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Laughs and Lifts

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Alabama Real Estate For Sale

114.99± Acres • Barbour County

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50.92± Acres • Bullock County

Located on County Road 19 with electricity and county water available. Wooded tract has paved road frontage with potential home sites, planted loblolly pines, and mixed hardwoods with stream. Great hunting potential! L-1700443 • \$115,000



386± Acres • Coffee County

Frontage on Highway 141 a few miles north of Danley's Crossroads. Potential home sites with electricity and county water available. This is managed property with rich row cropland, planted pines (loblolly and longleaf) and hardwood bottoms along spring-fed streams. Excellent hunting with abundant wildlife! L-1600819 • \$636,900



80± Acres • Covington County

Located on Old Boggy Road, includes recently remodeled three-bedroom, one-bath, brick home, additional home site with septic tank and much more! Electricity and county water are available. There is substantial road frontage, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Approximately 70 acres are planted in longleaf pines with excellent hunting potential. L-1700487 • \$250,000



80± Acres • Covington County - *Outdoor Paradise on Old Boggy Road!*

Electricity, county water, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Offers frontage on Old Boggy Road and on Lightwood Knot Creek. Property includes 30± acres in 100± year old hardwoods and majestic cypress trees plus 50± acres in planted longleaf pines. *Hunting should be great on this tract!* L-1700380 • \$174,000



79.14± Acres • Henry County

Located on County Road 102, about four miles east of Abbeville, in the Wills Crossroads Community.

This beautiful property has four ponds, a pastureland, wooded areas, and two mobile homes. L-1800217 • \$238,000



724 Darby Street, Brundidge • Pike County

Two-story Cape Cod-style home with two lots - Lot 7 and ¾ of Lot 8 located in a desirable neighborhood and near Pike County High School. Downstairs includes foyer, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast area, large den, two bedrooms, and one bathroom. Upstairs has two bedrooms and one bathroom. Features nine producing pecan trees and a 10' X 12' storage building. L-1700784 • \$115,000



93± Acres • Pike County

Located on the south side of Brundidge with frontage on the east side of four-lane Highway 231. *Buy the whole tract or separate parcel(s).* **Parcel 1:** 27± acres inside Brundidge City Limits, offered for \$81,000. **Parcels 2, 3 and 4:** Three 22± acre parcels just south of the City Limits each offered for \$55,000. L-1500265



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Wife goes to an astrologer to learn more about her husband. The astrologer asks her, "Do you want to know about your husband's future?"

Without hesitation, the wife responds. "I will decide his future, you just tell me about his past."

SHE CALLS ME HANDSOME

My wife calls me handsome...

Every payday she says to me, "Hand some over!"

"What would you like for your birthday?"

"Nothing would make me happier than a guitar!"

"Great, I'll get you nothing then."

CAT AND LIES

One of the most striking differences between a cat & a lie is that a cat has only nine lives. ~MARK TWAIN -

She texted me: Your adorable!
I replied: No. You're adorable!
Now she likes me a lot. All I did was point out her typo.

**When your faith is awake, you
can have peaceful sleep!**

~ W. Kennedy

**IN YEARS PAST: Winners received trophies while losers were
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THE STORY OF TWO TREES

I came across an interesting story about a boy who visited his grandpa's farm every summer. One year, the grandpa was getting ready to plant a few new trees, and he asked his grandson to help. He asked the boy, "If I plant one inside the house and one outside in the backyard, which do you think will grow to become the greatest tree?"

The boy quickly replied, "I think the tree inside the house will grow the biggest because it won't have to struggle with the wind, hot sun, or freezing winters." "OK," the grandpa replied, "We will grow one tree indoors and plant the other outside and see what happens."

During a visit a few years later, the boy asked about the trees and their experiment. The grandpa showed him both trees. The inside tree grew very little and began to wither, while the outside tree grew strong and fast. He taught his grandson a lesson he would never forget: we don't grow when things are easy, rather we grow when we face challenges.

Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes it meaningful.

