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International Nurses Day



Learn about International Nurses Day

Unfortunately, many people seem to think that the most important people in the healthcare system are the doctors, but this is simply not true. Ever the underdog, nurses play a key role in all of our medical institutions, being responsible for the welfare, safety and recovery of patients.

Nurses have an enormous amount of knowledge and many diverse skills they spend years perfecting and developing, all the time working in decidedly tough environments where extreme stress is just a part of the job. Nurses help bring new life into the world, care tirelessly for the sick and injured, and sometimes watch the patients they did everything to save pass away despite their best efforts.

On many occasions, it was a vigilant nurse who noticed a mistake in a doctor's prescription in time to save

someone's life. Acknowledge the hard work, long hours, and emotional duress that are part of the life of every nurse on International Nurses Day.

History of International Nurses Day

It all began in 1953, when Dorothy Sutherland, an official with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, contacted President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposing he proclaim a "Nurses' Day". However, he did not approve her proposal at that time. The International Council of Nurses has celebrated on May 12th since 1965.

May 12th is an important date to all nurses, as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing. In January 1974, this day was finally officially made International Nurses Day. Each year since then, ICN prepares and distributes something called the International

Nurses' Day Kit which contains educational and public information materials, for use by nurses everywhere.

How to celebrate International Nurses Day

Because this day is all about celebrating nurses' endless contributions to society, take this opportunity to show a nurse who has taken care of you how much you appreciate him or her. As with most gestures of appreciation, whatever you decide to do need not be grand or cost much money. Sad as it is, many people neglect to thank their nurses at all, seeing them only as robots who only know how to follow the doctor's orders, so every little way to say a simple "thank you" will definitely make that nurse's day.

If you are feeling especially grateful for the way a certain nurse took care of you (fed you, brought you a blanket, cleaned vomit off of you, monitored your vital signs, made sure you were getting the right pills, changed your wound dressings, helped you get to the bathroom, let you cry on his or her shoulder, or any of the hundreds of other things nurses do), today is the day to show that gratitude. So take a trip down to the hospital with a box of chocolates, a nice bottle of wine, or anything else you think that particular nurse might like.

Some people, after having spent months in the hospital with a serious condition, decide to order pizza or cake for the entire medical team that was looking after them, a gesture that that team is guaranteed to remember you for forever, if you should decide on it. However, as mentioned before, it's the thought that counts the most. A nurse's main goal is to help you get through treatment and get better, so just knowing he or she succeeded is a reward in itself.

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How Florence Nightingale changed the workplace for women

She was not only gifted in math and science, but with boundless generosity and concern for others.



Florence Nightingale was born on May 12, 1820, in Florence — hence her name — and then moved to England shortly after. The Nightingales were from the upper classes, so they gave their children a first-class education and took them to the most important social events, but Florence was more drawn to math and science.

On one occasion, her parents brought her and her sister on a trip through Europe, which was very common among young women of that time as part of their cultural formation. But for Florence, the trip was something more: it was where she discovered her true vocation in life. In her passage through different countries, she noted down statistics on the population and the number of hospitals in her personal diary. And it was then that she realized she wanted to dedicate her life to nursing.

Of course, her parents were opposed. A young woman like her was expected to marry a good suitor and not work (much less as a nurse), because working was for women from a lower social class.

Florence rejected various marriage proposals and didn't rest until she was finally able to go to a nursing school in Germany around 1850. Afterwards, she returned to London and began working at a hospital on Harley Street, where she was quickly promoted to superintendent.

The Crimean War

When the Crimean War broke out in 1853, the number of casualties in the British Army increased every month. The War Secretary, Sidney Herbert, decided to call Nightingale, whom he had known for some time, and whom he trusted to care for his soldiers. It was the first time that a woman was put in charge of something like that, and Florence gathered more than 30 nurses from different religious orders to go to Scutari, in Turkey.

Upon arriving, the nurses were met with a scene even more horrifying than what they had imagined. Everything was very dirty: the floor was covered with feces, and the water was contaminated because they were on a big sewer, and there were rodents and insects all over the place. The conditions not only weren't helping the troops to recover, but were actually making them worse.

In fact, there were more deaths due to infectious diseases than to war wounds.

The first thing Florence did was deep clean the place and improve the ventilation. Then she installed a laundry to guarantee clean sheets, a kitchen to meet special food requirements, and even a library for entertainment.

She also liked to make the rounds at night with a lamp (something that no nurse ever did in her time) to make sure her patients were as comfortable and well attended as possible. The soldiers appreciated her sense of charity and her respectful and compassionate way of treating them, so some of them began calling her "the lamp lady" and others "the angel of Crimea." The result was notable: there were much fewer deaths.

The photo of Florence with her lamp appeared in various British newspapers and made her very popular. So when the war ended and she returned to England, she was received like a heroine. But she didn't want fame, to the degree that she used a pseudonym in order to avoid being recognized. She even used the money that Queen Victoria gave her for her service to build a hospital and a nursing school.

Poems, songs, and scripts were written about her, leading many women (of all social levels) to want to be like her. Nursing became a socially honorable vocation and hospitals became clean and spacious places where sick people could recover with dignity.

Unfortunately, in Turkey she caught "Crimean fever" and never fully recovered. She had to remain in bed from age 38 until her death, but that didn't stop her from continuing her humanitarian work for several more decades. During the war, as when she was a child, she had taken notes that became useful for epidemiology studies. She wrote various books for low-income people who did not have access to medicine, giving them home remedies. And she received visits from politicians and public figures, whom she advised in matters of public health and hospital functionality during war times.

At age 87, Florence became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit of the United Kingdom. Three years later, she died in her home in London. Her funeral was intimate and simple, just as she had asked.

Without a doubt, her knowledge of science and math was crucial for achieving all that she did, but it was her spirit of generosity and her concern for the needy that inspired her to put them to good use. Now, her birthday, May 12, is International Nurses Day, to recall the woman who helped thousands by putting her heart into that noble profession.

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Easter Eggs: History, Origin, Symbolism And Traditions

SCHLEIFE, GERMANY - MARCH 16: Painted Easter eggs sit on display for sale at the annual Sorbian Easter market on March 16, 2013 in Schleife, Germany.



Easter is a particularly important time of year for Sorbs, a Slavic minority in eastern Germany, and the period includes the tradition of painting Easter eggs that include visual elements intended to ward off evil. Many Sorbs still speak Sorbian, a language closely related to Polish and Czech. (Photo by Adam Berry/Getty Images)

Brightly decorated eggs, Easter egg rolling and Easter egg hunts have become integral to the celebration of Easter today.

However, the tradition of painting hard-boiled eggs during springtime pre-dates Christianity. In many cultures around the world, the egg is a symbol of new life, fertility and rebirth. For thousands of years, Iranians and others have decorated eggs on Nowruz, the Iranian New Year that falls on the spring equinox.

