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Easter Week



Holy Week

A Holy Week Monologue

I" don't belong here. I really don't. Paradise is the last place I expected to end up after all I've done. Let me tell you my story."

I am — I was — an armed robber, I guess you'd call it. Me and Jake and the others would live in caves in the Judean hills near the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. We made our living by violence. We wouldn't take on people in the big groups that passed. They traveled together for safety. But a family alone would be an easy mark, as well as anyone fool enough to travel by himself.

Brandishing a strong staff would usually do the trick. Threaten them with a beating and they'd give up without much of a fight. But I've been known to break a few bones in my day, God forgive me. I don't think I actually killed anyone, but then I never stayed around long enough to find out.

The first time I meet Jesus is when I am invited to a party in his honor in Jericho at the home of a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus. I am introduced, we shake hands, and Jesus looks me in the eye for

a long moment. He can see right into me, who I am, every crime I have ever committed. Then he smiles this big friendly smile. "You know," he says, "there's forgiveness for you in my Kingdom. How about it?"

I drop my eyes, say something non-committal, and shuffle away. The next day I'm in the crowd, hanging on every word he says. Jesus is talking about his Kingdom, comparing it to a mustard seed, calling it the Kingdom of Heaven. I want so much to go up to him after he has finished and take him up on that forgiveness thing, but I just can't bring myself to do it.

I wish I had. It isn't much later when me and my friend Jake — the guy on the third cross — get caught by a Roman patrol. The others run off, but they catch us, beat us silly, drag us into Jerusalem, and throw us in prison. No mercy for the likes of us.

And so it happens that on the same day that they crucify Jesus, they crucify me and Jake — one of us on his left, the other on his right. This isn't any nor-

mal crucifixion. Mobs of people are there just because of Jesus. Self-righteous Pharisees are swaggering and mocking. “If you’re some kind of messiah,” one sneers, “come on down from that cross. If you’re a savior, save yourself — if you can!”

Jake begins cat-calling, too, if you can imagine that. I yell over at him, “You miserable thug, don’t you have any fear of God? Can’t you see that we’re going to die just like he is? Show a little decency! We’re getting exactly what we deserve, but he ain’t done nothing wrong.”

Jake quiets down and the Pharisees lose interest. But I can’t get Jericho out of my mind. I can’t forget Jesus’ eyes, his words, his invitation. And so I call over to him, though it’s getting hard to breathe and talking makes it that much harder.

“Jesus!” I say. He turns his head towards me. “Jesus, I was there in Jericho. I met you at a party at Zacchaeus’ house. Remember?”

He looks at me for a moment and then nods his head just a little. He does remember.

“I never forgot what you said. I wanted to say yes, but just couldn’t. And now look at me — look at us!”

He is in bad shape — exhausted, in excruciating pain, back oozing, breath labored. He isn’t going to last long. I can see that. But somehow I can see beyond all that. He was the Messiah, is the Messiah, no matter what those priests and Romans and Pharisees have done to him. And when he dies, he will be with God. In a few hours, maybe less, he will be vindicated. He will reign in that Kingdom he told us about.

“Jesus,” I call again, quieter now.

He opens his eyes. They are the same eyes, the same piercing, loving, honest eyes.

“Jesus,” I say, “when you come into your Kingdom, would you remember me?”

His words are labored, his lips parched, but I can still hear him pretty well. “Truly, I say to you...” His voice cracks, then is stronger for a moment. “Truly, this very day you will be with me in Paradise.”

His eyes droop. He is fading quickly now. But I believe him. I do! That’s what gets me through those next few hours until they break my legs to kill me. I do believe him!

And then I find myself here in heaven, in Paradise. I sure don’t deserve to be here, but here I am anyway. I guess that’s what a man like me gets when the King himself grants a pardon. Full forgiveness. Pretty amazing, don’t you think?

Holy Week in Christianity is the week just before Easter. It is also the last week of Lent, in the West, — Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday — are all included. However, Easter Day, which begins the season of Eastertide, is

not.

Date: Sun, Apr 14, 2019 – Sat, Apr 20, 2019

You can prepare for Easter by learning about what happened during the week before Jesus Christ’s Crucifixion and Resurrection. Starting eight days before Easter, read the events and scripture verses listed for each day.

Saturday 8

An important holiday called Passover was only six days away. Many people were coming to Jerusalem so they could offer sacrifices in the temple on that day. Jesus walked to Bethany, a village near Jerusalem. He would stay there for five nights with His friends Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. Mary anointed His feet with oil.

Sunday 7

Jesus walked from Bethany to Jerusalem. He rode into the city on a donkey, as a verse in the Old Testament said He would. People recognized Him as their King, shouting, “Hosanna,” and laying down palm leaves in front of the donkey to keep dust from getting on the Savior. Jesus visited the temple and then returned to Bethany.

Monday 6

Jesus saw people buying and selling things in the temple. Because He wanted the temple to be a “house of prayer,” He made them leave. Then He healed people who were lame or blind. The jealous priests were angry with Him.

Tuesday 5

Jesus taught people in the temple and on a nearby hill called the Mount of Olives.

The priests plotted to kill Jesus. One of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, agreed to turn Jesus over to the priests in exchange for 30 silver coins.

Wednesday 4

The scriptures do not say what Jesus did on this day. He may have spent the day with His disciples. You could read the parable of the ten virgins, a story Jesus taught to His disciples to help them prepare for His Second Coming.

Thursday 3

Jesus's disciples got ready for the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Then, to help them remember Him, He gave them the sacrament for the first time. Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to suffer for our sins and to pray to God. People came with swords and arrested Him. The disciples ran away in fear.

Friday 2

Jesus was taken to the high priest, Caiaphas. Jesus's disciple Peter denied that he knew Him. Jesus was questioned by the governor, Pilate, and by the king, Herod. He was condemned to die on the cross. Jesus was crucified. A rich man named Joseph laid Jesus in his tomb. Jesus's mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalene visited the tomb.

Saturday 1

Jesus's body lay in the tomb. A large stone was put in front of the door. The wicked priests asked Pilate to have guards stand outside the tomb to make sure no one went inside.

Easter Sunday

Jesus was resurrected! He had risen from the tomb. An angel descended from heaven and rolled away the stone. Jesus told His disciples to teach and baptize others and promised to always be with them.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

Man Drives Couple 400 Miles To Visit Their Dying Mother

A man made a 400-mile detour to help a couple pay a last visit to their dying mother.



Husband and wife Ron, 77, and Sharleen Gillies, 58, were driving from Edinburg to Cambridge to say their final goodbyes to Sharleen's mother before she passed away when they had a minor traffic accident.

Dean Moore, who had never met the couple, saw them on the side of the road and, hearing Sharleen's mother was in her final hours, drove them 200 miles in time to say goodbye.

"I just can't put into words what that lad did for us," Ron told the Gazette.

"This happened on the Sunday and she died the next day, she died on Monday - if it hadn't been for Dean there's a fair chance we would have not got there in time. People get awards for various things and they are just doing their job, whereas this lad, it wasn't his job, he didn't know us from Adam."

After their visit, Dean turned around and drove the 200 miles back, refusing all offers of payment.



"I drove them down, it took about four hours, got there before midnight, popped in for a wee then turned round and came straight back," Dean said.

"I was knackered at work the next day."

Ron called Dean afterwards to thank him, but Dean said it was just what anyone else would have done.

"They were stuck in a bad situation, I just made it a little better," he said.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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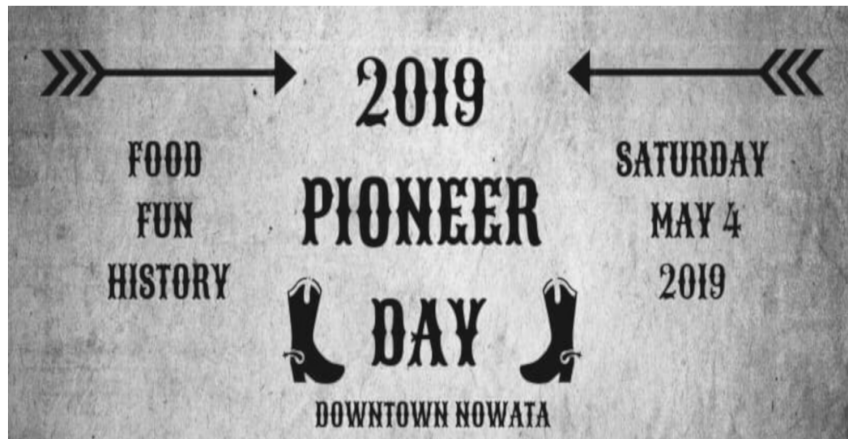
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Trent Davis recently accepted Activity Director position. He has worked for Claremore Nursing Center for a total of 8 years. He was first hired in the kitchen as a dishwasher. Later went to CNA school and worked that position for quite some time. Trent was born in Claremore, OK on December 13, 1988. He is happily unmarried with no children (Thank Goodness, he says). His hobbies are playing bass guitar, working out, jogging, and listening to music. He does wish that he was taller. Trent says that what he loves most about our home is the family atmosphere. "I love the fact everyone can laugh and joke with each other including residents. I also love the fact I don't feel judged when I walk in this building and I can be Myself."

