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A Forgotten Tradition: May Basket Day



First lady Eleanor Roosevelt receives a May basket of flowers from young children in 1938.

Maybe there really was a time when America was more innocent.

Back when May Basket Day was a thing, perhaps.

May Day was celebrated by some early European settlers of the American continent. In some parts of the United States, May baskets are made. These are small baskets usually filled with flowers or treats and left at someone's doorstep. The giver rings the bell and runs away.

The curious custom — still practiced in discrete pockets of the country — went something like this: As the month of April rolled to an end, people would begin gathering flowers and candies and other goodies to put in May baskets to hang on the doors of friends, neighbors and loved ones on May 1.



First lady Grace Coolidge receives a May basket from young children in 1927.

In some communities, hanging a May basket on someone's door was a chance to express romantic interest. If a basket-hanger was espied by the recipient, the recipient would give chase and try to steal a kiss from the basket-hanger.

Perhaps considered quaint now, in decades past May Basket Day — like the ancient act of dancing around the maypole — was a widespread rite of spring in the United States.

May Basket Tales

Through the 19th and 20th centuries, May Basket Day celebrations took place all across the nation:

A reporter in the Sterling, Ill., Gazette in 1871 explained the seasonal ritual this way: "A May-basket is — well, I hardly know how to describe it; but

'tis something to be hung on a door. Made of paper generally, it contains almost anything, by way of small presents you have in mind to put in it, together with your respects, best wishes — love, perhaps. It is hung after dark at the door of anybody the hanger fancies. — Which done, the said hanger knocks and scampers."

The writer went on to say, in the spirit of the times, that if a boy hangs a May basket on a girl's door and the girl catches him, "it's a great disgrace." If a girl is the hanger, "it disgraces the boy again not to catch her."

In St. Joseph, Mich., the Herald reported on May 6, 1886, "little folks observed May Basket Day custom in hanging pretty baskets to door knobs."

The Taunton, Mass., Gazette in May 1889 told the story of a young man who got up very early and walked a mile and a half to hang a basket on his sweetheart's door, only to find another basket from another beau already hanging there.

"With the young, in rural communities especially," the St. Louis Republic reported on May 1, 1900 — in archaic speak, "it is May Basket Day — when the youthful fancy manifests its turn to thoughts of love by surreptitiously leaving baskets of spring flowers on the stoop appertaining to the home of the one adored."

Two bold children hung May baskets on the White House front door on May Day 1925. The Indiana, Pa., Gazette reported that first lady Grace Coolidge found her admirers and gave them flowers she had picked.

In Dunkirk, N.Y., the Evening Observer observed on April 30, 1932, that young people were collecting samples from wallpaper dealers and "creating baskets of all sorts and varieties as to size, shape, and color, and will hang them on the doors of their friends at dusk on May Day."

Writing in the Humboldt, Iowa, Independent in May 1976, the local extension home economist reminisced: "What a gallant occasion Mother made of May baskets. Lists were made and rewritten. It became almost as exciting as Christmas." Her family used old milk cartons for containers and they made popcorn and Boston cremes for each basket. People in her community returned May baskets to their owners at Halloween.

Basket Cases

Here and there you can find recollections of May Basket Days past. Marci Matson, director of the historical socie-

ty in Edina, Minn., writes: "The practice has a long history, stemming from the European pagan festival of spring, Beltane. The more raucous elements were toned down after the continent became Christianized, but the May pole dance and May baskets survived in a more G-rated form."



She points to other reminiscences: Joan Gage in *A Rolling Crone* remembers making baskets as a child in Milwaukee and leaving them for old folks in the neighborhood, just for the kindness of it.

And *Old Fashioned Living* recalls that Louisa May Alcott wrote about May Basket Day in New England in her 1880 children's book *Jack and Jill*.

From Alcott's story: "Such a twanging of bells and rapping of knockers; such a scampering of feet in the dark; such droll collisions as boys came racing round corners, or girls ran into one another's arms as they crept up and down steps on the sly; such laughing, whistling, flying about of flowers and friendly feeling—it was almost a pity that May-day did not come oftener."

Fade Away

Eventually, May Basket Day — like the spring flowers arranged in the baskets — began to wilt and droop. Though vestiges of the sincere ceremony still pop up on the Internet, the in-real-life event has pretty much evanesced.

Observing May Day traditions on May 1, 1963, an Associated Press reporter in Providence, R.I., wrote that there were only a "few May baskets hanging from door knobs" that year.

"Remember May Basket Day?" a syndicated columnist asked in the spring of 1963.

So what happened? Maybe the ritual receded because of a national fall from innocence. Or an increased desire for get-off-my-lawn privacy. Maybe modern innovation overwhelmed the May basket tradition: A household-hint adviser suggested "May Baskets from plastic bottles" in the *Belleville, Kan., Telescope* in 1976.

Whatever the case, Madonna Dries Christensen, a writer in Florida, is not totally sure she wants the habitual ritual to flourish again. "I harbor a fear that some major company will rediscover May Basket Day and mar its simplicity with commercial baskets, cards and trinkets," she writes in her 2012 memoir, *In Her Shoes: Step By Step*. "To ward off that calamity, please do not share this ... with anyone who might be in cahoots with such a manufacturer."

May Day: Exploring the Tradition of May Baskets

Published in TUMBLEHOME learning at <http://tumblehomelearning.com/tomorrow-is-may-day-reviving-the-tradition-of-may-baskets/>

Spring is late this year in New England and it is cold and rainy today. But May Day is May Day, and we want to at least think about celebrating!



When we were growing up in the Midwest, we filled paper cups with popcorn and candy and put them on the front steps of our friends' houses. Then we rang the doorbell and ran away, sometimes watching from afar to see who answered the door. The tradition was supposed to be that if you caught the person who left the basket they had to give you a kiss, but everyone we knew took the candy and ran back inside the house! It was a sweet ritual of spring that has origins in Roman times, when it was the Festival of Flora, the goddess of flowers. Over the centuries many cultures have co-opted May Day for other celebrations, and while all of them include a maypole, some of them are decidedly less than sweet.

Germany has Walpurgisnacht, a remembrance of Saint Walburga, who helped Saint Boniface bring Christianity to Germany in the 8th Century. Walpurgisnacht also became synonymous with the anti-witchcraft rites immortalized in Goethe's Faust. Still, the May basket has some roots in German tradition as it was also the time that ladies would secretly place roses or rice in the shape of a heart at the doorstep of their beloved.

Medieval England celebrated greening of spring and featured dancing around the maypole and morris dancing, in which dancers (often dressed as Robin Hood, Maid Marian and friends) and a piper travel from town to town with a troop of six more dancers in two rows of three. Banned by the puritans at one point, May Day returned to England in the 1600s with and the profusion of flowers, dancing, and weaving ribbons attached to the Maypole.