Some claim that the Easter egg has pagan roots. Before Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, some argue ancient pagans in Europe observed the Spring Equinox as the return of the sun God — a rebirth of light and an emergence from the lean winter. Some also point to the Venerable Bede, an English monk who wrote the first history of Christianity in England, for evidence of this connection. Bede argued that even the word Easter derived from a pagan fertility goddess named “Eostre” in English and Germanic cultures. Scholars have since noted that there is little to no evidence of such a goddess outside of Bede’s writings. Also, in most other languages the word for Easter — Pascua in Spanish and Pasques in French, for instance — derives from the Greek and Latin Pascha or Pasch, for Passover.

For Christians, the Easter egg is symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Painting Easter eggs is an especially beloved tradition in the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches where the eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross. Easter eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal vigil and distributed to the congregants. The hard shell of the egg represents the sealed Tomb of

Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Moreover, historically Christians would abstain from eating eggs and meat during Lent, and Easter was the first chance to eat eggs after a long period of abstinence. (Orthodox Christians continue to abstain from eggs during Lent.)

Easter egg hunts and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. An egg hunt involves hiding eggs outside for children to run around and find on Easter morning. Eggs are rolled as a symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ’s tomb. In the United States, the Easter Egg Roll is an annual event that is held on the White House lawn each Monday after Easter.

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THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

On a beautiful summer day a grasshopper hopped around lazily in the grass. He was warm, happy and well-fed, and he was chirping and singing to himself because life was good.



While the grasshopper was enjoying the day, an ant was carrying grains and taking to the nest with great toil.

On seeing the hardworking ant passing by, the grasshopper invited him to join him and share his fun.

All day long in the summer the ant would work hard, collecting food while the grasshopper enjoyed the bright summer days.

The grasshopper would look at the ant and laugh. ‘Why do you work so hard, dear ant?’ he would say. ‘Come, rest for awhile, listen to my song. Summer is here, the days are long and bright. Why waste the sunshine in labour and toil?’

“I am helping to lay up food for the winter,” said the ant, “and recommend you to do the same.”

“Why bother about winter?” said the Grasshopper; “We have got plenty of food at present and there is still plenty of time to prepare for winter.” But the ant knew what he was doing and went on his way and continued his toil.

All day long the ant would work, without stop or rest, scurrying back and forth from the field, collecting the grains and storing them carefully in her larder.

Instead of working and preparing for winter, the grasshopper preferred to dance, sing and play at his leisure. He did not realize that the wonderful summer days will not last forever and soon cold and rainy days will soon be near.

Summer faded into autumn, and autumn turned into winter. The sun was hardly seen, the days got shorter and the nights got longer. It became freezing cold, and snow began to fall.

When the cold winter came the grasshopper realized that the ant was right and he should have been prepared. The grasshopper didn’t feel like singing any more. He should

not have wasted all his time when food was plentiful. He was cold and hungry.

He hadn’t thought that this winter might be worse than usual. And because he hadn’t stored food for himself or helped anyone else to do it, he would not live to see another summer. He had nowhere to shelter from the snow, and found himself dying of hunger – while it saw the ant enjoying the food stored and collected in the summer.

Moral: Work hard today and you can reap the benefits tomorrow.



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An Old Man Lived in the Village

An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.



The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him.

He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumour:

“An Old Man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, smiles, and even his face is freshened up.”

The whole village gathered together. The old man was asked:

Villager: What happened to you?

“Nothing special. Eighty years I’ve been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That’s why I’m happy now.” – An Old Man

Moral of the story:

Don’t chase happiness. Enjoy your life.

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The Wise Man

People have been coming to the wise man, complaining about the same problems every time. One day he told them a joke and everyone roared in laughter.



After a couple of minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

When he told the same joke for the third time no one laughed anymore.

The wise man smiled and said:

“You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?”

Moral of the story:

Worrying won’t solve your problems, it’ll just waste your time and energy.

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Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010)

Wilma Mankiller is often remembered as the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation but her life was filled with activism from the beginning. “In order to understand how I operate, it is necessary to understand that I came from an activist family,” Mankiller says of her upbringing. It was in the home that she began to care about social issues but her distinctly native approach to solving those problems was developed outside the home.



Wilma was the sixth of eleven children; born to a Cherokee father, Charley Mankiller, and a Dutch-Irish mother, Irene Sitton, on November 18, 1945. When Wilma was 11, the family moved from their rural ancestral home in Oklahoma to the bay area of California. The Mankillers were a poor family with 13 mouths to feed. Charley was open to trying a new place that offered greater financial opportunity and Irene reluctantly agreed. Wilma did not want to leave Oklahoma, but it was in California that she first developed her social activism. She became involved in San Francisco’s Indian Center and was captivated by Native American efforts to reclaim Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

She married for the first time in 1963. The couple had two daughters but the marriage was difficult. Then, in 1969, a dramatic event changed the trajectory of Wilma’s life. Some Native American students gained control of the abandoned Alcatraz prison in San Francisco’s harbor. The occupation gained national media attention and awakened the young Cherokee mother to the issues afflicting native people in the United States. Wilma was determined get involved in the Native community but her husband wanted her to remain a traditional housewife. Mankiller said of her changing attitude, “...when Alcatraz occurred, I became aware of what needed to be done to let the rest of the world know that Indians had rights too.” Alcatraz was the “benchmark” for her conversion to fulltime activism.

After divorcing in 1977, Wilma took her daughters and moved back to Oklahoma to build a life for herself and her family on the Cherokee reservation. In Oklahoma, Wilma Mankiller overcame two serious personal setbacks before continuing her career as an Indian activist. In 1979 she was seriously injured in an automobile accident that took the life of her best friend. She spent nearly a year recovering and reflecting on her purpose in life. She embraced the Cherokee vision of “being of good mind.” For Mankiller, this meant thinking posi-

tively about what happens in your life, taking whatever comes your way and doing your best to serve others. She needed the “good mind approach” more than ever when, after recovering from her accident, she was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a chronic neuromuscular disease that made it difficult to speak, hold a pencil, or brush her hair. “I thought a lot about what I wanted to do with my life during that time. The reality of how precious life is enabled me to begin projects I couldn’t have otherwise tackled.”

Mankiller was energized with a new sense of purpose in her life and she soon found the perfect project for her drive and talent in the tiny community of Bell, Oklahoma. Bell was a small village on the Cherokee reservation where most of the residents were poor and spoke only Cherokee. Most were living in unsafe, run-down housing without running water. Using money from grants and the federal government, Mankiller organized a community self-help project where volunteers from Bell constructed an 18-mile-long water system and repaired the dangerous housing. Her efforts earned her national recognition as the Ms Magazine Woman of the Year in 1987. While recruiting volunteers for the Bell water project, she met, and eventually married, Charlie Soap, a full-blooded Cherokee.

