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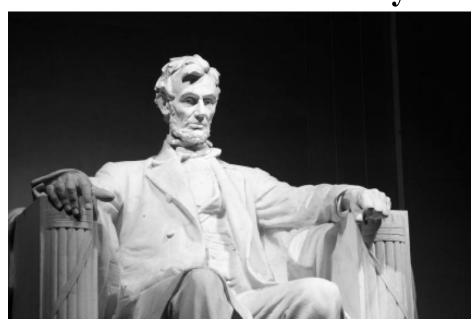
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National Freedom Day



National Freedom Day remembers when Abraham Lincoln (image pictured above) signed a resolution for the United States Constitution's 13th amendment in order to abolish slavery.

National Freedom Day is an observance in the United States that honors the signing of a resolution that proposed the 13th amendment of the nation's constitution on February 1, 1865. Abraham Lincoln, who was the president at the time, signed the resolution to outlaw slavery. This anniversary is annually observed on February 1.

A Local Legacy

The purpose of this holiday is to promote good feelings, harmony, and equal opportunity among all citizens and to remember that the United

States is a nation dedicated to the ideal of freedom.

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, fought to have a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. When Wright got his freedom, he went on to become a successful businessman and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major Wright chose February 1 as National Freedom Day because it was the day in 1865 that President Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. Do you know what the 13th Amendment did?

This amendment, an important change to our written law, outlawed slavery in the United States. Wright gathered national and local leaders together to write a bill declaring February 1 "National Freedom Day" and President Harry Truman signed the bill in 1948 making it official.



President Harry Truman signs the bill proclaiming February 1 as National Freedom Day, June 30, 1948

What Do People Do?

Many people in the United States reflect on and remember the importance of freedom on National Freedom Day. The United States president may annually issue a proclamation on the day. Some educational institutions may incorporate themes relating to National Freedom Day as part of class discussion, readings, and other learning activities that explore the importance of the day and its history.

Information on local celebrations or events that center on National Freedom Day may be publicized prior to and on February 1. For some people, it is a time to promote good will, equality, and to appreciate freedom. Wreath-laying at the Liberty Bell has also been a tradition to mark National Freedom Day for many years. Other events include annual breakfasts, luncheons, musical entertainment, film screenings, and literature meetings that explore the theme about freedom.

Public Life

National Freedom Day is an observance but it is not a public holiday in the United States.

Background

National Freedom Day commemorates the date – February 1, 1865 – when Abraham Lincoln, who was the nation's president at the time, signed a joint resolution that proposed the 13th amendment to the United States Constitution. The amendment was made to outlaw slavery and was ratified on December 18, 1865.

Major Richard Robert Wright Senior, a former slave who founded the National Freedom Day Association, played a crucial role in creating the observance. Major Wright was deemed as a community leader in Philadelphia and was active in education, the media, business and politics. He hoped to see a day that would be dedicated to celebrating freedom for all Americans.

The first commemoration of such a day took place on February 1, 1942, although it was not made into law yet. A tradition of laying a wreath at Liberty Bell also began. On June 30, 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill to proclaim February 1 as the first official National Freedom Day in the United States.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey





Touching Letter To Organ Donor's Grieving Family Goes Viral For Beautiful Reason.

Organ donation is one of the most selfless gifts a grieving family can give to others.

The family of Daniel Bassillo of New Jersey was forced to make this decision after the 28-year-old died suddenly from an asthma attack. Dan's sister, Alexa Bassillo, says that although they were left reeling by her brother's tragic and unexpected death, the family didn't hesitate to choose the ultimate act of kindness as his legacy.

"We didn't even hesitate when they asked us if we wanted to donate," Alexa explained. "I don't even think we really had to talk about it."

As of August 2017, there are more than 114,000 people who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Twenty of those people on the wait list will die every single day. Sadly, while most people support organ donation, they don't always think to sign up or make their wishes known to their loved ones. But for Dan's family, the choice was clear.

"He was the smartest person I know. He taught me eve-

rything from working on our Jeeps and him showing me how to change my oil and stuff like that. He taught me about superheroes and answered all my 'Game of Thrones' questions along with literally any



other question I've ever had. I guess he was whoever he needed to be for the person who needed him. And [I'm] really blessed to be in the major part of his life and soo grateful that he was there all

As the Bassillo family tried to pick up the pieces and adjust to a life without their loved one, they received a letter that left them awestruck by the lives Dan had changed with his final act of generosity. The letter detailed the many people who received Dan's organs and tissue, giving them a chance at longer, healthier

lives.

Thank you for making the selfless decision to give life to others. In the midst of your grief, you said yes to saving lives and restoring health to people in need. Families like yours give us renewed hope that kindness and generosity still exist.

We would like to share with you some information about the recipients of your son's gift.

Daniel's heart was transplanted into a 32-year-old male.

Daniel's liver was transplanted into a 54-year-old female from New Jersey. She is married with one child. She was placed on the transplant waiting list in February of 2007. The liver had immediate function and she is expected to have a full recovery. Also a liver segment was transplanted into a 1-year-old boy.

Daniel's pancreas and left kidney were transplanted into a 36-year-old male. He was placed on the transplant waiting list in November of 2018. The organs had immediate function and he is expected to have a full recovery.

Daniel's right kidney was transplanted into a 6-year-old boy.

Daniel was also able to be a tissue donor. Donated tissue can dramatically improve the quality of life for those suffering from chronic pain and impaired mobility.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Our hope is that you find some comfort in knowing that these gifts have made an impact on others. Today, people awake to a new day because of caring families like yours. We would like to continue to support you. Enclosed is information about the services we offer.

On behalf of everyone touched by Daniel's gift, we thank you.

Sincerely, Jaime Sullivan Family Services Coordinator

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An 87 Year Old College Student Named Rose



The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know.

I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months, we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium.

As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell vou what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day.

You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old.

If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change.

Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's

never too late to be all you can possibly be .When you finish reading this, please send this peaceful word of advice to your friends and family, they'll really enjoy it!

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

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'Feeding the Hungry Feeds My Soul': Meet the Chef Helping Needy Families Get Healthy, Home-Cooked Meals



Jagger Gordon shook his head sadly as the rain poured down just outside his catering tent. "All this food...just wasted," the Toronto-based chef thought, gazing out at the trays of uneaten fare he'd been hired to prepare for the outdoor event. "I can't bear to see it thrown away."

During his career as a chef, Jagger had always been bothered by the amount of food that goes to waste. But that day, as he stared at hundreds of pounds of food bound for the garbage, the image of his daughter's best friend flashed in his mind. Jagger often cooked for the girls when she'd come over to visit, but one afternoon when he dropped her off at home, he realized her family barely had anything to eat, and that the food that he'd cooked for her might be her only meal that day. "I wish I could get this leftover food to families like hers," he considered. Suddenly, he felt his heart leap — and an idea began to bloom.