"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

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This High School Opens Its Doors Every Friday Night To Keep Students Off The Streets

A high school in Newark, New Jersey, opens its doors every Friday night in an effort to keep kids off the streets and out of trouble.

Hundreds of kids pack the halls of West Side High School on Friday nights because it's a space free of fear.

It's part of the Lights On program which is open to kids of all ages.

Kids are fed hot meals, encouraged to play sports, video games, or even lay down music tracks in a recording studio.

"Anything that keeps me off the streets I'll do," one student said. "Selling drugs and stuff, I'm not into that."

"I just realized that if I come here I'll see friendly faces," another student said.

Principal Akbar Cook, who made headlines last year for opening a free laundry room for students in the school, says they "haven't lost any kids to gun violence since the start of the school year."

The Lights On program was all made possible by donations from the community.

It goes to show what a school can become when the community cares about kids who just want a chance.

DATA MASTER: Steve Burdick

Woman At Mall Buys Little Kid New Basketball Shoes

Tinyia Frank was shopping at the mall when she overheard a young boy asking an employee at Champs if they had any basketball shoes in his price range.

When the worker told him no, Tinyia stepped in.

This is what she wrote:

"So I'm at the mall and a little boy comes into



CHAMPS asking about basketball shoes and if they have any under \$75 the worker said no and the little boys face DROPS.

So I ask the boy his name and what he needs shoes for, turns out he's on a basketball team and is dying for new shoes so I told him if he sends me a picture of him at his game I'll buy him whatever he wants and his dad damn near breaks down.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME JORDAN ENJOY YOUR NEW LEBRONS AND GOOD LUCK!"

DATA MASTER: Steve Burdick

Young Woman With Down Syndrome Fulfills Dream Of Being A Flight Attendant

A young woman with Down Syndrome has always wanted to be a flight attendant. This week her dream came true.



Georgia Knoll, 25, from Queensland joined Jetstar's cabin crew for a day after the airline learned about her dream.

"I'm just trying to break through barriers, push everything aside and be yourself," Georgia said.

"Part of my passion being a flight attendant is making people happy."

Jetstar reached out to Georgia after a video of her practicing as a flight attendant was shared to Facebook by her sister, Kathryn.

The airline then flew Georgia and her mother from Mackay to Brisbane. After learning the ropes and getting her own uniform, Georgia was given the chance to shine as a flight attendant on her trip home.

Georgia greeted passengers at the Brisbane Airport as they boarded the plane and assisted with the safety demonstration.

"On the flight back she did safety demonstrations, she was serving food, greeting all the passengers and she went from Brisbane back to Mackay on the flight and everyone at Jetstar was so welcoming and so lovely," her sister Kathryn told Daily Mail Australia.

Nicky, the cabin crew manager on the flight, said having Georgia on board was a wonderful experience for

all involved.

"Georgia is so full of life and is great with our customers, she was such a fantastic addition to our team and we all felt so lucky to have her spend the day with us," she said.

DATA MASTER: Steve Burdick

70% Of The Materials Used To Make IKEA Products In 2018 Were Either Renewable Or Recycled

The world's largest furniture retail company has revealed that 70% of the materials used to make its products in 2018 were either renewable or recycled.



Their ambition is 100% renewable and recycled materials by 2030.

IKEA's 59-page Sustainability Report FY18 was released last week, reporting progress from across the IKEA value chain and franchise system towards the commitment to become "People & Planet Positive".

The report reveals that 60% of all the raw materials IKEA sourced to produce products during 2018 were from renewable sources such as cotton and bamboo, with a further 10% accounted for by recycled material.

More highlights from the report include:

Increasing renewable energy - 18,240 solar panels installed on IKEA Industry production unit in Portugal - enough to power 2,700 homes

The number of home solar customers grew and customers saved money on their energy bills.

100% of the cotton was certified as sustainable for a second year running, while the proportion stood at 85% for wood – up from 77% in 2017.

Developing new innovative products such as the MISTELN – a water saving mist nozzle that can reduce water use by more than 90%

Commitment to phase out single-use plastic products from the IKEA range by 2020

"We always think long term, innovating to ensure that our actions to meet people's needs today do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their

needs," the Inter IKEA Group's head of sustainability Lena Pripp-Kovac wrote in the report.

"This requires us to rethink and inspire changes in lifestyles and consumption and to transform our way of working – from linear to circular, from consuming to regenerating resources."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Billionaire Rewards Grandmother Who Walked 10 Miles To Help Cyclone Victims

A 71-year-old woman walked 10 miles to donate clothing and kitchen supplies to victims of a cyclone in southern Africa — and her incredible act of kindness and compassion has influenced one of Africa's wealthiest people to ensure she lives comfortably for the rest of her life.



Plaxedes Dilon, known as Gogo Magombo, wakes up at 4 a.m. daily and walks long distances selling clothing. She had just returned home from a long day of vending when she heard of the cyclone disaster on the radio.

"I immediately packed the clothes and jackets that I earlier purchased for resell and carried my bag to Star FM the following morning," she told ZimLive.

Telecoms tycoon Strive Masiyiwa, who is Africa's eighth richest person, learned of Magombo's act of generosity on social media and announced that he will be building her a home, saying "she gave more than us all".

"This gogo had no 50c for combi, walked the whole way from Mbare to Highlands just to donate her pots to give to people in chimanimani," Highlands Presbyterian Church wrote on Facebook.

"This is the biblical 'widow's mite'," Masiyiwa wrote on Facebook. "What she did is one of the most remarkable acts of compassion I have ever seen.



7 When this is over, I'm going to find her, and invite her

to come and see me, if possible. Then I will spend time in prayer with her. Then I will build her a house, anywhere she wants in Zimbabwe. It will have solar power and running water. Then I will give her a monthly allowance of \$1,000 for life."

Highlands Presbyterian Church, which received her donation, and Masiyiwa's companies have been leading relief efforts in Chimanimani and Chipinge, the districts worst hit by the cyclone.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Unused Cafeteria Food Is Being Turned Into Take-Home Meals For Kids

An Indiana elementary school is taking steps to ensure all kids have enough to eat.

free food leftovers
Credit: WSBT 22



Students usually get breakfast and lunch at school, but on the weekends at home, they may be without food.

So, Woodland Elementary teamed up with Cultivate, a nonprofit food rescue, for a pilot program that provides students with repackaged meals every Friday.

Jim Conklin, the founder of Cultivate, explained how schools and businesses usually cook more food than is actually consumed each day.

"Mostly, we rescue food that's been made but never served by catering companies, large food service businesses, like the school system," said Jim Conklin, the founder of Cultivate. "We take well-prepared food, combine it with other food and make individual frozen meals out of it."

"At Elkhart Community Schools, we were wasting a lot of food," admitted Natalie Bickel, who works with student services. "There wasn't anything to do with the food. So they came to the school three times a week and rescued the food."

The program is making a big difference in the lives of the students receiving the meals.

"It's making a big impact," said Melissa Ramey of the Chamber Leadership Academy. "I am proud of that. It was heartbreaking to hear that children go home on the

weekends and that they don't have anything to eat."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Ghanaian teacher teaches Microsoft Word on a blackboard



The junior high school in Ghana where Richard Appiah Akoto teaches hadn't owned a computer in more than seven years. But he knew his kids needed to know how to work with software for their future careers. What could he do? Simple. He picked up some multicolored chalk and drew a Microsoft Word facsimile on his blackboard.

Images of Akoto's intricate Word recreations went viral, and one month later, in came donated desktops and laptops for the school, while Microsoft flew Akoto to Singapore for free training.

10 year-old gets adopted for her birthday

After spending three years in foster care, 10-year-old Ivy received a heart-melting birthday present: her foster parents were not only going to adopt her, but her 3-year-old brother and 2-year-old sister as well.