BE MY VALENTINE

A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

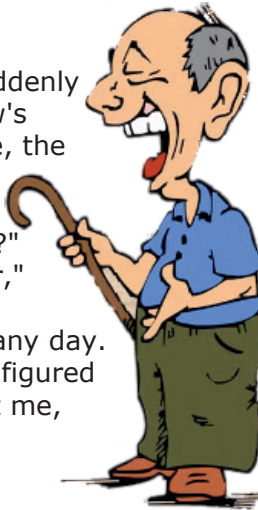
"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

105 AND MISSING

A pious man, who had reached the age of 105, suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the Pastor went to see him. He found him in excellent health, so the Pastor asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at services anymore?" The old man lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Pastor," he whispered.

"When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"



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There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. So, love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy.

Falling down is part of LIFE...Getting back up is LIVING!

The parents were very disappointed in the grades that their son brought home. "The only consolation I can find in these awful grades," lamented the father, "is that I know he's not cheating on his exams."

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

I am the beginning of everything, the end of everywhere. I'm the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space.

WHAT AM I?

Answer on page 9



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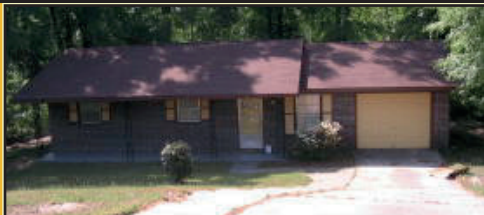
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Submitted by V.J. Cordovano

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?
 "Well because someone bumped into me, of course!"
 Wrong answer.
 You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.
 Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.
 Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.
 Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.
 So, we must ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"
 When life gets tough, what spills over?
 Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility?
 Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?
 You choose!
 Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.



PAPER BANK

A joke about a paper bank featuring borrowed school papers. There was a university in New England where the students operated a "bank" of term papers and other homework assignments.

There were papers to suit all needs and as it would look odd if an undistinguished student suddenly handed in a brilliant essay, there were papers for an A grade, B grade and C grade.

A student who had spent the weekend on pursuits other than her assignment, went to the "bank" and as her course was a standard one she took out a paper for an inconspicuous C, retyped it and handed the work in.

In due course she received it back with the professor's comments "I wrote this paper myself twenty years ago. I always thought it should have had an A, and now I am glad to give it one!"

Life is like driving. Would you get into your car without a destination in mind? Probably not. As Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else."

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Did you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently I will not be allowed on this airline again!

I can always trace my harvest back to a seed!!

- Pastor Haley

If you don't swear while driving, then you're clearly not paying attention to the road at all.

Don't make old people really mad! The older we get, the less "Life In Prison" is a deterrent.



Doc, I Think I'm A Tepee

The patient runs into his psychiatrist's office and says, "Doc, I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam, no I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam, no I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam!"

The psychiatrist looks at him and says, "Relax, you're just too tents!"

GRATEFULNESS

Billy Brown decided it was time to buy a new house, so he decided to sell his old house and put the matter in a real estate agent's hands. The agent wrote up a sales

blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Bill read it, he turned to the agent and asked, "Does my house have everything your ad says it does?" The agent said, "It certainly does. Why do you ask?" Bill replied, "Cancel the sale. It's exactly what I'm looking for."

There are no speed limits on the road to excellence.
DAVID.W.JOHNSON

Puzzle of the month answer.
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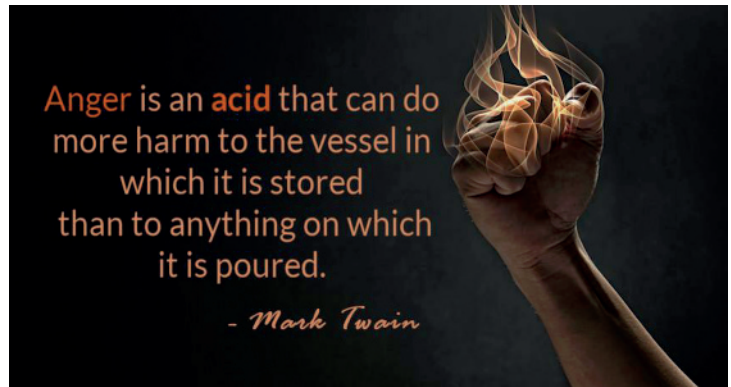
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My friend Nancy and I decided to introduce her elderly mother to the magic of the Internet. Our first move was to access the popular Ask Jeeves website, and we told her it could answer any question she had. Nancy's mother was very skeptical until Nancy said, "It's true, Mom. Think of something to ask it."

