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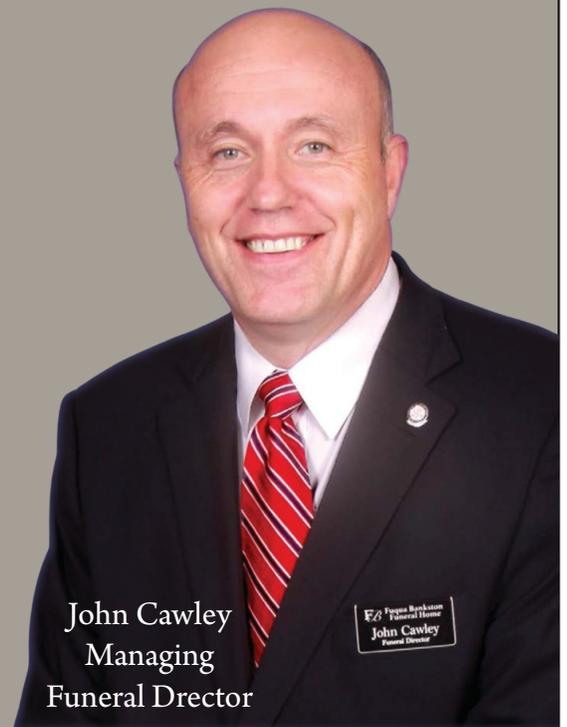


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Cecil: She forgets everything?

Ralph: No, she remembers everything!

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A customer walked up to my bank window and asked me to cash a check.

"Of course," I said. "But I'll need to see ID."

She dug through her purse and handed me a snapshot.

"That's me in the middle," she said.

Working From Home

Yesterday I saw my neighbor kicking in his own door...

Turns out he's a burglar who started working from home.

"May you be in heaven a full half hour before the devil knows you're dead".

I Don't Have Time

My 5 year old daughter drew a nice picture of a princess and beautiful flowers and sunshine.

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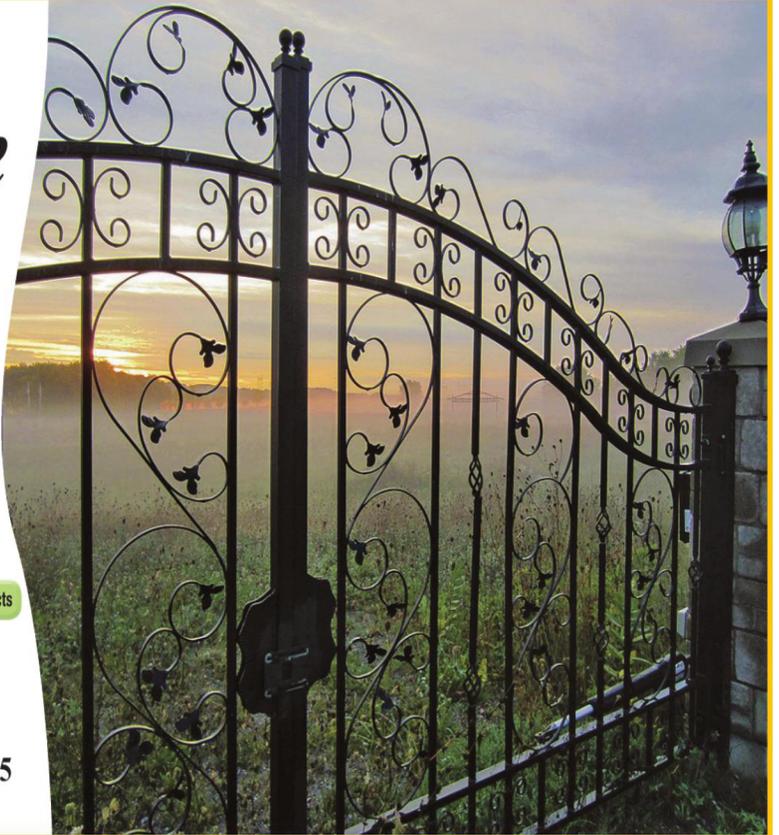
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Jed was having amazing success with online dating, but after discussing his online profile, dates abruptly ended. They'd ask Jed which airport did he work at? he'd respond Air Port? I work down at the sawmill. The date mentioned that his profile said he was a pilot. jed had to explain...his coworkers cut the wood and he would pilot. ~Submitted by Lewis Bray

"IF SERVING IN AN ELECTED OFFICE EVER BECOMES A CAREER, CORRUPTION WILL SURELY FOLLOW." I THINK HE NAILED IT.

