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Piersall, never one to shy away from theatrics, leans into the ear of catcher Yogi Berra and mutters, "If that S.O.B. hits me, I'm going to

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- Oscar Wilde**

Man of the Year

Susan and Martha meet at the market and exchange news.

Susan: "My husband was named 'Man of the Year'!"

Martha: "Well, that shows you what kind of a year it's been."

Atlanta Traffic

I was on my way to the mountains for a vacation, and was appalled by Atlanta's chaotic traffic. While getting gas I asked the attendant why it was so disorderly.

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Both lawyers squirmed uncomfortably. "You, attorney Leon, gave me \$15,000. And you, attorney Campos, gave me \$10,000."

The judge reached into his pocket and pulled out a check. He handed it to Leon. "Now then, I'm returning \$5,000, and we're going to decide this case solely on its merits!"

Anniversary Gift

On their 25th wedding anniversary, a husband took his wife out to dinner. Their teenage daughters said they'd have dessert waiting for them when they returned. After the couple got home, they saw that the dining room table was beautifully set with china, crystal and candles, and there was a note that read: "Your dessert is in the refrigerator. We are staying with friends, so go ahead and do something we wouldn't do!"

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Painful Progress

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Suddenly her turn was called, but when she stood up to go in, she discovered her leg was "asleep". Not wanting to keep the nurse waiting, she limped and staggered toward the inner office door. She noticed one elderly lady nudging another who sat beside her, as the two of them sympathetically watched her painful progress .

Two minutes later, her procedure completed and her leg back to normal, she walked easily back into the waiting room. As she strode past the two elderly ladies, she overheard one whisper triumphantly to the other, "See, Myrtle, I TOLD you he was a wonderful doctor!"

"Prison Sign Fail"

Seen on a sign outside the Clinton Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison in Dannemora, New York: "The Dannemora fire department reminds you it's fire prevention week. Practice your escape plan."

Two Funny True Events

Edna, is a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa. When she first arrived there, she was fascinated to see people wearing American T-shirts even when they didn't know what the words meant. Her biggest laugh came the day she saw a man wearing a pink shirt with an arrow pointing to his tummy with the words: "Baby on board."

One Sunday morning our pastor preached a powerful message, which his fervent young associate brought to a close with the following instructions: "Let us bow our heads, close our eyes, and sing 'Open Our Eyes, Lord.'"

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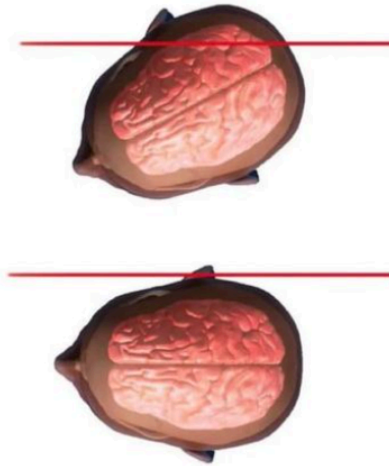
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Anything important is never left to the vote of the people. We only get to vote on some man; we never get to vote on what he is to do.

Will Rogers

Until Kentucky Fried Chicken came along, nobody ever ate out of a bucket but a hog!"
~ Powell Adams



