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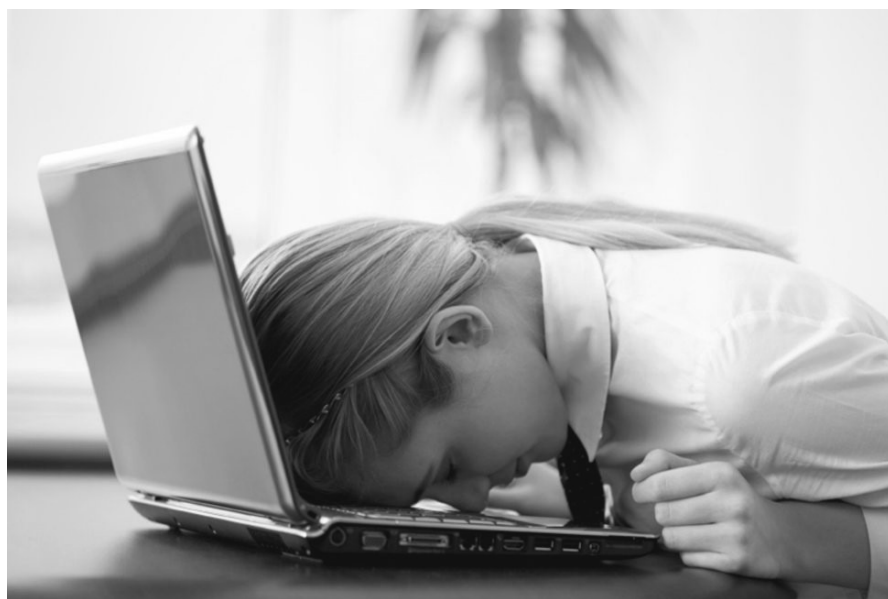
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Administrative Professionals Day



Instead of cards and flowers, how about giving administrative staff year-round professional respect? (iStockPhoto)

Administrative Professionals Day - also known as secretaries day—is a day that is celebrated on the Wednesday in the last week of April—a week that goes by the name Administrative Professionals Week. It is celebrated to recognize the contributions of secretaries and administrative assistants.

History

This holiday was created by the president of the National Secretaries Association—Mary Barrett—in the late 1940s and early 1950s. In 1952, U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Charles Sawyer declared the first week of June to be Secretaries Week, and the Wednesday in that week to be Secretaries Day. In 1955, Secretaries day to Administrative Professionals Day to incorporate not only secretaries into the holiday but a myriad of professional and administrative assistants.

Today, the day is not only celebrated in the United States but is celebrated all over the world. Some of the areas in which it is celebrated include Australia, France, India, Kenya, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

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Customs, Traditions and Celebrations

All over the world, Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated with an assortment of celebrations, parties and other events. In the U.S. it is common for people to give gifts of candy or flowers to their secretaries on this day.

Arguments Against This Day

Alison Green in her blog argues that the problem with Secretaries Day is that it's patronizing and demeaning. Having a special holiday for administrative workers separates admins from the rest of the office, marking their work as somehow different from other professional occupations. After all, if we value our admins as we would any other employees, why do we require a special holiday to mark their contributions? We don't have Accountants Day, Webmaster Day or Pharmacists Day. What is it about administrative workers that requires setting aside a calendar day to recognize their work?

The argument in favor of Secretaries Day appears to be that the role is one that often isn't fully appreciated by the people who admins support. But the day itself actually *adds* to that problem, by further ghettoizing the job and pigeonholing admins into a different category from everyone else. It says: "You are different from the rest of us, and we're going to patronize you with a card rather than giving you year-round professional respect." The day itself actually adds to the problem that it was created to address.

Complicating matters further, there's even confusion in some offices over who is supposed to be recognized for the holiday and who isn't. There are sometimes hurt feelings when someone isn't recognized but wanted to be, and even more hurt feelings when someone gets a card and didn't realize he or she was seen as support staff. Plus, some admins are paid more than the people plying them with cards and lunches on Secretaries Day, so they understandably find it awkward to be treated by people who make

half as much as they do.

On top of that, plenty of managers spot how the holiday is patronizing the very people who they want to value, but worry they'll offend their assistants or make them feel unvalued if they don't recognize the day in some way. It's on the calendar, after all, and people know about it! And so the cycle is perpetuated, even though people on both sides of the exchange are often feeling awkward and uncomfortable about it.

And making matters still worse, it sure does feel like there's a gender component to all of this. The majority of admins are still women, and there's something particularly condescending about a holiday that says "rather than paying you well and showing you year-round respect, we're going to give you flowers and trinkets." And it's surely no coincidence that many of the traditional gifts for the day—flowers and perfume—are ones that tend to be gendered in our culture. When is the last time someone gave the mail-room guy a rose as thanks for a job well done?

The bottom line is this: Admins deserve respect and appreciation year-round. They deserve professional development opportunities, useful feedback and to be taken seriously as people doing important professional work. And they deserve to be compensated and rewarded in accordance with the work they perform.

Flowers and a card once a year are no substitute for any of that and continuing the practice threatens to keep them from being seen as professionals like every other professional in the workplace.

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Roasted garlic and kale spaghetti squash with sun-dried tomatoes and walnuts makes for a comforting, low-carb meal requiring only 5 main ingredients! Plus the recipe is simple to prepare!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium-sized spaghetti squash roasted
- 1 small head kale chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes drained
- 1/3 cup raw walnuts
- 1 bulb garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Roast the spaghetti squash according to these instructions, along with the garlic. To roast garlic, cut the top off, of the bulb, drizzle with olive oil, and wrap in foil. Place in the oven with the spaghetti squash for the whole duration of roasting. Roast the walnuts for 5 minutes if desired.

When the spaghetti squash and garlic (and walnuts) have finished roasting, allow them to cool enough to handle. Once cool, use a fork to release the strands of spaghetti squash and place in a large bowl. Peel the garlic cloves, give them a rough chop, and transfer them to the bowl with the spaghetti squash.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat and add the chopped kale. Cover and cook until kale has wilted, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the sun dried tomatoes, along with the spaghetti squash, roasted garlic, and walnuts. Continue cooking and stirring until all of the ingredients are well-combined and heated through.

Add sea salt to taste and taste the spaghetti squash for flavor. If desired, drizzle a couple tablespoons of lemon juice over the spaghetti squash for added citrusy flavor. Serve and enjoy!

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What Happened When I Put Myself on a \$50 Grocery Budget for a Week

I spend a fortune on groceries, so I cut my food budget down to \$50

I can easily spend upward of \$150 a week on groceries for a typical week. No, I'm not feeding a family. I'm only buying for myself, but I try to buy all organic, and organic ain't cheap. I eat salmon 3 to 4 times a week, and organic salmon can really run up your grocery bill. Pair that with my love for the delicious (but expensive) Humboldt Fog cheese I like to treat myself to a few times a month, and it's not hard to see how my weekly grocery bill adds up to well over \$100.

While going over my expenses last month, I decided to challenge myself. I put myself on a strict \$50 grocery budget for one week. I've been wanting to build up my savings account a bit more, and I figured groceries would be a good place to start. I work from my home in upstate New York, so I can cook a little bit more than people who work in an office five days a week, and I'm hoping this helps me stretch my tiny budget. Since protein is usually the most expensive portion of my budget, I decided to add in a few vegetarian meals to help keep my costs down. I also decided to ditch my go-to grocery store, Wegmans. This was tough because I have a very deep love for Wegmans, but they can be pricey, so I did all my shopping at Aldi. Here's the breakdown of my week on a \$50 grocery budget.

What I bought:

Wild-caught Alaskan salmon (6 pieces)
1 box white rice
1 head cauliflower
3 sweet potatoes
3 peppers (1 red, 1 yellow and 1 orange)
Onions (I think there were 4 in the bag)
1 can black beans
1 dozen eggs

Romaine lettuce
1 jar yellow curry sauce
Cherry tomatoes
1 tub plain Greek yogurt
Frozen Mediterranean quinoa (quinoa, chickpeas, kale, lemon-garlic sauce)
Total: \$51.16 (OK, I went a little bit over my budget, but just barely)

What I already had at home:

Almond milk
Spices
Cucumbers
Vegan protein shakes
Caesar salad dressing
Olive oil
Whole-wheat bread (half a loaf)
Coffee
Cheeses (Parmesan, cheddar)
Butter
Honey
Dijon mustard
Sriracha
Garlic
Lemons

Day 1:

I have a vegan protein shake for breakfast every day, and I already have the protein powder on hand. I blend it with almond milk and cold-brew coffee that I made myself the night before and get to work. Around 11 a.m., I hard-boil an egg, slice it up along with half an avocado and put it on a slice of toast that was also leftover from last week. I squeeze Sriracha on it and drink a big glass of water. For dinner, I cut up all my veggies so I would have them ready for the rest of the week. I sauté a handful of them in some olive oil and mix in a few spoonfuls of curry sauce. I put this over some rice, and it is delicious.

Day 2:

Breakfast and lunch are repeats of Day 1. For dinner, I bake a piece of salmon, cut up some romaine lettuce and make a salmon Caesar salad with some dressing and Parmesan cheese I already have in my fridge. The salmon is good, but I'm not feeling very satisfied and am really wishing I had bought some croutons for my salad.

Day 3:

I have my usual shake for breakfast. I meet up with a friend for lunch and she pays the bill because I paid last time. When I get home, I'm realizing I've already gone through a lot of my veggies. I bake another piece of salmon, cook some rice and sweet potatoes, heat up some of the black beans and mix it all together in a bowl. I mix some honey, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper and drizzle this over the whole thing. It's surprisingly delicious.

Day 4:

I am not feeling a shake this morning, so I scramble two eggs and slice up the remaining half of my avocado. I drizzle the whole thing in Sriracha. For lunch, I'm craving protein, but I'm not in the mood for salmon. Because it's the only meat I have, I cook it up anyway. I also have some cucumbers in my fridge that need to be used soon, so I chop them up, mix them with some salt, pepper, Greek yogurt, garlic and lemon juice to make a tzatzikilike sauce. I put this on top of the cooked salmon and make a sad little salad to go with it. It's not the least bit satisfying. For dinner, I microwave the frozen Mediterranean quinoa mix, fry up an egg and put it on top. It's OK. Just OK.

Day 5:

Back to my usual breakfast shake. At lunchtime, I'm looking at my remaining groceries and feeling pretty sad about the next few days. I repeat my rice, sweet potato and black bean bowl, but leave out the salmon for lunch. For dinner, I scramble two eggs and add some melted cheddar cheese on top. I put the eggs and cheese on a piece of toast and add lots of Sriracha. It's kind of a sad Friday night dinner.

