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The history of Halloween - how it all started



It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain & Brythonic festival Calan Gaeaf that such festivals may have had pagan roots; and that Samhain itself was Christianized as Halloween by the early Church. Some believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, separate from ancient festivals like Samhain.

Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the

dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.

At the end of summer, the Celts thought the barrier between our world and the world of ghosts and spirits got really thin.

This meant weird creatures with strange powers could wander about on Earth.

The Celts had a big party. It was all about scaring away the ghosts and spirits.

Later, with the Christian religion, the day became known as All Hallows' Eve - the day before All Saints' Day on 1 November.

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America picks up the pace
It's in America that Halloween has really taken off.

Irish immigrants to the United States raised the popularity of Halloween during the 19th century.

During the 20th century it became more and more popular, with traditions like pumpkin carving and trick or treating becoming part of TV shows, books and movies.

What's with the pumpkins?

Jack-o-lantern is the real name for the carved pumpkin.

Its glowing face was supposed to scare away evil spirits.

You carried it around the edge of your village or let it burn outside your house on Halloween night.

In Ireland, Jack-o-lanterns were originally carved out of turnips.

Lots of Irish people went to live in America. They still wanted to make lanterns, but they couldn't find enough turnips. So they used pumpkins instead.

Halloween: What's trick or treat all about?

If you are going out trick or treating you probably dress up in scary costumes and knock on doors hoping to be given sweets or money - the treat.

If you don't get anything or it's not a great treat, such as a lump of coal, children sometimes may play a joke on the people living in the house.

But many people think this is unkind and unfair.

Some people think this tradition started with the Celts, who believed that on Halloween - that they

used to call Samhain - some ghosts tried to return to their old homes.

They tried to get the visiting ghosts in a good mood by offering them nice food.

They thought if the ghosts were angry they would mess up the farms and frighten the animals.

But others believe trick or treating comes from a tradition where people would go door-to-door asking for food or "soul cakes".

DATA MASTER: Doug William Stone



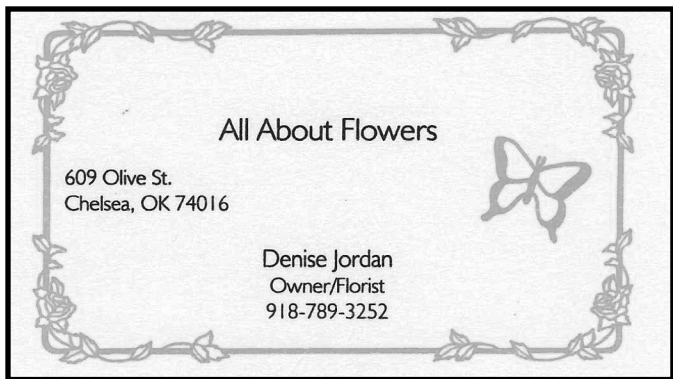
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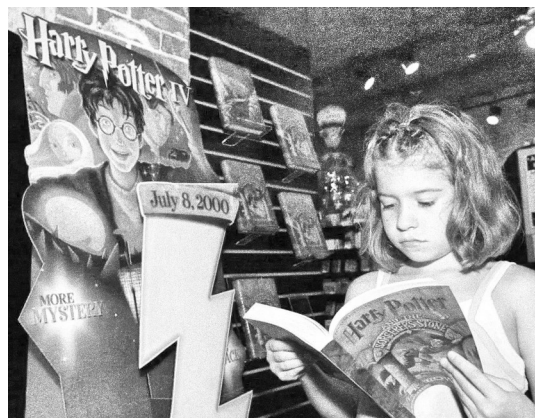


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15 ways Harry Potter has changed culture since the first book was published 20 years ago



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DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Twenty years ago Monday, on June 26, 1997, Bloomsbury Children’s Books published a book by an unknown single mother from Edinburgh — a manuscript that had been previously rejected by eight other publishers for being too long — the first in what the author hoped would be a series of seven books. With a payment of 2,500 pounds and a bit of advice — don’t quit your day job, you’ll never make a living writing for children — Joanne K. Rowling’s publishers set her on the path to becoming richer than the Queen of England and struck gold with one of the best-loved and most influential books of the last 100 years: “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone.” (The book got a slightly different title, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” when it was released in the US the following year.) This book and the six others that followed have shaped a generation and changed our culture in innumerable ways — both good and bad. Here are 15 of its biggest impacts:

1. **The series taught adults that, when it comes to literature, age ain’t nothing but a number.** Whether you started reading the series at an age-appropriate 12 only to wait in line at 22 for the joy of the final installment or, like my dad, you decided to indulge your overzealous daughter by reading the copy she hid in your carry-on bag on a work trip and fell in love, the Harry Potter

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series took adults reading books written for kids and teenagers from being something mildly embarrassing to being an everyday occurrence.

2. It taught publishers that, as long as the books are GOOD, kids will read them, no matter how long they are, or how many you write. Before “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” a 700-page children’s book was unheard of. Now, finding one under 300 pages feels like a miracle — especially if it does not have three to six sequels.

3. That led to an EXPLOSION of popularity for children’s and young adult literature, especially series. Did you know that the Harry Potter series is the reason that The New York Times Bestseller List has a separate list for children’s books? In July 2000, in its first major change to the lists’ format in 16 years, the paper decided a children’s list was necessary after the first three Harry Potter books held the top three positions on The New York Times’ Bestseller List for more than a year — no new adult books could compete!

4. It made book culture into pop culture. Find someone who was working at one of Harvard Square’s bookstores in July 2007 and ask them about the Harry Potter Party thrown in the square to celebrate the release of the final book in the series. Before your eyes, you’ll see friendly nerds transform into hardened veterans with thousand yard stares, recalling the Altamont-esque chaos that accompanied the midnight bookselling that year. Not since Americans crowded the docks eager for news of Dickens’s Little Nell had a new book been such a cultural event, but since that time, countless others have followed the same pattern.

5. It made literary culture into pop culture. More than just supporting midnight parties and mass-produced paraphernalia that had typically been limited to comic book characters and sports teams, though, the gap between installments in the Harry Potter series and the books’ almost universal popularity fostered a culture of constant re-reading and, as a result, close analytical engagement with the text. As fans poured over “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” for the sixth time, desperate to discern the meaning of the prophecy it revealed, they may have thought they were just trying to solve Joanne’s mystery. But, in fact, they were developing



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close-reading skills that would typically have been limited to PhD-level study. Think of that the next time a millennial on Twitter points out the implicit meaning in what you thought was an innocuous sentence — it might just be Jo’s fault.

6. Turned fan culture into mainstream culture. In addition to academics, this close, obsessive engagement with a beloved object had typically been limited only to the most intense and fringe-est of nerds. But because Harry Potter’s rise coincided with the rise of the Internet, the kids who obsessed about it never had to do it alone — other obsessive fans were just a chat room away. And, it turns out, that if you can access fan culture easily, you will. While 20 years ago, knowing the Live Long and Prosper hand signal from “Star Trek” would have marked you as the hard-core-est of nerds, today, failing to know the qualities associated with different Hogwarts houses makes you look comically out-of-the-loop.

