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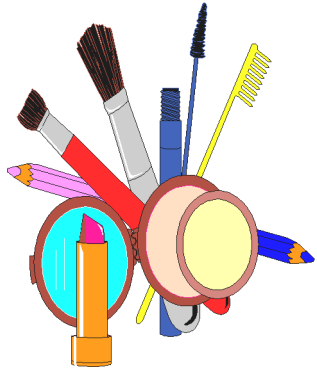
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New Chouteau Museum and Statue is planned for Salina



Joy McLendon was at Chouteau Days to help raise donations to build a new Chouteau Museum and Oklahoma Historical Statue in Salina

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Plans and fundraising are underway to build a new Chouteau Museum and Oklahoma Historical Statue in Salina. Joy McLendon was at Chouteau Days to help raise donations and said it is going to be a process that take a few years, but when finished it will be a facility and statue that the town will be proud of.

A quality museum connected to such an important part of Oklahoma, Mayes County and Salina history should draw visitors from many states. Plans are still in the preliminary stages, but Mrs. McLendon said a board is being formed and grant money, along with private donations are being sought.

The new museum will honor Major Jean Pierre Chouteau who originally established a trading post in 1796 along the banks of the Grand River at what is now Salina, which is the oldest permanent American settlement in the state of Oklahoma.

The name Salina is said to have come from Grand Saline or what is now known as the old Saltwells. Here is where salt was manufactured and sold to the Indians at fifty cents a bushel. Ox teams came from hundreds of miles and salt was hauled away by the wagon loads.

The huge salt kettles used, came from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and were transported down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and up the Arkansas and Grand Rivers to a ford near where the Salina bridge, east of Pryor, is now located.

As a result of heavy fur trading between the Osage Indians and the new settlers from St. Louis, Mis-

souri around 1802, Salina thrived and grew into a prosperous community frequented by many travelers. The trading post served as a general store for the rough territory and, in recognition of Major Chouteau, Chouteau Day, which is a state holiday, is celebrated each year in October.

Mrs. McLendon said that donation containers have been placed at community businesses and an account has been established at the local bank to take donations. This will have to be a community effort to get the job done. It is one which residents and businesses should get on the band wagon and help to raise funds and spearhead this very worthwhile project. What better way to honor a gentleman like Major Chouteau and the town of Salina than to build a new museum and statue reflecting the important part they played in Oklahoma becoming a state.

For more information or to volunteer to help get this project going, Mrs. McLendon can be contacted at 918-434-5384 or you can drop by her home at 205 N. Oak in Salina.

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Many Thanks to those who sent in information for the Ottawa County History. We are proud to be able to deliver our newest editions to Rogers, Mayes, Ottawa, Delaware and Craig & Nowata Counties.

If you have any information for future features or would like to place an ad, please contact us.

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Grief Workshop Scheduled November 10th, 2007

The Welch United Methodist Church is presenting a Grief Workshop for those who have been widowed. The purpose of the workshop is to provide emotional and educational support as well as encouragement while sharing common experiences with grieving. The workshop will help participants understand the natural process of grief, utilize effective coping strategies and accomplish the tasks in mourning. The facilitator will be Carolyn Hudson, a licensed marital and family therapist. The co-facilitators have all experienced the loss of a loved one. To enroll in the Workshop, call (918) 788-3276 or (918) 788-3519. Attend this workshop and challenge yourself to rebuild your life and live again.

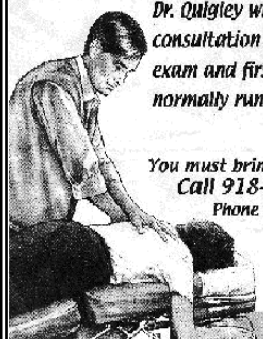
The workshop will be from 8:30am to 4:45pm. The church location is 4th & Commercial in Welch Ok. For more information please call (918) 788-3276.



On behalf of the Salina Elementary Music Program and the Salina School System, I would like to personally thank Meredith Frailey and the Cherokee Nation for their \$500 contribution to the Salina Elementary Music Program. We have purchased new matching t-shirts for the honor chorus and other essential items for the program.

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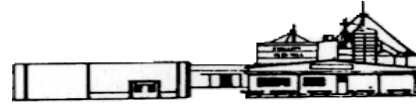
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A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father.

When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows.

An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me, he said.

"No, who are you?" said the father.

The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man.

"Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man.

"But all of my life I have never known how to pray.

At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head."

I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago, my best friend said to me, "Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of

having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest.

"Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I will be with you always'.

"Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister

that her daddy had died that afternoon.

Did he die in peace?" he asked.

Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him.

But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed.

What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."



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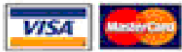
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CHOUTEAU DAYS AT SALINA



Courtney Condit and her dog, Sissy, won first place in the best dressed pet contest.



Faith Tennison and her rabbit, Baby, won second place in the best dressed pet contest.



Hillary Nicole Raper was named as the 2007 Chouteau Days Princess.



State Senator Mary Easley attended Chouteau Days in Salina and is pictured talking issues with Herald and Betty Benham.

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The Spirit of Kansas Marching Band participates in the Chouteau Days parade each year.



The Salina Fire Department was well represented in the Chouteau Days Parade.



This trio of ladies represented the Mayes County Sheriff's Department well as they sat high in the saddle.

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2007 Oklahoma Silent Witness Initiative



The Silent Witness Project is a memorial honoring those individuals who were murdered by current or former intimate partners and the children and family or friends who were caught in the crossfire's of domestic violence. Each life-sized silhouette represents someone who once lived, worked, and had friends and family before death. Each person was someone's child, neighbor, or sibling. In turn, each of us is affected by domestic violence.

