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley, + more for garnish
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 cup uncooked long grain white or brown rice
- Cheddar or mozzarella cheese, for serving (optional)



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pot heat 1 Tbsp olive oil over medium heat, once hot add beef to pot and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally while breaking up beef, until browned. Drain beef and pour onto a plate lined with paper towels, set aside.
2. Heat remaining 1 Tbsp olive oil in pot then add onions, red bell pepper, green bell pepper and saute 3 minutes, then add garlic and saute 30 seconds longer.
3. Pour in diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth and add parsley, basil, oregano and cooked beef, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring just to a light boil, then reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes.
4. While soup simmers, prepare rice according to directions listed on package, then once soup is done simmering stir in desired amount of cooked rice into soup.\*\*
5. Serve warm topped with optional cheese and garnish with fresh parsley.

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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



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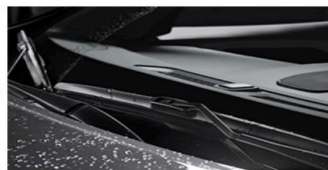


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The US president asked for estimates from contractors

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The president asked the Chinese contractor, how did you estimate three million dollars? The contractor

from different countries to paint the White House.

The Chinese contractor estimates three million dollars.

And the European contractor said the cost was seven million dollars

replied that 1 million for paint for 1 million for labor and 1 million for profit. The president asked the European contractor for seven million He replied three million in paint, two million in labor, two million in profit

The president asked the Pakistani how you estimated ten million The Pakistani contractor said four million for you, three million for me, the remaining three million will be given to the Chinese to paint.

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## STOP LOOKING BACK!

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

### Stop Looking Back

God is more loving, more powerful, and wiser than we will ever be or that any circumstance might suggest. God's thoughts and ways of doing things are greater than ours. (Isaiah 55:8)

Although there is a time and place to recollect past events to glean its wisdom, we don't stay there. Don't expect past victories to sustain us, but they can be reminders of God's faithfulness down through the years. The past is a great place to learn from but it's a terrible place to live in.

*Isaiah 43:19 For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. (NLT)*

Holding on to our past failures, hurts, pains, and successes can sometimes become a problem. You will stop succeeding the day you say you have succeeded, become comfortable, and you do nothing. As long as you are breathing you need to set new visions and goals for your life. When our present day is coupled with yesterday and tomorrow, our day can be overwhelming.

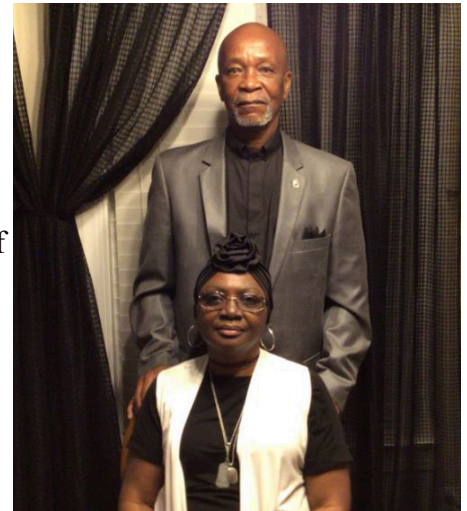
This is the message God is preaching to us and that we'll have to preach to ourselves. "do not dwell on the past."

*Philippians 3:12-14 Consider the apostle Paul: I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers, and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (NLT)*

Paraphrasing Paul: He admitted not knowing everything, nor having everything all figured out, but if I am going to move forward with the call God has on my life, I must "Stop Looking Back"

We may not always get it right. This new year may be a great time to start over, that's okay. God is merciful, loving, forgiving, compassionate and gives more grace to those that want it.

Happy New Years to everyone. May you prosper and be in good health.



Saying “I’m offended” is basically telling the world you can’t control your own emotions so everyone else should do it for you.