I'm just saying that asking a uber driver how much it would cost to go somewhere is, in my opinion, a fare question.

My wife and I walked past this fancy new restaurant, "did you smell that food" she said, "It smells delicious!"

Man goes to his doctor and says "doctor, I think I'm losing my hearing". Doctor says. "can you describe the symptoms for me" Man replies "sure. Homer is fat and bald, marge has tall blue hair..."

Being the kind hearted husband I am I thought, "Fine I'll treat her!" So I walked her past it one more time.

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I'm not sure, but the flag is a big plus.



I feel like teachers should wear body cams like police so parents can see how their children act in class.

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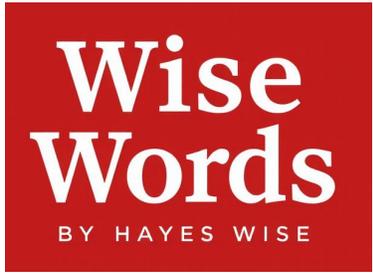
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FACING TRYING SITUATIONS

No matter how hard we try to respond to anger in positive ways, there will always be times when we “fly off the handle”. We’ve heard these statements; “she makes me madder than an old, wet, sitting hen”. Another one is, “he makes me so mad I could spit”. Or, “don’t get your britches in a wad”. The sweetest one is, “well bless your heart”. I know one of those brought back a memory. I tell people; “No one can make you angry, it’s you that allows them to”. No, I am not able to heed my own words at all times, but have to beg forgiveness moments later. If we follow our emotions, we often react with anger. The old saying, “count to ten” is biblical.

Several Bible verses advise against letting anger control you. “And “don’t sin by letting anger control you. “Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.” (Eph 4:26-27). Other verses like James 1:19-20 encourage being “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry,” while Proverbs 29:11 states that “a fool gives full



vent to his spirit, but a wise person quietly holds it back.” These verses emphasize managing anger in a Godly manner.

The Bible has a lot of wisdom and practical advice for everything in our everyday lives. When we are faced with emotionally charged situations, we can struggle to respond in a godly way. I recently did a message on “The Great I Am”. God invites us over and over to be still. (Psa 46:10). When Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem had been destroyed, he could have exploded with anger. Instead, “When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven”. (Neh 1:1-4). Learning to sit still gives God time to meet us and guide us with truth, comfort, and healing. In trying times remember, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Pro 15:1).



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“Can I help you find something, miss? He asked.

“It’s Mrs.!, She said proudly, “I just got married.”

“Congratulations,” said the manager. “What can I help you find?”

“Scratch,” she replied.

“Scratch?” he asked, “Is that a new cleanser?”

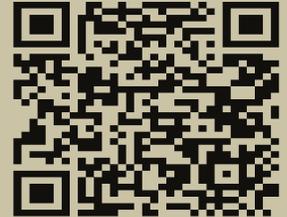
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 named the
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PISTACHIO AND COCONUT CAKE

16 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 white cake mix (regular size)
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant pudding mix
- 1 cup lemon-lime soda
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup toasted shelled pistachios, chopped



FROSTING:

- 1-1/4 cups cold milk
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

TOPPINGS:

- 1/4 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1/4 cup toasted shelled pistachios, chopped

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Combine the first five ingredients; beat on low speed until moistened, about 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes; stir in coconut and toasted pistachios.
2. Pour into two greased 8-in. round baking pans or a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 40-45 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
3. For frosting, beat milk and pudding mix on low speed for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Spread frosting over top of cake, and, if using round pans, between layers. Top with toasted coconut and pistachios. Refrigerate until serving

PISTACHIO SALAD

12 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 carton (16 ounces) whipped topping



- 1 package (3.4 oz) instant pistachio pudding mix
- 6 to 7 drops green food coloring, optional
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple tidbits, undrained
- 1/2 cup chopped pistachios or walnuts
- Additional whipped topping, optional

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine whipped topping, pudding mix and, if desired, food coloring.