Each October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During this awareness campaign, our message is one of safety and empowerment for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

The Oklahoma Silent Witness Initiative honors more than 200 individuals ranging in age from 3 months to 77 years.

How the Initiative Began...

In 1990, an ad hoc group of women artists and writers, upset about the growing number of women in Minnesota being murdered by their partners or acquaintances, joined together with several other women's organizations to form Arts Action Against Domestic Violence. They felt an urgency to do something that would speak out against the escalating domestic violence in their state, something that would commemorate the lives of the 26 women whose lives had been lost in 1990 as a result of domestic violence. After much brainstorming, they decided to create 26 free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a woman who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children—whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance. A twenty-seventh figure was added to represent those uncounted women whose murders went unsolved or were erroneously ruled accidental. The organizers called the figures the Silent Witnesses (the original 27 witnesses).

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The National Initiative...

Inspired by the impact of the Exhibit on many lives, a few of the project supporters, Janet Hagberg and Jane Zeller, determined in mid-1994 to set a larger goal, namely the formation of a national initiative dedicated to the elimination of domestic murder using the five-part process model, starting with the creation of Silent Witnesses Exhibits in all 50 states. Within one year, as of September 1995, a total of 800 Silent Witnesses had been created representing women who were killed as a result of domestic violence in seventeen states. By February 1996, twenty-four states were involved. As of March 1997, forty-six states had joined the initiative.

The Goal...

The goal of the Silent Witness National Initiative became 0 by 2010, zero domestic murders by the year 2010. The hope was born, the healing was already beginning to happen at the moment. Now all the states are involved, as well as twenty other countries; successful domestic violence reduction projects have been discovered, the march and conference successfully accomplished. The original twenty-seven women (witnesses) whose murders started the whole initiative, have prevailed. Their stories have been heard across the country and they are calling for the healing to continue until there are no more domestic murders and no more domestic violence.

May all Oklahomans come together so that our victims' voices can be heard!

If you would like more information about the Oklahoma Silent Witness Initiative, visit www.ocadvsa.org.

To request a Silent Witness silhouette be made in honor of a loved one or to host the Silent Witnesses, contact the

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at www.ocadvsa.org or 405-524-0700.

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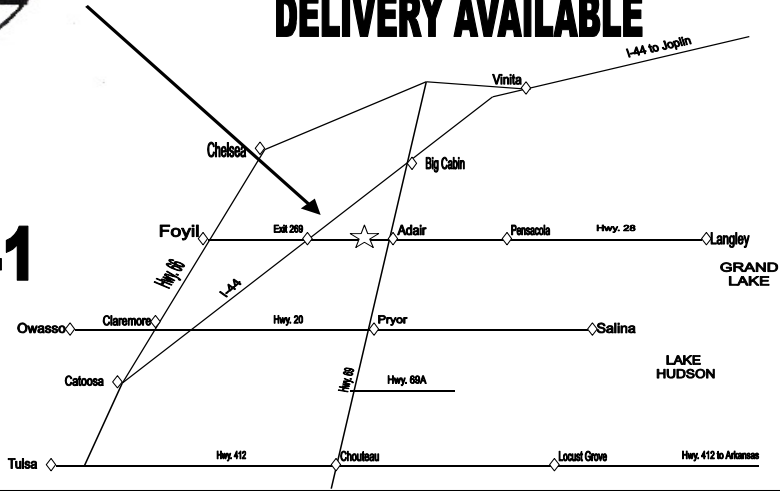


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William Thomas Milam, Sr. passed away on September 29, 2007. He was born on June 19, 1918, in Chelsea, OK. He graduated from Classen High School, attended the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of

Phi Gamma Delta. He graduated in 1939 with a degree in mechanical engineering with an aeronautical specialty. He married Virginia Mae 'Betty' Skogsberg on June 10, 1943, who died June 27, 1995. He married

Elizabeth Zoernig on October 30, 1997. He is survived by eight chil-

dren, Sallyann Paschall, of Salida, CO, Mary Ellen Meredith of Oklahoma City and Tahlequah, Carleen and Jerry Burger of Oklahoma City, Tom, Jr and Katherine of Oklahoma City, Betsy and Barry Sobral of Colorado Springs, Melainie and Walt Roth of Alpine, CO, Carl and Anita Milam of Oklahoma City, Astrea and Al Fatica of Houston, TX. Grandchildren, Laura Paschall of Denver and Drew Paschall, Shreveport, LA, America Meredith of San Francisco and Samonia Lee Meredith of OKC, Charles Burger of Chicago, David and Sarah Burger of OKC, John Burger, D.C., Paula, Nancy and Will Burger, OKC, Will Milam, OKC, Michael and Madeline Sobral, Sheldon Roth, Alpine, Ben, Helen and Mary Elizabeth Milam, OKC, Nick, Jimmy and Christina Fatica of Houston. 2 great grandchildren, Stuart Mascair of Denver, and Eileen Burger of OKC.

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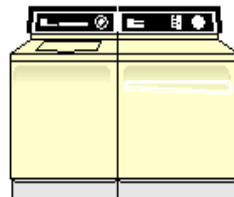
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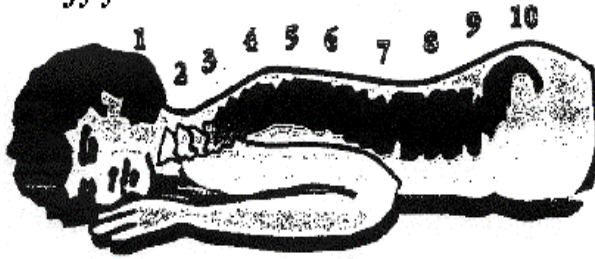


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I was on the aisle in a two seat row. Across sat a businesswoman with her nose buried in a newspaper. No problem. But in the seat beside mine, next to the window, was a young boy wearing a big red tag around his neck: *"Minor -- Traveling Unattended."*

The kid sat perfectly still, hands in his lap, eyes straight ahead. He'd probably been told never to talk to strangers. *"Good,"* I thought.

