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## Bastille Day



### Bastille Day Facts

Bastille Day, or the French National Day, is celebrated on July 14th every year in France. It is a day to celebrate and remember the beginning of the French Revolution, following the storming of the Bastille in Paris, which was a fortress and prison representing French Royalty in 1789. Following the Storming of the Bastille, Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI fled, leaving the Bastille to be pillaged and burned. The Bastille itself was built in approximately the year 1370 to help defend Paris in the 100 Years War.

### Interesting Bastille Day Facts:

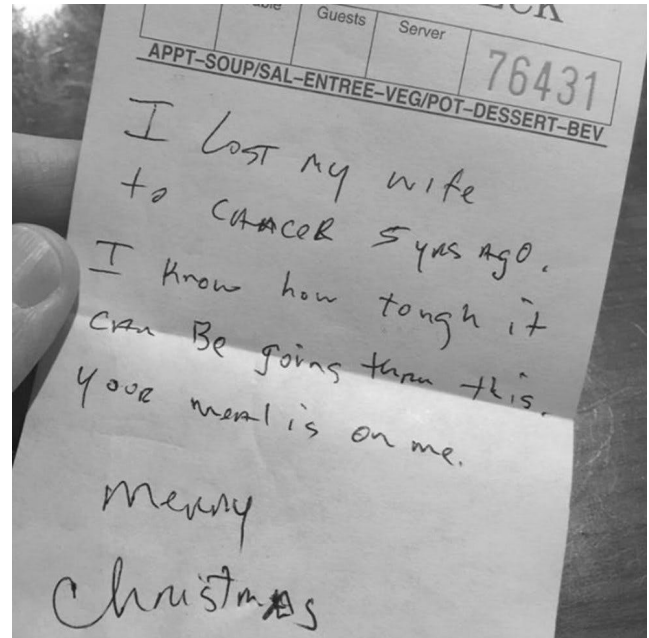
- Bastille originates from the French word for stronghold - bas-tide.
- Beginning in 1417 the Bastille was a prison for those who opposed France's kings.
- From the period between 1420 and 1436 the English had control of the Bastille.
- King Louis XVI asked, "Is it a revolt?" when he learned of the attack on the Bastille. He was told "No Sire, it is a revolution."
- The mob that stormed the Bastille also stole all the weapons they could find to use in their revolution against the monarchy.
- After the Storming of the Bastille and prior to the formation of the French Republic in 1792 many aris-

tocrats were executed in France in what is referred to as 'The Reign of Terror'.

- Although the Bastille had enough space to hold 50 prisoners, when it was stormed there were only seven prisoners, including one deviant aristocrat, two lunatics and four forgers.
- Bastille Day became a national holiday in France in 1880, less than 100 years after the Storming of the Bastille.
- The French celebrate Bastille Day as a way to recognize the significance of the Storming of the Bastille as the end of the royal monarchy and the beginning of its modern republic.
- Bastille Day is celebrated in Paris with a parade on the Champs Elysees called the Bastille Day Military Parade. The Champs-Elysees is decorated with flags for the annual parade.
- The French President usually gives a speech following the Bastille Day Military Parade. This parade is the oldest European military parade.
- The Bastille Day Military Parade ends at the Arc de Triomphe, a large monument that honors those who died while fighting for France during the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars.
- Most municipalities in France celebrate Bastille Day beginning with a Mayoral speech. This is often followed by a war memorial wreath-laying.
- France is not the only country to celebrate Bastille Day. In some parts of the United States, such as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, there is a Bastille Day celebration as well. In Milwaukee the celebration lasts four days and they even have a replica of the Eiffel Tower that is 43 feet in height.
- Bastille Day is celebrated in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and in the United States.
- The famous writer and philosopher Voltaire was once a prisoner of the Bastille.
- In addition to the Bastille Day Military Parade in Paris, there are fireworks, dances, music, food and street celebrations in Paris and across the rest of the country.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

## Diner pays for cancer sufferer's meal



A woman with breast cancer was stunned to learn her and her family's meal had been paid for by a stranger at the Chinese restaurant where they were dining in December 2016.

The kind diner explained that they they had lost their wife to cancer and wanted to give Jerina Edwards, who has lost her hair through treatment, an early Christmas present.

Edwards, from Oklahoma, wrote on Facebook: "More than anything, having cancer has shown me that there are a lot of good:people in this world... Whoever you are – thank you."

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# Disaster Field Operations Center West

**Release Date: June 18, 2019**  
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## **SBA to Open Business Recovery Center in Muskogee to Help Businesses Impacted by Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center today announced the opening of an SBA Business Recovery Center in Muskogee on Monday, June 24, to provide a wide range of services to businesses impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding that occurred May 7 - June 9, 2019.

“Due to the severe property damage and economic losses the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding inflicted on Oklahoma businesses, we want to provide every available service to help get them back on their feet,” said SBA’s Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West. “The center will provide a one-stop location for businesses to access a variety of specialized help. SBA customer service representatives will be available to meet individually with each business owner,” she added. No appointment is necessary. All services are provided free of charge. The center will open as indicated below.

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**Opens 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 24**  
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“SBA customer service representatives will meet with each business owner to explain how an SBA disaster loan can help finance their recovery. They will answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each business owner complete their electronic loan application,” Garfield said.

According to State Director Michele Campbell, Oklahoma Small Business Development Center business advisors are available by appointment to provide business assistance to clients on a wide variety of matters designed to help small business owners re-establish their operations, overcome the effects of the disaster and plan for their future. “Services include assessing business working capital needs, evaluating the business’s strength, cash flow projections, and most importantly, a review of options with the business owner to help them evaluate their alternatives and make decisions that are appropriate for their situation,” she said.

According to Garfield, businesses of any size and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. These loans cover losses that are not fully covered by insurance or other recoveries.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

For business owners who are unable to visit the business recovery center, they may apply online using SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

SBA representatives will meet with business owners and residents at disaster recovery centers located throughout the impacted area as they are established. For a list of locations, or to receive additional disaster assistance information, visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**The deadline to apply for property damage is July 31, 2019. The deadline to apply for economic injury is March 2, 2020.**

## The Young and the Old

My 4 Year old daughter and I went to a Trader Joe's Market was 2 Towns over to pick up an assortment of flowers to arrange for my volunteer event. At check out, my daughter waited on a bench next to the exit door. When I finished, my daughter was seated next to an elderly woman who was reading a book.

I asked her if she usually comes to Trader Joe's to read. She responded, "I am reading while waiting for the bus to go home." Not knowing how long the next bus would come along, I offered to take her home, if it wasn't too far. Her home was 10 Minutes away. I said that my daughter and I were not in a rush and we'd be happy to drop her off.

She agreed. She was very attentive to my daughter. I believe that my daughter's youthful presence brought a smile to her day. It was a nice opportunity to be able to provide someone a ride when needed. The nice thing was that my daughter and I gained a new friendship. We promised to visit and have lunch with her.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## Light At The End of Dark Tunnel

I happened to face loneliness and difficulties which made me dull for a while. During, this time, when anyone approached me, respected me or supported me in smallest way, I noticed it and felt grateful. I had taken small gestures like being welcomed, Thought of or included for granted.