Day 6:

It's Saturday. My dad wants to get breakfast at our usual café, and he pays. A friend asks if I want to meet up for a late lunch. It's torture because she suggests one of my favorite restaurants, but I decline so I can stick to my budget and ask if she wants to come over later to watch the final episode of *Outlander* later instead. I make a salad for lunch — lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, hard-boiled egg, cucumber and peppers. I make creamy dressing out of the Greek yogurt, olive oil, spices and lemon juice. Normally, this would have been pretty good,

but because I have had similar meals all week, it's pretty lackluster. For dinner, I roast up the last of my veggies, put some honey and mustard on a piece of salmon and bake it. With no veggies other than lettuce, tomatoes and onions left, I'm really dreading tomorrow.

Day 7:

It's Sunday. I'm going for a hike, so I make a shake, put it in my Yeti and head out the door. I end up hiking 2.5 miles further than I expected, and I am ravenous. I almost order pizza. It takes all the willpower I have to put the phone down. I have rice, eggs, yogurt, curry sauce, onions, black beans and one piece of salmon left. I cook the rice, black beans and onions and add some curry sauce. I fry an egg and put that on top. The carbs and protein are very satisfying after my long hike. When dinnertime rolls around, I just can't bring myself to eat more salmon or curry. I pick up the phone and order a pizza.

Takeaways:

Aldi is my new favorite store. I am going to do as much of my grocery shopping there as possible. The prices are seriously dirt cheap and they have so many organic options! If I had gotten my groceries at another store, it would have easily cost me closer to \$75. This store is a true gem.

But \$50 a week for groceries is really tough. I'm glad I was able to save about \$100, but by the end of the week, I was really sick of eating the same thing. It put a damper on my mood and had I not had a few "cheat meals" that other people paid for, I'm not sure I could have waited until Sunday to cave and order some pizza.

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Forgiving Father

My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. Luke 15:24

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we find a son who loves the things of his father more than his father. He asks for his inheritance before his father’s passing, which the father grants. He leaves town and wastes his wealth in careless living.

We are all guilty of such disrespect to some degree. God has given us life and blesses us with all kinds of good things. Yet we love the things of the world more that the creator and giver of these things. We love our possessions more than the love of our heavenly Father.

When the son in the story becomes destitute, he decides to return to his father and earn his forgiveness by working as a servant. The Father won’t even consider the thought. Upon seeing his son and hearing his confession, the father immediately restores the son unconditionally. The sins committed by the son didn’t outweigh the love of the father.

You too are unconditionally loved by God. No matter how or where you have strayed, your place in the family is still secure because of God’s love and gift of forgiveness.

Data Master: Nikki Hamilton

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Tales from Masnavi

The grammarian and the boatman

A GRAMMARIAN once embarked in a boat. Turning to the boatman with a self-satisfied air he asked him:

‘Have you ever studied grammar?’

‘No,’ replied the boatman.

‘Then half your life has gone to waste,’ the grammarian said.

The boatman thereupon felt very depressed, but he answered him nothing for the moment. Presently the wind tossed the boat into a whirlpool. The boatman shouted to the grammarian:

‘Do you know how to swim?’

‘No’ the grammarian replied, ‘my well-spoken, handsome fellow’.

‘In that case, grammarian,’ the boatman remarked, ‘the whole of your life has gone to waste, for the boat is sinking in these whirlpools.’

You may be the greatest scholar in the world in your time, but consider, my friend, how the world passes away - and time!

DATA MASTER: Tino Hensley



The man who said, 'It is I'

A CERTAIN man once came and knocked on the door of a friend.

'Who are you, faithful one?' his friend asked. 'I,' he answered.

'Go away', the friend said. 'It is not the proper time. There is no place for such a raw fellow at a table like mine.'

What shall cook the raw, but the fire of banishment and separation? What shall deliver him out of hypocrisy?

That wretched man departed and wandered abroad for a year, burned as with sparks of fire in separation from his friend. So, scorched, he was cooked; then he returned and once more circled about the house of his companion. Fearful a hundredfold, he gently knocked at the door, anxious lest any unmannerly word should escape his lips.

His friend called, 'Who is that at the door?' He answered, 'You also are at the door, heart-ravisher!'

'Now,' the friend cried, 'since you are I, come in. O I! There is not room in the house for two I's.'



This Month in History: April

April 11, 1983 - Harold Washington became the first African American mayor of Chicago, receiving 51 percent of the vote. Re-elected in 1987, he suffered a fatal heart attack at his office seven months later.

Birthdays - American orator Edward Everett (1794-1865) was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1863, at the dedication of the Gettysburg Battlefield, he delivered the main address, lasting two hours. He was then followed by President Abraham Lincoln who spoke for about two minutes delivering the Gettysburg Address.

April 12

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Beauregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 12, 1945 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt died suddenly at Warm Springs, Georgia, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been President since March 4, 1933, elected to four consecutive terms and had guided America out of the Great Depression and through World War II.

April 12, 1961 - Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. He traveled aboard the Soviet spacecraft Vostok I to an altitude of 187 miles (301 kilometers) above the earth and completed a single orbit in a flight lasting 108 minutes. The spectacular Russian success intensified the already ongoing Space Race between the Russians and Americans. Twenty-three days later, Alan Shepard became the first American in space. This was followed in 1962 by President Kennedy's open call to land an American on the moon before the decade's end.

April 12, 1981 - The first space shuttle flight occurred with the launching of Columbia with astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen aboard. Columbia spent 54 hours in space, making 36 orbits, then landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

April 13

Birthdays - Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was born in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was an author, inventor, lawyer, politician, architect, and one of the finest minds of the 1700's. He authored the American Declaration of Independence and later served as the 3rd U.S. President from 1801 to 1809. He died on July 4, 1826, the same day as his old friend and one-time political rival John Adams.

April 14

April 14, 1775 - In Philadelphia, the first abolitionist society in America was founded as the "Society for the relief of free Negroes unlawfully held in bondage."

April 14, 1828 - The first dictionary of American-style English was published by Noah Webster as the American Dictionary of the English Language.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theater in Washington. He was taken to a nearby house and died the following morning at 7:22 a.m.

April 14, 1986 - U.S. warplanes, on orders from President Ronald Reagan, bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for the April 5th terrorist bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin in which two American soldiers were killed. Among the 37 person killed in the air raid was the infant daughter of Muammar Qaddafi, Libya's head of state.

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April 15, 1817 - The first American school for the deaf was founded by Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc in Hartford, Connecticut.

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner Carpathia which arrived about two hours after Titanic went down.

April 16

April 16, 1862 - Congress abolished slavery in the District of Columbia and appropriated \$1 million to compensate owners of freed slaves.

April 16, 1995 - Iqbal Masih, a young boy from Pakistan who spoke out against child labor, was shot to death. At age four, he had been sold into servitude as a carpet weaver and spent the next six years shackled to a loom. At age ten, he escaped and began speaking out, attracting worldwide attention as a featured speaker during an international labor conference in Sweden.

Birthdays - American aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright (1867-1912) was born in Millville, Indiana. On December 17, 1903, along with his brother Orville, the Wright brothers made the first successful flight of a motor driven aircraft. It flew for 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet. By 1905, they had built a plane that could stay airborne for half an hour, performing figure eights and other aerial maneuvers. Wilbur died of Typhoid fever in May 1912.

Birthdays - Film comedian Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977) was born in London. He began in vaudeville and was discovered by American film producer Mack Sennett. He then went to Hollywood to make silent movies, developing the funny 'Little Tramp' film character. Chaplin's classics include *The Kid*, *The Gold Rush*, *City Lights* and *Modern Times*. In 1940, he made *The Great Dictator* poking fun at Adolf Hitler, who bore a resemblance to Chaplin. In his later years, Chaplin had a falling out with Americans, but returned in 1972 to receive a special Academy Award. In 1975, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

April 17

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed. Trained and guided by the U.S., the exiles had expected support from U.S. military aircraft and help from anti-Castro insurgents on the island. Instead, due to a series of mishaps, they had fended for themselves with no support. The failed invasion heightened Cold War tensions between Cuba's political ally, Soviet Russia, and the fledgling administration of President John F. Kennedy. The following year, the Russians brazenly installed nuclear missiles in Cuba resulting in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

April 17, 1989 - The Polish labor union Solidarity was granted legal status after nearly a decade of struggle, paving the way for the downfall of the Polish Communist Party. In the elections that followed, Solidarity candidates won 99 out of 100 parliamentary seats and eventually forced the acceptance of a Solidarity government led by Lech Walesa.

Birthdays - American financier John Pierpont (J.P.) Morgan (1837-1913) was born in Hartford, Connecticut. He displayed extraordinary management skills, reorganizing and consolidating a number of failing companies to make them profitable. His extensive interests included banking, steel, railroads and art col

lecting. In 1895, he aided the failing U.S. Treasury by carrying out a private bond sale among fellow financiers to replenish the treasury.

April 18

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1906 - The San Francisco Earthquake struck at 5:13 a.m., followed by a massive fire from overturned wood stoves and broken gas pipes. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

April 18, 1942 - The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers taking off from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted Allied morale following years of unchecked Japanese military advances.

April 18, 1982 - Queen Elizabeth II of England signed the Canada Constitution Act of 1982 replacing the British North America Act of 1867, providing Canada with a new set of fundamental laws and civil rights.

Birthday - American attorney Clarence Darrow (1857-1938) was born in Kinsman, Ohio. He championed unpopular causes, and is best known for the Scopes 'monkey trial' in which he defended a teacher who taught the theory of evolution.

April 19

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution. A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

April 19, 1943 - Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto staged an armed revolt against Nazi SS troops attempting to forcibly deport them to death camps.

April 19, 1989 - Forty-seven U.S. sailors were killed by an explosion in a gun turret on the USS Iowa during gunnery exercises in the waters off Puerto Rico.

April 19, 1993 - At Waco, Texas, the compound of the Branch Davidian religious cult burned to the ground with 82 persons inside, including 17 children. The fire erupted after federal agents battered buildings in the compound with armored vehicles following a 51-day standoff.

April 19, 1995 - At 9:02 a.m., a massive car-bomb explosion destroyed the entire side of a nine story federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 persons, including 19 children inside a day care center. A decorated Gulf War veteran was later convicted for the attack.

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April 20, 1914 - Miners in Ludlow, Colorado, were attacked by National Guardsmen paid by the mining company. The miners were seeking recognition of their United Mine Workers Union. Five men and a boy were killed by machine gun fire while 11 children and two women burned to death as the miners' tent colony was destroyed.

April 20, 1999 - The deadliest school shooting in U.S. history occurred in Littleton, Colorado, as two students armed with guns and explosives stormed into Columbine High School at lunch time then killed 12 classmates and a teacher and wounded more than 20 other persons before killing themselves.