As I sat with fingers poised over the keyboard, Nancy's mother thought a minute, then responded, "How is Aunt Helen feeling?"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally ...you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If the only school curriculum allowed to explain how we got here is evolution, but the government stops a \$15 million construction project to keep a rare spider from evolving to extinction ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

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"I Hate Buttermilk!"

A visiting Preacher was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began..."Lord, I hate buttermilk." The Preacher opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the Preacher was overly worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on..."And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the Preacher was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued..."But when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably, it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen."



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EASY PORK ROAST

Ingredients

- 1 (4 lb) boneless pork roast
- 3 -4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon A.1. Original Sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 1 small onion, sauteed
- 2 (10 1/2 ounce) cans cream of mushroom soup



Directions

combine all ingredients in crock-pot and add roast, turn to coat.

Cook on low 8 hours or high 4 hours.

SOUTHWESTERN PORK ROAST

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 lbs boneless pork roast
- 1 (32 g) envelopes onion soup mix
- 1 (14 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 (4 ounce) cans green chilies, chopped and undrained
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar, packed
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin



Directions

Put the pork roast into the slow cooker.

Combine the remaining ingredients and pour over the pork.

Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours or on high for 4 to 6 hours or until the pork is tender.

PORK ROAST, POTATOES AND CARROTS

Ingredients

- 2 lbs boneless pork loin roast
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne (red pepper)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed (1 inch cubes)
- 2 cups baby carrots 2 cups chicken broth



Directions

Rinse and dry roast.

Combine all dry seasonings and rub onto roast.

Use olive oil to brown the roast.

Deglaze pan with chicken broth. Place potatoes, carrots, and roast into crock pot and set to low for 6 hours.



THREE PACKET ROAST

Ingredients

- 1 (.7 ounce) package dry Italian-style salad dressing mix
- 1 (1 ounce) package ranch dressing mix
- 1 (.75 ounce) packet dry brown gravy mix
- 1 (3 pound) boneless beef chuck roast

Directions

Whisk together the water, Italian dressing mix, ranch dressing mix, and brown gravy mix together in a bowl until smooth. Place the beef roast into a slow cooker, and pour the sauce over top.

Cook on Low until the roast is easily pierced by a fork, 6 to 8 hours.

MEDITERRANEAN POT ROAST

Ingredients

- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 lb)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced pitted Kalamata or ripe olives
- 1/2 cup beef flavored broth
- 1/2 cup frozen pearl onions



Directions

1. Spray 12-inch skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Cook beef in skillet about 5 minutes, turning once, until brown. Sprinkle with salt, Italian seasoning and garlic; remove from skillet.

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CROCK POT ROASTS

- Place beef, seasoned side up, in 4-to 5-quart slow cooker. Spread tomatoes and olives over roast. Add broth and onions.
- Cover and cook on low heat setting 5 to 6 hours or until beef is tender.
- Remove beef from slow cooker; cover and let stand 15 minutes. Slice beef; serve with beef juice and onions from slow cooker.

ITALIAN POT ROAST

Ingredients

- 1/2 lb sliced baby portabella mushrooms
- 1 onion halved and sliced
- 3-5 lb beef chuck roast trimmed
- 1.5 oz pkg garlic and herb sauce mix you can substitute pesto mix OR italian dressing mix
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 cans (14.5oz) Italian-style diced tomatoes drained (or undrained for more gravy)
- 8 oz can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water



Instructions

- Put your mushrooms and onion in your crock pot.
- Place your roast in your crock pot.
- Sprinkle your sauce mix and red pepper flakes evenly across your roast.
- Pour tomatoes and sauce over top.

Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours, it is done when your roast is cooked through and very tender.

Take your roast out, cut into large chunks and keep warm. Skim the fat from the cooking liquid in your crock pot and discard the fat.

In a coffee cup, mix together your water and cornstarch until smooth.

Pour into the juices in your crock pot and stir until combined well.

Cover and cook on high for 20-30 minutes, until your mixture is thickened, stir once.

Add your roast chunks back into your crock pot.

Cover and cook an additional few minutes until everything is heated through.

TEXAS PULLED PORK

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 (4 pound) pork shoulder roast
- 1 cup barbeque sauce
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 extra large onion, chopped
- 2 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 8 hamburger buns, split
- 2 tablespoons butter, or as needed



Directions

- Pour the vegetable oil into the bottom of a slow cooker.
- Place the pork roast into the slow cooker; pour in the barbeque sauce, apple cider vinegar, and chicken broth. Stir in the brown sugar, yellow mustard, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, onion, garlic, and thyme. Cover and cook on High until the roast shreds easily with a fork, 5 to 6 hours.
- Remove the roast from the slow cooker, and shred the meat using two forks. Return the shredded pork to the slow cooker, and stir the meat into the juices.
- Spread the inside of both halves of hamburger buns with butter. Toast the buns, butter side down, in a skillet over medium heat until golden brown. Spoon pork into the toasted buns.

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"I hate office work," said the son-in-law.

"I can't stand being stuck behind a desk."

"Wait a minute," said the father-in-law. "I

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"Oh, that's an old typewriter," she answered, thinking that would satisfy their curiosity.

"Well what does it do?" they asked.

"I'll show you," she said and returned with a blank piece of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool.! But how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "It doesn't need a plug."

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WISE UNCLE RUSTY

Uncle Rusty is a wise man. A while back he retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and quiet, puttering around his work shop. That is of course until the school year began. On the first day of school three young boys, full of pent up energy from a full day of school, came down his street. As they walked down the street they beat rhythmically on every trash can they past. Day after day, it was the same thing. Beating, clanging and pounding out a rhythm on the cans as they walked down the street. Poor Uncle Rusty just couldn't take it any more. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young musicians. As they worked their way down the street, pounding out a tune on the cans, Rusty stopped them and said, "You kids sure are having a lot of fun. I like seeing young people like you, express themselves. In fact, I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang up job on the trash cans.

After two days, Uncle Rusty greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad expression on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans."

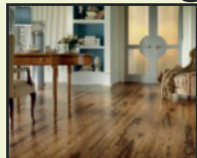
The boys were not pleased, but they did accept his offer and continued their afternoon concert. A couple of days later, Sly Uncle Rusty approached them again as they drummed their way down the street.

With words that would ensure he would have peace and quiet from that day forward he said "Look, my Social Security check just isn't stretching as far with the expenses. So I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents a day. Will that be okay?"

"What?! Just a crummy quarter?" the boys exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!"