Fold in the marshmallows and pineapple. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Just before serving, top with additional whipped topping if desired, and sprinkle with nuts.

HOMEMADE SHAMROCK SHAKES

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups vanilla bean ice cream
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. mint extract
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 9 drops green food coloring
- whipped cream, cherries, and fresh mint sprigs, for garnish



DIRECTIONS

YIELDS: 2 serving(s)

1. Combine ice cream, milk, extracts, and food coloring in the base of a blender. Blend until thick and creamy, about 30 seconds.
2. Pour the mixture into 2 tall glasses and top with whipped cream, cherries, and mint.

LIME-IN-THE-COCONUT ALMOND BARK

YIELD: 1 POUND

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) white baking chips
- 4 teaspoons shortening
- 2 to 4 drops green food coloring, optional
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds, toasted
- 4 teaspoons grated lime zest



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DIRECTIONS

1. Line a 9-in. square baking pan with foil; set aside. In a microwave, melt chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Stir in food coloring if desired. Stir in the coconut, almonds and lime zest. Spread into prepared pan. Chill until firm, 10-15 minutes.
2. Break into small pieces. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

COCONUT PISTACHIO PIE

INGREDIENTS

- 2-1/2 cups sweetened shredded coconut, lightly toasted
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 packages (3.4 ounces each) instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 cup whipped topping
- Chopped pistachios, optional



DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine coconut and butter. Press onto the bottom and up the side of a greased 9-in. pie plate. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or until firm.
2. In a small bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Spread 1-1/2 cups over crust.
3. Fold whipped topping into remaining pudding; spread over pie. If desired, sprinkle with chopped pistachios. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

KEY LIME YOGURT PIE

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1 package (3 ounces) lime gelatin
- 2 cartons (6 ounces each) Key lime yogurt
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 9-inch graham cracker crust



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DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, add boiling water to gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Whisk in yogurt. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust.
2. Refrigerate, covered, until set, about 2 hours.

GRASSHOPPER PIE

INGREDIENTS

- 15 chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreos
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 24 large marshmallows (or a 13-oz. container of marshmallow fluff)
- 2/3 cup half-and-half
- 2 Tbsp. creme de menthe liqueur, plus more to taste
- 2 Tbsp. creme de cacao liqueur
- Drop or two of green food coloring (optional)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Extra cookie crumbs, for sprinkling



DIRECTIONS

1. Place the cookies and melted butter into the bowl of a food processor and pulverize. Press the crumbs into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch pie pan, reserving a few to sprinkle over the pie later. Place the crust in the freezer while you make the filling, at least 15 minutes.
2. In a saucepan, heat the marshmallows and half-and-half over low heat, stirring constantly. As soon as it's all melted and combined, place saucepan in a bowl of ice to cool down quickly. (Stirring occasionally will hasten this process.) Once cool, add creme de menthe and creme de cacao. Taste and add more creme de menthe if needed. Add one to two drops green food coloring, if using.
3. In a mixing bowl, beat the heavy cream until stiff. Pour the cold marshmallow mixture into the whipped cream and fold together gently.
4. Pour the filling into the chocolate crust. Sprinkle the reserved cookie crumbs over the top. Place the pie in the freezer and freeze until very firm, at least 2 hours. Remove from the freezer 10 minutes or so before you want to slice and serve.



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I had my first UFO encounter when I was ten.

I walked into the kitchen and confessed to my mom that I killed her prize Orchid. The next thing I knew, there were flying saucers coming at me from everywhere!

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The prosecutor was relentless as he badgered the witness: "What did the accused do when he learned the jewelry was stolen?"
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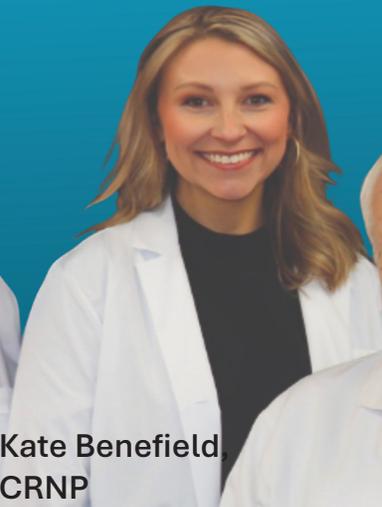
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CULTIVATING TRUE INTIMACY WITH GOD

Speak with us. When we pray, don't do all the talking, take time to hear God's response.