Birthday - Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria. As leader of Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945, he waged a war of expansion in Europe, precipitating the deaths of an estimated 50 million persons through military conflict and through

the Holocaust in which the Nazis attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe.

April 21

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by Sam Houston and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near present day Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces thereby achieving independence.

April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

April 22

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 22, 1889 - The Oklahoma land rush began at noon with a single gunshot signaling the start of a mad dash by thousands of settlers. They were seeking to claim part of nearly two million acres made available by the federal government. The land originally belonged to Creek and Seminole Indian tribes.

Birthday - Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) was born in Simbirsk, Russia. He led the Russian Revolution of October 1917 which toppled Czar Nicholas and paved the way for a harsh Communist regime. Following his death in 1924, his body was embalmed and placed on display in Moscow's Red Square, becoming a shrine that was visited by millions during the years of the Soviet Union.

April 23

April 23rd - Established by Israel's Knesset as Holocaust Day in remembrance of the estimated six million Jews killed by Nazis.

Birthday - William Shakespeare (1564-1616) was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England. Renowned as the most influential writer in the English language, he created 36 plays and 154 sonnets, including Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and The Merchant of Venice.

Birthday - James Buchanan (1791-1868) the 15th U.S. President was born in Cove Gap, Pennsylvania. He was the only life-long bachelor to occupy the White House, serving just one term from 1857 to 1861.

April 24

April 24, 1800 - The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library. Among the 145 million items in its collections are more than 33 million books, 3 million recordings, 12.5 million photographs, 5.3 million maps, 6 million pieces of sheet music and 63 million manuscripts. About 10,000 new items are added each day.

April 24, 1915 - In Asia Minor during World War I, the first modern-era genocide began with the deportation of Armenian leaders from Constantinople and subsequent massacre by Young Turks. In May, deportations of all Armenians and mass murder by Turks began, resulting in the complete elimination of the Armenians from the Ottoman Empire and all of the historic Armenian homelands. Estimates vary from 800,000 to over 2,000,000 Armenians murdered.

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April 25, 1967 - The first law legalizing abortion was signed by Colorado Governor John Love, allowing abortions in cases in which a panel of three doctors unanimously agreed.

Birthday - Radio inventor Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937) was born in Bologna, Italy. He pioneered the use of wireless telegraphy in the 1890's. By 1921, Marconi's invention had been developed into wireless telephony (voice radio).

April 26

April 26, 1937 - During the Spanish Civil War, the ancient town of Guernica was attacked by German warplanes. After destroying the town in a three hour bombing raid, the planes machine-

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gunned fleeing civilians.

April 26, 1944 - Federal troops seized the Chicago offices of Montgomery Ward and removed its chairman after his refusal to obey President Roosevelt's order to recognize a CIO union. The seizure ended when unions won an election to represent the company's workers.

April 26, 1986 - At the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine, an explosion caused a meltdown of the nuclear fuel and spread a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere, eventually covering most of Europe. A 300-square-mile area around the plant was evacuated. Thirty one persons were reported to have died while an additional thousand cases of cancer from radiation were expected. The plant was then encased in a solid concrete tomb to prevent the release of further radiation.

April 26, 1994 - Multiracial elections were held for the first time in the history of South Africa. With approximately 18 million blacks voting, Nelson Mandela was elected president and F.W. de Klerk vice president.

Birthdays - American artist and naturalist John J. Audubon (1785-1851) was born in Haiti. He drew life-like illustrations of the birds of North America.

Birthdays - Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) was born in Hartford, Connecticut. He helped design some of the most famous parks in America including Central Park in New York, the Emerald Necklace series of connecting parks in Boston, and Yosemite National Park.

Birthdays - Nazi Rudolf Hess (1894-1987) was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He was Deputy Führer of Nazi Germany and a member of Hitler's inner circle. On May 10, 1941, he made a surprise solo flight and parachuted into Scotland intending to negotiate peace with the British. However, the British promptly arrested him and confined him for the duration. Following the war, he was taken to Nuremberg and put on trial with other top Nazis. He died in captivity in 1987, the last of the major Nuremberg war criminals.

April 27

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

Birthdays - Telegraph inventor Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872) was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He developed the idea of an electromagnetic telegraph in the 1830's and tapped out his first message "What hath God wrought?" in 1844 on the first telegraph line, running from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. The construction of the first telegraph line was funded by Congress (\$30,000) after Morse failed to get any other financial backing. After Western Union was founded in 1856, telegraph lines were quickly strung from coast to coast in America.

Birthdays - Civil War General and 18th U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885) was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. During the war, he earned the nickname "Unconditional Surrender"



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Grant and was given command of the Union armies. He served as President from 1869 to 1877 in an administration plagued by scandal. He then went on to write his memoirs and died in 1885, just days after its completion.

April 28

April 28, 1789 - On board the British ship Bounty, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against Captain William Bligh, setting him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat. Bligh survived a 47-day voyage sailing over 3,600 miles before landing on a small island. Christian sailed the Bounty back to Tahiti, eventually settling on Pitcairn Island and burning the ship.

April 28, 1945 - Twenty-three years of Fascist rule in Italy ended abruptly as Italian partisans shot former Dictator Benito Mussolini. Other leaders of the Fascist Party and friends of Mussolini were also killed along with his mistress, Clara Petacci. Their bodies were then hung upside down and pelted with stones by jeering crowds in Milan.

Birthdays - James Monroe (1758-1831) the 5th U.S. President was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He served two terms from 1817 to 1825 and is best known for the Monroe Doctrine which declared the U.S. would not permit any European nation to extend its holdings or use armed force in North or South America.

April 29

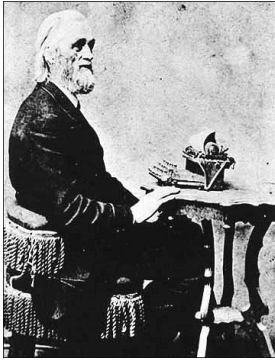
April 29, 1992 - Riots erupted in Los Angeles following the announcement that a jury in Simi Valley, California, had failed to convict four Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beating of an African American man.

Birthdays - American publisher William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951) was born in San Francisco. The son of a gold miner, in 1887 he dropped out of Harvard to take control of the failing San Francisco Examiner which his father had purchased. He saved the Examiner, then went to New York and bought the New York Morning Journal to compete with Joseph Pulitzer. Hearst's sensational style of "yellow" journalism sold unprecedented numbers of newspapers and included promoting a war with Cuba in 1897-98. He expanded into other cities and into magazine publishing, books and films. He also served in Congress and nearly became mayor of New York City.

Birthdays - Japan's Emperor Hirohito (1901-1989) was born in Tokyo. In 1926, he became the 124th in a long line of monarchs and then presided over wartime Japan which was led by militarist Prime Minister Hideki Tojo. Following the dropping of two atomic bombs by the U.S., he made a radio address urging his people to stop fighting. After the war, he remained the symbolic head of state in Japan's new parliamentary government. In 1946, he renounced his divinity and then pursued his interest in marine biology, becoming a recognized authority in the subject.

Data Master: Cody Welch

A Brief History of Typewriters



The idea of a machine that could put down spoken words was always a goal of inventors from the beginning of human existence.... It wasn't until about the 14th century that inventors got serious and began to toy with creating prototype models of early printing machines. Some of these early machines even received patents, made their way to the public and then eventually were abandoned.

Christopher Sholes Many countries take claim of the first true typewriter, but it is arguable that the first breakthrough was in 1867 when three Americans, Christopher Latham Sholes, Samuel W. Soule and Carlos Glidden patented the first typewriter. From Milwaukee, Wisconsin, these three inventors integrated many of the ideas created by earlier inventors. They created a machine that looked like a cross between a piano and kitchen table.

Hansen Writing Ball c. 1870 The first commercially successful typewriter was created in Denmark by Malling Hannen in 1870. The device was designed to help the blind type by what was thought by the inventor to be the best way for touch typing. Unfortunately the "Hansen Writing Ball" design was slow and cumbersome to use whereas handwriting was still the fastest method for putting words to paper. More information here.

In 1873, Sholes first practical typewriter was marketed by the Remington Arms company. Typewriters before Sholes design were sluggish and tended to jam frequently. Sholes studied the most common letters used in the English language and rearranged the keyboard from an alphabetical one to a format known as QWERTY, or the placement of the top left row of letters. QWERTY is the standard still in use today for typing. This arrangement made the typewriter faster with less jamming but slower for the many hunt and peck typist of the time.

Sholes never capitalized on his invention and sold the rights to James Densmore. Densmore and partner George Washington Yost saw great potential in the Type-Writer and they tried to market to everyone — including the United States Government. Philo Remington (president of the Remington gun manufacturing company) agreed to create 1000 Type-Writers but the typewriters would bear the name "Remington" and Densmore and Yost would sell the typewriters. By the late 1870s the Type-Writer was on the market. The design looked something like a sewing machine of the period. The Type-Writer costs a whopping \$125 — a sizable sum for the 1870s — and no one was buying. Probably due to the cost, marketing, or the newness of type-writing.

A lucky break, however, for the Type-Writer came about when Mark Twain saw the wonderful typing machine. He couldn't believe one could type as the clerk claimed, over 57 words per minute. After losing a bet against the typist speed, Twain bought a machine. Because of Twain's interest and use of the Type-Writer, popularity rose. Twain even devised the editor standard setting of double-spaced, one-sided only manuscript.

Data Master: Nikki Hamilton

Royal Standard No.5



The Royal typewriter began in 1906 and was one of the longest-lived typewriter manufacturers in the world. Royal's first model was the Royal #1. Royal continued to manufacture typewriters until the 1970s. The company still exists today, but has changed direction many times as part of various parent companies. Royal is owned by Olivetti and still sells typewriters, but none with the famous Royal brand.

Royal started with 'flatbed' models, and from there progressed into less exciting machine designs. Royal's intent was to build a sturdy work horse and not an exciting or revolutionary machine. However, the design featured numerous improvements over earlier machines, which was the work of the company's founder and vice-president E.B. Hess.

From the beginning, Hess worked to build the ultimate visible writer. His first patents dealt with a nine-bar typewriter with revolving sleeves, each carrying nine characters. Hess himself decided that his invention was a "freak", and it was never built. He went on to improve existing machines and by 1923 he was reported to have collected more than 140 different patents dealing with typewriter technology.

By 1910, even the backside of his Royal 1 was barely big enough to list the patents covering this first machine.

The Royal 1 was followed by the Royal 5, a similar flatbed machine. (Other model numbers had to do with different carriage widths.) In 1914 the upright Royal 10 appeared. This was the classic model with beveled glass sides that would grow to be one of the market leaders.

