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4 Notable Historical Events That Happened In The First Half Of March

Red Cross Volunteers—Detroit, MI
Motor Corps and Canteen volunteers from the Detroit chapter of the American Red Cross, taking a break from delivering supplies to flu victims. To prepare Detroit for what was to come from the pandemic, the Red Cross and Department of Health nurses cooperated together for home visits, food preparation and childcare.



4 March 1918: 'Spanish' flu strikes and kills 100 million

When Private Albert Gitchell awoke on Monday 4 March 1918, he felt awful. A company cook at Fort Riley, Kansas, Gitchell was supposed to be serving breakfast to hundreds of young American recruits, who were waiting to be shipped off to the battlefields of France. But when the doctors had a look at him, they realised that, with a temperature of more than 103, Gitchell was in no state to work in the mess.

A few hours later, another man, Corporal Lee Drake, appeared at the infirmary with similar symptoms. Then another, Sergeant Adolph Hurby. Still the men kept coming: there were 107 by lunchtime and more than 500 by the end of the week. By the end of the month, no fewer than 1,127 men at Fort Riley had come down with flu – and 46 of them had died.

soldiers flooded into Europe, they brought the deadly influenza with them. With vast armies surging across an exhausted continent, the conditions were perfect for a pandemic. This was one of history's deadliest disasters. Across the world, some 500 million people had been struck down by flu by the end of 1920, perhaps 100 million of them fatally.

Many governments banned public gatherings or buried the victims in mass graves. Reporting restrictions in the combatant nations meant that the disease's progress in neutral Spain drew disproportionate attention: hence its nickname, Spanish flu. Only one populated part of the world reported no cases at all: the island of Marajo, at the mouth of the Amazon.

11 March AD 222: Rome's emperor of excess meets a bloody end

In the next few months, as American

Even in the lurid parade of Roman emperors, Elagabalus stands out. Born into the imperial Severan dynasty in c203 AD, he found himself catapulted to supreme power in his early teens and soon began to court controversy.

To the horror of the Roman elite, their teenage emperor – whose real name was Marcus Aurelius Antoninus – had signed up to the cult of the Syrian sun god Elagabalus, after whom he now named himself. Once emperor, he renamed his god Deus Sol Invictus – God the Undefeated Sun – and installed him at the head of the Roman pantheon. Then he declared himself high priest, had himself publicly circumcised and made the city’s bigwigs watch while he danced around the Sun’s new altar.

In the meantime, Elagabalus’s sexual conduct was raising eyebrows across the city. In total he married and divorced five women, but his chief relationships seem to have been with his chariot-driver, a male slave called Hierocles, and an athlete from Asia Minor called Zoticus. According to gossip, the emperor “set aside a room in the palace and there committed his indecencies, always standing nude at the door of the room, as the harlots do... while in a soft and melting voice he solicited the passers-by”. If any doctor could give him female genitalia, he said, he would give him a fortune.

Eventually, the Praetorian Guard, sick of their emperor’s excesses, switched their allegiance to his cousin Severus Alexander and turned on Elagabalus.

As the historian Cassius Dio recorded, there was no mercy for either Elagabalus or his mother: “Their heads were cut off and their bodies, after being stripped naked, were first dragged all over the city, and then the mother’s body was cast aside somewhere or other while his was thrown into the river.”

2 March 537: Belisarius saves Rome from the Goths

In the first days of AD 537, the people of Rome waited nervously for attack. Once the capital of the world’s greatest empire, now a miserable, ruined shadow, the ancient city had long since yielded its role to Constantinople.

In the fifth century it had fallen to the Goths, but at the end of 536 it was retaken by Constantinople’s greatest general, Belisarius. But since Belisarius had only a few thousand men, he knew he faced a struggle to keep it.

At last, on the second day of March, the enemy revealed themselves. From seven great camps overlooking the city’s main gates, the Goths began their siege of Rome. Equipped with vast siege engines, their armies were 10 times bigger than Belisarius’s little band. But even as the

city began to starve, Belisarius refused to panic. His secretary, Procopius, even recorded that the general laughed on seeing the Goths’ great siege towers. He knew that reinforcements were on their way: all he had to do was wait.

When peace talks broke down, Belisarius took the initiative, sending his general John to seize the towns in the Goths’ rear. Some 374 days after the siege had begun, word reached the Goths that Rimini had fallen, leaving John barely a day’s march from their capital, Ravenna.

As smoke rose from the Goths’ camps, Belisarius knew that his gamble had paid off. He waited until half the retreating Gothic forces were across the Milvian Bridge, and then ordered his troops out of the city. They killed thousands of Goths, and many more were drowned. Belisarius had won. For the time being at least, Rome remained Roman.

5 March 1946: Churchill warns of an ‘iron curtain’ falling across Europe

In the spring of 1946, Winston Churchill arrived in Fulton, Missouri. The little Midwestern town seemed an unlikely destination for the man who, until the previous summer, had been leading the world’s largest empire. But Churchill, rejected by the British electorate, was in the doldrums. When President Harry Truman invited him to give a lecture at a little college in his home state, Churchill saw it as a chance to revive his American reputation.

Churchill and Truman travelled to Fulton by train and on the way the president read a draft of the former prime minister’s talk. It was, he declared, excellent. But when Churchill stood up on 5 March, in the packed gymnasium at Westminster College, few could have expected that his words would resound in history.

A shadow, he explained, had fallen “upon the scenes so lately lighted by the Allied victory” – thanks entirely to Stalin’s Soviet Union. “From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic,” he declared, “an iron curtain has descended across the continent.” That made Anglo-American co-operation all the more important. Theirs, Churchill added, was a “special relationship”.

Churchill was not the first man to use the words ‘iron curtain’, but he was unquestionably the most famous. After that day in Fulton, there was no doubt that the alliance between Stalin’s Soviet Union and the two great western powers was over – and that the Cold War had begun.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

87 Year Old Woman 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 round 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

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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 you 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.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

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Life Is Baeutiful (Misspelling is intentional)

Do you remember the name of your kindergarden teacher? I do, mine. Her name was Mrs White. And I remember thinking she must be some older relation of Walt Disney's Snow White, because she had the same bright blue eyes, short dark hair, red lips and fair skin.

I don't remember much about what we learned in her class, but my mother once told me that we used to write a lot. And I would bring back what I wrote and she would look at it and see there were so many mistakes. But no red corrections. And always a star. Sometimes even a Good! scrawled in that would make my heart soar with happiness. But it worried my mother, so one day when she went in to meet Mrs White for one of those Parent-Teacher meetings, she asked her why she never corrected my mistakes. Why she never red-pencilled in the right spellings of words or pointed out grammatical errors.

And my mother says Mrs White said-The children are just beginning to get excited about using words, about forming sentences. I don't want to dampen that enthusiasm with red ink. Spelling and grammar can wait. The wonder of words won't... And maybe she didn't say it Exactly like that. It was a long time ago. And what my mother gave me was the gist of what she could remember. The rest I added in. Because I grew up learning to use words with loving confidence like that.

And it occurs to me that if Mrs White had used her red pen more precisely I probably wouldn't be telling you about this now. Which is kind of obvious but also kind of not. I look back now and think she must have been a rather extraordinary teacher- to exercise such red-pen-restraint. To allow the joy, wonder and excitement of expression flower- however faultily- like that. Because to bloom is better than not to bloom. And a bud once nipped never opens. May we all be so kind...

I used to misspell beautiful a lot. Never could quite remember that the e went before the a. It exasperated my teacher in high school no end. If I was going to employ the word with such lavishness she figured the least I could do was spell it right. Eventually the e's and a's settled into their right places of their own accord. Am glad I didn't wait on them though. Pretty is easier to spell but it doesn't hold as much as you mean sometimes.