Filling Bellies, Feeding Hearts

A couple of days later, Chef Jagger and his team made their way to Trinity Bellwoods Park with the trays of leftover food they'd frozen after the event. Within hours, the group had set up a pop-up kitchen and fed 300 people who'd passed through the park, many of whom were homeless. As Jagger left the site for the day, his heart swelled at the memory of their smiling faces. I want to feed more families and people in need, he resolved, filled with purpose.

Installing a commercial freezer at a local church, Jagger got to work on his first initiative, Feed Families, in 2014. Each day, the chef and a group of volunteers would stock it full of meals made from leftover food donated from events, stores or restaurants, allowing eight needy families from the church to take them home.



Even though Feed Families rotated its recipients monthly, as word of the program spread, the number of participants grew, so Jagger began to think bigger.

"We're starting a new service called 'Feed It Forward," he said to his team in 2015. "We'll give out hot, nutritious meals every Monday night to anyone who needs one...and we're going to do it all with donated and surplus food."

After months of doing just that, on Christmas day, Jagger and his team served over 1,200 people Christmas dinner at the local community center. "This is the best Christmas ever!" a little girl cried out to him as she made her way to her family's table. And as Jagger gazed out at the joy and laughter, he realized he didn't want to stop there.

Giving Joy Through Delicious Food

In 2017, Chef Jagger opened The Soup Bar, the first ever pay-what-you-can restaurant in Toronto open to anyone hungry or in need. With an ever-growing family of restaurateurs donating leftover food, The Soup Bar offers more than 150 daily meals of soup, sandwiches and salads to people around the city.

This year, Chef Jagger also opened a pay-what-you-can, waste-free grocery store, where visitors can choose fresh produce, baked goods, and pre-made meals donated by allies such as Whole Foods and local restaurants, all costing only what buyers can spare.

Dalia, a patron of the Feed It Forward grocery store, says, "All the food in the store is so good and fresh, better than any food bank around. It's truly a wonderful place." But for Jagger, giving back is the true gift. "Getting food into the hands of those who truly need it

is the greatest feeling in the world," he says. "Seeing the smile on a child's face when he or she has a full belly is a total blessing. It fills me up every single day."

To find out more about Jagger's inspiring program, visit the Feed It Forward website.

How You Can Help Now: Food Waste Weekend From September 21 to 23, join Ample Harvest in spreading the word about how to use surplus food to feed your community. That weekend, clergy of all faiths will be delivering messages about combating local hunger, saving money on food, and how you can offer a helping hand to a neighbor in need. Learn more at AmpleHarvest.org.

What's more, all year, you can make regular food donations to your local pantry which will not only help feed a hungry neighbor but also do your part in reducing food waste and helping the environment. To find a location to donate the fresh food you grow or any surplus food you've bought, visit AmpleHarvest.org.

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Lincoln's Birthday

Lincoln's Birthday celebrates the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, one of the most popular presidents in United States history. It is a state holiday in some states on or around February 12. It's also known as Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Abraham Lincoln Day or Lincoln Day.

Abraham Lincoln is one of the United States' most popular presidents



Is Lincoln's Birthday a Public Holiday?

Lincoln's Birthday is a public holiday in some areas (see list below), where it is a day off and schools and most businesses are closed. In other areas, Lincoln's Birthday is a normal working day.

Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday

Some states observe the day as part of Presidents' Day, which is officially known as Washington's Birthday.

Various activities such as re-enactments, concerts and birthday parties are often organized for the day. Organizations such as the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum often plan large-scale events to honor and remember Lincoln on or around his birthday.

A wreath-laying ceremony and reading of the Gettysburg Address at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC are traditional events on February 12. Republican Party members may also hold Lincoln Day fundraising dinners because he is known as the first president of the Republican Party.

Public Life

Lincoln's Birthday is a public holiday in some states including:

California. (Many schools, courts and businesses are closed. However, some offices and businesses remain open.)

Connecticut.

Illinois.

Indiana.

Missouri. (Many schools remain open.)

New Jersey.

New Mexico.

New York (Lincoln's Birthday is a floating holiday for state government employees in certain bargaining units). Many government offices are closed within most these states. Some schools are open, so it is best to check with your local school district. Some businesses also remain open. Not all states observe the day on the same date. Lincoln's Birthday is also absorbed into Presidents' Day in other parts of the United States, such as Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, and Ohio. It is a legal observance in Florida.

About Lincoln's Birthday

Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on February 12 in 1809. He lived for a time in Indiana before moving to Illinois. He worked on a farm, split rails for fences, worked in a store, was a captain in the Black Hawk War, and worked as a lawyer. He married Mary Todd and together they had four boys, only one of whom lived to maturity.

Lincoln began his political career at the age of 23 in 1832 when he ran an unsuccessful campaign for the Illinois General Assembly, as a Whig Party member. He joined the newly formed Republican Party in 1854 and was nationally recognized during the 1858 debates with Stephen Douglas despite Douglas' win in the race for US Senator. Lincoln won the presidency in 1860 and, despite being a Republican, rallied most of the northern Democrats to the Union case during the Civil War (1861-65).

Lincoln was known as the Great Emancipator, the Rail Splitter and Honest Abe. He was the president throughout the American Civil War and is known for his struggle to preserve the Union and the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington DC on Good Friday, April 14, 1865. The assassination occurred less than two weeks after the Confederacy surrendered at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

It has been recorded that Lincoln's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in 1866, one year after his death. Many states have a joint holiday to honor both Lincoln and George Washington, sometimes calling it Presidents' Day.

Symbols

Various museums and monuments are dedicated to Abraham Lincoln. Various artworks, such as paintings, drawings, statues and photographs, have been created in Lincoln's image and preserved to honor him. Examples include:

Lincoln's likeness on Mount Rushmore Lincoln's portrait on the American five dollar bill. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

DATA MASTER: Steve Burdick







Moving Forward with Love

Life is such an incredible journey of epic unfolding potential. Each of us, endowed with a creative capacity through our thoughts and feelings, have the ability to imagine and manifest whatever we decide to focus upon. More than just a corporeal being walking through each day, we have the gift of consciousness allowing us to dream new ideas and evolve fresh perspectives. These attributes alone make us unique amongst our earthly living counterparts. We also have the magnificent realization of the universal love that permeates our awareness and unites us with every living particle in the cosmos.



With such remarkable creative qualities and nearly infinite possibilities always before us, why do so many seem to continue to live in limitation, fear, worry and doubt? As beings on this planet, our adventure is both individual and collective. From our earliest expressions eons ago and born of practical necessity, we learned to interact with one another finding methods to share our experiences and evolve our various means of communicating. In many ways, this was the beginning of our personal story and the notion of storytelling with each other. When basic survival was our main concern, this method of communication assisted us greatly as we passed our learning of what works to each generation.

