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thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the
Lord, "you must complete the Lord, "you must complete the
Ark and bring everything Ark and bring everything aboard in one year." storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah!" He shouted. "Where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me," cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems." "First, I had to get a permit for construction, and your plans did not meet the building codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation and appren Then my neighbor devices. Then, my neighbor objected, claining I was by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to front yard, so I had to get a
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"Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with

the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that $I$ am practicing discrimination by not taking atheists aboard. The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft.' And finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since


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God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event and therefore unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five or six years."
Noah waited.
The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully, "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?"
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use my son's credit card all the time. It has a clearly male name on it and I'm an elderly emale. I have yet to have a cashier or clerk ask me for any ID when using it. So don't hold your breath on getting stores to start doing that

You have to break a lot of traffic laws to get your license suspended. If you are poor and cannot pay the consequences for your infractions, may I suggest you drive properly and lawfully. Give them a onetime amnesty at most.

This is still America, even in 2018. We cannot yet escape o the solar-power station on the moon or Mars. We need to live together and stop shooting each other's kids every night. There are other careers than dealing drugs until jail or arubbing in the ditches until the accident puts ditches until the accident puts us on disability. Some options are: create a career fo ourselves, get a job working for "the company with benefits" or write a book about our mental problems We don't need to pay taxes to both the government and the local gang, we can move. It is America in 2018, not 1950s Russia, where jobs were assigned. There is hope.

A guy robs a bank and after making his getaway, a rich ady says to the bank president, "Why on earth would that poor devil rob a bank when there are a thousand perfectly legal ways to steal?"

A person has an awful habit of constantly banging their head

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Back in the day, if an adult said something to someone's child about their bad behavio and that child told their parents, that child would have been punished for said bad behavior. Today, under the same circumstances, the parent would take offense and want to attack the adult who dared say something to their brat - oops I mean their precious baby

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required by law to announce quarterly estimates of sugar to be purchased for the Feedstock Flexibility Program based on crop and consumption forecasts.
Federal law allows sugar processors to obtain loans from USDA with maturities of up to nine months when the sugarcane or sugar beet harvest begins. Upon loan maturity, the sugar processor may repay the loan in full or forfeit the collateral (sugar) to USDA to satisfy the loan
The Feedstock Flexibility Program was reauthorized Program was reauthorized by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill as an option to avoid sugar forfeitures USDA's Dec. 12, 2017,



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That red book is Holiday Memories, a keepsake that I started during Christmas of 1998. It chronicles our

and trips from each and every year. Much of it is mundane, as you might expect. Our family is pretty boring, especially in the cuisine department. Literally, the same meal every single Christmas Day for 20 years -- I kid you not. The only change in menu happened this year when we forgot to take my mother-inlaw's squash casserole out of the oven and it sat in there, forgotten, for the next two days. Instead of being lulled into
social media at the first of the new year, I sat in a quiet corner and relived some precious memories through that book.
But I started to notice something as I read back through little stories that I would have forgotten otherwise. It wasn't rehashing the expected plotlines that provided the most entertaining reading. Instead, it was little stories of sadness, hilarity and spontaneity that stirred up the sentimental in me. What brought about a desire to do and be better in this coming year, wasn't the expected, but the extreme.
A knock-down candy cane fight/wrestling match between my toddler boys in front of the entire Christmas Eve church service was humiliating at the time. Now it offers me a funny memory into the innocent, rowdy souls they were back then. I remember how easy it was to be gentle and understanding with a three-year-old who only wanted to show his brother that his candy cane was indeed bigger. Those cotton-top boys of mine have grown into young men who sometimes make it hard to demonstrate patience and grace. But remembering who they were - and really still are - made me want to be that better mom from this point on.
And that's really a highlight of this life on earth isn't it? Learning from our mistakes and our successes as we strive to do just a little better?
In the culture we live in
oday, lots of people are testy and disagreeable, but why? Allowing a political culture based in Washington DC to make you feel such extreme anger that you end a real friendship with someone from "the other side", you should probably ask yourself that question. It's really time for us to remember who we are; who each other are. We aren't enemies. We are friends and family who just view things a little differently.
Marches and fist-fights and torches and name-calling had their say in 2017 Focusing on people or groups that are easy to disagree with is just like rehashing the same dinner over and over. The good stuff comes when we go out to the edges and open our mind to experiences we might otherwise miss. I got reminded of a gentle time in my own life by strolling down memory lane with that little red Christmas book that my husband bought at a garage sale 20 years ago. What an unexpected pleasure it's been.
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overreacting to a situation a thand. Travel for pleasure will be enticing. Passion will
be youronly answer beyour only answer
VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn" do. Your desire for
excitement and adventure may be excitement and adventure may be
expensive. Your honesty will not only win expensive. Your honesty wil
you points $s u t a l$ aso respect.
LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can help a close friend find solutions to personal
problems. Dont be too quick to iudge problems. Don't be too quick to judge
partners orthose you work with. Be sure to use your charm and diplomacy when use Your charm and diplomacy
dealing with potential new clients.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Dont' be arrad to make a move it you arent happy with your emotional situation. Travel will
be in your best intersest regardless of be in your best interest regarderss of
whether it is business or pleasure. You may have problems with those you live with.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Have a heart-to-heart talk with family and find out what the problems are. Ty to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Get on with
business business.
CAPRICORN (Dec 22. Jan. 20) You can make money through your own creative efforts. Your charm wil altract members of the opposite sex. Don't count on
correspondence to clear up maior correspondence to clear up major problems.
AQUARUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be
careful. You will be uncertain of your careful. You will be uncertain of your
feelings. Put your time and energy into home improvement.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You may find PISCES (reb. 20-Mar. 20) You may find
that youre being used. You need time to that youre being used. You need time to manderstanding or you may end up spending the evening alone.
a good friend to take a holiday with you. Your concern with older family members and those less fortunate than yourself will only add to your attractiveness. You need an outtet that will not only stimulate you but
also challenge your intelligence as well. sochalengelsurn TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Your fight for those less tortunate is not tikely to end in sweet victory. You may find yourself
caught in the middle of a a aroument that caugnt in the midale of an argument that
has nothing to do with you. You may bei in an extremely passionate mood today.
GEMIN (May 22-June 21) Take a look at investment opportunities. Make creative changes to your living quaters. Emotiona disputes will only end in sorrow.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) A romantic infatuation from your past may surface if yo. You may find that your generossity has been taken for granted. You mustr't take on other people's responsibilities or you may find yourself ifritable and exhausted. LEO (July 23-Aug22) You may be

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