

CAPACIOUS

(kuh PAY shus) *adj.*
roomy, able to hold much

Link: **CAP SPACIOUS**



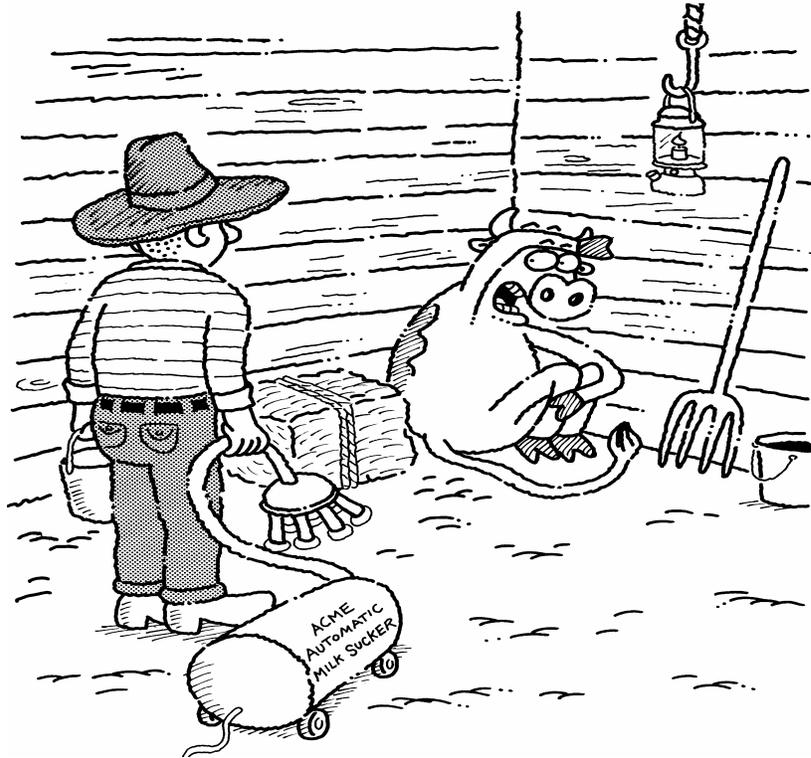
“A SPACIOUS CAP is CAPACIOUS.”

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- ❑ The old castle has a **CAPACIOUS** dining room large enough to seat a small army.
 - ❑ David’s memory for jokes is **CAPACIOUS**; he remembers them all.
 - ❑ Our bed at the hotel was really **CAPACIOUS**; all three sisters slept there.

COWER

(KOW ur) v.
to cringe in fear; to shrink away

Link: **COW**



*"Bessie, the **COWERING COW**, never could stand the sight of her own milk."*

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- ❑ When Sheriff Wild Bill Hickok entered the Last Chance Saloon, the villains **COWERED** in fear.
 - ❑ The sound of the rusty door opening in the middle of the night made Sue **COWER** under her sheets.
 - ❑ Jack **COWERED** in frustration just to think about coming home from vacation and finding all the homework he had to catch up on.

EGALITARIAN

(ih gal uh TARE ee un) *adj.*
advocating the doctrine of equal
rights for all citizens

