## LIFESTYLES

### **REGIONAL POETRY**

### In Our Hearts

It's a good thing Jesus never came to the United States

If he did, he would had been deported,

As an immigrant he wouldn't be entering those gates To prison instead he would had been escorted. It's a good thing Jesus isn't living here

Because, not many would listen or adhere to his preaching,

To the greedy and to the NRA he would create fear Just from his teaching.

It's a good thing Jesus isn't on our streets

Helping the poor and the needy he would had argued and cried.

He would accuse those who lies and cheats Then they would had screamed to have him crucified.

It's a good thing Jesus never came to America It would had been indeed a terrible waste of his time, To his doctrines there would be just a, "Huh" As they judge not the wealthy and seedy for their

crime.

It's a good thing Jesus lives in our hearts

And also his disciples by the way, Because, if Jesus or his disciples lived in America

in any parts

Then they'd be in an El Salvador prison today. **Randy L. McClave** 

### Egg Prices

He said egg prices would be lowered I was so excited and floored, All egg prices would finally go down Across the country and in every city and town. I constantly waited for that day He was in every prayer that I did pray, I'm so happy that I voted for him As I constantly praised him with a hymn. I waited and I waited some more Egg prices were still high in every store, But, he said soon the egg prices would drop Their increase he promised would soon stop. I kept waiting for that time As I believed the high prices were a crime, Every time that I went shopping To the produce isles I was excitedly stopping. Egg prices were getting higher For every shopper and every buyer, I can't have my eggs soft boiled, scrambled or fried Because, he just lied. Now more I am owing and paying Unto Jesus I am now constantly praying, Now I understand him and his feds He was really talking about lowering our nest eggs. **Randy McClave** 

### It's We The People

It's, "We The People!" And not just, "you!" It's, "We The People!" Not just, "One or Two!" It's we the people all of us, Every American from the U.S. We the people, is who you work for You! we do not serve, We the people you answer for You! we do observe. We Americans, we did hire, And we Americans, we can also fire. It's, "We The People!" Read the constitution, It's, "We The People!" We started and had the revolution. Before you think we are just sheeple,

# Man's four daughters have clearly sided with his ex

**Dear Abby:** I've been divorced for 10 years and have since remarried. I began dating my current wife nine years ago. I have four daughters, ages 24 through 37. Since the divorce, our relationships have been strained because mv ex continues to hold them emotionally hostage by feeding her narrative that I'm the bad guy for initiating the divorce. Because my daughters seem to believe everything their mother tells them, it's been difficult to reintegrate back into their lives because they don't know what to believe or who to trust.

My new wife gets frustrated when they don't call me for the big events (birthdays, Father's Day, holidays, etc.). and I feel horrible because her kids make a point of contacting me for every event. Should I continue accepting where things are with my daughters and wait for them to realize I'm not the monster their mother has painted me as? Or should I try having a hard conversation with each of them and take my chances on possibly saying the wrong thing and making things worse? — Damned If I Do Or Don't

Dear Damned: I'm not sure what the

circumstances were that made you divorce their mother, but your daughters are no

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with each of them is in order.

If you approach the subject saying that things don't always work out as planned, and had you found living with their mother to be tolerable you would still be married, it might make the rest of what you have to say more palatable. If your ex has accused you of infidelity, you have a right to defend yourself as long as you don't assassinate their mother's character (which is likely what she has done to yours).

Dear Abby: I am the youngest of four sisters. I lost one of them, "Rachel," to cancer several years ago. She and I were considered the "failures" of the family because we had to work hard to take care of

our families, whereas our other two sisters married into money. Rachel didn't take part in many family get-togethers because, I'm guessing, she felt out of place. I didn't understand it then, but I do now that she's gone because I feel the same way. It's aggravating

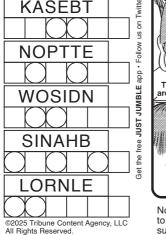
for me now when my sisters come to town. They don't understand how hard we have to work to get by. They think we and our children, who are out working hard too, can take time off anytime to get together with them when they come on short notice. It's aggravating, and I'm unsure how to approach

this. Please help. — 'Failure' In Florida

Dear 'Failure': Your "successful" sisters appear to be annoyingly obtuse. The next time you receive an invitation on short notice, patiently explain to them the difference in your lifestyle and theirs and point out that it precludes you changing your schedule at the drop of a hat. Then tell them the amount of time you need to prepare. (Why you would want to get together with anyone who makes you feel "less than" puzzles me.)

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"Good going"

Edited by Patti Varol

Remember this, "It's We The People!" **Randy McClave** 

### **God Said**

- God said let it all begin Then man created sin,
- Then God spoke without regret
- Now man will now know of death.
- Man then lied and hated and cheated
- He murdered, he stole and he repeated.
- Unto God he never did listen or did care
- Unto God he never praised in prayer.
- God gets sick of the screams and the cries
- Caused by rumors, gossip, evils and lies,
- And then as a cloud does puff
- God someday will then decide that he's had enough.
- God will have enough of it all
- That will be his final biblical call,
- God had sent his son to die for us
- But, we hated and we never cared what was taught by Jesus.
- They'll be wars and always rumors of wars
- They'll be the poor and the hungry knocking at doors,
- We could had change for the better
- But, it's easier and cheaper and diverting to be a hater.
- God will look down upon the earth Which was man's garden for his birth, And as if speaking to a forgotten friend God will then shout, "The End".

#### **Randy McClave**

### **5** Seconds

- Lord God please give him a reason
- So, not again to commit treason,
- This myself and our country beckons
- Just for 5 measly seconds.
- Give us one minute of peace
- Where his lies and hatred will cease,
- Where him and his followers will just listen As if he were a true caring Christian.
- People are dying that have never died before
- Now with our allies we are declaring war,
- We're giving to the billionaires and taking from the poor
- We all need a moment to think, I sincerely implore. He's a very bad and unintelligent person About him my thoughts just worsen,
- He's threatening our neighbors and our close allies
- As he sees power through a dictators eyes. Please stop and give us just a bit or two So, we all could see this thing through, "God!", I constantly plead, "please help us"

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