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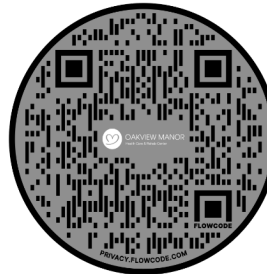
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YOU BE IF YOU
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TOBY KEITH
"DON'T LET THE
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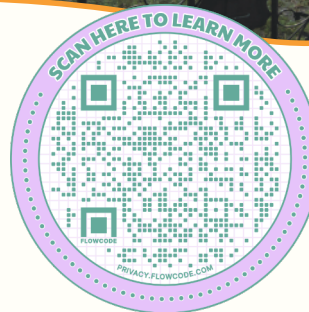


The doctor asked me if I had any symptoms of "Mailman's Disease."
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3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I know a man so dumb... why he's the reason they have to put instructions on shampoo bottles.

NOTES FROM OUR READERS

Dear Laughs & Lifts,
Thank you for the joy you have given us through your magazine.
My subscription (prescription) ends this month and I really do not want to miss any issues.
Here's my check and would like for my "Pre-Scripton" to continue.
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There's Something I Can't Figure Out

At the Henry Street Hebrew School, Goldplate, the new teacher, finished the day's lesson. It was now time for the usual question period.

"Mr. Goldplate," announced little Joey,

"there's something' I can't figure out."

"What is that Joey?" asked Goldplate.

"Well according to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?"

"Right."

"And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right?"

"Er--right."

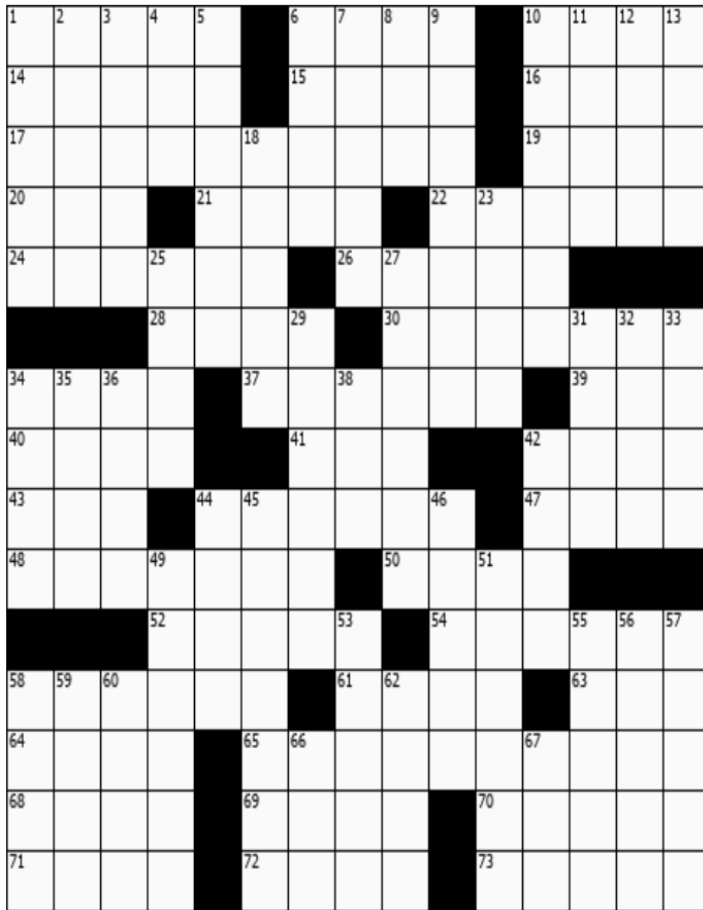
"And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?"

"Again you are right."

"And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something' important, right?"

"All that is right, too," agreed Goldplate. "So what is your question?"

"What I want to know is this," demanded Joey. "What were all the grownups doing?"



Across

1. Winter toys
6. Crows' calls
10. Poems of praise
14. Actress _____ Blair
15. Give forth
16. Actress _____ Hayworth
17. Uncertain
19. Bottle part
20. Average grade
21. Picnic visitors
22. Despise
24. Withstand
26. Bowling woe
28. Become weary
30. Capital of North Carolina
34. Territory
37. Spuds
39. Briny deep
40. _____ Ness monster
41. Brother's sib
42. Chowder shellfish
43. Paddle's kin
44. Self-_____
47. Towel inscription
48. Instruct
50. Use a stopwatch
52. Open to view
54. "Who cares?" (2 wds.)
58. Snoozing
61. Copycat
63. Before, in poems
64. Performer
65. Gap
68. Guinness of "Star Wars"
69. Has creditors
70. Lariat
71. Insignificant
72. Robin's abode
73. Go inside