Link: **THE GAL I'M MARRYIN'**



**"THE GAL I'M MARRYIN' is
an EGALITARIAN."**

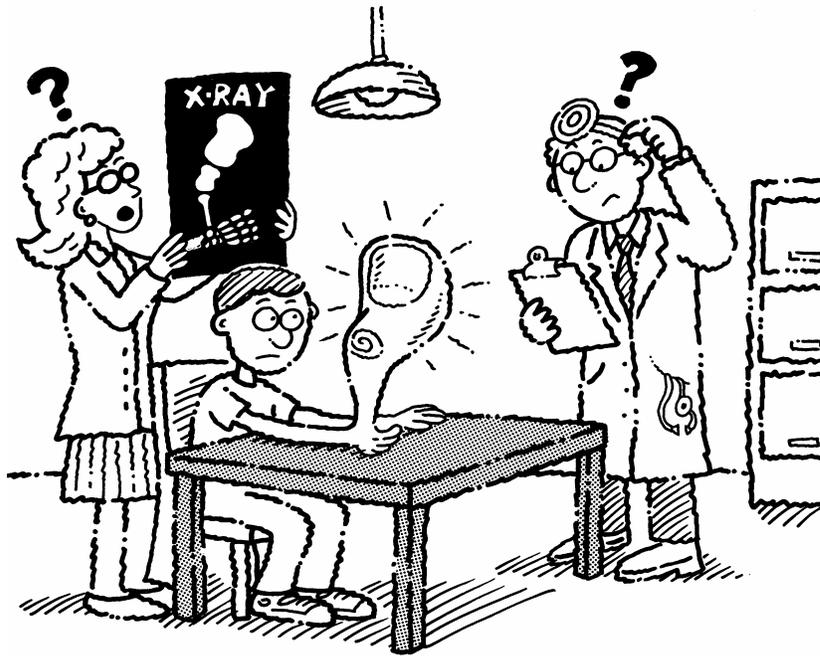
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- ❑ The Communists preached an **EGALITARIAN** philosophy, but in the end they were the same old fascists the world has known through the ages.
 - ❑ The founders of the Declaration of Independence were no better; they also preached **EGALITARIAN** principles, yet at the same time they owned slaves.
 - ❑ Martin Luther King was a true **EGALITARIAN**, he preached for equal rights for all citizens.

FATHOM

(fa THUM) v.

to understand fully;
to penetrate the meaning of

Link: **FAT THUMB**



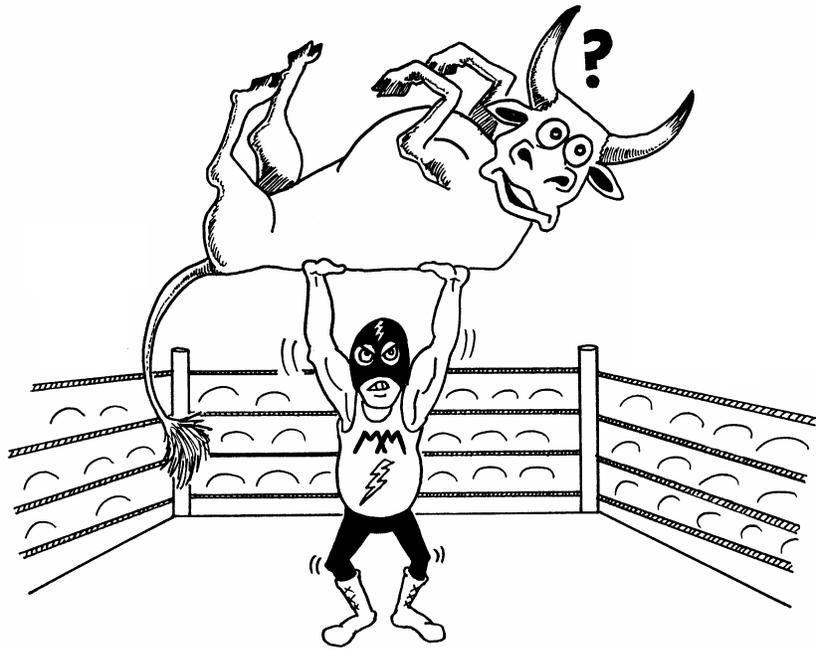
*“Doctors could never **FATHOM** the reason for Larry’s **FAT THUMB**.”*

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- Her friends thought they had **FATHOMED** the reason Estelle applied for entrance in an all-boys college: She never had any dates.
 - The jury found it hard to **FATHOM** how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.
 - (In nautical terms, **FATHOM** is six feet of water depth.) We dropped anchor in four **FATHOMS** of water and made plans to stay for the night.

IRASCIBLE

(ih RAS uh bul) *adj.*
easily angered, irritable

Link: **WRESTLE BULLS**



*“When he became **IRASCIBLE**, the Masked Marvel would **WRESTLE BULLS**.”*

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- ❑ Normally, Rose was a pleasant wife and mother but if a member of her family prevented her from watching her favorite “soaps,” she could become quite **IRASCIBLE**.
 - ❑ Uncle Tim was a real grouch, even on his birthday he would find a way to become as **IRASCIBLE** as a spoiled child.
 - ❑ The school principal became so **IRASCIBLE** even his teachers avoided speaking to him.