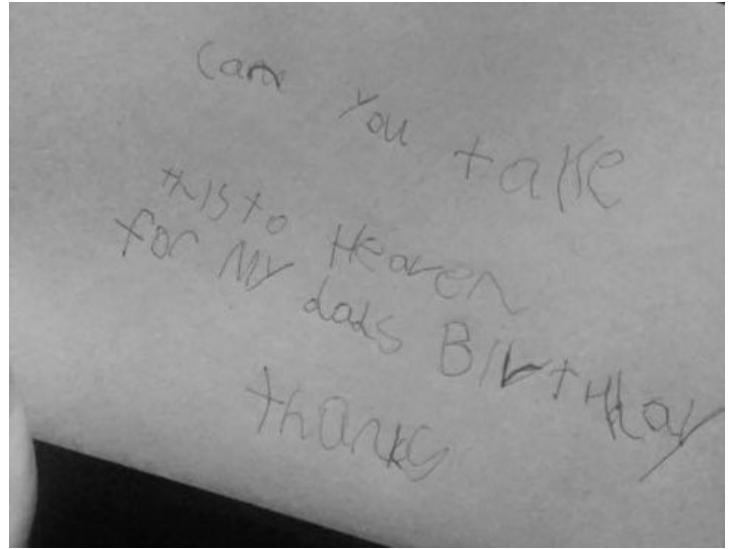
However, during this emotional phase, I noticed each of these and was humble, simple and thankful to others. I had built walls around myself and was keeping my distance, having dutiful relations, not friendly connections with a few people this even included family members, because of holding small grudges against them.

During, this trying phase, when they were kind in little ways, I noticed it and was able to acknowledge and accept it. I realize some of these walls were either shaken or partly broken. Now, if these same people are able to interact with me or call me; freely, as a friendly connection; I notice the difference in quality and feel happy about it.

Sometimes, it takes adversaries to create holes in walls, through which light can enter. The universe is so generously giving, that every dark cloud has at least one silver lining. My faith is restored: There is always light at the end of the tunnel! Every action matters tremendously.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## A boy sent a letter to his dad in heaven, and the postman sent back a heartwarming response.

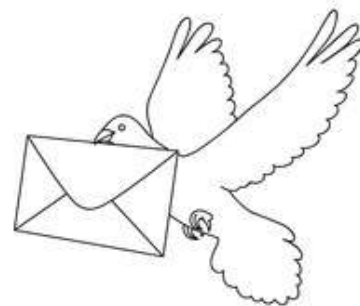


A 7-year-old boy named Jase from the United Kingdom sent a birthday letter to his late father, addressed to heaven. Not knowing the exact location, Jase wrote on the envelope: "Mr. Postman, Can you take this to Heaven for my dad's birthday?"

Much to Jase's surprise, he got a response from the Royal Mail a few weeks later. The Royal Mail's Assistant Delivery Office Manager, Sean Milligan, assured Jase that his letter had been delivered successfully, writing: "Please be assured that his particular important item of mail has been delivered. I will continue to do all I can to ensure delivery to Heaven safely."

Jase's mother posted about her son's excitement in a Facebook post that has since gone viral, saying: "I actually cannot state how emotional he is knowing his dad got his card ... Royal Mail, you've just restored my faith in humanity."

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



# A King's Painting



Once upon a time, there was a Kingdom. The king there only had one leg and one eye, but he was very intelligent and kind. Everyone in his kingdom lived a happy and a healthy life because of their king. One day the king was walking through the palace hallway and saw the portraits of his ancestors. He thought that one day his children will walk in the same hallway and remember all the ancestors through these portraits.

But, the king did not have his portrait painted. Due to his physical disabilities, he wasn't sure how his painting would turn out. So he invited many famous painters from his and other kingdoms to the court. The king then announced that he wants a beautiful portrait made of himself to be placed in the palace. Any painter who can carry out this should come forward. He will be rewarded based on how the painting turns up.

All of the painters began to think that the king only has one leg and one eye. How can his picture be made very beautiful? It is not possible and if the picture does not turn out to look beautiful then the king will get angry and punish them. So one by one, all started to make excuses and politely declined to make a painting of the king.

But suddenly one painter raised his hand and said that I will make a very beautiful portrait of you which you will surely like. The king became happy hearing that and other painters got curious. The king gave him the permission and the painter started drawing the portrait. He then filled the drawing with paints. Finally, after taking a long time, he said that the portrait was ready!

All of the courtiers, other painters were curious and nervous thinking, How can the painter make the king's portrait beautiful because the king is physically disabled? What if the king didn't like the painting and gets angry? But when the painter presented the portrait, everyone in the court, including the king, left stunned.

The painter made a portrait in which the king was sitting on the horse, on the one-leg side, holding his bow and aiming the arrow with his one eye closed. The king was very pleased to see that the painter has made a beautiful portrait by cleverly hiding the king's disabili-

ties. The King gave him a great reward.

Moral: We should always think positive of others and ignore their deficiencies. We should learn to focus on the good things instead of trying to hide weaknesses. If we think and approach positively even in a negative situation, then we will be able to solve our problems more efficiently.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

## Supermarket pays for old lady's shopping – and police drive her home

In July 2016, West Yorkshire Police received a call from staff at Sainsbury's in Huddersfield. An elderly lady had gone into the supermarket and chosen some shopping and flowers – but, suffering from dementia, she became confused and distressed about what to do next.

According to a Facebook post from West Yorkshire Police's Kirklees Rural branch, Sainsbury's staff let the lady take her shopping home for free. 'PC Dave' then drove her home, holding her hand all the way to reassure her.

"Once the lady was home, PC Dave got her settled, put her flowers on display in the window, and put her shopping away," said Kirklees Rural police. "All in a day's work!"

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



**We want to thank the businesses who made DONATIONS for Community Options 20th Anniversary celebration held July 12, 2019. They were: Walker's Hardware, Chelsea Pharmacy, Dollar General, BS Stop, Harps Grocery, Cowboy Barber, Morgan's Donut, Casey's Convenience store and Perfect Food & Gas, Lakeside State Bank, Legends Hardwoods, LLC.**

# The Ultimate Act Of Kindness



When you live on the streets a few pounds can mean a day without hunger, but for Preston's 'Robbie' - one of the city's homeless folk - it meant safety for a student as he offered up his last £3 to pay for her taxi home. Dominique Harrison-Bentzen, 22, was touched by his overwhelming act of kindness and organised a 'sleep out' to raise money for a deposit on a flat for the thoughtful man.

After driving around for four nights with her mum on a mission to find him, the University of Lancashire student finally saw her saviour and thanked him. She has now smashed her £12,500 ensuring Robbie will be able to set up home once more!

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

# Christmas Wish Comes True



All anyone really wants for Christmas is to be around their family with a warm meal inside them, but for homeless man George Cunningham, this wish seemed out of reach - until he met photographer Lee who changed the course of his Christmas Day and potentially his life forever!

He told Lee, who takes pictures for Facebook page 'Humans of Ireland', that he'd love a turkey dinner on the 25th December. After word got out via the social networking site, Lee was contacted by George's sister who hadn't seen or spoken to him in 12 years. George finally headed home for the first time in over a decade to spend Christmas day with his long lost family!

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

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Bart Sanders, Maintenance Supervisor was voted Employee of the Month by the Resident Council. He has worked for this facility for 7.5 years. He was born in Bartlesville OK on August 23, 1978. His beautiful wife of 14 years is also employed here. They have no children but have raised numerous nieces and nephews.

Bart became a Black Belt in Taekwondo and Jujitsu in his teens. His hobbies are tractoring, fishing and video games. When asked what he loved about our facility he said "That's easy —The Residents."

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# The Amazing Spider-Dad



Proud father Mike Wilson became an internet sensation when he decided to give an extra special birthday gift to his son Jaden, who was terminally ill having been diagnosed with a grade 4 brain stem tumor. The doting dad dressed up in replica Spider-Man suit in a bid to celebrate the tot's 5th birthday and make it magical for the youngster. The touching moment was captured on film and has since been viewed over nine million times! Jayden's father Mark Wilson confirmed that his brave son passed away peacefully before Christmas having battled with the tumour since his diagnosis in 2013.