Often not remembering or knowing our grandness and creative aptitude, we likewise began sharing our worries, concerns, fears, trials and tribulations. Slowly and steadily, the component of universal love succumbed to a stronger and more compelling sense of fear, based on how each perceived and then told their story to others. Growing into larger social and cultural groups, our individual narratives and stories became part of our collective lore and belief systems. Enduring and evolving, these thoughts and feelings became more about what was happening to us externally and less about our intrinsic ability to create. We forgot we are the authors and creators of our personal story.

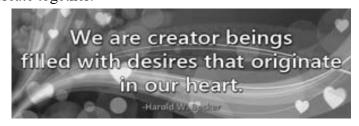
Our imagination shifted from the original pure potential and innovative creation, to one of anticipation and reaction to past expressions that we incorrectly assume may happen again. We became reactive rather than proactive in our creation process. Storytelling turned our focus to the past and what was, rather than onward to what can be. Our stories were no longer our own, as we took on others limiting forms of creating as part of our perspective.

For many reasons, this outmoded manner of expressing

ourselves no longer works. Our collective story is rapidly merging into one global story filled with too many limiting and ineffective approaches of creation that do not benefit all. Thankfully, we are recalling our inner wisdom as a result, since our collective story requires us to advance with compassion and love if we are to survive as a humanity upon this precious earth.

We are creator beings filled with desires that originate in our heart. These are fearless intentions that acknowledge our connection to every facet of life. They represent who we are at the core of our being

and who we are becoming. We are once again embodying a mindfulness that realizes every experience is something to personally treasure and that each shows us the path forward with our creative abilities. Infused with the consciousness of love, there is no limit to what we can create together.



DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



Nurse Recognizes New Colleague as the Preemie She Cared for 29 Years Ago

Every day, nurses look after dozens of premature babies in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Many of these teeny-tiny infants go on to lead happy, healthy, normal lives — perhaps totally unaware of how precarious their first few days and months of life were. And though these children couldn't thank the tireless nurses who cared for them back then, there's an undeniable bond forged between preemies and the NICU nurses who watch over them.



he try and find out what happened to Wong and her fellow nurse, Kas Pilon, who took such amazing care of Seminatore when he was there. "They were the most wonderful nurses," said Laura Seminatore. "They helped calm a lot of our fears."



Vilma Wong has been a nurse at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, California, for 32 years. One day, she was making her rounds when she noticed a man in scrubs standing near an incubator in the NICU. When she asked the young man who he was, she learned he was a second-year pediatric resident named Brandon Seminatore, and he was training to become a child neurologist.

"His last name sounded very familiar," she told The Mercury News. "I kept asking where he was from and he told me that he was from San Jose, California, and that, as a matter of fact, he was a premature baby born at our hospital. I then got very suspicious because I remember being the primary nurse to a baby with the same last name."

Wong asked if Seminatore's father was a police officer. "There was a big silence," she said, "and then he asked if I was Vilma."

After 28 years, Seminatore was stunned that Wong would still remember him. "Meeting Vilma was a surreal experience," he said. "She cares deeply for her patients, to the point that she was able to remember a patient's name almost three decades later."

Back in April 1990, the pair first met under far less happy circumstances. Seminatore was rushed to the NICU following his mom's emergency C-section. He weighed just two pounds six ounces and was the size of a pineapple. In a old photo from that time, a young Wong cradles a smiling Seminatore, who had just had his breathing tubes removed and was beginning to be able to eat on his own. Today, Seminatore stands 5-feet-8-inches tall and weighs 134 pounds.

When Seminatore's mother learned her son would be doing a month-long rotation in the NICU, she suggested

Last year, Seminatore spent a month in the same unit but didn't inquire about Wong or Pilon because he assumed they had moved on or retired. But at 54 years old, Wong says she has no plans to retire any time soon. "As a nurse, it's kind of like your reward," she said of meeting Seminatore for the second time. Now, the pair have plenty of time to bond — this time as coworkers.

As for whether Seminatore's time in the NICU inspired his career choice, he isn't sure. But one thing we can know is that Wong has touched Seminatore's life and the lives of so many other preemies during her many years doing a job she loves.

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Every Friday, the ASD students of St. Cloud Middle School provide coffee to the staff through a student-run coffee shop started by Mrs. Facey.

Through this creative initiative, the ASD students are able to work on the social skills required in their daily lives to interact with others. They take and deliver orders to staff where they learn about making eye contact, how to respond with verbal acknowledgments such as thank you and you're welcome, and more.

This project also helps students with their sequencing, money, measuring, reading, and writing skills.

Mrs. Facey started this initiative due to her passion and love for her students. Students involved in this walk into class on Friday morning excited to begin the coffee shop and serve the staff. Finding ways to reach these students and peak their interest in school on their level great impacts their lives, now and for years to come.

Having a teacher like Mrs. Facey, who loves, cares for, and creates a learning environment that will influence the lives of students is an asset to the Osceola School District! DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



Student Run Coffee What is Valentine's Day and how did it start?

Valentine's Day or St. Valentine's Day is celebrated every vear on 14 February.



It's the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love.

Who was St Valentine?

The day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was.

The popular belief about St Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD.



This is the oldest known Valentine's Day Message in English. It was written in 1477.

Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death.

There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine".

How did Valentine's Day start? The first Valentine's Day was in the year 496! Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival.

The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February - officially the start of their springtime.

It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married.

Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentine too.

Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Polar Bear and Rhino...Babies!!!

I could be writing about humans right now. There are plenty of things I can discuss about humans that need exposure and discussion. However, sometimes humanity has a tendency to annoy me, and frankly, is isn't worth writing about sometimes because of the sheer stupidity it evokes.

I was thinking about writing about stories I've heard lately, especially in regards to the events of childraising, but I decided to post about something happy to represent my blog for the time being. I've been meaning to show you these anyway, so now is a perfect time.

Here are articles, footage, and pictures of baby polar bears and a newborn rhino! Click on the links below the photos to see the story!

So cute!!! 100 Day Old Polar Bear Cubs!

A baby rhino being born!!! Aww!!

I said this before and I'll say it again. Animal stories that involve only animals are so refreshing from what we normally hear about. They are so natural with each other.

Aren't they precious??? I'm so happy for them! :D I love stories like these and the fact that they are so

cheerful compared to the otherwise miserable news we often encounter.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

Pup Helps Family Cope with Loss of Soldier



I was watching 20/20 last Friday night, and this story and its continuation showed up. The story is that a soldier in his twenties stationed in Iraq, Justin, was killed in an explosion. However, he had sent his girlfriend back home photos of him holding a puppy from the night before. The puppies lived in a latrine close to where the soldiers were. After Justin's family discovered these photos and saw how cheerful he looked in them, they were determined to get the puppy. They succeeded, appropriately named her Hero, and she now lives with them in New Hampshire to this very day!