Hundreds of dads show up after middle school mentorship call

After anticipating a dad shortage for their "Breakfast with Dad" event, a Dallas-area middle school asked for 50 extra male mentors to make sure no student was alone. More than 600 dads answered the call.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

10 Surprising Discoveries Involving Ancient Pottery

At first glance, pottery shards appear the least glamorous items to come from a dig. But archaeologists love them. There are times when ceramics really don't reveal anything. Then there are the flakes, imprints, designs, and content capable of returning lost knowledge or add interesting new mysteries. They can even expose how somebody died, surprising facts about the potters themselves, migrations, and unexpected ways this art form was used to keep society stable.

10 Oldest Pre-Alphabet Writing

During 2016, the archaeological site of Ad Putea delivered a historical surprise. Located in Northern Bulgaria, the fort used to



be a Roman road station. The idea was to learn more about Ad Putea, but diggers unexpectedly came across an unknown settlement from the Copper Age underneath it. A few spadefuls into this era uncovered a ceramic fragment with markings. The 7,000-year-old shard appears to hold the world's oldest pictographic writing, a picturesque way people recorded things important to them before the advent of the alphabet. The symbols include a swastika. Once part of a clay vessel, the writing on the prehistoric piece is two millennia older than those of ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt. Some Bulgarian experts even go as far as saying that Sumer's famous linear writing and Egyptian hieroglyphs developed from a proto-writing that started in Northwest Bulgaria. The intriguing signs remain undeciphered.

9 Mystery Meal

Another 2016 find saw archaeologists in Denmark pull a unique pot from a refuse pit. What made it one of a kind had nothing to do with the cauldron's design or unusually preserved state. The content was strange. Usually, charcoaled plant matter remains behind in old cooking vessels. But during the cleaning process, instead, a light yellow crust popped up. It defied identification, and test results on the 3,000-year-old froth provided some clues but no solid answers. The substance appears to be a mix of bovine fat, oil, and sugar—a rare find as far as ancient meal traces go. Researchers can only tag its true identity once the future turns up something similar. However, one thing is certain. The attempt, possibly to make some cheese, met with such failure and a terrible smell that the cook chucked the pot away immediate-



ly.

8 The Visigoth Takeover

In Northeastern Bulgaria, Visigoth pottery told a grim story. In the fourth century, Rome extended a helping hand when the Germanic tribes fled from the Huns. Allowing the refugees to settle near their fort, today known as Kovachevska Kale, was a decision the Romans would come to regret. Visigoths made distinctive ceramics, dark gray creations molded from high-quality clay. The sheer number discovered at the site told of a mass arrival of goths—ousting, in turn, the locals. A granary inside Kovachevska might've sparked its destruction. Food scarcity caused open warfare between the Visigoths and their Roman benefactors. Fire damage show the invaders won and torched the fort at one point. Afterward, the goths squatted between the ruins. Researchers made the conclusion based on 87 percent of Kovachevska pottery excavated since 1990 being gothic.



7 The Israel Jug

During an archaeology class, Israeli schoolchildren found an extraordinary artifact. Pulled from the sands outside Tel Aviv, the jug is exactly what archaeologists expect from the Middle Bronze Age. An unusual decoration makes it unique and unlike anything found before in Israel. The figure of a person, done in exquisite detail, tops the jar. It's unclear if the two parts were created by the same or different potters, but the upper portion of the vessel was adjusted to form the body of the figure. The limbs and face were then crafted onto this extension. The statue appears to sit and think very deeply about something, almost looking worried. The strange ceramic fusion measures 18 centimeters high and is nearly 4,000 years old. Found among weaponry, several other pottery items, and animal bones, researchers suspect the collection was included in an important individual's funeral offerings.



6 Plain Of Jars

In the 1930s, excavations began at one of Southeast Asia's greatest mysteries. The Plain of Jars in Laos consists of about 100 locations stacked with pots. These are not your usual sort of pottery. Carved from stone, some



weigh up to 10 tons. An unknown culture felt the need to drag the monster containers 8–10 kilometers from the quarry and arrange them in groups as large as 400. In contrast, single jars adorn other areas. The reason for this remains as missing as their original contents. During a new examination of Site 1, something was found that might finally provide answers. What turned out to be a veritable graveyard revealed 2,500-year-old human remains, some interred inside ceramic pots. Researchers are hoping that tests will reveal the ethnicity of this lost society and clarify if there is any connection with India's own ancient jar fields.

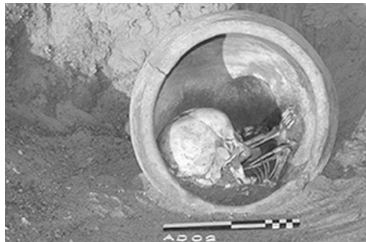
5 The Child Potters

An archaeologist, who is also a trained ceramist, discovered something previously unknown. Dr. Katarina Botwid was studying the neglected area of ancient pottery production, when she found that during the Bronze Age, children as young as nine could be skilled potters. Botwid came across juvenile fingerprints on ancient vessels, proving just who made them. As a ceramist herself, she estimated that it took about three years to raise these young artisans to expert level. Further assessment of the Bronze Age objects proved how the kids mastered a very difficult craft, something that surprised her. Even the most basic household item of the era sometimes demanded intense skill never before attributed to anyone but adults. She also believes that a much higher amount of pottery survived the firing techniques of the time, a remarkable 95 percent—40 percent more than generally accepted.



4 Egyptian Pot Burials

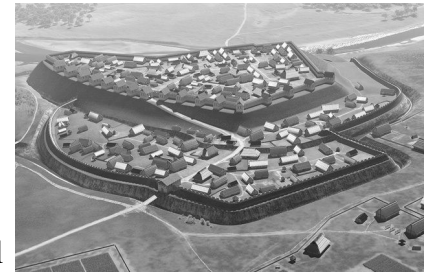
The human remains found inside the Jar of Plains vessels were jumbled bones. Ancient Egypt potted the entire person. Citizens earmarked for such burials were thought to be the poor and the very young. The destitution theory developed when it was discovered that the domestically used pots were not specially made for the deceased. The “poor and young” angle doesn't explain why certain sites contain only adults and in high-status tombs. Scholars remain divided about the meaning of it all. Surely, the afterworld-obsessed Egyptians had a reason for placing a corpse in a ceramic jar. Some experts feel that pots symbolized the womb and rebirth, while others cite a lack of archaeological evidence. For hundreds of years, pot burials remained a popular choice. Perhaps the durability of clay had something to do with it. Even today, they yield the best preserved bodies in ancient cemeter-



ies.

3 Infected Blood And Organs

Between 600–450 BC, a village in ancient Germany buried a special individual. At the time, he might not have felt all that special, considering that he had a bruised appearance and suffered bloody hemorrhaging of the gums, nose, stool, and urine. The rest of the villagers gave his organs and blood a strange send-off. He was interred in pottery vessels, and the gory receptacles were then laid to rest in a burial mound. By the time they were rediscovered, all that remained were dried shards. But ancient proteins still clung to them, and these identified the once-visceral contents and that the person had died from Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever. Carried by ticks and still killing people today, it's the first discovery of the disease in the archaeological record. For the region, finding human blood and organs interred in pottery during the Bronze Age was also unique.



2 The Peace Women

First found in Arizona during the 1930s, a ceramic collection became known as the “Salado Problem.” Spread across the territories of three native cultures of the American southwest, none could be identified as the source. The problem wasn't just its origins but the purpose of the Salado pottery. All bore the same religious messages and symbols of fertility and cooperation. Researchers now believe that a new female religion, practiced during the 13th–15th centuries, produced the vessels. This was an extremely violent time, and northern refugees poured into the area. To prevent tensions between locals and newcomers from reaching the genocidal levels of the north, women banded together by participating in the same spiritual practices. The Salado religion was preserved only in ceramic creation. This was not a traditional male field, supporting the belief that it was the women who stabilized this multicultural society for centuries.



1 Hidden Excellence

Greek pottery is known for the “black figure” depictions of daily life and battle scenes. The art form is particularly difficult to recreate. In



an attempt to learn the mysterious artistic techniques, scientists specializing in conservation joined up with Stanford's National Accelerator Laboratory. They zapped a Greek vase with X-ray fluorescence. Soon, it became clear why the work could never be authentically replicated. There had been too many assumptions. What was always thought to be a single coat of painting, the X-rays revealed to be a hidden world of chemical colors and more layers. The zinc additive credited for creating black during the firing process wasn't even present, opening up another mystery—what happened during heating that caused the color? Nobody knows. Adding white was additional effort. The discovery finally gives Greek artisans back a level of excellence the art world never before suspected.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Top 10 Rare Artifacts Linked To Slavery

History books often fail to sync the living with the tragedy of slavery. On the other hand, artifacts can instantly bridge that gap. When we're faced with a wrecked slave ship, graves, and personal artifacts, a history lesson becomes reality. Unique photos, autobiographies, and workplaces also invite an intimate look into what it was like to be enslaved. Slavery artifacts have a weird side, too—like the Bible designed to make workers more obedient and the reverse engineering of an escaped slave's DNA.