LAMENT

(luh MENT) v.

to express sorrow or regret; to mourn

Link: **CEMENT**



*"We **LAMENT** that Joe got buried in **CEMENT**."*

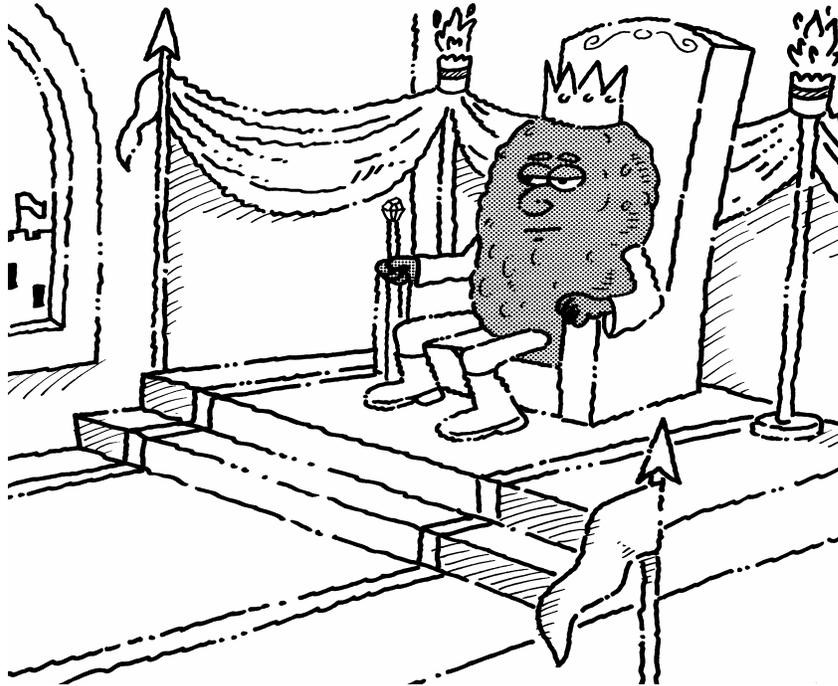
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- ❑ There must have been thousands of people at the funeral to **LAMENT** the death of Princess Diane.
 - ❑ The nation **LAMENTS** the passing of the President while at the same time celebrating his achievements while in office.
 - ❑ It is **LAMENTABLE** that Roscoe quit college in his sophomore year; his professors considered him the brightest engineering student in his class.

POTENTATE

(POHT n tayt) *n.*

a powerful ruler; an important person

Link: **IMPORTANT TATER**



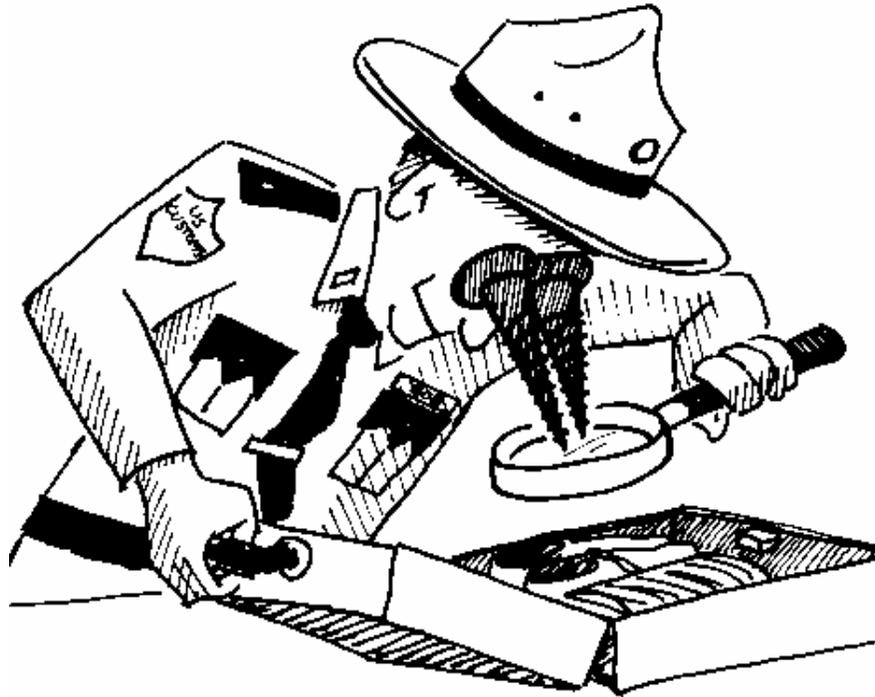
*“A **POTENTATE** in ‘Tater Kingdom’ is an **IMPORTANT TATER.**”*

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- ❑ **POTENTATES** are usually not elected officials, but the descendants of a line of rajahs, sheiks, or kings.
 - ❑ The Shah of Iran was an Iranian **POTENTATE** who lived in the twentieth century.
 - ❑ Ever since Sarah was elected president of the junior class, she walks around with her nose in the air, as if she thinks she is a **POTENTATE**.