Down

1. Pie portion
2. Fine fabric
3. Concluded
4. President after HST
5. African expedition
6. Lincoln's coin
7. Off kilter
8. Cleverness
9. Outstanding
10. Showy
11. Food plan
12. Engrave
13. Behalf
18. Motionless
23. Lubricates
25. Nevada neighbor
27. Adjusted beforehand
29. _____ Bunny
31. Capri or Wight
32. Bicycle part
33. Bad actors
34. Sunburn soother
35. Thoroughfare
36. Beige
38. Ascot
42. Enjoy gum
44. Roof overhang
45. New spouse's boy
46. Penny pincher
49. Force
51. Group spirit
53. Cassettes
55. Robbery
56. Got up
57. Pavarotti, e.g.
58. Eve's partner
59. Shoe part
60. Malicious look
62. Former
66. Meadow mama
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Sheriff Doesn't Want Marriage

The Sheriff's girl friend constantly asked the Sheriff to get married.

Girl: Please, marry me?

Sheriff: I can't. I have to go catch the bank robbers.

Girl: Please, marry me?

Sheriff: I can't. I have to go catch the rustlers.

Girl: Please, let's get married?

Sheriff: I can't I have to go catch those who held up the train.

Moral of the story: Some men would rather fight outlaws than in-laws!

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GREEN VELVET CAKE

Ingredients:

Cake:

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder (not Dutch process)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk, well shaken
- 1 tablespoon green liquid food coloring
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten



Frosting:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- Pinch fine salt
- Green liquid or gel food coloring, optional
- Green candies and sanding sugar for decorating,

Directions:

1. For the cake: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter three 8-inch round cake pans, line with parchment and butter the parchment; set aside. Whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl; set aside. Whisk the buttermilk, food coloring, and vanilla in a spouted measuring cup; set aside.
2. Beat the granulated sugar and butter in a stand mixer (or a large bowl if using a hand mixer) on medium speed until very light in color and fluffy, about 5 minutes, scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. With the mixer still running, slowly add the eggs and beat until fully incorporated. Reduce the mixer speed to the lowest speed; with it running,

add 1/3 of the flour mixture, then 1/2 of the buttermilk mixture, then 1/2 of the remaining flour mixture, then the remaining buttermilk mixture, then the remaining flour mixture. Scrape down the sides and beat until well mixed. Divide the batter evenly among the three prepared pans. Bake until slightly puffed and a toothpick comes out clean when inserted in the center, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes in the pan, then turn out to cool completely.

3. For the frosting: Put the flour in a small saucepan. Vigorously whisk in about 1/2 cup of the milk, making sure to get the whisk into the edges of the pan, until you have a smooth, thick paste. (This step keeps the flour from clumping.) Slowly whisk in the remaining milk until fully incorporated and the mixture is smooth. Cook over medium heat, whisking continuously, until the mixture is very thick, about 5 minutes. (Toward the end of the process, the mixture will become a thick paste; it may seem to be forming lumps, but whisk vigorously and the lumps will disappear.) Scrape the frosting into a bowl, press plastic wrap onto the surface and refrigerate until cool, about 45 minutes.

4. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (or a hand mixer), beat the butter and granulated sugar on medium speed until very light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add the cooled flour mixture a tablespoon at a time and beat until smooth. Switch to the whisk attachment (or continue with the hand mixer), add the vanilla, salt, and 3 to 5 drops of food coloring if using, and whip until very light and fluffy, like thick whipped cream, up to minutes with a stand mixer or 12 minutes with a hand mixer.

5. To assemble: Place one layer on a cake plate, spread frosting on top, and repeat with the 2 remaining layers. Frost the sides and decorate with candies and sanding sugar if using.

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FUDGY & CREAMY BROWNIES

Ingredients

- 1 box fudge brownie mix plus eggs water and oil listed on the package, prepared according to box directions
- 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- green food coloring I used 12 drops



Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.

Pour prepared brownie batter into the prepared 9 x 13 inch dish.

In a bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar together with a hand mixer until well blended.

Beat in the egg, flour, vanilla, and food coloring until well blended and smooth.

Drop cream cheese mixture by tablespoonfuls evenly on top of batter.

With knife, cut through mixture a few times to marble.

Bake as directed on brownie mix box or until toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean.

Cool completely, about 1 hour and cut into squares. Store in refrigerator. Serves 15.