7. Made fanfiction into the No. 1 writers’ workshop for aspiring authors — especially female ones. Even more important than its effect on fan culture in general, Harry Potter and, specifically, the three-year gap between the fourth and fifth installments in the series known in fandom as “the three-year summer” led to an absolute explosion in fanfiction writing. This environment produced a slew of current YA writers — most famously, Cassandra Clare of the Mortal Instruments series — but has also created a stable and fertile online writers’ workshop where new writers, frequently female, can hone their craft.

8. Indirectly anointed John Green as the King of Young Adult Fiction. In January 2007, John Green, then a critically-beloved but popularly unknown young adult author, decided to start a daily video blog with his brother Hank. For six months, they chugged along, watched by a growing audience of hundreds of devoted fans. Then Hank wrote a great, goofy song about his eagerness for the final Harry Potter book, it went viral, and overnight Vlogbrothers went from a project watched by hundreds to a project watched by thousands — growing and growing until, eventually, it gave John Green the platform he needed to turn his excellent book “The Fault in Our Stars”

from a critical darling to a chart-busting, genre-smashing success. So while you may think Green “saved” young adult literature, his success is actually Joanne all the way down.

9. Gave millennials an essential framework for philanthropic and political engagement. These days, you can’t turn around online without bumping into a new take about what Harry Potter can teach us about political resistance. From Hermione’s initially-maligned-but-ultimately-vindicated personal crusades on behalf of non-Wizard magical creatures like house elves to The Battle of Hogwarts, the books offered a primer to an unformed generation on how to push back against the dominant culture and what it looks like to take a principled stand against tyranny. You may be tired of seeing President Trump compared to Voldemort, but you cannot deny that the fictional example set by the books has had a substantial impact on our political discourse.

10. Created a generation of unabashedly age-agnostic culture consumers. If you, like me, were a 22-year-old camp counselor in July 2007, it was perfectly normal for every person at your camp, from the most ambitious 7-year-olds to the 36-year-old who delivered your bottled water, to be reading the exact same book you were: “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.” So while normally we’d have been putting away childish things, my generation felt free to like what we liked, regardless of whom it was intended for. I’d argue that you can draw a line from that directly to the current number of 32-year-old women whose favorite artist is Carly Rae Jepsen or whose favorite tattoo is of Garnet from the Cartoon Network’s animated show “Steven Universe.”

11. Invented spoiler culture. You know what else happens when a hotly anticipated book is being consumed simultaneously by an unprecedentedly wide range of readers? Some people finish it before others do and CARELESS LIPS SINK SHIPS by revealing important plot details before they’ve been discovered organically. While there were twists before Harry Potter, its universal popularity made “spoiling” a plot point into the first degree social misdemeanor it’s considered today.

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12. Undid years of John Hughesian social programing by making nerds root for a jock. Say what you will about Harry Potter's status as an outsider and orphan — when you get down to brass tacks, at Hogwarts, he is a rich, handsome sports star who eschews his homework and cheats in order to make sure he's got more time on the Quidditch pitch. He acts first and thinks later. If he were in a John Hughes movie, he wouldn't be Duckie — he'd be Blaine. And yet Duckies throughout America cheered him on for seven books! Truly, this counts as a minor social revolution.

13. Taught media conglomerates that there is always more juice in the lemon. When Warner Bros. realized that they could arbitrarily turn one long book — “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” — into two long movies, our media landscape changed forever. Why invest in original work when you can turn a 128-page fictional text-book into three movies? Why settle for an epilogue when you can have an entire West End play? Harry Potter taught Hollywood its favorite new lesson: If people love your intellectual property enough, they'll keep buying forever, no matter how much the return on enjoyment diminishes.

14. Taught authors that they never need to die, if they'd rather not. In modern literary analysis, there is a famous axiom: The author is dead. It's meant to remind students that it does not matter what the author, living or otherwise, intended when they composed the work you're analyzing — as soon as print is on the page, it's yours to interpret as you will. Unless, of course, you're J.K. Rowling, author of the world's most popular series, and you feel like letting everyone know that you intended for Dumbledore to be gay the whole time. Then you can keep annotating your works until the sun expands and consumes the Earth, and BuzzFeed will thank you for the easy headlines.

15. Began my illustrious and surely game-changing career as a Media Personality. . . . as being interviewed by this very paper about the release of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” was my first print appearance in a major national paper. I'm sure, 10 years from now, some-

one will be writing listicles about MY impact on culture, too.

DATA MASTER: Doug William Stone

Dad Working 3 Jobs Surprises Daughter With Dream Dress For 8th Grade Dance



A father working three jobs bought his daughter her dream dress for her eighth-grade dance, after initially telling her he could not afford it.

Ricky currently balances shifts at McDonald's, Popeye's and a convenience store. He already worked at least six days a week, and sometimes seven, but he pushed harder, working extra shifts until he had enough money to purchase the dress that his daughter wanted.

He surprised her in a video that's being watched by thousands of people.

I love how show she keeps going back for more hugs instead of looking at the dress.

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December 8 - 6:00 PM

It started to snow.

The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven.

It looked like a Grandma Moses Print.

So romantic we felt like newlyweds again.

I love snow!

December 9

We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape.

What a fantastic sight!

Can there be a lovelier place in the whole world?

Moving here was the best idea I've ever had!

Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again.

I did both our driveway and the sidewalks.

This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again.

What a perfect life!

December 12

The sun has melted all our lovely snow.

Such a disappointment!

My neighbor tells me not to worry- we'll definitely have a white Christmas.

No snow on Christmas would be awful!

John says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again

I don't think that's possible.

John is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.



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December 14

Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night.

The temperature dropped to -20.

The cold makes everything sparkle so.

The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks.

This is the life!

The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again.

I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way.

I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15

20 inches forecast.

Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer.

Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels.

Stocked the freezer.

The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out.

I think that's silly.

We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16

Ice storm this morning.

Fell on my butt on the ice in the driveway putting down

salt.

Hurt like hell.

The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17

Still way below freezing.

Roads are too icy to go anywhere.

Electricity was off for 5 hours.

I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm.

Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her.

Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her.

God I hate it when she's right.

I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20

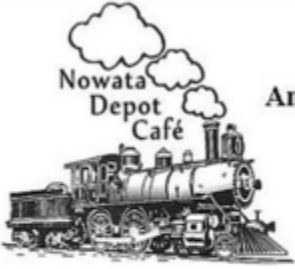
Electricity's back on, but had another 14 inches of the damn stuff last night.

More shoveling!

Took all day.

The damn snowplow came by twice.

Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey.



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I think they're lying.

Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out.

Might have another shipment in March.

I think they're lying.

John says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me.

I think he's lying.

December 22

John was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white stuff fell today, and it's so cold, it probably won't melt till August.

Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to go urinate.

By the time I got undressed, went to the bathroom and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel.

Tried to hire John who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy. I think he is lying.

December 23

Only 2 inches of snow today

And it warmed up to 0.

The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning.

What is she, nuts?!!

Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago?

She says she did but I think she's lying.

December 24

6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel.

Thought I was having a heart attack.

If I ever catch the one who drives that snow plow, I'll drag him through the snow and beat him to death with my broken shovel.

I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been!

Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was too busy watching for the damn snowplow.

December 25

Merry freaking Christmas!