- ◆ First year of production: 1906
- ◆ Company: Royal Typewriter Company, New York, USA
- ◆ Featured: Royal #5

Data Master: Karen Deffenbaugh

How to Get Google to Index Your New Website & Blog Quickly

Whenever you create a new website or blog for your business, the first thing you probably want to happen is have people find it. And, of course, one of the ways you hope they will find it is through search. But typically, you have to wait around for the Googlebot to crawl your website and add it (or your newest content) to the Google index. So the question is: how do you ensure this happens as quickly as possible? Here are the basics of how website content is crawled and indexed, plus some great ways to get the Googlebot to your website or blog to index your content sooner rather than later.

What is Googlebot, Crawling, and Indexing?

Before we get started on some good tips to attract the Googlebot to your site, let's start with what the Googlebot is, plus the difference between indexing and crawling.

- The Googlebot is simply the search bot software that Google sends out to collect information about documents on the web to add to Google's searchable index.
- Crawling is the process where the Googlebot goes around from website to website, finding new and updated information to report back to Google. The Googlebot finds what to crawl using links.
- Indexing is the processing of the information gathered by the Googlebot from its crawling activities. Once documents are processed, they are added to Google's searchable index if they are determined to be quality content. During indexing, the Googlebot processes the words on a page and where those words are located. Information such as title tags and ALT attributes are also analyzed during indexing.

So how does the Googlebot find new content on the web such as new websites, blogs, pages, etc.? It starts with web pages captured during previous crawl processes and adds in sitemap data provided by webmasters. As it browses web pages previously crawled, it will detect links upon those pages to add to the list of pages to be crawled. If you want more details, you can read about them in Webmaster Tools Help.

Hence, new content on the web is discovered through sitemaps and links. Now we'll take a look at how to get sitemaps on your website and links to

it that will help the Googlebot discover new websites, blogs, and content.

How to Get Your New Website or Blog Discovered

So how can you get your new website discovered by the Googlebot? Here are some great ways. The best part is that some of the following will help you get referral traffic to your new website too!

- **Create a Sitemap** – A sitemap is an XML document on your website's server that basically lists each page on your website. It tells search engines when new pages have been added and how often to check back for changes on specific pages. For example, you might want a search engine to come back and check your homepage daily for new products, news items, and other new content. If your website is built on WordPress, you can install the Google XML Sitemaps plugin and have it automatically create and update your sitemap for you as well as submit it to search engines. You can also use tools such as the XML Sitemaps Generator.
- **Submit Sitemap to Google Webmaster Tools** – The first place you should take your sitemap for a new website is Google Webmaster Tools. If you don't already have one, simply create a free Google Account, then sign up for Webmaster Tools. Add your new site to Webmaster Tools, then go to Optimization > Sitemaps and add the link to your website's sitemap to Webmaster Tools to notify Google about it and the pages you have already published. For extra credit, create an account with Bing and submit your sitemap to them via their Webmaster Tools.
- **Install Google Analytics** – You'll want to do this for tracking purposes regardless, but it certainly might give Google the heads up that a new website is on the horizon.
- **Submit Website URL to Search Engines** – Some people suggest that you don't do this simply because there are many other ways to get a search engine's crawler to your website. But it only takes a moment, and it certainly doesn't hurt things. So submit your website URL to Google by signing into your Google Account and going to the Submit URL option in Webmaster Tools. For extra credit, submit your site to Bing. You can use the anonymous tool to submit URL's below the Webmaster Tools Sign In – this will also submit it to Yahoo.

Create or Update Social Profiles – As mentioned previously, crawlers get to your site via links. One way to get some quick links is by creating social networking profiles for your new website or adding a link to your new website to pre-existing profiles. This includes Twitter profiles, Facebook pages, Google+ profiles or pages, LinkedIn profiles or company pages, Pinterest profiles, and YouTube channels.

Share Your New Website Link – Once you have added your new website link to a new or pre-existing social profile, share it in a status update on those networks. While these links are nofollow, they will still alert search engines that are tracking social signals. For Pinterest, pin an image from the website and for YouTube, create a video introducing your new website and include a link to it in the video's description.

Bookmark It – Use quality social bookmarking sites like Delicious and StumbleUpon.

Create Offsite Content – Again, to help in the link building process, get some more links to your new website by creating offsite content such as submitting guest posts to blogs in your niche, articles to quality article directories, and press releases to services that offer SEO optimization and distribution. Please note this is about quality content from quality sites – you don't want spammy content from spammy sites because that just tells Google that your website is spammy.

How to Get Your New Blog Discovered

So what if your new website is a blog? Then in addition to all of the above options, you can also do the following to help get it found by Google.

- **Setup Your RSS with Feedburner** – Feedburner is Google's own RSS management tool. Sign up or in to your Google account and submit your feed with Feedburner by copying your blog's URL or RSS feed URL into the "Burn a feed" field. In addition to your sitemap, this will also notify Google of your new blog and each time that your blog is updated with a new post.
- **Submit to Blog Directories** – TopRank has a huge list of sites you can submit your RSS feed and blog to. This will help you build even more incoming links. If you aren't ready to do them all, at least start with Technorati as it is one of the top blog directories. Once you have a good amount of content, also try Alltop.


The Results

Once your website or blog is indexed, you'll start to see more traffic from Google search. Plus, getting your new content discovered will happen faster if you have set up sitemaps or have a RSS feed. The best way to ensure that your new content is discovered quickly is simply by sharing it on social media networks through status updates, especially on Google+.

Also remember that blog content is generally crawled and indexed much faster than regular pages on a static website, so consider having a blog that supports your website. For example, if you have a new product page, write a blog post about it and link to the product page in your blog post. This will help the product page get found much faster by the Googlebot!

What other techniques have you used to get a new website or blog indexed quickly? Please share in the comments!

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Top 10 Family Movies Starring Dogs

Some of the most popular films ever made have starred dogs. Dogs are such a major part of our lives that this comes as no surprise. The best movies about dogs are often funny and heartwarming. Many dog movies are sad tearjerkers. But in the end, they remind us why our dogs are so important to us.

Animated dog movies are great, but live-action dog movies have a unique realism that appeals to all ages. Of course, you don't want to watch a dog movie geared towards mature audiences when it's family movie night. Here are some shining examples of classic, family-friendly, live-action movies featuring dogs, including *Old Yeller*, *Lassie*, and more. All are either rated PG or G and can be enjoyed by just about anyone who loves dogs.

Why not have a dog-themed family movie night tonight? Grab the tissues, snuggle with your family, and make room on the couch for your dog!

01 Lassie Come Home (1943)

One of the all-time classic dog films, this family favorite features a great cast, including Roddy McDowell and a very young Elizabeth Taylor. Of course, the real start of the film is the loyal Collie dog named Lassie, determined to be reunited with her loving but poor family who are forced to sell her to a wealthy duke. Young and old alike love this classic. Make sure to keep the tissues handy. This film helped kick off a series of Lassie films and a television show.

02 Old Yeller (1957)

Another superb classic dog movie is *Old Yeller*. The simple storyline of a boy's reluctant adoption of a Mountain Cur dog that wandered onto the family's ranch becomes a loving and devoted tale of the bond shared between the boy and his dog which eventually helps the boy grow into a man. In case you somehow missed this legendary dog film, we won't give away the ending, but you might want to have two boxes of tissues for this one. It's been known to even make grown men cry. While the book states *Old Yeller* was of the Mountain Cur breed, the dog used in the movie was a yellow hound cross.

03 Benji (1974)

It's difficult not to love that shaggy-haired mutt known as Benji. While a beloved fixture of the town, he really gains respect when he helps find two kidnapped children and becomes a true canine hero. Benji was played by a 15-year-old mixed breed dog (believed to be Terrier, Poodle, and perhaps

Schnauzer and Cocker Spaniel as well) named Higgins that was rescued from an animal shelter in L.A. While this was sadly the last film for Higgins, you can also catch his antics in the classic television show *Petticoat Junction*.

04 Turner and Hooch (1989)

Perhaps the best of the "cop and dog" movies, this film stars Tom Hanks as a detective and a French Mastiff named Hooch. The neat freak detective finds himself stuck with Hooch, a slobbery and not-so-well-behaved pooch. But the detective needs the dog in order to crack a murder case. This is a feel-good film with a sweet relationship between man and dog and fun comic elements that age well with time.

05 Beethoven (1992)

Starring a lovable, slobbering, 185-pound Saint Bernard, *Beethoven* is about a giant dog who adopts a family. The family loves the clumsy but loyal beast--except for the father, played by Charles Grodin. But *Beethoven*, having just escaped dognappers, ends up the target of an evil veterinarian who conducts animal experiments. The father ends up being *Beethoven*'s last hope. A huge hit, especially with kids, the only group not fans of the film were the American Veterinary Association, who protested the negative portrayal of the veterinarian in the movie by writing a letter to Jack Valenti, who was head of the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America).

06 Homeward Bound (1993)

The adventures of a Golden Retriever named Shadow, a Bulldog named Chance, and a Himalayan cat named Sassy, three pets who become lost. The movie follows the unlikely trio's journey in which they hope to be reunited with their family. This 1993 Walt Disney version is a remake of the original film adaptation, which was entitled *The Incredible Journey*, and was released in 1963.

07 My Dog Skip (2000)

Based on the best-selling memoir by the late Willie Morris, *My Dog Skip* tells the story of a lonely boy growing up in 1940s Mississippi. When he gets Skip, a Fox Terrier puppy, things begin to change for the better. This sentimental tearjerker realistically portrays the special relationship between a child and dog and will appeal to adults as well as children.

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08 Eight Below (2006)

Based on the Japanese hit film *Antarctica*, this Walt Disney Studios adaptation centers on the beautiful but treacherous Antarctic wilderness and features the late Paul Walker. The film is about six Siberian Huskies and two Malamutes who unfortunately have been left behind at a research station by a sled dog trainer who was forced to evacuate because of a storm. A rescue mission is planned to save the beautiful dogs as they fight the very bitter cold and other dangers that the Antarctic region presents.

In addition to the amazing scenery that the film is able to capture, the dogs in this film really steal the show by displaying their unique personalities. This is a family adventure film that older kids and adults will enjoy.

09 Marley & Me (2008)

Marley & Me is a comedy/drama film based on the autobiographical book of the same title by John Grogan. It tells the story of the Grogan family and their lovable but unruly Labrador Retriever, Marley. The movie is full of the dog's mischievous antics

sprinkled with some sweet, sometimes sad moments of real-life issues faced by the family. While this is a family film, there are some serious themes and very sad moments, so it may not be ideal for very young children.