The story in its entirety is very depressing, but this puppy puts a positive swing on things. She is how Justin's loved ones are coping with his loss. Hero brings the canine term "man's best friend" to a whole new level.

The 20/20 segment concluded with this image of the dog. The family believes that this is some connection with Justin's spirit. Some people believe that it is merely a coincidence, such as something having to do with the camera's lens, with no spiritual connection, and that it isn't something to take seriously in regards to anything beyond this world.

I say, even it is coincidental, what is wrong with it having spiritual connection for people? The light shining on Hero in this photo has so much significance for the family.:)



DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

A Chimp Feeds Baby Tigers Bottles of Milk at a Zoo in Thailand

You know, I was thinking about posting a piece today for my "The Intelligent News on AOL.com" series about how Ashton Kutcher is getting cozy in his new surroundings on the set of "Two and a Half Men"...

But who cares about them? What we really want to read about is how a chimpanzee feeds baby tigers bottles of milk! According to this article, at a zoo in Thailand a chimpanzee named Do Do grew fond of the baby tigers so the trainers decided to teach him how to give them their milk bottles!

That's the story! Now, isn't that refreshing compared to the other forms of news we constantly hear about? The only downside to this story is that the tigers grow up, so they have to be moved to another facility and can no longer be fed by Do Do.

Who cares?! This is so cute that you don't even notice that one bad side! And the bad side isn't even bad! It's just apart of life. The tigers have to grow up sometime and Do Do must let them "leave the nest." If you watch the video, you can actually feel yourself at peace. It's so happy, which is such a rarity nowadays. Even the people in the video and the guy narrating it look and sound cheerful. It's such a simple, positive story, making it so enjoyable for everyone. It certainly has the "Aww!" Factor.

Isn't it kind of ironic how the ONE story in the news that DOESN'T have a negative connotation does NOT involve the human race?

Heh, funny.

Animal stories are always so heartwarming. They just make life better. :)

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

Bear 'Hickory' of Gatlinburg



One October ABR received a call from a local Park ranger. He told us that he was assisting the State of Tennessee in capturing two bear cubs. The cubs were on the edge of Gatlinburg and their mother had not been seen with them for several days. It was feared that she had been killed during the legal bear hunt that had just concluded. It was also feared that if the cubs were not moved soon they would become nuisance bears. The first cub was captured and brought to ABC on October 5th. Upon arrival at the Center, a basic physical on the cub, later nicknamed 'Hickory', revealed a weight of 40 pounds! It is possible to release cubs at 50 pounds so this one was obviously very healthy. He was placed in one of our pens while the State and the Park Service went back to try and catch his sibling. Six days later Hickory's brother was caught. This 2nd cub weighed 47 pounds so the decision was made to release them together. Both bears were tatooed and successfully released in the Tellico Wildlife Management Area where they are assured a healthy home far away from humans and related hazards.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh



There's Now a Starbucks Staffed Entirely by Seniors — And the Coffee Chain Says More Are on the Way



Starbucks has thousands of locations around the world, but only one branch is staffed entirely by seniors. The coffee chain has opened its first senior-run location in Mexico City, and it hopes to continue employing more older adults in Mexico before the year is over.

Currently, seven people between the ages of 55 and 60 are employed at this new Starbucks. According to Reuters, they will work six-and-a-half-hour shifts, are guaranteed two days off per week, and will have major medical expenses covered under insurance. Starbucks implemented measures like lowering shelves to avoid accidents, building stores that were only one level, and arranging for different work schedules to ensure their senior employees stay safe while working.

Right now, younger Starbucks employees are training the new hires. "They treat us with a lot of respect and courtesy. I think we've formed a very interesting bond, and at the end of the day, it's a productive job for everyone," Sergio Arrioja, a senior staff member, told Reuters through a translator.

Many youngsters get their first job at Starbucks, and the chain offers education programs, career planning, and scholarships. The company hoped to replicate those same inclusion initiatives with older adults. "It took us two years to land the best scheme to contribute to the elderly community in Mexico. Opening the doors of our stores to senior baristas was not a goal, it was an act of congruence with the inclusion philosophy of Starbucks," said Christian Gurría, the CEO of Starbucks in Mexico.

Since 2011, Starbucks and the National Institute for Older Persons have worked together to create a program where senior adults could find work. In 2013, the two reaffirmed their committment to finding seniors jobs by signing an agreement stating they would continue to ensure this community had work opportunities. By the end of this year, Starbucks plans to employ 120 seniors in

their Mexican locations.

At a time when seniors are being told all the things they can't do, it's heartwarming to see a big corporation like Starbucks offer older adults opportunites they can do. Besides, grandparents are obviously the best cooks in the family, so we imagine their brew will come steaming hot and with a little extra love.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone







Second Grade Student Launches Shoe Drive At



As a Leader in Me school, Narcoosseent Elementary asks students to find their voice and demonstrate their leadership abilities. Second Grader, Anaya Dailey, is doing just that and is setting a positive example in her school and community. Anaya saw a need last year and decided she had to do something about it. It all started when she noticed that her friend needed a new pair of shoes, but his family wasn't able to afford them. She talked to her dad about her friend and they bought him a new pair of shoes. That all sparked the idea of helping more people and creating a shoe drive called Anaya's Shoebox.

The word spread about this great cause and people from all over began donating shoes and gift cards to buy shoes. Anaya has collected about five times as many shoes as pictured here with the hopes of collecting even more. She is donating the shoes to her school to help those students and families in need so they can have new shoes to start the 2018-2019 school year, but she doesn't want to stop there. She knows that this program has the potential to impact students across all of Osceola County and beyond.

Narcoossee Elementary is helping to be the catalyst to this effort and will be reaching out to other schools as the program grows. The hope is to meet the needs of not only one school, but the entire community. Please help Anaya and the school sustain and grow this cause by donating new shoes or gift cards to help families in need throughout the year.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Some first graders saved up money to help heal their favor-ite teacher



The students at this school were shocked to learn that their favorite teacher, Olga, had fallen ill with cancer. They initially sent her cards with messages of support, but they soon moved on to something far more practical: they began to sell trinkets at school, raising more than \$6,000 to support her. Thanks to this heartwarming act, Olga has the strength to fight her illness.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

A man donated his kidney to save his best friend's life



Kaid Mohammed and John Relf have been friends since they were children. When John fell ill and needed a live kidney transplant, it seemed that his chances of survival were slim. But Kaid was there for his old friend when he needed him the most. He donated his kidney, and John survived. DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



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The Story of Life



Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be (possibly your roommate, neighbor, coworker, longlost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger) but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment that they will affect your life in some profound way.

And sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life, and the success and downfalls you experience help to create who you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when you open your heart. If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because in a way, they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things.