# The Homeless Hairdresser



Mark Bustos isn't your average stylist. In addition to his day job at a hip New York salon, he spends his Sunday's cutting hair for homeless people in the American city. His tagline: #BeAwesomeToSomebody.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

# Miracle Midwives



Three sisters lent a helping hand in the delivery of a baby after a woman went into labour outside Primark in Birmingham. The shocked sisters noticed that the heavily pregnant shopper had been looking a little weary and it wasn't long before they found themselves playing a crucial role in the birth of her child.

According to reports she was giving birth for around 10 minutes by the time medical assistance arrived on the scene, while staff at the high street store even helped out by offering towels and using bed sheets to help maintain the expectant mother's modesty. The proud mother gave birth to a baby girl and in a final bid to congratulate her, well-wishers along the high street pulled together approximately £300 as a gift.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

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## Pocket Money Pet Care



Whilst most young children would probably spend their pocket money on pick ‘n’ mix sweets, one young boy from the Philippines decided to pull his money together to feed stray dogs in his neighbourhood! Nine-year-old Ken Amante became an internet sensation after his story went viral and it wasn’t long before donations from across the world came flooding in so that he could fulfill his dream of setting up his own animal shelter, Happy Animals Cub.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

## Snore Outdoors



A teenager endured sub-zero temperatures after he decided to sleep in his tree house outside of his home in Minnesota, every night for a whole year to raise money for charity. According to his blog Snore Outdoors, he invited friends to him celebrate his 356th night and raised over \$6,000 for a charity that helps the homeless.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

## IKEA is letting stray dogs sleep on its rugs this Winter



For most of us, enjoying cosy nights in during the winter months is the best thing about the chilly season.

And it seems the same is true for dogs, too. Which is why IKEA in Catania in Italy is welcoming stray dogs through its doors to get a kip on a rug.

The Swedish furniture store opened its doors to all dogs this winter – with customers and employees welcoming their presence in the display living rooms.

According to the Dodo, people are even making sure the loveable dogs have enough food – with many people sharing images of the dogs on Instagram.

Here’s hoping the same happens on our shores this December.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

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## 250 people form a human chain to help their local bookshop move its stock



There's a lot to be said for the power of reading, not least that it can inspire humans to do great things. And a group of around 250 people proved this to be the case when they gathered together to form a human chain, to help transport books for a community bookshop.

The bookshop, called October Books, is a Southampton-based, not-for-profit cooperative that has been running for 40 years. It recently acquired new premises, bought with money from local investors, and called upon members of the community to help it move its stock 150 metres down the road to its new home.

"I get quite emotional thinking about the amazing people who have come out to support us so far," Clare Diaper, a volunteer at the shop, told BBC.

When the new shop opens, it will also dedicate its first floor to providing long-term living space for homeless people in the area.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

## Stranger tracks down obscure book after spotting Twitter



In January 2017, London-based writer Eli Goldstone appealed to her Twitter followers to help her find an obscure book she'd spotted on the internet.

"This is the most beautiful book I have ever seen," wrote Goldstone, sharing a photo of *Karp*, a 1981 collection of animal stories for children compiled by Estonian writer Harri Jõgisalu. "Can anyone find it for me? I want it."

Goldstone wasn't genuinely expecting anyone to get in touch – and so she was stunned to receive a private Twitter message a week later from a woman named Kärt Kalvet.

"Hi!" wrote Kalvet. "I stumbled onto your Twitter page completely by chance and after a bit of scrolling was surprised to see your tweet about an Estonian book. I am writing to you to ask if you'd actually want an edition of it because as I live in Estonia... I could get you one!"

Kalvet explained that original editions of *Karp* could be bought in second-hand bookshops in Estonia for around £2.50 (€3) – and in April, a copy wrapped in brown paper dropped through Goldstone's letterbox.

"It is a story of the sweet generosity of a stranger," said Goldstone.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

**This 17-year-old surprised his classmates with special needs by buying them sneakers after they said they liked his shoes.**



Roderick Mathis, a 17-year-old senior at Lancaster High School, has pretty cool shoes. When his classmates with special needs told him that they liked his Vans sneakers, he decided to get them pairs of their own.

He shared a video of the sweet surprise on Twitter, where it has been viewed more than 3.68 million times.

"They told me they liked my shoes, and I promise[d] them I'll get them some so I did," he captioned the video.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

**A man who volunteers at his local animal shelter daily went viral for taking naps with the special-needs cats.**



A man named Terry regularly volunteers at Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, a no-kill cat sanctuary located in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Every day, Terry comes in to brush the special-needs cats, and he often falls asleep with them.

Safe Haven decided to write an appreciation post for Terry on Facebook, and it quickly went viral. People even started donating to the shelter in his honor, quickly surpassing \$10,000.

"We are so lucky to have a human like Terry," Safe Haven's post said.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick



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# A dad asked the internet to send his bullied son birthday wishes and "broke Twitter" when celebrities responded.



A Twitter user named Christopher (@Hopenlesmyth) asked people on Twitter if they knew of someone famous who could send birthday messages to his son Ollie for his ninth birthday. In a series of tweets, he explained that Ollie was being bullied by someone who kept making him feel worthless, and that he could use some positive energy on his big day.

Ollie's parents were overwhelmed by the number of kind, enthusiastic responses — 6,500 replies and 14,000 retweets, to be exact. People around the world sent Ollie their best, as did celebrities like actor Russell Crowe and YouTube stars Alfie Deyes and Zoe Sugg.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

## Mom Sends Son With Autism On Flight Solo And Receives This From A Stranger

When her 7-year-old son had to fly alone to visit his father, Alexa Bjornson was a little worried.

Her son, Landon, has high-functioning autism, but traveling can be difficult for him. So, she gave her son a note to present to the passenger seated next to him on the flight.

"Today my son took his first flight to Oregon to see his dad," Bjornson wrote in a Facebook post. "I sent Landon with a letter to give to whoever sat next to me saying he has high functioning autism so he might be nervous and ask you 'are we there yet' a lot, and please just make him feel safe and comfortable, with 10 dollars in the note."

Ben Pedraza ended up sitting next to Landon.

At the end of the flight, Pedraza snapped a photo with Landon and sent it to Bjornson with a reassuring message



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Alexa,  
My name is Ben. I was Landon's seat neighbor for his flight to Portland. He did ask if we were there yet several times but he was a great travel buddy. We had a good time and played a few rounds of rock-paper-scissors. He's a great kid and you're a lucky mom. I appreciate the \$10 but it wasn't necessary. I donated it to [Autism-Society.org](https://www.autism-society.org) in honor of Landon. Have a great day!

"(Landon) did ask if we were there yet several times but he was a great travel buddy. We had a good time and played a few rounds of rock-paper-scissors," Pedraza wrote. "He's a great kid and you're a lucky mom."

Bjornson told KATU she is "so grateful" for Pedraza's kindness toward her son.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

# Mother's Sacrifice



My mom only had one eye. I hated her... she was such an embarrassment. My mom ran a small shop at a flea market. She collected little weeds and such to sell... anything for the money we needed she was such an embarrassment. There was this one day during elementary school.

I remember that it was field day, and my mom came. I was so embarrassed. How could she do this to me? I threw her a hateful look and ran out. The next day at school... "Your mom only has one eye?!" and they taunted me.

I wished that my mom would just disappear from this world so I said to my mom, "Mom, why don't you have the other eye?! You're only going to make me a laughingstock. Why don't you just die?" My mom did not respond. I guess I felt a little bad, but at the same time, it felt good to think that I had said what I'd wanted to say all this time. Maybe it was because my mom hadn't punished me, but I didn't think that I had hurt her feelings very badly.