Mankiller became deputy principle chief of the Cherokee Nation in 1983 on the strength of her reputation as a community leader. When the principle chief resigned in 1985, Wilma became the first female Principle Chief of the modern Cherokee Nation, the second largest tribe in the United States. In 1987 Wilma Mankiller ran for election as the principle chief in the face of stiff opposition. Her car was vandalized and her safety was threatened but she relied on her knowledge of Cherokee and Indian culture for her confidence in the ability of women to lead the tribe. In traditional Cherokee culture, women played a vital role in the social and political life of the tribe. Women’s councils were common. One Cherokee legend tells the story of Gbigau a word that can be translated as “War Woman,” illustrating that Cherokee culture embraced women in power. In her autobiography, Mankiller eloquently describes the delicate balance Cherokees believe exist in the well-ordered world between men and women. She argues that it was European conquest that disrupted that balance. For Mankiller, having a female chief was just a small step toward restoring the proper balance between the sexes in the world of the Cherokees.

As chief, Mankiller focused on education, job training, and healthcare for her people. She was a consensus builder, working with the federal government to pilot a self-government agreement for the Cherokee Nation and with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Wilma Mankiller died from pancreatic cancer in 2010 but her legacy continues in her work, and her autobiography, *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People*. The book is not simply the story of her life. Each chapter begins with a Cherokee myth or legend depicting a core attitude in the Cherokee culture. Throughout the book, Mankiller narrates Cherokee and Indian history, their struggles with European conquest, and their struggle to maintain their cultural identity and dignity in the dominant society. Mankiller's story is inseparable from the story of her people.

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Which makes my soul want to fly
My beloved
All the nights
And all the times
That you cared for me
But I never realised it
And now it's too late
Forgive me

Now I'm alone filled with so much shame
For all the years I caused you pain
If only I could sleep in your arms again
Mother I'm lost without you

You were the sun that brightened my day
Now who's going to wipe my tears away
If only I knew what I know today
Mother I'm lost without you

To whom will I tell my sorrow
in your absence, mother?
I didn't know your real value, my beloved mother

The Messenger (pbuh) said
"Paradise is under the mothers' feet"
Your image is in my heart, my soul, and my dreams

When you left, my soul left
Our separation was painful
The world gave me pain
and sorrow my beloved mother

I cry like a cloud
You are like a song on my tongue
I've wronged you countless times
Forgive me mother

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Pocahontas: Separating Fact From Fiction About the Native American

Many tales have been told about Pocahontas, but not all of them are true.

EUDIE PAKMAR
20, 2019



Pocahontas has been romanticized throughout American history, thanks in no small part to the accounts of English settlers John Smith and John Rolfe, and of course, the 1995 Disney animation. But who was the real Pocahontas?

To help dispel the many myths surrounding the popular Native American figure, here are some facts that originate from Native American oral history and contemporary historical accounts.

Pocahontas was actually her nickname

Born around 1596, Pocahontas was actually known as Amonute, and to those closest to her, Matoaka. The name Pocahontas, in fact, belonged to her mother, who died while giving birth to her.

Devastated by his wife's death, Pocahontas' father, Chief Powhatan Wahunseneca of the Pamunkey tribe of Virginia, called his little daughter Pocahontas as a nickname, which meant "playful one" or "ill-behaved child."

A spirited young girl who liked to do cartwheels, Pocahontas grew up to be a brave and intelligent leader and translator on behalf of her people.

There was no romance between Pocahontas and John Smith

By the time 27-year-old Smith and the rest of the English colonists arrived on Native American lands in 1607, Pocahontas was probably around 10 years old. Despite Smith embellishing the idea of a romance between them in order to sell books that he'd later author, they were never involved.

What is true is that Smith spent a few months with Pocahontas' tribe as a captive, and while there, he and Pocahontas taught each other basic aspects of their respective language.

Pocahontas would later marry Indian warrior Kocoum at age 14 and shortly give birth to their son "little Kocoum."

A depiction of Pocahontas saving John Smith from her father, a story that is now reportedly false

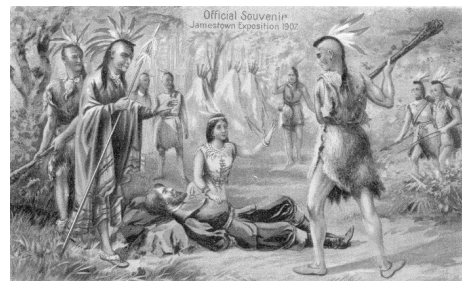


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Pocahontas didn't warn Smith of a planned assassination against him

While Smith was being held prisoner, Chief Powhatan grew to trust him. In 1607 the chief decided to offer Smith a "werowance" role, which was the tribe's way of acknowledging him as an official leader of the colonies, giving him access to coveted resources such as food and better land.

Smith would later allege that while he trained to become a werowance, Pocahontas warned him of a death plot against him, and thus, saved his life. However, contemporary accounts show that if a Native American chief was honoring a man, there would be no threat to his life.

Additionally, children were forbidden to attend a werowance ceremony, so Pocahontas wouldn't have been present.

Pocahontas was not traded to the English; she was kidnapped and raped

With tensions rising between the Powhatan and the English, rumors spread that Pocahontas was a prime target for kidnapping. Hoping to prevent future attacks by Native Americans, English Captain Samuel Argall made those rumors a reality and took the Chief's beloved daughter away with him after threatening violence against her village.

Before leaving, Argall offered a copper pot to the tribe and later claimed the two parties had made a trade. Forced to leave her husband and small son, Pocahontas boarded an English ship, not knowing that colonists had murdered her husband Kocoum shortly after.

While captive in Jamestown, Pocahontas was raped by possibly more than one colonist — an act that was incomprehensible to Native Americans. She grew into a deep depression and had a second son out of wedlock. That son would be named Thomas Rolfe, whose biological father may have actually been Sir Thomas Dale.

Pocahontas was not an eager goodwill ambassador of the New World

The story of Pocahontas marrying tobacco planter John Rolfe for love is highly unlikely, especially considering Rolfe was under great financial pressure to somehow

forge an alliance with the Powhatan to learn their secret tobacco curing techniques.

In the end, he decided the best way to win over the Powhatan was to marry Pocahontas, who all the while was being forced to wear English clothes, convert to Christianity and adopt the name, Rebecca.

Out of fear of being kidnapped himself, Chief Powhatan didn't attend Rolfe and Pocahontas' wedding ceremony and instead, offered a pearl necklace as a gift. He'd never see his daughter again.

To help further fund the tobacco business in the colonies, Rolfe took Pocahontas and son Thomas with him to England to show the court the "goodwill" between the colonists and Native Americans. Thus, Pocahontas was used as a prop, paraded around as an Indian princess who embraced western culture.