Make every day count!!! Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people that you have never talked to before, and

actually listen. Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

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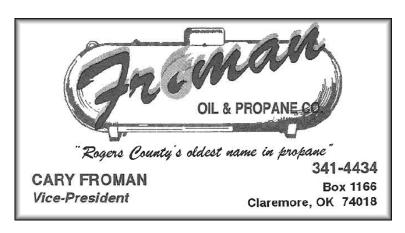
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Getting to know the Lutherans

A CHILD OF GOD

"This is my beloved Son, with him I am well-pleased" – Luke 3:22

Mark Twain described himself and all of us as "the only animal that blushes and needs to." He also said, "April 1 – this is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 365."

So, just who and what are we? Each day we may realize that we are not all that we are supposed to be – there are blemishes and failures; that we are less than perfect and we try to justify our behavior before God. But God has given us a remedy.

Through faith in Jesus Christ we are called and set apart as a child of God. We receive that honor because God did not spare his own Son, but gave him for us all. And Jesus has done everything necessary for our salvation. He was born, baptized, crucified and risen again that we might have forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.

By God's grace we have an inheritance – totally unexpected, totally unmerited. That's why it is called a gift. So our lives are filed with his love and hope as we look forward to the day of our heavenly homecoming.

DATA MASTER: Ivory Tipton

Messiah Lutheran Church 460 N. Wilson, Vinita, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 918-256-3223 Email: messiahvinita@aol.com	St. Paul Lutheran Church Washington and Pine, Fairland, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-676-3059 Email: stpaulluthch@aol.com
Bethlehem Lutheran Church 6911 West 380 Road, Adair, OK 74330 Worship 9:00 a.m. 918-785-2994 Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.	Immanuel Lutheran Church 706 Rockwood Drive, Grove, OK. Worship 9:30 a.m. 918-786-4585 Website: www.lutheransonline.com/lo/Groveok
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 2337 North Main, Miami, OK 74354 Worship 2:00 p.m. (918) 542-4681 Sunday School and Bible Class 3:00 p.m. Email: mtolive@cableone.net	Redeemer Lutheran Church 220 N. Seminole, Claremore, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-341-1429 Email: rluther@sbcglobal.net—Website www.rlccok.org
Guests are always welcome. See you Sunday at worship.	St. John Lutheran Church 607 SE 9 th Street, Pryor, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-825-1926 Email: stjohnpryor@sbcglobal.net-Website: www: stjohnpryor.org

Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

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

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Larry Boyd (918) 541-7592 or Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Chelsea Dance and Jam Session—Every Friday Night 6:00 pm—9:00 pm—Bring a dish for potluck at 6:30 pm. Musicians are welcome. Civic Center 618 Pine street Chelsea, OK 74016

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060 March 23, 2019 Steeped in Tradition—"Wild Onion Feast" The Indian Women's Pocahontas Club Higher Education Scholarship Fundraiser. Noon—2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1615 N. Hwy 88, Claremore, OK. Phone: 918-760-7499, 918-798-0771. Feb 07, 2019 BOK Center presents Harlem Globetrotters—The Harlem Globetrotters are headed to Tulsa's BOK Center for a wildly entertaining show that's all about the fans. Get ready to see these amazing players perform some of the most amazing stunts and trick shots basketball has ever seen. The Globetrotters have been performing for decades and they're known for impressive and fun-to-watch basketball challenges. They'll present their exciting show at Tulsa's BOK

SUDOKU PUZZLES

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

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

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DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton Solutions are printed in page 35.

Center, a 19,199 seat world class entertainment venue. BOK Center 200 S Denver Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

Feb 08, 2019 - Feb 10, 2019 BMX Sooner Nationals—Head to Tulsa Expo Square for a fun and exciting weekend of intense BMX competition. The Sooner Nationals feature events for men and women of all age groups and skill levels. The number one winners will be decided on Saturday with the runner-up events on Sunday. Be sure to come out for the pre-race on Friday and see the racers prepare for the big event. There will be plenty of concessions and no shortage of exhilarating races to watch, so come out and cheer on these talented riders. Event schedules and registration fees available on website. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 602-625-3051, 918-744-1113

Feb 08, 2019 Crayons Improv Comedy Show—Get ready to laugh at this family-friendly, improvised comedy show. Crayons Improv uses audience suggestions, participation and drawings to create unique and hilarious scenes in a G-rated show that is suitable for the whole family. Get to know Crayons' whacky and memorable characters as the troupe performs their own brand of short-form comedy, featuring old-time favorite improv games along with brand new ones. Come to the Heritage United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow and see a fun, light-hearted comedy troupe that has been tickling funny bones across the country since 2007. Heritage United Methodist Church 5300 E Kenosha St Broken Arrow, OK 74014 Phone: 918-557-5616 Feb 08, 2019 Kelly Clarkson in Concert—Kelly Clarkson is hitting the road for the first time in three years. Catch her live with special guests Kelsea Ballerini and Brynn Cartelli at the BOK Center in Tulsa. Located in downtown Tulsa, the BOK Center is conveniently located near other attractions, restaurants and lodging. BOK Center 200 S Denver Ave Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4200

Feb 09, 2019 - Feb 10, 2019 Tulsa Women's Expo— Head to Tulsa for a weekend full of fun at the Women's Lifestyle & Home Design Expo. This event will be packed with an incredible variety of exhibits to browse, people to see and products to try. Over 200 exhibits will be set up for browsing as well as runway fashion shows and experts in a variety of areas like health, fitness, beauty, fashion, finance, interior design and entertaining, and more. Meet with notable stylists that will be available to cut and style your hair and demonstrate all kinds of new beauty products. This show will also offer ideas in interior design, home décor, landscaping, remodeling and entertaining. Experts will inspire you to transform your home into a warm and welcoming space. Make sure to plan ahead so you can fit everything in at this exciting event. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 203-259-3351 Fax: 203-259-

Feb 09, 2019 - Feb 10, 2019 Greater Tulsa Survival & Green Living Expo—Get prepared with a trip to the

Greater Tulsa Survival & Green Living Expo. Held at Tulsa Expo Square, the Exchange Center will transform into a one-stop shop for long-term food storage, solar power, bug-out kits and tactical gear. Stock up and be ready to survive without power after a visit to this survival expo in Tulsa. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 563-927-8176, 563-927-8207 Feb 09, 2019 Elton John in Concert—Global icon Elton John is bringing his Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour to Tulsa's BOK Center. After more than 50 years on the road, Elton John will be entertaining audiences one last time. Located in downtown Tulsa, the BOK Center is conveniently located near other attractions, restaurants and lodging. BOK Center 200 S Denver Ave Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4200

Feb 10, 2019 Winter Jam—Winter Jam, Christian music's largest annual tour, is making a stop at Tulsa's BOK Center. This year's tour features Newsboys United, Danny Gokey, Rend Collective, Ledger, Mandisa and many more. Located in downtown Tulsa, the BOK Center is conveniently located near other attractions, restaurants and lodging. BOK Center 200 S Denver Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