Then the flight attendant came by. *"Michael, I have to sit down because we're about to take off,"* she said to the little boy. *"This nice man will answer any of your questions, okay?"*

Did I have a choice? I offered my hand, and Michael shook it twice, straight up and down.

"Hi, I'm Jerry," I said. *"You must be about seven years old."*

"I'll bet you don't have any kids," he responded.

"Why do you think that? Sure I do." I took out my wallet to show him pictures.

"Because I'm six."

"I was way off, huh?"

The captains' voice came over the speakers, *"Flight attendants, prepare for takeoff."*

Michael pulled his seat belt tighter and gripped the armrests as the jet engines roared.

I leaned over, *"Right about now, I usually say a prayer. I asked God to keep the plane safe and to send angels to protect us."*

"Amen," he said, then added, *"But I'm not afraid of dying. I'm not afraid because my mama's already in Heaven."*

"I'm sorry," I said.

"Why are you sorry?" he asked, peering out the window as the plane lifted off.

"I'm sorry you don't have your mama here."

My briefcase jostled at my feet, reminding me of all the work I needed to do.

"Look at those boats down there!" Michael said as the plane banked over the Pacific. *"Where are they going?"*

"Just going sailing, having a good time. And there's probably a fishing boat full of guys like you and me."

"Doing what?" He asked.

"Just fishing, maybe for bass or tuna. Does your dad ever take you fishing?"

"I don't have a dad," Michael sadly responded.

Only six years old and he didn't have a dad, and his Mom had died, and here he was flying halfway across the

Mom had died, and here he was flying halfway across the country all by himself. The least I could do was make sure he had a good flight. With my foot I pushed my briefcase under my seat.

"Do they have a bathroom here?" he asked, squirming a little.

"Sure," I said, "Let me take you there."

I showed him how to work the "Occupied" sign, and what buttons to push on the sink, then he closed the door. When he emerged, he wore a wet shirt and a huge smile.

"That sink shoots water everywhere!"

The attendants smiled.

Michael got the VIP treatment from the crew during snack time. I took out my laptop and tried to work on a talk I had to give, but my mind kept going to Michael. I couldn't stop looking at the crumpled grocery bag on the floor by his seat. He'd told me that everything he owned was in that bag. Poor kid.

While Michael was getting a tour of the cockpit the flight attendant told me his grandmother would pick him up in Chicago. In the seat pocket a large manila envelope held all the paperwork regarding his custody. He came back explaining, "I

got wings! I got cards! I got more peanuts. I saw the pilot and he said I could come back anytime!"

For a while he stared at the manila envelope.

"What are you thinking?" I asked Michael.

He didn't answer. He buried his face in his hands and started sobbing. It had been years since I'd heard a little one cry like that. My kids were grown -- still I don't think they'd ever cried so hard. I rubbed his back and wondered where the flight attendant was.

"What's the matter buddy?" I asked.

All I got were the muffled words, "I don't know my grandma. Mama didn't want her to come visit and see her sick. What if Grandma doesn't want me? Where will I go?"

"Michael, do you remember the Christmas story? Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus? Remember how they came to Bethlehem just before Jesus was born? It was late and cold, and they didn't have anywhere to stay, no family, no hotels, not even hospitals where babies could be born. Well, God was watching out for them. He found them a place to stay; a stable with animals."

"Wait, wait," Michael tugged on my sleeve. "I know Jesus. I remember now." Then he closed his eyes, lifted his head and began to sing. His voice rang out with a strength that rocked his tiny frame. "Jeeesus looooves me--thiiiiiiiis I knowwwwwww. For the Biiiiiiible tells meeeeee soooooo....."

Passengers turned or stood up to see the little boy who made the large sound. Michael didn't notice his audience. With his eyes shut tight and voice lifted high, he was in a good place.

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The seat belt sign came on as we approached O'Hare. The flight attendant came by and said, "We just have a few minutes now." But she told Michael that it was important that he put his seat belt on. People started stirring in their seats, like the kids before the final school bell. By the time the seat belt sign went off, passengers were rushing down the aisle. Michael and I stayed seated.

"Are you gonna go with me?" he asked.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world, buddy!" I assured him.

Clutching his bag and the manila envelope in one hand, he grabbed my hand with the other. The two of us followed the flight attendant down the jetway. All the noises of the airport seemed to fill the corridor.



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Michael stopped, slipping his hand from mine, he dropped to his knees. His mouth quivered. His eyes brimmed with tears.

"What's wrong Michael? I'll carry you if you want."

He opened his mouth and moved his lips, but it was as if his words were stuck in his throat. When I knelt next to him, he grabbed my neck. I felt his warm, wet face as he whispered in my ear, *"I want my mama!"*

I tried to stand, but Michael squeezed my neck even harder. Then I heard a rattle of footsteps on the corridor's metal floor.

"Is that you, baby?"

I couldn't see the woman behind me, but I heard the warmth in her voice.

"Oh baby," she cried. "Come here. Grandma loves you so much. I need a hug, baby. Let go of that nice man." She knelt beside Michael and me.

Michael's grandma stroked his arm. I smelled a hint of orange blossoms.

