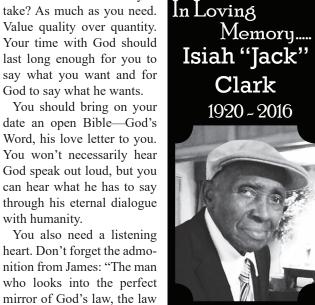
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Lilies from your garden are beautiful this spring. they are growing strong and tall like you, their leaves are very green. As we celebrate your 99th Birthday and watch the flowers grow, we know that you're watching over us and your love is what they show. We miss your smiling face, but we know that you are near; the love we hold within our hearts help

dry away our tears. Your loving children, grandchildren and family

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How Do I Have a Quiet Time?

of your world, and claim it

for God. A familiar place

will remind you of similar

feelings you experienced be-

fore with God. You need to

How much time should you

God to say what he wants.

of liberty, and makes a habit

of so doing, is not the man

who sees and forgets. He puts

that law into practice and he

wins true happiness" (James

1:25 PHILLIPS). Listen to

the lover of your soul. Don't

just nod your head, pretend-

ing to hear. Your date knows

So does God. Just as you

when you're engaged.

get comfortable.

with humanity.

I'm a new Christian who and place. Select a slot in is trying to figure out how to your schedule and a corner grow closer to God. Friends tell me I need to have a quiet time with God each day, but I can't figure out exactly what

Denalyn and I like to go to the same restaurants over and over again. You could call our dates predictable, but for us they are special. We like the food. We like the servers. We like the atmosphere. When we're there, we remember special moments we've shared before. Our hearts open up . . . we lose track of time . . . because we're comfortable in that place. We talk to each other, listen to each other, laugh, and cry. I love those times!

A quiet time with God is very similar to a date. Here are some tools to help you keep your very special date with God.

Decide on a regular time

*Outdoor Truths

(Continued from page 2.) other sounds are known to get a tom talking especially the caw of a crow or the shout of a rooster. Nothing seemed to stir the angst of any gobbler that morning. So I just waited as the morning grew older and refused the urge to muddy the air with my attempt to locate a bird. I decided to go to the place of my last encounter. I did so, called, and was met with the gobble I had come to hear. It was there all the time - silent. I was there all the time as well – patient. I wonder what would have happened if my silence had been replaced with noise and my patience had been replaced with activity. I'm pretty sure

As I stood atop that hill that morning I was reminded that many times my call to God has seemingly been met with silence. Many of those times I equated silence with absence and left too soon. Sometimes I determined that His silence meant that I needed to call louder and more frequent. This too I misinterpreted. God's silence is not His absence and it is also not His desire to hear more from me in order for Him to be convinced. Most of the time His silence is a test to see how my faith in Him has progressed. Not that He needs to know (He already does), but so that I might know if my trust is based on sight and sound or simply by the promises He has already given me.

What should I do when I perceive His silence? I should do exactly what I did

the other morning. Go to the place of my last encounter and wait.

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wouldn't miss your date with a loved one, claiming you were too busy, make sure your date with God is on the calendar, and do everything

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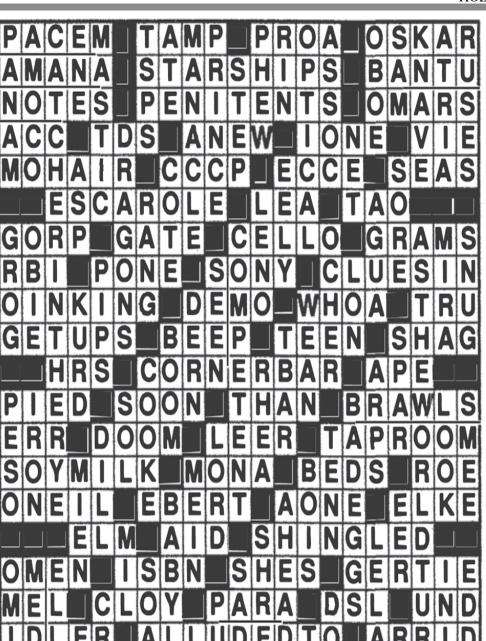
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