FUDGE

Ingredients

- 1- 14 ounce can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 3 cups white chocolate chips
- 1.5 tsp vanilla extract
- make green using food coloring, and add sprinkles for garnish if desired

Instructions

1. In heavy sauce pan, mix sweetened condensed milk, chips, and vanilla on medium low heat, stirring until it melts together.
2. Stir in food coloring to make it green for St. Paddy's Day!
3. Line a 9x9 pan with parchment paper
4. Pour fudge mixture into pan
5. Wait for it to set up either in the fridge or on the counter
6. Cut and enjoy!
7. If using sprinkles to garnish, push them into the top once almost set up.



COOKIES

Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 5 teaspoons baking powder*
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ¼ cup shortening

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- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons anise extract can use vanilla or lemon extract instead
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar sifted
- 2-4 tablespoons milk
- Colorful sprinkles optional

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
3. In a microwave safe bowl, melt butter and shortening. Add the sugar and melted butter mixture to a mixing bowl; mix well. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in the anise extract. Add the dry ingredients and mix just until blended. If the dough is too sticky to roll in the palm of your hand, add flour until firmer, but it should be very soft.
4. Roll dough in ¾" balls and place on ungreased cookie sheets.
5. Bake for 8-10 minutes (the bottom should be lightly browned but the tops should remain light). Remove cookies to wire rack and cool completely before glazing.

Glaze

1. Gradually mix milk into confectioners' sugar to make a thick glaze...make sure to keep it on the thick side. Dip top of each cookie into glaze. Sprinkle with sprinkles while glaze is still wet.

SHAMROCK PIE

Ingredients:

Crust:

- 1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons white sugar

Filling:

- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 4 large egg yolks
- ½ cup key lime juice
- 2 tablespoons key lime zest
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 drops green food coloring, or as needed

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Set a rack in the middle of the oven.

Stir graham cracker crumbs, butter, and sugar together in a bowl until combined. Press the magical creation into the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate.

Bake in the preheated oven until set, about 10 minutes. Let crust cool on a wire rack; leave oven on.

Whisk condensed milk and egg yolks together in a bowl until well combined. Add key lime juice and zest; mix well.

Whisk in honey to combine. Add food coloring gradually, whisking until filling is green enough for you. Pour filling over the crust. Bake until nearly set, 16 to 18 minutes. Let cool completely on the wire rack so pie can set fully, at least 30 minutes. Cover and refrigerate, 8 hours to overnight.



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Seeing a homeless guy begging on the street, a woman took pity on him and gave him a handful of change. "Thank you," said the homeless man. "Your generosity is much appreciated. You know my life used to be great, but just look at the state of me now." "How do you mean?" asked the woman. "Well," he explained. "I was a multi-millionaire. I had bank accounts all over the world with hundreds of thousands of dollars deposited in each." "So where did it all go wrong?" she asked. The homeless man sighed, "I forgot my mother's maiden name."



After months of waiting, I finally got to see my doctor on Monday and I showed him the rash on my bottom but he just ignored me and kept pushing his grocery cart down the aisle.

"A Judge's Life Lesson in Marriage!"

Judge: Why do you want divorce?

Petitioner: My wife asks me to peel off garlic, cut onions, wash utensils.

Judge: What's the problem in this? Just warm up the Garlic, it will be easy to peel it.

Before cutting Onions just chill them in the refrigerator and then while cutting them the eyes won't burn.

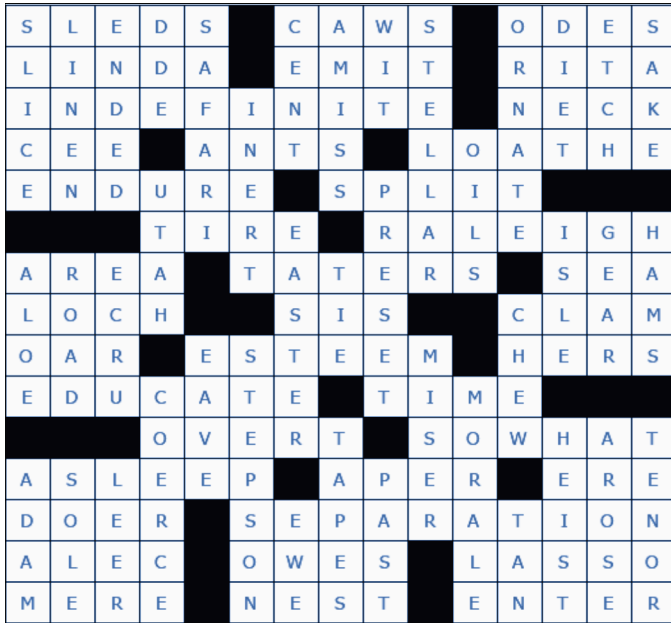
Before washing utensils just immerse them in water for 10 minutes, they can be easily washed.

Before washing clothes, soak them in water for half an hour, all the stains will go away and even hands won't get tired.

Petitioner: Understood Your Honour

Judge: What have you understood?