## “Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

### If’s, Ands, or Buts

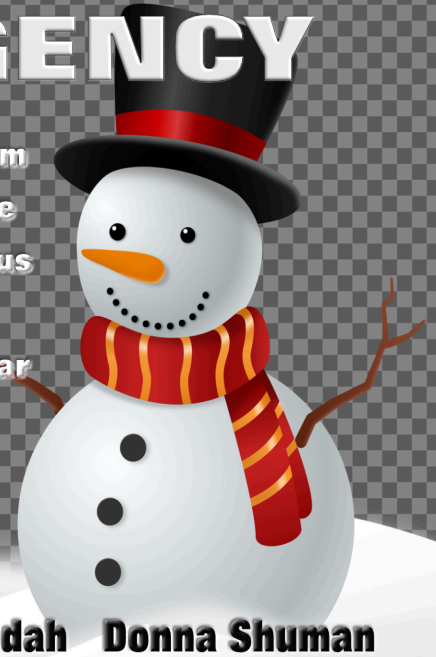
We all have used these words at one time or another. We use “if” to explain why we are not able to do things that we want to do. “If I had the money...”. We use “and” to expand on why we can’t do something. “If” I had the money, “and” the time...”. We use “but” as a way to add blame, often to a person, as to why we don’t get what we want. . “If” I had the money, “and” the time we could go on vacation, “but” the boss underpays me and won’t give me time off”. We most often use these words to make excuses.

We read about someone who said to Jesus, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house” (Luke 9:61). At first glance, this doesn’t seem like an unreasonable request. After all, what is wrong with saying goodbye to family and friends? I mean the man was about to leave, possibly for a long time, maybe forever. To us it sounds legitimate, but Jesus knew this person’s heart wasn’t right. Being God, He could see into a person. He knew his loyalty was divided. The man was preparing an excuse as to why he couldn’t go. Jesus was saying, “It’s time for you to make a commitment.”

We find the root of the problem in this statement: “Lord, I will follow You, but . . .” This person really didn’t want to follow the Lord. We see another example in the young man that asks Jesus about what he had to do to get eternal life. Jesus told him to give all he had to the poor , but he was rich and couldn’t, and walked away sad. (Mat 19:16-22). If we really want Jesus in our lives, then we will let him in and follow Him. You will either make a commitment to accept Christ as King in your life, or you make excuses not to. There is no “if”, “and”, or “but” about it.

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## Matchstick Puzzles - #3

1. Move one matchstick to make a square.



2. Move six matches to make five squares.



3. Move two matchsticks to make six squares.



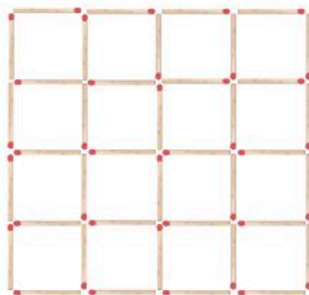
4. Take one away from seven matchsticks, then move two to leave zero.



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



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



## CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

Happy New Year Gardeners,

Get rid of the winter blues, bring joy to your life, and start a garden!

December and January are the best months for our Wiregrass Area planting zone (zones 8a and 8b) to sow seeds for hardy spring blooming plants, and to plant new fruit trees and bare-root roses and shrubs, giving the roots time to get well established before spring leafing out and flowering. You can grow in the ground, make raised beds or grow in pots using good quality soil with a scoopful or two of compost mixed in. Growing your own veggies organically is easier at this time of year because the bugs are at a minimum.

Lettuce varieties in a pot are easy to grow, as well as broccoli, cabbage, collard and mustard greens, chives, Swiss chard, kale, green onions, and potatoes, radishes. Don't forget to check the planting recommendations on your seed packet for this growing zone and for the optimal planting times. (Summer veggies like beans, corn, peas, tomatoes, summer squash, are best to start indoors in early spring.) When frost and freezes are forecast, newspaper and or some type of cloth or old sheets will protect your plants. Always remove the covers as soon as temps go above freezing so they can air out and get sunlight.

Now is the time to plant winter and spring blooming bulbs for amaryllis, daffodils, daylilies, irises, paperwhites, snowbells, tulips, among others. Did you know there is a free Alabama Gardening Calendar online at [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu)? You can also get a wonderful chart showing the optimal temperatures for seed germination for most vegetables from the [www.aces.edu](http://www.aces.edu) website. Ask for bulletin ANR-1061, either online or at the Extension office for your county. The Extension offices are a wonderful free resource for all things growing and they are there to help and advise.

Our next Claybank Master Gardener Meeting will be held at Hoppergrass Restaurant at 129 East Ave in Ozark on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Come buy your meal and bring it into the meeting (the line is shorter at 10:30). We love new faces! Visitors tell us they always learn something new, and learn from our experienced master gardeners. We would love to hear about your gardening experiences as well. Call the Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the meeting time at Hoppergrass.

Dee Gilbert, Claybank Master Gardener



There is a guy at work, if he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.