That night... I woke up, and went to the kitchen to get a glass of water. My mom was crying there, so quietly, as if she was afraid that she might wake me. I took a look at her, and then turned away. Because of the thing I had said to her earlier, there was something pinching at me in the corner of my heart. Even so, I hated my mother who was crying out of her one eye. So I told myself that I would grow up and become successful, because I hated my one-eyed mom and our desperate poverty.

Then I studied really hard. I left my mother and came to Seoul and studied, and got accepted in the Seoul University with all the confidence I had. Then, I got married. I bought a house of my own. Then I had kids, too. Now I'm living happily as a successful man. I like it here because it's a place that doesn't remind me of my mom.

This happiness was getting bigger and bigger, when someone unexpected came to see me "What?! Who's this?!" It was my mother... Still with her one eye. It felt as if the whole sky was falling apart on me. My little

girl ran away, scared of my mom's eye.

And I asked her, "Who are you? I don't know you!!" as if I tried to make that real. I screamed at her "How dare you come to my house and scare my daughter! Get out of here now!!" And to this, my mother quietly answered, "oh, I'm so sorry. I may have gotten the wrong address," and she disappeared. Thank goodness... she doesn't recognize me. I was quite relieved. I told myself that I wasn't going to care, or think about this for the rest of my life.

Then a wave of relief came upon me... one day, a letter regarding a school reunion came to my house. I lied to my wife saying that I was going on a business trip. After the reunion, I went down to the old shack, that I used to call a house...just out of curiosity there, I found my mother fallen on the cold ground. But I did not shed a single tear. She had a piece of paper in her hand... it was a letter to me.

She wrote:

My son,

I think my life has been long enough now. And... I won't visit Seoul anymore... but would it be too much to ask if I wanted you to come visit me once in a while? I miss you so much. And I was so glad when I heard you were coming for the reunion. But I decided not to go to the school.... For you... I'm sorry that I only have one eye, and I was an embarrassment for you.

You see, when you were very little, you got into an accident, and lost your eye. As a mother, I couldn't stand watching you having to grow up with only one eye... so I gave you mine... I was so proud of my son that was seeing a whole new world for me, in my place, with that eye. I was never upset at you for anything you did. The couple times that you were angry with me. I thought to myself, 'it's because he loves me.' I miss the times when you were still young around me.

I miss you so much. I love you. You mean the world to me.

My World Shattered. I hated the person who only lived for me. I cried for My Mother, I didn't know of any way that will make up for my worst deeds...

Moral: Never Ever hate anyone for their disabilities. Never disrespect your parents, don't ignore and underestimate their sacrifices. They give us life, they raise us better than they had been, they give and keep trying to give better than they ever had. They never wish unwell for their kids even in their wildest dreams. They always

try showing right path and being motivator. Parents give up all for kids, forgive all mistakes made by kids. There is no way to repay what they done for kids, all we can do is try giving what they need and it is just time, love and respect.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

## Struggles of our Life



Once upon a time, a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.

Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.

Turning to her, he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer", he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.

He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity-the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The po-

tato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which one are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it and what you make out of it. Life is all about leaning, adopting and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

## The Generous Cabbie

The other day, I was travelling on an app-based cab. My daughter was accompanying me. It was hot and humid. We stopped at the traffic signal. Suddenly, there was a top on the window. A homeless man was standing outside in the heat. He hands were crooked and shaking. He could not speak properly,

But explained in both signs as well as some unintelligible words that he was very thirsty and wanted some water to drink. Just as I opened my purse to give him money for a water bottle, I was pleasantly surprised to see the cab driver's thoughtfulness. He rolled down the window and gave the man a big unopened cold water bottle, which he must have purchased for himself.

The man took the bottle, walked hurriedly to the curb and sat down, gulping the water thirstily. I silently thanked God for putting such kind, generous and thoughtful souls into a world slowly going towards apathy and a non-caring attitude.

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# The Wicked Barber's Plight



As we all know, Birbal was not only Emperor Akbar's favorite minister but also a minister dearly loved by most of the commoners, because of his ready wit and wisdom. People used to come to him from far and wide for advice on personal matters too. However, there was a group of ministers that were jealous of his growing popularity and disliked him intensely. They outwardly showered him with praise and compliments, but on the inside, they began to hatch a plot to kill him.

One day they approached the king's barber with a plan. As the barber was extremely close to the king, they asked him to help them get rid of Birbal permanently. And of course, they promised him a huge sum of money in return. The wicked barber readily agreed.

The next time the king required his services, the barber started a conversation about the emperor's father who he also used to serve. He sang praises of his fine, silky-smooth hair. And then as an afterthought, he asked the king that as he was enjoying such great prosperity, had he made an attempt to do anything for the welfare of his ancestors?

The king was furious at such impertinent stupidity and told the barber that it was not possible to do anything because they were already dead. The barber mentioned that he knew of a magician who could come of help. The magician could send a person up to heaven to enquire about his father's welfare. But of course this person would have to be chosen carefully; he would have to be intelligent enough to follow the magician's instructions as well as make on-the-spot decisions. He must be wise, intelligent and responsible. The barber then suggested the best person for the job – the wisest of all ministers, Birbal.

The king was very excited about hearing from his dead father and asked the barber to go ahead and make the arrangements immediately. He asked him what was needed to be done. The barber explained that they would take Birbal in a procession to the burial grounds and light a pyre. The magician would then chant some

'mantras' as Birbal would ascend to the heavens through the smoke. The chanting would help protect Birbal from the fire.

The king happily informed Birbal of this plan. Birbal said that he thought it a brilliant idea and wanted to know the brain behind it. When learning that it was the barber's idea, he agreed to go to heaven on condition that he be given a large sum of money for the long journey as well as one month's time to settle his family so that they had no trouble while he was gone. The king agreed to both conditions.

In the duration of this month, he got a few trustworthy men to build a tunnel from the funeral grounds to his house. And on the day of the ascension, after the pyre had been lit, Birbal escaped through the concealed door of the tunnel. He disappeared into his house where he hid for a few months while his hair and beard grew long and unruly.

In the meantime, his enemies were rejoicing as they thought that they had seen the last of Birbal. Then one day after many, many months Birbal arrived at the palace with news of the king's father. The king was extremely pleased to see him and ready with a barrage of questions. Birbal told the king that his father was in the best of spirits and had been provided with all the comforts except one.

The king wanted to know what was lacking because now he thought he had found a way to send things and people to heaven. Birbal answered that there were no barbers in heaven, which is why even he was forced to grow his own beard. He said that his father had asked for a good barber.

So the king decided to send his own barber to serve his father in heaven. He called both the barber and the magician to prepare to send him to heaven. The barber could say absolutely nothing in his own defense as he was caught in his own trap. And once the pyre was lit he died on the spot.