Petitioner: That your condition is worse than mine.



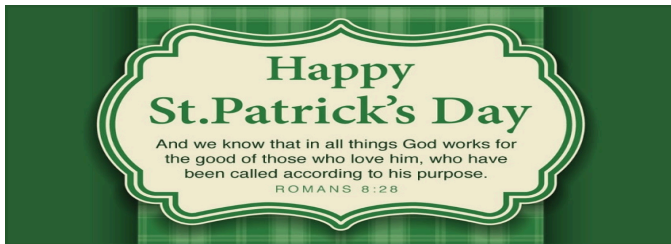
THE CHASE

A woman was driving down the highway about 75 miles an hour, when she noticed a cop following her. Instead of slowing down, she picked up speed.

When she looked back again, there were 2 cops following her. She shot up to 90 mph. The next time she looked around, there were 3 cops following her.

Suddenly, she spotted a gas station looming ahead. She screeched to a stop and ran into the ladies' room. Ten minutes later, she innocently walked out.

The 3 cops were standing there waiting for her. Without batting an eye, she said coyly, "I'll bet none of you thought I would make it."



My mother liked to say, "If you're going to make an omelet, you have to break a few eggs."z

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Two kids, Sam and Ben, were sitting outside a clinic waiting their turns.

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Ben: "I'm here for a blood test."

Sam: "So? What's the big deal? Are you scared?"

Ben: "No, but they cut my finger to take the blood!" Hearing this, Sam suddenly burst into tears, startling Ben, who asked in confusion:

"Why are **you** crying now?"

Sam sniffled and wailed: "I'm here for a urine test!"

The Gift of Discernment

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

We are all faced with making decisions every day, some decisions are more important than others. We need the Spirit of the living God, because there is so much deception in the world at large. Believers who make prayer and Bible study a regular part of their routine are more likely to be attuned to God's voice. **2 Peter 3:17-18** Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. **18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. (NIV)



The gift of discernment is the ability to distinguish good from evil, truth from falsehood, and wisdom from foolishness. It's a spiritual gift that helps Christians make the best decisions and follow the Lord more faithfully. It means "to understand or know something through the power of the Spirit. ... It includes perceiving the true character of people and the source and meaning of spiritual manifestations"

As God's children, we are endowed with His Spirit, "greater is He that is in us, than any challenge we will face in this world".

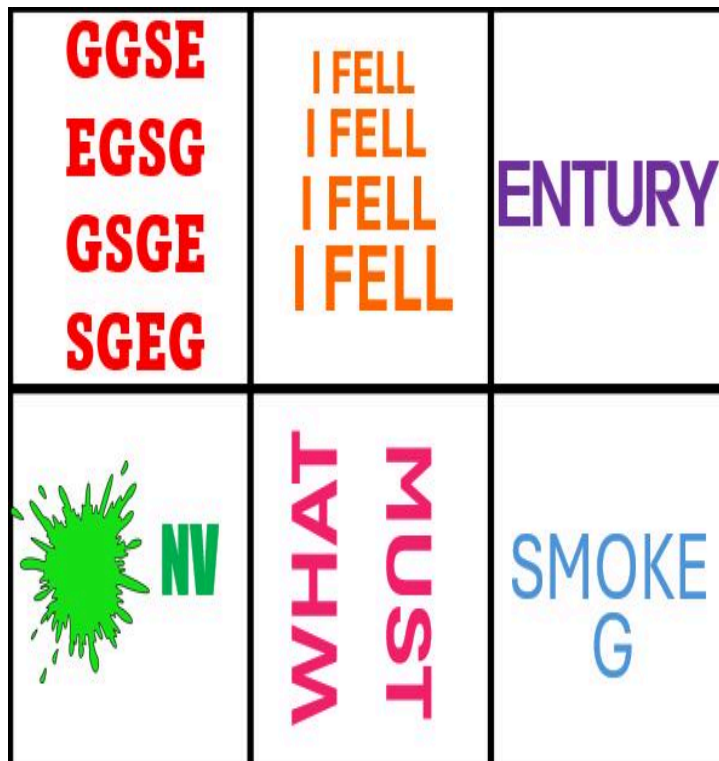
1 Corinthians 2:14 The person without the Spirit does

not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. (NIV)

We need a clear connection to the Holy Spirit to have assurance that our choices are aligned with God's will. Sometimes an opportunity appears harmless or, more likely, very appealing. But if the Holy Spirit within us sends a signal not to pursue it, then we shouldn't, for some reason, God doesn't want us in that situation. And though we can speculate, we may never know what danger we avoided by being obedient. Sin often comes wrapped in a pretty package, but God's children can see past the glitter and false beauty if they choose to look with scriptural wisdom.