10 Mystery Foundations And Box

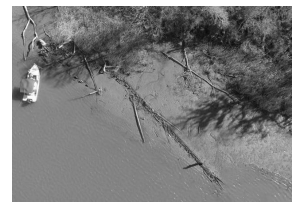
Virginia's College of William & Mary is centuries old. In 2011, an excavation was launched south of the college's iconic Christopher Wren Building. Historic documents recorded nothing in that area. However, after shoveling through a shallow amount of dirt, the team unearthed mysterious foundations. The brick layer once supported a building 4.9 meters (16 ft) wide and over 6 meters (20 ft) long. A relatively small size for a building today, this one dated to the colonial era when it was considered large. The structure was likely the living quarters or workplace of the 18th-century enslaved staff. If not lodgings, the building could have been a laundry room or kitchen. Additionally, near the foundations was a box buried for unknown reasons. Made of slate, it measured 15 by 10 centimeters (6 by 4 in) and was empty, save for deteriorated grains that could have been anything.



9 The Last Slave Ship

The Clotilda was the last slave ship of the United

States. Her human cargo was not even legal. By the time the vessel sneaked into Alabama waters, the importation of slaves was banned. Timothy Meaher was a plantation owner who did not care for humanitarian laws. He made a \$100,000 bet that he could bring a boatload of African slaves into the country without being detected. In 1860, Meaher employed William Foster to sail over to the Kingdom of Dahomey (modern-day Benin) and kidnap 110 people. Meaher and Foster succeeded and burned the Clotilda to destroy the evidence. Historians have looked for the vessel ever since. In 2018, the strongest candidate was tracked down by a journalist. The shipwreck was near Mobile, Alabama, which was already a thumbs-up. When the Dahomey captives were freed five years after their capture, they built their own town north of Mobile. Structural clues also placed the vessel's age in the mid-1800s. (Clotilda's construction year was 1855.) Additionally, the 38-meter-long (124 ft) ship showed fire damage, but more research is needed to confirm its identity.



8 A Crucified Slave (Maybe)

In 2007, archaeologists excavated at Gavello, a site outside Venice, Italy. They found a skeleton buried in an unusual way. At the time of his death around 2,000 years ago, Romans buried their dead in tombs and with grave goods. This man was plonked into the ground with neither. When researchers examined his feet, they found one ankle was missing. The other had unhealed fractures, suggesting the injury occurred right before death. The nature of the wounds strongly suggested that a metal spike had been forced into the foot. One possibility was that his heels had been nailed to a cross.[3] Ancient Romans reserved crucifixion mostly for slaves as well as some criminals and those who threatened the status quo (Jesus). Even though the Romans crucified people for centuries, the Gavello grave is only the second time that evidence of the practice turned up in the archaeological record. The skeleton belonged to a man in his thirties. His small body suggested that he was an undernourished slave. The unceremonious burial also matched the disdain shown for those who were executed.



7 Heming's Kitchen

Former US president Thomas Jefferson loved French cooking. At the time, French meals needed a certain stove that was exceptionally rare in the United States. In 2017, a kitchen



with the right stew stoves was found. Discovered at Monticello (Jefferson’s plantation in Virginia), the room was undoubtedly the realm of James Hemings. Born into slavery, Hemings was taken to France with Jefferson when the latter served as the US minister to France (1784–89). The 19-year-old Hemings trained as a French chef and, upon his return, introduced macaroni and cheese, meringues, and creme brulee into American culture. The first thing archaeologists found was the kitchen’s original brick floor in a cellar. As the work continued, the ruins extended to a partial fireplace and the four stew stoves, which would have stood waist-high during Heming’s time. Sadly, only their foundations were left. Even so, the find marked a rare time when a workplace was linked to an enslaved person whose name was known.

6 The Sierra Leone Smoker

Around 200 years ago, a slave smoked a pipe at Maryland’s Belvoir plantation.



The pipe was one of four among other artifacts that remained at the site until archaeologists unearthed them in 2015. The pipe was made of clay, a fortuitous choice for researchers. Clay is porous and can retain bodily fluids such as saliva from a smoker. DNA tests soon identified that the person who enjoyed tobacco in this case was a woman. Experts did a deeper analysis and found that she shared strong genetic links to modern-day Sierra Leone—more specifically, to the Mende people of West Africa. Indeed, old records revealed that a slavery route once existed between Sierra Leone and Annapolis, where the Belvoir plantation was situated. [5] The smoker was either abducted from West Africa or born in America to parents taken from Sierra Leone. The pipe proved that artifacts could identify slave quarters, which often cannot be separated from small housing for white families. The item is also part of an initiative to use artifacts’ DNA remnants to return to descendants their ancestral heritage, which was erased the moment their ancestors landed in America.

5 A Young Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and then risked her life to free hundreds through the Underground Railroad.

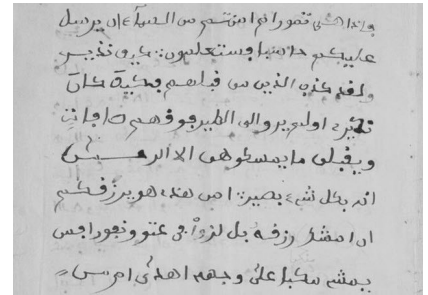


All of Tubman’s photos showed an older lady, stooped and fragile. When researchers recently uncovered an unknown portrait of a young Harriet, they were stunned. Not only did it depict her in earlier years, but her famous grit shone through. The picture was taken in her forties around 1868 or 1869, with Tubman’s gaze as the most striking feature. It burned with a tangible mix of strength and suffering. For the first time, schol-

ars could see why people called her “Moses,” for leading her people to safety, and “General Tubman,” after she helped to free over 700 African-Americans in a Union raid. The image came from an album that once belonged to abolitionist Emily Howland, who was Tubman’s friend. All 49 portraits were of men and women, black and white, who fought for the freedom and education of enslaved individuals. The album contained another gem—the only known image of John Willis Menard, the first African-American elected to the US Congress.

4 Unique Slave Narrative

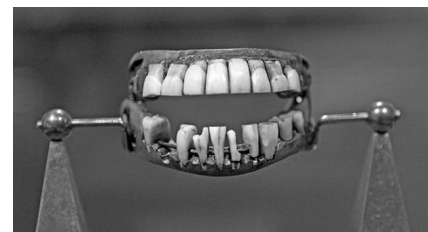
Omar Ibn Said was a wealthy young Muslim in the 19th century. Living in West Africa, he dedicated himself to being an Islamic scholar.



One day, he was plucked from his routine and transported halfway across the world. Said was sold into slavery in Charleston, South Carolina. His first owner was cruel, and after an escape attempt, Said was imprisoned in North Carolina. Contrary to popular belief, slaves were not uniformly illiterate. Said carved Arabic script on the only surface available—the cell’s walls. It was also his autobiography, which ensured his personal story would survive. The Owen family purchased Said, and he lived with them until he died. He experienced a relatively good life, during which he produced the 15 pages that described his abduction and enslavement. Today, the document is invaluable as a rare story sourced directly from the victim. (As it was penned in Arabic, his owners could not edit it.) It remains the only known Arabic slave narrative created in the United States. In 2019, the Library of Congress digitized Said’s pages to bring them to a wider audience.

3 George Washington’s Teeth

One of the wackiest myths surrounding George Washington is that he wore wooden dentures.



However, Washington never chewed his corn with timber teeth. By the time he was president, he had already lost most of his own teeth and had several sets of dentures—some sporting other people’s pearly whites. Evidence seems to suggest that they came from slaves. In 1784, he recorded the purchase of human teeth for his own private use—“By Cash pd Negroes for 9 Teeth on Acct of Dr. Lemoire.” The latter was a dentist who treated Washington and also paid premium prices for people to

part with their front teeth. Slaves could also sell their teeth but for much less. While it is impossible to know if the nine snappers became dentures, they were almost certainly pulled from Washington's slaves. It is believed that the two men struck a deal to use Washington's own slaves to drive the price down.

2 Hans Jonatan's Genome

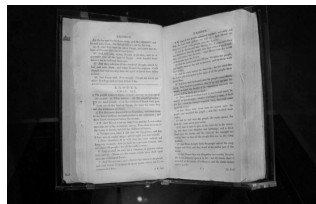
In 1784, Hans Jonatan was born in the Caribbean. His family was enslaved on a sugar plantation in St.