Ireland's pagan version was Beltane, which translates loosely as "fire" and is used as an excuse to celebrate and/or exorcise pretty much everything. The fire ritual involves extinguishing all fires the night before and then relighting the Beltane fire on May 1. There was also a ritual in which cakes were broken into several pieces, one of which was



blackened. Celebrants chose pieces of cake blindly and whoever got the blackened piece was subjected to a mock execution. Also on the schedule: burning witches in effigy, crop blessing, fertility rites, snake dancing and "bathing faces in morning dew to retain their youthful beauty."

In modern times more than 80 nations recognize May 1 as Labor Day, declaring it International Workers Day to mark the 1886 fight for the 8-hour work day.

Even though modern lifestyles don't really support the practice of leaving things on people's doorstep anymore, we like the idea of reviving the tradition of remembering special people with flowers and sweets on a spring day. We all know someone who might be in need of a May day boost – a grandparent, neighbor, friend, or teacher whom we can present with a small surprise that lets them know we are thinking of them. So we sorted through our craft and gardening things and came up with a few version of a 21st century May Basket. We went to the nursery and got the smallest flats of flowers we could find, some peat pots, and some soil, and went to work. Here's what we came up with:



- Peat pots dampened with water and filled with pansies and put in plastic lined paper cups, tins or ramekins. The flowers can be popped out and put directly in the ground, still in the peat pots.
- Cellophane bags with seed packets in them – choose seeds that can be planted directly in the soil after danger of frost has passed.
- That old standby, chocolate (keep the chocolate out of the May day sun though – now we understand why everyone used to give popcorn!)

The April showers have spilled over into May Day in 2014.



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Memorial Day

The American Cemetery in Normandy, just east of Omaha Beach. Thousands of Americans perished in the Normandy Invasion. Image online via Wikimedia Commons.



“Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men.” Pericles, Athenian Leader On Remembering Those Who Fought and Died for their Country.

In the spring, when flowers are in bloom throughout the United States, Americans decorate the graves of military men and women who died fighting for their country.

No one is exactly sure when “Decoration Day” first started, but the first official observance at Arlington Cemetery took place three years after the Civil War was over. On the 5th of May, in 1868, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that May 30th would be a day to honor the dead.

Urging citizens to use “the choicest flowers of spring-time,” Logan reminded everyone to not let the graves of servicemen slip into disrepair:

We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners.

Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

This gravesite, for an unknown soldier, is located at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.



In 1971, Congress declared that “Memorial Day” would be a national holiday which occurred on the fourth Monday of May (not on May 30th). Among other reasons, legislators wanted to give Americans a long weekend at the beginning of summer.

Veterans opposed that idea, declaring that if Memorial Day were part of a long weekend, it would turn-into a summer holiday where people focused on having fun instead of remembering, and honoring, those who had died.

How many Americans have given their lives for their country’s freedom, from the formation of the "United States" until now? Here are the approximate numbers from the major conflicts (with a separate listing for the War between the States):

American Revolution: 4,435 deaths; 6,188 wounded

War of 1812: 2,260 deaths; 4,505 wounded

Mexican War: 13,283 Deaths; 4,152 wounded

U.S. Civil War: 620,000 deaths; 476,000 wounded; 400,000 captured or missing

Spanish-American War: 2,446 deaths; 1,662 wounded

World War I: 116,516 deaths; 204,002 wounded

World War II: 405,399 deaths; 671,846 wounded

Korean War: 36,574 deaths; 103,284 wounded

Vietnam War: 58,209 deaths; 153,303 wounded

Persian Gulf War (1990-91): 382 deaths; 467 wounded

“Global War on Terror,” including the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars:

+6,800 deaths; more than 970,000 disability claims registered as of March 31, 2014

By Memorial Day, 2015, at least 1,266,304 people had died fighting for America.

An emotional moment, at all military funerals, happens when a bugler plays the 24 notes of “Taps.” Listen to that music and learn about its history.

Another emotional moment happened, in 2014—during the 70th anniversary of D-Day—when an 11-year-old boy expressed his gratitude to the men who fought, and died, on Normandy's beaches.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

National Brother Day



National Brother Day

Brother's Day History

National Brother Day seeks to celebrate brothers, the male sibling and their contributions to each and every one of their families. It seeks to celebrate the bond between brothers and its significance.

National Brother Day is an unofficial national holiday that is annually celebrated on the 24th of May. It is not to be confused with National Sibling Day, which is celebrated in April.

National Brother Day Facts & Quotes

According to Jeffrey Kluger, author of *The Sibling Effect*, men who have sisters are better at talking to women than those who grew up without a sister.

According to Jeffrey Kluger, author of *The Sibling Effect*, after approximately six years, your stepsiblings can become as close to you as biological ones.

51% of all newborns in the U.S. are boys.

Sometimes being a brother is even better than being a superhero. – Marc Brown, author and illustrator of children's books.

When brothers agree, no fortress is so strong as their common life. – Antisthenes, Greek philosopher and star pupil of Socrates.

Brother's Day Top Events and Things to Do

Take a brother out for a meal and discuss cherished family memories together. Some great places to take out your brother would be a favorite restaurant of his or a spot that is meaningful to you both from your past.

Watch a movie about brotherhood. Some suggestions are: *Boyhood* (2014), *Four Brothers* (2005), *Boyz N the Hood* (1991), and *The Tree of Life* (2011).

Read a book about brotherhood. Some suggestions are: *The Sibling Effect*, *Brother*, and *The Dead Man's Brother*.

Post a picture on social media of you and your brother with a caption of a fond memory between the two of you. Make sure to tag your brother in the photo! Spread awareness about the holiday by using the hashtags #NationalBrotherDay, #brother and #NBD on social media.

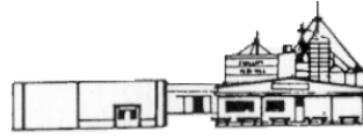
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The Homeless Veteran Hero

He's known as Staff Sgt. Royal on account of his 10 years in the army. And it was that battlefield training that helped the homeless Seattle veteran save a friend's life one summer night last year. Royal was just a few blocks away when an argument escalated outside a bar, and an unidentified man shot the homeless man he was fighting with. The victim ran down the street before collapsing. Royal quickly came to his aid. The bullet had struck the man's femoral artery — a large artery in the thigh that, when ruptured, can cause victims to bleed out. Royal used a belt as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. The man was transported to a nearby hospital and was said to be in stable condition. Royal attributed his knowledge to his medical training at Ft. Carson in Colorado. "I'm just glad I was there," he said.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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An Unlikely Friendship

They were quite the pair — she, a beautiful young girl with a bright, white smile; he, a homeless veteran with a scraggly beard and weathered face. Their friendship started out slow. The girl — who remains unidentified — began saying "hi" to Tony as she traveled to and from her workplace. Soon enough they were having small conversations and then regular talks and periodic lunches. "Tony tells me about his war stories, loved ones, and who should win the Super Bowl," she wrote in a Dec. 5, 2012, post on Reddit. "I tell Tony about my problems, loved ones, and how I don't really care who should win the Super Bowl."