Be encouraged my brothers and sisters, the Spirit of God is a very present help in time of troubles, needs and advice by His Spirit to discern and make the right decision. **Proverbs 18:15** "The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out" **Psalms 119:125** "I am your servant; O God, grant me discernment, that I may understand your statutes"

May the God of creation, Sustainer of all that He has created, and never leave nor forsake you. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless you, shine on you, bless you with all spiritual gifts in times of need.



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Wife: "Alright, then take this Digene."

Husband: "Come on! I don't even have gastric trouble."

Wife: "Okay, take this Pudina Hara. It'll give you immediate relief."

Husband: "My dear, my stomach is perfectly fine."

Wife: "Oh, but you should at least take Combiflam. Any pain in your hands or legs will disappear in no time."

Husband: "Are you crazy? Why all this sudden care and concern for me? Thanks, darling, but I'm totally fit, fresh, and energetic."

Wife: "Very good! Now take this broom and sweep the kitchen floor, and then give it a good moping."

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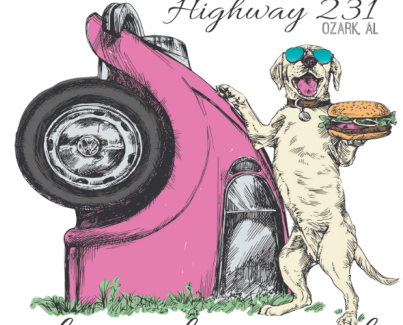
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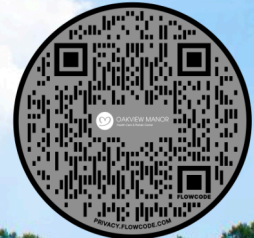
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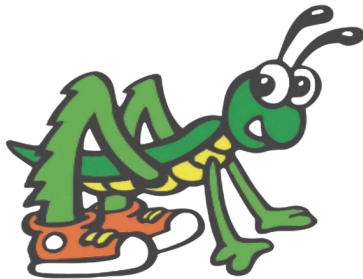
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WHO AM I?

Who Am I?

"So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning." (John 8:25). I can hear them now. Have you ever been asked in an arrogant, derogatory manner, "Just who do you think you are mister goody- two-shoes?" That's the scornful attitude the Pharisees had anytime they questioned Jesus. Jesus' response, "from the beginning" could be referring back to what's been said earlier that he was the light of the world, which he continued to testify; or of his speaking before the Sanhedrin, when he affirmed that God was his Father, (Luke 22:70), and went on with many strong arguments that proved his divine sonship. It could also refer to his ministry, with miracles as well as doctrines, he made that he was he that was to come, the true Messiah. (John 4:25-26). Or, it could one of the more mysterious utterances in the Old Testament, God's self-

Wise Words
BY HAYES WISE

revelation to Moses during the burning bush scene in Exodus 3:14, "I am that I am"; an expression of his self-existence. The three things God says about Himself in Exodus 3:13-15 are: "I Am Who I Am" (3:14a) "I Am has sent me to you" (3:14b) "This is my name forever[Yahweh]" (3:15).

When God gives a name for His people to call Him it conveys His dominion over all things, the source of His power, and His eternal nature: I AM. He is the self-sufficient, self-sustaining God who was, who is, and who will be. This eternal nature is conveyed better in the Hebrew than in the English. Yahweh means, "I Am".

I wonder if on some level the Pharisees and Sadducees had an inkling that Jesus was who he said he was. As the ruling class they were afraid of losing their power, so they refused to believe. I believe that is also the problem today with people believing in Jesus. Are you afraid of not being able to do what you want? Or, will you believe the "I Am"? (John 14:6; John 3:16).