Croix, which was a colony of Denmark. When Hans was old enough, he was shipped to Denmark and ordered to fight for the Danish navy. At one point, he was told to go back to the colony, but the 18-year-old made a bid for freedom. In 1802, he fled to Iceland and became the first person with African heritage to reach the region. In recent years, scientists performed the first study using DNA from descendants and genealogical records to partially recreate the genome of an ancestor whose body was not available. They analyzed 182 of his descendants and reverse engineered their genes until they completed 38 percent of the genome on his mother's side. It showed that she was originally from Cameroon, Nigeria, or Benin. After comparing the genes to world databases, they also revealed when things changed drastically for the family. Hans's mother or her parents were captured in West Africa between 1760 and 1790.

1 Rare Slave Bible

When slaves in the Caribbean opened their first Bible, it was not a regular edition. What British missionaries brought in the 19th century was a version so snipped that it shocked modern people. In 2019, one of the last three remaining slave Bibles went on display in Washington, DC. Visitors were so stunned by the abridged book that officials soon made it the centerpiece of the exhibition. Roman Catholics can page through 73 books, the Protestant edition holds 66, and 78 books knit together the Eastern Orthodox translation. The Caribbean version was pruned to 14 books. [10] The missionaries wanted to convert enslaved Africans to Christianity. However, they first had to get permission from the sugar plantation owners who did not want their workers reading about rebellions and uprisings. For this reason, related passages were removed. In this version, the enslaved Israelites never left Egypt. Lines that condemn slave owners are gone. Even though "their" Bible praised obedience to a master, the Caribbean's enslaved people constantly rebelled and finally gained freedom in 1834.



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DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Student walks all night to make his first job, gets car

When this Birmingham, Alabama college student's car broke down the night before his new job, he didn't call in. Instead, he woke up at midnight and walked over 20 miles for four hours to make his first day on time. Thanks to the help of some kind and concerned police officers who drove him the rest of the way—and bought him some early- a.m. breakfast—he made it early. His new boss, under the guise of meeting him for coffee to say thanks, gave the student a new car.

Grocery store clerk helps autistic teen

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a supermarket employee noticed an autistic teen watching him stock groceries. The clerk asked if he wanted to help. For the next half-hour, the clerk patiently showed the teen how to stock, getting the teen to open up to a stranger for the first time in years. Once the teen's dad posted the video on Facebook, the community rallied, raising more than \$100,000 through GoFundMe to send the 20-year-old to college, while a local credit union surprised him with a car.

UK teen saves lives through simple, inspirational notes

After struggling with her own post-traumatic stress disorder, 18-year-old Paige Hunter began taping notes to the Wearmouth Bridge in Sunderland, England, with uplifting messages like, "Don't you dare give up on this life. Not tonight. Not tomorrow. Not ever." So far, Hunter says eight people have reached out to her to tell her how the small gesture changed their lives.

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Kenyan Teacher Who Gives Away 80% Of His Salary To Help His Students Wins \$1 Million Prize

A science teacher in Kenya who gives away most of his salary to help the poorest students has won a \$1 million prize and the title of world's best teacher.



Peter Tabichi, 36, has won the Varkey Foundation's 2019 Global Teacher Prize.

Tabichi received the award at Dubai's Atlantis Hotel in a ceremony hosted by actor Hugh Jackman.

The Varkey Foundation said Tabichi was chosen for his "dedication, hard work and passionate belief" in his students who all live in poverty.

He gives away 80% of his salary to support his students, who otherwise could not afford uniforms, books or food.

"Even affording breakfast is hard. They're not able to concentrate, because they haven't had enough meals at home," Tachibi said.

"As a teacher working on the front line I have seen the promise of its young people - their curiosity, talent, their intelligence, their belief.

"Africa's young people will no longer be held back by low expectations. Africa will produce scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs whose names will be one day famous in every corner of the world. And girls will be a huge part of this story."

The Global Teacher Prize is intended to raise the status of the teaching profession. The winner is selected by committees comprised of teachers, journalists, officials, entrepreneurs, business leaders and scientists.

The 2019 competition included 10,000 nominations from 179 countries.

The founder of the prize, Sunny Varkey, said he hopes Tabichi's story "will inspire those looking to enter the teaching profession and shine a powerful spotlight on

the incredible work teachers do all over Kenya and throughout the world every day".

"The thousands of nominations and applications we received from every corner of the planet is testimony to the achievements of teachers and the enormous impact they have on all of our lives."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Kansas Woman Buys Out Local Payless Store, Sends The Shoes To Nebraska Flood Victims

A woman in Hays, Kansas, bought all of the remaining shoes at her local Payless store and donated them to flood victims in Nebraska.



Addy Tritt, 25, said she wanted to help others because so many people have helped her in the past.

"I have been so blessed," she told the Hays Post. "There have been so many great people in my life who have inspired me. I see so many horrible things in the news. So many people have helped me when I was down, I want to help if I can."

Payless is going out of business. When the price at the Hays store dropped to \$1 per pair, Tritt negotiated with the business to buy all of the remaining shoes.

The retail price of the 204 pairs of shoes she purchased would have been more than \$6,000.

"I just hope this inspires other people to volunteer and donate if you have been blessed," Tritt said.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



13-Year-Old Boy Buys His Struggling Mom A Car

A 13-year-old boy in Nevada bought his single mother a car by trading in his Xbox and doing yard work.



William Rabillo, 13, surprised his mom, Krystal Preston, with a 1999 Chevy Metro during what she has called a "low point" in her life.

This is what she wrote on Facebook:

"I have no words right now that can express how I am feeling at this moment. I'm in complete shock ... The last couple weeks have literally been hell filled with so many tears, anger, confusion and heart ache. Today I got the shock of my life..

As some of you may know my son William, who is a lawn mowing, yard cleaning , money making machine. Well my son had a job today that he had to go do and so I allowed him to go assuming it was like any other time. Well this time was different. Very different.

William came home and said, 'Mom I bought you a car.'

I of course laughed and told him 'ya right!'

He said, 'No mom I'm so serious I bought you a car. Come on we have to go.'

I'm at this point confused and sceptical and I said, 'Go where?'

He said, 'With this lady.'

And much to my surprise I go in my front yard and OMG there is a women standing there and as William said she was giving us a ride. William jumps in the car so I'm like ok?? This is some kind of joke right. No one speaks really....

So..... As I'm still thinking at this point still a joke. We pull up to this house and William says, 'Mom that's your car....'

I completely lost it.

I started balling my eyes out. I am speechless my 13 year old son bought me a car. He did some work for this women and that was his payment that he worked

out with her. And here I thought it was a joke... Nope I was handed the keys and paperwork to the car and I'm freaking out but so in shock like OMG this is happening right now. So we got into the car it started right up and off we went.

I am so proud of my son. He is such a good kid. He may have his days but OMG what 13 year old kid do you know that buys his mom a car... William I love you son and thank you. You have such a big heart and I love you..."

William told the local news station that he got the idea from watching YouTube videos.

"I saw on YouTube where people get their mom a car and then surprise her with it," William said. "I wanted to do that."

William then came across a woman selling a 1999 white Chevy Metro on Facebook and reached out to ask about buying it.

"It was really cheap so I asked her if I could trade it or earn it, and at first she said no," he said. "After she thought about it, then she said yes."

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Dog found waiting by rubble after Camp Fire consumes home

When Andrea Gaylord was forced to escape the deadly Camp Fire in Northern California, she wasn't allowed to return home to fetch anything—including her two dogs, Madison and Miguel. Miguel was found 100 miles away in a nearby town, rescued by a volunteer organization. But Madison was still missing, and she couldn't return to her home for weeks as the fire burned out.


When Gaylord finally made it back, she found Madison guarding the rubble of what was once her house, patiently waiting for his mom to return.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

Landslide of donations roll in after robbers hit 14-year-old's rock museum


A 14-year-old boy from Saskatchewan, Canada, was distraught after thieves stole roughly \$8,000 worth of rocks and minerals from the tiny rock museum he'd funded in 2016 by mowing lawns and raking leaves for two years. But once the news broke, geology departments, museums, and good Samaritans all-around North America poured in donations for the young guy to rock an even better collection.

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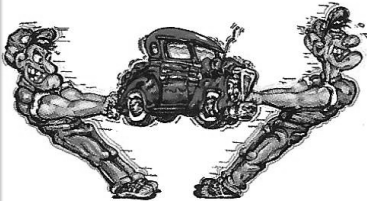
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No matter your circumstance in life, or your position on Easter, I want you to know this: Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the Messiah, was crucified on a cross, died, and was buried. But this same Jesus rose to life again and was witnessed by many people after his resurrection. He really did die, and he really did come back to life.