"You've got folks waiting for you out there, Michael.."

"Do you know that you've got aunts, and uncles and cousins?"

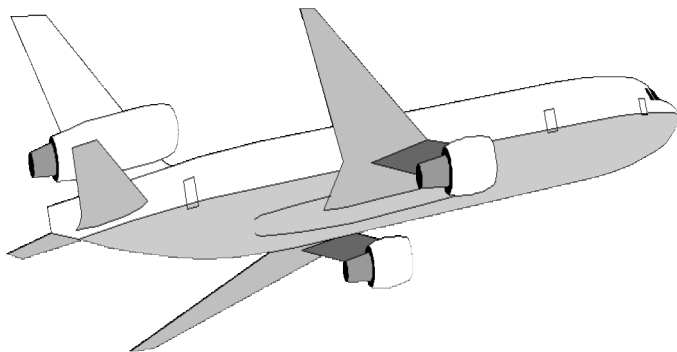
She patted his skinny shoulders and started humming. Then she lifted her head and sang. I wondered if the flight attendant told her what to sing, or maybe she just knew what was right. Her strong, clear voice filled the passageway, *"Jesus loves me -- this I know..."*

Michael's gasps quieted. Still holding him, I rose, nodded *"hello"* to his grandma and watched her pick up the grocery bag. Right before we got to the doorway to the terminal, Michael loosened his grip around my neck and reached for his grandma.

As soon as she walked across the threshold with him, cheers erupted. From the size of the crowd, I figured family, friends, pastors, elders, deacons, choir members and most of the neighbors had come to meet Michael. A tall man tugged on Michael's ear and pulled off the red sign around his neck. It no longer applied.

As I made my way to the gate for my connecting flight, I barely noticed the weight of my overstuffed briefcase and laptop. I started to wonder who would be in the seat next to mine this time. And I smiled.

~By Jerry Seiden~



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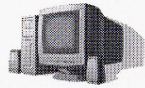
When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The pickpocket had actually used the stolen hand phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from the bank account.

Morals of the lesson:

1. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list.
2. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, sweetheart, Dad, Mom etc.
3. When sensitive info is being asked thru texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
4. When you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back and confirm the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.



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10/20/2007 Green Country 5K Benefit Run/Walk Downtown Miami October 20, 2007 At 9:00 a.m. This event will start in downtown Miami. The cost to participate is \$20.00 in advance. It will cost \$25.00 the day of the race. Participants will receive a T-Shirt & Goody Bag. All proceeds will benefit the Miami Flood Relief Fund. To make a donation or for more information, contact Jennifer Hessee with Integris at 918-540-7492 or Amanda Davis with the MCVB at 918-542-4435.

26th: Senior Pro Rodeo Association Finals at the Claremore Expo Center. Contact Jim Mudd at 918-733-2365 for more information.

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10/31/07 Annual Trunk & Treat Party at Miami 1st Assembly of God Church, October 31st, 6:30-8:30 pm. Candy, Hot Dogs, Games, Prizes, Treats, Car show & Big Bouncy Inflatables. Admission is free and everyone is invited. 1815 E Steve Owens Blvd. Phone 540-1585.

10/31/07 ATTENTION - Claremore Nursing Home is hosting their First Annual Fun Filled Halloween Bonanza! When October 31st. Time 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Trick or Treat is at 6:00pm. So load up the car and bring down your little ghosts and goblins for a fun filled evening. Games, Prizes, hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Face painting, and many more events will be provided free of charge. We hope to see all you there!!! Please contact Shirley Leonard at 341-1717 for more information.

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1st through December 22nd: Christmas at the Belvidere; Belvidere Mansion. Call 918-341-2311 for more information.

2nd-4th: The original "Oklahoma!" continues at Claremore Cinema 8. This is the last weekend so call us now for show times; 877-341-8688/918-341-8688.

2nd & 3rd: Crazy for Crafts by Claremore Main Street, Inc. For more

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November 8, 2007 Bravo Company Graduation Cycle 29 Pryor, OK 9-11th: A.A.T.R.C. Team Roping at the Claremore Expo Center. Call Buddy or Kelly Norman at 580-657-3705 for information.

16th & 17th: Dickens on the Boulevard by Claremore Main Street, Inc. call 918-341-5881 for more information.

November 17th- Festival of Trees This is a benefit for Craig County Crisis Center. The evening consists of