20 more inches of the damn slop tonight -Snowed in.

The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil.

God, I hate the snow!

Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel.

The wife says I have a bad attitude.

I think she's an idiot.

If I have to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26

Still snowed in.

Why the hell did I ever move here?

It was all HER idea.

She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27

Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him, he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28

Warmed up to above -20.

Still snowed in.

My wife is driving me crazy!!!

December 29

10 more inches.

John says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in.

That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30

Roof caved in.

I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me for a million dollars.

The wife went home to her mother.

Nine more inches predicted.

December 31

I set fire to what's left of the house.

No more shoveling.

January 8

Feel so good.

I just love those little white pills they keep giving me.

Why am I tied to the bed?

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Life's Small Surprises

Eyes closed, she felt the cool breeze on her face as the car swept past the green pastures. The breeze felt refreshingly new and gave her a sense of newly defined freedom and happiness. The breeze suddenly came to a halt with the car stopping due to a bit of traffic created by the grazing of some cute lambs. Climbing out of the car in excitement, she realized she was in a new world, where her only companion was the sparkling beauty of nature all around her. Standing there, she finally understood the meaning of freedom!

In this fast paced world, where smartphones are a necessity and life without internet might just be the next step to insanity, we've forgotten the simple pleasures in life... just stop for a moment to ask yourself how long its been since you've just sat down for a while, doing absolutely nothing yet feeling perfectly happy and contented? People tend to find happiness in commodities or things around them...but the perfect place to start searching for happiness is right within you! Happiness is like a perfume.. it can be spread to others if only we are willing to sprinkle a few drops on our self! True happiness is said to be achieved when we are the reason behind a person's beautiful smile and immense happiness!

So the next time you see someone upset or feeling low, lend them a bit of your time and support...it doesn't cost much, but doubles the happiness in your heart!!!

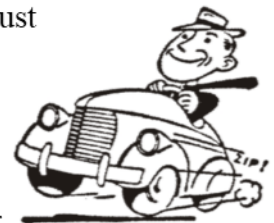
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DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

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<p><i>Guests are always welcome. See you Sunday at worship.</i></p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church 607 SE 9th Street, Pryor, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-825-1926 Email: stjohncpyor@sbcglobal.net - Website: www.stjohncpyor.org</p>

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TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Monday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

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Sep 21, 2018 to Nov 03, 2018 The Hex House - Travel to Tulsa for The Hex House, northeast Oklahoma's extreme haunted attraction. The Hex House is an intense, multi-element, walk-through haunted house attraction themed around a dark chapter in Tulsa's haunted past. The original Hex House was involved in a 1944 police investigation surrounding a small casket buried in the backyard of a Tulsa house and two young women who had been under hypnotic or occult control for seven years. The investigation was nicknamed the "Hex House" case since it had all the spooky elements of a Halloween story. The original Hex House become a favorite site for young Tulsans to visit on Halloween for years after the case was settled. Now, The Hex House is back, ready to bring your most terrifying fears to life this Halloween season. 5610 W Skelly Dr Tulsa, OK 74133 Toll Free: 877-980-7882

Sep 22, 2018 to Oct 31, 2018 Pumpkin Patch at Lake

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

You asked and we listened. The top puzzle is easy and the bottom one is moderately hard.

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Hardship level: Moderate

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Checotah, OK 74426

Phone: 918-360-7775

Sep 25, 2018 to Nov 03, 2018 Pumpkin Festival at Shepherd's Cross - Celebrate fall with pumpkins, hayrides and harvest educational activities at Shepherd's Cross, an authentic working farm in Claremore. Come out and select a pumpkin from truckloads available in all shapes and sizes at the Pumpkin Festival at Shepherd's Cross. Guests can also take home straw bales and corn stalks for fall decorating. At this annual pumpkin festival, walk the hay maze, create a scarecrow, take a hayride, pet the animals in the petting zoo and make memories. Enjoy lots of fun games and activities for the whole family, farm demos and festive fall story time while celebrating the harvest season.

Shepherd's Cross

16792 E 450 Rd

Claremore, OK 74017

Phone: 918-342-8688

Sep 28, 2018 to Oct 27, 2018 Haunted Castle Halloween Festival - The Castle of Muskogee is Oklahoma's largest haunted attraction with over 62 acres of spine chilling thrills and excitement. Come celebrate more than 20 years of thrills with a combination of indoor and outdoor attractions with activities, vendors, games, shows, rides, shops, food and fun for all ages. There are 11 spooktacular attractions to choose from and we are rated one of the best haunted attractions in the state.

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3400 W Fern Mtn Rd

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Sep 28, 2018 to Nov 03, 2018 The Asylum - Uncover the

disturbing secrets held within The Asylum in Nowata, a terrifying haunted attraction that will leave you frightened for days. The story goes that this building is a former mental institution that was the site of a horrible fire decades ago, and many of the details are unknown, including if there were any survivors. Experience The Asylum at the risk of your own sanity, because you'll see scary things beyond your wildest nightmares, based on the unrestricted operations of sanitariums in the 1940s. A VIP pass will be available on Halloween night for an exclusive tour of The Asylum.

Please note: Children under 13 are not allowed in The Asylum without a parent or guardian.

304 W Cherokee Ave

Nowata, OK 74048

Phone: 918-559-5049

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Sperry, OK 74070

Phone: 918-288-7685

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DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

This Month in History - October

18th

What Happened on 18th :

1898 The us takes formal possession of Island of Puerto Rico

1922 The British Broadcasting Company Is Formed

1954 Texas Instruments announces the Regency TR-1 Transistor radio

1968 Bob Beamon breaks the world long jump record In Mexico

19th

What Happened on 19th :

1947 US minimum wage of 40 cents per hour

20th

What Happened on 20th :

1955 Final Book Of The Lord Of The Rings Published

1973 Sydney Opera House Opens

1991 Oakland Firestorm

21st

What Happened on 21st :

1879 Thomas Edison invented a commercially practical incandescent light

1944 First Japanese Kamikaze Attack

1966 Aberfan Disaster buried a junior school in Aberfan, Wales

1986 Antarctica scientists have been studying a huge hole that has appeared in the earths ozone layer over Antarctica

22nd

What Happened on 22nd :

1910 Dr. Crippen Convicted Of Murder

1914 First Income Tax Laws

1962 Cuban Missile Crisis

1983 London CND March

2002 Washington Sniper claims his last victim and Arrested

23rd

What Happened on 23rd :

1915 Suffrage Movement March In New York

1941 Dumbo is released

1963 "Doctor Who" Appears On British TV

1989 Phillips 66 Chemical Complex Explosion Houston, Texas

2002 Fifty Chechen rebels storm a Moscow Theatre taking 7,000 hostages

24th

What Happened on 24th :

1929 Wall Street Crash (Black Thursday)

1931 George Washington Bridge opened

1945 United Nations is formally established

2003 Concorde makes its final commercial passenger flight

25th

What Happened on 25th :

1944 Japanese deploy kamikaze suicide bombers against American warships

1952 The Mousetrap Opens In London's West End

1970 Pacific Glory Disaster

26th

What Happened on 26th :

1956 Hungary October Revolution

27th

What Happened on 27th :