Nobody dared to conspire against Birbal again.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey



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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

Jul 15, 2019 - Jul 21, 2019 International Round-Up Club Cavalcade - The International Round-Up Club Cavalcade in Pawhuska is the world's largest amateur rodeo. Gather for rodeo competition, camping and dancing under the stars. This event keeps the spirit of the Old West alive by bringing together the best cow-

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boys and cowgirls from nationwide amateur roping and riding clubs to compete for trophies and prize money. Osage County Fairgrounds Pawhuska, OK 74056 Phone: 918-978-7633

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Jul 19, 2019 - Jul 22, 2019 Tulsa Drillers vs Midland RockHounds - The Home & Garden Expo of Oklahoma at Tulsa Expo Square is the largest summertime home and garden show of its kind in northeast Oklahoma. With over 300 booths and approximately 170 exhibitors, this event is overflowing with products and ideas for your home, lawn and personal health. Safe rooms, beds, siding, windows, spas and outdoor living accessories are just some of the exhibitions at this exciting show. Grab a friend and take advantage of this opportunity to see and compare a wide variety of home and garden products. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74112 Phone: 918-523-2003 918-523-2067 Fax: 918-493-5357

Jul 22, 2019 Clutch & Killswitch Engage in Concert - Come experience the thrill of the game as the Tulsa Drillers go head to head with the Midland RockHounds. The Drillers baseball games are held at the ONEOK Field, a state-of-the-art complex located in downtown Tulsa. Bring out the whole family, snap a picture with Hornsby the bull and cheer on the home team. ONEOK Field 201 N Elgin Ave Tulsa, OK 74120 Phone: 918-744-5901, 918-744-5998 Fax: 918-747-3267

Jul 23, 2019 Cardi B in Concert - Grammy Award-winning Latin rap artist Cardi B head to Tulsa's BOK Center on her summer tour. Hear hits like "Bodak Yellow" and "Money" from this New York hip-hop queen. Don't miss special guests Kevin Gates and Saweetie during this exciting summer show in Tulsa. BOK Center 200 S Denver Ave Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

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The American Buckskin Registry Association is holding the annual World Championship Show at Tulsa Expo Square. All classes of riders compete in keyhole, showmanship, riding, horsemanship, barrel racing, pole bending and reining. Three sets of American Buckskin Registry Points are up for grabs during these triple-judged equestrian events. The World Championship Show is the premiere event for buckskins, duns, red duns and grullas. Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 918-936-4707 Fax: 918-364-9960

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Nothing major, only that I noticed a bit of a 'tude' about her. She spoke in a way that was frustrated, unhappy, certainly not friendly, and sort of rude. Working in hospitality myself, I noticed it.

When it came to my turn to approach her and order I thought to myself ... "what can I do here to make her day, to appreciate her, to make her smile'.

I had nothing.

Surely there must be something I can sincerely compliment her on. Then there it was and I knew instantly. Or more so heard instantly.

It was her voice. She had the most incredibly well spoken and clear voice. It was SO good. Like incredibly good. Professionally good. I had it. That was it. That was what I would compliment her on.

So after she took my order and gave me the same unfriendly attitude I told her. I said...

"I hope you don't me saying but you have the most amazing voice. It's so clear, well spoken and sounds so professional".

I told her how she honestly had one of those voices that would be perfect for voice overs, announcements or even radio.

Her whole face lit up, she smiled (the first time I had seen her do so) and as I left and walked away, noticed her whole attitude change. The customer behind me received a totally different kind of service. A happier one. And. All because of what I did. Something so simple!

There was a time when this sort of thing would have embarrassed the hell out of me. Or I'd have been way to shy and awkward to say such a thing. Not now. Now I must!

Why?

Because I have the power. The power to completely change someone's day by something as simple as a few kind words and being kind.

And you have this power too. We all do.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

An advertisement for Grand Prosthetics & Orthotics. On the left, a stylized illustration of a prosthetic hand holding a scroll. The scroll contains the text: "I am glad a friend told me about...". To the right of the scroll, the text reads: "GRAND PROSTHETICS & Orthotics". Below this, it says "Lightweight ARTIFICIAL LIMBS & BRACES". Further down, it says "FREE CONSULTATIONS". At the bottom, the contact information is listed: "(918) 786 4626" and "www.GrandPro.com", followed by "5 East 14th St Grove Ok 74344".

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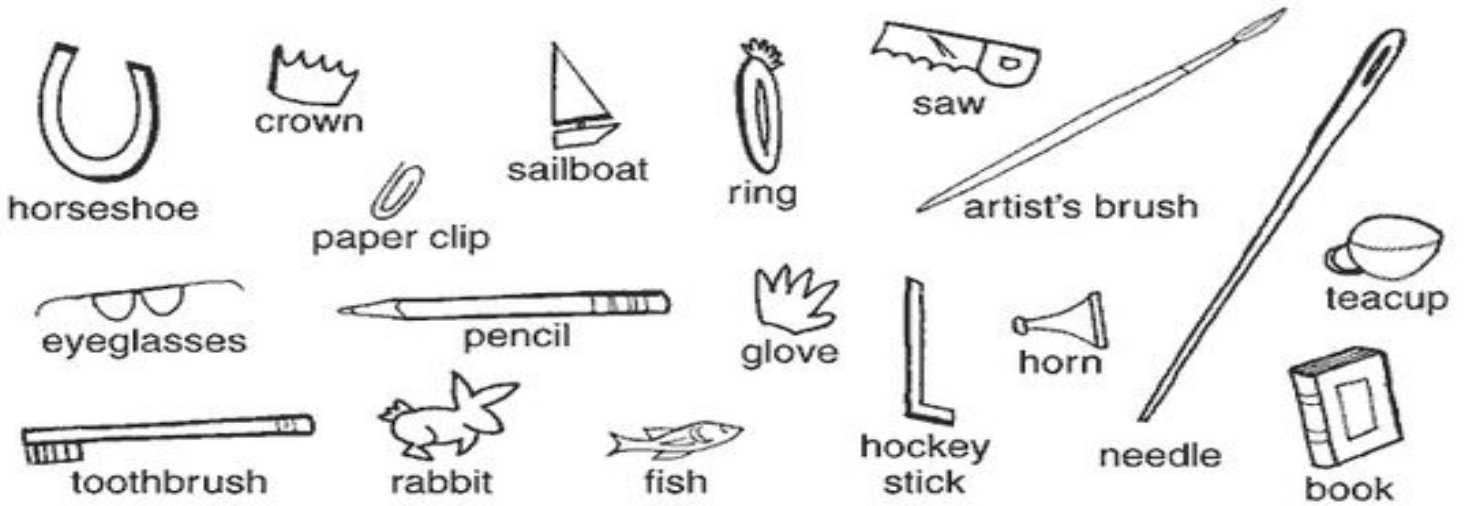
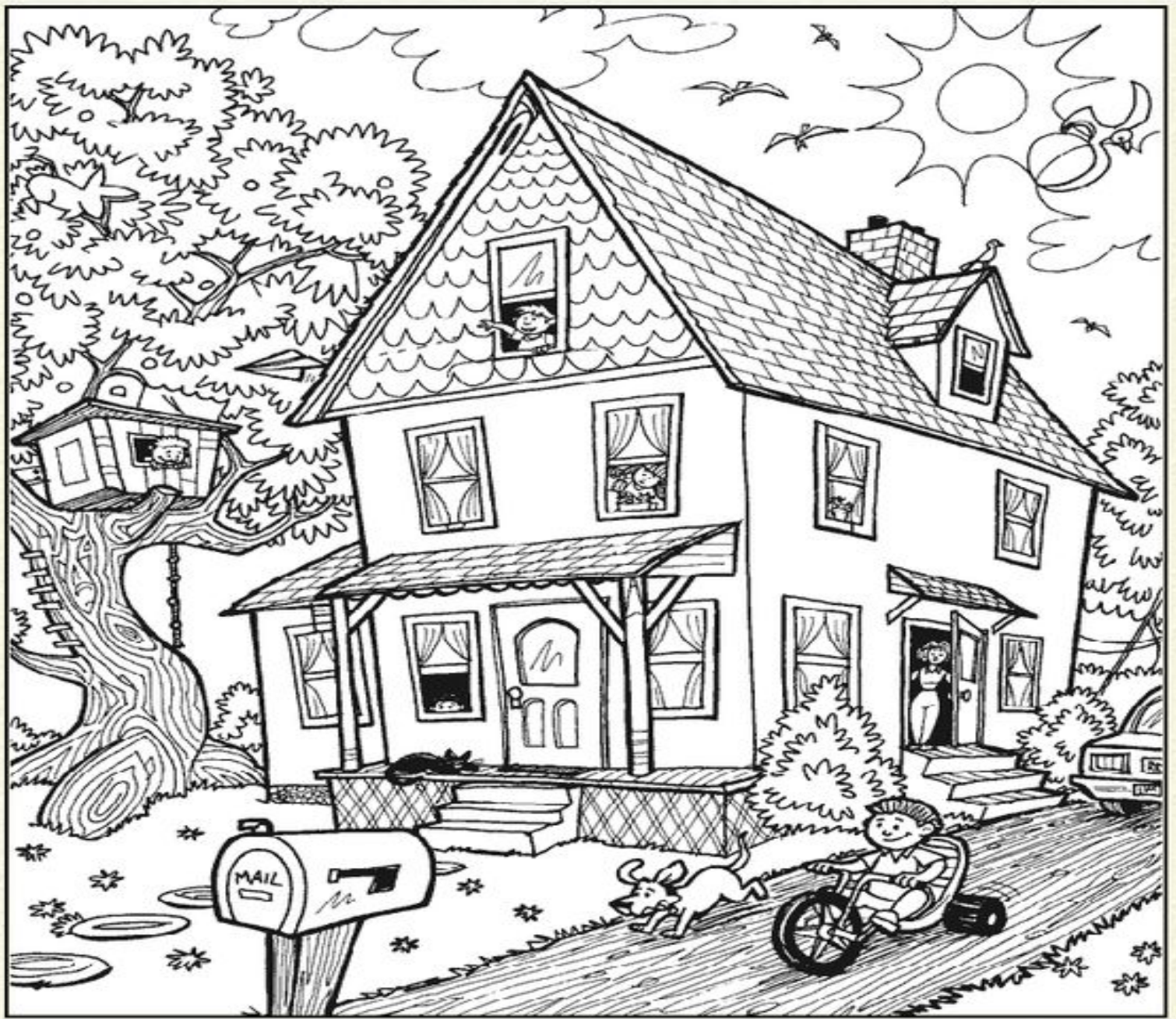
One reason is because no event in history has shaped the world like the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A second reason is to be reminded that this earthly life does not go on forever. We must each face our mortality, our death. No military action, no medical cure, no global closeness, can prepare us for life’s ultimate questions the way that God’s own words can. And God’s word tells us that no matter what sobering questions or life events hang in the balance for you, there is hope and life in Jesus Christ and His resurrection. That is the good news you will hear at a Lutheran church near you. Come join us to hear it!