From an outsider's point of view, it seemed the young girl was offering the old, lonely man an ear. But the friendship was reciprocal. Recently, the girl went through a difficult period emotionally, and Tony reportedly helped her navigate those tough personal choices. One day she was walking around feeling sorry for herself when she felt a tap on her shoulder. She turned to find Tony giving her a concerned look. He had something for her, he said. "From his army jacket, he pulls out a watch head. Tony takes my hand and gently places the broken antique in my palm." He went on to say: "I don't have much but I wanted you to know that you have done what many others would not simply by being my friend." The girl said she realized that when you extend yourself to those in need: "You get back not only what you gave, but infinitely more," she wrote.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

My Grand Mother

Phyllis Jean Corbin of Dewar passed away on Thursday, April 11th, 2019 in Henryetta at the age of 80 years. Phyllis attended and served in the First Baptist Church of Dewar where she taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed hours of studying the Bible and preparing lessons for her Sunday School Classes. Her hobbies included crappie fishing, ceramic work, cooking, playing cards, and most of all attempting to set the land speed record between Dewar



and Tulsa on parts runs for Glynn. Together, Glynn and Phyllis owned and operated Henryetta Refrigeration for which she worked as bookkeeper, receptionist, and sales manager.

Heather Conn

Phyllis Jean Corbin
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Jumping for veterans

Marjorie Bryan and Marianna Sherman work with their local Ohio chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America — an organization made up of mothers whose kids have served in the military — as well as its veterans' food pantry. And this pair of octogenarians were committed to an act so brave it would rival those accomplished by the young men and women they supported. To help raise money for the vets' groups, the women decided to parachute out of a plane. One clear June day in 2012, the two joined a team of six as well as retired Army Ranger paratroopers who would be guiding the women in their descent. With more than 200 people looking on, the great-grandmothers jumped in tandem, making it safely to the ground. Bryan, for one, was jubilant upon landing, and even said she'd consider doing it again.

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SISTERS AND A BROTHER WHO ROSE ABOVE

When my three sisters and I were young we were with our biological mother and father, but my mother would leave us all the time and my father had to take care of us until we were almost in middle school. I was 12 at the time, my sisters were 7, 13 and 14. We were taken from our home and split up into different foster homes because my mother and father were not able to provide for us, my sisters eventually returned home, and I chose to stay in Permanent Foster Care. I wasn't sure if I made the right decision at the age of 16, but I made a leap in a sense. Life was still rough for my sisters, my mother left them again, and they lived with my father and a year ago he started to have dementia. He is in the latter stage now where he cannot not feed himself and he is at the age of 67. People would think we would turn out to resent life and hate people, and be into drugs and other terrible things but it did not turn out like that for us... My oldest sister which is 24 now is Married with 2 beautiful children a boy and a girl, a wonderful husband, attends church regularly and is the pianist at her church. My second oldest sister is 23 she is very involved in church as well, is working on getting her college degree in computer graphics, she plans on getting married soon to a preacher. My Youngest sister is 18 she just graduated high school and is very independent and she is starting college in the fall, and I am 22 years old and I am 1 semester away from graduating college with a Sociology Degree, and plan on going on to get my master's Degree because I am going into Social Work myself. We have all come a long way and we see each other daily and we have a very close relationship with one another because we love each other as much or more than we ever had.. because we are family and we stick together.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn



The 89-Year-Old Veteran Who Finally Learned to Read

Ed Bray stormed the beach at Normandy during World War II, earning two purple hearts. And yet, the toughest thing the 89-year-old said he had to face in his life was his illiteracy. For decades, Bray went to extraordinary efforts to keep his inability to read or write a secret. While on the job at an Air Force base, he had a coworker help him with documents. At home, his wife did the same for 62 years until her death in 2009. Finally, the determination to shed the shame and learn how to read broke through. "I want to read one book," he said. "I don't care if it's about Mickey Mouse. I want to read one book before I die."

In early 2013, Bray found Professor Tobi Thompson at Oklahoma's Northeastern University. Her patient and dedicated attitude helped Bray accomplish what he never thought possible. In February the veteran read his first book, a grade-school biography of George Washington. "It just makes me feel good," Bray said. He's since gone on to read three books, and has no plan to stop now.

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The Disabled Veteran Who Learned to Walk Again

Arthur Boorman was a paratrooper in the first Gulf War. His service was quite difficult on his body, and he eventually lost much of the use of his back and knees, forced to rely on wheelchairs and canes. Doctors told him he would never walk without crutches again. Depressed and immobile, Boorman gained a lot of weight. Desperate, Boorman contacted yoga teachers for fitness help. Most took one look at him and said it wasn't possible. But wrestler-turned-yogi Diamond Dallas Page accepted Boorman's condition as a challenge, and really believed in the 47-year-old veteran.

In the video that recounts Boorman's struggle, you see the portly vet struggle to walk even with the help of canes. You see him attempt and fail at balancing in a yoga move. You see him fall again and again — sometimes even flat on his face — and yet you see him get back on that yoga mat. Over time, Boorman sheds the pounds, gains strength and flexibility, and, eventually, the ability to not only walk without help, but also to sprint — his long hair blowing freely behind him — down the road. "Never underestimate what you can accomplish when you believe in yourself," reads the script on the video's close.

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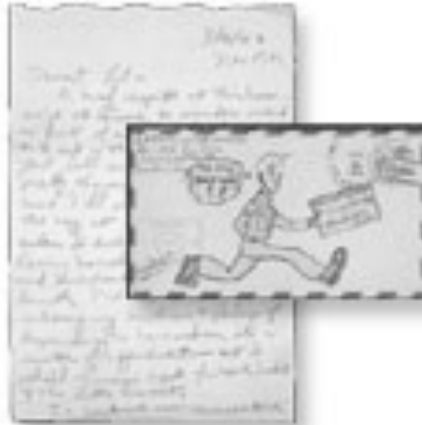


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The Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following wars:

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Korean War, 1950-1953
Vietnam War, 1961-1975
Grenada--History--American Invasion, 1983
Panama--History--American Invasion, 1989
Operation Restore Hope, 1992-1993
Persian Gulf War, 1991
United Nations Operation in Somalia
Haiti--History--American intervention, 1994-1995
Operation Allied Force, 1999
Peacekeeping forces--Bosnia and Hercegovina
Operation Joint Guardian, 1999-
War on Terrorism, 2001-2009
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How did the Veterans History Project start?

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000. The authorizing legislation (Public Law 106-380), sponsored by Representatives Ron Kind, Amo Houghton, and Steny Hoyer in the U.S. House of

Representatives and Senators Max Cleland and Chuck Hagel in the U.S. Senate, received unanimous support and was signed into law by President William Jefferson Clinton on October 27, 2000.

AARP is the founding corporate sponsor of the Veterans History Project. In addition to providing initial major funding for the Project, AARP also spread the word to its legion of volunteers and almost 37 million members, encouraging them to get involved. Numerous state chapters have also been involved in the Project.

The Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center collects and preserves the firsthand interviews and narratives of United States military veterans from World War I through the present. In addition to audio- and video-recorded oral history interviews, VHP accepts memoirs and collections of original photographs, letters, diaries, maps and other historical documents from veterans who served in the US armed services from World War I through the present. The Project makes accessible the materials that comprise this important national archive, which contains submissions from every state, and includes the US territories. VHP relies on volunteers, both individuals and organizations, throughout the nation to contribute veterans' stories to VHP.

VHP also collects oral histories with Gold Star Family members, defined as a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

“Oral history refers both to a method of recording and preserving oral testimony and to the product of that process. It begins with an audio or video recording of a first person account made by an interviewer with an interviewee (also referred to as narrator), both of whom have the conscious intention of creating a permanent record to contribute to an understanding of the past. A verbal document, the oral history, results from this process and is preserved and made available in different forms to other users, researchers, and the public.”

The 2016 Gold Star Families Voice Act (Public Law 114-246 [PDF, 197 KB]) expanded the original scope of the Veterans History Project to also include oral histories by immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling, or child) of “members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.” Due to the sensitive nature of the Gold Star oral histories, the Veterans History Project requires a minimum age of 18 for both the interviewers and the interviewees.

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THE LOVE OF A BROTHER

I was born in a secluded village on a mountain. Day after day, my parents plowed the yellow dry soil with their backs towards the sky.

One day, I wanted to buy a handkerchief, which all girls around me seemed to have. So, one day I stole 50 cents from my father's drawer. Father discovered about the stolen money right away.

'Who stole the money?' he asked my brother and me.

I was stunned, too afraid to talk. Neither of us admitted to the fault, so he said, 'Fine, if nobody wants to admit, you both should be punished!' Suddenly, my younger brother gripped Father's hand and said, 'Dad, I was the one who did it!' He took the blame, and punishment, for me.

In the middle of the night, all of sudden, I cried out loudly. My brother covered my mouth with his little hand and said, 'Sis, now don't cry anymore. Everything has happened.' I will never forget my brother's expression when he protected me. That year, my brother was 8 years old and I was 11 years old. I still hate myself for not having enough courage to admit what I did. Years went by, but the incident still seemed like it just happened yesterday.

When my brother was in his last year of secondary school, he was accepted in an upper secondary school in the central part of town. At the same time, I was accepted into a university in the province.

That night, Father squatted in the yard, smoking packet by packet. I could hear him ask my mother, 'Both of our children, they have good results? Very good results?'

Mother wiped off her tears and sighed, 'What is the use? How can we possibly finance both of them?'

At that time, my brother walked out, he stood in front of Father and said, 'Dad, I don't want to continue my study anymore, I have read enough books.' Father became angry.

'Why do you have a spirit so weak? Even if it means I have to beg for money on the streets, I will send you two to school until you have both finished your studies!' And then, he started to knock on every house in the village to borrow money.

I stuck out my hand as gently as I could to my brother's

face, and told him, 'A boy has to continue his study. If not, he will not be able to overcome this poverty we are experiencing.' I, on the other hand, had decided not to further my study at the university.

Nobody knew that on the next day, before dawn, my brother left the house with a few pieces of worn-out clothes and a few dry beans. He sneaked to my side of the bed and left a note on my pillow; 'Sis, getting into a university is not easy. I will go find a job and I will send money to you.' I held the note while sitting on my bed, and cried until I lost my voice.

With the money father borrowed from the whole village, and the money my brother earned from carrying cement on his back at a construction site, finally, I managed to get to the third year of my study in the university. That year, my brother was 17 years old; I was 20 years old.

One day, while I was studying in my room, my roommate came in and told me, 'There's a villager waiting for you outside!' Why would there be a villager looking for me? I walked out, and I saw my brother from afar. His whole body was covered with dirt, dust, cement and sand. I asked him, 'Why did you not tell my roommate that you are my brother?'

He replied with a smile, 'Look at my appearance. What will they think if they would know that I am your brother? Won't they laugh at you?'

I felt so touched, and tears filled my eyes. I swept away dirt and dust from my brother's body. And told him with a lump in my throat, 'I don't care what people would say! You are my brother no matter what your appearance.'

From his pocket, he took out a butterfly hair clip. He put it on my hair and said, 'I saw all the girls in town are wearing it. I think you should also have one.' I could not hold back myself anymore. I pulled my brother into my arms and cried. That year, my brother was 20 years old; I was 23 years old.

After I got married, I lived in the city. Many times my husband invited my parents to come and live with us, but they didn't want. They said once they left the village, they wouldn't know what to do. My brother agreed with them. He said, 'Sis, you just take care of your parents-in-law. I will take care of Mom and Dad here.'

My husband became the directors of his factory. We asked my brother to accept the offer of being the manager in the maintenance department. But my brother rejected the offer. He insisted on working as a repairman instead for a start.

One day, my brother was on the top of a ladder repairing a cable, when he got electrocuted, and was sent to the hospital. My husband and I visited him at the hospital. Looking at the plaster cast on his leg, I grumbled, 'Why did you reject the offer of being a manager? Managers won't do something dangerous like that. Now look at you - you are suffering a serious injury. Why didn't you just listen to us?'

With a serious expression on his face, he defended his decision, 'Think of your brother-in-law, he just became the director. If I, being uneducated, would become a manager, what kind of rumors would fly around?'

My husband's eyes filled up with tears, and then I said, 'But you lack in education only because of me!'

'Why do you talk about the past?' he said and then he held my hand. That year, he was 26 years old and I was 29 years old.

My brother was 30 years old when he married a farmer girl from the village. During the wedding reception, the master of ceremonies asked him, 'Who is the one person you respect and love the most?'

Without even taking a time to think, he answered, 'My sister.' He continued by telling a story I could not even remember. 'When I was in primary school, the school was in a different village. Everyday, my sister and I would walk for 2 hours to school and back home. One day, I lost one of my gloves. My sister gave me one of hers. She wore only one glove and she had to walk far. When we got home, her hands were trembling because of the cold weather. She could not even hold her chopsticks. From that day on, I swore that as long as I lived, I would take care of my sister and would always be good to her.'

Applause filled up the room. All guests turned their attention to me. I found it hard to speak, 'In my whole life, the one I would like to thank most is my brother.' And in this happy occasion, in front of the crowd, tears were rolling down my face again.

Love and care for the one you love every single day of your life. You may think what you did is just a small deed, but to that someone, it may mean a lot.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



Meet the 'Good Cem- etarian' Who Cleans Veterans' Gravestones in His Free Time



Andrew Lumish has never served in the military, but that doesn't stop the 46-year-old from honoring veterans he's never met in his spare time. Dubbed "The Good Cemetaryian," Lumish cleans the gravestones of vets for the most heartwarming reason.

In a 2015 interview with the Tampa Bay Times, Lumish says that the neglected state of the gravestones bothered him. "Their final resting places were total disasters," he said. "They'd been neglected from the time they'd been buried."

Lumish owns his own carpet and upholstery business, but when he first started, he had never cleaned a headstone before. Now, more than a few years since he first started, you can sometimes catch Lumish on Sundays — his only day off — scrubbing headstones with a soft bristle brush and D/2 Biological Solution, which has been tested and used by both the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the National Park Service.