1904 The New York subway opens

1970 Controlled Substance Act Becomes Law Outlawing Cannabis, marijuana, heroin and LSD amongst many others

28th

What Happened on 28th :

1929 Wall Street crash (Black Monday) Through The Next Week

1942 Alaska Highway (Alcan Highway) Completed

1965 The Gateway Arch St. Louis, Missouri is completed

29th

What Happened on 29th :

1927 Italian Liner Mafalda Sinks

1948 Donora Pennsylvania Deadly Smog Cloud

1956 Israel Invades Egypt

1969 The first host-to-host connection over the ARPANET (predecessor of the Internet) is made when the first message is sent between two computers at University of California, Los Angeles

1986 M25 Completed In UK

30th

What Happened on 30th :

1938 War of the Worlds Radio Play Causes Mass hysteria

1974 "Rumble In The Jungle" Muhammad Ali Vs George Foreman

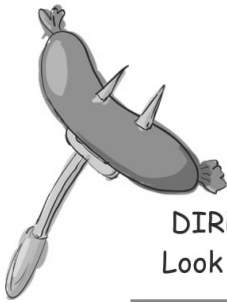
31st

October 31st :

1941 The Mt. Rushmore sculpture is completed

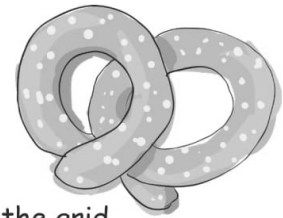
1956 Suez Canal Crisis

1984 Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was gunned down outside of her home by Sikh extremists



Oktoberfest

Word Search



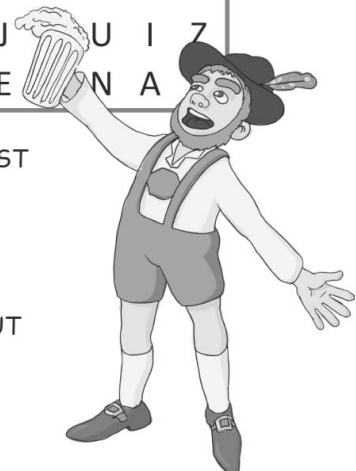
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid.
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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BRASS BAND
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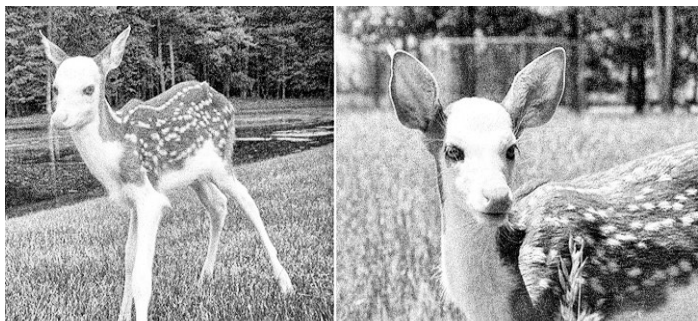
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Meet Dragon - The Deer Who Was Rejected For Being Really, Really, Ridiculously Good Looking

An abandoned baby deer's ravishing good looks was almost his curse.



Dragon, a rare white-faced fawn, was rescued and raised by humans at a farm in Michigan after being rejected at birth by his mother.

"He has been named 'Dragon' - my son shouldn't be allowed to name the animals anymore," Deer Tracks Junction wrote on their Facebook page.

The farm's owner, Hilary Powell, said that Dragon was abandoned by his mother, likely because he didn't look like the other fawns. Dragon's white face and pink nose would also make it difficult for him to survive in the wild.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Benny



For years, the residents of Salem, Oregon, have been hunting for the hidden \$100 bills that appear all over the place. Every bill is signed "Benny," but that isn't the mysterious philanthropist's real name. Residents of Salem have discovered the Benny bills almost everywhere—hidden in baby carriages, slipped through car windows, or tucked into the sleeping bags of homeless people. Benny has given out an estimated \$50,000. For many of these recipients, that \$100 appeared at moments when they desperately needed the money. This act of generosity inspired the entire town to pay it forward, with some people adopting the practice on their own. For the individuals who are lucky enough to receive a Benny when they aren't actually in need, many citizens

have given the money to charity or slipped it into someone else's pocket. While the original donor is a mystery, the practice quickly became a town tradition that will live on for a long time. DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Jalandhar Nayak

In a remote village in India's state of Orissa, the schoolchildren needed to walk through 10 kilometers (6 mi) of thick brush, climbing up and down hills and boulders in each direction for three hours. It's understandable why many of these kids gave up on their education. But a father named Jalandhar Nayak was determined that his sons would receive an education. His boys moved closer to the school, and Nayak began to work. Armed with only a pickaxe and a crowbar, Nayak began clearing a road to the village in 2016. He pushed boulders and dug the earth so that it would be a flat surface. He worked from sunup until sundown, eight hours a day every day for two years straight. A local news outlet heard about Nayak's story. The government agreed that the village needed a road, so they paid him for his time and took over the construction where he left off. Once he got the media's attention, he requested that the village get access to running water and electricity, too. After generations of this village having been so far removed from civilization, one man's actions helped the entire community.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

I have perfect eyesight

Norman is 89 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement over 20 years ago. One day he arrives home upset. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight is so bad that once I hit the ball I can't see where the dang thing goes."

His wife sympathises and makes him a hot cup of tea. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one last try."

"That's a terrible idea" says Norman, "your brother's 102 years old. How could he help?"

"He may be 102 years old", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

Norman figured he'd give it a try So the next day he heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law and says, "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" replied the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight".

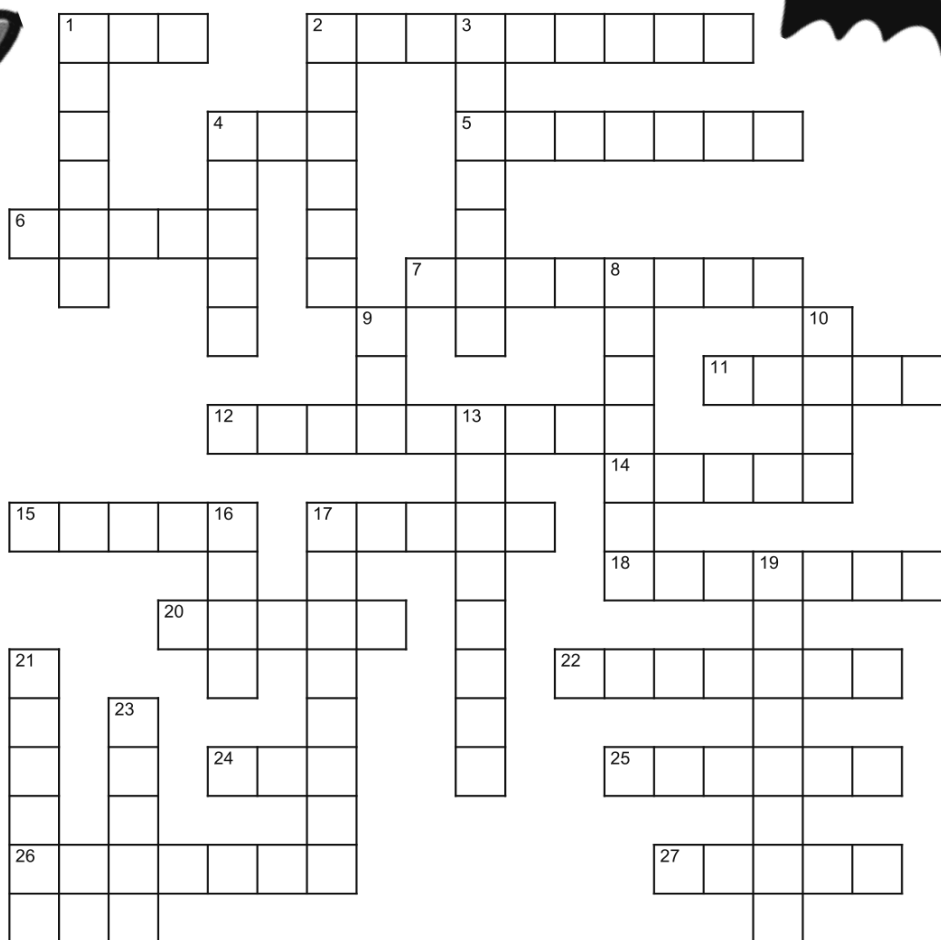
"Where did it go?" says Norman.