## Wacky Wordies

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

Solution on page 28

g n i t t e t t e g	da wn	Roger	escape
milk	c c garage r r		c o m i c
neegr geren ngree regen	t i o n a i n l f		pölkä
ma√il	1.D 5.U 2.R 6.L 3.A 7.A 4.C		ca se case

Madonna is 55, her boyfriend is 22.  
Tina Turner is 75, her boyfriend is 40.  
Jlo is 42, her boyfriend is 26. Mariah  
Carey is 44, her husband is 32.  
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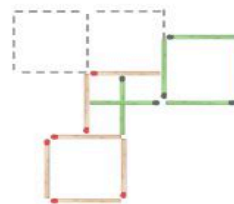
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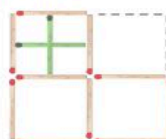
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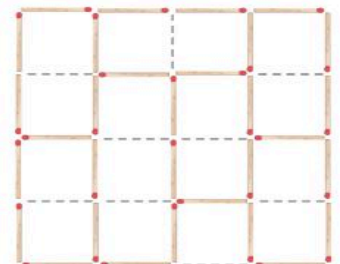
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Somewhere, someone else is happy with less than you have.

**You Just Can't Out Sick Her!!  
I told my Mother in Law I was having  
prostate trouble..  
She said me too!**

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"What's the usual tip?" A customer asked Isabella. "Well," said Isabella, "this is my first day, but Destiny said that, if I got five dollars out of you, I'd be doing great."

"Is that so?" growled the customer. "In that case, here's twenty dollars."

"Thanks. I'll put it in my college fund," Isabella said. "By the way, what are you studying?" asked the customer.

"Applied psychology." Replied Isabella.

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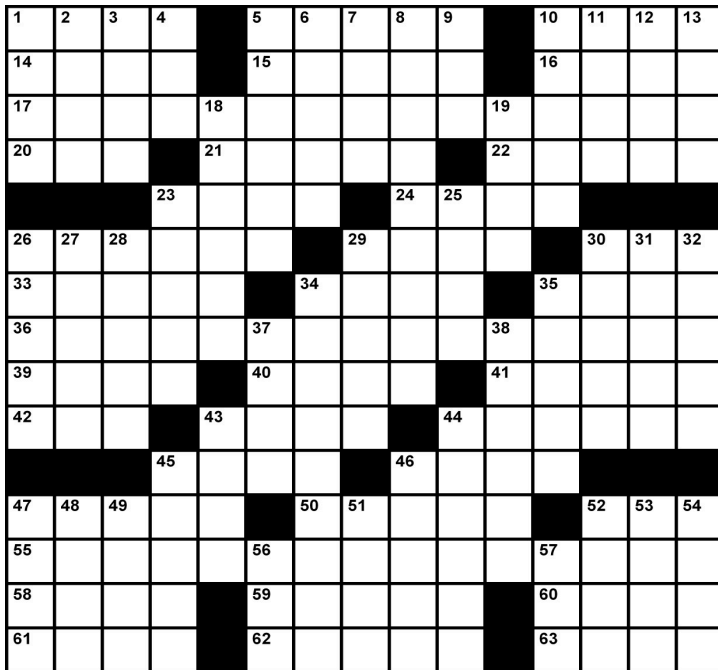
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**I like birthdays, but I think too many of them can kill you.**

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Certain sandwich
- 5. Broodish
- 10. Sky box?
- 14. Celestial
- 15. City in Rio de Janeiro
- 16. It gets pumped
- 17. Classic film
- 20. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
- 21. Carry away, in a way
- 22. Floppies, e.g.
- 23. Ticket info, maybe
- 24. Floor items
- 26. Stephen King title
- 29. Threat word
- 30. Drink from a dish
- 33. Group of eight
- 34. Horned mammal
- 35. Old Italian bread
- 36. Classic film
- 39. Bolted
- 40. Lions' prey (pl.)
- 41. Great success
- 42. Load from a lode
- 43. Arctic sight
- 44. Underline
- 45. "Go ahead!"
- 46. Swaddle
- 47. "M\*A\*S\*H" extra
- 50. Garlicky mayonnaise
- 52. Car accessory
- 55. Classic film
- 58. Carpet type
- 59. Moss-like
- 60. Org. with a mission
- 61. Seafood selection
- 62. Executive branch, informally
- 63. Calendar span