"If you're going to restore monuments, the key is, you don't want to do more damage," Lumish said. Some of the stones are decaying, and most of them are covered in mold and mildew. Cleanings range from only five minutes to as long as three hours, and Lumish kneels the entire time. He's even turned it into a family affair, sometimes bringing his son Tyler with him.

A self-professed history buff, Lumish says he imagines what each vet's life was like. "I think about their parents; if they were very young," he said. "I think about their


spouses; if they were in World War II and there was no way to communicate the way we can communicate now. I think about a wife at home, not knowing if (her husband is) dead or alive."

On his Facebook page called "The Good Cemetaryian," Lumish writes some background about the soldiers whose graves he restores.

At the time of his 2015 interview with The Times, he estimated that he'd cleaned more than 300 graves in three different cemeteries in Florida. His goal was to move on to other cemeteries, so we can only imagine what his grand total must be now.

"They fought for the freedoms that you and I enjoy today," Lumish said. "If I know that they did these things for my future, my children's future, and I see that they're forgotten, I feel a sense of responsibility to give their family a little bit of light."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



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Teachers Donate 100 Sick Days To Coworker Whose Daughter Is Fighting Cancer

When teachers at Mae Jemison High School in Huntsville, AL., discovered one of their colleagues had no more sick days to tend to his infant daughter who was diagnosed with cancer, they donated their sick days to him.

David Green is a history teacher and a father to a 16-month-old girl who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia six months ago. His daughter is getting treatment 100 miles from home and she needs him to be there when he can.

Teachers at the school banded together to donate more than 100 sick days to the family.

"We were blown away with the response that we received with the sick days. We were hoping to get a couple days so he could be here once a week," Megan Green, Kinsley's mother, told CNN. "It is a huge blessing and we can't wait until we are in the position to give back and help others."

Teachers and faculty at nearby schools even got involved, despite going through their own struggles.

Wilma DeYampert, an assistant principal at Lakewood Elementary, works in the same school district with Green. She saw the story on Facebook and donated two

days. They are the only days she can afford, as she was diagnosed with breast cancer in February.

"I could not imagine having a child and being away from the child," DeYampert told CNN. "So, I just thought it was the right thing to do. My mom always said, 'You don't have to be rich to bless someone'."

Goldsmith Schiffman Elementary was another school where many teachers came together to help Green.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

A teen building homes for families in need



Daniella Benitez, a 14-year-old freshman at Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego, has made it her mission to help build homes for people in need alongside the nonprofit organization, Build a Miracle. It started when her family helped build a home in Tijuana that was sponsored by Daniella's school. "The day after completing the project, she woke up and told me she wanted to commit to building one home a year," said her mother, Ghada. Daniella recruited a team to raise the \$16,000 needed to provide a fully furnished home with running water, electricity, beds, and showers each year. She plans to personally go down and help build, paint, and furnish the homes, as well. This past spring, Daniella helped build a home that was just completed.

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Final Wave Goodbye To Grandmother

Hundreds of students in Comox, B.C. walked to an elderly woman's home on Thursday to show their appreciation and give her one more wave goodbye.



Tinney Davidson, 88, has been waving to students on their way to Highland Secondary School for the past 12 years.

Davidson and her late husband, Ken, started waving to the teenagers after the couple moved into the house in 2007. Soon the students were waving back.

But soon, Davidson won't be in her window when students go to school. She's moving to an assisted living center.

So, more than 400 kids walked to Davidson's house together to give one more wave goodbye.

The teenagers held signs and clapped and cheered as Davidson walked out onto her porch.



They counted down from three to blow her a group kiss.

"Oh, lovely, thank you," she said, holding a tissue.

"I was shocked again that's there's so many kids that want to say goodbye to me."

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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Cattle Rancher Brought To Tears By Act Of Kindness After Losing His Entire Herd In Flood

A Nebraska cattle rancher was brought to tears by the kindness he received from his community after he had lost his entire herd in a flood.



Todd Laudenklos often visits the Lolli Livestock Market in Macon, Missouri to not only sell his cattle, but to also help with the event.

Blake Coble, a good friend of Laudenklos, shared what happened at the event last week.

"One of my dear friends lost his whole herd (27 head) of Watusi cattle in all the flooding in Nebraska.

During the Watusi sale in Macon Missouri the owners of the sale barn stopped the sale and brought him in the sale ring and bought a bull and donated the profits to him so he could build his herd back up.

The person that bought the bull immediately donated the profits again and resold the bull again. Shortly after a gentlemen bought him another Watusi and donated it to him.

After that, they took donations for Him and I was shocked.... Person after person stood up and donated \$100... \$100...\$200...\$100...\$100. This went on for 20 minutes and at least 50 or 60 folks.

He was trying to be strong, but I saw tears flowing from his eyes.

This is how I know there is still so many good people in

this world!"

In total, more than \$5,000 was raised that night for Laudenklos, KHQA reported.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick



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DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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

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

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

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

May 17, 2019 - May 26, 2019 Theatre Tulsa presents: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - See "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night," an award-winning play headed to Tulsa for the first time. Based on the novel by Mark Haddon and adapted to stage by Simon Stephens, this play follows autistic teenager Christopher on his quest to investigate the

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death of a neighborhood dog. Along the way, Christopher discovers more about the community than he could have ever imagined. Don't miss this compelling performance at Tulsa Performing Arts Center. Tulsa Performing Arts Center 110 E 2nd St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-596-7111, 918-596-7122

May 22, 2019 Colter Wall in Concert - Don't miss Saskatchewan's own Colter Wall taking over Tulsa's historic Cain's Ballroom for one very special evening of whiskey-soaked Americana. This singer-songwriter has been building a word-of-mouth following with his taut tales of love and loss, delivered with a heartachingly raw baritone. Even though he's barely old enough to drink, this 23-year-old's music has evoked comparisons to the likes of Townes Van Zandt, Hank William, Ray LaMontagne, Robert Johnson and Johnny Cash. Don't miss your chance to catch this future legend as he stops by Tulsa. Cain's Ballroom 423 N Main St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-584-2306

May 23, 2019 Taste of Bixby - Enjoy an evening of great food, drinks and fun at the Taste of Bixby. This delicious food extravaganza features menu items from local and regional restaurants, grocery stores and small businesses. Find your new favorite place to dine as you sample delectable appetizers, entrees, beers from local breweries and much more. There will also be a kid's zone for little ones, and a live DJ to complete the evening. With so many options, there is something for even the pickiest palate at Taste of Bixby. Charley Young Event Park 50 W Dawes Ave Bixby, OK 74008 Phone: 918-366-9445

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May 23, 2019 Ariana Grande in Concert - Ariana Grande is headed to the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City as part of her Sweetener World Tour. Don't miss your chance to see Ariana Grande perform songs like "No Tears Left to Cry" and "Break Free" at this one night event. She will take the stage at the Chesapeake Energy Arena, which can seat nearly 20,000 and is located within easy walking distance of the Bricktown Entertainment District. Chesapeake Energy Arena 100 W Reno Ave Oklahoma City, OK 73102 Phone: 405-602-8500