"Where did what go? Do I know you?"

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Crossword Puzzle

Halloween



Across

1. He swallowed the canary.
2. Playground for ghosts.
4. What a spider spins.
5. Frankenstein has one.
6. When ghosts come out to play.
7. Scare.
11. What the pot might call the kettle.
12. October 31st.
14. _____ or treat.
15. Witch transportation.
17. Frightening.
18. The Count.
20. A skeleton is just a bunch of these.
22. Disguise.
24. Lives in the belfry.
25. Incey wincey is one of these.
26. Main ingredient in a popular pie.
27. _____ stories.

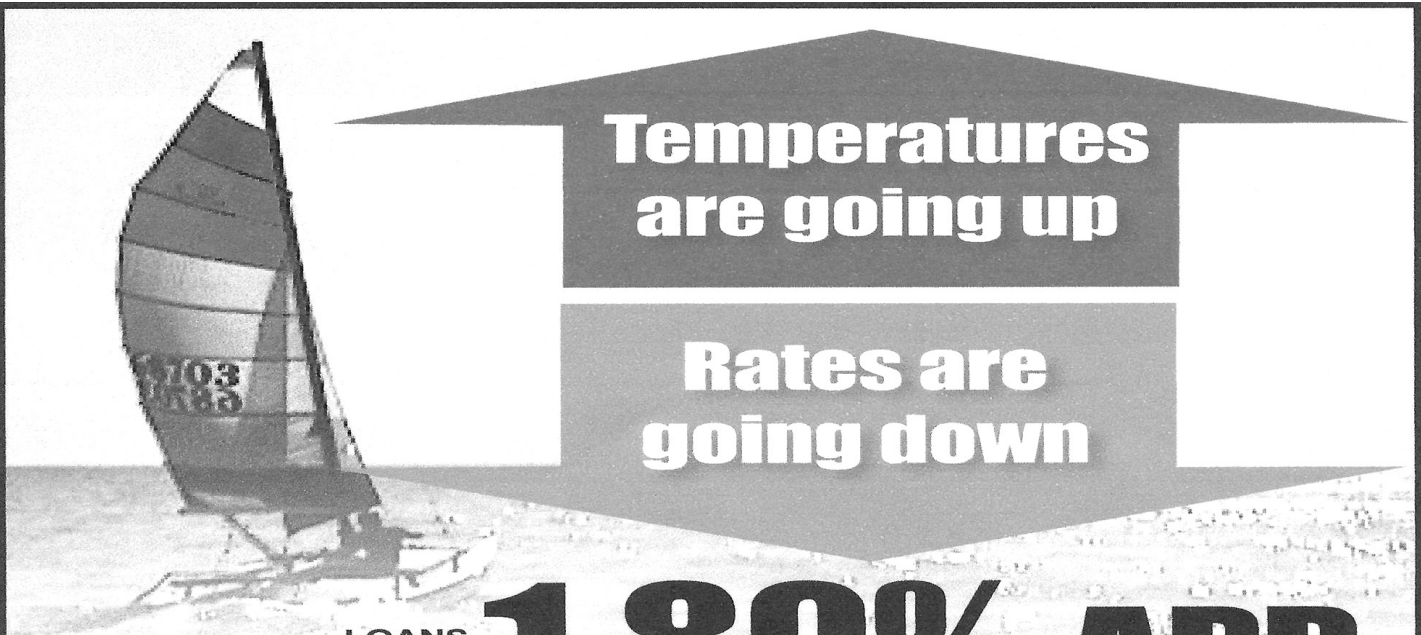
Down

1. Where a vampire sleeps.
2. Evil or mischievous creature.
3. He hates garlic.
4. Samantha for example.
8. _____ house.

9. Whoo? Whoo?
10. Mr. O'Lantern.
13. Comes out on full moon nights.
16. Might be full, half, or new.
17. A boney sort of fellow.
19. Fire burn, and _____ bubble.
21. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this.
23. Found in Egypt.



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Noravank Monastery

Noravank Monastery is one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in Armenia. This magic monastery is located in the south of Armenia - in Vayots Dzor province. NORAVANK means NEW MONASTERY in Armenian.

Noravank is situated in a narrow gorge made by Amaghu River and encircled by fantastic red rocks. The beauty of this monastery is appreciated by thousands of visitors not only because of its architecture and history, but also for its harmony with the surrounding fabulous nature.

Noravank Monastery is a masterpiece of the Armenian architecture. It was founded in the year 1205 by Bishop Hovhannes - the former abbot from Vahanavank Church.



In the 13-14 centuries Noravank was a residence for Armenian bishops from Syunik. It was residence also for Orbelian princes. Owing to its Orbelian benefactors, the monastery was also a fulcrum in the political developments of the time, its bishops influencing Mongol, Georgian and Orbeli decisions during in 14th c. One of its most famous bishops was Stepanos Orbelian, author of History of the State of Sisakan (ca. 1299), and largely responsible for forging the Syunik bishopric into a powerful political, cultural and religious center.

Mongols looted the monastery in 1238, but a truce between the Agha Khan and Prince Elikum Orbelian

brought peace to the region and the chance to rebuild the monastery, establishing a new golden age that lasted until the Timurid invasions in the late 14th c. Noravank was a major cultural center of its time, closely tied to spiritual and educational centers like the universities and manuscriptoriums at Gladzor and Tatev Monastery, among others.

Noravank Monastery is connected to the sculptural work of one of the most prolific and accomplished Armenian figures of the Middle Ages, the artist, architect and sculptor Momik (1250 -1339).

Armenian Architect Momik

Momik began his career as an artist of manuscript miniatures in Cilicia (Kilikia), where he was exposed to the art of the late gothic style, introduced by crusaders. In 1299 bishop Stepanos Orbelian brought Momik to Vayots Dzor, where he quickly found fame, especially for his sculptural work, creating khachkars (stone crosses) that are among the greatest of its time.