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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# Crossword Puzzle

## Crossword #5YPS349U

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### Down

1. Alphabet run
2. Soda pop brand
3. Musical syllables
4. Censor's target
5. Patsy's "Absolutely Fabulous" sidekick
6. Sacred words
7. "\_\_\_ Did It" (2007 memoir)
8. Baseball positions (abbr.)
9. Starter with phony or pathetic
10. Pie cracker
11. Greeting in Granada
12. Bus. bigwig
13. Flemish painter
18. Alma mater of Meryl Streep
21. Global trade grp.
23. Mandela org.
24. Prot. denomination that keeps Sabbath on Sat. (abbr.)
25. Many Christmas ornaments
26. Type of acid
27. Psi follower
28. Old Peruvian
29. Lucy of "Kill Bill"
31. Ultimately become
32. Type of farm
33. Tars' calls
38. Run-down place
40. Mississippi city
41. In \_\_\_\_ (occupied)
44. Back in time
45. Spanish article
46. Speedy horse
49. \_\_\_ a living (just get by)
50. Stitch (up)
53. Actress Grable
54. Boom box button
55. Rani's garb
56. Part of KKK
58. River to the Caspian Sea
59. Bar mixer
60. Red-scare org.
61. "The Lord \_\_\_ shepherd..."
63. Mil. unit
64. Pep rally cry
65. Actress Olivia d'\_\_\_

### Across

1. Social insects
5. Dubai bigwigs
10. Calcutta butter
14. Wall of earth
15. Bonkers
16. Classic theater name
17. Pig's attitude?
19. Smart \_\_\_
20. Remote
21. Take a paddle to
22. Ringling Museum of Art locale
26. Cooks in a caldron
30. Strain or galaxy
34. Amor vincit \_\_\_
35. Strike defier
36. Slangy denial
37. Comes back, as a dream
39. Apartment option
42. Big grocery store chain
43. Land for space cadets?
47. Predatory lending practice
48. Natural sweetener
51. Diarist of the 1800's
52. Lone Ranger, to Tonto
54. Tilted
57. "Neighbors" was his last film
62. Bad, to Benita
63. Double-crossing
66. German Mrs.
67. African capital
68. Eve's partner
69. Wintergreen is not a true one
70. Fake
71. Like a doily

# Word Search Puzzle

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# CryptoQuote Puzzles

## Drop Quotes

Source: Khalil Gibran

Puzzle #O408XD

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# Logic Puzzle



	First Names				Orchids				Street Names			
	Aaron	Brett	Destiny	Patrick	bee orchid	calypso orchid	cooktown orchid	fly orchid	Coles Way	Holly Street	Juniper Street	L Street
Last Day Of Work	February 23											
	August 25											
	October 12											
	October 15											
Street Names	Coles Way											
	Holly Street											
	Juniper Street											
	L Street											
Orchids	bee orchid											
	calypso orchid											
	cooktown orchid											
	fly orchid											

## Logic Puzzles

Presented by Puzzle Baron

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Last Day Of Work	First Names	Orchids	Street Names
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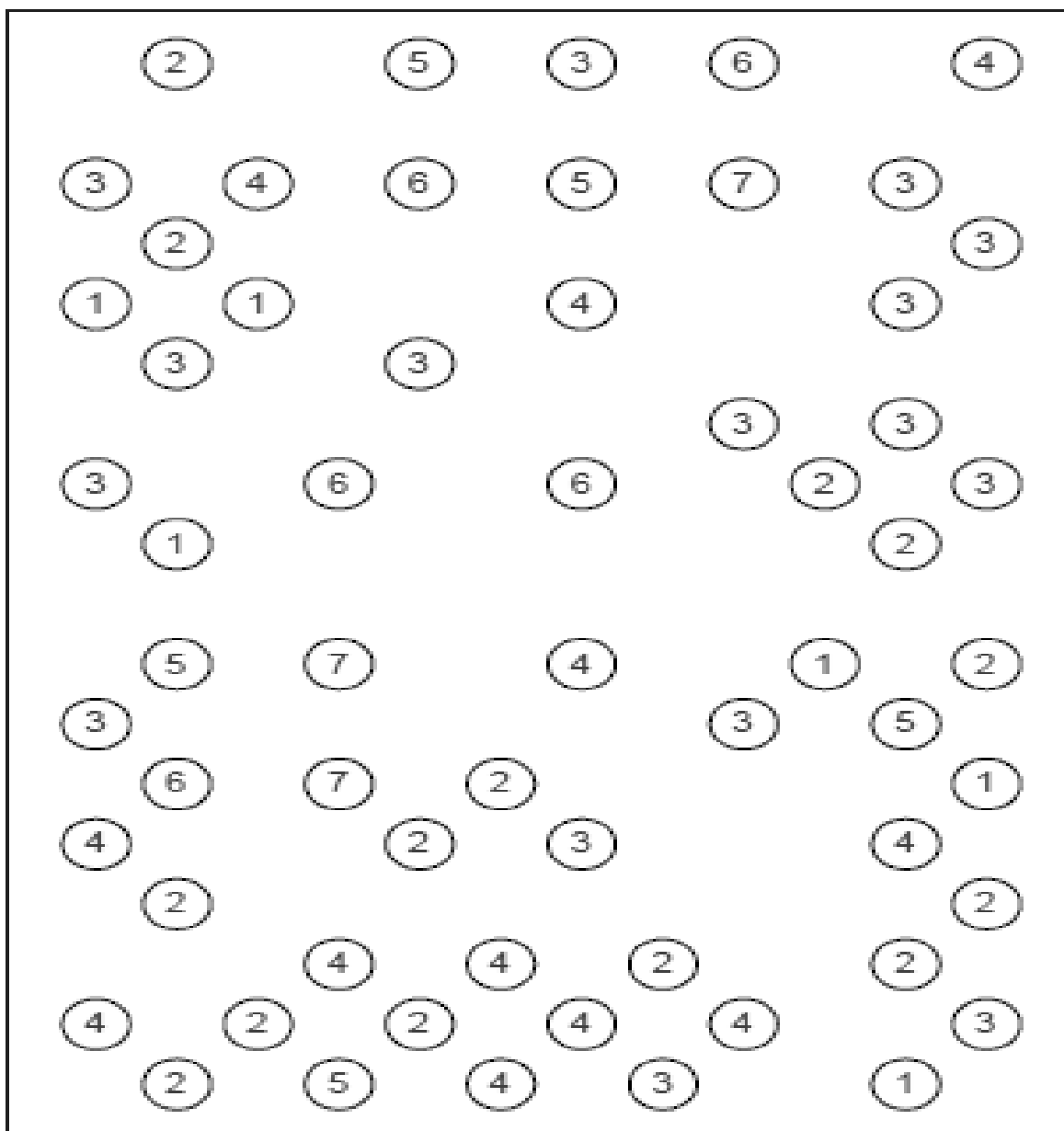
- The one who lives on Coles Way is not Aaron.
- The person who planted the cooktown orchid is not Patrick.
- The employee whose last day will be February 23 is not Destiny.
- The one who lives on L Street didn't plant the cooktown orchid.
- The person who planted the calypso orchid is not Brett.
- The one who lives on Juniper Street planted the calypso orchid.
- The one who lives on Holly Street is Patrick.
- The one who lives on Coles Way will leave after the one who lives on Holly Street.
- Either the employee whose last day will be August 25 or the employee whose last day will be October 12 planted the fly orchid.
- Of Aaron and Patrick, one is leaving the company on October 12 and the other planted the fly orchid.
- The one who lives on Holly Street didn't plant the bee orchid.
- The one who lives on Juniper Street will leave after Patrick.