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

The word "cultivate" involves working something better, improve something care, effort, and training, similar to garden, requiring attention and

The word "intimacy" means deep and connection, allowing for the sharing of private thoughts, feelings, and experiences, fostering mutual understanding, trust, and acceptance, often involving vulnerability and transparency, famously described as "into-me-see".

Cultivating true intimacy with Christ is less about religious "performance" and more about developing a personal, ongoing relationship built on trust and vulnerability.

Surrendering control: true intimacy involves letting Him into every area of your life, even those you want to hide or control.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

God is not a god that cannot not be found. He wants to hear our concerns, and He is delighted to



John 15:10 If you keep My commandments and obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. (AMP)

- While God's love for believers is immutable, abiding or remaining in the enjoyment and experience of that love is connected to obedience.
 - Love is not merely an emotion but is evidenced by action—taking Jesus' teachings seriously.
- James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you....*
- James 4:8 is a call to action for believers to foster intimacy with God by intentionally moving closer to Him, promised to be met with reciprocal divine presence.

This is an active, ongoing effort to seek God through prayer, scripture, and repentance. Pure intimacy should be a continuous awareness. Don't isolate your relationship with Christ to a "prayer closet" or Sunday morning service. But a vibrant relationship, enjoying His presence daily. May the Lord bless you, and keep you in His care!

The Optimist's Curse: "May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch up".

If the Titanic really "hit an iceberg" how come no pieces of an iceberg were ever found in the wreckage??

IN BAD TASTE

A vegan said to me, "People who sell meat are gross!"
I said, "People who sell veggies are grocer."

Is there rehab for gossiping?

I don't need it, but I'll tell you who does...

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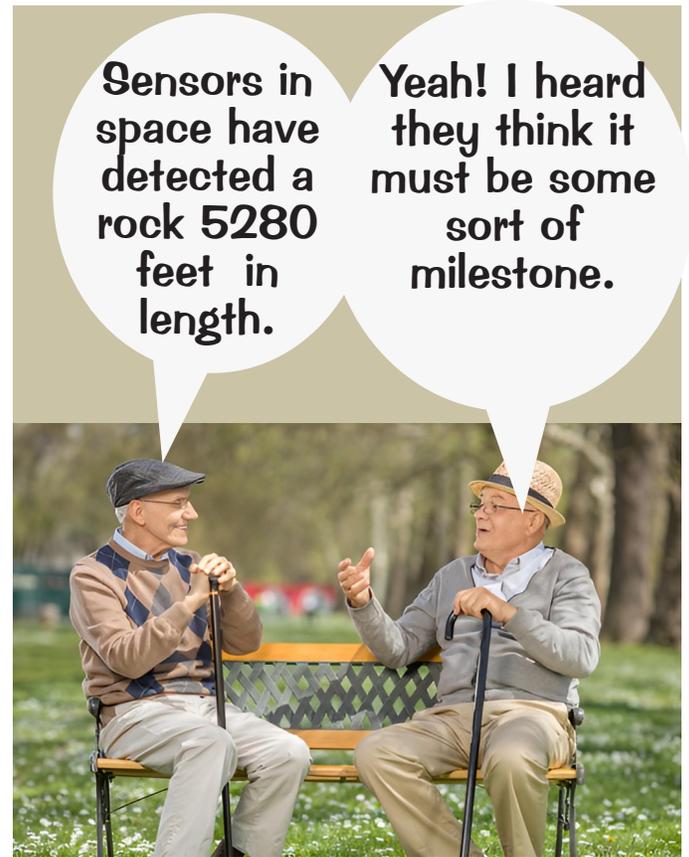
A little, silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbor decides to go over and help her with the puzzle. When he arrives, the old lady shows him the puzzle spread out all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then

looks at the box, then turns to her and says: "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." Then he

takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." and he says this with a deep sigh. "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



Sensors in space have detected a rock 5280 feet in length.