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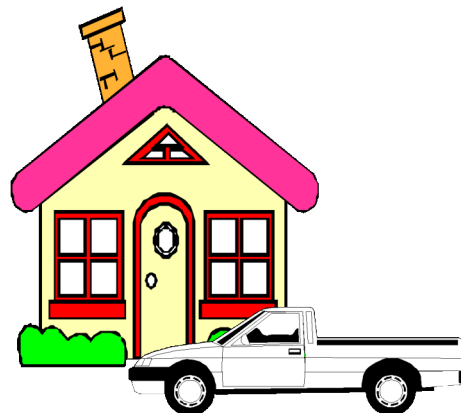
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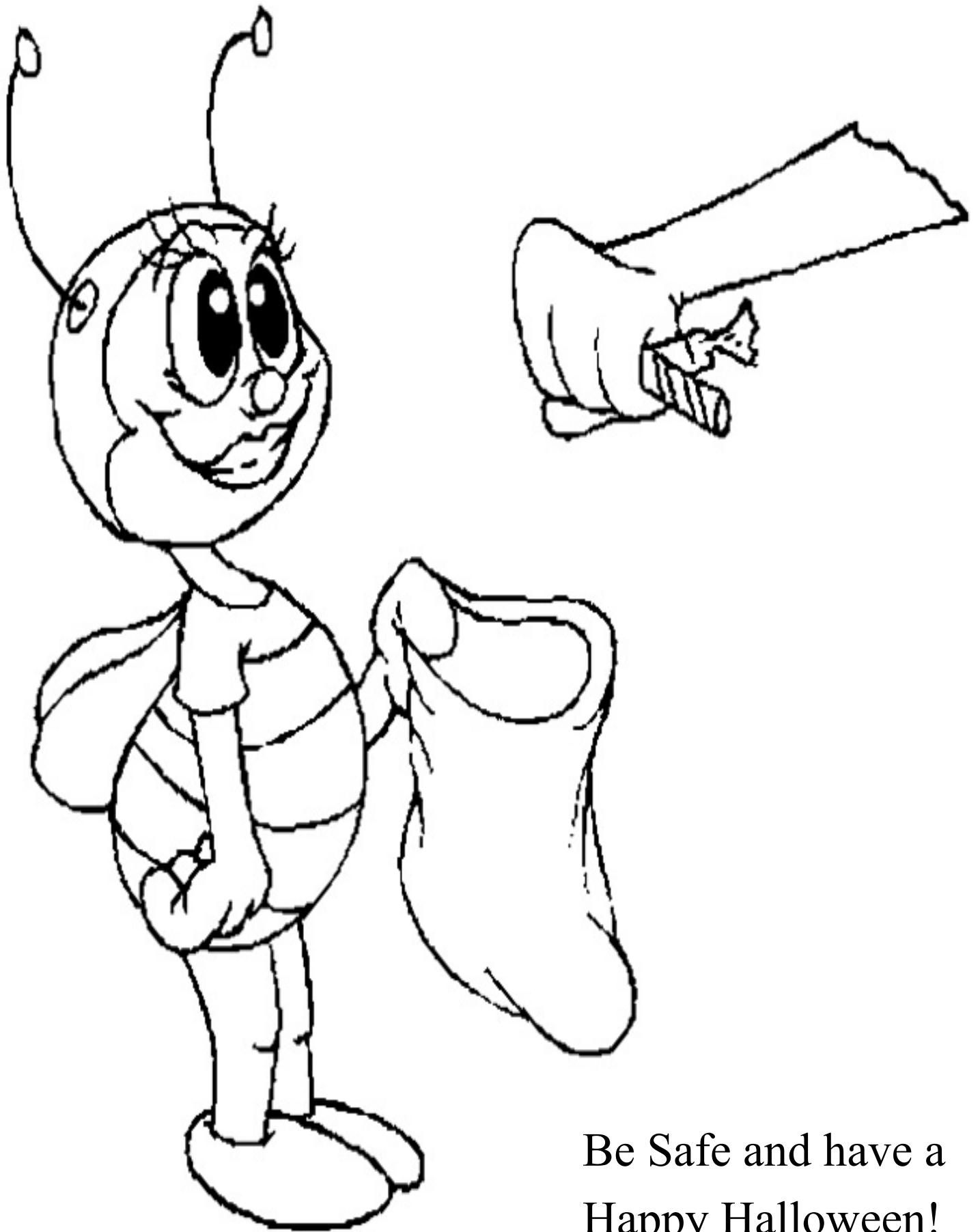
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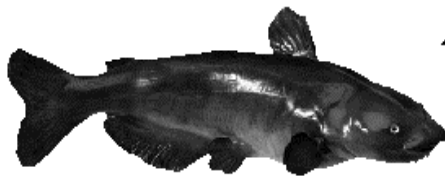
You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love.

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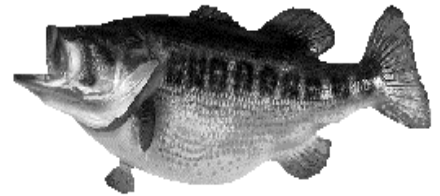
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HE LOOKS AT HER AND SAYS ANGRILY, FIX THE LIGHTS NOW? DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE GE WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO.

FINE, THEN THE WIFE ASKS, WELL THEN, COULD YOU FIX THE FRIDGE DOOR? IT WON'T CLOSE RIGHT TO WHICH HE REPLIED, FIX THE FRIDGE DOOR? DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE WESTINGHOUSE WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO

FINE, SHE SAYS THEN YOU COULD AT LEAST FIX THE STEPS TO THE FRONT DOOR? THEY ARE ABOUT TO BREAK I'M NOT A CARPENTER AND I DON'T WANT TO FIX STEPS HE SAYS, DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE ACE HARDWARE WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU. I'M GOING TO THE BAR!!!!

SO HE GOES TO THE BAR AND DRINKS FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.....

HE STARTS TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HOW HE TREATED HIS WIFE, AND DECIDES TO GO HOME

AS HE WALKS INTO THE HOUSE HE NOTICES THAT THE STEPS ARE ALREADY FIXED.

AS HE ENTERS THE HOUSE , HE SEES THE HALL LIGHT IS WORKING

AS HE GOES TO GET A BEER, HE NOTICES THE FRIDGE DOOR IS FIXED.

HONEY, HE ASKS, HOW'D ALL THIS GET FIXED? SHE SAID, WELL, WHEN YOU LEFT I SAT OUTSIDE AND CRIED.

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In the past, the event has virtually been an endurance contest featuring 18 holes of golf followed by a dinner and auction in the evening. This year's event will feature a new and not as challenging format as the six plus hours of real golf will be replaced with Fantasy Golf. Whether you've ever touched a golf club or not, you're chanced of claiming first, second or third place in this fun-filled tournament will be right up there with Tiger Woods and his professional friends.