10 Hachi: A Dog's Tale (2009)

This heartwarming film is based on the 1987 Japanese film *Hachi-Ko*, which tells the story of one dog's incredible loyalty for his owner that spans over a decade. Though the 2009 remake has some differences in plot line than the original, both films are actually based on the true story of a 1920s Tokyo college professor and his loyal Akita, Hachi-ko, who waited for him at the train station each day after work. Hachi tells a tender tale of the intense bond that exists between a dog and his master. Stars Richard Gere and Joan Allen.

Data Master: Eric Peachey



April Word Search



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Historic Route 66



Chelsea is located on Historic Route 66. Before the current stretch of the highway was completed, Route 66 came through town on what is now Olive Street and turned back east on 1st Street. The bridge shown in the picture was built in 1926, the same year the highway was commissioned.

Here are some interesting facts about Route 66, and the part Oklahoma played in its creation.

- Current maps do not include old Route 66.
- Route 66 is 2448 miles long. (about 4000 km)
- Route 66 was commissioned in 1926.
- Route 66 crosses 8 states and 3 time zones.
- Route 66 starts in Chicago, and ends in L.A. (Santa Monica).
- In 1926 only 800 miles of Route 66 were paved.
- In 1937 Route 66 got paved end-to-end.
- You can only drive parts of Route 66 these days. Interstate Highways I-55, I-44, I-40, I-15 and I-10 have replaced it.
- Route 66 is also known as The Mother Road, The Main Street of America, and The Will Rogers Highway.
- Cyrus Stevens Avery, a Tulsa businessman and Oklahoma's first highway commissioner, can be called the father of Route 66. He spearheaded the national committee that created the US Highway System in 1926. Avery championed a Chicago to Los Angeles route that would drop south through Oklahoma and then turn west traveling through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. It was Avery who picked the double sixes as the new road's official number.
- After World War II, Oklahoma was the home of the National Highway 66 Association, the group responsible for the promotion of Route 66 on a nationwide basis.
- In 1985 Route 66 was officially decommissioned.
- By 1989, the Oklahoma legislature recognized the need for an agency to handle the preservation and promotion of Oklahoma Route 66. Shortly afterwards, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association was born.
- Oklahoma has more miles of the original route left than any other Route 66 state. In Oklahoma, you can travel

almost all of old Route 66 without getting on the interstate system.

Oklahoma was the first state to design and install the distinctive historic markers.

Oklahoma was the first state in the nation to sponsor a Route 66 museum.

These facts were found on the website of the National Historic Route 66 Federation (<http://www.national66.com>), and the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's website (<http://oklahomaroute66.com>).

The National Historic Route 66 Federation is a worldwide, nonprofit organization dedicated to directing the public's attention to the importance of U. S. Highway Route 66 in America's cultural heritage and acquiring the federal, state and private support necessary to preserve the historic landmarks and revitalize the economies of communities along the entire 2,400-mile stretch of road.

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The town got its name from a Frisco Railroad employee, Charles Peach, who named it Chelsea for his hometown in England. When Chelsea's City Charter was granted on April 16, 1898, it was already a thriving little community.

An ad in a 1896 issue of the 'Reporter' announced the opening of the first state bank in Indian Territory. The Bank of Chelsea opened March 23, 1896. The bank's president was J.T. McSpadden, vice president was C.W. Poole, and the cashier was John D. Scott. W.M. Couch purchased the first lot sold in Chelsea, and the bank was built on that lot.

According to the Reporter, after the charter was granted, Chelsea's first mayor was R.D. Flournoy. Marion W. Couch was the first child born in the corporate limits. The parents were W.M. and Victoria Couch. The first couple to marry was John W. Dorsey and Mary Byrd. Daniel Moore was the first blacksmith and W.M. Couch was the lumber dealer. Sam McSpadden built and operated a hotel on the east side of the railroad tracks, making him the first "landlord" in town. Dr. G.W. Morrison left Vinita, and came to Chelsea in 1889 to open the first medical practice in town. The first church built in Chelsea was the Methodist Church. Prior to that the group, headed by Pastor Williams, met at the railroad depot platform.

Chelsea is the home of Oklahoma's first oil well, which is commemorated at its own Historical Site. In 1888 Edward Byrd leased 94,000 acres for speculating purposes. The first well was brought in on August 15, 1889, with the help of driller, Sam Francis, of Foyil. The well was drilled to 32 feet. With a wooden derrick, a spring pole, and a horse-powered wench, it produced about one and a half barrels a day. The well was on land allotted to Laura Taylor. The Department of the Interior had not approved the lease. It passed into the hands of the Cherokee Oil and Gas Company, with little activity until about 1904, when official approval was granted.

Chelsea is the home of the Hogue House. A residence ordered from the Sears-Roebuck catalog in 1913 at a cost of \$1,600 and delivered pre-cut by train from Chicago. It is the only known Sears-Roebuck constructed home west of the Mississippi. The four-story house was built in 1913 for the Joseph Sterling Hogue family.

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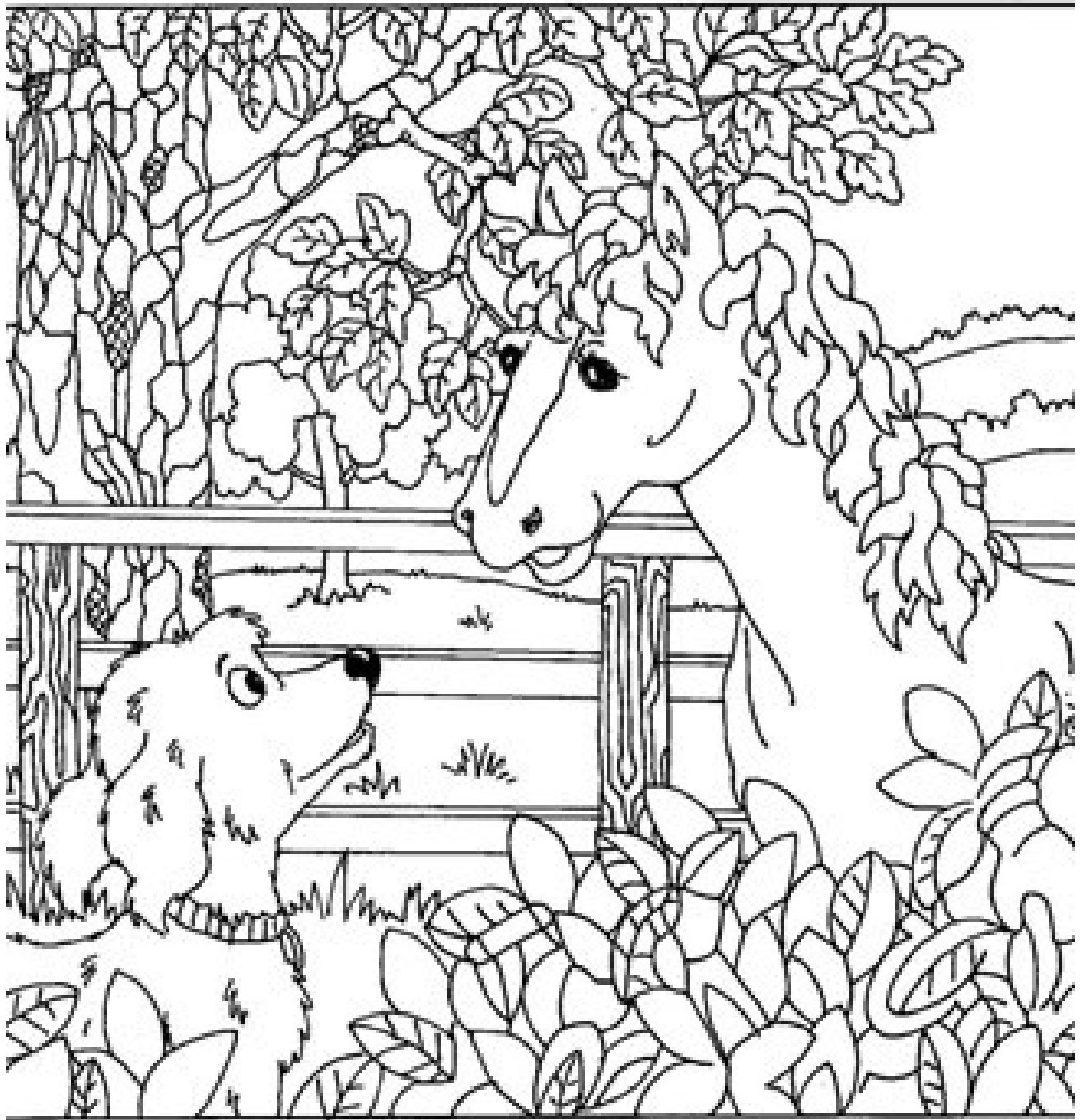
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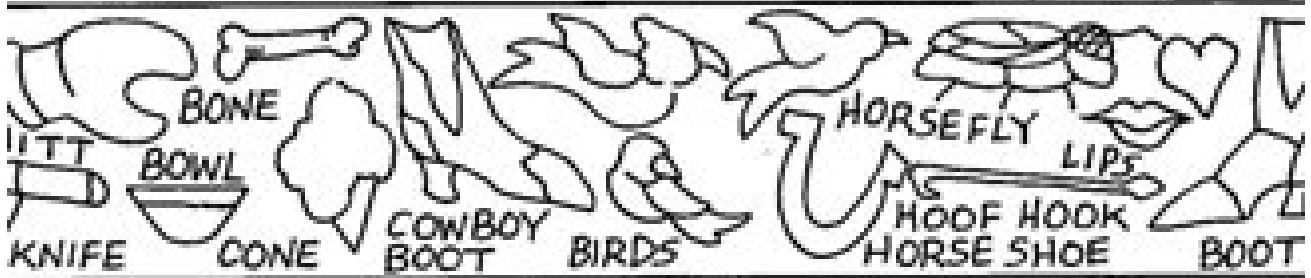
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Saadi

Human beings are members of a whole,
In creation of one essence and soul.
If one member is afflicted with pain,
Other members uneasy will remain.
If you have no sympathy for human pain,
The name of human you cannot retain.

Saadi

Happiness comes to them who bring happiness to others.

Zoroaster

One good deed is worth a thousand prayers.

Zoroaster

ways meet petulance with gentleness and perverseness with kindness. A gentle hand can lead even an elephant by a hair. Reply to thine enemy with gentleness.

Zoroaster

Whenever you can, act as a liberator. Freedom, dignity, wealth - these three together constitute the greatest happiness of humanity. If you bequeath all three to your people, their love for you will never die.

Cyrus the Great

Success always calls for greater generosity - though most people, lost in the darkness of their own egos, treat it as an occasion for greater greed. Collecting boot is not an end itself, but only a means for building an empire. Riches would be of little use to us now -

except as a means of winning new friends.