Yeah! I heard they think it must be some sort of milestone.

"When she gets angry, she has a face like a bulldog chewing a wasp."

DOWN TO SIZE

My two granddaughters—six and eight years old—were being home-schooled by their mom. One day, the eight-year-old had a spelling bee with her sister.

"Spell 'elephant,'" the older one said. "Let her spell small animals, not big ones," said her mom. The older sister paused, then said, "Spell 'mosquito.'"

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I knew this man who had just seen a Chernobyl documentary. He grew up in Ukraine in the 1980's and he said he was able to count at least 8 historical inaccuracies on one hand.

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He was so light fingered, He could steal the cross off a donkey's back.

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MARCH 2026

Greetings Gardeners,

Our February Claybank Master Gardener meeting was treated to a very informative presentation by Extension Agent Kerry Steedly on the 2026 Alabama Invasive Plants Project.



The definition of “invasive” refers to plants that are non-native to this locale. Invasive plants outcompete native plants and disrupt food webs. Unfortunately, these plants are still being sold on the market. Some of us were surprised to learn that nandina, aka “Heavenly Bamboo”, is non-native, invasive, and toxic to birds when they eat too many of the berries. Our yard has lots of nandinas. What we didn’t know is that when certain species of birds eat too many of the red berries they will die. In 2009, flocks of cedar waxwings travelling through an area in Georgia gorged themselves on the berries and died from them. So please cut off the berries before they turn red or cut back the nandinas altogether. Beautyberry plants are a good replacement with purple berries that birds can safely eat. This link will bring you to more important information on invasive plants:

www.aces.edu/go/YearofinvasivePlants.

SOME SPRING TIPS:

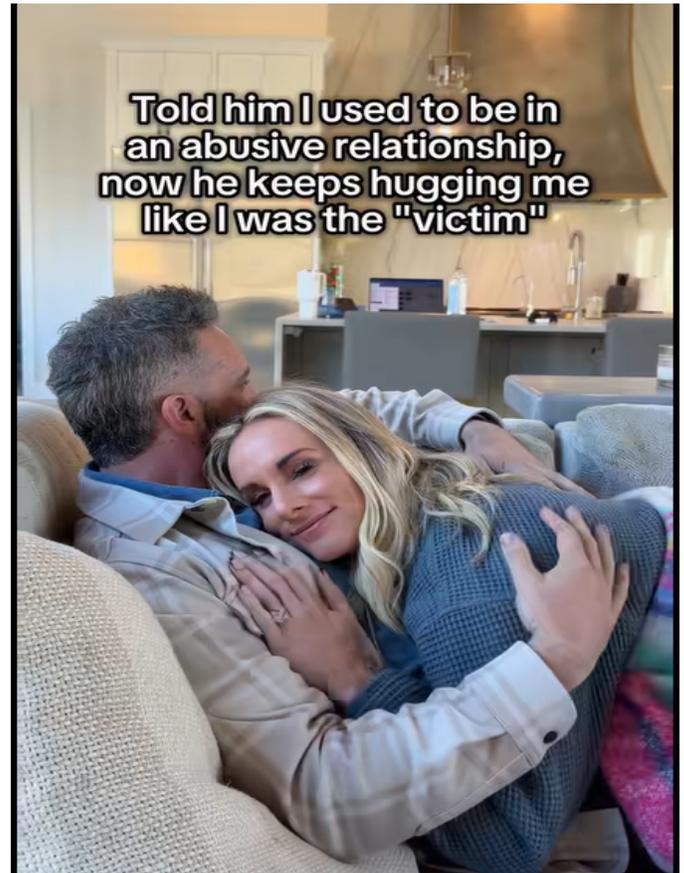
This is a good time to get the wildflower seeds scattered in your beds. A thin layer of soil or mulch is all they need, then rake lightly over your seeded areas to nestle them into the soil.

*Don’t commit myrtle murder!! If you have to prune your crape myrtle trees, don’t chop off the entire branched parts. Cut the tree to one-third of its height and allow enough branches to remain that will provide shade or the shape you want.