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May 21, 2019 Pentatonix in Concert - Three-time Grammy Award winning group Pentatonix stops at Tulsa's BOK Center during their 2019 world tour. This a capella group got their big break as the winners of the reality competition show "The Sing Off," gaining massive recognition with YouTube videos of their unique performance style. See special guest and Emmy Award-winning artist Rachel Platten during this exciting evening performance. BOK Center 200 S Denver Ave Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

May 21, 2019 - May 24, 2019 Real Okie Championship - Amateur and professional golfers alike are invited to compete in the Real Okie Championship. Held at the Muskogee Golf Club, this four-day tournament will feature 72 holes of stroke play. Competitors will have the chance at taking home cash earnings for top rankings. Spectators are welcome, and players earn free lunch during the first three rounds of competition. Cheer on competitive golfers at the Real Okie Championship in Muskogee. Muskogee Golf Club 2400 N Country Club Rd Muskogee, OK 74403 Phone: 918-682-2401, 866-381-6543

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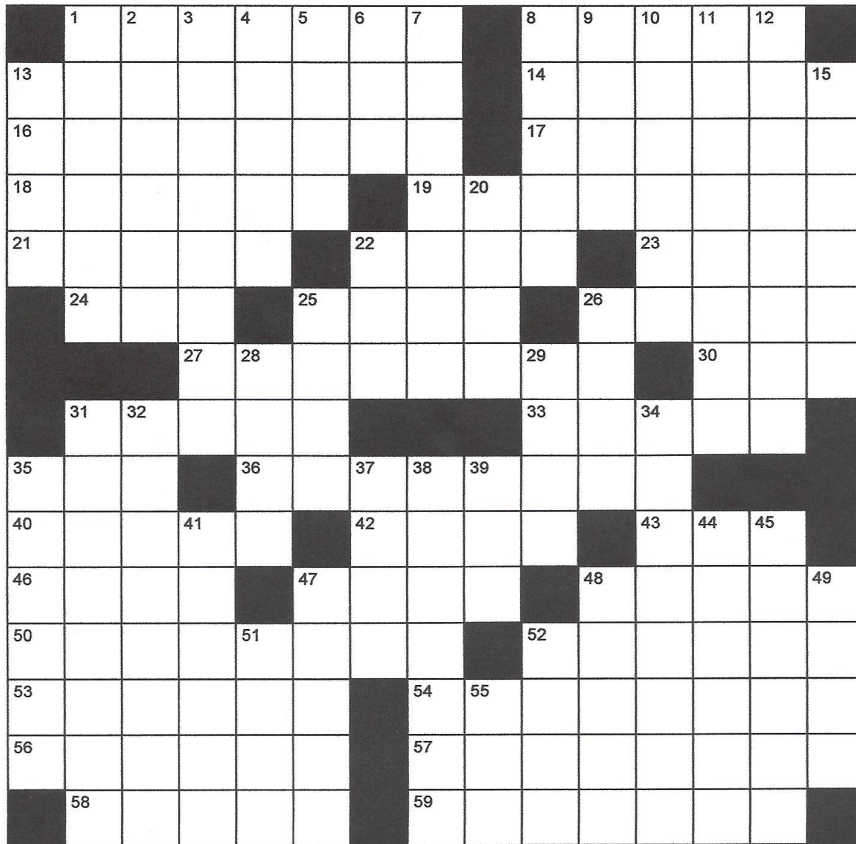
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By Nikki Hamilton
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Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Bill of ____
2. Playground rejoinder
3. Choral works
4. Aquatic animal
5. ____-pei
6. Tyke
7. Opposed combatants
8. Greenish blue shades
9. Big name in espionage
10. "A Prairie Home Companion" director
11. WWI aircraft brand
12. They'll bring the house down
13. Small plateau
15. Modus operandi
20. Pupil's locale
22. Expire
25. Spanish pronoun
26. Jog
28. Madrid ladies: Abbr.
29. French air hub
31. Like some very old shoes
32. Serve
34. Theater employee's task
35. Worked hard
37. Forefather
38. Explorer Richard Byrd's plane
39. OPEC mem.
41. Tennis unit
44. Soccer venues
45. Magazine throwaway
47. Tiny
48. Get started
49. Web site featuring crafts
51. Roster
52. Bad, in Barcelona
55. Not telling

Across

1. Tennis legend René
8. Protesters' chorus
13. Endurance contest
14. Presidents Bush and Clinton
16. Toothless
17. Aorta, for one
18. Kid watcher
19. Lowest degrees
21. Put ____ in (meddle)
22. Bosses, for short
23. Make ____ stop (break on the track)
24. "We've ____ Tonight" (Bob Seger hit)
25. "O" lead-in, in song
26. Instrument that matures in two to ten yrs.
27. Property tax estimator
30. Sleep phase
31. Big Iraqi port
33. Defeats soundly
35. Well-preserved king
36. Violent attacks
40. Von Bismarck et al.
42. "If ____ make a suggestion..."
43. "Bali ____" ("South Pacific" song)
46. Coast-to-coast hwy.
47. Fonda role in "Klute"
48. He wrote "The Happy Valley": 1968
50. More isolated
52. Least prominent
53. Terminates a romance
54. Daydreams
56. Absolutely hate
57. Of cooking
58. Crazy
59. Surrounded by

Word Search Puzzle

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CryptoQuote Puzzle

Topic: Pastimes

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Solution is on page 34

Logic Puzzle



		First Names				Soft Drinks				Teas			
		Ashley	Jasmin	Katelyn	Marcus	cherry cola	cola	grape soda	orange soda	black tea	green tea	herbal tea	puer tea
Times	5:00pm												
	6:00pm												
	9:00pm												
	9:30pm												
Teas	black tea												
	green tea												
	herbal tea												
	puer tea												
Soft Drinks	cherry cola												
	cola												
	grape soda												
	orange soda												

Logic Puzzles

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Times	First Names	Soft Drinks	Teas
5:00pm			
6:00pm			
9:00pm			
9:30pm			

1. The person who drank herbal tea is not Marcus.
2. The one who drinks cherry cola arrived later than Ashley.
3. Of Katelyn and Jasmin, one loves to drink cherry cola and the other drank green tea.
4. The person who arrived at 9:30pm drank green tea.
5. The person who drank black tea never drinks cola.
6. Either the person who arrived at 6:00pm or the person who arrived at 9:00pm is Ashley.
7. The person who drank green tea never drinks cherry cola or cola.
8. The person who drank herbal tea loves to drink grape soda.
9. The one who drinks cherry cola is not Jasmin.
10. The person who drank herbal tea arrived earlier than the one who drinks orange soda.

Quotes From Thinkers Around The World

If I know what love is, it is because of you.

Hermann Hesse

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

Hermann Hesse

It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is.

Hermann Hesse

People with courage and character always seem sinister to the rest.

Hermann Hesse

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

Hermann Hesse

Knowledge can be communicated, but not wisdom. One can find it, live it, be fortified by it, do wonders through it, but one cannot communicate and teach it.