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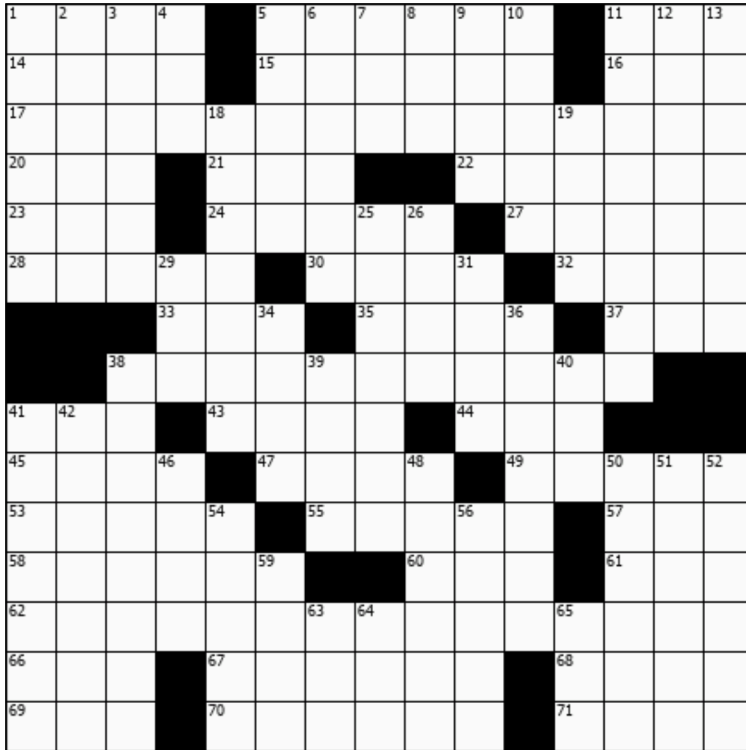
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 5. Deck suit
 11. Come ___ head (culminate)
 14. 1953 Leslie Caron classic
 15. Grueling experience
 16. Mo. when DST begins
 17. Grace Stafford supplied his voice
 20. 2001 Will Smith biopic
 21. Tot up
 22. Greek moon goddess
 23. "You got that right!"
 24. Mike who plays Austin Powers
 27. Acclaim
 28. Fulton's energy source
 30. Word before freeze or fry
 32. Event arranged by Don King
 33. "Caroline in the City" star Thompson
 35. Like a circus high wire
 37. Lbs. and mgs., e.g.
 38. Nancy Cartwright supplies his voice
 41. "___ Lazy River"
 43. Mouth-puckering
 44. Heavenly body in the "Today Show" logo
 45. Standard
 47. Nest noise
 49. Towards the top of the atlas
 53. Car seat attachment
 55. Continental competitor
57. Have a balance
 58. Some cop show scenes
 60. Escort's offering
 61. Maude portrayer Arthur
 62. June Foray supplies his voice
 66. Benevolent order member
 67. Bowlers' group
 68. Flow slowly
 69. Fright film auteur Craven
 70. Dealt with maliciously
 71. Turned blue, perhaps
- Puzzle Grid
Down
 1. Without exception
 2. One end of the spectrum
 3. Kay Thompson brat
 4. Relieve (of)
 5. Dude ranch greeting
 6. Wore away
 7. "Much ___ About Nothing"
 8. Traffic-stopping hue
 9. 38-Down "lullaby"
 10. Leopard-like
 11. Wrestling move that drops an opponent
 12. Flare, as nostrils
 13. Takes in for booking
 18. Complains
 19. Shillelagh or cudgel
 25. One who's glad to be out of work, perhaps
 26. Clothing closure
29. In the manner of, on a menu
 31. Suckling seals
 34. Perched on
 36. It's often wrongly called a "tidal wave"
 38. "Gomer Pyle" setting
 39. Sought damages from
 40. Inspiration for Lennon's "Woman"
 41. Remove a bottle cap
 42. It can make a Buick bounce
 46. Superhero's secret identity preserver
 48. Honor suitable for hanging
 50. Manhattan with Scotch
 51. Pluck eyebrow hairs
 52. Made sound again
 54. Does a K.P. chore
 56. Brought into alignment
 59. Recipe segment
 63. ___ Alai
 64. Pepper or Snorkel (abbr.)
 65. Shower curtain suspender

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ZUCCHINI MUFFINS

Yield: 18 muffins **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 medium zucchini, grated on the large holes of a box grater (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup golden raisins



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line 18 muffin cups with paper liners.
2. Whisk together the all-purpose and whole-wheat flours with the baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a large bowl.
3. Beat the butter, sugar, yogurt, eggs and vanilla together in another large bowl using an electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Reduce the speed to low and beat in the flour mixture until combined.
4. Stir in the zucchini and raisins. Divide the batter evenly among the prepared cups.
5. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the muffins comes out clean, 15 to 18 minutes. Cool the muffins in the pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from the pans and cool completely on the rack.