*Cut from the bottom side of the branch first, then cut above the branch, about one inch further out from trunk than the first cut. This allows the branch to snap off, and then you can cut it cleanly at the outside of the collar, where the branch connects to the trunk. The collar will callus over the cut with new bark. Don’t cut flush to the tree. Using a handsaw is safest, or a pole saw.

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

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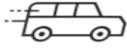
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A: Short

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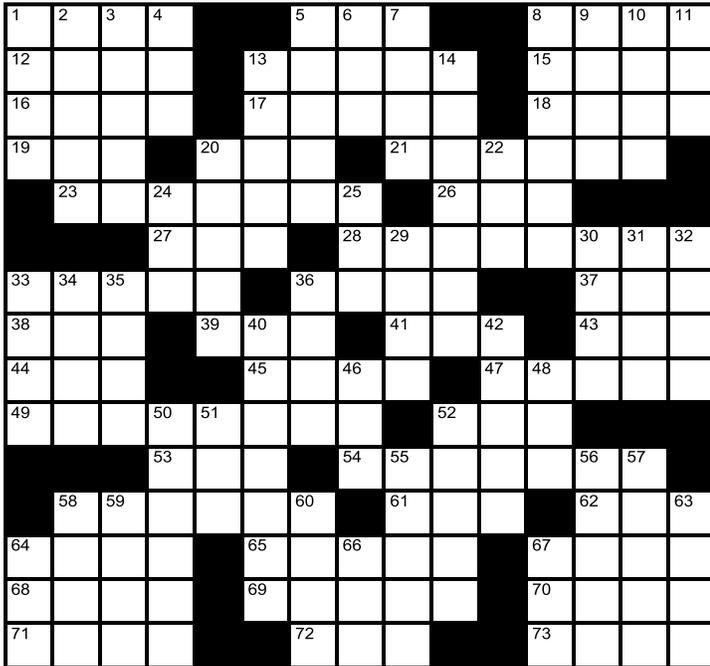
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Across

- 1 After lumber or bumper
- 5 Small drink
- 8 Touch on
- 12 Canyon effect
- 13 Chipped in chips
- 15 Astronaut's insignia
- 16 "Now hear ___!"
- 17 Cheap jewelry
- 18 Conked out
- 19 Rep.'s counterpart
- 20 Abbr. in car ads
- 21 Embarks
- 23 Horse toppers
- 26 Compass pt.
- 27 Pub pint
- 28 *Million Dollar Baby* actor
- 33 Disney's fawn
- 36 Dispatched
- 37 Country club figure
- 38 Tenn. neighbor
- 39 Dracula, at times
- 41 Sixth sense
- 43 Guitarist Nugent
- 44 Court divider
- 45 Root vegetable
- 47 Dogie catcher
- 49 Young tree
- 52 Pocketbook
- 53 Suffer
- 54 Actors Jennifer and James, e.g.
- 58 Features of many westerns
- 61 Allow
- 62 Ancient
- 64 Assist
- 65 Majestic
- 67 Molokai meal
- 68 ___ of Capri
- 69 Did wrong
- 70 *Beetle Bailey* pooch
- 71 Common flag symbol
- 72 Plaything
- 73 Golfer's bagful

Down

- 1 Fast planes
- 2 Throbs
- 3 Popular wedding gift
- 4 Bout enders, for short
- 5 Trap
- 6 "___ show time!"
- 7 Guinea pigs, maybe
- 8 ___ "Dice" Clay
- 9 Worms, usually
- 10 Plays for a sap
- 11 Small amount
- 13 Pie filler
- 14 Hates
- 20 Do without a script
- 22 Picnic crasher
- 24 Swab
- 25 Bishop's jurisdiction
- 29 Work without ___ (be daring)
- 30 Chooses
- 31 Minerals
- 32 Extinct bird
- 33 Outlaws
- 34 Sheltered, at sea
- 35 Chess ending
- 36 British weapon
- 40 Texas city
- 42 Rosebush, e.g.
- 46 Bacon's pal
- 48 Cause of wrinkles
- 50 Fashionable
- 51 Golf ball position
- 52 Kennel club classification
- 55 Hamlin's ___ Oop
- 56 Major thoroughfare
- 57 Roofing material
- 58 Reason to cram
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The elderly grandma always talked to the hens whenever she fed them. One day, her grandson asked, "Grandma, why do you talk to the chickens?" "I'm just trying to egg them on."