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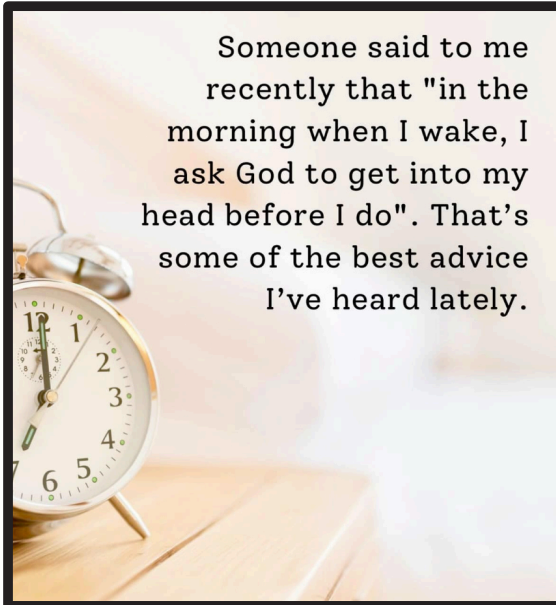
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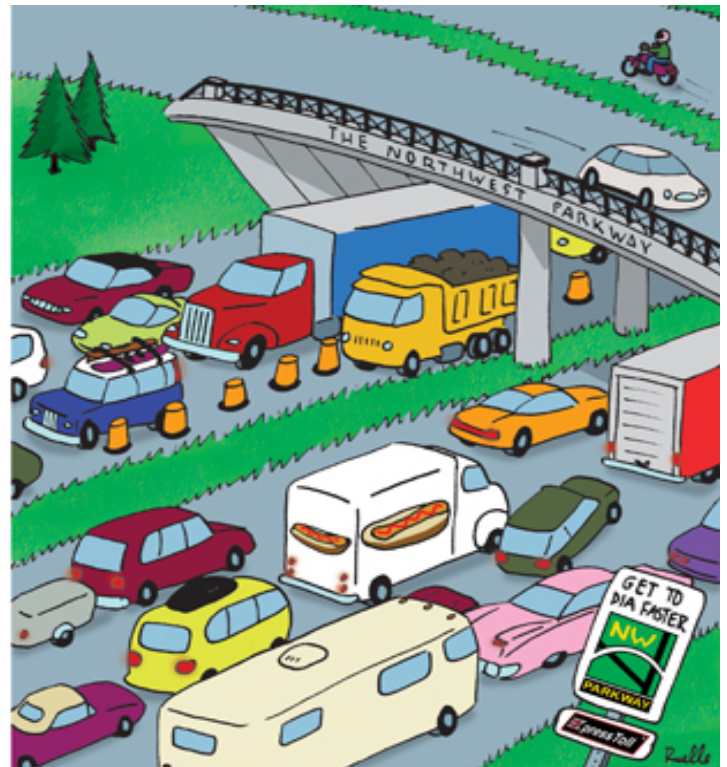
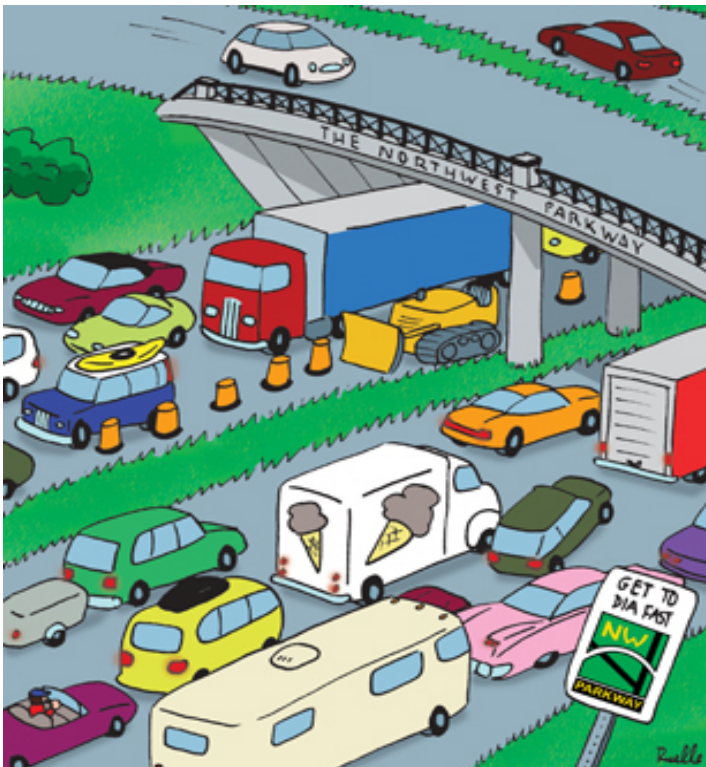


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"I did not attend his funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
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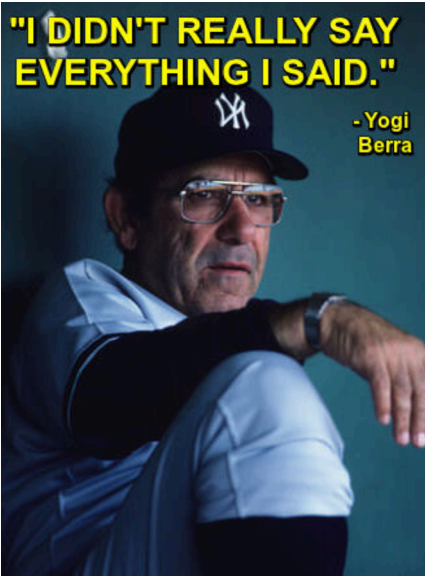
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The February Claybank Master Gardeners were treated to a visit from Emily West, general manager of the family-owned D & J Nursery in Dothan. She gave us a thorough description of 18 imaginative types of water features to bring a pleasant, relaxing atmosphere and even wildlife to our homes and businesses. Emily patiently answered many questions on all things nurseries can advise us on. D & J Nursery is a great source of inspiration and gardening wisdom. You can call them at (334) 677-3866 or visit them at 7947 So. US 231, Dothan, AL.