Feb 14, 2019 BOK Center presents: Jeff Dunham—Tulsa's BOK Center presents funnyman Jeff Dunham's stand-up comedy. Dunham is sure to entertain in these live shows, with many years on Comedy Central specials and numerous DVD releases. His ventriloquism acts have led fans to fall in love with a variety of characters Dunham has created over the years including Achmed, Walter and Peanut. BOK Center 200 S Denver Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

Feb 14, 2019 The Commodores in Concert—Motown and music industry legends The Commodores come to The Joint in Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa for a Valentine's Day show. Hear the trio behind hits like "Machine Gun," "Brick House," and "Easy" live during this special performance. The group was one of the largest-selling acts for two decades, going on to sell more than 75 million records for Motown in the 1960s and '70s. The Commodores achieved Grammy recognition in 1985 for Best Vocal R&B Performance by a Duo/Group for their song, "Nightshift." Bring your special someone to Catoosa and enjoy The Commodores as they continue their national tour. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa 777 W Cherokee St Catoosa, OK 74015 Phone: 918-266 -4352 Toll Free: 800-760-6700

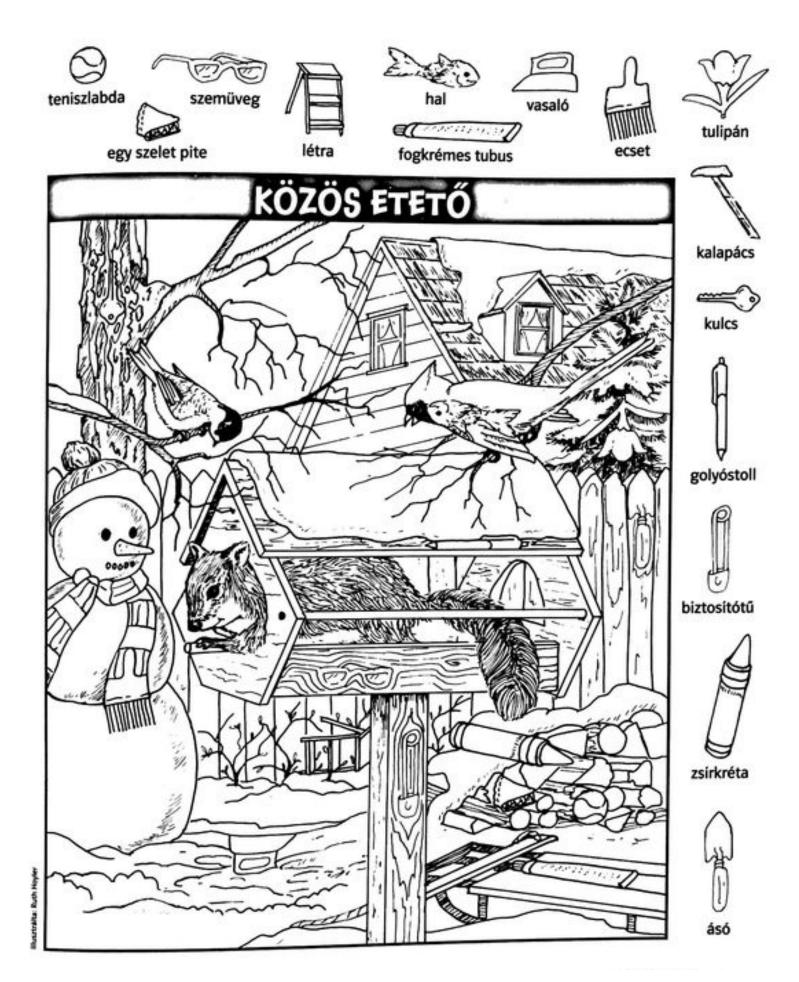
Do You have an event that you would like to share?

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DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick





Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1. Type of manner
- 8. Future señoras
- 13. Game with a jail
- 14. Plains Indian
- 16. In the family way
- 17. Kilt cloth
- 18. Northern California county
- 19. Sailor's challenge
- 21. Celerity
- 22. Croissant or kaiser
- 23. Norms, briefly
- 24. Pai ___ ("Kill Bill" character)
- 25. On Hollywood Blvd., say
- 26. Yale or Root
- 27. Large knives
- 30. Chump
- 31. Protracted attack
- 33. Famed atomic physicist
- 35. Ofc. computer link
- 36. Eastern bug
- 40. Chips in chips

- 42. Winter bugs
- 43. Govt. loan agency
- 46. Bingo call
- 47. Happy or rush follower
- 48. Deep Blue's game
- 50. Dermatophytosis
- 52. Puccini's "La "
- 53. Less trying
- 54. Like many of Woody Allen's
- characters
- 56. Chairperson's list
- 57. In a crafty sort of way
- 58. DoubleStuf cookies
- 59. Safeguarded

Down

- 1. Actress Helena ___ Carter
- 2. Pack up
- 3. Serves a stretch
- 4. Petty malice
- 5. Island near Mull
- 6. Mc___ (short-lived McDonalds offering)
- 7. Mask opening
- 8. Province of South Africa
- 9. Apple gadget
- 10. Tusked whale (var.)
- 11. Nader's forte
- 12. Yangtze city
- 13. Fit together
- Finishes
 Israeli port
- 22. Abbr. after a Granite State pol.'s
- name, maybe
- 25. Frosts
- 26. Donkey, in Düsseldorf
- 28. Old Turkish VIPs
- 29. Bad grades
- 31. Chile's capital
- 32. Less mild
- 34. Traffic time
- 35. Spanish for "the tar"
- 37. "____ one, think we should..."
- 38. Female graduates
- 39. Only, to a German
- 41. Head of a train
- 44. Type of Volkswagen
- 45. Equally gentle
- 47. Israeli round dances
- 48. Island off Greece
- 49. Pres. appointee
- 51. "The Things for Love"
- 52. Reservations
- 55. Coastal eagle

Word Search Puzzle

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CryptoQuote Puzzle

Topic: Marriage

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- Agatha Christie Solution is on page 33

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Logic Puzzle

Butterflies

Nymphalidae

Lycaenidae

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		Lena	Lilliana	Marco	Savanna	grass	peanuts	petdander	pollen
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	Lycaenidae								
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Allergies	pet dander								330 430
	pollen								550

Logic Puzzles

Riodinidae

Presented by Puzzle Baron

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Hospital Bills	First Names	Allergies	Butterflies
\$330			
\$430		,	
\$550		*	
\$590			

- Lena owes less money than the person who's allergic to grass.
- 2. The patient with the \$430 hospital bill doesn't have the pet dander allergy.
- 3. Of the person who's allergic to pet dander and Lilliana, one collects Lycaenidae and the other collects Pieridae.
- 4. Either the patient with the \$550 hospital bill or the patient with the \$590 hospital bill collects Lycaenidae.
- The person who's allergic to pollen is not Lilliana.
- The lepidopterist who collects Riodinidae owes more money than the person who's allergic to peanuts.
- 7. The person who's allergic to grass is not Marco.
- 8. The patient with the \$330 hospital bill is Savanna.
- The person who's allergic to pet dander is Lena.
- The lepidopterist who collects Pieridae doesn't have the peanuts allergy and is not Lena.
- The lepidopterist who collects Riodinidae doesn't have the pet dander allergy and is not Lena.