# Building Bridge Puzzle

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1218 BUILD BRIDGES 20

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Solution on page 30

# Some Riddles

1. Voiceless it cries, Wingless flutters, Toothless bites, Mouthless mutters.
2. Why is a raven like a writing desk?
3. What walks on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three at night?
4. First think of the person who lives in disguise,  
Who deals in secrets and tells naught but lies.  
Next, tell me what's always the last thing to mend,  
The middle of middle and end of the end?  
And finally give me the sound often heard  
During the search for a hard-to-find word.  
Now string them together, and answer me this,  
Which creature would you be unwilling to kiss?
5. I talk, but I do not speak my mind  
I hear words, but I do not listen to thoughts  
When I wake, all see me  
When I sleep, all hear me  
Many heads are on my shoulders  
Many hands are at my feet  
The strongest steel cannot break my visage  
But the softest whisper can destroy me  
The quietest whimper can be heard.
6. The cock crew,  
The sky was blue:  
The bells in heaven  
Were striking eleven.  
'Tis time for this poor soul  
To go to heaven."
7. There is a house. One enters it blind and comes out seeing. What is it?
8. There is a story that a man and not a man. Saw and did not see a bird and not a bird. Perched on a branch and not a branch. And hit him and did not hit him with a rock and not a rock.
9. Brothers and sisters I have none but this man's father is my father's son.  
Who is the man?
10. What is greater than God,  
more evil than the devil,  
the poor have it,  
the rich need it,  
and if you eat it, you'll die?
11. Who makes it, has no need of it.  
Who buys it, has no use for it.  
Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.  
What is it?
12. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
13. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old.  
What am I?

DATA MASERS: Breanna McDowell

Answers are printed on page 28

# They help me, I help them




It was raining hard and nearing dusk. I was late for an appointment in a nearby city that I knew only by GPS. And now my phone had died. The usual interstate exits were closed. I couldn't see, it was raining so hard. I couldn't figure out how to get where I was going or how to let my appointment know I was likely not going to make it there.

I stopped at a McDonald's in an impoverished part of town and walked up to what appeared to be a mother and her teen daughter. "I'm sorry, but do you mind, is it possible for me to look up a number on your phone and then call the place and let them know I'm lost?" She handed me her phone and then told me she was lucky she had her phone, it was getting ready to be turned off because she didn't have enough money to pay the bill.

The young girl and the mother seemed to be clinging to each other and talked together as I made my phone call, not really paying me much attention as the people at the other end of the phone told me to come on, I'm not too late, and then told me how to get there.

As I stood to leave, on an absolute unplanned whim, I reached into my wallet where I don't usually have cash and pulled out all I had, a \$20 bill. I pressed it into the mother's hand and then turned to leave quickly, because I didn't want it to be about me, but not before seeing that she was crying and her daughter called after me, "You have no idea how you just helped us." And yet, they really helped me. Funny how that works.

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1. The wind
2. This riddle has no Answer
3. Man: as an infant, he crawls on all fours; as an adult, he walks on two legs and; in old age, he uses a 'walking' stick.
4. A spider
5. An actor
6. The fox burying his grandmother under a holly-bush.
7. A school
8. A eunuch who did not see well saw a bat perched on a reed and threw a pumice stone at him which missed to hit.
9. The man is my son.
10. Nothing.
11. A coffin
12. A stamp
13. A candle