**Down**

- 1. "Lord of War" star

**2. Old Spanish kingdom**

- 3. Garden decorations
- 4. Departure announcement
- 5. Happy face
- 6. Turkic language
- 7. Real
- 8. Crushing defeats
- 9. Hong Kong actress, Sally
- 10. Fuzzy fruits
- 11. Pupil's place
- 12. Honky ending
- 13. Aims
- 18. Creep
- 19. Periphery
- 23. Bait
- 25. Military acronym
- 26. "All for one and one for all," e.g.
- 27. Greek god liquid
- 28. Cubic measurement
- 29. Provide, as with a quality
- 30. Fine thread
- 31. Met expectations?
- 32. Agreements
- 34. With footnotes, e.g.
- 35. Ill-gotten gain
- 37. Unappealing fruit?
- 38. Kind of unit
- 43. Central points
- 44. Electrical transformer
- 45. Dreary song
- 46. Omnivorous mammal
- 47. Physics calculation
- 48. Canyon sound
- 49. East Indian lentil sauce
- 51. Mosque prayer leader
- 52. Braveheart hillside
- 53. Civil rights icon, to friends
- 54. Apple spray
- 56. Place for sweaters?
- 57. Unspecified number



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girl's  
attention?

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	5				3	7		
8	3	1	4	2	7			5
9	7	4		8	6	1	2	3
3	8	6	1	4		2	5	7
7		5						
	4	9	7		2	8	3	6
5				7	4		9	8
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2				9		3		1

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More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them.

# Happy New Year!



## Wackie Words answers

- GETTING UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN
- ROGER , OVER AND OUT.
- NARROW ESCAPE
- CONDENSED MILK
- TWO=CAR GARAGE
- STAND UP COMIC
- MIXED GREENS
- SPIRALING INFLATION
- POLKA DOTTED
- THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL
- COUNT DRACULA
- OPEN AND SHUT CASE

- AULD LANG SYNE
- BABY
- BALL
- BALLOONS
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATION
- CHAMPAGNE
- CLOCK
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- DANCING
- DECEMBER
- EVE

- FATHER TIME
- FIRECRACKER
- FIRST
- FLUTE
- GAMES
- GOWN
- HAPPY
- HAT
- HOURLASS
- INVITATION
- JANUARY
- KISS
- MIDNIGHT

- MUSIC
- NOISE MAKER
- PARTY
- RESOLUTION
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- TRADITION
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- YEAR

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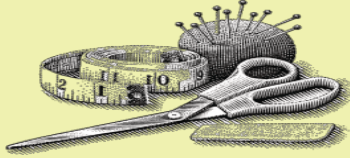
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**Gladys,  
That's true  
but you can  
recognize  
idiots from  
50 yards.**



**The Golfer's Dilemma**

You're playing in your club championship. The final round is just you and one other guy, match play. On the 18th tee you're up 1 with honors. You smack your drive straight down the middle; the best drive you've hit all day. Your opponent steps up and hooks one into the woods.

You do the gentlemanly thing and help him look for the ball, but you guys can't find it. After a couple minutes, you opponent tells you to go ahead and play your shot while they keep searching. You hit another beauty, leaving around 15 feet for birdie. As soon as your ball stops, you hear "found it!" from the deep woods. Your opponent plays his shot brilliantly, stopping inches from the cup for a tap-in birdie and the tie.

Here is your dilemma. Do you take the lying cheater's ball out of your pocket or not?