And thanks to Mrs White I had no qualms about writing what I meant even if couldn't quite spell it out. Because Life isn't Pretty. It's Baeutiful.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

92-Year-Old With Kidney Failure Beats the Odds to Meet Her Great-Great Granddaughter



Receiving a terminal diagnosis from your doctor has to be one of the most gut-wrenching feelings in the world, but succumbing to illness just wasn't part of the plan for 92-year-old Jean Roper of Trussville, Alabama. Doctors told Roper in January that she'd only have a few weeks to live due to kidney failure — but then a miracle stopped her illness in its tracks.

As her great-grandchildren Kayla Tracy and Amber Harris went to say their goodbyes, Harris told Roper that she was due to give birth any day now and would name her baby after her. Like magic, Jean Roper's condition mysteriously improved.

“She was over the moon with excitement,” Tracy told People, “and she kept telling everyone, ‘I just want to live long enough to see that baby girl.’ ”

It's been a while since Roper and her husband, Edward, 94, have seen a little girl roaming around their house. Although the couple have three children, seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren, most of them are boys.

In the days leading up to Harris' birth, Tracy, who owns Kayla Tracy Photography, spent more and more time with her great-grandma Roper. Awed at how her condition seemed to improve each day, Tracy decided to capture every moment on film.

“To know that she was going to soon have a great-great granddaughter was like medicine for her,” Tracy said. “It was so amazing to watch her transformation that I knew I had to document it.”

Sadly, Roper lost her middle son just four years ago to kidney failure and has been battling depression ever

since. But as soon as she heard about the new grandbaby, Tracy said she lit up with emotion and her entire attitude changed for the better. And despite doctors' predictions that she would live only a few more weeks, Roper was still alive to meet little Magnolia Jean, born January 31 and weighing just five pounds and two ounces.

“She helped keep my mind off how weak and terrible I felt,” Roper told People. “and I thought she was the most beautiful baby girl I'd ever seen. She was so tiny and every part of her was just perfect.”



Magnolia's birth wasn't the only exciting thing Roper had to look forward to. On March 5, she and her husband Edward celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at a Cracker Barrel luncheon with their family. Roper said she met her sweetheart in 1941 after she'd agreed to going on a blind date. The two have been inseparable ever since.



DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

A Football Fan Saved A Soldier's Life

Mario Tonelli was just one of 72,000 men who took part in the infamous 1942 Bataan Death March, in which the Japanese Army forced defeated Filipino-American forces to walk from their former bastion of Bataan to nearby concentration camps. During the days-long march, thousands of prisoners fell by the wayside due to disease or injuries. They also had to endure the brutal treatment of captors who beat, bayoneted, and shot those too weak to trudge on. Like his comrades, Tonelli was exhausted and on the verge of giving up, when he encountered the unlikely source of inspiration. It all started when a Japanese soldier took Tonelli's class ring from him. Tonelli had been a college football star at Notre Dame and wore that ring with him to the Philippines. Shortly afterwards, a Japanese officer came up to the astonished Tonelli and handed him back his ring. He explained that he had once been a student at the University of Southern California and had watched Tonelli's Notre Dame decisively beat his team in 1937. He knew how much that ring meant and he just had to return it. That little incident gave Tonelli the hope he needed to survive the rest of the war—which he totally did.

Turning Fear Into True Compassion



Rekha maintains an exercise regime that includes a brisk walk every morning around some gardens in our neighbourhood. One morning, she was walking earlier than usual, daybreak was only just beginning to set in and it was still relatively dark.

As she was walking, a cyclist came up to her, snatched her handbag (containing her keys, phone and credit cards) and sped off with it! She ran after him shouting "thief - thief". A man further ahead must have heard her, or seen what had happened. He was washing a car and had a bucket of water with him. He grabbed the bucket and threw the water on to the cyclist.

The cyclist, caught off guard, drove off the pavement and his bike fell over. The other people in the park rushed over and surrounded him. My friend Rekha was worried that the people would try and beat him up, as often happens in India, and so she pleaded with them not to hurt him.

She bent down and asked the man why he did this to her? He was extremely repentant and explained that he was the son of a poor farmer and that this year their crops had failed. He said that the money lenders had threatened to beat up his father and hurt their family if they didn't pay on time. He said that he was absolutely desperate and didn't know what else to do. He was very sorry.

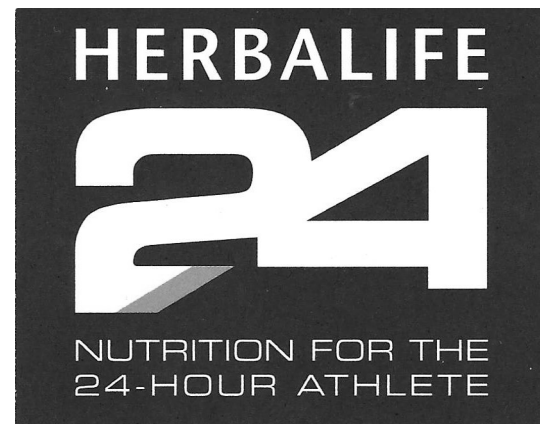
Rekha was deeply moved by this story. She could see that boy was young and he was so skinny and bonny. She looked into the boy's eyes and said that she forgave him. She then pulled out some money from her handbag and gave it to him. She told him that stealing was wrong and that he shouldn't do it again. He said he wouldn't. He said he was from a good family and well brought up and that he had made a terrible mistake.

DATA MASTER: Breanna Mc Dowell

A German Major Defied The SS

Karl Plagge knew that he was courting death at every turn by protecting Jews from the SS, but he couldn't care less. An engineer by profession, Plagge joined the Nazi Party but later left after he became disgusted with the group's racist ideology. After the war broke out, he was assigned to head an army vehicle repair unit in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. In a period marked by extermination campaigns conducted by the SS, Plagge moved quickly to save as many Jews as possible. Plagge conscripted as many Jewish men as he could and with a straight face told the SS that they were all skilled mechanics (they weren't). Miraculously, he also managed to convince the SS to let them bring their wives and children into the camp, as their presence could boost work production. Inside the camp, he treated his laborers well and often found ways to undermine the ever-watchful SS. One of his most brazen moves came in 1944, when the Germans found themselves being driven back by the Soviets. Plagge knew that the SS would try to kill everyone at the camp before they evacuated, so he told his workers: "You will be escorted during this evacuation by the SS which, as you know, is an organization devoted to the protection of refugees. Thus, there's nothing to worry about..." They got the hint and most managed to escape before the SS arrived the next day. For his actions, Plagge was duly placed among the Righteous Among the Nations in 2004.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey



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A Peaceful Christmas Eve in WWII Germany

American soldiers taking up defensive positions in the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge.



One Christmas Eve during the Battle of the Bulge, a young boy, and his mother were alone in their forested cabin, safe from the icy cold, and they thought, from the enemy soldiers hiding in the countryside.

Mrs. Vincken and her son, Fritz, heard someone at the door. She opened it to find a group of US soldiers. One had been wounded. She brushed aside her fears of execution for helping the enemy and let the soldiers in her house. She did not speak English, and they spoke no German, but the two parties were able to converse in French.

Not long after the soldiers had settled in, there was a loud and sharp knocking at the door. Mrs. Vincken was frightened that it could be German soldiers, so she opened the door carefully. She had been right. There was a very high likelihood that if the German soldiers had no mercy, that she would be shot for harboring the Americans, even if it had been only for those few moments.

The brave woman stepped outside and told the German soldiers that she would serve them a hot dinner but that it was Christmas Eve, and she had guests. She asked the Germans to leave their guns in her shed because, even though they might not like her visitors, Christmas Eve was a night of peace.