A \$250 golf team sponsorship package includes dinner for four and four Fantasy Golf Cards. Participating in the golf portion of the event is as simple as playing the lottery. Simply scratch off the surface on the card associated with holes one thru eighteen to determine your score. And, just like in a real charity golf tournament, minus the cheating, mulligans will be available at \$5 each. The winning teams will capture \$500, \$250 and \$100 respectively to be used towards any silent or live benefit auction item. Bragging rights will definitely be on the line.

The dinner and auction portion of the event will feature great food and some truly unique silent and live auction items. The auction lineup is still being formulated but include

a Colorado ski retreat, a week at the Quarter Deck Condos in Venice, Florida, three rounds of golf at Southern Hills Country Club, dinner for six at the home of Darrel & Sheryl Hicks, a fish fry for fifty provided by Joe Johnson, a beer and football party at Mark Oliver's "Doghouse," and the list is growing.

The two major \$2500 Platinum Sponsors of the event are the Grand River Dam Authority and Arrowhead Yacht Club and Marina. Other levels of sponsorship are the \$750 Gold Sponsorship, which includes your company's name on all promotional materials, dinner for eight with associated Fantasy Golf Cards, acknowledgement in the event program and table signage and the \$500 Silver Sponsorship, which includes dinner for four and associated Fantasy Golf Cards, acknowledgement in the program and signage at the event.

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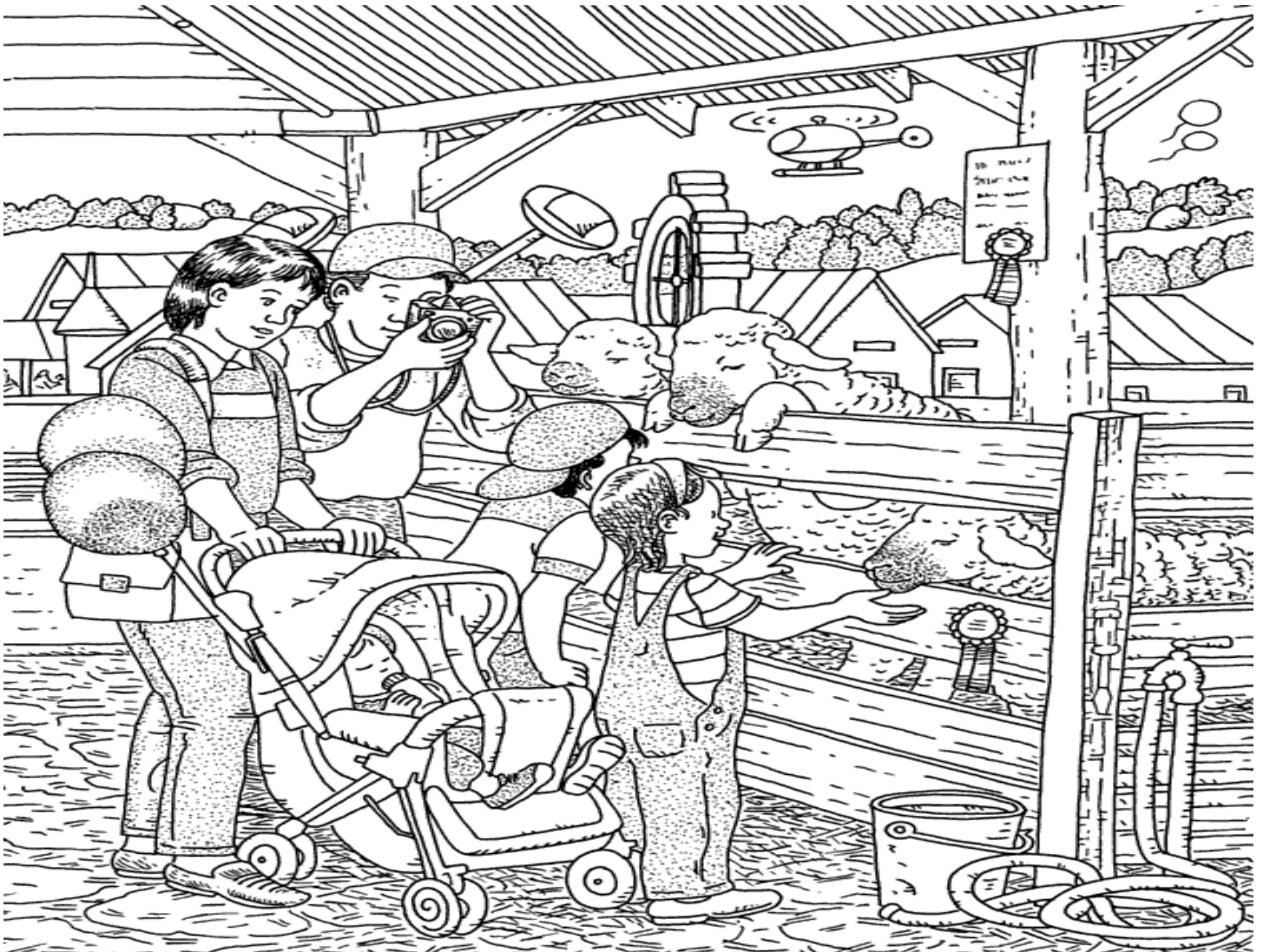
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For admission discounted from the Aquarium’s daily rates, \$7 for children and \$10 for adults, all of the Aquarium’s normal exhibits are open, allowing kids to also enjoy the educational value of the aquatic life from our oceans, lakes, rivers and streams. There are four levels of sponsorship participation. We hope you will become part of one of the most fun, visible events of the fall season.