I pray that you believe that what he did on that first Easter, he did for you. He died and rose again for you – so that you can be forgiven of your sin, so that your life on earth can be repaired, and so that you can have eternal life with no more sin, pain, tears, sickness, or death.

Please know today – right now – that Jesus loves you so much; enough to not only die, but then to leave that tomb empty, so that you can be confident in him as your Savior. Happy Easter.

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Apr 01, 2019 to Apr 30, 2019 Azalea Festival Muskogee Honor Heights Park boasts 132 acres of manicured gardens with over 30,000 azaleas in 625 varieties. Visit this stunning park throughout the month of April for one of the top events in the South. The annual Azalea Festival celebrates the blooming of azaleas, tulips, dogwoods and wisteria as these buds begin to

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Apr 06, 2019 - Apr 30, 2019 Art Under the Oaks Festival & Market Visit Muskogee to attend the annual Art Under the Oaks Festival and Market. This event features arts and crafts from the Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek, Chickasaw and Seminole Nations. There will be a native encampment, basket weaving and flint knapping demonstrations, as well as live music and even traditional Native American foods. Art Under the Oaks Festival and Market is held on the lawn of the beautiful, historic Five Civilized Tribes Museum during Muskogee's famous Azalea Festival each spring. Five Civilized Tribes Museum 1101 Honor Heights Dr Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-683-1701

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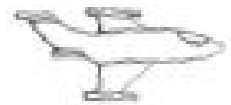
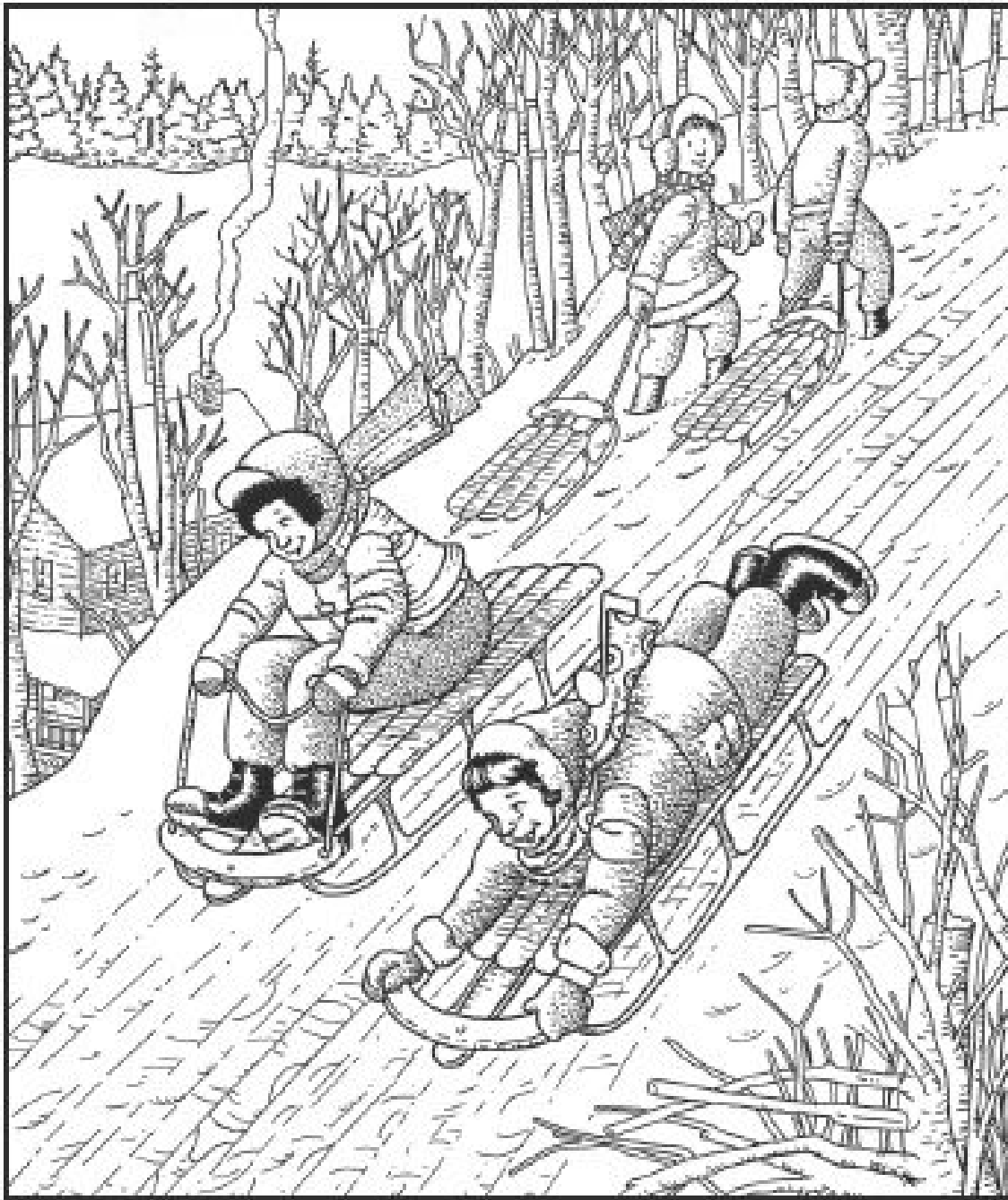
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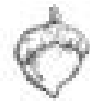
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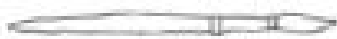


musical note



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In the big picture, find these objects.



artist's brush



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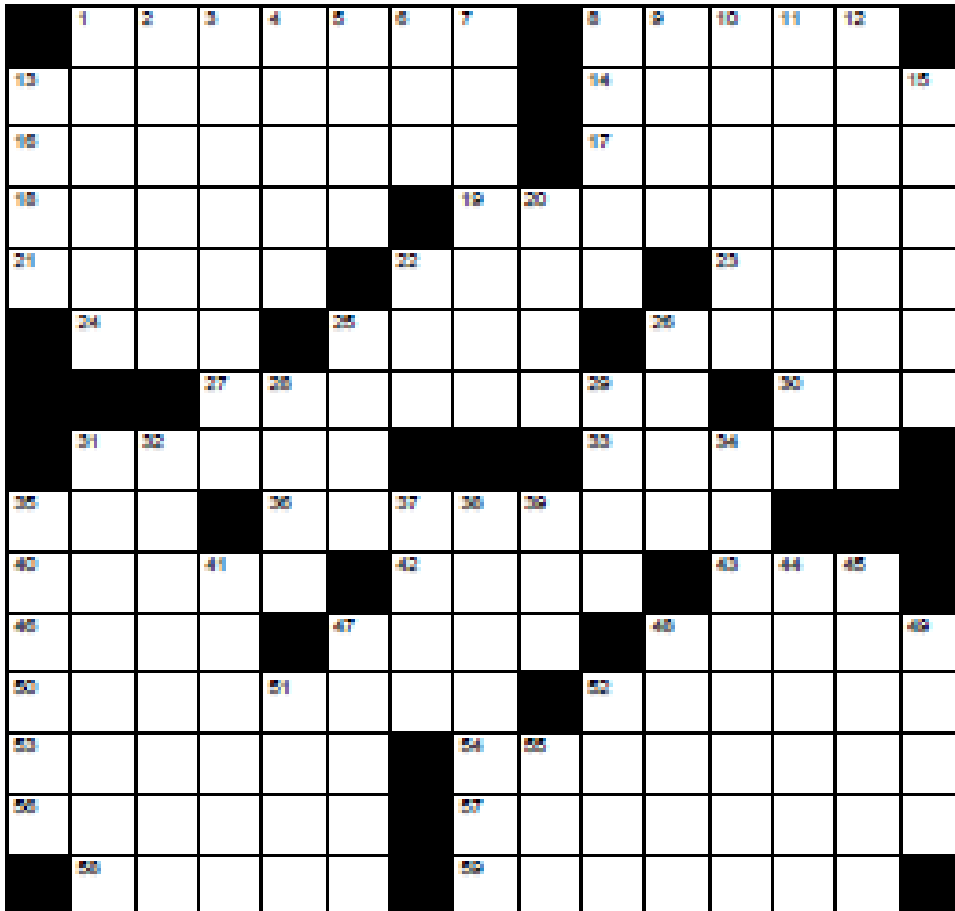
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Crossword Puzzle