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I thought... "that's a pretty weird way
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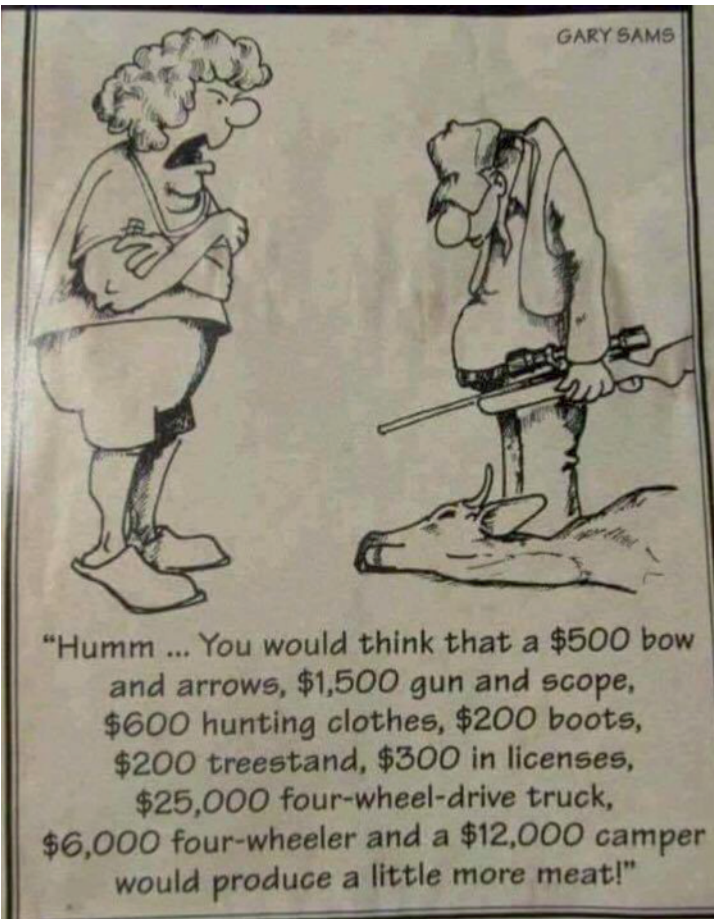


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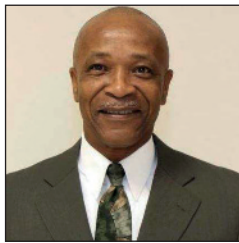
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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and although this is not a religious holiday; the central focus is on love. Love comes in many languages and forms.

For example, the Bible contains four unique forms of love, they are communicated through four Greek words: Phileō, Storgē, Eros and Agapē.

Phileō: This love speaks of affection, fondness, or liking. It is a love that responds to kindness, appreciation, or love. It involves giving as well as receiving; but when it is greatly strained, it can collapse in a crisis. This love is called out of one's heart by qualities in another.

Storgē: This love has its basis in one's own nature, devoted, affection or obligation. It is a natural movement of the soul for husband, wife, child or dog. It is a quiet, abiding feeling within a man that rests on something close to him and that he feels good about.

Eros: This is a love of passion, an overmastering passion that seizes and absorbs itself into the mind. It is a love that is an emotional involvement based on body chemistry, attractions driven, self-satisfaction,

directed towards another, it actually has self in mind. For example: "I love you because you make me happy." Eros looks for what it can receive. If it does give, it gives in order to receive. If it fails to get what it wants or expects, bitterness or resentment could develop. Eros would be considered a conditional type of love.

Agapē: Love that is not kindled by the merit or worth of its object, but it originates in its own God-given nature. God is love! Love delights in giving, keeps on loving even when the loved one is unresponsive, unkind, unlovable, and unworthy; it unconditionally continues to love. Desires only the good of the one loved. It is a consuming passion for the well-being of others.

Well my friends, God "Agapē" us! The Word proves it:

John 3:16 For God so **LOVED** the world that He **GAVE** His one and **ONLY** Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Valentine's Day is a pagan holiday, but it is an opportunity for Christians to focus on what love is all about. We must remember that to live without love is not to live at all!

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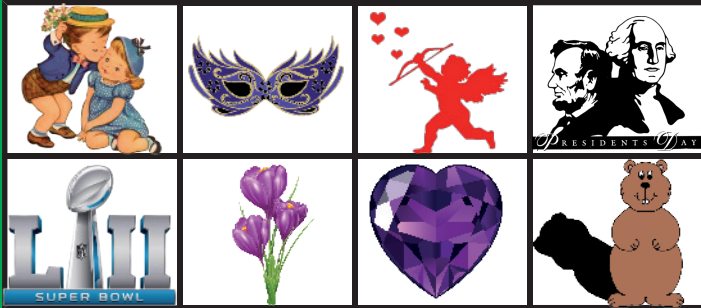
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"Why doesn't your mother like me?" a woman asks her boyfriend.
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An Overboard Experience