She then took the guns of the Americans and hid them away as well.

The German soldiers, having honored her request, stepped inside. The atmosphere was awkward at first, until one of the German soldiers, a medic, began work on dressing the wounds of one of the Americans.

Fritz Vincken recounted the incident in an interview with WWII History Network: “Then we added more ingredients to our stew and invited these enemies to sit down together for dinner. One of the German soldiers, an ex-medical student, fixed the wounded American and then Mother read from the Bible and declared that there would be at least one night of peace in this war —

Christmas night in the Ardennes Forest. After a good nights rest, they said their goodbyes and went on their way. The German soldiers told the Americans, which way their camp was and gave them a compass to find their way.”

Fritz credits his mother’s personality and generosity when asked why the German soldiers did not turn her in. “I think it was my mom’s personality and her persuasiveness to have them rest for one peaceful night. There was a place to stay, hot food, and shelter from the cold and they appreciated that.”

Mrs. Vincken never saw any of those soldiers again, but Fritz has been reunited with two of the Americans. He now lives in Hawaii.

“Many years have gone since that bloodiest of all wars, but the memories of that night in the Ardennes never left me. The inner strength of a single woman, who, by her wits and intuition, prevented potential bloodshed, taught me the practical meaning of the words: ‘Goodwill Toward Mankind’ . . . I remember mother and those seven young soldiers, who met as enemies and parted as friends, right in the middle of the battle of the Bulge.”

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick



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Charlie Brown and Franz



Truly touching moments of humanity, ethics and morals are rather rare in warfare. The Christmas Truce of WWI was an excellent example of such humanity, as were the heroic actions of German Luftwaffe fighter pilot Franz Stigler on December 20th, 1943. His actions got nine men home for Christmas.

Charlie Brown of the USAAF was a Lt. flying his first mission as an aircraft commander flying a B-17, "Ye Olde Pub" on a bombing run over Bremen.

Brown's bomber occupied the especially dangerous left of the formation, sometimes called the Purple Heart Corner. Bremen was defended by a large contingent of fighters and well-manned flak guns.

Two B-17s were quickly struck by heavy flak, and many went down. Brown's bomber was hit at least once in the left wing. The crew had to shut down an engine which took them out of the formation. Soon they were met by about eight enemy fighters.

The B-17 was sometimes referred to as the flying porcupine and Ye Olde Pub sure lived up to The name. the gunners took out at least one of the fighters and as many as three, all on their own.

The remaining fighters were still able to take the fight to the bomber, however, and bullets tore through Ye Olde Pub.

The tail gunner, Sergeant Hugh "Ecky" Eckenrode, was killed as large sections of the tail were shot apart. Nine more crewmen were injured, some very badly wounded.

The electrical, hydraulic and oxygen systems were damaged. Brown was wounded in the shoulder, and the seriously wounded had little reprieve as the morphine syringes were frozen.

Oxygen deprivation and wounds caused Brown to black out momentarily as the bomber spiraled towards the earth. Brown woke up and said that his first memory was of dodging trees.

The wounds and lack of oxygen made his memory hazy, but from the severe damage and drop in altitude, it is assumed that the German fighters figured that their target was destined to crash.

Brown was able to get some altitude just as German pilot Franz Stigler was refueling. Stigler saw the bomber and quickly flew up to get above and behind it.

Stigler was a veteran pilot who would eventually serve over 400 combat missions in nearly every front of the war. Flying the Me 109, Stigler was one bomber kill away from earning the high honor of the Knight's Cross.

Stigler observed the bomber, waiting for the tail gunner to raise his guns. Seeing the limp rear guns, he moved closer and saw the massive amount of damage.

Bullet holes were present all over the aircraft. Stigler knew that most of the men had to be badly wounded. Taking a risk, considering the guns could fire at any time, Stigler flew up to be next to the cockpit.

Stigler and Brown looked at each other, Brown saying he closed his eyes and hoped for his nightmare to be over. Stigler hoped to persuade Brown to land, and failing that, fly to Sweden.

Brown was having none of that, his wounded body and oxygen starved brain only focusing on getting back to England.

Stigler had no way to give Brown verbal commands, only gesturing towards Brown. Seeing that the bomber was heading towards England, Stigler had every opportunity to shoot them down.

Instead, he escorted the bomber over the open waters. Stigler had no way of knowing if enemy escort fighters were on the way but still escorted Brown over the channel.

He wisely turned back before he came too close to England, though not before giving Brown a salute.

Stigler would never speak of his actions during the war. Had he done so he fully believed that a court-martial would follow.

B-17s were hated by the Germans, they dropped massive amounts of bombs and often took out several enemy fighters with their array of guns. Stigler's humanity could be appreciated but likely not during the war.

About 30-40 years later Brown was living in the United States after a long career and Stigler had moved to Cana-

da after years of service with Germany during and after the war.

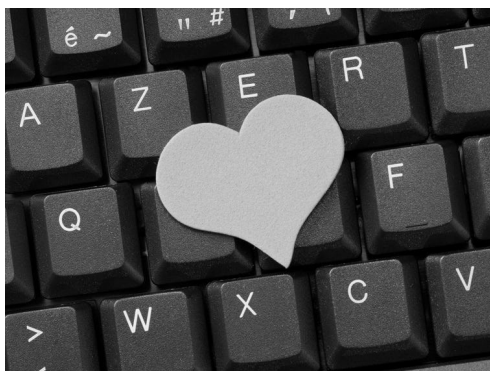
Brown had a very hazy memory of the incident and was encouraged to find the German who saluted him to fill in the rest of the memory and make sure it wasn't a dream or hallucination.

After writing to German pilot newsletters, he finally received word back from the pilot who spared his life.

After a lengthy phone call where Stigler filled in the blanks of the story and proved he was the right one, the two met in person. They hit it off splendidly, became close friends and remained so until their deaths within several months of each other in 2008.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Grieving Daughter Finally Hears Mom's Voice Again



Before devoted mom Dawn Kristof died of cancer 10 months ago, she recorded hours of video messages for her four-year-old daughter Ellie to watch after her death. All of those videos were saved on one laptop. About a month ago, that same laptop was stolen from her grieving family.

One of Dawn Kristof's final wishes was for her young daughter to get to know her and hear her voice, despite her terminal illness and ailing condition. So it was heart-breaking for Wally Kristof, Ellie's father, to break the news to his little girl that Daddy's laptop had been stolen — along with all those irreplaceable videos. They thought Ellie would never get to hear her mother's voice again.

"I had 100 percent given up on it," Wally Kristof said in an interview with NBC 25 News. "And then I got a strange phone call."

Although Wally Kristof didn't go into much detail about

the call, and it's still unclear exactly how it happened, this "strange phone call" led to him paying \$500 to get the laptop back.

Just a month after it was seemingly gone forever, the laptop was back in the rightful hands of a sweet little girl who just wanted to see her mommy again. Wally said it was the happiest ending he could've given his daughter.

"They're hard to watch," he said of the videos. "But it's nice to see her and hear her. Her voice is something I can't relate to her in stories."

Now, Ellie not only has access to her late mom's voice, but also four hours full of songs, personal messages, and even artwork — all straight from Dawn Kristof.

"You're my superhero," Dawn Kristof says to Ellie in a recorded message. "I think you are the reason that I was put here. I do. I think I was brought here, so the world could enjoy you."

Even though Wally Kristof had to pay \$500 to get back something he already owned, it just goes to show that some things in life — even videos on a laptop — are truly priceless.

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On Nov 11 of 2006, I made a deal with myself that I would give \$1 to every homeless person who asked. Call it a moment of clarity or whatever, but I woke up from a rough night of partying in Vegas and just felt like this model of taking wasn't working for me anymore.