ZUCCHINI

ZUCCHINI BREAD/LEMON HONEY BUTTER

Yield: 2 loaves **INGREDIENTS**

Lemon Honey Butter:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil, plus more for greasing the pans
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups shredded zucchini (about 1 medium zucchini)
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Honey Lemon Butter, recipe follows
- 4 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans. In large bowl beat together the eggs, oil, sugar and vanilla. Slowly add zucchini. Add lemon zest and mix thoroughly.
2. In a separate large bowl combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Slowly add zucchini mixture until completely combined. Divide the batter between the prepared loaf pans. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean and the sides have started to brown, about 45 minutes. Let cool on a rack 15 minutes. Unmold and serve warm or at room temperature sliced with the Lemon Honey Butter.

Lemon Honey Butter:

1. In a small bowl, combine the butter, honey and lemon zest and mix together well.

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COCOLATE-ZUCCHINI BREAD

INGREDIENTS

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for buttering the pan
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the pan
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder (not Dutch process)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup buttermilk, at room temperature
- 1 cup shredded zucchini (about 8 ounces)
- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 9-by-4-by-3-inch loaf pan. Dust with flour, then tap out the excess.
2. Whisk the flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt together in a medium bowl.
3. Beat the butter and sugar in a medium bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Continue to mix and drizzle in the oil and beat until incorporated. Beat in the egg and then the vanilla.
4. Reduce the mixer speed to low and beat in the flour mixture in 3 additions, alternating with the buttermilk in 2 additions, beginning and ending with the flour, scraping the sides of the bowl occasionally. Fold the shredded zucchini and chocolate into the batter and pour into the prepared pan.
5. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 55 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack.

FUDGY ZUCCHINI BROWNIES

Yield: 24 brownies **INGREDIENTS**

- Nonstick cooking spray, for the baking dish
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup whole wheat or all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 medium zucchini (about 1 pound), grated
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, optional.



DIRECTIONS

1. Arrange a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Add 1/2 cup of the chocolate chips and cook, stirring

with a rubber spatula, until the chocolate is melted; remove from the heat. Stir in the sugar, cocoa powder and salt until combined. Stir in the eggs and then the flour until fully combined. Fold in the vanilla, zucchini, remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips and the walnuts, if using.

3. Scrape the batter into the prepared baking dish. Bake until the brownies are glossy and firm, 30 to 35 minutes. Let the brownies cool to room temperature or until slightly warm, at least 30 minutes (they will get fudgier the longer they cool). Cut into 24 pieces. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

ZUCCHINI BREAD WAFFLES

Yield: 12 waffles **INGREDIENTS**

Waffles:

- 2 cups grated zucchini, squeezed with paper towels
- 2 carrots, peeled and grated
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 1/2 cups buttermilk, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- Nonstick cooking spray, for spraying the waffle iron



Syrup:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- About 1/2 cup milk, at room temperature

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the waffle iron to the regular setting.
2. For the waffles: Toss together the zucchini and carrots in a bowl. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a separate bowl, then toss with the zucchini and carrots to coat them. In a separate pitcher, mix the buttermilk, melted butter, granulated sugar, vanilla and eggs. Pour the buttermilk mixture over the zucchini mixture, stirring gently.
3. For the syrup: Mix together the cream cheese, powdered sugar, maple syrup and vanilla in a bowl. Add enough milk to thin it to a syrup texture. Set aside. (If your syrup is lumpy, you can strain it for a smoother finish.)
4. Spray the waffle iron with nonstick cooking spray and scoop in the batter. Cook until golden, about 5 minutes depending on your waffle iron. Repeat with the remaining batter.
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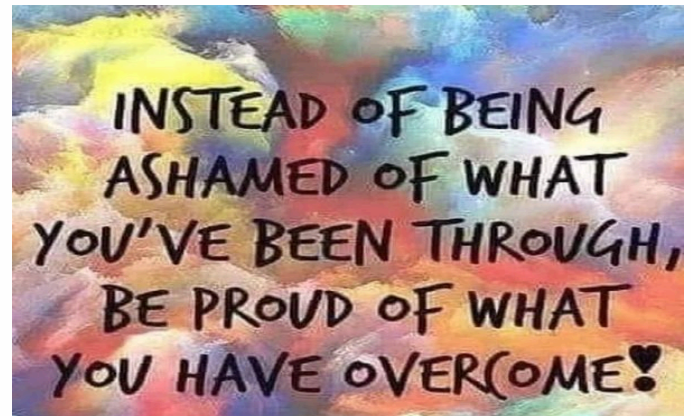
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Gentleness Is Love's Humility

