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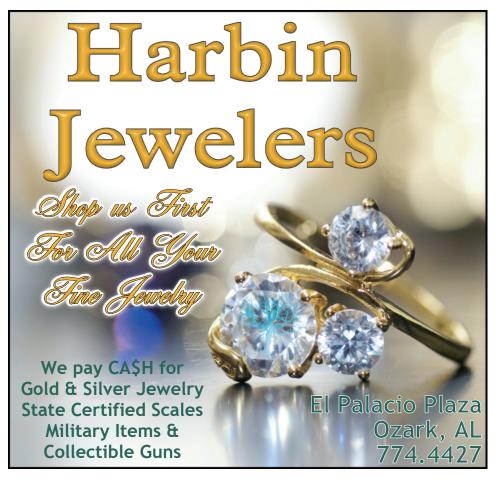
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A newly ordained priest, nervous about hearing confessions, finally asks an older priest to observe how he does and give some tips. After listening in on the second confession, the older priest suggested that the younger man fold his arms, maybe rub his chin with one hand while saying phrases like "I see" or "I understand" or "Yes, my child. Go on".

The young priest puts the suggestions into practice and later tells the older priest how much it has helped getting more information from his flock.
"You've done well," said the older man. "Isn't that much better than slapping your knee and yelling 'No way! What happened next?""

AUCTIONS

Everyone knows that auctions speak louder than words - that's because of the auction-ears.

Auctions are the one place where you can get something for nodding.

Though, of course, you do have to stay 'til the bidder end.

I bought an off-road vehicle in a blind auction.

Got it delivered ... it was a canoe.

I hate it when people don't know the difference between "your" and "you're". There so stupid.

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After years of wondering why he didn't look like his younger sister or brother, a young man finally got up the nerve to ask his mother if he was adopted. "Yes, you were son," his mother said as she started to cry softly. "But it didn't work out and they brought you back."

Eraser Diet

When I stepped on the scale at my doctor's office, I was surprised to see that I weighed 144 pounds.

"Why don't you just take off that last four?" I joked to the nurse's aide as she made a notation on my chart.

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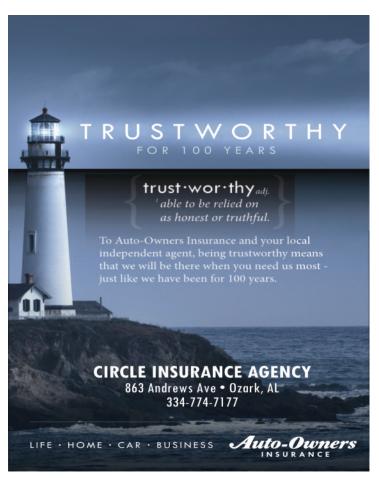
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"Just where do you think you going?" she asked. "What do you mean?" I said.

She read the card aloud as the florist had written it: "Thanks for putting up with me. So long."

IS THE HONEYMOON OVER?

After the honeymoon, the new wife tells her husband, "I think it's time for you to stop hunting and fishing. In fact, you might as well sell all of your guns and rod and reel."

The husband replies, "You're starting to sound like my ex-wife."

His wife says, "I thought you said you've never been married before?"

The husband says, "I haven't."



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"It's in the judge's hands now," said the lawyer.
"Would it help if I sent the judge a box of cigars?"
asked the defendant.

"Oh no!" said the lawyer. "This judge is a stickler for ethical behavior. A stunt like that would prejudice him against you. He might even find you in contempt of the court. In fact, you shouldn't even smile at the judge."

Within the course of time, the judge rendered a decision in favor of the defendant. As the defendant left the courthouse, he said to his lawyer, "Thanks for the tip about the cigars. It worked."

"I'm sure we would have lost the case if you'd sent them," said the lawyer.

"But I did send them," said the defendant.

"What?! You did?"

"Yes, That's how we won the case."

"I don't understand," said the lawyer.

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Lord, I hate buttermilk!

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said,"Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.

Romans 8:28

~And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

I have a pet who is a continual source of personal annoyance and irritation. Truth be told, he really bothers the heck out of me. I named my pet, "Peeve."

A SUBWAY DROP

The Manhattan Commuter train was packed. Suddenly there was a jingle on the floor. Most necks were craned. One elderly gentleman, however, bent down and picked something up. He then asked, "Did anyone drop a half dollar?"

"I did," answered three men at once.

"Well," said the elderly gent with a smile, "here's a dime of

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Man: Yes, dear.

Woman: Would you die

for me?