Down



1. Pyrite and silver
2. "Am not!" response
3. Present as a candidate
4. Growing older
5. Strip on the Mediterranean
6. French summer
7. Office computer
8. Tucker of country
9. Wells and Lupino
10. Plaid pattern
11. 4-H Club topic
12. Concerning newborns
13. East Timor's largest city
15. Where Nobel prizes are awarded
20. German children's author Michael
22. Shade tree
25. Havana's home
26. The Charles' dog
28. Mariner's peril
29. Turner and Danson
31. Words removed
32. "Flying" family name
34. Trance practice
35. Like a wetland
37. Onetime Korean president
38. Hole opening?
39. Haunch
41. Plains tribe
44. Reply from Ann Landers
45. Sibling offspring
47. ___ ft (tantrum)
48. Start of Tony Bennett's signature song
49. Big boats
51. Shoulder muscle, for short
52. Lille lady friend
55. IV sites

Across

1. Operated
8. Behemoth
13. Disparage
14. Words to live by
16. Gives a detailed report
17. Thin
18. Rosie Perez or Jennifer Lopez
19. The ___ State (Pennsylvania)
21. Lucinda Williams's "But Still ___ for Your Kiss"
22. Sicilian peak
23. Take out ___ (buy newspaper space)
24. "___ rabbi walks into..."
25. LummoX
26. Make ___ of (remember)
27. Fanfare horns
30. Homo sapiens
31. Socially inept person
33. Acetate or alcohol
35. "Are you calling ___ liar?"
36. Environmentalist's celebration
40. Jazz standard "___ Me"
42. "Who does he think ___?"
43. Pipe player of myth
46. Faiths (abbr.)
47. Dickens' Urhah ___
48. Nepal's southern neighbor
50. Longtime beau
52. "I need ___ who won't drive me crazy..."
53. Door attachments
54. Summer camper's complaint, often
56. Drake's cakes
57. Bodily apertures
58. Far from friendly
59. Dreaded files

Word Search Puzzle

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CryptoQuote Puzzle

Topic: Intelligence

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Logic Puzzle



		First Names				Beers				Directions			
		Anahi	Edward	Shayla	Xander	bitter	dark lager	pale lager	pilsner	northeast	south	southeast	southwest
Days Off	Monday												
	Tuesday												
	Thursday												
	Friday												
Directions	northeast												
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Beers	bitter												
	dark lager												
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Logic Puzzles

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Days Off	First Names	Beers	Directions
Monday			
Tuesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

- Edward has a day off later in the week than the person who lives northeast of city hall.
- The dark lager drinker is not Xander.
- Of Xander and Edward, one has Monday off and the other drinks bitter.
- The person who lives southeast of city hall drinks pilsner.
- The person who lives southeast of city hall is Shayla.
- The one who has Friday off is not Edward.
- Either the one who has Thursday off or the one who has Friday off drinks bitter.
- The person who lives southwest of city hall doesn't drink pale lager.
- Anahi has a day off earlier in the week than the person who lives south of city hall.

Quotes From Thinkers Around The World

“And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.”

Haruki Murakami

“Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create.”

Roy T. Bennett

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away.”

Stephen Hawking

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Winston S. Churchill

“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

Viktor E. Frankl

“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.”

William Faulkner

“In everybody’s life there’s a point of no return. And in a very few cases, a point where you can’t go forward anymore. And when we reach that point, all we can do is quietly accept the fact. That’s how we survive.”

Haruki Murakami

“The biggest wall you have to climb is the one you build in your mind: Never let your mind talk you out of your dreams, trick you into giving up. Never let your mind become the greatest obstacle to success. To get your mind on the right track, the rest will follow.”

Roy T. Bennett

“You don't have to disrespect and insult others simply to hold your own ground. If you do, that shows how shaky your own position is.”

Red Haircrow

“What other people think and say about you is none of your business. The most destructive thing you would ever do is to believe someone else's opinion of you. You have to stop letting other people's opinions control you.”

Roy T. Bennett

“The comfort zone is a psychological state in which one feels familiar, safe, at ease, and secure. You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone.”

Roy T. Bennett

“Life is not always perfect. Like a road, it has many bends, ups and down, but that’s its beauty.”

Amit Ray

“I don't think that anything happens by coincidence... No one is here by accident... Everyone who crosses our path has a message for us. Otherwise they would have taken another path, or left earlier or later. The fact that these people are here means that they are here for some reason"..."

James Redfield

“First find out what you are capable of, then decide who you are.”

Tara Westover

“How wonderful it would be if people did all they could for one other without seeking anything in return! One should never remember a kindness done, and never forget a kindness received.”

Kentetsu Takamori

“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.”

Les Brown

“The problem with thick skin is that it leaves you impervious to the sharpest of pins. Everything becomes dull. But without that sense of pain, there cannot be that sense of relief. Ultimately, the thickened skin leaves you numb, incapable of feeling the highs and lows of life. It leaves you rough like a rock and just as inanimate.”

Michael Soll

“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.”

J.R.R. Tolkien

“For just one second, look at your life and see how perfect it is. Stop looking for the next secret door that is going to lead you to your real life. Stop waiting. This is it: there's nothing else. It's here, and you'd better decide to enjoy it or you're going to be miserable wherever you go, for the rest of your life, forever.”

Lev Grossman

“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.”

Leonardo da Vinci

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Some Riddles

1. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
2. You are on an island in the middle of a lake. The lake is in a remote part of the country and there has never been a bridge connecting the island to the mainland. Every day a tractor and wagon gives hay rides around the island. Puzzled as to how the tractor had gotten onto the island, you ask around and find out that the tractor was not transported to the island by boat or by air. Nor was it built on the island. Explain how the tractor got there?
3. A man was born in 1955, how is it today is his 18th birthday?
4. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were walking home from the shopping mall with their purchases when Mr. Smith began to complain that his load was too heavy. Mrs. Smith turned to her husband and said, "I don't know what you're complaining about because if you gave me one of your parcels, I would have twice as many as you and if I gave you just one of mine, we would have equal loads." How many parcels was each carrying?
5. A girl is twice as old as her brother and half as old as her father. In 50 years, her brother will be half as old as his father. How old is the daughter now?
6. I never was, am always to be. No one ever saw me, nor ever will. And yet I am the confidence of all, To live and breathe on this terrestrial ball. What am I?
7. Why did mom test the bath water before putting Silly Billy in?

8. What is the difference between a school boy studying and a farmer watching his cattle?

9. Why did the outlaw steal the deck of cards?

10. What boy wizard magically grew a beard each night?

11. I can be any color you can imagine. You see me in everyday life. I have been around for many, many years, Look around, you can probably see some of me right now. What am I?

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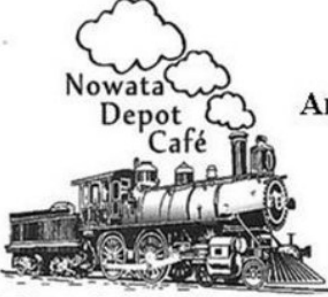
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Riddles Answers

1. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.
2. It was driven over in winter, when the lake was frozen.
3. He was born in room 1955 of the hospital.
4. Mrs. Smith was carrying seven parcels and Mr. Smith was carrying five.
5. 50 years old.
6. Tomorrow.
7. To prevent sun-burn.
8. One is stocking his mind, while the other is minding his stock.
9. He heard there were 13 diamonds in it.
10. Hairy Potter.
11. Paint.

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Logic Puzzle Solution

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Monday	Xander	Pale lager	Northeast
Tuesday	Anahi	Dark lager	Southwest
Thursday	Edward	Bitter	South
Friday	Shayla	Pilsner	Southeast

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Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.

I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.

Q. How much money does a pirate pay for corn?

A. A buccaneer.

I'm currently boycotting any company that sells items I can't afford.

I had my credit card stolen the other day but I didn't bother to report it because the thief spends less than my wife.

At the mall, my five-year-old grandson joined the other children in line waiting to sit on the Easter Bunny's lap.

When it was his turn, Jake didn't move; he just stared.

"Don't you want to sit on the bunny's lap?" I asked.

"No!" he shouted. "There's a man in his mouth!"

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

"I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed, Mommy." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with antibacterial soap.

After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked, with a touch of awe, "How did you kill that fly all by yourself?" Between bites, she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

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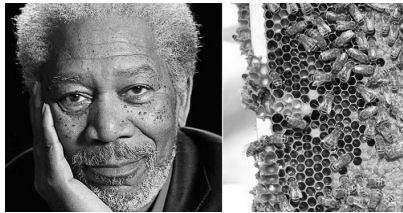
CryptoQuote Puzzle Solution

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Morgan Freeman Converted His 124-Acre Ranch Into A Giant Bee Sanctuary

Morgan Freeman is doing his part to help the environment by converting his 124-acre ranch in Mississippi into a giant bee sanctuary.