Momik was the architect and sculptural artist for St. Astvatsatsin in nearby Areni (1321), the same year he created the exquisite bas relief sculptures over the gavit portal at Noravank. He also added a number of khachkars to both complexes, which are still considered masterpieces of the art form. His last work Was at Noravank, where he created the Orbelian sepulchre church of Astvatsatsin ("Burtelashen"), two striking bas relief sculptures on its west and south walls, and a small, simple khachkar for his tomb, which is at the south side of the building.



Noravank Monastery Complex

The Noravank Monastery Complex includes the 1339 St. Astvatsatsin (Burtelashen) sepulchre-church, St. Stepanos Nakhaveka and gavit, the St. Grigor Church and Orbelian Sepulchre, the remains of medieval apels and residential quarters and a modern office and hall.

The semicircular tympanum of the entrance has a relief with the icon of the Blessed Virgin with baby Christ and two saints facing her. The saints are pictured narrow-eyed so as to please the Mongols who conquered Armenia in 1236 and thus save the monastery.

In the corners of the inner framing there are four sirens, birds with crowned human heads. Such heraldic symbols were widely used in medieval Armenian art, in carvings, miniatures, embroidery, jewelry, pottery and ceramic ware. The exact origin of the siren symbol is unknown, but examples have been uncovered in Urartian, Phrygian and Greek excavations, and they are mentioned in the Bible, Indian mythology and even in the Greek myth of the Golden Fleece. They are also widely used in heraldic emblems and on church carvings throughout medieval Europe and the Near East.

The tympanum bas relief sculptures were both done by Momik, at the same time as the church (1339). The lower relief depicts an enthroned Holy Virgin with the Christ child in her lap, flanked by the archangels Gabriel and Michael. The Armenian letters on either side of Mary's head are meant to read "Mair Astvatsatsin" or "Mother of God". Akin to high gothic sculptures of the period, the scene combines iconic poses with lifelike folds in the garments and a beginning sense of perspective. The child's figure is especially expressive in the way his legs cross and in the movement of his arms.

Noravank: St. Astvatsatsin Church (BURTEIASHEN) and Momik Grave

This impressive three story building is the first church you reach entering the complex from the main entry, though it is not the main church. Burtelashen (also spelled Burtelashen; "built for Burtel") was built for prince Burtel (Burtelashen) Orbelian, who reigned in Syunik in the early-mid 14th c.

The building is considered a masterpiece, and was the last significant work by the 14th century artist, sculptor and architect Momik, whose simple grave lies next to the church on its south side. Astvatsatsin follows the same layout as that of its contemporary in nearby Areni Village, which was decorated by Momik. Momik's design like others of its type is similar to the Shepherd.

The enclosed first floor was reserved for the family tombs, marked by elaborately carved khachkars (stone crosses) and votive plates. There are four small carvings representing the evangelists in the corners of the support system pendentives. Leaning against the western wall are two large khachkars; the one on the left is attributed to Momik, early 13th c.

Narrow cantilever stairs above the western entry lead to the second floor, the hall of which has a semicircular apse on the east end, above which is carved an effigy of Christ flanked by two angels and a symbol of the Holy Spirit just above the east window. The dome is supported by an open air rotunda, which both brightens the hall inside while its relatively light weight allowed builders to top the church with an extremely tall feature. Rotunda details include pairs of birds above each of the exterior capitals of the 12 support columns, and carvings of the donors on three columns on the western side.

The facade of the church has bas relief sculptures worked within the stone facing. Bas relief sculptures predominate on each wall, breaking up the wall mass with rounded moldings, arches and large crosses. The east wall has stepped framing over the top heraldic emblem of the Orbelian family, with three cross designs underneath, the central surrounding a sun disc ornament. The north and south walls frame windows with rounded moldings forming an arch over large crosses and bas relief columns that lighten the effect of the monolithic lower walls.

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The upper relief carving depicts Christ holding a tablet with his right index and middle finger extended in a sign of blessing. He is flanked by St. Petros and St. Poghos (Peter and Paul). The Armenian letters on either side of the Christ head stand for "Isus Kristos" (Jesus Christ). Like the lower carving, the figures in the lower scene stand out from their background in an almost three-dimensional way. Momik had so mastered his craft he was able to project his figures out from the stone, and may have been experimenting with a complete separation of statuary in these, his last carvings.

Above the doorway arch, in the top frame, an inscription

reads "ՉԸԹ", which means "In the year (ԹՎ) 789 ՉԸԹ" the date of the church's consecration using Mesrop Mashtots' method for counting, where each letter in the Armenian alphabet had a numerical value. The dating is in the old style calendar, which changed to the "new style" in 550. To fix the date in our calendar, add 551 (the first year of the new calendar) to medieval Armenian dates. Thus, St. Astvatsatsin was consecrated in the year (789 + 551) 1339 of the new calendar.

Noravank: St. Stepanos Church

The main church of St. Stepanos was built for Prince Liparit Orbelian (1216-1221). An earthquake destroyed the original dome and the building was rebuilt at least twice.

The church is a domed cruciform with two story annexes in the comers. The second story chambers were used by monks for prayer, study and to create manuscripts, while lower chambers were used as shrines, vestry and to keep the church treasury.

St. Stepanos domed church, the main building in the complex, was rebuilt by the architect Siranes on the initiative of Prince Smbat Orbelian, in 1261. An earthquake in 1321 damaged the building, and was rebuilt possibly by Momik, who had just finished Astvatsatsin Church in neighboring Areni.

An 1840 earthquake destroyed St. Stepanos' dome and damaged the complex. Remaining foundations include part of the old wall, chapels, monk quarters and the academy.

The 1931 Syunik Earthquake destroyed much of the site, including the dome of St. Stepanos. Repairs to the roof of the church were made in 1948-1949, with a renovation of the entire complex begun in the 1980s and completed in 2001.

Noravank: St. Karapet Church

This small basilica church (9th c) that adjoins the southern wall of the large St. Stepanos and is still in ruins. It is the oldest structure in the complex; according to the historian Stepanos Orbelian, the history of Noravank dates back to as early as the 4th and 5th centuries, where the churches of St. Pokasanda St. Karapet were located.

Remains include a three step platform, traces of three arches that supported a vaulted roof, and a southern antechamber. Built from rough blocks of stone, the church was plastered over and thought to have had frescoes, none of which survive.

The surviving arches are extensions of the north wall, and built from multi-color tufa stone. The arches show

the vaulting ran perpendicular to the eastern apse, unusual for the period and pointed out by some to show a more ancient lineage. However, the use of the round arch, once reserved for secular buildings, became a feature of early medieval Near East, Byzantine and Romanesque Church architecture, making St. Karapet's arches and vaulting typical for Christian structures of its time.

The space was very small; no more than a handful of worshippers would have been able to fit into the space at a time, suggesting it was reserved primarily for the clergy, and acted as a shrine. St. Karapet anchored a monastery that was renowned for its art works; the famous Echmiadzin Gospel of 989 was created at the site when the church was still standing, one of the relatively few manuscripts that survive from this period.

There are a number of old gravestones in front of the old church carved with a small hole at one end. Their reason has been variously explained; one thought being they may have been used for burning incense, others suggesting the stones may in fact be prehistoric in nature. One noticeable stone shows a prone lion, dedicated to a certain Sargis. This type of grave is called a "medal" grave, the lion symbolizing the bravery of the deceased in battle. The inscription reads: "Here rests Sargis, like a victorious lion in battle, a son of Palka. May he be remembered in my prayers".