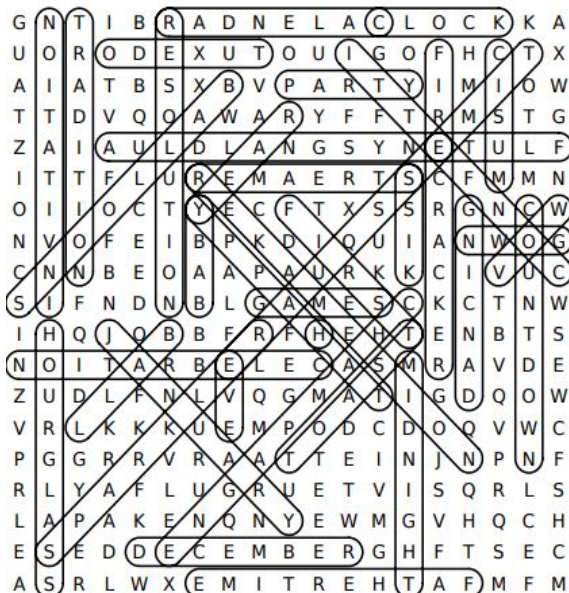
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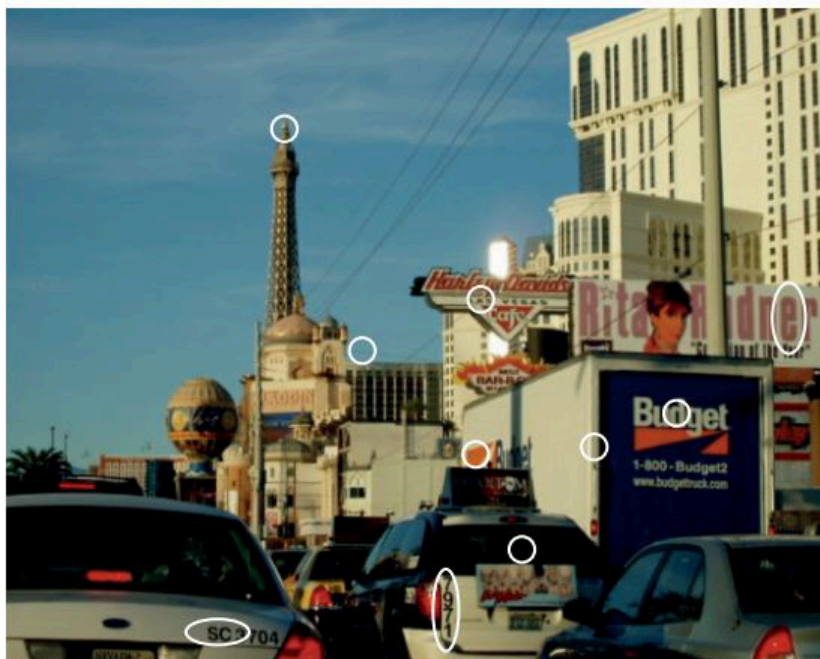
There is nothing more beautiful in nature than a woman and nothing more ugly than a man trying to look like one.

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An interesting theory on why there are 52 cards in a deck is that the number of cards corresponds to the number of weeks within a year. Some say that the two colors — red and black — reflect day and night, and that the four suits represent the four seasons. It gets even freakier when you notice that there are 13 cards in a suit to match the number of lunar cycles, and 12 court cards that represent the 12 months of the year. And, if you add up all the symbols in a deck of cards, there are 365... Fascinating.



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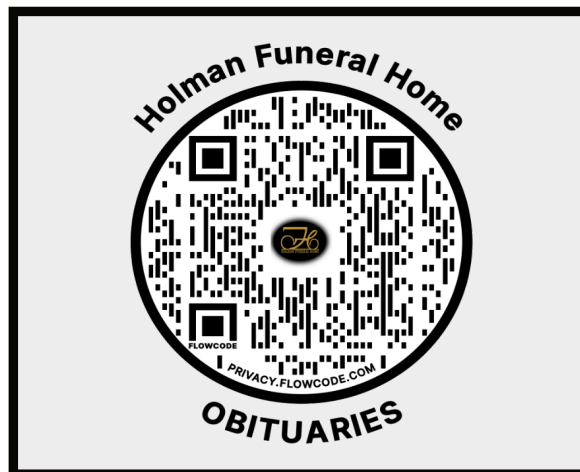
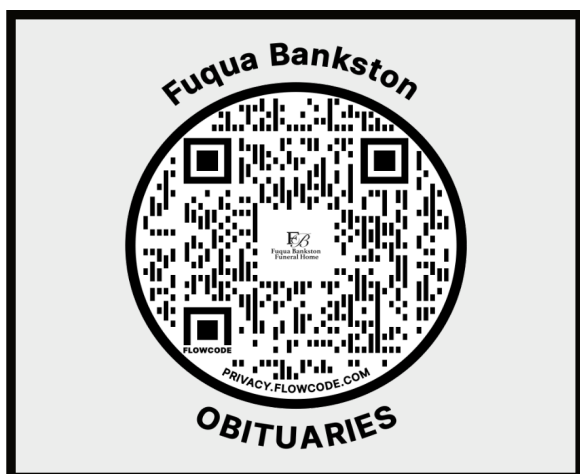
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## Arresting the Judge

A squad car driver was covering a quiet beat out in the sticks when he was amazed to find a former lieutenant on the police force covering the beat. He stopped the car and asked, "Why, Johnny, this wouldn't be your new beat out here in the sticks, would it?"

"That it is," Johnny replied grimly, "ever since I arrested the judge on his way to the masquerade ball."

"You mean you pinched his honor?" asked Pat.

"How was I to know that his convict suit was only a costume?" demanded Johnny.

"Well," mused Pat, "'tis life and there's a lesson in this somewhere."

"That there is," replied Johnny. "'Tis wise to never book a judge by his cover."

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