Man: No... mine is an

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ONE POT SPINACH BEEF

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cartons (32 ounces each) reducedsodium beef broth
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) diced tomatoes with green pepper, celery and onion, undrained
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups uncooked bow tie pasta
- 4 cups fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- Grated Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook beef and garlic over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Stir in broth, tomatoes and seasonings; bring to a boil. Stir in pasta; return to a boil. Cook, uncovered, 7-9 minutes or until pasta is tender.
- 2. Stir in spinach until wilted. Sprinkle servings with cheese. Yield: 8 servings.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE & ZUCCHINI

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil





- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup uncooked orzo pasta

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large saucepan, cook sausage, onion and pepper over medium heat 4-6 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink and vegetables are tender, breaking up sausage into crumbles; drain.
- 2. Add broth, tomatoes, basil and parsley; bring to a boil. Stir in zucchini and orzo; return to a boil. Cook, covered, 10-12 minutes or until zucchini and orzo are tender. Yield: 6 servings.

CREAM CHEESE POTATO SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups water
- 7 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 package (30 ounces) frozen cubed hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1-1/2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dill weed

DIRECTIONS

• 1. In a Dutch oven, combine the water and bouillon. Add cream cheese; cook and stir over medium heat until cheese is melted. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 18-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Yield: 12 servings (about 3 quarts).





SOUPS

HEARTY CABBAGE SAUSAGE SOUP

- INGREDIENTS
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 small cabbage, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 pound smoked sausage, halved lengthwise and sliced
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a Dutch oven, bring broth, cabbage and onion to a boil. reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until cabbage is tender. Add sausage; heat through.
- 2. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, stirring until smooth. Gradually stir into soup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Yield: 8 servings



INGREDIENTS

- 4 potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 small carrot, finely chopped
- 1/2 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley



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- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large saucepan, bring potatoes, carrots, celery, onion, vegetable broth and salt to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until potatoes are just tender. Do not rinse: mash mixture slightly. Stir in milk.
- 2. In a small mixing bowl, blend butter, flour, parsley, and pepper; stir into potato mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly.
- 3. Remove from heat: add cheese and stir until cheese is almost melted. Let soup stand for 5 minutes.

CHEESY HAM CHOWDER

INGREDIENTS

- 10 Bacon strips, diced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 2-1/2 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
- Pepper to taste
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a Dutch oven, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove to paper towels to drain. In the drippings, saute onion and carrots until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add milk and water. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened.
- 2. Add the potatoes, corn, bouillon and pepper. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add cheese and ham; heat until cheese is melted. Stir in bacon. Yield: 10 servings.

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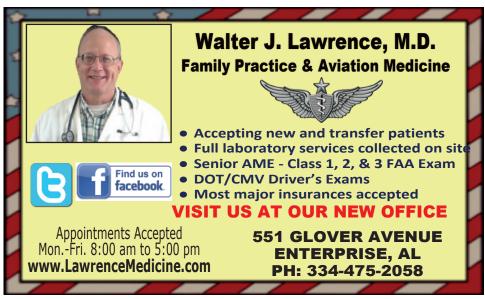
I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, darkhaired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Northmont High School. 'Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a thunderbolt,' he gleamed with pride. When did you graduate?' I asked.

He answered, 'In 1975. Why do you ask?'

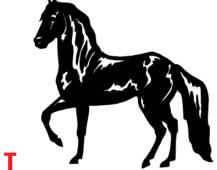
You were in my class!', I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled faced, fat, gray-haired, decrepit so and so, asked, 'What did you teach?'



You might be a nurse if...

- ~ It doesn't bother you to eat a candy bar with one hand while performing digital stimulation on your patient with the other hand.
- ~ You've had a patient with a nose ring, a brow ring and twelve earrings say, "I'm afraid of shots."
- ~ You've ever bet on someone's blood alcohol level.
- ~ You plan your next meal while performing gastric lavage.
- ~ You believe every waiting room should have a Valium salt lick.
- ~ You have your weekends off planned a year in advance.
- ~ You have ever had a patient control his seizures when offered food.
- ~ You know it's a full moon without having to look at the sky.



t's strange to think 75 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.

Today everyone has a car and only the rich own horses.



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ISABELLA AND DESTINY

"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."



wo newlyweds quickly realized their marriage wasn't working and filed for a divorce. The judge asked them what the problem was. The husband replied: "In the five weeks that we've been together, we haven't been able to agree on a single thing."

The judge turned to the wife: "Have you anything to say?" She answered: "It's been six weeks, your honor."

ne of my friends hates exercise. To her, getting up in the morning is a moving violation.

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WHAT'S WRONG HONEY?