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, GENTLENESS, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

GENTLENESS is not to be misunderstood as weakness or a willingness to let others always have their way. Instead, this is the supernatural ability in the Spirit's power not to demand control or be extreme in our responses. Rather, we can submit to God's control over whatever situation we are in.

Biblical GENTLENESS is "strength under control," in fact, the Greek word translated in Galatians 5:23 "GENTLENESS" came from a term that was used of a wild horse that had become obedient to the bit and bridle. It was therefore not the lack of power, but great power under the control of a master.

Often times we may feel like if we are being GENTLE, we are allowing people to use or take advantage of us, this is NOT true. Christianity does not mean being soft spoken, weak, easily intimidated, it is strength under control and the Holy Spirit will help us to do this.



Paul says to us: [Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5 \(ESV\)](#)

Consider the following when doing a self-examination: Am I being down to earth (humility), having a quiet ego (humility), being quick to let things go (forgiveness), having a soft and supportive demeanor (kindness), and being oriented toward others (kindness). Does this describe you?

Listen my friend, "Fruit" grows out of life, the life of the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). The Spirit produces living fruit. The virtues of the fruit of the Spirit grow out of fellowship with God. Fruit grows as a branch from a vine (John 15:5). The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of Christlikeness. The fruit of the Spirit naturally flows from walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16).

We are created in the likeness and image of God, for His purpose, and we are to abide in Him and produce Spiritual Fruit.

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Derek Jeter was in a slump & Yogi Berra sat down next to him before saying: "I think I know how to solve your problem: you should swing at strikes."

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"Picnic Passions "

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why

such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Frobisher's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

“Being Rich is having money; Being wealthy is having time.” ~M Bonnana

Dispersing an Unruly Crowd

A young clergyman, fresh out of seminary, thought it would help him better understand the fears and temptations his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, “What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?”

He thought for a moment and then replied, “I would take up a collection.”

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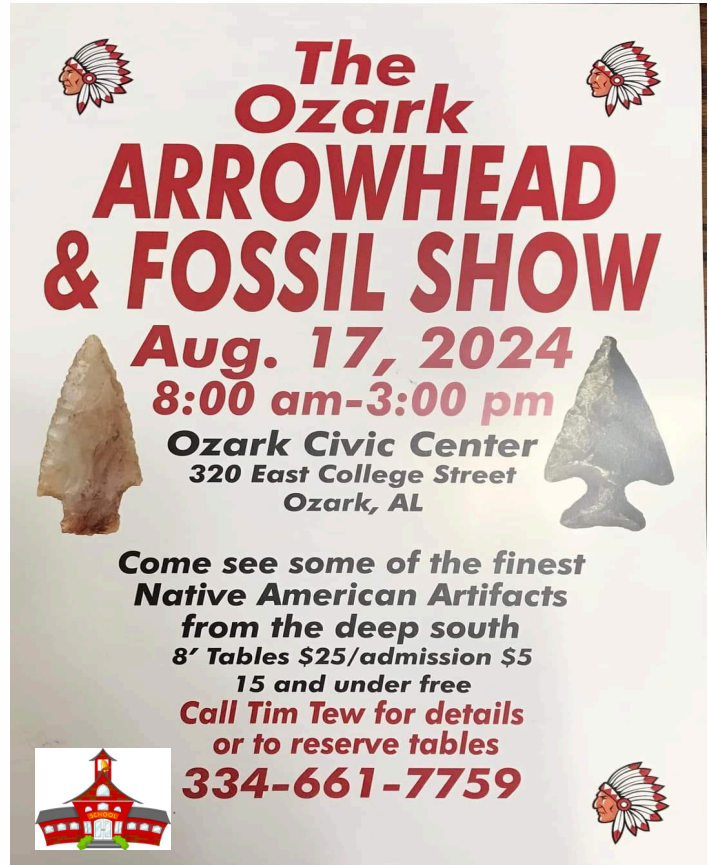
A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?' 'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.'