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PANICKING POODLE

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat." "Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie. "I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

PAR FOR THE COURSE

The police are called to an apartment and find a woman standing over a lifeless man, holding a bent and twisted five-iron. The detective asks, "Is that your husband?" "Yes," replies the woman. "Did you hit him with the golf club?" "Yes, I did," sobs the woman. "How many times did you hit him?" asks the detective. "I don't know," she replies. "Five, six, maybe seven times. Oh look, just put me down for five."

WITTY LITTLE KNITTER

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting.

The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over!"

"No!" the woman yelled back, "Cardigan!"

HOLY SPELLING MISTAKE!

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head monk to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies. The head monk, says, "You make a good point, my son." He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held in a locked vault. Hours go by and nobody sees the head monk. The young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him

banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the R!"
 "Father!" cries the young monk. "What's wrong?"

The head monk with tears in his eyes replies, "The word is celebrate!"

"The wise man does first what the fool does finally"

Got a text from my wife that said she was breaking up with me. Imagine how relieved I was when a few minutes later she retexted me saying "Sorry, wrong number."

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Happy birthday to... Him

My mother asked me to hand out invitations to my brother's surprise party. That's when I realized he was her favorite twin.

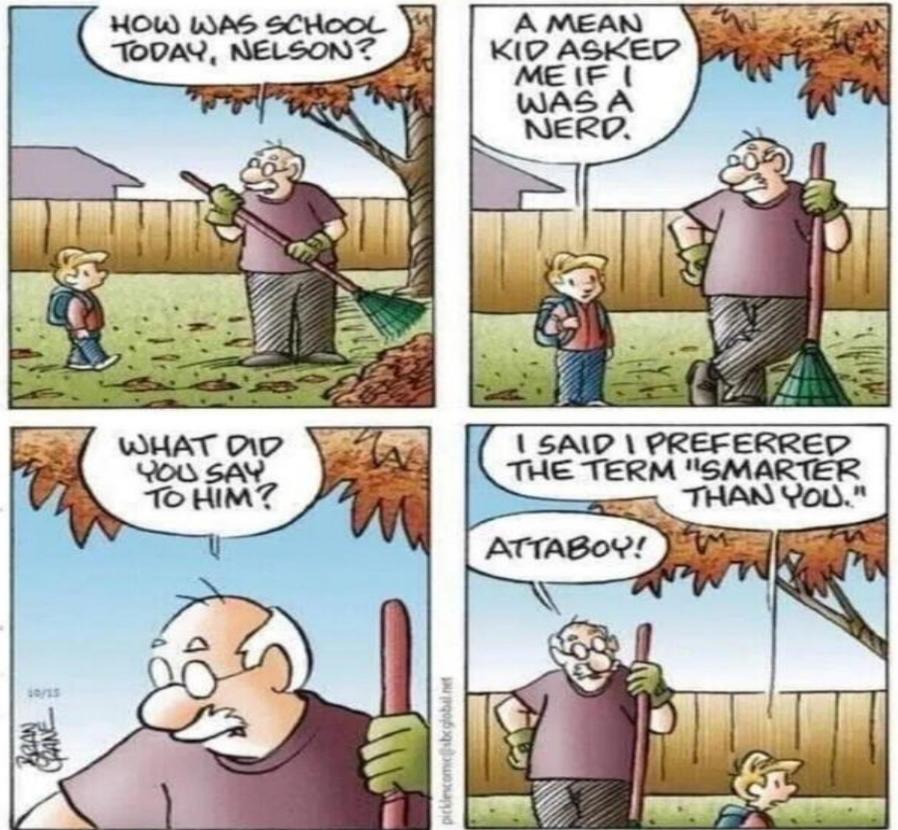
That's why they're called "luxury goods"

I was browsing in the men's department at Neiman Marcus when a knitted black designer blazer caught my eye. Although the tag said it was on sale, it still cost more than I cared to spend. Tempting fate, I tried it on. Just then, a saleswoman appeared.