Still, to be honest, I embarked on this experiment thinking that I would just bleed money, that there would be 20 or so homeless people a day coming up to me in NYC and that I would run out of money soon. This never happened.

When I returned to NY, it took 8 days before I walked past a homeless person who asked me for some spare change. And by that time I had seen the folly of my own mind and was more than happy to part with a measly dollar. It wasn't about the money, though. In fact, it was never about the money. It was me and my mind getting comfortable with giving and giving from a place of not having a lot of resources (as a budding actor). Still, I have more than they and it felt so good. I continue to do this experiment today.

Fast forward to last week. Just returning from a 10 day meditation retreat, I had a more intense awareness of this little experiment. As my friend would say, "How could I step it up?!?"

Here's what happened.

On my way to my NYU grad acting audition, I ran across two homeless persons -- a woman named Francine and a man named Barret. I told Francine I'd be right back because I had to tell a friend where I was; and I gave Barret \$1. When I came back Francine was in tears. After a big hug, she went on to tell me that nobody listened to her. Nobody looked at her, people just walked right by her and didn't even acknowledge that she was alive. My heart broke. We hugged on the street for a few seconds and then I asked her if she'd like something to eat. She said yes, and we went into the local McDonalds. Through her sobs and laughs, we ordered her a #6 fish meal (supersized of course!) ... I gave her a \$20, told her I had to run and said I'd see her soon. I left feeling helpless.

The next day, when I walked past Barret I gave him a dollar again. To give you a visual, Barret is in his late 30's and is a cross between a guru and John Lennon. A completely free spirit, as far as I can tell. He's reading books about psychology and physics and always tells me about his platonic girlfriends that he has that come

around to him for conversation.

I don't even know why I did it, but I just sat down to be with him. I had "be the change" ringing in my head. So what did I want to see more of in the world? I want to see more compassion, more people stopping and helping the homeless, acknowledging that they are alive and realizing that parting with \$1 isn't about the money. It's about helping them push through their own fear of change and enhance compassion in their lives.

And so, I sat with Barret, in the cold, for an hour and a half. We drank hot chocolate and asked for spare change from people. Mostly I just listened and was extremely humbled by the experience of simply sitting and watching my perspective change from being someone who simply walks by to someone who's now an unprivileged pan-handler.

As we were talking, he was telling me about how upset he becomes when people don't acknowledge him or they'll crack up at his funny sign ("Voldemort broke my want. need \$ for a new one") but not leave anything in return.

New York. It's a city of takers, with very few true givers in the bunch. Over an hour and a half he made .70 cents. That's right, CENTS. He said on a good day he'll make between \$7 and \$11. I was hit so hard by this. How could I not have seen this all these years in New York City?

My meditation practice and gift-economy friends at CharityFocus have changed me forever, for good. I'm seeing things clearer and I'm able to act with compassion in ways that I've never seen before.

As I left, Barret said, "Four of five times in a year, I get a twenty dollar bill and that's amazing!" And with a child-like awe, he added, "I actually have a friend who even got \$100 once!!!" I knew right then that I was going to give him everything I had.

I didn't even count the money in my wallet. I just gave it all, it was probably more than \$200. I didn't miss it. More will come and go in the future, but in that moment, I got to give someone a dream, a little hope and if only for 5 minutes, peace of mind that the world isn't a dark, cynical, selfish place. Hopefully Barret will continue to explore the space in that window of hope, and I'll continue to do everything I can to help him on his path.

Next up, we're making him a new sign. His idea.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Sweet Second-Grader Has Saved Every Note His Mother Leaves in His Lunchbox



Did your mom or grandmother ever leave little notes in your lunch box to brighten your day? Maybe she wrote "I love you" on a napkin or drew little hearts on the actual brown bag itself, even though she knew you'd probably just throw it away after lunch. Could you imagine how she'd feel if she one day discovered that you'd actually kept every single note she'd given you? We're guessing she'd feel a lot like Tori Miller, an Illinois mom-of-two who recently learned that her second-grade son, Oliver, saves her daily notes of encouragement.

"I put a note in my son's lunch everyday," Miler wrote on Reddit. "Today at parent-teacher conferences I found out that he keeps every one."

When she visited her son's classroom, Oliver's teacher handed her a Ziploc bag with notes she'd written him dating all the way back to Christmas. Miller later realized her sweet son was hiding even more in his bedroom.

"Being a parent is the toughest job in the world. And when I saw that bag full of notes that I had just assumed were going in the garbage every day, more than anything I felt appreciated," Miller told Press Association. "I felt like whatever it is that I'm doing here might actually be helping him. And that is the best feeling in the world."

"There were so many people praising me, which was so unexpected and amazing. Even now it makes me cry because sometimes, as a full-time parent, you need that validation," she said.



Overwhelmed with emotion, Miller also shared the reason why she started writing notes for Oliver in the first place.

"Oliver is an emotional boy and he feels very deeply and passionately, so he can get upset fairly easily, which makes social situations sometimes difficult for him," she said. "Naturally, I worried about him every day, all day. That's when I decided to write the notes, so that he could feel me with him on those rough days."

Each morning, Miller writes a sweet note for Oliver where she wishes him a "good, happy day," and mentions something about school or his classes before writing a few encouraging words to get him through whatever the day brings him.

"I always end them with a fun fact, so that he has something to share with his peers," she said. "He comes home and immediately wants to talk to me about the fact I wrote and how he shared (it) with his friends and teachers."

How beautiful! Looks like this dedicated mom's plan to make sure her son has a happy day at school is working. It seems her thoughtfulness is rubbing off, too!

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Woman Accidentally Texts Wrong Number, Unknowingly Helps a Child With Cancer



When a woman sent a text message to the wrong number, she didn't know the huge effect that the mistaken text would have on one family's life. Looking for a second opinion from a friend, a young woman named Sydney mistakenly sent three pictures of herself in a formal gown to a stranger — a Tennessee father-of-six, Tony.

Instead of responding, "Sorry, wrong number," Tony sweetly replied, "I believe this message was intended for someone else. My wife isn't home, so I couldn't get her opinion, but the kids and I think you look stunning in the dress! You should definitely go with that one!" Tony accompanied the kind text with a picture of five of his beaming children all giving the dress a thumbs up.



Too cute! But wait, this story gets even sweeter. Sydney's friend, a woman named Mandi, was so tickled by the exchange, she tweeted it. "Syd accidentally sent pics of her dress to the wrong number and this was their response," Mandi wrote.



Nearly instantly, the Tweet went viral, racking up almost 175,000 retweets and 700,000 favorites at the time of writing. The famous tweet eventually made its way back to Tony, who responded, "Apparently, you have made my children Twitter famous! My 2nd youngest

(not pictured, he was at chemo clinic) has a FB page for his fight against leukemia and one of our Prayer Warriors recognized the children! Btw, my wife agreed that the dress looked great! God Bless!"

A Twitter user then tracked down the family's GoFundMe page, where they had been fundraising for their son Kaizler's treatment and posted it on the chain. "Hope Twitter does its magic. Below is the GoFundMe link for Kaizler's treatment for leukemia," they wrote. The family's GoFundMe page was created two years ago, but it wasn't until Mandi's tweet that its goal of \$10,000 has been reached. Currently, they have raised a whopping \$30,567.

This heartwarming story proves the power of the internet to do a whole lot of good.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

The Chicken Coop



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Comparison of Views of Two Nations About the Meaning of Life

I came across this interesting article at Poetry Master website <http://poetry-masters.weebly.com/theme-comparison.html> and I thought to share it with you.