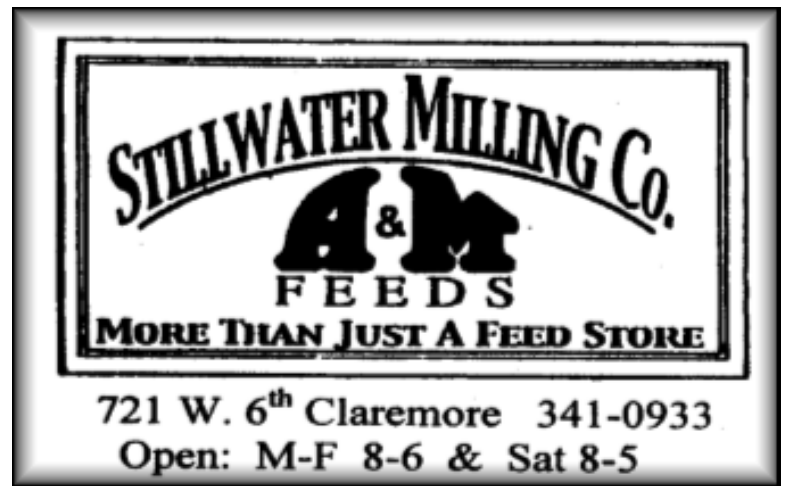
Although she was considered in good health right before leaving England, Pocahontas suddenly fell ill and died after dining with Rolfe and Argall, the man who kidnapped her. The tribesmen who accompanied Pocahontas on the trip believed she was poisoned.

At the time of her death, Pocahontas was around 21 years of age. She was buried in Gravesend, England at Saint George's Church on March 21, 1617. The location of her remains is unknown.

BY EUDIE PAK

Eudie Pak is a New York City-based editor/writer.

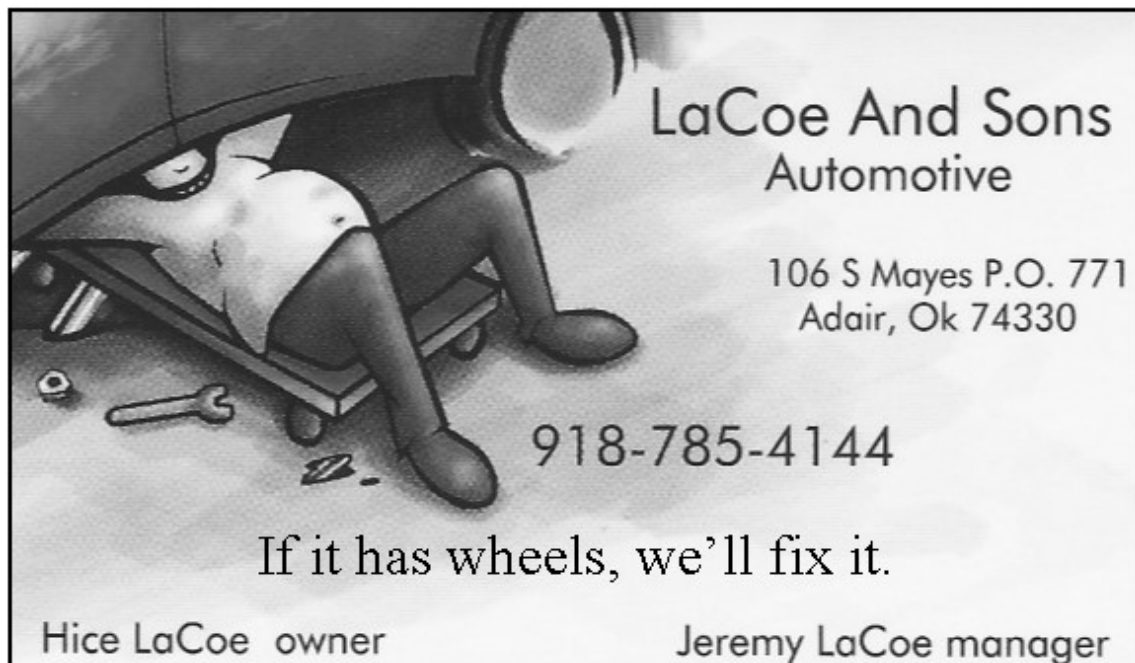
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Having A Best Friend

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.



The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

“Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him;

“After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”

The other friend replied;

“When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

Moral of the story:

Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.

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The Four Smart Students

One night four college students were out partying late night and didn't study for the test which was scheduled for the next day. In the morning, they thought of a plan.



They made themselves look dirty with grease and dirt.

Then they went to the Dean and said they had gone out to a wedding last night and on their way back the tire of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back. So they were in no condition to take the test.

The Dean thought for a minute and said they can have the re-test after 3 days. They thanked him and said they will be ready by that time.

On the third day, they appeared before the Dean. The Dean said that as this was a Special Condition Test, all four were required to sit in separate classrooms for the test. They all agreed as they had prepared well in the last 3 days.

The Test consisted of only 2 questions with the total of 100 Points:

- 1) Your Name? _____ (1 Points)
- 2) Which tire burst? _____ (99 Points)
Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

Moral of the story:
Take responsibility or you will learn your lesson.

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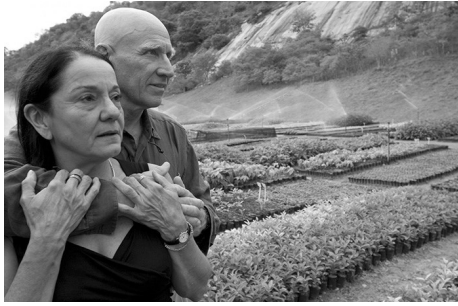


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Husband And Wife Plant 2.7 Million Trees In 20 Years To Restore A Destroyed Forest

In the early 1990s, Brazilian photojournalist Sebastião Ribeiro Salgado was stationed in Rwanda to cover the accounts of genocide. The on-ground experience left him traumatized.



In 1994, he was returning to his home in Minas Gerais, Brazil, hoping to find solace in the lap of a lush green forest where he had grown up.

But, instead, he found dusty, barren land for miles and miles. In only a few years, his beautiful hometown underwent rampant deforestation.

For him, everything was destroyed.

"The land was as sick as I was. Only about 0.5% of the land was covered in trees," Salgado told The Guardian.

It was at this time that Salgado's wife Lélia made a near-impossible proposal. She expressed her wish to replant the entire forest.

Salgado supported her idea, and together the couple set out on a heroic mission.

Salgado bought an abandoned cattle ranch from his parents and started building a network of enthusiastic volunteers and partners who would fund and sustain their project.

In 1998, the couple founded Instituto Terra, the organization which tirelessly worked around the clock to bring the forest back to life.

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Since 1998, they have planted more than 2.7 million saplings of 293 species of trees and rejuvenated 1,502 acres of tropical forest.

In addition, 172 species of birds have returned, 33 species of mammals, 15 species of reptiles and 15 species of amphibians.



"Nature is the earth and it is other beings and if we don't have some kind of spiritual return to our planet, I fear that we will be compromised," Salgado said.

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Every Morning This Horse Takes A Long Walk All Alone To Greet Her Human Friends

Every morning in Frankfurt, Germany, you might catch a glimpse of Jenny, a horse who goes on a long walk every morning, all by herself.



She has been taking the same route every morning for 14 years, ever since her owner, now 79 years old, became unable to ride. She enjoys greeting all of the familiar faces along the way, and she stops and gets treats and pettings from some of her favorite humans.

The locals treat her like a celebrity and happily clean up after her.