"It fits you perfectly," she said.

"Yes," I said, "but I really don't need it."

Without missing a beat, she replied, "We don't sell things that people need."



You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was.

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

You can say "Have a Nice day", no problem, but saying "Enjoy the next 24 hours." sounds a little threatening.

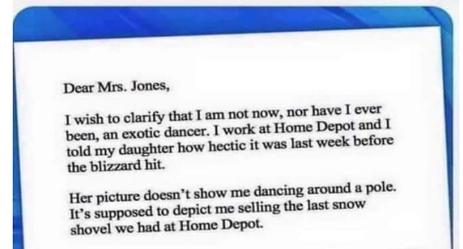
My Wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked "Does this make my butt look big?"

I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!"

Please send help!

MY BETTER-HALF SAYS SUCKING IN MY STOMACH ON THE SCALES WON'T HELP. I SAID, "YES IT DOES HELP TOO, I CAN SEE THE NUMBERS"



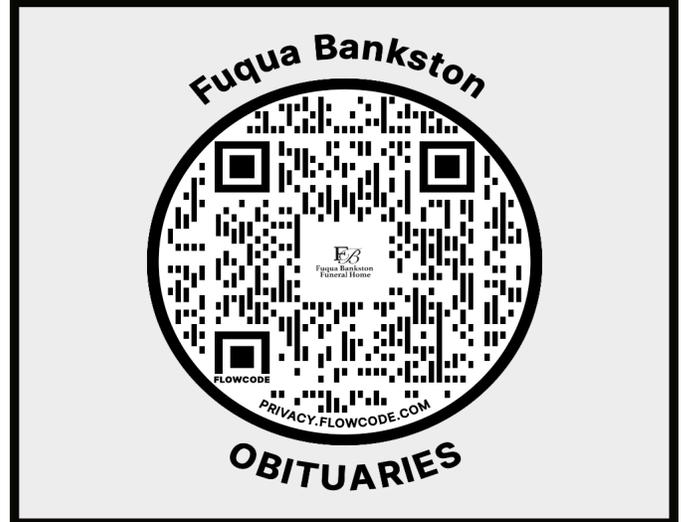
Many people find me difficult.

But I'm never difficult

When I'm alone,

So, it's not me!

OBITUARIES



Pennies have been discontinued so I will no longer be giving you my two cents.

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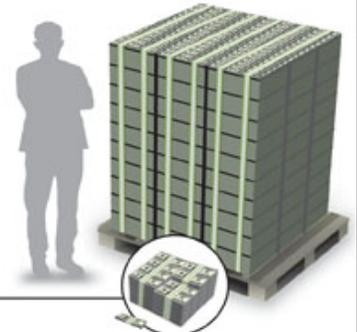
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The most terrifying detail about Noah's Ark isn't the size of the flood. It is the design of the boat. If you look closely at the blueprints God gave Noah in Genesis 6, He was extremely specific. He gave the exact length, width, and height. He specified the type of wood and the pitch to seal it.

In my little years, I have never thought of this! But God left out one crucial component.

There was no steering wheel, no sail, and worse still, there was no engine. Think about how scary that is. Noah was building a massive vessel to survive a global storm, but he had zero control over it, or over where it went. He couldn't steer it away from rocks. He couldn't turn it into the waves. He couldn't aim for dry land. He was completely at the mercy of the water.

The Ark was not designed for navigation; just for floating.

Noah's job was to to be the Passenger, not the Captain.

God was the Captain.

This is a picture of your life right now. You are trying to put a steering wheel on a situation that God wants you to simply float through

Credit: New Beginnings Worship Center

Q: What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws and the end of its paws, and the other is a pause at the ends of a clause. **A:**

I don't like it when homeless people shake their change cup at me.

I get it. You have more money than me. No need to be a jerk about it.

“No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens.” —President Abraham Lincoln

“In my many years, I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a Congress.” — President John Adams

When asked by the press around Christmastime in 1984 if there was anything he wanted for Christmas but didn't get, President Ronald Reagan told the reporters, “Minnesota would have been nice.”



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