The Meaning Of Life by Stewart Gideon

It's in the courage that pushes you to capture each day
When from the unconsciousness of the night to morning
you awake

It's in the thought that causes you to smile
Even when trekking the hard and unbearable mile

It's in the laughter that sticks out on your face
When all around you spell shame and disgrace

It's in the knowledge that gives you hope
When all your efforts receive a big no

It's in the endurance that tells you there is gain
Hidden beneath that dreadful heap of pain

It's in the conviction that there will be a good tomorrow
Even in the midst of today's uncertainties, troubles and
sorrows

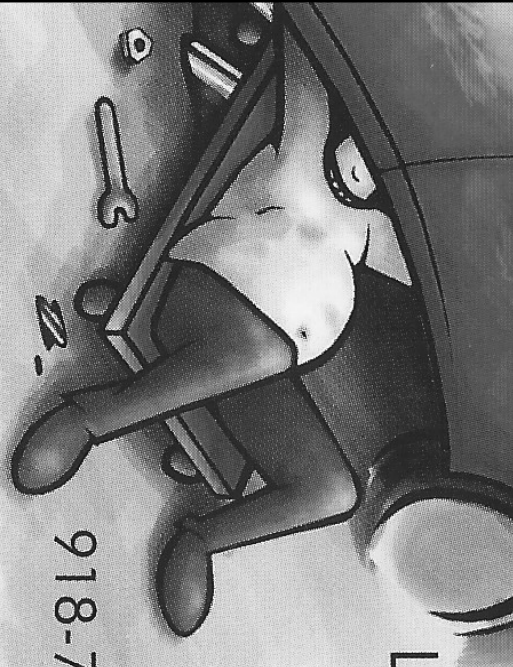
It's behind the repulsion you feel at each first mention of
death
Even when everything about you seem to no longer exist
on earth

On Living by Nazım Hikmet

Part I

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.
Living is no laughing matter:
you must take it seriously,
so much so and to such a degree
that, for example, your hands tied behind your back,
your back to the wall,
or else in a laboratory
in your white coat and safety glasses,
you can die for people—
even for people whose faces you've never seen,
even though you know living
is the most real, the most beautiful thing.
I mean, you must take living so seriously
that even at seventy, for example, you'll plant olive
trees—
and not for your children, either,
but because although you fear death you don't believe it,
because living, I mean, weighs heavier.

It's in how you do what you do
When you do them and why them you always do



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Part II

Let's say we're seriously ill, need surgery—
which is to say we might not get up
from the white table.
Even though it's impossible not to feel sad
about going a little too soon,
we'll still laugh at the jokes being told,
we'll look out the window to see if it's raining,
or still wait anxiously
for the latest newscast. . .
Let's say we're at the front—
for something worth fighting for, say.
There, in the first offensive, on that very day,
we might fall on our face, dead.
We'll know this with a curious anger,
but we'll still worry ourselves to death
about the outcome of the war, which could last years.
Let's say we're in prison
and close to fifty,
and we have eighteen more years, say,
before the iron doors will open.
We'll still live with the outside,
with its people and animals, struggle and wind—
I mean with the outside beyond the walls.
I mean, however and wherever we are,
we must live as if we will never die.

Part III

This earth will grow cold,
a star among stars
and one of the smallest,
a gilded mote on blue velvet—
I mean this, our great earth.
This earth will grow cold one day,
not like a block of ice
or a dead cloud even
but like an empty walnut it will roll along
in pitch-black space . . .
You must grieve for this right now
—you have to feel this sorrow now—
for the world must be loved this much
if you're going to say "I lived". . .

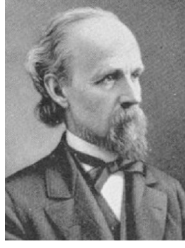


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HOW AMERICAN POETS EXPLORES THE MEANING OF LIFE



The poem writing by Stewart Gideon who happens to be an American poet argues that the meaning of life is not so simple but not so complicated either. The poem suggest that the meaning of life is hidden in the special moments that make our lives worth living for. It talks about many things and many moments that would make our lives worth living for. The poem says that the courage, the optimism, the will to be happy and enjoy things, the laughter, the knowledge, the endurance, the conviction, the repulsion,... is what makes the difference in our lives. It's what we decide to do when all around us knows what has to be done but when they still are afraid of doing. The meaning of life is hidden in the choices you make. "It's in how you do what you do / When you do them ..." when all around you is afraid of doing those things. It is what makes you different and it is makes gives you the greatest joy of all for you have proven yourself to be special and unique above all others.

Emre Kanlı

HOW TURKISH POETS EXPLORES THE MEANING OF LIFE



In this poem written by Nazim Hikmet, poet tries to explain how people should live. By using similes and metaphors, he tries to explain the things that people should be and people should do, if they're going to say 'I lived'. This poem has 3 different parts, which are written in different times, also tells about different situations, but they all have the same idea, this life should be lived like there's nothing named death. This will make people say 'I lived'. In first part, it tells to people that they can do something useful for humanity but they should do it for themselves. In second part, it tells that even in the worst situations, people should live like they'll never die. In third part, it tells about the world going to finish and people should be sad about it because it will finish. All the parts have different descriptions but they all have the same idea, this life should be lived like there's nothing named death.

Berk Eroğlu

COMPARISON OF AMERICAN AND TURKISH POEMS THEMES

Meaning of life is no such thing that could be observed objectively. Every individual's idea about it could be different. So by analyzing the content of two different poems from two nations, an accurate conclusion cannot be delivered. Although the position of the poets towards the meaning of life cannot be understood with few examples, we can have an idea of what those nations got from life and how do they see it.

In "The Meaning of Life" by Stewart Gideon he states that the little things are what decide on the meaning of life for us while Nazım Hikmet preaches that we should live like there's no end and we should think about what we have done important to value our life. Stewart Gideon was an American lawyer and a newspaper owner who was born in 1824 and passed away in 1909. He lived a comfortable life. Nazım Hikmet was a novelist, poet and a playwright who was exiled by Turkish government and spent his entire life in prisons and other countries. He lived between 1902 and 1963. As a result it can be understood that someone who lived a peaceful

life looks for the small things as the meaning of life but someone who lived a shattered life looks for the whole. From these two poets the point of view of America and Turkey cannot be differentiated but we can come to a conclusion about humanity. Every person looks for something he/she doesn't have. While living a comfortable and busy life we look for a moment to stop and focus on the laughter on our face but while living a painful life we look for the work we established as the meaning of life.

For a generalization, after reading multiple poems from multiple poets from both sides we can say that both nations suffered a lot because of wars and other social issues. They wrote poems about their lives and they looked for the meaning of life. Turkish poets who wrote poems about the meaning of life mostly suffered from health concerns like Aşık Veysel who had been deaf since he was seven or they suffered because of their love to their country like Nazım Hikmet. On the other hand, American poets who focused on the meaning of life are

mostly upper class people who looked for details and little moments full of emotions. Since this observation was made in a small reference frame it can be argued but from the poems we've read these are the differences between American and Turkish poetry on the meaning of life.

Eren Uman

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DON'T JUDGE LIFE BY ONE DIFFICULT SEASON...



There was a man who had four sons.

He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly.

So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the Spring, the third in Summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said, "No-it was covered with green buds and full of promise."

The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The father then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's Winter, you will miss the promise of your Spring, the beauty of your Summer, fulfillment of your Fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.

Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.

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An Empty Chair

A pastor was asked to visit the dying father of one of his congregation. The pastor saw an empty chair next to the bed and was curious about it. He asked why it was so close to the bed.

"The empty chair helps me pray," said the man. Confused, the pastor asked him, "How?"

The man said "I had a hard time praying for years, but one day I found God is always present, always listening. The chair reminds me Jesus is sitting there and I can talk to Him easily. I've done it ever since."