A piece of paper is attached to her halter that reads, "My name is Jenny. I didn't run away, I'm just walking. Thank you."



But the police get calls frequently from people who don't know about the arrangement. They are very familiar with the horse and the owner, and there have been no incidents in 14 years.

A local veterinarian gives her routine checkups and continues to find her to be healthy and showing no anxiety about her unique lifestyle.

Someone even wrote a poem about her:

"I'm Jenny the horse, and I'm taking my stroll,
I do it each morning - it's good for the soul,
To follow a path that's familiar each day,
It's safe and rewarding - I like it this way,
I once had a human who rode on my back,
Unable to ride now, there's skills that he lacks,
But I know he likes this same walk that I take,
It's what he would want - Now, his memories I make
He knows where I go, as I greet our old friends
And so, in his heart, knows his ride never ends
And when I return to him, he's waiting there
It's the best I can do, to show him, I care."

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Firefighters Help Man Get Home By Pushing His Electric Wheelchair



A group of firefighters in Missouri helped an elderly man get home after his electric wheelchair gave out on the side of the road.

"What happens when a Fire Truck comes upon a citizen who's electric wheelchair has stopped working. You get out and help them home," the Raytown Fire Protection District posted on Facebook.

The man, who is a veteran, had decided to go fishing at a nearby pond when he got stuck in a ditch.

Some people tried to help but were unable to free him. So they called the Raytown fire department.

"Our guys responded out there and basically lifted a wheelchair with him in it up out of the rut he was stuck in," Deputy Chief Mike Hunley told The Kansas City Star. "He apparently had been trying to get himself out with the wheelchair and had expended the battery so it was pretty drained."

The firefighters decided the best way to get him home was to push him in the wheelchair.

"They pushed him about 7 blocks back to his house," Hunley said.

"We encourage our guys to find the best way to make a difference when they are out in the field."

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Getting to know the Lutherans

Christ Our Cornerstone

On May 5th, Bethlehem Lutheran Church celebrated its 100th anniversary. Though this is a milestone that should be celebrated, we should always be mindful of the true source of a congregation's longevity – Christ our Cornerstone.

What should rightly be acknowledged and celebrated is what God has done for us in Christ Jesus for the past century. St Paul said, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." With this same goal in mind, numerous men have preached, baptized and administered the Lord's Supper to those who were aware of their sin and longed for God's mercy.

Congregations come and go according to God's will. But we must remember that the local congregation is a servant of Christ that each should strive to glorify God's Name and not the name of the church or its members. When a local congregation has grown, we praise God for what He has done. And when one is in decline, we still praise His name and surrender to His will.

Regardless of membership or attendance, the life of the congregation is measured by the Word that is preached in its purity and the sacraments that are administered rightly. Whether a congregation sees another year or another century, God only knows.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

May 9, 2019 9:00 am—1:30 pm Craig County Senior Health Fair—Booths with Health and Financial Related Topics Pertaining to Senior Citizens. Blood Sugar Checks, Blood Pressure Checks. Bingo, Pie Auction, Live Music, Dancing, Quilt Raffle, Lots of Door Prizes, Free Lunch Provided 12:00 Noon. No Admission Fee. Craig County Fairgrounds 915 E. Apperson Road

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DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton
Solutions are printed in page 36

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June 6, 2019—June 9, 2019 6th Annual Green Country Cowboy Camp Meeting—We invite you and your entire family to this event. Williamson Ranch, 1/2 mile south and 3 1/2 miles west of Lenapah, OK. Camping is available. Contact Danny Rexwinkle 918-260-9054 Steve Cody 918-397-4062 Facebook @ GREEN COUNTRY COWBOY CAMP MEETING

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May 06, 2019 Marbin in Concert - Chicago-based progressive jazz-rock band Marbin brings together the best of their blended genres, delivering a unique sound worthy of their devoted following of fans. Hear this instrumental band perform a live set as they stop by Tulsa on their latest tour. Marbin will play through a series of songs off their seven albums as they take over the stage at the Vanguard. The Vanguard 222 N Main St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-561-6885

May 07, 2019 The Unlikely Candidates in Concert - Head to the Vanguard in Tulsa to hear indie rock band The Unlikely Candidates perform an energetic live set. This Fort Worth-based band transitioned from an acoustic duo to a full rock band, releasing their debut EP in 2013. Grab a ticket and sing along inside the Vanguard as the Unlikely Candidates play through some of their most popular tracks, from "Follow My Feet" to "Your Love Could Start a War." The Vanguard 222 N Main St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-561-6885

May 07, 2019 SoMo in Concert - SoMo plans to take over the Cain's Ballroom stage with an original mix of pop and soul. Selling out shows across the country and achieving multiplatinum success, SoMo has quietly emerged as one of R&B's top names to know. Enjoy new music from this Texas-native's third studio album "A Beautiful November" as he performs live in Tulsa. Cain's Ballroom 423 N Main St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-584-2306

May 09, 2019 - May 12, 2019 Tulsa Ballet presents: Signature Series - The Tulsa Ballet closes out their 2018-2019 season with a "Signature Series" of pieces selected by the ballet's artistic director Marcello Angelini.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick and Eric Peachey

Held at the Lorton Performance Center on the University of Tulsa campus, the performers will showcase "Fancy Free" with choreography by Jerome Robbins, "Who Cares?" with choreography by George Balanchine and "Untitled World Premiere" with choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler. Lorton Performance Center 550 S Gary Pl Tulsa, OK 74104 Phone: 918-749-6030 Fax: 918-749-0532

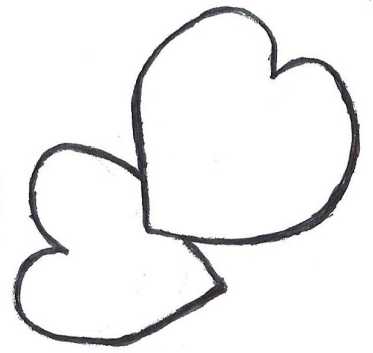
May 09, 2019 Rooster Days Festival - May 12, 2019 - Make your way to the annual Rooster Days Festival in Broken Arrow, one of the oldest continually running festivals in Oklahoma, for a large carnival, a parade, live entertainment and more. Visitors to this fun festival will also enjoy a children's area and 20,000 sq. ft. of arts and crafts. Rooster Days has something for everyone including twirling amusement rides. Enjoy live music throughout Rooster Days Festival, and check out the on-site food vendors for a corn dog, fried ice cream, cotton candy and more tasty treats. Enjoy live music in the entertainment pavilion and the opening of the Rooster Days market and carnival rides on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday morning, the streets of downtown Broken Arrow will flood with spectators of all ages waiting for the parade. Kids will line the streets with goody bags ready to gather candy and celebrate this annual Rooster Days tradition. Central Park 1500 S Main St Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Phone: 918-251-1518 Fax: 918-251-1777

May 09, 2019 Jonny Lang in Concert - Blues musician Jonny Lang will add his signature blend of funk and soul to The Joint's stage at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa as he embarks on his 2019 world tour. Hear Lang deliver top tracks off his eight studio albums to this Tulsa venue. Enjoy to longtime favorites like "Before You Hit the Ground," "Lie to Me" and "Walking Away," and listen to new releases off Jonny Lang's latest "Signs" album. Lang always brings along a variety of music collaborators to each show, so don't miss an exciting time at The Joint. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa 777 W Cherokee St Catoosa, OK 74015 Phone: 918-266-4352 Toll Free: 800-760-6700

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By Breanna McDowell

Happy Mother's Day Blessing

Blessings

Just as God gives to each rose
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And gives unto each evening sky
The lovely sunset's hue.
So may he give to you
From his enduring love
And blessings from above.