'What sort of question?' asked Pelosi.

Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'

Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'



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'COB' that they smelled bad. The Lieutenant suggested that they change their underwear. The COB responded, 'Aye, aye, sir, I'll see to it immediately'.

He went into the barracks and said, 'The Lieutenant thinks you guys smell bad, and wants you to change your underwear. Smith, you change with Jones, McCarthy, you change with Witkowskie, Brown, you change with Schultz. Get to it'.

The moral:

A candidate may promise change in Washington, But don't count on things smelling any better.



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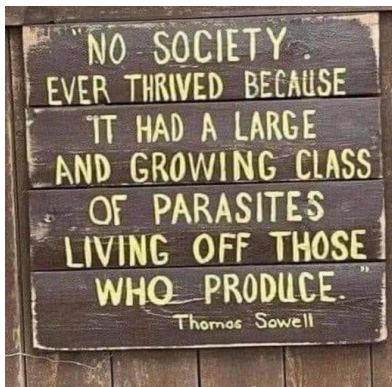
In the 80's I read a book called "This Present Darkness" by Frank E. Peretti. He had a followup book called "Piercing the Darkness". They both are fiction books that depicts demons and angels interacting and struggling for control of the citizens of the small town of Ashton. I'm here to tell you that the Bible supports a lot of what is said in his books. This reality is alive today, except they are struggling for the whole world. If you didn't see it personally on Saturday, I'm sure you have saw it plastered all over the media. A demon took control over a man in an assassination attempt on former president, Donald Trump. If you look closely, you will see a guardian angel turned his head, and prevented him from being killed. The world version is it was luck, coincidence, chance, or fate that he turned at exactly the right time. I believe it was God at work giving Donald Trump and America a second chance.

I believe that God's hand was at work when Donald Trump was elected as president the first time. No he was not a perfect president. There has never been nor will there ever be one. There is no

denying that America was made a better place in a lot of areas under his leadership. We have ample proof of that in the last four years. America squandered away that opportunity by failing to reelect him. Ungodliness, hate, and evil set the stage for what happened last Saturday. I believe that God's prevention of Trump's death gave Donald and this nation another second chance. At the core of second chances lies forgiveness, redemption, and the power to overcome this corrupted world. For anyone who has made mistakes in their personal or professional life or experienced setbacks and failures, God can change that, if you let Him. The Bible is full of people who received second, third and fourth chances; Peter, Jonah, David, and others. But even God has a limit on forgiveness and second chances. Paul warns us what happens when we continue to spurn God's patience and reject Him. "They traded the truth about God for a lie...That is why God abandoned and gave them up to a reprobate mind" (Rom 1:20-32). When we insist on running our lives the way we want rather than the way God wants, He lets us. I ask Donald Trump (Matt 3:2) and America (2 Chron 7:14) to not squander this second chance.

"A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning."

- Billie Jean King



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2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To Laugh
7. To Love.

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder -- that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money! Twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why's everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
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- At our July Master Gardener meeting Paige Stephens introduced us to turning our gardening interests indoors to various types of **terrariums**, using either rare cactus or tropical plants. She demonstrated various ways to grow unusual plants in entire



mini-ecosystems using tiny creatures to help decompose leaf matter and clean the terrarium, even some with mini water features.

- There will be a **Lunch and Learn on Disaster Preparedness August 7th** at the Dale County Library. Bring your lunch at noon, and get ready to learn more from our knowledgeable **Dale County Master Gardeners**.