Khachkars of Noravank

There are some exquisitely carved khachkars (stone crosses) and khachkar fragments on the south side of the old church. The elaborate khachkars at Noravank include masterpiece works by Momik and his students, considered among the best Armenian carvings of the medieval period. Taught in Cilicia (Kilikia) and exposed to the Gothic Art of Europe via the Crusades, Momik introduced a plasticity and life to his carvings that were revolutionary for the time. He infused his works with extraordinary detail and patterns borrowed from the Near East while lifting his figures from the surface of the stone in a way that was never before seen.

Khachkars hold a special place in Armenian history, worshipped by pilgrims from the very beginning of their tradition. Their iconography is specific, combining the central Cross with a Tree of Life (a figure borrowed from Assyria and Sumeria) and geometric patterning. Sometimes the cross is depicted on top of an elaborate sun symbol, perhaps the oldest worship symbol in Armenian history.

Other khachkars (a few of which are at Noravank) combine the central message of the Resurrection and the Second Coming with carvings of specific saints or martyrs, who were believed to bring a special intercession to those who prayed before their stones. These include khachkars dedicated to the Holy Mother of God, St. Sargis (Sergius), Gevorg (George), Poghos (Paul), Petros (Peter), Stepanos (Stephan), Hovhannes (John), and Grigor (Gregory). A few include the phrase "Lord Jesus on this" in the inscription.

Following this tradition, khachkars dedicated to the Holy Mother of God sustain families and mothers while St Gevorg & Khachkars give strength and courage to soldiers and All-Savior & (Amenaprkich) Khachkars cure various ailments.

Noravank: Gavit

The Noravank gavit lies to the west of the main church of St. Stepanos, and was its formal entrance, an academy, manuscriptorium, and community center. The first gavit was built immediately after the church, and rebuilt in 1261 by the architect Siranes for Prince Smbat Orbelian. Following the 1321 earthquake, the gavit was rebuilt, possibly by Momik, adding a vaulted roof and two of Momik's most outstanding carvings on the tympanum for the door and the upper window arch.

Gavit Interior

About three meters of the walls survive from the original gavit. On them are written inscriptions carved between 1232, to 1256. The building was rebuilt in 1261 for Smbat Orbelian, by the architect Siranes, replacing the wooden roof with a new stone roof in the shape of an enormous tent with a central opening, its design mimicking the wooden roof styles of peasant homes (the "hazarashen"). The roof was replaced again in 1321.

Unique among gavits, there are no central columns to support the roof; wall piers and semi columns bear the entire weight of the support arches. The structure relies on the thickness of the walls and the pier system to keep the roof from collapsing, which explains why it did collapse in later earthquakes. The interior walls are lined with khachkars (stone crosses) and carvings. In the upper northeast corner there is a carving of a figure on a horse attacking a wild lion with his sword. The figure is allegorical, depicting an Orbelian prince.

Lower Sculpture in Noravank

The lower sculpture is of a seated Madonna and Child, set against a richly carved backdrop with large letters interwoven with floral designs of leaves, vines and flowers. Two saints gazing on the central figures, whose

pose is typical of medieval figural carvings, while the rich embroidery especially of the throne cloth incorporates Armenian detailing into the design.

Upper Sculpture (GOD and ADAM) in Noravank
The upper window sculpture is a unique creation of God, Adam, Christ and biblical figures. The large carving is deeply engraved, lifting the figures off the background. As opposed to European artists who made associative depictions of the Holy Father (the right hand, a ray of light, etc.) the author of this magnificent sculpture (assumed to be the master Momik) depicted him in human form, as a bearded man. The scene shows God with His right hand lifted above a miniature scene of the crucified Christ, flanked by the Blessed Virgin and John the Evangelist and above the prone figure of the prophet Daniel.

God's left hand cradles the head of Adam receiving a breath of life from the Holy Spirit (the dove). For medieval Armenians (the vast majority who could not read), the meaning of this stone "picture book" was clear (God gave life with Adam, and then he gave life everlasting with the sacrifice of his son) and compellingly depicted.

This carving shows Momik at the height of his artistic powers, its deep carving said to have been done in part because of his deteriorating eyesight. As opposed to his earlier work at Areni and Gladzor, these relief sculptures fill their tympanums with figures and inscription, and their interplay creates a rhythmic tension that is echoed throughout the building.

Outer Tombstones in Noravank

Outside the gavit there are a number of tombstones paving the ground. Note those with large carefully carved holes; the holes resemble those found on Bronze Age standing stones that can be found throughout the region. A number of these stones are also inside the gavit and the churches. Standing stones were sometimes converted to khachkars and grave stones in later centuries, their use in cromlechs and ancient observatories granting them a special status by later generations that had long forgotten their original use.

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I [prefer] a short life with width to a narrow one with length.

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Bertolt Brecht

Everyone chases after happiness, not noticing that happiness is right at their heels.

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The world of knowledge takes a crazy turn when teachers themselves are taught to learn.

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My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.