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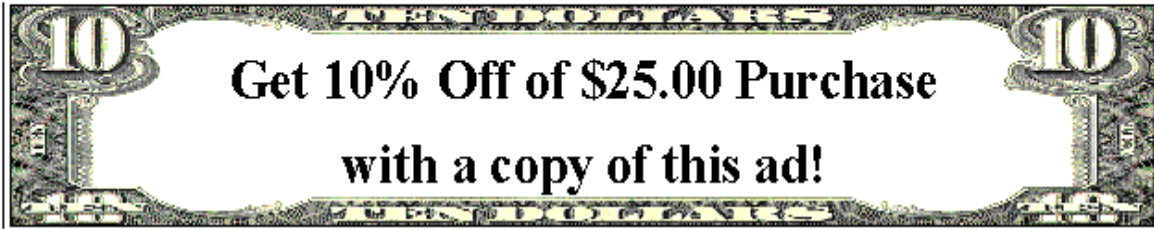
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Thursday started off with breakfast at the Pancake Hut. Club members spent the morning shopping on the Historical Carthage Square, antiquing and yard sales.

Various games and activities were enjoyed at the club house.

The monthly business meeting was held Friday morning, followed with a pot luck lunch.

Friday evening was spent enjoying blue grass and folk music on the square.

Plans were made to attend the Oklahoma State Samboree in October.

Members attending were: Betty Captain, Miami OK; Dave and Sandy Fitzgerald, Ellis and Barbara Tuomi, Tahlequah OK; Raymond and Colleen Hoodenpyle, Harlow and Cathey Humble, Vinita OK; Jim and Shirley McGhee, Lowell AR; Elton Raney, Don and Donna Schoeni, Don and Jean Philips, Grove OK

Visitors were Harley Raney and Scott Captain.

Joy Lingle and Skip and Jackie Lingle, along with grand daughter Macy Oakley joined the group on Friday.

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As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap.

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She tries to help, but they tell her to get out.

You've done enough, you klutz!"

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The gates opened at 9 a.m. and Golf Pro Steve Pace was on hand from noon until 2 p.m., plus he presented a free “Golf Seminar” from 1-1:30 p.m. Kelly Golf also had a golf equipment display set up.

You could buy a bucket of balls to hit and be entered into a drawing to win 18 holes of golf at Patricia Island Golf Course. There was a drawing for 18 holes every hour on the hour from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

There was also three “Closest to the Pin” contests, one at 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; and 2:30 p.m. and you had to be entered 15 minutes before each contest. It was \$1 per ball with a limit of 5 balls per person per contest. The “Grand Prize” was awarded

to the highest total point winner for those who enter all three contests, 1st Place - 10 Points; 2nd Place - 8 Points; and 3rd Place - 6 Points.

There was free hot dogs from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and vending machine drinks were available on premises. Live entertainment was presented by NEO Guitar Instructor and local entertainer Ron Singleton. He plays a wide variety of styles from blues and rock to jazz and classical.

Grove Golf Practice Center LLC is located just off of U.S. 59 behind Dollar General. You turn south at the Bargain Center on New Life Drive and it is at the end of the street.

The center is open 7 days a week, M-F, 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Practice balls cost \$6.00 for a large bucket; \$4.50 for a medium bucket and \$3.00 for a small bucket. An assortment of clubs are also available to use.

If by chance you drop by and there is no attendant, the center does operate on an honor system. You hit the balls and then leave your money in the

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Grove Golf Practice Center LLC. has about 18 tee boxes from which to practice and the field has markers at 100 ft., 150 ft., 200 ft., and 250 ft. There are also old cars located about to serve as targets to aim for. Future improvements at the facility will be the addition of fake greens on the field to shoot at.

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HOW'S YOUR "TECHNICAL" TRACK RECORD?

Not too long ago my friend – we'll call her Geri – finished taking her final college exams. She's earned her degree one or two classes at a time. Her grandchildren are very proud. That's right – grandchildren. Geri is 61.

"I may be the only graduate who has to use a cane to walk across the stage to get my diploma," said Geri, who, if the truth is told, is probably further away from using a cane than I am. "But I am going to get it. Finally."

And if you think that sounds as though Geri just scarped by in her college studies, think again. Her college transcript looks like a "Sesame Street" lesson on the letter "A." That's why she was so surprised when her instructor told her how she had done on her last final exam.

"Twenty out of 75."

Geri was stunned. She couldn't remember ever missing 10 questions on a test, much less 20. "I can't believe I missed 20 questions," she said.

"You didn't miss 20 questions," the teacher said. "You got 20 out of 75 correct."

Geri was speechless. She had never performed that poorly on a test, and she knew that she was well-prepared for this one. She looked at her professor, numb and dazed.

"Don't worry," he said. "I think I know what happened."

He pulled out her test paper, which was one of those computer-scanning, fill-in-the-little-circle-with-a-number-two-pencil jobs – you know, the kind where it takes longer to log in your name than it does to fill out the entire test.

"You see," the professor continued, "you got the first 20 question right, and then right over here . . ." He pointed to a place on the test form ". . . it looks like you skipped a row. From what I can tell, it looks like you got the right answers, you just put them in the wrong places."

"So what does that mean?" Geri asked as thoughts of one more semester to re-take a failed class flashed in her mind.

"It means that, technically, you failed the test," the professor said. "But I've been looking at your previous work, which has been excellent. There is no reason to believe that you would be any less prepared for your final than you've been for every other test and assignment, so as far as I'm concerned . . ." He took out a red pen and wrote a big "A" on the page.