Happy Mother's Day!

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



Sprucing Up for Spring

When the snow melts and the ground thaws, it's time to plant your garden. There are twenty objects hidden among the busy children. Can you find the ice-cream cone, mouse, crayon, clothespin, trumpet, toothbrush, glove, hammer, clock, paper clip, feather, comb, chicken, candle, teacup, sock, seal, frog, fish, and book?

Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Some vehicles
2. Call to Silver
3. Small bird
4. "It's ___ real!"
5. Insolvency causes
6. Simon Peter, for one
7. Whole lot
8. Devon river
9. Prefix for lexico or functional
10. Golda Meir's land
11. Unkind
12. Etcher's supply
13. Wood prefix
18. Fish that's big enough
21. Right-wing blog, for short
23. Critic Reed
24. Grow long in the tooth
25. Intrusively curious
26. Staff leaders
27. Pilot's communicator
28. Caribbean Island resort
29. Nicaragua's main airport (abbr.)
31. "Lou Grant" star Ed
32. Orlando team
33. Tampa's ___ Gardens
38. Quick swims
40. Type of tea
41. Inuit knife
44. Charge
45. Thu. follower
46. "Are you _____ my chain?"
49. Skinned, as potatoes
50. Hard wood
53. Nuance
54. They make a lot of calls
55. Intense passion
56. A Crosby-Hope destination
58. Important stars
59. Informal greeting
60. Kids' game
61. Degrees of profs.
63. Moray, for one
64. Jaguar classic
65. Three times a day, in prescriptions

Across

1. 41st president, initially
5. Outmoded
10. 70mm film format
14. Muck
15. Glue
16. Office asst.
17. Features that give one a chiseled look
19. Hand support
20. Certain pieces by Shakespeare
21. Friend of Luke and Han
22. Put off
26. Runner's woe
30. Young mutton roaster
34. Word on some tags
35. Fast flames
36. Neighbor of Jor. and Yem.
37. Shevardnadze of Georgia
39. Neil and Loretta
42. Exaggerate
43. Uncertain
47. - acid (fat compound)
48. "General Hospital", for one
51. Roll suddenly to one side
52. Gradually become familiar with
54. Tashkent resident
57. Affinity
62. Ground corn
63. Douse
66. Ghostly white
67. ___ out a living
68. Org. for a Big Apple cop
69. Coasted
70. Window projection
71. Simon _____

Word Search Puzzle

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CryptoQuote Puzzle

Topic: Marriage

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- Erma Bombeck

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Solution is on page 34

Logic Puzzle



		First Names				Professions				Vegetables			
		Catherine	Gabriela	Kristina	Olivia	bus driver	cowboy	doctor	writer	carrots	corn	onions	turnips
Ages	40												
	46												
	74												
	77												
Vegetables	carrots												
	corn												
	onions												
	turnips												
Professions	bus driver												
	cowboy												
	doctor												
	writer												

Logic Puzzles

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Ages	First Names	Professions	Vegetables
40			
46			
74			
77			

- The one who loves onions is the cowboy.
- The bus driver is not Olivia.
- The writer is older than the doctor.
- The doctor is not Catherine.
- The 77 year-old doesn't enjoy onions.
- The 40 year-old loves turnips.
- The one who loves corn is not Catherine and is not the doctor.
- Either the 74 year-old or the 77 year-old is the cowboy.
- Of Olivia and Kristina, one loves carrots and the other is the bus driver.
- Kristina is older than Olivia.

Quotes From Wilma Mankiller

- I hope many of you will be people that question why things are and why we have to do them the way we have always done them. I hope you will take some risks, exert some real leadership on issues, and if you will, dance along the edge of the roof as you continue for life.
- It should be remembered that hundreds of people of African ancestry also walked the Trail of Tears with the Cherokee during the forced removal of 1838-1839. Although we know about the terrible human suffering of our native people and the members of other tribes during the removal, we rarely hear of those black people who also suffered.
- One of the things my parents taught me, and I'll always be grateful as a gift, is to not ever let anybody else define me; that for me to define myself. and I think that helped me a lot in assuming a leadership position.
- Prior to my election, young Cherokee girls would never have thought that they might grow up and become chief.
- America would be a better place if leaders would do more long-term thinking.
- People say that crisis changes people and turns ordinary people into wiser or more responsible ones.
- I want to be remembered as the person who helped us restore faith in ourselves.
- We are a revitalized tribe. After every major upheaval, we have been able to gather together as a people to rebuild a community and a government. Individually and collectively, Cherokee people possess an extraordinary ability to face down adversity and continue moving forward. We are able to do that because our culture, though certainly diminished, has sustained us since time immemorial. This Cherokee culture is a well-kept secret.
- Individually and collectively, Cherokee people possess an extraordinary ability to face down adversity and continue moving forward.
- We celebrate Thanksgiving along with the rest of America, maybe in different ways and for different reasons. Despite everything that's happened to us since we fed the Pilgrims, we still have our language, our culture, our distinct social system. Even in a nuclear age, we still have a tribal people.
- It's like everybody's sitting there and they have some kind of veil over their face, and they look at each other through this veil that makes them see each other through some stereotypical kind of viewpoint. If we're ever gonna collectively begin to grapple with the problems that we have collectively, we're gonna have to move back the veil and deal with each other on a more human level.
- Western movies always seemed to show Indian women washing clothes at the creek and men with a tomahawk or spear in their hands, adorned with lots of feathers. That image has stayed in some people's minds. Many think we're either visionaries, 'noble savages,' squaw drudges or tragic alcoholics. We're very rarely depicted as real people who have greater tenacity in terms of trying to hang on to our culture and values system than most people.
- My name is Mankiller, and in the old Cherokee Nation, when we lived here in the Southeast, we lived in semi-autonomous villages, and there was someone who watched over the village, who had the title of mankiller. And I'm not sure what you could equate that to, but it was sort of like a soldier or someone who was responsible for the security of the village, and so anyway this one fellow liked the title mankiller so well that he kept it as his name, and that's who we trace our ancestry back to.
- A lot of young girls have looked to their career paths and have said they'd like to be chief. There's been a change in the limits people see.