Maya Angelou

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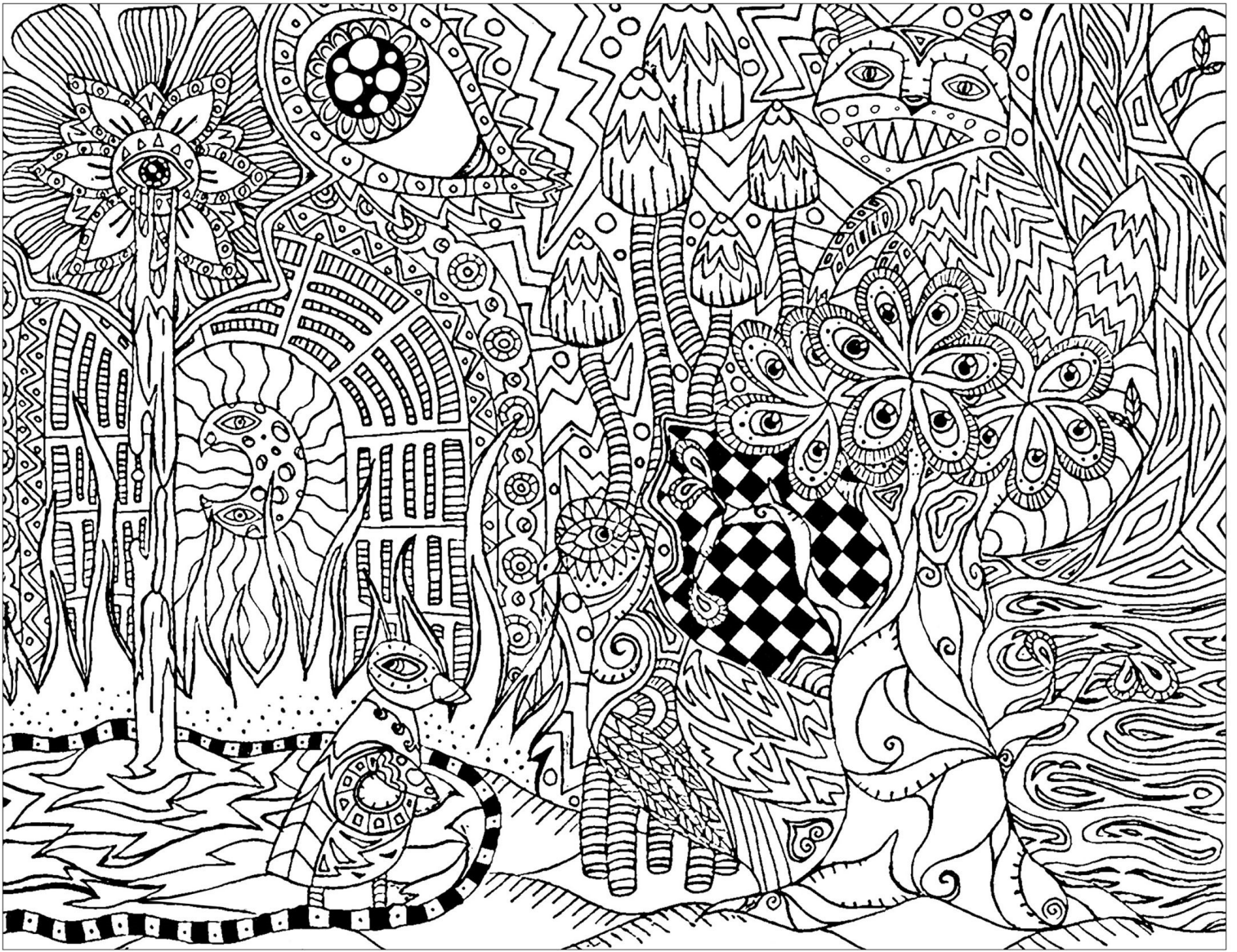
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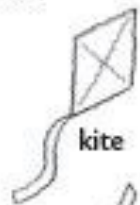
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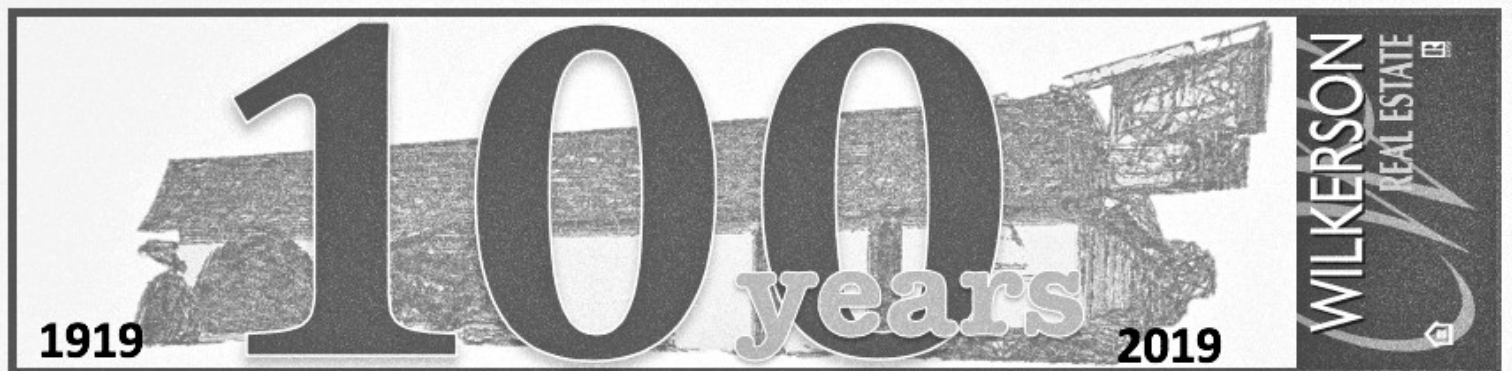
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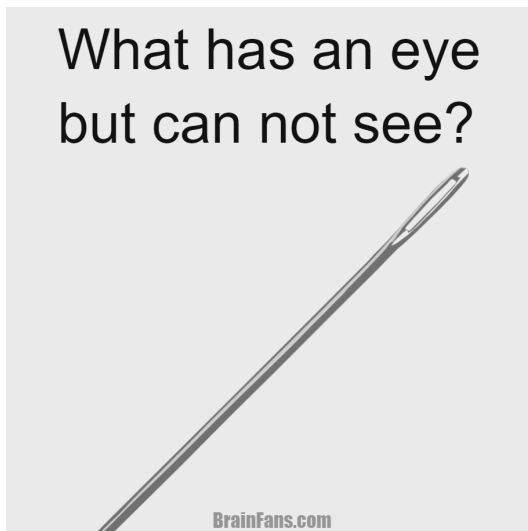
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3. Other than being colors, what do the words orange, silver and purple have in common?
4. I am somewhere far below, where no light goes. Here, all a man can do is hack away until at last the shiny things reveal themselves. What am I?
5. A ham Sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer, and the bartender says?
6. When a cow loses it bell what do u suppose it uses?
7. What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?
8. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
9. What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?
10. What goes up when the rain comes down?
11. What do you call two witches who live together?
12. I'm not clothes but I cover your body; The more I'm used, the thinner I grow. What am I?

Answers:

1. The word 'And'.
 2. Turn over both hourglasses at once. When the four-minute hourglass runs out, turn it over. When the seven-minute hourglass runs out, turn it over. When the four-minute timer runs out this time (eight minutes have elapsed), the seven-minute hourglass has been running for one minute. Now turn over the seven minute timer back over. When the timer runs out, nine minutes have elapsed.
 3. There is no word in the English language that rhymes with them.
 4. A (gold) mine.
 5. "Sorry we don't serve food here".
 6. Its horn TOOT! TOOT!
 7. The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I. Cool,huh?
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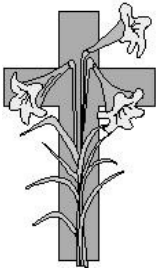
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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

MISSING SOMETHING

My husband and I have been watching videos about World War II. The series we are watching now is called the Diary of World War II, day by day, from the first day. We are up to 1941, but not the Bombing of Pearl Harbor yet. There's a lot of information about the war in North African that I've been surprised to see. Some things I didn't seem to understand about World War II in Northern Africa. I should have been paying more attention to the teacher when I was taking World History in high school and again in college.

For instance, in the early 1980s, not long after I was married to my present husband, he and my dad were talking one day about army tanks and vehicles. My husband had been in the Army for almost 10 years so he had a lot in common with my dad who served in the Army in two hitches, during World War II and during the Korean War. They were talking about the cliffs of Japan and Dad mentioned that the US and Allies could never have won a war fought on the sea, since the cliffs of Japan faced out toward the ocean. Dad said that the cliffs were full of caves filled with vehicles and arms that would have kept the Allies from taking the country by sea.

And then he mentioned the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I said, "What's Nagasaki?" Dad and my husband looked at me like I was a idiot. "You don't know what Nagasaki is? That town that was bombed when we bombed Hiroshima?" Somehow I totally missed the story of Nagasaki.

What have you missed in your life that is important to know? Is there something that you should have learned in Sunday School that you never picked up? You have to get some things about God straight from the source—God's Word.

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 NIV.
Go to God's Word the Bible which has everything you might have missed.

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