Hermann Hesse

As a body everyone is single, as a soul never.

Hermann Hesse

I have been and still am a seeker, but I have ceased to question stars and books; I have begun to listen to the teaching my blood whispers to me.

Hermann Hesse

One never reaches home, but wherever friendly paths intersect the whole world looks like home for a time.

Hermann Hesse

Words do not express thoughts very well. They always become a little different immediately after they are expressed, a little distorted, a little foolish.

Hermann Hesse

“But you can't get away from yourself. You can't decide not to see yourself anymore. You can't decide to turn off the noise in your head.”

Jay Asher

“Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.”

C.G. Jung

The least of things with a meaning is worth more in life

than the greatest of things without it.

C.G. Jung

Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

C.G. Jung

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

C.G. Jung

We cannot change anything until we accept it. Condemnation does not liberate, it oppresses

C.G. Jung

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

C.G. Jung

Knowing your own darkness is the best method for dealing with the darkneses of other people.

C.G. Jung

There is no coming to consciousness without pain.

C.G. Jung

As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere being.

C.G. Jung

In all chaos there is a cosmos, in all disorder a secret order.

C.G. Jung

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

C.G. Jung

A hero is one who does what he can. The others don't.

Romain Rolland

One makes mistakes; that is life. But it is never a mistake to have loved.

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It is the artist's business to create sunshine when the sun fails.

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Skepticism, riddling the faith of yesterday, prepared the way for the faith of tomorrow.

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Some Riddles

Egg equation

If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will half a dozen hens lay in half a dozen days?

Card Questions

A small number of cards has been lost from a complete pack. If I deal among four people, three cards remain. If I deal among three people, two remain and if I deal among five people, two cards remain. How many cards are there?

The Murder of an Aristocrat

George Smith was murdered on Sunday evening. There were 5 other people in his house: Mr. Smith's wife, his personal cook, a butler, a housemaid, and a gardener. They all told Detective Stevens what they were doing that evening:

- Mrs. Smith was reading a book near a fireplace.
- The cook was making breakfast.
- The butler was giving instructions to workers in the living room.
- The housemaid was washing the dishes.
- The gardener was watering plants in the greenhouse.

Right after all the conversations, the detective arrested the murderer. Who was the killer, and how did Stevens find the criminal? The answer is on the back.

Silly murderer

The detective was speaking to a doctor in a waiting room when a dismayed man rushed in and screamed, "Someone shot my wife!"

The detective asked the man to tell him everything. **The man, Mr. Clark, said that he was at work when his housekeeper called him and said that something terrible had happened to his wife and that she was in the intensive care unit.** He hung up immediately and went to the hospital.

When Mr. Clark finished his story, the detective arrested him on an attempted murder charge. Why did he do this?

Blood ties

A millionaire was shot in the forehead at home. The detective spoke to the millionaire's 3 sons, Jack, John, and James, who were at home.

Jack said that night John, their father, and he had been at an official reception. They arrived home and entered the living room: his father came in, and then John and Jack. When their father came up to the stairs, James entered the living room and shot their father.

John confirmed Jack's information.

James said he had visited his friends that night. When

he arrived home, his father was already dead.

The detective understood everything immediately. Who was the killer, and how did Stevens resolve that case?

Escape

The detective once had to find an escaped prisoner. He knew that the criminal was hiding in one of these houses. But he had to know the exact address so as not to frighten away the criminal. First, he took a photo of the houses with the help of a drone. When he looked at the photo, he realized where the criminal was. Where was that fugitive, and how was he found?

Romantic journey

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde went on a trip to the mountains. But 2 days later, Mr. Clyde returned home alone. **He went to the police and said that Mrs. Clyde had fallen to her death.**

The next day, Detective Stevens visited Mr. Clyde and arrested him for his wife's murder. Clyde confessed his guilt and asked the detective how he'd found out he was the murderer. Stevens said he'd simply called a travel agent and asked for some information.

What did the travel agent say to the detective?

Friendly murder

Mary and Ben lived with their 4 friends. One day, Ben came home and found Mary dead on a sofa. He called the police.

The detective arrived and realized that Mary had been killed not so long ago. He interrogated all 4 friends.

Mia was in the kitchen and said she'd come home 2 hours ago and gone to the kitchen.

John was reading a book in the garden. He said he hadn't left the place that day.

Jennifer said she had been swimming in a swimming pool for 3 hours.

Jane was painting in her room.

The detective asked everyone to show him their hands and found out who lied to him. That person was the murderer. How did Stevens discover the criminal?

Detective's tragedy

One morning, the detective had an argument with his wife and went away without his cell phone and keys. In the evening, when he returned home, he found his colleague, his scared wife, and a murdered man. Stevens's wife told her story:

"I was sitting in the living room when I heard the doorbell. I thought it was my husband and opened the door. **But a criminal pushed me, and so I stabbed him with a knife.**"

The detective ordered the policeman to arrest his wife because she had planned to kill him.

How did the detective figure it out?

Answers to Riddles

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Egg equation

Two dozen. If you increase both the number of hens and the amount of time available four-fold, the number of eggs increases 16 times. $16 \times 1.5 = 24$.

Card Questions

There are 47 cards.

The Murder of an Aristocrat

The cook. The murder was committed in the evening. But he said he was making breakfast.

Silly murderer

Mr. Clark did not know anything about a shot. His housekeeper only said that something bad happened to his wife.

Blood ties

John and Jack lied. If James had killed their father, a bullet would have shot him in his nape because he wanted to go upstairs.

Escape

The murderer was in House A because a car was parked near the road so as to escape quickly.

Romantic journey

Mr. Clyde bought 2 plane tickets to the mountains and only one return ticket.

Friendly murder

If Jennifer had been in a swimming pool for so long, the skin of her palms would have been wrinkled.

Detective's tragedy

Mrs. Stevens planned to kill her husband because she went to open the door with a knife, though she thought it was her husband.



9:30pm	9:00pm	6:00pm	5:00pm
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Orange soda	Cherry cola	Grape soda	Cola
Green tea	Black tea	Herbal tea	Puer tea