A few days later the member called to say the father died. The pastor wanted to know if his death was peaceful. "Oh, yes!" he was told, "But before he died he did something odd. He leaned over and put his head on the chair by his bed."

Wise parents teach their kids they have a friend who always listens and is always there: Jesus Christ. Sin separates us from God, but we've been forgiven by the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus we have friendship with God and can talk to Him like the friend He is.

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March 16, 2019 St. Patrick's Day Dinner—The Nowata County Historical Society will be hosting at the Glass Mansion. The event will be held at 6 pm , 324 W. Delaware in Nowata Oklahoma. The cost is \$15/ per person or \$25/couple. Seating is limited to 30, so make your reservations soon! For reservations, call 918-273-3629 (and leave a message) no later than March 8th. Come join us for a fun event with great food and entertainment by the Tenor Twins.

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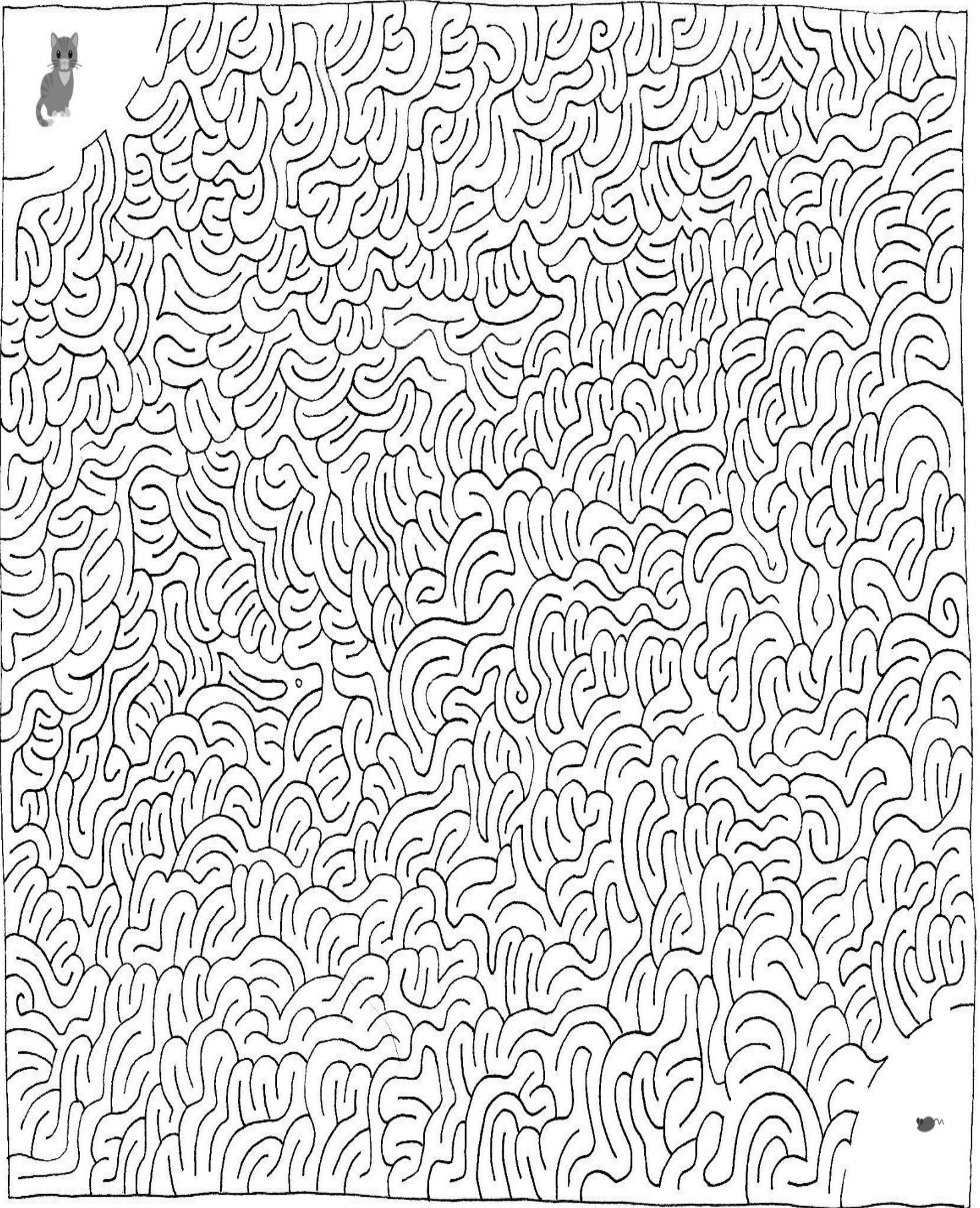
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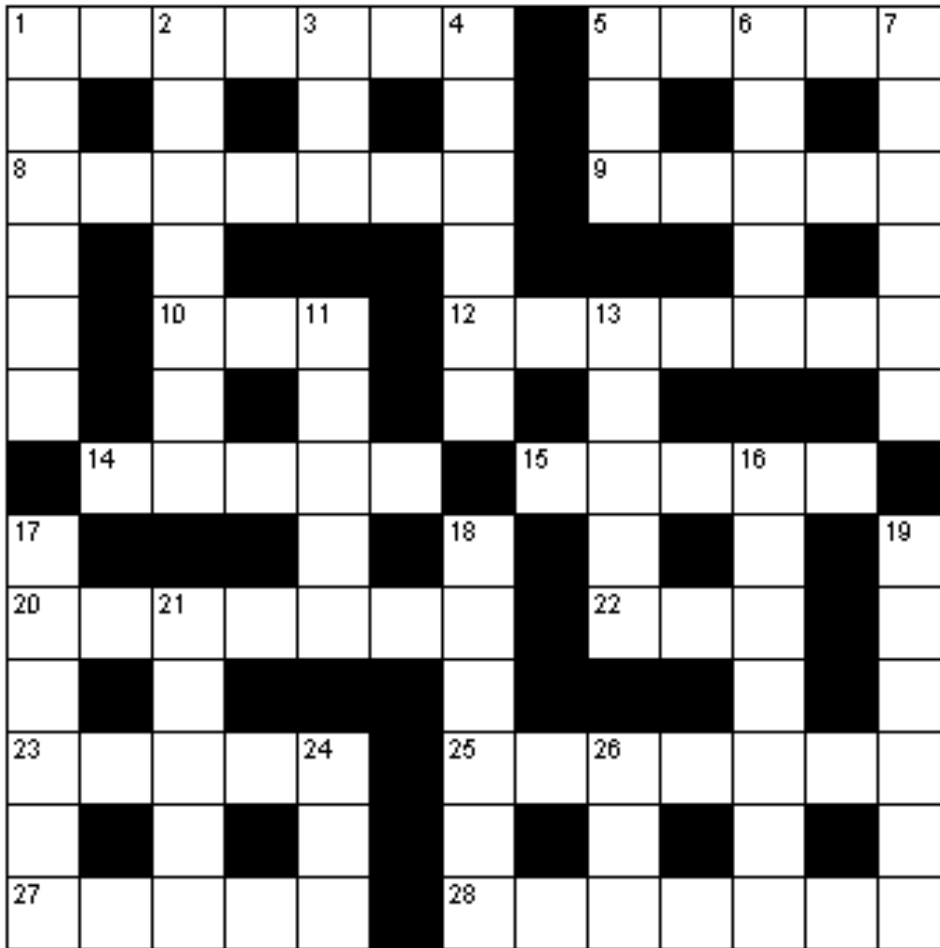