- The Dale County Master Gardening class begins August 8th. The **spring class will begin January 18th** in Houston and Coffee Counties. You can apply online at <https://www.aces.edu/go/mgapply>. Background checks are required. Classes combine online Zoom instruction and in-person labs

- The Claybank Master Gardeners meet on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 AM** at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave., across from the new Three Scoops and Sandwich ice cream shop. Our August meeting will be on Wednesday August 14th. Come join us, we love new faces. You can buy lunch if you wish, (the line opens at 10:30 AM) or just come and visit to see what Master Gardeners are all about. It's always a good idea to call the Dale County Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the time and date.

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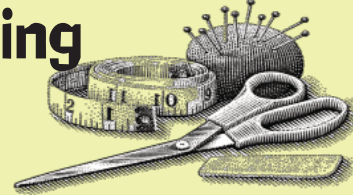
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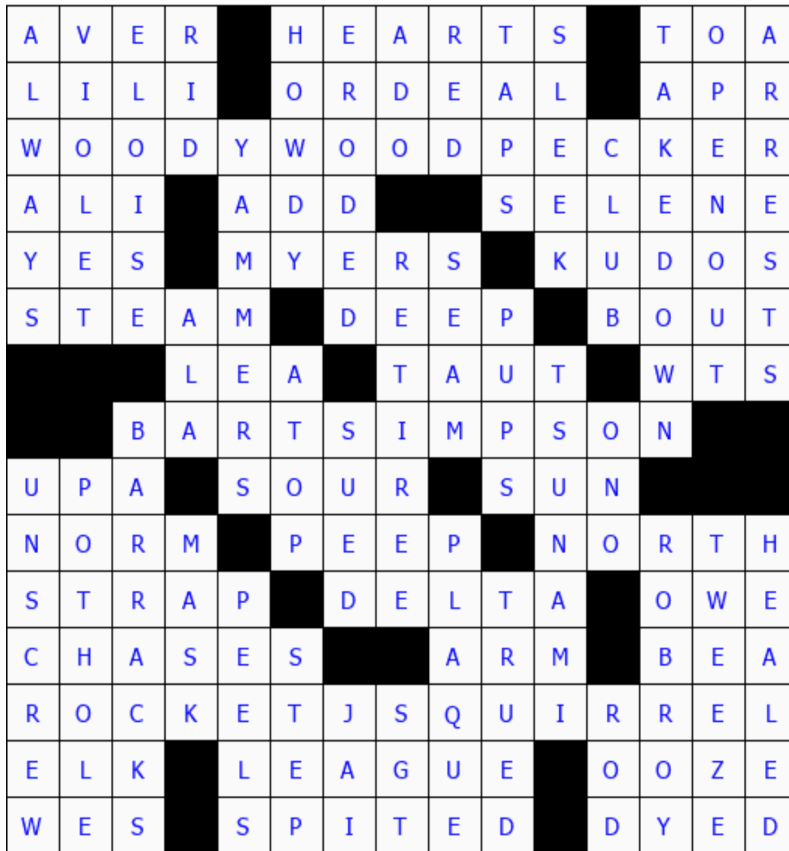
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D	Rolling in the Aisles	Get Crackin'	Grace Period	Born To Be Wild

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
~ Thomas Edison

"Newlywed Bread"

Young husband: "Why can't you make bread like my mother does?"

Young bride: "Why can't you make dough like my father does?"

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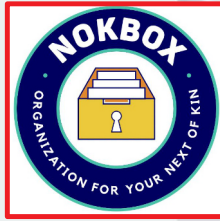
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2.- TOD = Transfer On Death deed if you own a home. Completing this document and filing it with the court saves your heirs thousands. This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID and your Death Certificate and they will then have the deed signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.

3.- Living Will: Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions.

4- Durable Power of Attorney: Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if one is no longer competent to do so.

5- Power of Attorney for Healthcare: This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for their person.

6- Last Will and Testament: Designates to whom personal belongings will go too.

7- Funeral Planning Declaration: States one's wishes as far as disposition of the body and the service/s.

8- If the above documents are completed, you can AVOID probate. If all the above is not done, you have to open an estate account at the bank. All money that doesn't have direct beneficiaries goes into this account. You have to have your executor to open the estate

account. The executor also has to publicize your death in the newspaper or post publication at the courthouse, to allow anyone to make a claim on your property. - It's a complete nuisance.