Cyrus the Great

Insanity in individuals is something rare - but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Sometimes people don't want to hear the truth because they don't want their illusions destroyed.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Solitude makes us tougher towards ourselves and tenderer towards others. In both ways it improves our character.

Friedrich Nietzsche

He who asks a question is a fool for a minute; he who does not remain a fool forever.

When you realize that by changing your perspective, big things can be seen as little things, it becomes much harder to worry about anything. Commitment is an act, not a word.

Jean-Paul Sartre

Man is nothing else but what he purposes, he exists only in so far as he realizes himself, he is therefore nothing else but the sum of his actions, nothing else but what his life is.

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April 27, 2018 to April 28, 2018—Morris Twister Days—Twister Days in Morris commemorates the events of April 24th, 1984 when a tornado came through Morris and made a great impact on the small town. Nowadays, this event is filled with celebration of the Morris community and its history. On Friday, a street dance will be hosted in the downtown area complete with live music and several food vendors serving up tasty treats. Downtown Morris, OK 74445 Phone: 918-759-1338.

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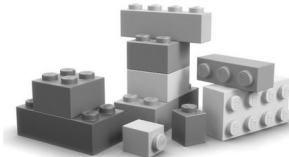
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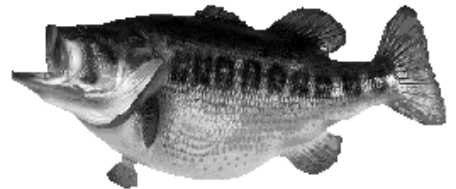
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At last the Saturday came, and the Weekly Sagamore arrived. Mrs. Eversly Bennett was present. She was the Presbyterian parson's wife, and was working the Fosters for a charity. Talk now died a sudden death—on the Foster side. Mrs. Bennett presently discovered that her hosts were not hearing a word she was saying; so she got up, wondering and indignant, and went away. The moment she was out of the house, Aleck eagerly tore the wrapper from the paper, and her eyes and Sally's swept the columns for the death-notices. Disappointment! Tilbury was not anywhere mentioned. Aleck was a Christian from the cradle, and duty and the force of habit required her to go through the motions. She pulled herself together and said, with a pious two-per-cent. trade jousness:

“Let us be humbly thankful that he has been spared; and—

”

“Damn his treacherous hide, I wish—”

“Sally! For shame!”

“I don't care!” retorted the angry man. “It's the way you feel, and if you weren't so immorally pious you'd be honest and say so.”

Aleck said, with wounded dignity:

“I do not see how you can say such unkind and unjust things. There is no such thing as immoral piety.”

Sally felt a pang, but tried to conceal it under a shuffling attempt to save his case by changing the form of it—as if changing the form while retaining the juice could deceive the expert he was trying to placate. He said:

“I didn't mean so bad as that, Aleck; I didn't really mean immoral piety, I only meant—meant—well, conventional piety, you know; er—shop piety; the—the—why, you know what I mean. Aleck—the—well, where you put up that plated article and play it for solid, you know, without intending anything improper, but just out of trade habit, ancient policy, petrified custom, loyalty to—to—hang it, I can't find the right words, but you know what I mean, Aleck, and that there isn't any harm in it. I'll try again. You see, it's this way. If a person—”

“You have said quite enough,” said Aleck, coldly; “let the subject be dropped.”

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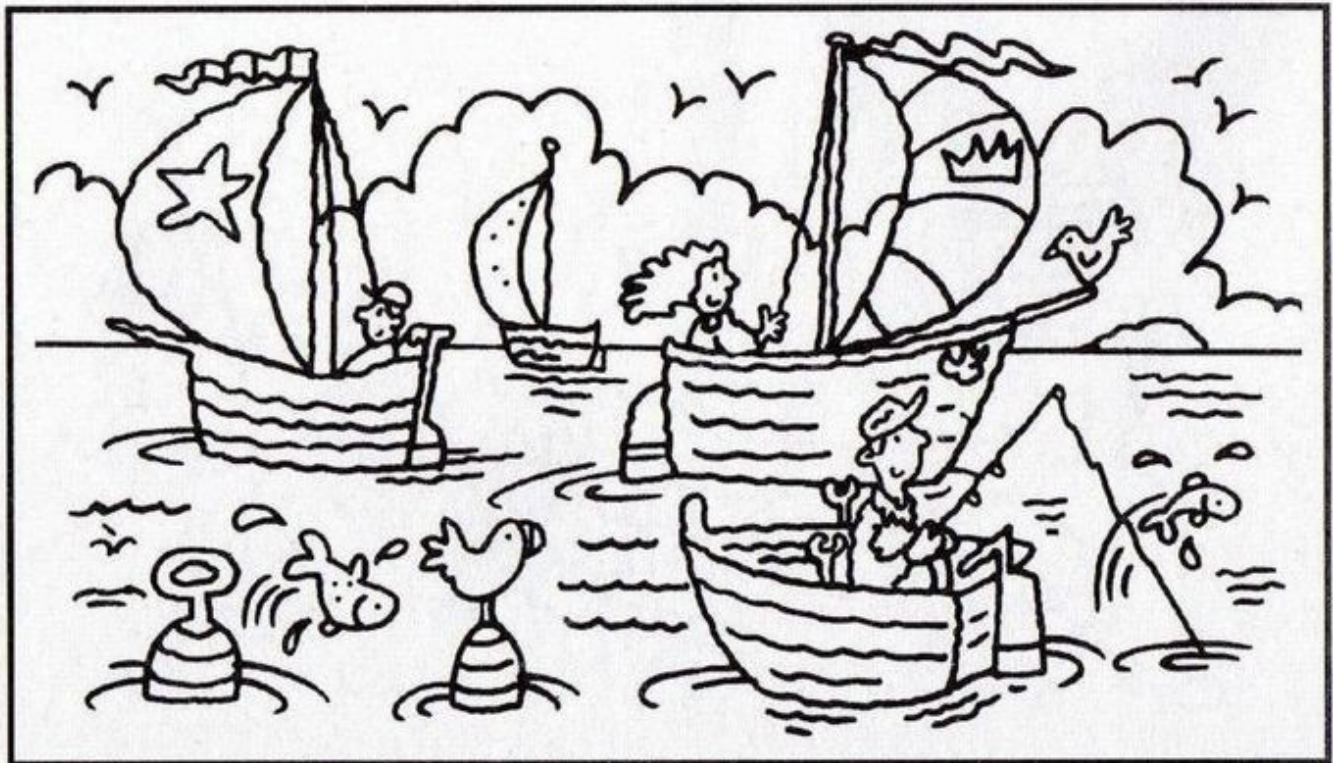
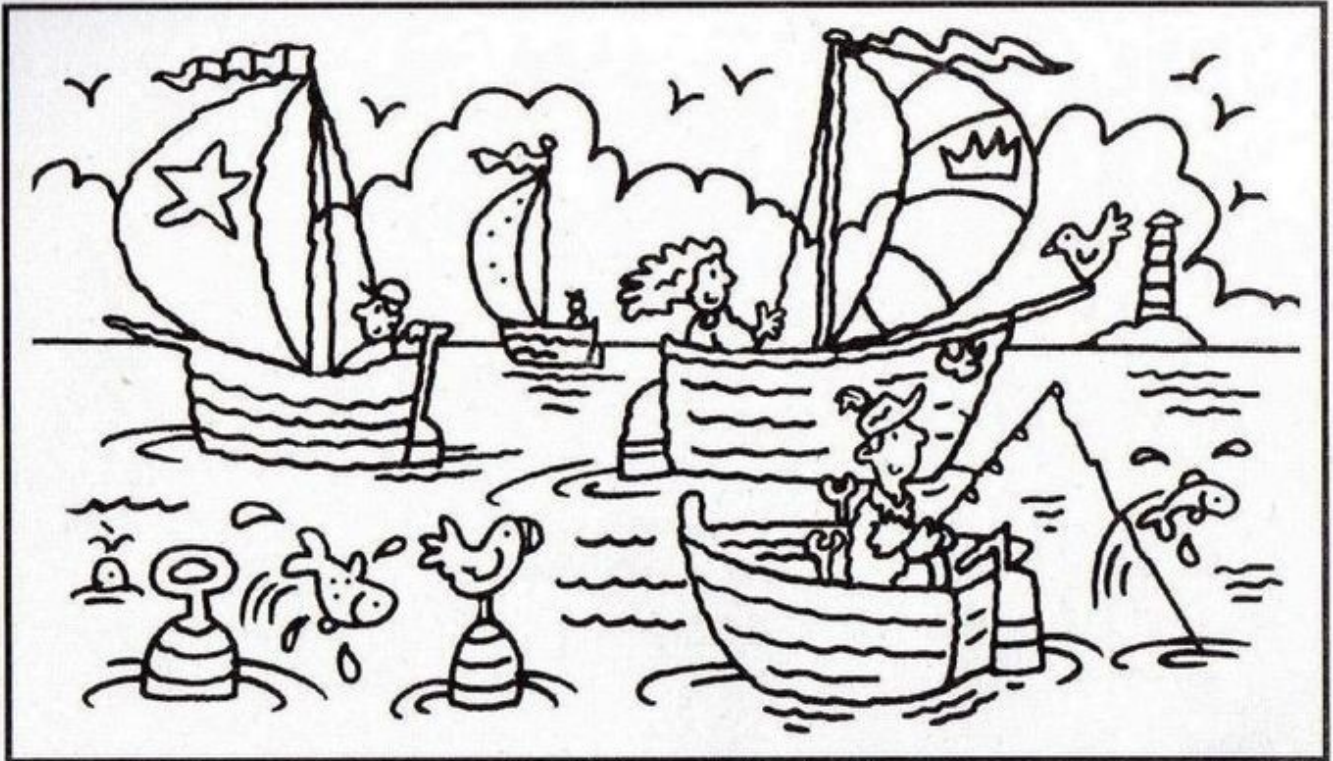
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Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



THE \$30,000 BEQUEST (Continued from page 28)

"I'm willing," fervently responded Sally, wiping the sweat from his forehead and looking the thankfulness he had no words for. Then, musingly, he apologized to himself. "I certainly held three—I know it—but I drew and didn't fill. That's where I'm so often weak in the game. If I had stood pat—but I didn't. I never do. I don't know enough."

Confessedly defeated, he was properly tame now and subdued. Aleck forgave him with her eyes.

The grand interest, the supreme interest, came instantly to the front again; nothing could keep it in the background many minutes on a stretch. The couple took up the puzzle of the absence of Tilbury's death-notice. They discussed it every which way, more or less hopefully, but they had to finish where they began, and concede that the only really sane explanation of the absence of the notice must be—and without doubt was—that Tilbury was not dead. There was something sad about it, something even a little unfair, maybe, but there it was, and had to be put up with. They were agreed as to that. To Sally it seemed a strangely inscrutable dispensation; more inscrutable than usual, he thought; one of the most unnecessary inscrutable he could call to mind, in fact—and said so, with some feeling; but if he was hoping to draw Aleck he failed; she reserved her opinion, if she had one; she had not the habit of taking injudicious risks in any market, worldly or other.