Quotes From Thinkers Around The World

Living is no laughing matter: you must live with great seriousness like a squirrel for example - I mean without looking for something beyond and above living, I mean living must be your whole occupation.

Nazim Hikmet

However and wherever we are, we must live as if we will never die.

Nazim Hikmet

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

Maya Angelou

The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. May not call God the same name you call God - if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody. That's what I think.

Maya Angelou

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

Maya Angelou

When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.

Maya Angelou

We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.

Maya Angelou

If we lose love and self respect for each other, this is how we finally die.

Maya Angelou

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.

Maya Angelou

If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.

Maya Angelou

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

Khalil Gibran

Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.

Khalil Gibran

Yesterday is but today's memory, and tomorrow is today's dream.

Khalil Gibran

In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

Khalil Gibran

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

Khalil Gibran

I love you when you bow in your mosque, kneel in your temple, pray in your church. For you and I are sons of one religion, and it is the spirit.

Khalil Gibran

Your daily life is your temple and your religion. When you enter into it take with you your all.

Khalil Gibran

Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit. Khalil Gibran

Khalil Gibran

I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet, strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers.

Khalil Gibran

So the darkness shall be the light, and the stillness the dancing.

T. S. Eliot

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.

T. S. Eliot

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

T. S. Eliot

This Month in History - Feb

1st

1920 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Established

1969 John DeLorean becomes general manager of Chevrolet

1978 Roman Polanski skips bail and flees to France

1979 Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran after 14 years in exile

2004 Janet Jackson's breast is briefly exposed by Justin Timberlake during the Super Bowl half time show.

2004 Hajj Pilgrimage Stampede

2nd

1916 German zeppelins drop close to 400 bombs over the West Midlands

1925 Sears, Roebuck Opens It's First Store

1949 First 45 RPM vinyl record released

1964 GI Joe Launched

3rd

1931 Major Earthquake Napier in New Zealand

1931 Banks Go Bust by the thousands following losses during the Wall Street Crash

1959 Rock 'n' Roll singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper) died in a plane crash

4th

1938 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Released

1948 Ceylon now Sri Lanka gains independence from British rule

1959 Barbie Doll Invented By Ruth Handler

1974 Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is kidnapped in Berkeley, California

1976 In Guatemala and Honduras a 7.5 magnitude earthquake centered about 160 km northeast of Guatemala City kills more than 22,000.

2004 Facebook, a mainstream online social network is founded by Mark Zuckerberg.

5th

1917 Congress passes the Immigration Act which required a literacy test

1922 Readers Digest First Published

1953 Sweet rationing ends in Great Britain

1974 Patty Hearst is Kidnapped by The Symbionese Liberation Army

1983 Klaus Barbie indicted for "crimes against humanity."

2002 John Walker Lindh Indicted

2008 C.I.A. admits to 'waterboarding' terror suspects

6th

1926 First Doughnut Making Machine

1938 Bondi Beach Freak Waves "Black Sunday" in Australia

1943 Frank Sinatra makes his singing debut on the popular radio show "Your Hit Parade."

1952 King George V1 Dies

1954 Mercedes introduced the 300SL coupe

1958 Manchester United Football Club Disaster

1971 Alan Shepard became the first man to hit a golf ball on the Moon

7th

1962 A U.S. embargo ordered by President Kennedy will go into effect on all imports from Cuba including tobacco, seafood, fruits and vegetables

1964 The Beatles arrive on their first visit to the United States

1992 The Maastricht Treaty Signed

2008 Congress has approved the \$168 billion economic stimulus program

2009 Black Saturday Bushfires Australia

2010 Super Bowl XLIV breaks viewing records

8th

1910 The Boy Scouts of America, was incorporated

1922 President Warren G. Harding has a radio installed in the White House

1943 Japanese troops evacuate Guadalcanal

1952 Queen Elizabeth the Second Becomes Queen

1983 Shergar is stolen from a stud farm owned by the Aga Khan in County Kildare, Ireland

9th

1961 President Kennedy asked Congress to approve a health insurance program (The Medicare Program)

10th

1964 Dylan Releases "The Times They Are A Changing"

1992 Mike Tyson, found guilty of raping Desiree Washington

1996 IRA Bomb Docklands In London

11th

1916 Emma Goldman Jailed for Advocating Birth Control

1929 Vatican City Gains independent sovereignty

1945 President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement

1979 Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini took control of Iran

1990 Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years.

2006 Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded Harry Whittington

2010 The United States has tested an airborne laser weapon

12th

1912 Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China Forced To Abdicate

1921 South Africa Independence

1924 Calvin Coolidge Gives First Presidential Radio Address

1958 The first Trans Atlantic passenger jetliner service

2007 Trolley Square Mall Shooting

13th

1935 Bruno Hauptmann convicted of the Lindbergh baby murder

1960 France becomes the worlds fourth atomic power

1975 British Coal Miners get 35% Pay Rise

14th

1912 Arizona becomes the 48th state of the union

1929 Sir Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin

1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre

1948 NASCAR holds its first race for modified stock cars on a 3.2 mile-course at Daytona Beach

1962 First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy gives a tour of the White House shown on Television

1974 Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn Charged with treason 2008 Shooting At Northern Illinois University

15th

1942 World War II Singapore Surrenders To Japanese

1965 Canada adopts Maple Leaf For Canadian Flag

1971 England D Day introduces Decimal Currency

1982 The world's largest oil rig (The Ocean Ranger) Sinks In North Atlantic

16th

1923 The burial chamber of King Tutankhamen Opened

1939 Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for Du Pont, received a patent for nylon