So Geri graduated because her track record made it possible for her teacher to give her the benefit of the doubt. But what if she hadn't had that kind of track record? What if her college career – especially her experience with that teacher –

had been riddled with mediocre effort and a litany of excuses? My guess is her final test score would have reflected that history, regardless of how accidental her final mistake may have been.

And that makes me wonder how I'm doing, track record-wise. I mean, stuff like that happens. We give our best effort to Something Very Important – a project, an assignment or maybe even a relationship – only to find that a simple mistake or misunderstanding somewhere along the way has undermined our success and made our best effort look bad. We get on the wrong line, we take a wrong turn, we mark the wrong box, we push the wrong button and all of a sudden we're feeling like Geri: stunned, speechless and confused.

Technically, like a failure.


But it seems to me that if we've established a personal history of integrity, honesty, hard work and fair play people will tend to give us the benefit of the doubt when we occasionally fall humanly short of perfection. We may not always end up with an "A" as Geri did, but at least we won't feel so much like a failure.

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History of the Giant Oil Man

Driving through Oklahoma's Big Oil County, there's no shock when you stumble upon the Giant Oil Man statue, AKA "Golden Boy "the "Golden Driller", or "Larry." He has towered above the International Petroleum Exposition (IPE) Building, on the Tulsa Fair Grounds, since 1966. In-the-know locals note that he has spent some of the time on his back for repairs, and was completely replaced in the 1970s with a creepier version.

The International Petroleum Exhibition (IPE) Building Claims to have the world's largest unobstructed interior volume. The roof of the building is suspended by a mesh of exterior beams and cables, leave plenty of room for monster equipment shows and the latest model backyard derricks.

(Golden Driller: Titanic Tulsa Oil: Man: 4145 E. 21st S, Tulsa Ok [Show Map] Directions: on the Tulsa state Fairground, at the corner of E 21st S. and S. Pittsburg Ave, Hours: Daylight hours.)

2006 : The Driller is more golden these days.)

2003 - The Driller now has a diminutive side kick - the Roustabird, a filthy oil drilling penguin in overalls and a hard hat.

Golden Driller -From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Golden Driller is a 76 foot tall (23meter), 43,500pound statue of an oil worker, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is claimed to be the "largest free standing statue in the world

It was originally built in 1953 by the Mid - Continent Supply Company of Fort Worth for the International Petroleum Exposition. Six years later, it was temporarily erected again for the 1959 show. Due to the positive attention it attracted, the company donated the statue to the Tulsa County Fairgrounds Trust Authority, which had it permanently installed in front of the Tulsa Expo Center for the 1966 International Petroleum Exposition. The Statue's right hand

rests on an oil derrick which had been moved from a depleted oil field in Seminole, Oklahoma.

An inscription at the base of the statue reads, The Golden Driller, a symbol of the International Petroleum Exposition. Dedicated to the men of the petroleum industry who by their vision and daring have created from God's abundance a better life for mankind.

External links

Expo Square ([http:// www. exposquare.com/](http://www.exposquare.com/)) Home of the Golden Driller

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The Mid-Continent Supply Company Of Fort Worth First Introduced the Golden Driller in 1953 at the International Petroleum Exposition. It was temporarily erected again for the 1959 show and attracted so much attention that the company had it rehabilitated and donated it to the Tulsa County Fair Grounds Trust Authority. It was permanently installed at the 21st Street and Pittsburg Avenue site for the 1996 International Petroleum Exposition. His right hand rests on an old production oil derrick moved from an oil field in Seminole, Oklahoma.

The Driller has been ravaged by weather, survived tornadoes, photo sessions with tourists, attacked by vandals, assaulted by souvenir seekers, shotgun blasts, and has even had an arrow in the back. Art critics have even ridiculed the poor old man.

The basic angle -iron structure made of plaster and concrete will withstand 200 mile an hour winds. It was refurbished and painted gold by Gibco, Inc Tulsa, Oklahoma in time for the International Petroleum Exposition of 1979. Since then the Golden Driller has guarded the main entrance the Exposition Center where various trade shows, conventions and consumer events are held. He has collected a host of friends, not only in Tulsa, but also from around the world.

The inscription on the plaque at the base of the statue reads, "The Golden Driller, a symbol of the International Petroleum Exposition. Dedicated to the men of the petroleum industry who by their vision and daring have created from God's abundance a better life for mankind.

Golden Driller Statistics

Largest freestanding statue in the world
 Weight -43,500 pounds
 Height -76 feet
 Belt size- 48-feet in circumference
 Shoe size-393DDD
 Hat size - 112 hard hat



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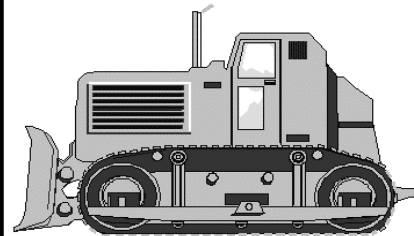
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"I'm going to Heaven
I'm going there when I die
I'm going to Heaven in the sweet,
sweet bye and bye
So angels place my order
For a mansion and a crown
and in that Book up yonder
Just write my full name down."

"Heaven, happy home above
Heaven, land of peace and love
Oh, it makes me feel like traveling on
Heaven, eternal
Heaven, supernal
I'm so glad that it's real."

It is like getting on an airplane bound for Ireland. I have never been to Ireland. I know it exists because I studied geography in school. I have heard of people from Ireland. In fact, my ancestors were probably from Ireland (and Scotland and England.) I'd love to go to Ireland some day and visit the countryside where my ancestors lived and listen to the people speak the Irish language, Gaelic, or English with an Irish brogue. But I have never been to Ireland, so I must take it on faith that the plane would actually land in Ireland.

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