Logic Puzzle Solution



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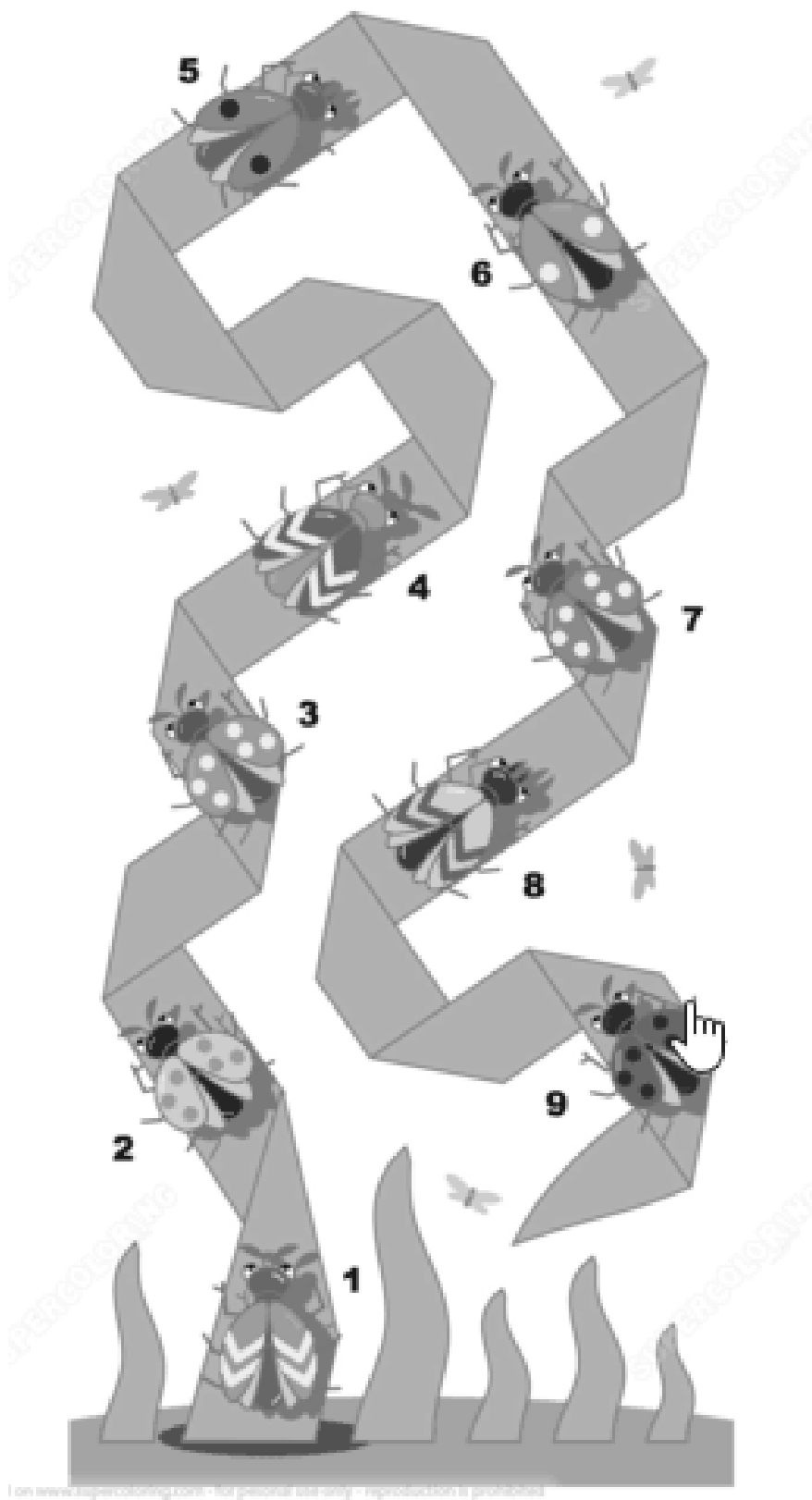
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"In primitive society, when native tribes beat the ground with clubs and yelled, it was called witchcraft; today, in civilized society, it is called golf."

- Unknown

Golf Jokes

Golf is enjoyable like Eggs:

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy some more.

Greens OK?:

A guy on vacation finishes his round, goes into the clubhouse. The head pro says, "did you have a good time out there?" The man replied "fabulous, thank you." "You're welcome," said the pro. "How did you find the greens?" Said the man: "Easy. I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were!"

Drowning your sorrows:

After a particularly poor round, a golfer spotted a lake as he walked despondently up the 18th. He looked at his caddie and said, "I've played so badly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake." The caddie, quick as a flash, replied, "I'm not sure you could keep your head down that long."

The fisherman:

What is the difference between a golfer and a fisherman? When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it.

A classic:

Why do golfers always carry a spare pair of trousers with them? In case they get a hole in one.

The Rider:

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider? The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Lighting Strike:

What should you do if your round of golf is interrupted by a lightning storm? Walk around holding your 1-iron above your head, because even Mother Nature can't hit a 1-iron.

What else are doctors good at besides there occupation:

Where can you find 100 doctors all at the same place on any given day? A golf course!!"

Did you know this About Scottish People:

Do you know why there are 18 holes on a golf course? Because that's how long it took the Scotts who invented the game to finish their bottle of whiskey!

Marriage Made with a Long Putt :

You spend too much time thinking about golf! Do you even remember the day we got married? Of course I do! It was the same day I sank that 45-foot putt.

Mark of respect

Two golfers are ready to play on the 11th tee as a funeral cortege passes by. The first player stops, doffs his cap, and bows his head as the cortege passes.

"That was a really nice thing to do," the second golfer says. "It's good to see there is still some respect in the world."

"Well, it's only right," the first golfer replies. "I was married to her for 35 years."

World's worst

A golfer was having a terrible round – 20-over par for the front nine with scores of balls lost in water or rough.

When his caddie then coughed as he steadied himself over a 12-inch putt on the 10th, he lost it.

"You've got to be the worst caddie in the world!" he yelled.

"I doubt it," replied the caddie, dead-pan. "That would be too much of a coincidence."

A word of advice

If you drink, don't drive. And don't even putt.

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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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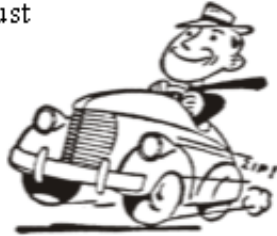
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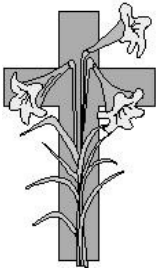
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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

Waiting For That Day Easter was always my favorite holiday next to Christmas when I was growing up. Besides the excitement of getting a new dress and new shoes for church, it was because we got to see our cousins from

Wichita after a long winter apart.

Our cousins came home to Vinita for Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Rodeo Week, and Labor Day, but they stayed in Wichita the rest of the year to celebrate the holidays there. Their daddy and my mama were brother and sister who had grown up out north of Vinita on a little farm and still called Vinita home. Since there wasn't a house on the old farm, everyone always gathered at our little house to visit.

If they didn't have any car trouble or flats they usually pulled into Vinita by 9 o'clock on Friday night but I started watching for them as soon as supper was over. Every few minutes I'd go look out the front door expecting them to drive in. Any time a car drove by, I just knew it was them, so I'd race out the door.

When the lights of the car shined on the front door, I ran out

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the front door, slamming the screen door behind me. I always wanted to be the first one there when the car pulled into the driveway. Before the car had even come to a complete stop, I already had the car door open, and I was inside, on their laps, hugging and kissing.

That's how I imagine it will be when we are ready to go to heaven. Our loved ones who have gone there ahead of us will be waiting for us to arrive. Some of them will be so excited they might even show up early to escort us across the great divide. You know, it is common for people who are getting ready to go to heaven to see a loved one coming to escort them home..

Jesus told us, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2-3.

This isn't home. Heaven is home.

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