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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. ___ speak louder than words (7)
5. Pieces of ___ (5)
8. Trade ___ (7)
9. The Holy ___ (5)
10. ___ the lion (3)
12. Lead by ___ (7)
14. A little rough around the ___ (5)
15. Last but not ___ (5)
20. Time is of the ___ (7)
22. Tic-Tac- ___ (3)
23. A ___ playing field (5)
25. Sorely ___ (7)
27. ___ your bets (5)
28. Many happy ___ (7)

Down

1. Question and ___ (6)
2. ___ pink (7)
3. The ___ and only (3)
4. You can't beat the ___ (6)
5. Chicken and ___ (3)
6. ___ the nettle (5)
7. Fortune ___ (6)
11. A drop in the ___ (5)
13. Secret ___ (5)
16. Helter ___ (7)
17. Health, ___ and happiness (6)
18. ___ late than never (6)
19. Jack of all ___ (6)
21. ___ by the bell (5)
24. Let sleeping dogs ___ (3)
26. ___ his match (3)

Word Search Puzzle

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Chalking

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Hoard

Hockey

Horrible

Hurdle

Jewel

Leaves

Levied

Lisps

Lowly

Mauve

Melons

Mixes

Mothers

Muddle

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Peach

Pucks

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Sawed

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Styles

Sundae

Tomes

Trace

Verandas

CryptoQuote Puzzle

Topic: Wisdom

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Logic Puzzle

		First Names					Beers					Cities				
		Amya	Cadence	Jazmine	Kyra	Roy	bitter	dark lager	pale ale	pilsner	stout	Baltimore	Casper	Parkersburg	Providence	Reno
Megapixels	2.2															
	3.2															
	4.0															
	6.0															
	7.0															
Cities	Baltimore															
	Casper															
	Parkersburg															
	Providence															
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Beers	bitter															
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	pale ale															
	pilsner															
	stout															

Logic Puzzles

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Megapixels	First Names	Beers	Cities
2.2			
3.2			
4.0			
6.0			
7.0			

- The bitter drinker has a camera with more megapixels than the person raised in Casper.
- Jazmine has a camera with fewer megapixels than the stout drinker.
- The person with the 3.2 megapixel camera drinks stout.
- Either the person with the 4.0 megapixel camera or the person with the 6.0 megapixel camera grew up in Providence.
- The person raised in Reno is not Jazmine or Kyra.
- The dark lager drinker is Kyra.
- The 5 people were the bitter drinker, Amya, the person raised in Reno, the person with the 4.0 megapixel camera, and the pale ale drinker.
- The person with the 6.0 megapixel camera did not grow up in Reno.
- Of the stout drinker and Roy, one grew up in Casper and the other grew up in Baltimore.
- Kyra has a camera with fewer megapixels than the pilsner drinker.

Quotes From Thinkers Around The World

Do not fear death so much but rather the inadequate life.

Bertolt Brecht

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

Bertolt Brecht

Hungry man, reach for the book: it is a weapon.

Bertolt Brecht

Sometimes it's more important to be human, than to have good taste.

Bertolt Brecht

Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go.

Hermann Hesse

If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us.

Hermann Hesse

There's no reality except the one contained within us. That's why so many people live an unreal life. They take images outside them for reality and never allow the world within them to assert itself.

Hermann Hesse

There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether to let it affect you or not.

Valerie Bertinelli

Whenever you argue with another wiser than yourself in order that others may admire your wisdom, they will discover your ignorance.

Saadi

There are dark shadows on the earth, but its lights are stronger in the contrast.

Charles Dickens

The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.

Charles Dickens

All I have is a sense of duty toward all people and an attachment to those with whom I have become intimate.

Albert Einstein

We are very, very small, but we are profoundly capable of very, very big things.

Stephen Hawking

One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.

Malala Yousafzai

Moral courage is the highest expression of humanity.

Ralph Nader

Angry people want you to see how powerful they are. Loving people want you to see how powerful you are.

William Weatherford (Chief Red Eagle)

I have no race prejudices, and I think I have no color prejudices or caste prejudices nor creed prejudices. Indeed I know it. I can stand any society. All that I care to know is that a man is a human being-that is enough for me; he can't be any worse.

Mark Twain

We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity; more than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.

Charles Chaplin

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

Martin Luther King Jr

We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers.

Martin Luther King Jr

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.

Plato

Find the sweetness in your own heart, then you may find the sweetness in every heart.

Rumi

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu

This is my creed: Happiness is the only good; reason the only torch; justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest.

Robert Green Ingersoll

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This Month in History - March

1st

1936 The Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) is completed
1961 President John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps
1971 The radical left organization Weather Underground / Weatherman bomb the United States Capitol

2nd

1917 Czar Nicholas II Abdicates
1965 Operation Rolling Thunder begins Vietnam
1969 British / French joint project, Concorde, has it's maiden flight
2008 Dmitry Medvedev wins the Russian presidential election

3rd

1923 The first issue of the weekly periodical, "TIME" appeared on newsstands
1952 Communist Teachers Banned From Public Schools
1991 Rodney King Beating In Los Angeles

4th

1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States

5th

1933 U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced a four-day "bank holiday"
1956 US Supreme Court upholds a ban on racial segregation in state schools, colleges and universities

6th

1899 The Patent Office in Berlin registers Aspirin Patent
1951 The Rosenberg Trial Starts
1957 Ghana gains it's independence from Britain
1987 The British ferry, the Herald of Free Enterprise, capsized after leaving Zeebrugges
2007 Lewis (Scooter) Libby former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney is convicted

7th

1932 The Communist Party of America host a "March on Hunger"
1965 Civil Rights March Alabama attacked by Troopers with night sticks
1988 IRA gang shot dead in Gibraltar.
2007 The British House of Lords becomes 100% elected.

8th

1917 The Russian Revolution Starts

9th

1974 Work on the 800 mile long Alaska Oil pipeline connecting oil fields in northern Alaska to the sea port at Valdez begins.

10th

1945 B-29 fighter planes firebombed Tokyo
1959 Dalai Lama forced to flee to India who granted him political asylum.

11th

1918 Influenza Epidemic Begins in Fort Riley, Kansas

12th

1928 St. Francis dam burst flooding into the San Francisco Canyon in California
1930 Mahatma Gandhi and his followers begin March Against Tax On Salt
1938 German has forcibly "recruited" Austria to support the Third Reich
1945 Anne Frank, died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp from Typhus

13th

1925 The Butler Act becomes law
1996 Dunblane Massacre in kindergarten in Scotland

14th

1940 Hitler and Mussolini meet and agree to fight together in war against France and Britain
2010 Drug Gangs Fighting increases over Territory in Mexico

15th

1938 Jews Not Allowed To Vote In Germany

16th

1998 Rwanda began mass trials for the country's 1994 genocide of the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutu sympathizers

17th

1949 The first car with a Porsche badge (Porsche 356) is shown at International Automobile Show in Geneva
1969 Golda Meir becomes first female Prime Minister of Israel
1980 John Wayne Gacy Jr. (also known as The Killer Clown) found guilty of the murders of 33 boys and young men
2001 The Eden Project opens in England It is the worlds largest greenhouse



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Logic Puzzle Solution

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2.2	Jazmine	Pale ale	Parkersburg
3.2	Amya	Stout	Casper
4.0	Kyra	Dark lager	Providence
6.0	Roy	Bitter	Baltimore
7.0	Cadence	Pilsner	Reno