1959 Fidel Castro sworn in as prime minister of Cuba.

1965 Beeching Report on British Railways Closes 25%

1968 First 911 emergency telephone system in Haleyville, Ala

2005 The Kyoto accord Comes Into Force

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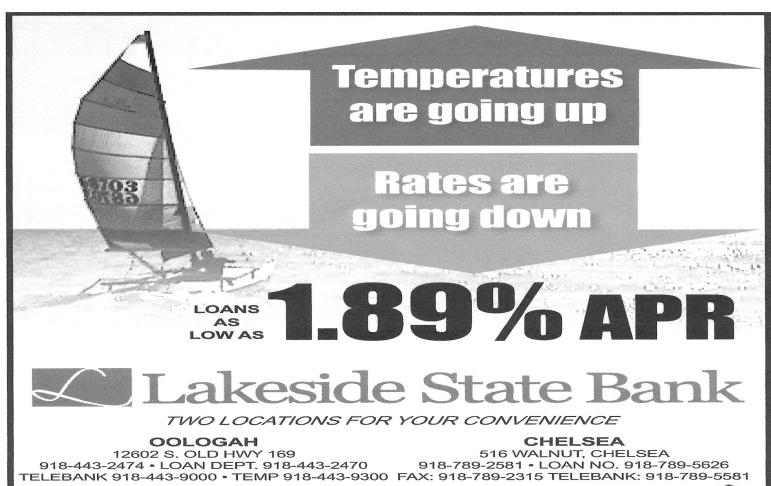
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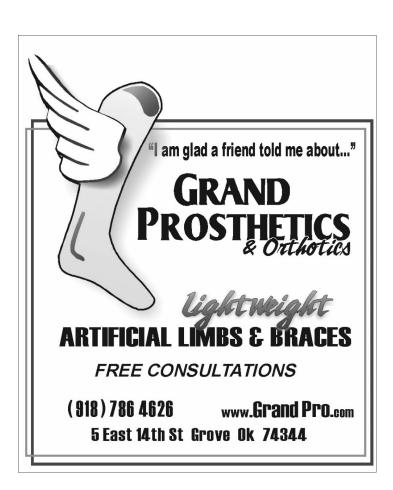
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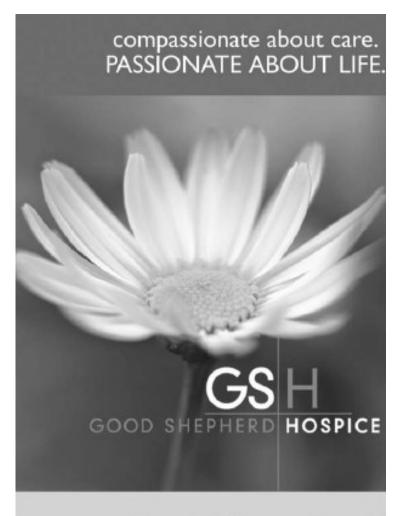
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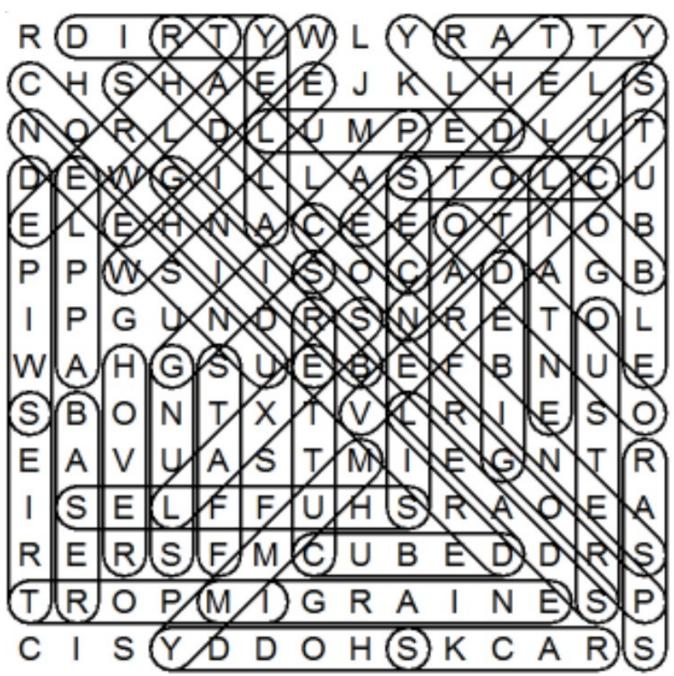
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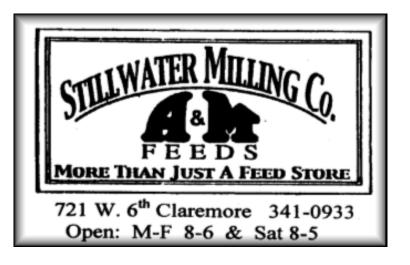
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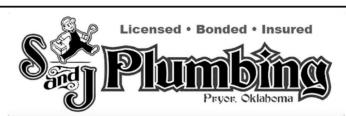
Some Riddles

- 1. What can point in every direction but can't reach the destination by itself.
- 2. What boy wizard magically grew a beard each night?
- 3. A man while looking at a photograph said, "Brothers and sisters have I none. That man's father is my father's son." Who was the person in the photograph?
- 4. ive hundred begins it, five hundred ends it, Five in the middle is seen; First of all figures, the first of all letters, Take up their stations between. Join all together, and then you will bring Before you the name of an eminent king. Who am I?
- 5. Our dinner guests cry that we are evil, when they notice their place in the meal. But its no big deal why; we are just one big happy tribe! And we get real fed up with people! Who, What or Are we?
- 6. A woman who lives in New York legally married three men, she did not get divorce, get an annulment, or legally separate. How is this possible?
- 7. What is yellow and sucks sap from trees?
- 8. Why was the dog kicked out of the flea circus?
- 9. Flat as a leaf, round as a ring; Has two eyes, can't see a thing. What is it?

ANSWERS

- 1. Your finger
- 2. Hairy Potter.
- 3. That man's son.
- 4. DAVID (Roman numerals)
- 5. Cannibals!
- 6. She is a minister.
- 7. A yellow-bellied sap sucker.
- 8. Because he stole the show!
- 9. A button.

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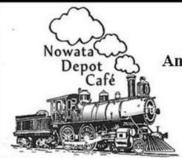
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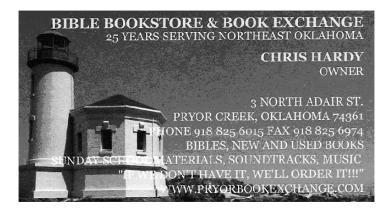


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way to keep track of days off, holidays, and vacations was a calendar.

You can look back at my calendar of 1974, to see when my son was born, and

1975 when he cut each of his teeth. The 1976 calendar shows when I had an

appointment with a lawyer and filed for divorce. The 1979 calendar shows

dates with my high-school sweetheart and the 1980 calendar

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shows our

wedding. The 1981 calendar shows the birth of our daughter.

I have lived my whole life by the calendar. Even though I retired in 2003, I am still busy volunteering. I thought I was finished with a calendar, but here I am, keeping a calendar of appointments again.

I made some important changes to my schedule in the late 70s that I have never regretted. I started going to church regularly. In those same calendars, you will see church camps, revivals, choir practice. I made sure that my two children were involved in every church activity. We scheduled our lives around the church's schedule.

"Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." James 4:14-15.

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