Some Riddles

Mystery of the Ancient Temple

Once upon a time there existed a temple in India which housed three identical idols which spoke to the devotees. The idols were of – God of Truth, which always spoke the truth; God of Falsehood, which always lied; and God of Diplomacy which sometimes spoke the truth and at other times lied. The pilgrims come from all parts of the world to get their questions answered by the Gods. But there was a problem. As the idols were indistinguishable, devotees were not sure from which idol to ask their questions and in turn they did not know which God has answered and whether to believe it or not. Once a wise man visited the temple. He asked the question: "Which God is seated at the centre?" to all the three idols. The idol on the left, centre and right replied God of Truth, God of Diplomacy and God of Falsehood respectively. The wise man at once proclaimed that he had solved the mystery of the temple.

Dinner Time

A woman shoots her husband, then holds him under water for five minutes. A little while later, they both go out and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

Cassette Tape

A man was found dead with a cassette recorder in one hand and a gun in the other. When the police came in, they immediately pressed the play button on the cassette. He said "I have nothing else to live for. I can't go on," then the sound of a gunshot. After listening to the cassette tape, the police knew that it was not a suicide, but a homicide. How did they know?

Numbers

A man is found murdered on a Sunday morning. His wife calls the police, who question the wife and the staff, and are given the following alibis: the wife says she was sleeping, the butler was cleaning the closet, the gardener was picking vegetables, the maid was getting the mail, and the cook was preparing breakfast. Immediately, the police arrest the murdered. Who did it and how did the police know?

Baggy Suit

A crime has been committed at Freemont Street. The main suspect is a man named Sean Baker. It was said that a man had been walking along the pathway when he was suddenly shot in the stomach. The suspect had

brown hair, blue eyes and wore a baggy Armani suit just like Sean Baker's. Sean was asked to tell the story right from the beginning. "Well," said Sean, "I was just hanging around the park when I saw this man walking along the pathway. Suddenly, a guy came up from behind him and shot him! I ran home as fast as I could. The policemen asked him to give a description of the murderer. "He had a red mustache, red hair and a baggy Armani suit on." "I think this man is telling a lie," said one of the policemen. How did he know?

Cottage Life

A wealthy man lives alone in a small cottage. Being partially handicapped, he had everything delivered to his cottage. The mailman was delivering a letter one Thursday when he noticed that the front door was ajar. Through the opening he could see the man's body lying in a pool of dried blood. When a police officer arrived he surveyed the scene. On the porch were two bottles of warm milk, Monday's newspaper, a catalog, flyers, and unopened mail. The police officer suspects it was foul play. Who does he suspect and why?

Only the husband returned

A couple went on for a climbing trip. But only the husband returned from the vacation and said that his wife slipped off while climbing and died. On investigating, the local sheriff arrested him saying, 'Your travel agent called. You murdered your wife.' The man did not inform anyone about the trip. Then how did the agent was so sure that it is a murder?

The Smith family

The Smith family is a very wealthy family that lives in a big, circular home. One morning, Mr. Smith woke up and found his gardener's body. He knew it was one of his employees who had killed him. So he asked them what they were doing in the morning and he got these replies. Driver: "I was outside washing the car." Maid: "I was dusting the corners of the house." Cook: "I was starting to make lunch for later." From the replies he knew who the killer was. Can you guess who it was?

Riddles Answers

Mystery of the Ancient Temple

The idols from left to right are: God of Diplomacy, God of Falsehood, God of Truth. The God of Truth is not seated on the left because he always speaks the truth whereas the idol on the left replied that the God of Truth is seated at the centre. The God of Truth is also not seated in the centre as he always speaks the truth but the idol at the centre replied that the God of Diplomacy is seated at the centre. Therefore, the God of Truth is seated on the right. As God of Truth is seated on the right, and he always speaks the truth, then the The God of Falsehood is seated at the centre. The God of Diplomacy is seated on the left and he has lied.

Dinner Time

She shot her husband with a camera and then developed the photo.

Cassette Tape

If the man shot himself while he was recording, how did he rewind the cassette tape?

Numbers

The maid. There is no mail on Sundays.

Baggy Suit

How can the murderer shoot him in the stomach if he came up behind the man?

Cottage Life

The police officer suspects the newspaper delivery person. The absence of Tuesday's and Wednesday's newspaper indicates that the delivery person knew there was no one there to read it.

Only the husband returned

The man bought only one way ticket for his wife whereas he bought two way ticket for himself. It means that he was sure that he will be returning alone.

The Smith family

The maid, because they lived in a circular house and she was apparently "dusting the corners" of the house at the time of the murder - the house is round, therefore it has no corners.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

77	74	46	40
Kristina	Catherine	Olivia	Gabriela
Bus driver	Cowboy	Writer	Doctor
Corn	Onions	Carrots	Turnips