The pair must wait for next week's paper—Tilbury had evidently postponed. That was their thought and their decision. So they put the subject away and went about their affairs again with as good heart as they could.

Now, if they had but known it, they had been wronging Tilbury all the time. Tilbury had kept faith, kept it to the letter; he was dead, he had died to schedule. He was dead more than four days now and used to it; entirely dead, perfectly dead, as dead as any other new person in the cemetery; dead in abundant time to get into that week's Sagamore, too, and only shut out by an accident; an accident which could not happen to a metropolitan journal, but which happens easily to a poor little village rag like the Sagamore. On this occasion, just as the editorial page was being locked up, a gratis quart of strawberry ice-water arrived from Hostetter's Ladies and Gents Ice-Cream Parlors, and the stickful of rather chilly regret over Tilbury's translation got crowded out to make room for the editor's frantic gratitude.

On its way to the standing-galley Tilbury's notice got pied. Otherwise it would have gone into some future edition, for weekly Sagamores do not waste "live" matter, and in their galleys "live" matter is immortal, unless a pi accident intervenes. But a thing that gets pied is dead, and for such there is no resurrection; its chance of seeing print is gone, forever and ever. And so, let Tilbury like it or not, let him rave in his grave to his fill, no matter—no mention of his death would ever see the light in the Weekly Sagamore.

CHAPTER IV

Five weeks drifted tediously along. The Sagamore arrived regularly on the Saturdays, but never once contained a mention of Tilbury Foster. Sally's patience broke down at this point, and he said, resentfully:

"Damn his livers, he's immortal!"

Aleck give him a very severe rebuke, and added with icy solemnity:

"How would you feel if you were suddenly cut off just after such an awful remark had escaped out of you?"

Without sufficient reflection Sally responded:

"I'd feel I was lucky I hadn't got caught with it in me."

Pride had forced him to say something, and as he could not think of any rational thing to say he flung that out. Then he stole a base—as he called it—that is, slipped from the presence, to keep from being brayed in his wife's discussion-mortar.

Six months came and went. The Sagamore was still silent about Tilbury. Meantime, Sally had several times thrown out a feeler—that is, a hint that he would like to know. Aleck had ignored the hints. Sally now resolved to brace up and risk a frontal attack. So he squarely proposed to disguise himself and go to Tilbury's village and surreptitiously find out as to the prospects. Aleck put her foot on the dangerous project with energy and decision. She said:

"What can you be thinking of? You do keep my hands full! You have to be watched all the time, like a little child, to keep you from walking into the fire. You'll stay right where you are!"

"Why, Aleck, I could do it and not be found out—I'm certain of it."

"Sally Foster, don't you know you would have to inquire around?"

"Of course, but what of it? Nobody would suspect who I was."

"Oh, listen to the man! Some day you've got to prove to the executors that you never inquired. What then?"

He had forgotten that detail. He didn't reply; there wasn't anything to say. Aleck added:

"Now then, drop that notion out of your mind, and don't ever meddle with it again. Tilbury set that trap for you. Don't you know it's a trap? He is on the watch, and fully expecting you to blunder into it. Well, he is going to be disappointed—at least while I am on deck. Sally!"

"Well?"

"As long as you live, if it's a hundred years, don't you ever make an inquiry. Promise!"

"All right," with a sigh and reluctantly.

Then Aleck softened and said:

"Don't be impatient. We are prospering; we can wait; there is no hurry. Our small dead-certain income increases all the time; and as to futures, I have not made a mistake yet—they are piling up by the thousands and tens of thousands. There is not another family in the state with such prospects as ours. Already we are beginning to roll in eventual wealth. You know that, don't you?"

"Yes, Aleck, it's certainly so."

"Then be grateful for what God is doing for us and stop worrying. You do not believe we could have achieved these prodigious results without His special help and guidance, do you?"

Hesitatingly, "N-no, I suppose not." Then, with feeling and admiration, "And yet, when it comes to judiciousness in watering a stock or putting up a hand to skin Wall Street I don't give in that you need any outside amateur help, if I do wish I—"

"Oh, do shut up! I know you do not mean any harm or any irreverence, poor boy, but you can't seem to open your mouth without letting out things to make a person shudder. You keep me in constant dread. For you and for all of us. Once I had no fear of the thunder, but now when I hear it I—"

Her voice broke, and she began to cry, and could not finish. The sight of this smote Sally to the heart and he took her in his arms and petted her and comforted her and promised better conduct, and upbraided himself and remorsefully pleaded for forgiveness. And he was in earnest, and sorry for what he had done and ready for any sacrifice that could make up for it.

And so, in privacy, he thought long and deeply over the matter, resolving to do what should seem best. It was easy to promise reform; indeed he had already promised it. But would that do any real good, any permanent good?

No, it would be but temporary—he knew his weakness, and confessed it to himself with sorrow—he could not keep the promise. Something surer and better must be devised; and he devised it. At cost of precious money which he had long been saving up, shilling by shilling, he put a lightning-rod on the house.

At a subsequent time he relaxed.

What miracles habit can do! and how quickly and how easily habits are acquired—both trifling habits and habits which profoundly change us. If by accident we wake at two in the morning a couple of nights in succession, we have need to be uneasy, for another repetition can turn the accident into a habit; and a month's dallying with whiskey—but we all know these commonplace facts.

The castle-building habit, the day-dreaming habit—how it grows! what a luxury it becomes; how we fly to its enchantments at every idle moment, how we revel in them, steep our souls in them, intoxicate ourselves with their beguiling fantasies—oh yes, and how soon and how easily our dream life and our material life become so intermingled and so fused together that we can't quite tell which is which, any more.

By and by Aleck subscribed to a Chicago daily and for the Wall Street Pointer. With an eye single to finance she studied these as diligently all the week as she studied her Bible Sundays. Sally was lost in admiration, to note with what swift and sure strides her genius and judgment developed and expanded in the forecasting and handling of the securities of both the material and spiritual markets. He was proud of her nerve and daring in exploiting worldly stocks, and just as proud of her conservative caution in working her spiritual deals. He noted that she never lost her head in either case; that with a splendid courage she often went short on worldly futures, but heedfully drew the line there—she was always long on the others. Her policy was quite sane and simple, as she explained it to him: what she put into earthly futures was for speculation, what she put into spiritual futures was for investment; she was willing to go into the one on a margin, and take chances, but in the case of the other, “margin her no margins”—she wanted to cash in a hundred cents per dollar's worth, and have the stock transferred on the books.

It took but a very few months to educate Aleck's imagination and Sally's. Each day's training added something to the spread and effectiveness of the two machines. As a consequence, Aleck made imaginary money much faster than at first she had dreamed of making it, and Sally's competency in spending the overflow of it kept pace with the strain put upon it, right along. In the beginning, Aleck had given the coal speculation a twelvemonth in which to materialize, and had been loath to grant that this term might possibly be shortened by nine months. But that was the feeble work, the nursery work, of a financial fancy that had had no teaching, no experience, no practice. These aids soon came, then that nine months vanished, and the imaginary ten-thousand-dollar investment came marching home with three hundred per cent. profit on its back!

It was a great day for the pair of Fosters. They were speechless for joy. Also speechless for another reason: after much watching of the market, Aleck had lately, with fear and trembling, made her first flyer on a “margin,” using the remaining twenty thousand of the bequest in this risk. In her mind's eye she had seen it climb, point by point—always with a chance that the market would break—until at last her anxieties were too great for further endurance—she being new to the margin business and unhardened, as yet—and she gave her imaginary broker an imaginary order by imaginary telegraph to sell. She said forty thousand dollars' profit was enough. The sale was made on the very day that the coal venture had returned with its rich freight. As I have said, the couple were speechless, they sat dazed and blissful that night, trying to realize that they were actually worth a hundred thousand

dollars in clean, , imaginary cash. Yet so it was.

It was the last time that ever Aleck was afraid of a margin; at least afraid enough to let it break her sleep and pale her cheek to the extent that this first experience in that line had done.

Indeed it was a memorable night. Gradually the realization that they were rich sank securely home into the souls of the pair, then they began to place the money. If we could have looked out through the eyes of these dreamers, we should have seen their tidy little wooden house disappear, and two-story brick with a cast-iron fence in front of it take its place; we should have seen a three-globed gas-chandelier grow down from the parlor ceiling; we should have seen the homely rag carpet turn to noble Brussels, a dollar and a half a yard; we should have seen the plebeian fireplace vanish away and a recherche, big base-burner with isinglass windows take position and spread awe around. And we should have seen other things, too; among them the buggy, the lap-robe, the stove-pipe hat, and so on.

From that time forth, although the daughters and the neighbors saw only the same old wooden house there, it was a two-story brick to Aleck and Sally and not a night went by that Aleck did not worry about the imaginary gas-bills, and get for all comfort Sally's reckless retort: “What of it? We can afford it.”

Before the couple went to bed, that first night that they were rich, they had decided that they must celebrate. They must give a party—that was the idea. But how to explain it—to the daughters and the neighbors? They could not expose the fact that they were rich. Sally was willing, even anxious, to do it; but Aleck kept her head and would not allow it. She said that although the money was as good as in, it would be as well to wait until it was actually in. On that policy she took her stand, and would not budge. The great secret must be kept, she said—kept from the daughters and everybody else.

The pair were puzzled. They must celebrate, they were determined to celebrate, but since the secret must be kept, what could they celebrate? No birthdays were due for three months. Tilbury wasn't available, evidently he was going to live forever; what the nation could they celebrate? That was Sally's way of putting it; and he was getting impatient, too, and harassed. But at last he hit it—just by sheer inspiration, as it seemed to him—and all their troubles were gone in a moment; they would celebrate the Discovery of America. A splendid idea!

Aleck was almost too proud of Sally for words—she said she never would have thought of it. But Sally, although he was bursting with delight in the compliment and with wonder at himself, tried not to let on, and said it wasn't really anything, anybody could have done it. Whereat Aleck, with a prideful toss of her happy head, said:

“Oh, certainly! Anybody could—oh, anybody! Hosannah Dilkins, for instance! Or maybe Adelbert Peanut—oh, dear—yes! Well, I'd like to see them try it, that's all. Dear-me-suz, if they could think of the discovery of a forty-acre island it's more than I believe they could; and as for the whole continent, why, Sally Foster, you know perfectly well it would strain the livers and lights out of them and thenthey couldn't!”