In a train compartment a young couple and an elderly, somewhat ragged man were sitting. The girl looks like she's having some discomfort so her boyfriend asks her, "What's wrong honey?" She replies, "My head hurts."

Her boyfriend kisses her forehead, and asks her, "Is it better now?"

"Yes," she says.

Then he asks, "Does it hurt somewhere else?" "Here," she replies, pointing to her lips. So the boyfriend kisses he lips.

"Is it better now?"

"Much better."

"Anywhere else?"

She replies by pointing to her neck. So the boyfriend kisses her neck.

Annoyed at the pitiful public display, the elderly man asks the young man, "Excuse me pal, do you do hemorrhoids?"

defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed.

CONTINUED



A young soldier was up before his commanding officer for a reprimand.

After going through a list of his misdemeanors the CO says, "And another thing, I didn't see you in camouflage practice this morning." "Thank you, Sir," the soldier replied.

I don't iron because...
I choose to believe them when they say "Permanent Press."

Q: What do you call it when you've taken your last math final and you have completed your class.

A: Aftermath





Nothing happened. Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not quilty." The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt, I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we did look, but your client didn't "

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A little old lady goes into the store to do some shopping.

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"Pardon me, sir," she says to the store manager, "but can you explain the differences in all these toilet papers?"

"Well," he replies pointing out one brand, "this is as soft as a baby's kiss. It's \$1.50 per roll."

He grabs another and says, "This is nice and soft as a bunny, strong but gentle, and it's \$1.00 a roll." Pointing to the bottom shelf he tells her, "We call that our No Name brand, and it's 20 cents per roll."

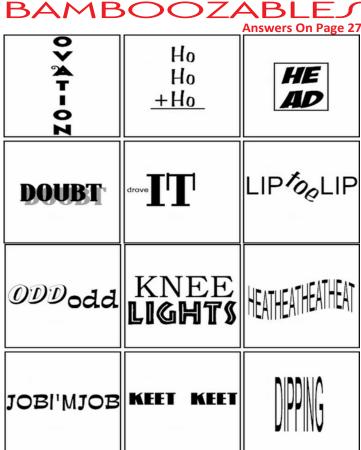
"Give me the No Name," she says. She comes back about a week later, seeks out the manager and says, "Hey! I've got a name for your No Name toilet paper. I call it John Wayne."

"Why?" he asks.

"Because it's rough, it's tough and it don't take crap off anybody!"

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 $m \prime$ id I ever tell you about the time I wanted to cook a good meal for me and my bride? It almost turned out to be a disaster. I read the instructions correctly on the box. after all it did say "grease the bottom of the pan". And I did exactly what the instructions said on the box. . . however, the stove decided the instructions were wrong and started smoking something awful. Thought I was going to burn down the house before I could get everything under control.

Submitted by Kerry Brown

husband is having a beer at the pub with his friends when he sends an email to his wife.

"What are you emailing her?" asked one. He reads his message out loud, "Having a beer with the boys. If I'm not home in twenty minutes, read this email again."





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POLICE DOG FREEZE

A friend of mine is a deputy with the sheriff's department canine unit. One evening, the deputy was dispatched to the scene of a possible burglary, where he discovered the back door of a building ajar. He let the dog out his patrol car and commanded it to enter and seek.

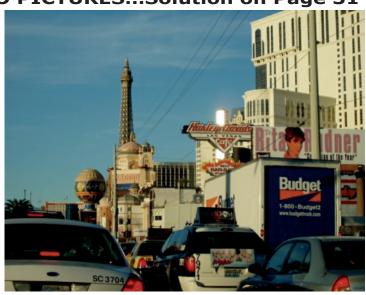
Jumping from the back seat, the dog headed for the building. After lunging through the doorway, the dog froze and backed out. My friend was puzzled until he investigated further.

Then he noticed the sign on the building:

"Veterinarian's Office."

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO PICTURES...Solution on Page 31





Laughs and Litts

"The End of a Thing Is Better than It's Beginning"

Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Maybe you traveled during the Thanksgiving or Christmas Holidays. If you are anything like me, I have to build myself up or



better yet motivate myself to even get started on the trip. It feels so good to reach your destination, which is the beginning of the trip, but it even feels better to come back home and know that all those hours of driving and being in the car are now behind me.

Or perhaps, let's think about a solider being deployed to war. Is not the end of a thing better than the beginning for that soldier? How he longs to complete his tour and be safely back home!

Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof... Ecclesiastes 7:8

You see my friends, as much as we may have struggled to get started, what a relief when we reach the end.