The Alabama Extension SOW app tells us we can plant these seeds now: mustard, oregano, parsley, radishes, spinach, sweet peas, Swiss chard, thyme and turnips.

Upcoming dates for interested gardeners:

March 12: "Succulents" by Autumn Drummond at the Claybank Master Gardener meeting at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark

March 13: "Azaleas 101 Workshop" will be held in Mobile on March 13. It's only \$10, and you can register and pay online at <https://www.aces.edu/go/MobileAzaleas>. If you want to take a trip to Mobile, here's a great reason to go!

The *Claybank Master Gardeners* meet on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 AM** at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave. Our March meeting will be on **Wednesday, 12th**. 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.

Of course it is always a good idea to contact the Dale County Extension office at (334) 774-2329 to verify the times and dates that may have unexpectedly changed.

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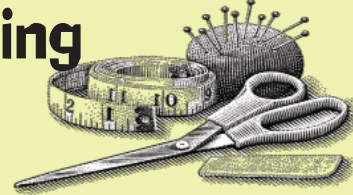
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Answers
 from page 19 puzzle

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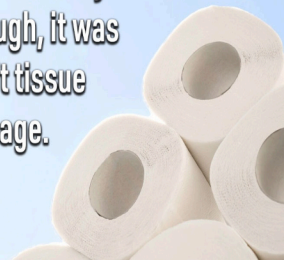
Long Time No See

Green with Envy

What goes up Must Come Down

Go up in smoke

A large stack of toilet
 paper fell on me in the
 supermarket today.
 I'm ok though, it was
 just soft tissue
 damage.



**PRAYER GOES
 WHERE
 PEOPLE
 CAN'T.**

FIND THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION





I just helped my neighbor bury a rolled up carpet in the woods.
Her husband would have helped, but he's out of town.

I used to think our parents were sooo strict, but watching these kids today, I think our parents saved our lives.

At the young age of 5, a bear told me that I am the only person who can prevent forest fires.

Why I was chosen, I'll never know.

Find 5 differences



Didn't you date a girl with a wooden leg back in the 70's? What happened with that?

Oh that? I broke it off.



WACKIE WORDS SOLUTION

	1	2	3
A	Slightly Overcast	Four Seasons	The Shortest Distance Between 2 Points
B	For Once in My Life	Split Decision	Low Self Esteem
C	Little House on the Prairie	See You in Court	Lois Lane
D	When in Rome	Capital Punishment	Corner Stone

A man had a habit of giving a beggar \$1000 every month. This went on for a long time, and the beggar grew accustomed to this generosity. However, one day, the man handed the beggar only \$750. The beggar was surprised but thought, *\$750 is still more than nothing*, and accepted the money without complaint.

A month later, the man gave only \$500. The beggar was taken aback and, feeling a bit uneasy, asked the man, "You used to give me \$1000, then \$750, and now it's only \$500. Why the change? Can you explain?"

The man sighed and replied, "In the past, when my children were young, I was in a better financial situation, so I gave you \$1000. But then my daughter went to university, and her tuition fees were high, so I had to reduce it to \$750. Now, my second son is also in university, and the costs have risen further, so I'm only able to give \$500."

The beggar, still puzzled, asked, "How many children do you have?"

The man answered, "Four."

The beggar raised an eyebrow and said, "So, will you continue educating all your children at my expense?" Sometimes, people come to view your kindness and generosity as an obligation rather than a gift, forgetting that it comes from your heart, not their entitlement.

I am starting a charity to teach short people math. It's called "Making Things Count."