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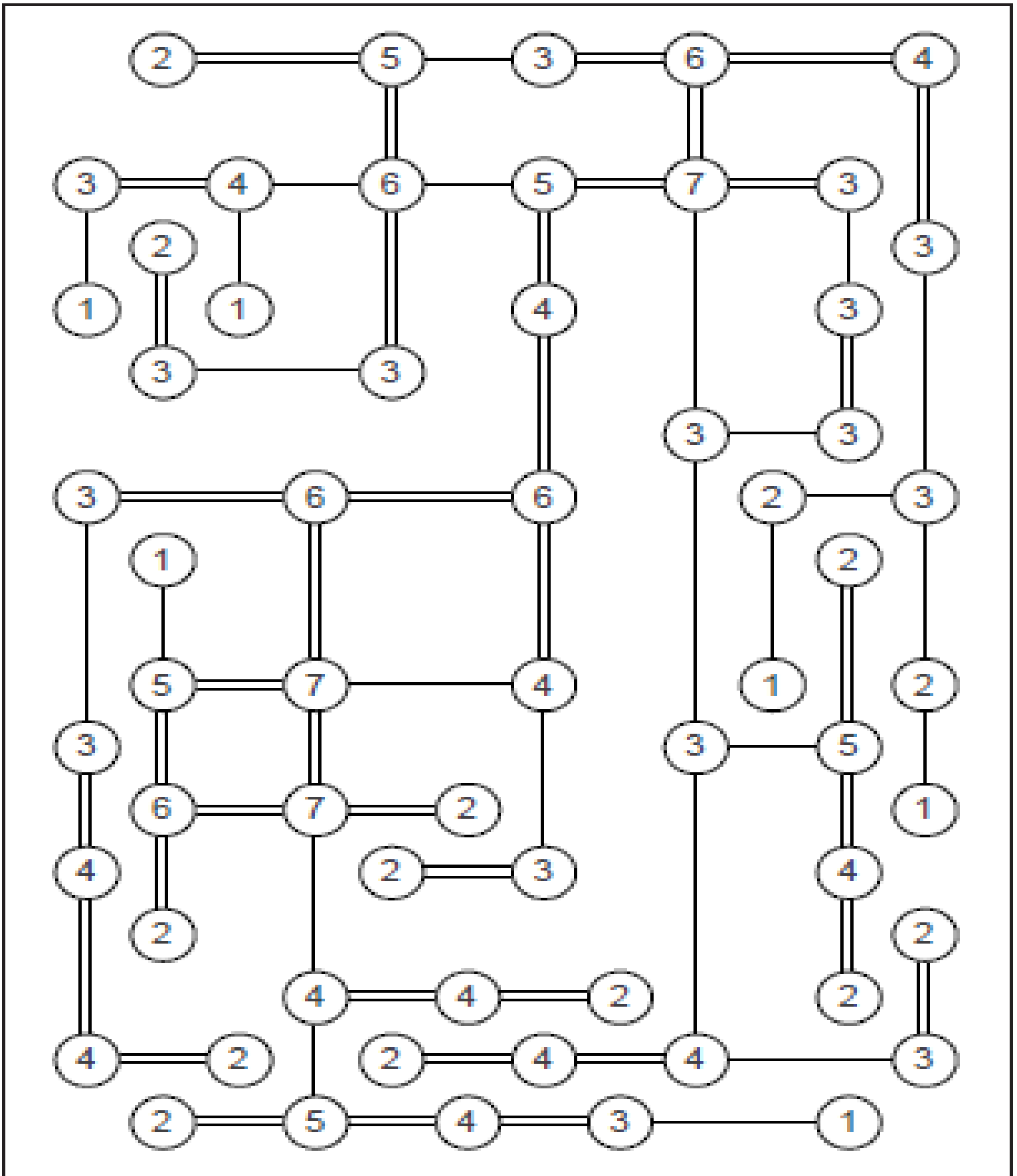
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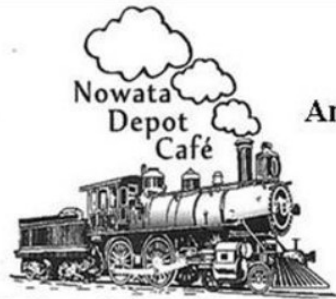
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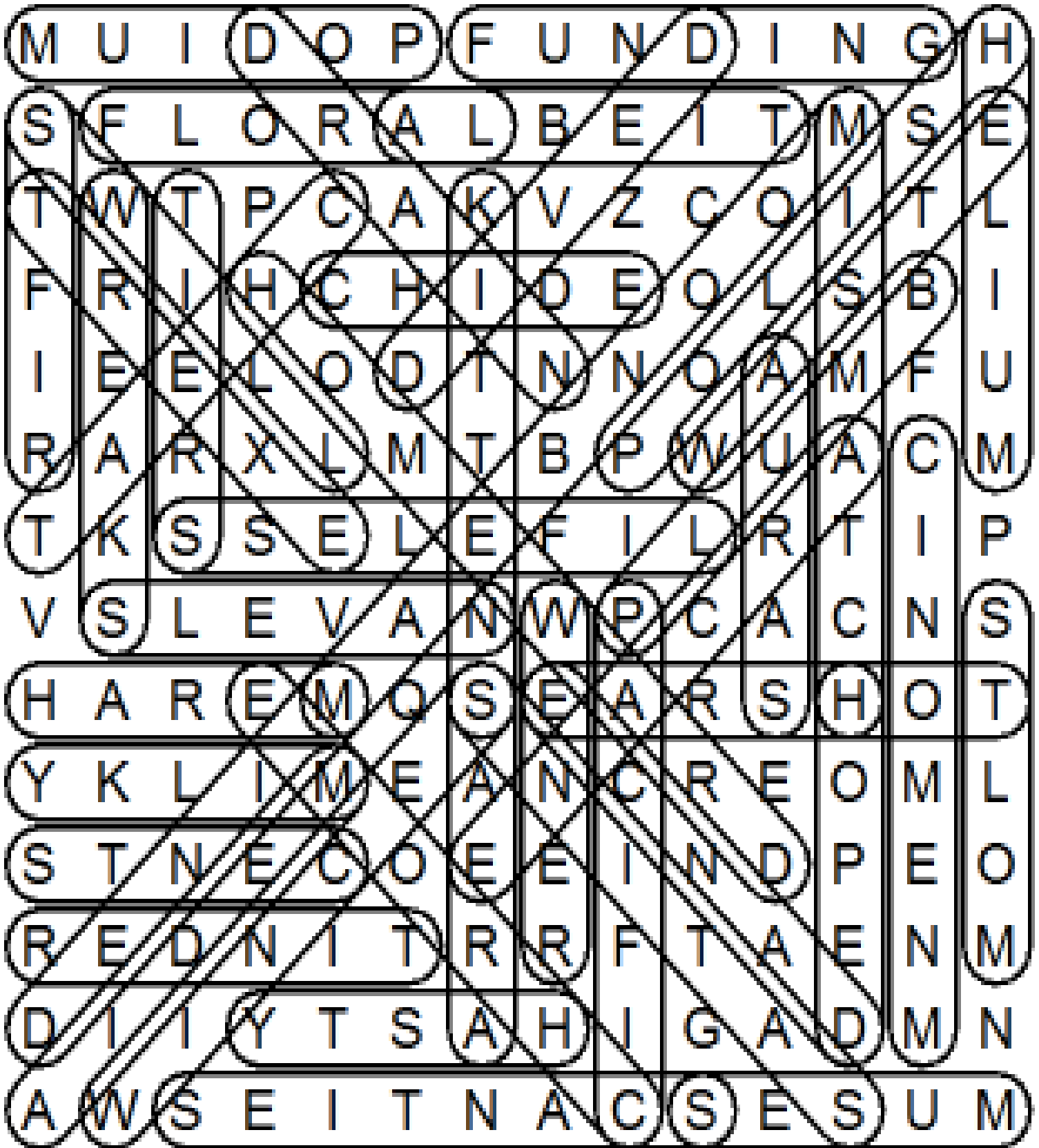
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5	7	1	2	6	3	9	8	4
3	8	4	5	9	7	2	1	6
7	1	2	3	4	9	6	5	8
9	5	6	7	8	1	3	4	2
4	3	8	6	5	2	1	9	7
8	9	3	4	2	5	7	6	1
1	4	7	9	3	6	8	2	5
2	6	5	1	7	8	4	3	9

**Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution**

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

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

# Crossword Puzzle Solution

1	A	N	T	S		5	E	M	I	R	S		10	G	H	E	E		
14	B	E	R	M		15	D	A	F	F	Y		16	R	O	X	Y		
17	C	H	A	U	18	V	I	N	I	S	M		19	A	L	E	C		
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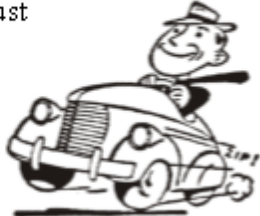
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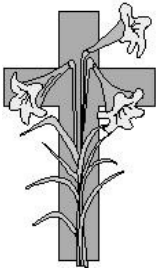
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where Jesus was.

What were they thinking? Were they crazy to pull a stunt like that? Where did they ever come up with that idea? I wouldn't have thought about doing it that way, would you? What if they had dropped him? He could have died or been crippled even worse. But there was a crowd around Jesus and there was no other way to get him in.

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day. Luke

5:20, 24-26.

Yes, it was strange to see. Jesus saw the faith of the man's friends. They had faith that told them if they could just get this man to Jesus, he would be healed. Faith causes people to go out of their way to do something unheard of or in this case, never thought of before, unprecedented. Faith says, if we can just get him to Jesus, all will be well.

Are you a friend like that? Do you love your friend so much that you will go to all that trouble to get him to Jesus? Are you willing to lay down your life for your friend by spending time in prayer for her?

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. Everyone needs a few crazy friends like that, don't they?

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