9- Make a list of all banks and account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how and when these things are paid. Make sure heirs know where life insurance policies are located.

10- Make 100% sure **SOMEONE** knows your Apple ID, bank ID account logins and passwords!

11.- Make sure you have titles for all automobiles, campers, motorcycles etc

12- **MOST IMPORTANTLY!**- Talk with those closest to you and make all your wishes **KNOWN**. Talk to those whom you've designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate. - Do this to explain why your decisions were made and to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Hope this lights a spark to encourage all your friends and family to take care of these things and to make it easier for those we all leave behind.

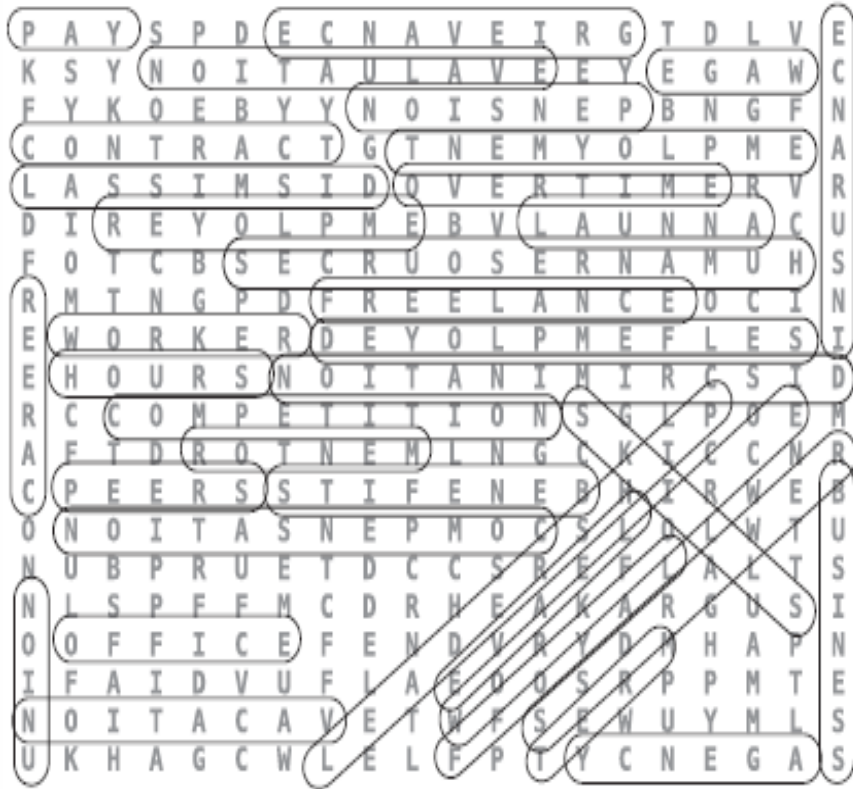
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The above list at least helps you start an important conversation with your loved ones.

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Men, if she suddenly starts cleaning everything, just leave her alone. When she's done, give her a hug.

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Men, if you went on a cruise ship during your summer vacation and you met a woman and fell in love, here's some advice my wise old Uncle Waldo once told me:
"There's a 50/50 chance that someday you'll wind up very she sick."

LAST REQUEST

Mary Clancy goes up to Father McGuire after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?"
She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."
The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"
She says, "That he did, Father."
The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"
She says, "He said, 'Please Mary, put down that d\$7# gun.'"

BROKEN

The next time you're feeling broken or in despair, remember this.
In Japanese culture, when an object is broken it is often repaired by bonding the pieces back

together with gold. The flaw then becomes a unique part of the piece's past that only adds to its beautiful story. The broken pieces of your life make you who you are. And that is more valuable than anything in the world.

Elizabeth Edwards said it best, "She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails."

Three small kids were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough", said the first little boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week." The second little boy said, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day." "That's nothing", said the third child. "When my parents take me to see my Grandma and Grandpa, I can wear them out in an hour."

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