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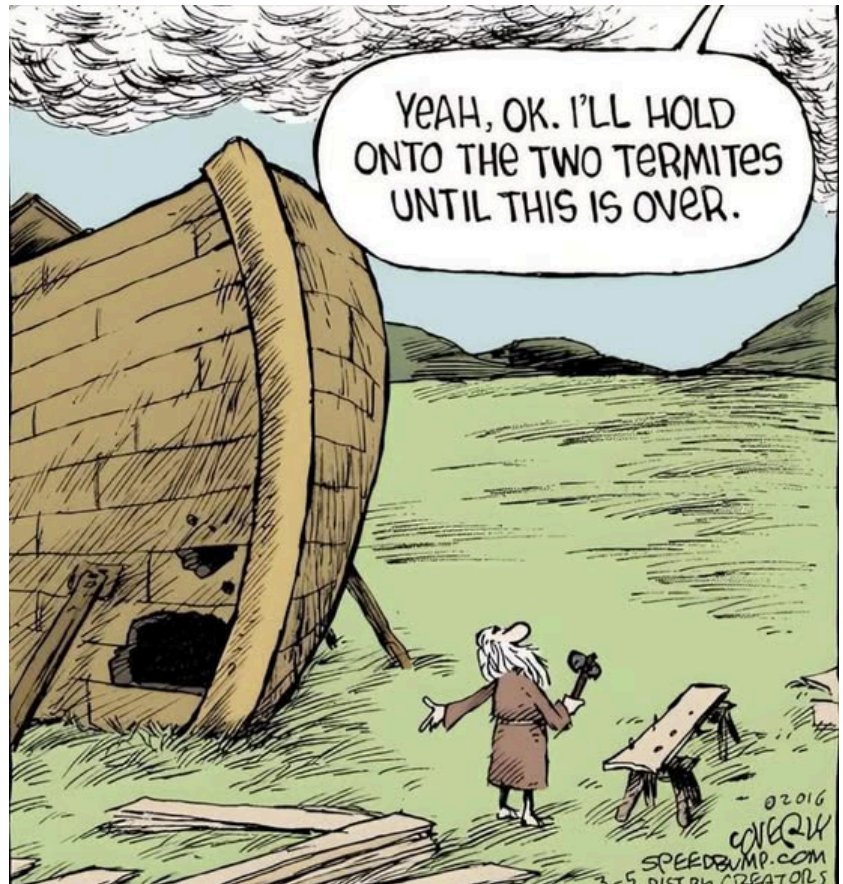
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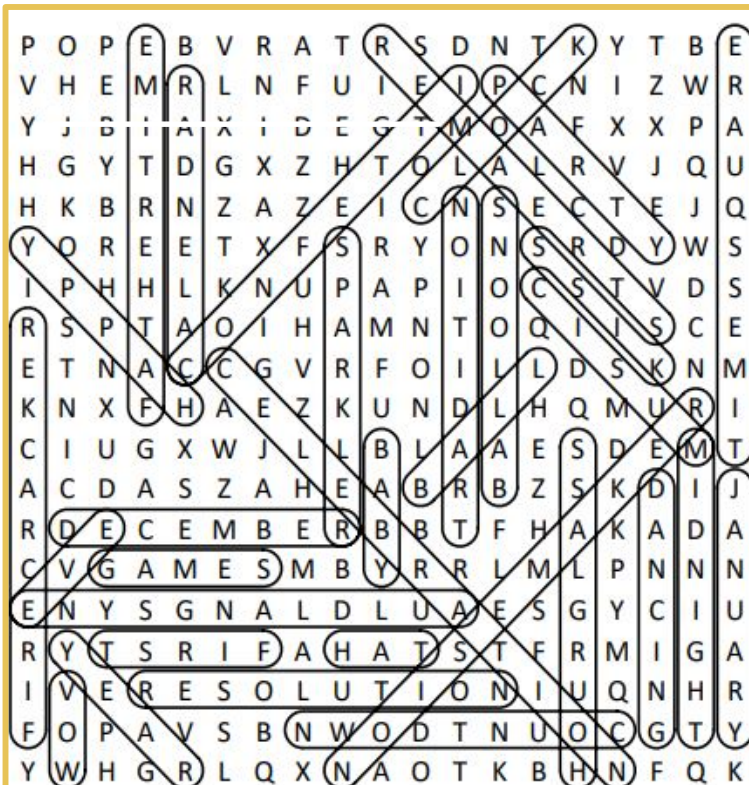
"Any man can make
mistakes, but only an idiot
persists in his error." ~
Cicero

"When you're good at
something, you'll tell
everyone. When you're great
at something, they'll tell you."
- Walter Payton



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St. Peter looked puzzled. "Huh. That's a first. I'm not sure... Let me go find out."

And with that, he disappeared.

The couple waited. And waited. Months passed.

As they waited, they started discussing the reality of an eternal marriage. What if it

doesn't work out? Are we stuck together forever?

Another month went by before St. Peter finally returned, looking exhausted and a little disheveled.

"Yes," he said, sighing. "You can get married in Heaven."

"Great!" the couple cheered. But then they hesitated.

"Uh, just one more question... What if things don't work out? Can we, um... get a divorce in Heaven?"

At this, St. Peter's face turned bright red. He slammed his clipboard on the ground and shouted—

"OH, COME ON!!! It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take to find a lawyer?!"



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