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D I S C U S S P E O P L E .
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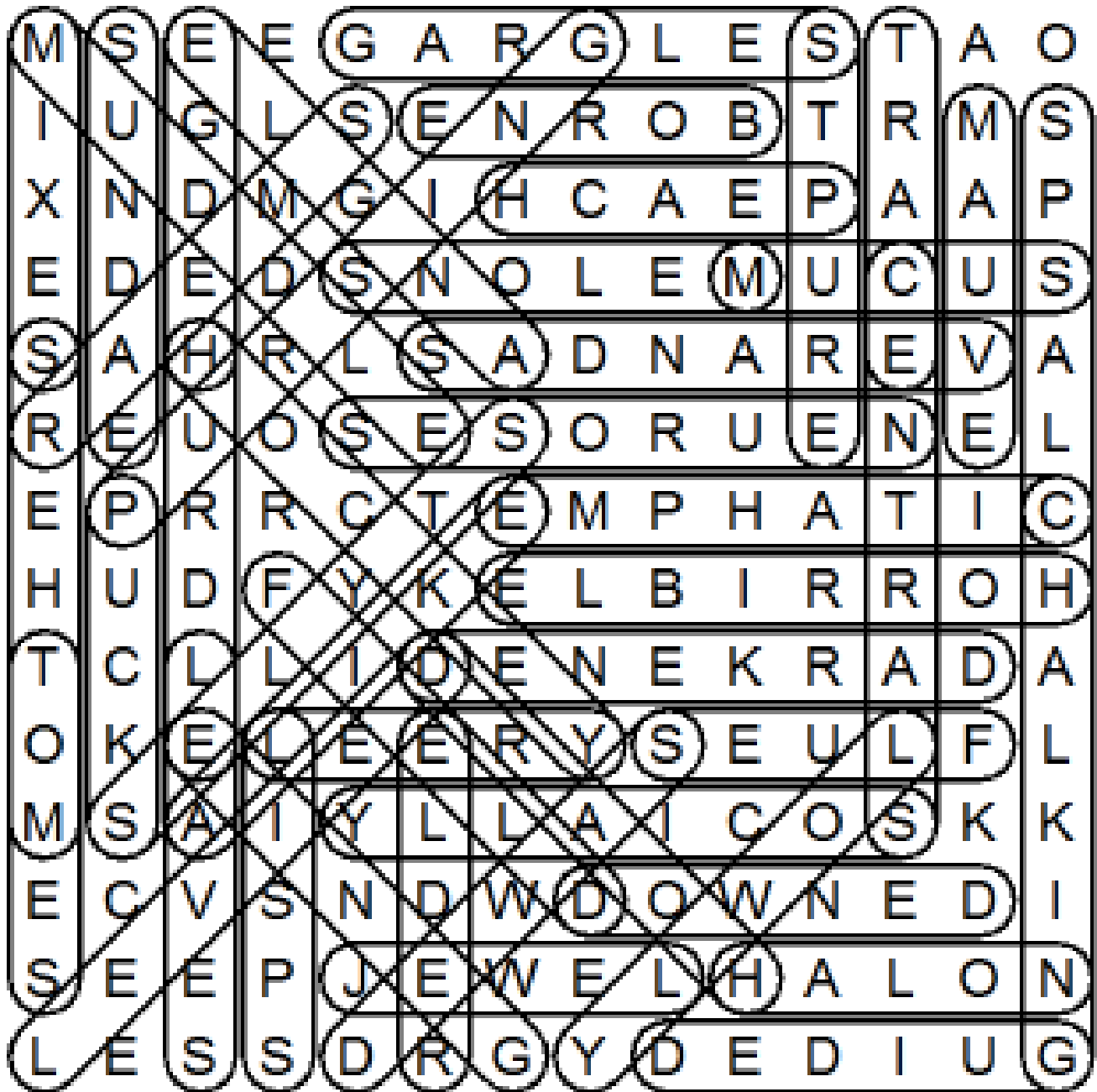


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7	5	2	8	1	3	4	9	6
1	8	7	9	3	5	6	4	2
9	2	4	1	8	6	7	5	3
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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

4	3	6	2	9	1	5	7	8
9	1	2	7	5	8	4	6	3
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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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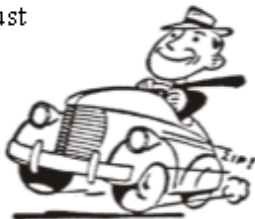
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Some Riddles

1. What goes up when the rain comes down?
2. How many of each type of animal did Moses take on the Ark?
3. Why is the baseball field hot after a game?
4. Every month someone dies, there are five suspects. The suspects are, Jason, Lily, Nathan, Elizabeth, and Erin, and the months of the murders are, July, August, September, October, and November. Who's the murderer?
5. What did the bee say to the flower?
6. What have eyes but cannot see?
7. It has a long neck, A name of a bird, Feeds on cargo of ships, It's not alive, What is it?
8. What has emotions, but isn't living? Can be as Blue as the ocean or Red as blood, sometimes happy, sometimes sad, sometimes angry.
9. A man was born in 1898, he is still alive now at the age 33. How is this possible ?
10. Can giraffes have babies?
11. What do you get when you cross a dog and a clock?
12. What do you call it when you walk into a spider web?
13. How did hikers come across a patch of poison ivy?
14. How do you make a strawberry shake?
15. What snacks do you serve at a robot party?
16. What did the baby robot say to his mom?
17. How do chiropractors swim laps?
18. Why do prisoners like to eat a lot of sweets?
19. I can run but not walk. Where ever I go, thought follows me close behind?
20. What kind of sandwich sinks to the bottom of the tub?

Answers

1. An umbrella.
2. None, it was Noah.
3. All the fans left.
4. Jason. J, July. A, August. S, September. O, October. N, November
5. Hello, honey!
6. Potatoes.
7. A crane.
8. A mood ring.
9. He was born in room 1898 in the hospital
10. No, they can only have giraffes.
11. Lots and lots of tics!
12. Free Karate lessons.
13. The itch hiked.
14. Tell it a scary story!
15. Assorted nuts.
16. I love you watts and watts.
17. They do the back stroke.
18. Because they would like to break out.
19. Nose.
20. A submarine sandwich!

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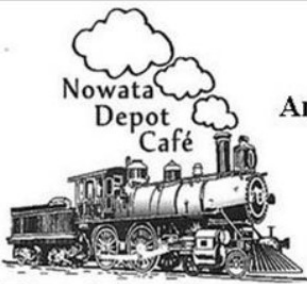
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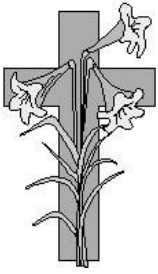
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PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION

Now that the Valentine's Day TV commercials are over, husbands all over the U.S. can breathe a sigh of relief. They have lived through another year of diamond advertisements. Yes, Valentine's Day is too commercialized, as all holidays are now. Yes, it is a gimmick, a way to sell flowers, chocolates, and jewelry, but if there is one thing that deserves a holiday of its very own, it is Love.

We celebrate a mother's love on Mother's Day, a daddy's love on Father's Day, a grandparent's love on Grandparent's Day, and Jesus' love on Christmas, but we should celebrate Love, pure love, true love, sweet love, on Valentine's Day.

I am sometimes known as the Huggy Lady. Sometimes when I look in your eyes, the Love of God wells up in my heart. I used to think this was because of the loving personality I was born with, just the way I was, and I accepted it even though sometimes I got hurt by those I loved. Then one day while I was praying, I remembered that I had asked the Lord to give me love for people, even the unlovable ones. I asked Him to make me a vessel, a conduit of His great love to others, so that

they would feel the love of God flowing through me.

I realized that was exactly what had happened. God has planted His love for people in my heart. It doesn't mean though that I act loving all the time. I have had to repent many times for unloving actions that hurt others.

Obviously you can have love in your heart but act in an unloving manner. We must make an effort to translate our love into action, based on how the Bible teaches us to treat others.

Romans 5:5 NKJV says, "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Every Christian has the love of God in their hearts, but some just don't know how to show it.

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