Logic Puzzle Solution



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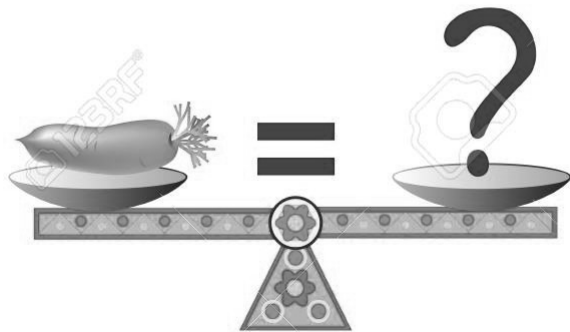
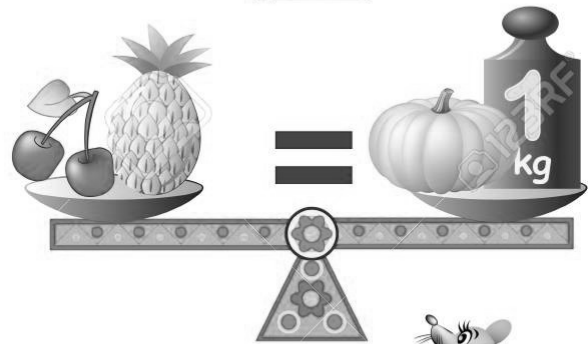
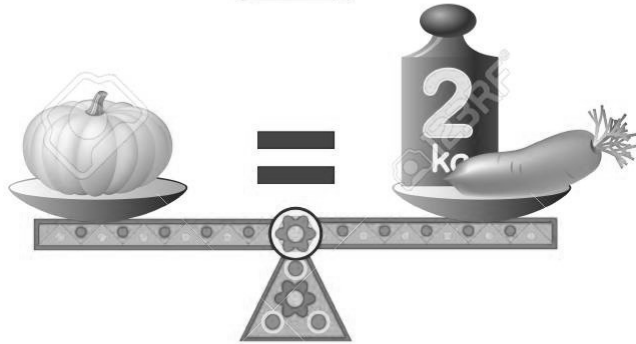
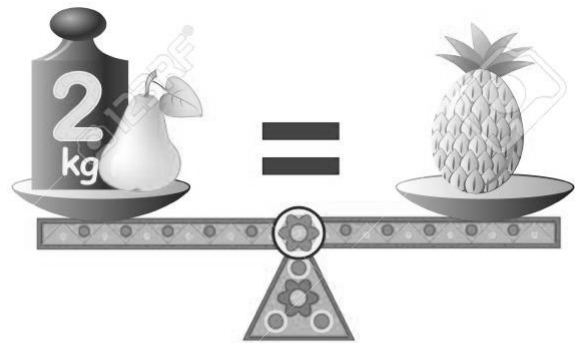
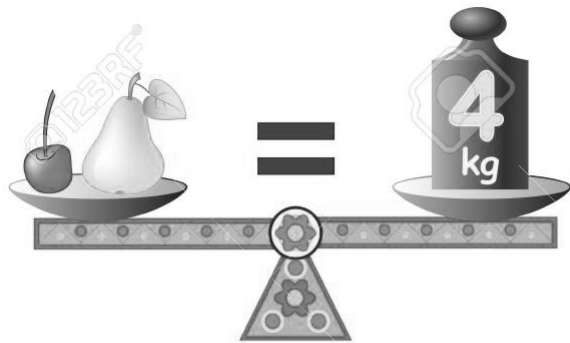
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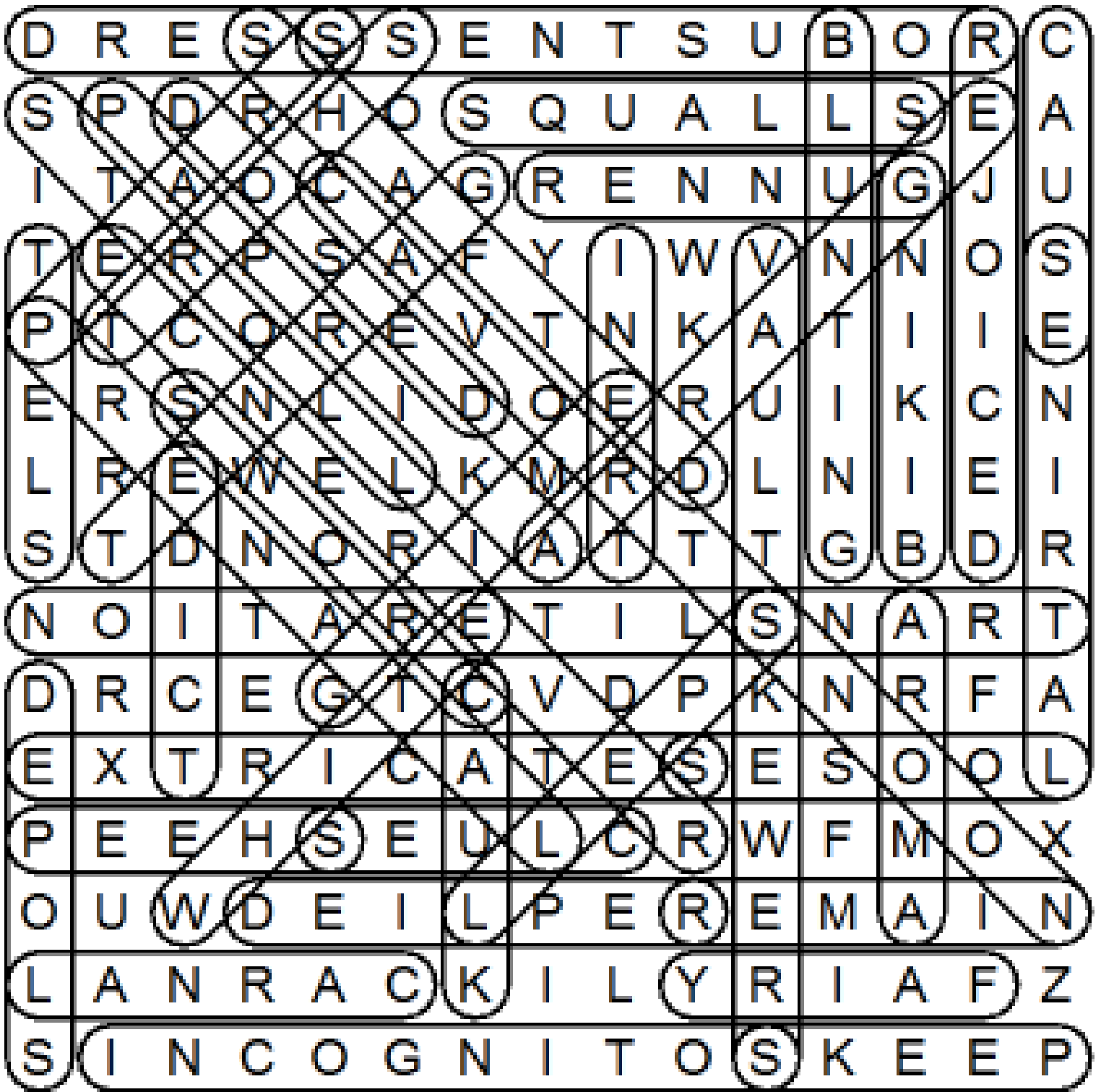
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“People shop for a bathing suit with more care than they do a husband or wife. The rules are
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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Crossword Puzzle Solution

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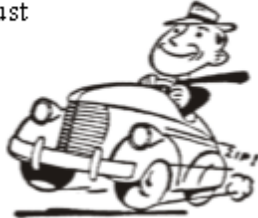
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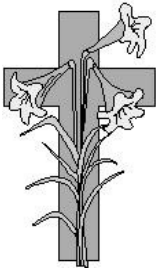
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PRAYING FOR MOTHERS Mothers Day cards show up on store shelves April 1st through Mothers Day, describing the most wonderful mothers of the world, but what about those mothers who don't live up to the rosy sentiments on greeting cards?

How can we reconcile those? Isn't a mothers love the closest there is to God's love? Isn't a mother supposed to put her baby's life before her own, just like a mother bear would give her life for her baby bear?

When a mother addicted to drugs neglects and abuses her children, it offends our sense of right and wrong. That's not how it's supposed to be.

Where is God when mothers mistreat or neglect their children? His angels are watching over the children all the time but act when a human being makes a move to prayer.

God has called us Christians to pray. When we see these things taking place, such as in a store somewhere, we are not just to click our tongues and criticize the mother. How can she

act like that to her children? Isn't that a shame? Someone should do something.

Yes, someone should. And that someone is you. Stop and pray. You don't have to make a big deal about it. Simply say under your breath, Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask that you will send someone to take care of those children. Stop her from harming them. As Psalm 91 says, No evil will befall them, because you have given your angels charge over those children. Amen. Pray this: "No evil will befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling, For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." Psalms 91:10-11 KJV

No one else needs to know you prayed. If the opportunity opens up, you can speak to that mother. It's hard to raise little ones. Maybe you might check to see if your church has a Mothers Day Out Program where you could leave them while you shop. Then if she says she doesn't have a church, there is your opening to invite her to your church.

God is looking for ways to intervene in the lives of those who need Him the most. And He will use you if you'll let Him.

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