Have you ever wondered what it would be like if you went all out. What it would be like to give it all you got!! Here we are already in a new year and into the second month. Time flies the older you get. James 4; 14 says: *"whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* As I begin to pray about this year, I thought about going overboard!! I would hear people say sometimes "you are going overboard." The Lord showed me that

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this year was the year to go overboard. He said that 2018 was "the year to go all out!! To Do it over and above. Excessive!!" So whatever I used to do, do it above that. When we lived for world we did it excessive, so why not do it excessive for the Lord when you are living for him. In Matthew 14; 28-29 it says: *28"Lord, if it is You," Peter replied, "command me to come to You on the water." 29"Come", said Jesus. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus.*

This Year the Lord wants to do "...exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us..." (Ephesians 3:20-21) and He is able to do it. – So don't let anybody tell you that you went overboard. Just shake you head and agree and remember Peter didn't walk on water until he went overboard!!

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The Seniors' Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones that I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.



Claybank Master Gardeners

Hello Gardeners, February is the month we prune back rose bushes, and in the Wiregrass area we generally try to get the job done around Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. The Rose Gardens of Dothan Area Botanical Gardens are maintained by the Wiregrass Rose Society, and volunteers are welcome to come and learn from the experts. Each bush is carefully pruned of all but the main canes, and leaves are removed. Any shoots thinner than a pencil are cut off at the base. This encourages the energy to go toward the root development. In a few weeks your rose bushes will send out healthy, robust new



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Philippians 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

Note:

We must conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. The powers of life and death are in our spoken words. So be mindful of what you say. We must contend for the faith of the gospel of Christ, and never worry about situations or opposition. The power of the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. So my brothers and sisters find it, grab hold, and activate it in your life. You are more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ.

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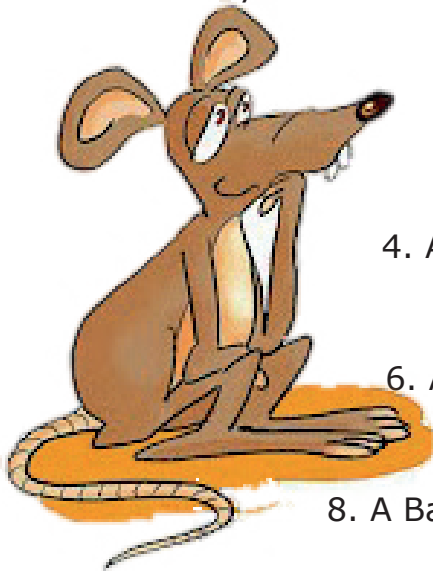
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COMMONYMS

What's a commonym you ask? A commonym is group of words that have a common trait in the three words/items listed. For example: the words; A car - A tree - An elephant.. they all have trunks. These will make you think! Answers on page 28



1. A Ball - A Fish - A Cold
2. A Ball - A Salad - A Coin
3. A Cork - A Question - A Balloon
4. A Bottle - A Baseball Player - A Mushroom
5. A Bell - Mouth - A Shoe
6. A Tug of War - The Nightly News - A Boat
7. Seventeen - Time - People
8. A Basketball Court - A Highway - A Bowling Alley
9. Fog - A Jack - A Body Builder
10. A Hockey Game - A Restaurant - A Bank