We all may have dealt with some difficult challenges during the year of 2016 but through it all we can look back and see the goodness of the Lord through it all. God healed, provided, protected, and guided us through each and every storm and valley.

I want to encourage you today, the same God that was with us through 2016 will faithfully be with us through 2017.

Perhaps you are mindful of opportunities that you have missed or mistakes that you have made. Trust me, we all make mistakes, however God always works things out for our better good. We must keep our eyes focused on where we are going and not where we have been. Remember, every struggle, every trial, every fight of faith have developed us into God's warriors, and we are more mature to face tomorrow, 2017.

Haggai 2:9 The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

Happy New Year, My Friends!





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Soft skills' increasingly in demand among employers

By William Thornton | wthornton@al.com

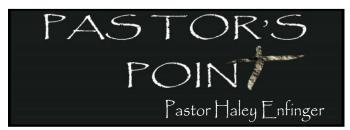
November 28, 2016 at 7:00 AM

Every workplace has its challenges, just as every worker struggles to find his or her place in the workforce. But employers nationally are seeing more of a need for what are called "soft skills," and schools and job trainers are working to fill those gaps.

Simply put, soft skills are those intangible abilities that can be the difference between success or failure. They encompass everything from arriving on time, dressing appropriately and a positive attitude, to workers being able to adapt, pitch in during a crisis or simply perform duties in spite of setbacks.

See entire article at AL.com





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This statement is hard to understand in certain seasons of our lives. This is a new year and a new month. We are leaving the old and headed to the new. We have heard that in the bible its says:

"However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him.(1 Corinthians 2:9)

You might ask but what about the here now? One thing to remember in life is to always press on, push forward, don't stop, don't dwell on the past. You can never press on to the future or the best yet if you are always remembering the past. Don't relive, but live. There is too much you have not lived to try and relive the past. In 2 Timothy 1; 12-14 the word of God says:

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."

I am pressing on to the best yet in this world and the eternity to come. It says if I commit it to Him, He is able to keep it. Nothing is lost but a reward is waiting

against that day the day of His appearing. "Don't grow weary in well doing" Galatians 6; 9 says "for in due time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up." When we walk with God, the best is always yet to come!!





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One little boy said, "We need to be baptized because no one will come out and play with us. Will you baptize us?"

"Sure," said the janitor.

He took them into the bathroom and dunked their little heads in the toilet bowl, one at a time.

Then he said, "You are now baptized!"

When they got outside, one of them asked, "'What religion do you think we are?"

The oldest one said,

"We're not Kathlick, because they pour the water on you."

"We're not Babtis, because they dunk all of you in the water."

"We're not Methdiss, because they just sprinkle water on you."

The littlest one said, "Didn't you smell that water?" They all joined in asking, 'Yeah! What do you think that means?'

"I think it means we're Pissbitarian!"

Claybank Master Gardeners

Christmas came early to the CMGA, with a December "giving party" providing canned food for the Ozark Food Bank, and with members new and old also providing blankets and jackets for kids, plus toys for distribution by the local fire stations. The new members, interns and regular members met at the home of our former president to share food and fellowship.

January is a good time to be thinking about trees and shrubs to plant. Native plants are the best to work with our local ecology and will be the most drought and



heat tolerant, as well as resistant to infestations of imported bugs that would be attracted to non-native species. Dothan Area Botanical Gardens are a great place to see how natives look in the landscape, to



see sizes and varieties that would work in your yard.
Landmark Park will host two free bird workshops in January at 10 AM on Saturdays: Jan. 21st Dr. Gary Manfready will conduct his annual Bluebird Workshop, and on Jan. 28th

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The January the Claybank Master Gardener meeting will be held at Hoppergrass Restaurant in downtown Ozark 129 East Ave., at 11 AM. We will have a seed starting presentation by Ona Garwood to help us get ready



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An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!"

Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!"

And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

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One said to the other, "My poor John is so discouraged with preaching.

He said nothing is going right - no new faces does he ever see.

I expect that soon he'll really resign - but this is between you and me."

After waiting a moment the other said, "It's different with my Bill.

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A hushed silence fell as they continued their work, making each stitch so neat.

One was patching trouser knees, the other her husband's pants seat.

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"Hello, police department? I've lost my cat and...

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You Just Can't Out Sick Her!!

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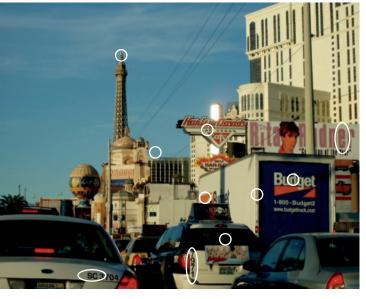
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