The dear woman, she knew he had talent; and if affection made her over-estimate the size of it a little, surely it was a sweet and gentle crime, and forgivable for its source's sake.

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Business in Adair

Today's business district in Adair is a far cry from days gone by. At one time the entire business district evolved around the Katy Railroad.

Today many family owned and operated businesses still contribute the economy of the small town.

The Eby family has three businesses on the east side of the Highway 69 and 28 intersection. The Corner Surplus Store, the Main Store, and Memories, Antiques, and More are all owned and operated by members of the family.

Larry and Patsy Eby opened the Main Store on Memorial Day of 1980. It had been in the planning phase for 10 years. It surpassed their expectations from the very beginning.

Patsy worked a regular shift at the store and took care of the paperwork, while working a full time job as a registered nurse at Grand Valley Hospital. Larry worked for and retired from GRDA. Their son Kenny manages the store.

Patsy has operated Memories, Antiques, and more for about 14 years.

Jeff and Rhonda Eby opened the Corner Surplus Store two and a half years ago. Jeff is Larry and Patsy's son. He says it is the first time he has really enjoyed his work. They sell a little bit of everything, from soup to nuts and bolts! There is a vast array of items in the store and the stock is constantly changing.

Adair's Tag Office is a family run enterprise also. Mildred Whitlock was the tag agent from 1983 to 1995. Mildred was also the Mayor of Adair for 16 years.

Mildred is a retired teacher. She taught high school math and coached girls' basketball. She was Principal at Ketchum for 20 years.

Mildred served as a board member of the Mayes County Ambulance Service for 15 years. She is also a board member of the Adair Chamber of Commerce.

Mildred's daughter Karen Mitchell has been a tag agent for 10 years. Karen was a drug and alcohol counselor and member of the State Board of Health prior to becoming a tag agent.

Although she is officially retired, Mildred still helps out in the Tag Office. She celebrated her 78th birthday in December of 2003.

Bessie Shultz

While doing research about Adair History, everyone told us we needed to talk to Bessie. It was said if anyone would know about Adair, it was Bessie.

When we went to talk with her, we soon learned everyone was right. She was a big help and made our job much easier. Much of the information in the stories and articles in this issue came from her.

Bessie and her husband, Wayne owned and operated the General Store for years. They bought the business from Cathryn Lee in 1973.

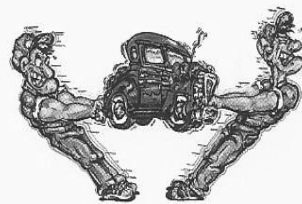
Bessie was also the Town Treasurer and Court Clerk for 30 years. She retired in 2003 and said it was the biggest mistake she ever made!

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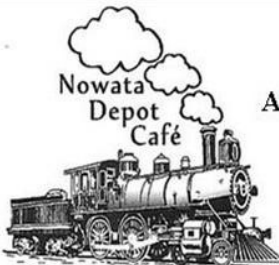
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Meghan Trainor

Scoring her first hit at 20 years old with the dance-friendly paean to body positivity, "All About That Bass," American singer-songwriter Meghan Trainor topped the charts with a retro-pop sound that won her a Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 2016. Up until that point, she had already devoted most of her life to music. Born in December 1993, Trainor was raised on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts, where she began making music when she was just seven, and wrote her first song at the age of 11. Trainor attended high school at the Nauset High School on Cape Cod; there she sang and played trumpet in the jazz band, and also studied guitar, taking lessons from Johnny Spampinato, noted guitarist with NRBQ and the Incredible Casuals. In addition, Trainor played guitar and keyboards, and sang with a local Nantucket band called Island Fusion for four years. She attended the Berklee College of Music's Performance Program, a special five-week course, in 2009 and 2010, receiving high marks and reaching the finals of their songwriting competition. By the time she was 18, Trainor had self-released three albums of her own material and landed a publishing deal with Big Yellow Dog Music (who placed her songs with artists such as Rascal Flatts, Macy Kate, Common Kings, and Sabrina Carpenter) before she signed a deal with Epic Records.



Trainor's first single for Epic was "All About That Bass," in which she proudly declared she's "no stick figure silicon Barbie doll," and "every inch of you is perfect from the bottom to the top." The pastel-colored video for "All About That Bass" became an online sensation, racking up over 1,600,000 views on YouTube within a month of its debut in June 2014. Soon, "All About That Bass" stormed the Billboard Hot 100, reaching the pole position not only in the U.S. but throughout the world. As it racked up eight weeks on the top of the U.S. charts, it wound up getting certified five-times platinum, selling over four million copies in America alone; international sales reached over six million, cementing "All About That Bass" status as one of the biggest singles of 2014. In comparison, its sequel, "Lips Are Moving," paled, but it was still a notable hit, reaching four on the Billboard charts and earning double-platinum certification, setting the stage nicely for the January 2015 release of Trainor's debut, Title. The album promptly hit number one in multiple countries. Her third single from the album, "Dear Future Husband," reached number 24 on the U.S. singles chart. A contribution to the Peanuts Movie soundtrack, a co-write on Rascal Flatts' single "I Like the Sound of That," and most significantly, a Grammy nomination, rounded out her impressive year.

A few weeks before the March 2016 release of "No," the first single from her second album, Trainor won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist. The following May, she released her sophomore studio album, Thank You, which included the hits "No," "Me Too," and "Better" (featuring Yo Gotti). In 2017, Trainor released the single "I'm a Lady," which appeared in that year's computer-animated adventure/comedy film Smurfs: The Lost Village.



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How Much Is the Pioneer Woman, Ree Drummond, Worth?



She has turned her blog into an empire.

Ree Drummond, the woman behind *The Pioneer Woman*, started her blog as a way to keep in touch with family. That blog has now turned into an empire, which includes a Food Network show, a store in Oklahoma, lots of best-selling books, and a magazine. Add that to the massive amount of land owned by her in-laws, and the Drummonds are worth a lot of money.

Ree met her husband, Ladd Drummond, who she calls “Marlboro Man” on her blog, at a local bar in her hometown, the suburb of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, according to *The New Yorker*. After marrying, she moved with him to a ranch in the tiny town of Pawhuska, and the two of them now have four children, Alex, Paige, Bryce, and Todd.

She started her blog, *The Pioneer Woman*, in 2006 on a whim, as a way to keep in touch with her mother, who lived in Tennessee. The blog steadily gained a cult following, and by 2010, she told *The New Yorker* that revenue from her site was “solidly one million” dollars. “It’s definitely a thriving business,” she told the magazine. “If I were a single person living in a city, I could support myself, but I probably wouldn’t have a blog, because I would have nothing to blog about.”

The *Pioneer Woman* business empire has exploded since then. Ree has her own show on the Food Network, which started in 2011. She has written several best-selling books, including cookbooks, a memoir, and children’s books featuring her basset hound, Charlie. She sold the movie rights to her memoir, *Black Heels to Tractor Wheels*, in 2010 to Columbia Pictures, which was seen as a potential movie for Reese Witherspoon (there has been no update on the status of that movie yet, though).

She has her own magazine, which is published by Hearst, the parent company of *Country Living*. She also opened a restaurant and marketplace in Pawhuska which serves an average of 6,000 customers per day—nearly twice as many people as the population of Pawhuska itself! Soon, she and Ladd will be opening a hotel in Pawhuska, too. And she even sells a line of *Pioneer Woman* products, which are available at Walmart stores.

In addition to her personal success, Ree also married into a very wealthy family. Ladd Drummond’s family are the 23rd largest land owners in the United States, owning 433,000 acres of land, according to *The Land Report*. After the family patriarch, Frederik Drummond, came to the United States from Scotland, his three sons became cattle ranchers, and their descendants now control vast swaths of land in Oklahoma and Kansas that make up half the size of Rhode Island.

And all that land can lead to a hefty payday. The *Daily Mail* obtained documents showing the Bureau of Land Management has given Drummond Land & Cattle Co. \$23.9 million since 2006. The payments were made so the Drummonds would keep and protect wild horses and burros on their property. The documents, according to the *Daily Mail*’s report, showed that the company, which employs four people, makes \$2.5 million a year.

Only Ree and her accountant know her net worth for sure. But there are a variety of reports online that paint a pretty rosy picture about her finances. *Celebritynetworth.com* calculates her net worth to be \$50 million, though an AOL report estimates her personal net worth to be closer to \$8 million. Either way, her down-home personality has certainly netted her some big-time cash.



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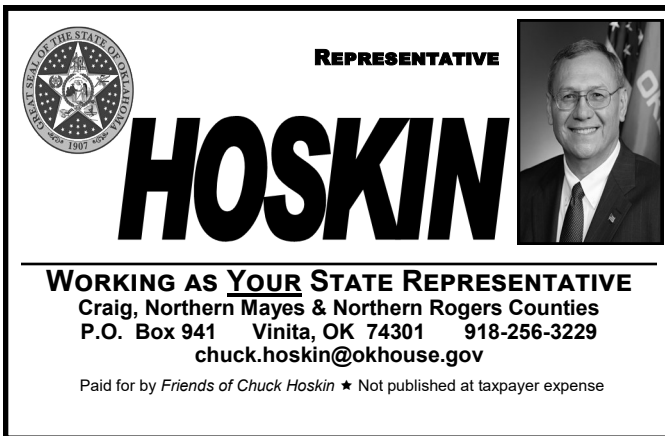
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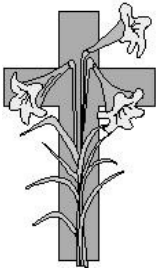


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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

EASTER SONGS

Easter has always been my favorite holiday, I guess, because it was so meaningful to me. Easter is all about the Lord Jesus who died but rose again from

the grave to live forever

If you ask people what they remember most from their childhood about Easter, many will say hunting Easter eggs, or decorating Easter eggs. They might say they always remember getting an Easter basket, or dressing up in a new outfit and new shoes to go to church. Maybe they will remember the big Easter dinner their mother cooked and having all the family around the table.

If you ask me, I would say, I remember the songs. "Up from the grave He arose." Or maybe "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" And then the old hymn, "He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today." What about "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross?" And this one, "Christ the Lord is risen today, hallelujah." "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe..." What about this comparatively new song that is now one of our favorites? "Because He lives I can

face tomorrow."

These songs have a place in our heart and have stood the test of time because they speak to our hearts and they are Biblically correct.

Music had always been very important to me. I sang from the time I was a little girl, sang in chorus in junior high and high school, and still sing in church. I took piano lessons from third grade through my senior year and one year in college. My life has always involved music of one kind or another.

Music was important to Jesus too. The night of Jesus' betrayal when He shared the Passover meal with His disciples, the Bible says, "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Mark 14:26 NKJV.

Jesus was a singer too.

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