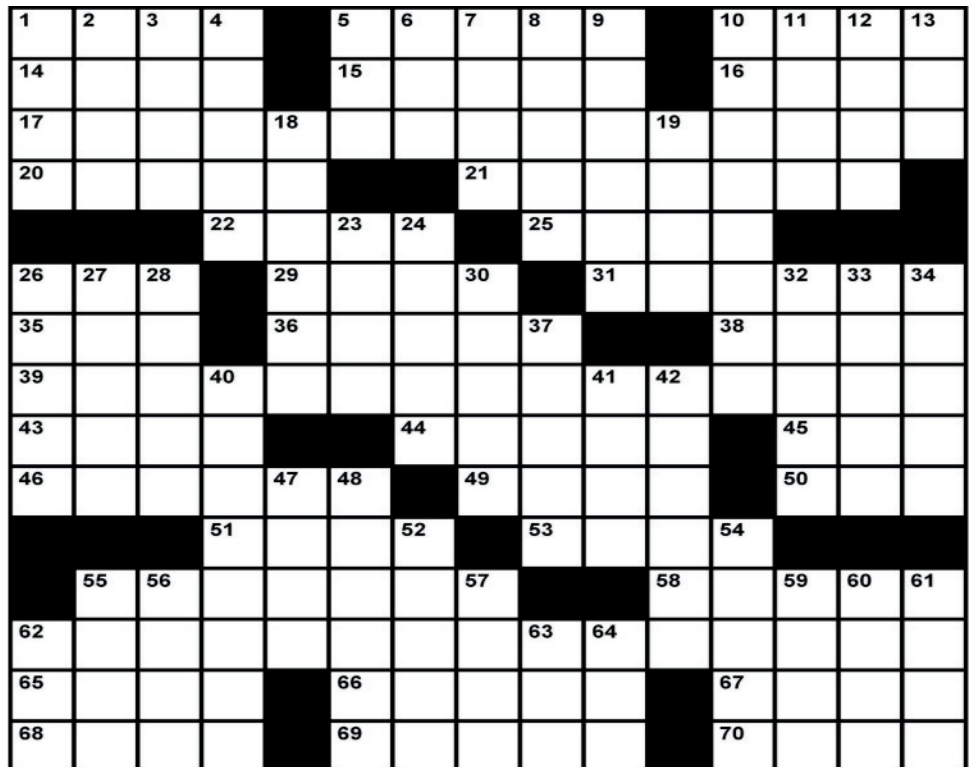
10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)



Bamboozable Answers

1. Piggy Back Ride
 2. Side by Side
 3. Laptop Computer
 4. Parallel Bars
 5. 40 Days and 40 Nights
 6. All Hands on Deck
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1. The Price is Right
 2. Step on the Gas
 3. Rolling in the Money
 4. He's on Cloud Nine
 5. He's Beside Himself
 6. Ring Around the Rosie



Across

1. Driven transport
5. Jewish teacher
10. Kind of instrument
14. "By yesterday!"
15. Betelgeuse's constellation
16. "Cogito, ___ sum"
17. Rarely
20. Back
21. Outdo
22. Annexes
25. Dates
26. Chop (off)
29. Piques
31. Can't stand
35. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
36. Andrea Doria's domain
38. Arabic for "commander"
39. Fab Four film
43. Otherwise
44. Character
45. Poetic meadow
46. Mideast capital
49. Goose speech
50. Time zone
51. Froth
53. Big laugh
55. Astronomer
58. Choker
62. Destination of the disgruntled?
65. Dirty coat
66. Sea gear
67. Ball field covering
68. Barley beards
69. 1980's-90's ring champ
70. Cut down

Down

1. Golden Triangle country
2. "___ She Lovely?"

3. Disabling spray
4. "La Bohème," e.g.
5. Howard of "Happy Days"
6. Victorian, for one
7. Food collectors?
8. Dense mass
9. Accustomed
10. Learn again
11. "Aeneid" figure
12. These may be inflated
13. Family head
18. Deep blue
19. Old weapon
23. Attracted
24. Taste, e.g.
26. Cake part
27. Ancient editorial marks
28. Buddy-buddy
30. Pole position?
32. "South Pacific" hero
33. Trig functions
34. Foot the bill
37. Dislike intensely
40. Flyers
41. Like old recordings
42. Obliquely
47. Slay
48. Most healthy
52. Compassion
54. Licks
55. Cultivate
56. Long, long time (var.)
57. Sonata, e.g.
59. Daunting exam
60. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
61. Glimpse
62. Fed. construction overseer
63. Blood group system
64. Gabriel, for one

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3. they are popped
4. they have caps
5. they have tongues
6. they have anchors
7. they are magazines
8. they have lanes
9. they lift
10. they have checks



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