The 81-year-old actor said he has taken up beekeeping to help revive the declining bee population.

"There is a concerted effort for bringing bees back on to the planet... We do not realize that they are the foundation, I think, of the growth of the planet, the vegetation," he said.

Freeman imported 26 bee hives from Arkansas to his ranch in Mississippi where he has help feeding the bees sugar water and planting bee-friendly trees and plants.

Freeman added that he never wears a bee suit or a bee hat and they haven't stung him yet.

"I have not ever used the beekeeping hat with my bees," he said. "They haven't stung me yet, as right now I am not trying to harvest honey or anything, but I just feed them... I also think that they understand, 'Hey, don't bother this guy, he's got sugar water here!'"

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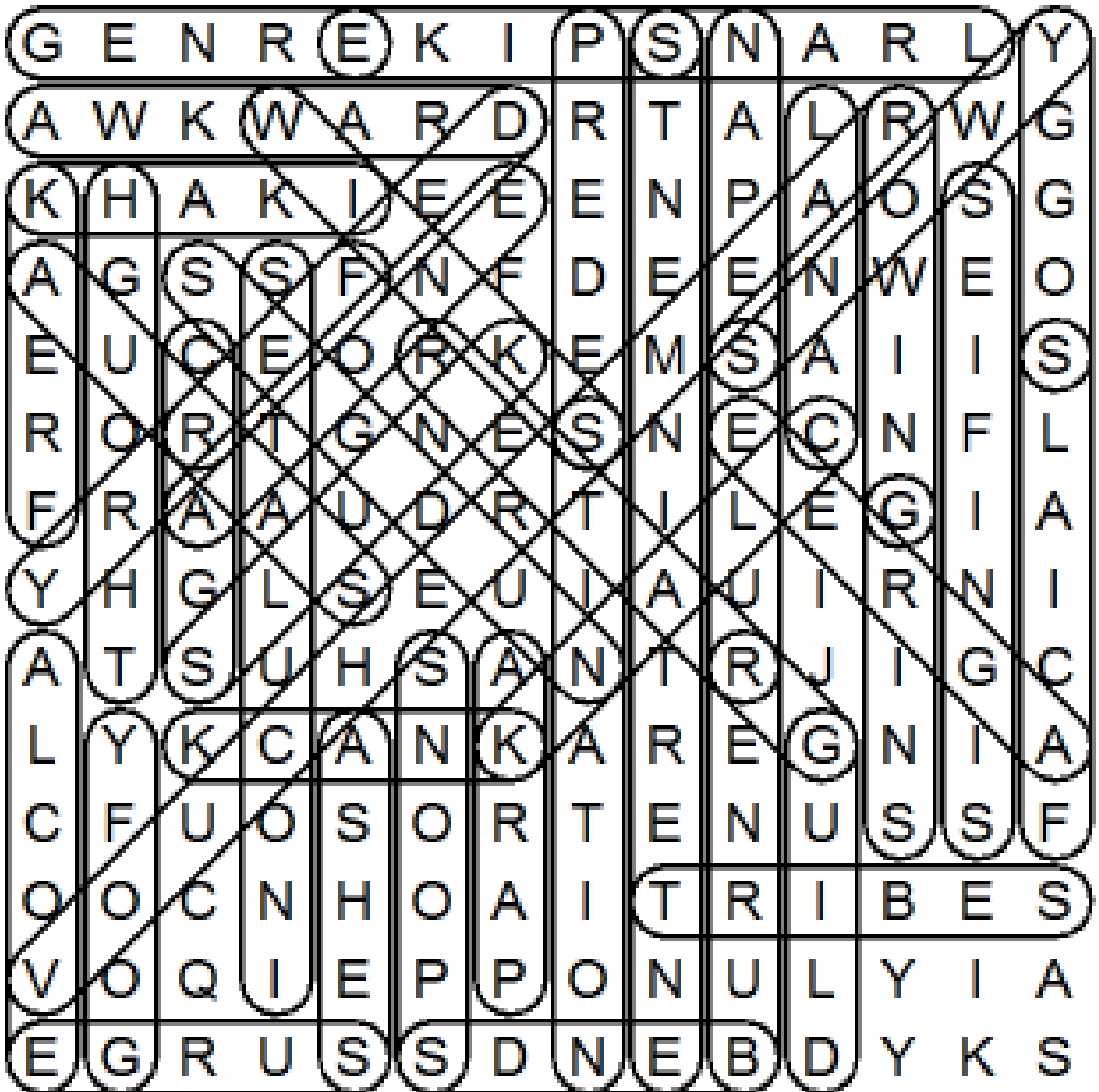
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8	5	6	1	4	7	2	9	3
9	3	2	7	6	1	5	4	8
1	7	5	9	8	4	3	6	2
6	4	8	3	2	5	7	1	9

Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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

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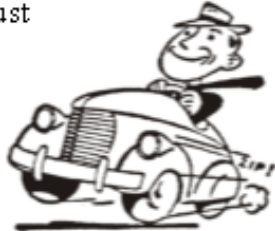
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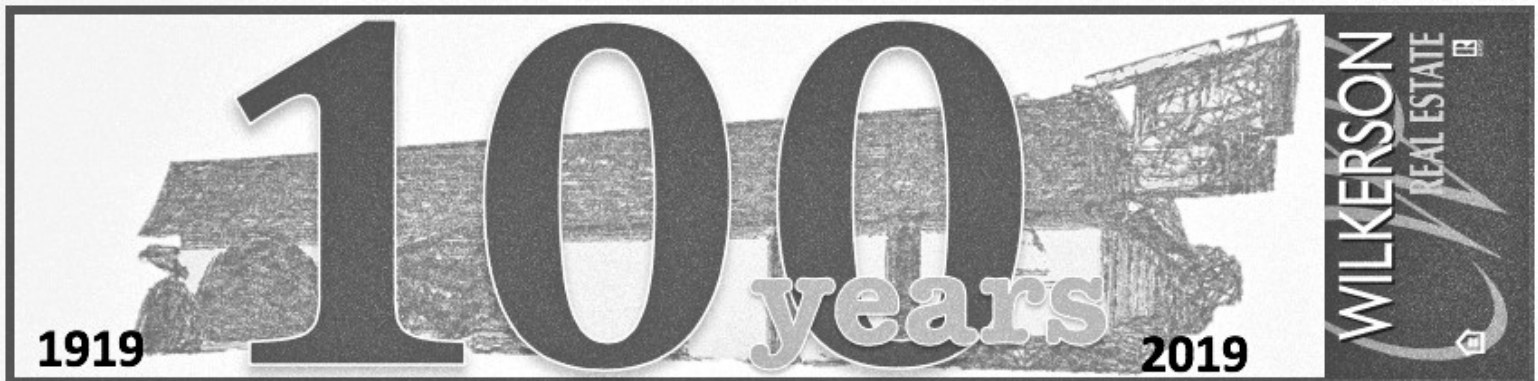
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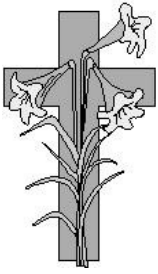
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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

WORSHIP LIKE A CHILD Little kids love to sing loudly, heartily, putting their whole body, soul, and spirit into it. They just can't stand still so they do a little jig as they sing. Teach a child the song Jesus Loves Me and he will know it till the day he dies.

When they grow up, they might sing along with the music in the car or sing in the shower, but sometimes the only opportunity some people have to sing is in a Karaoke bar, where they can sing along to a recording of the latest hit song.

Most people seem to favor the type of music they grew up with. I grew up in the early rock-and-roll years, when you could actually hear the words and recognize the chords of the music and clap the beat of the song.

God who created us with the capability to sing put a song into our hearts. Every race on earth sings, from Africa to New Guinea to Alaska. Their style of song varies, but the note on the music scale does not.

Musical notes or frequencies are a scientific law of God, just

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like gravity. They can be demonstrated with a machine called an oscilloscope, which measures frequencies or musical notes..

Music came from God. He gave man the vocal cords and lungs to be able to physically sing and He gave us the mind to write and compose music. He gave us the spirit, heart, and emotions to feel and dream the music. Altogether, God allows us to make music with our body, our soul, and our spirit. When we worship Him with all our being, we put everything we have within us into our music.

God's kingdom choir can sing every style of music, from chanting psalms, gospel hymns, high church hymns, every type of hymn, and songs of the Spirit of God given to us in these last days. The secret to worship is not the style of music.

“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus said in Matthew 18:3KJV.

When you worship God, do it like a little child does. Put everything you've got into it.

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