SCRUTINIZE

(SKROOT uh nize) v.
to look very carefully; to examine

Link: **SCREW EYES**



*“U.S. Customs officials have **SCREW EYES** when they **SCRUTINIZE** baggage.”*

- ❑ Newspaper proofreaders **SCRUTINIZE** an entire newspaper each day.
- ❑ Each soldier’s uniform is **SCRUTINIZED** by his commanding officer.
- ❑ I **SCRUTINIZED** all the books in the library and found several I had wanted.

SURFEIT

(SUR fit) *n.*

an overabundant amount, especially
overindulgence in eating and drinking

Link: **SURFERS**



*“A **SURFEIT** of **SURFERS**
is a sure path to
disastrous surfboard accidents.”*

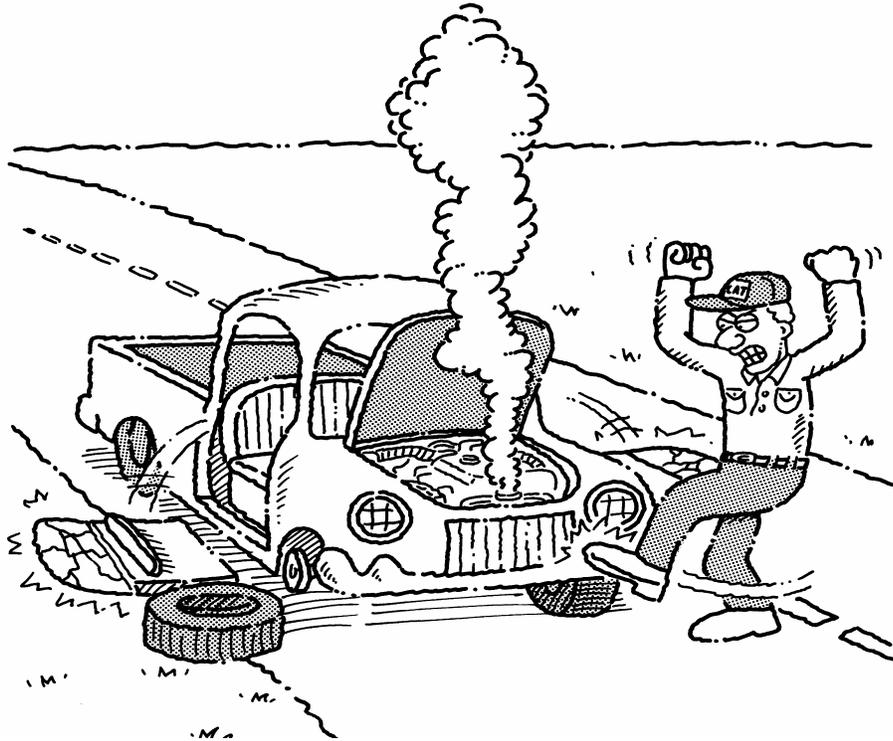
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- There was a **SURFEIT** of delicious food at the family picnic.
 - The beach store had a **SURFEIT** of bathing suits and last Saturday put on a bathing suit sale.
 - A **SURFEIT** of recruits showed up to try out for the team, and Coach Rex had to turn the freshmen away.

TRUCULENT

(TRUH kyoo lunt) *adj.*

inclined toward conflict; eager to fight

Link: **TRUCK YOU LENT**



*“The **TRUCK YOU LENT** Uncle Frank made him **TRUCULENT**.”*

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- ❑ Looking back on it, we never understood what made Randolph **TRUCULENT** all through school; he always had a chip on his shoulder.
 - ❑ A **TRUCULENT** attitude seldom wins friends or influences people in a positive way.
 - ❑ The marine recruits were scolded by their **TRUCULENT** sergeant for any small offense.