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Susan and Steve Boyd Afton, Oklahoma Story

Edward Michele (Ed) called Links to inform us about this Super Kind and selfless Couple, Susan and Steve Boyd. They have made residents of the Afton Housing Authority (AFA) comfortable and feeling good. Ed has known this Couple for more than 20 years.

Susan is the Current AFA Administrator. AFA administrator is scheduled to work only 3 hours a day in the establishment. She is the first administrator that always stay way beyond the working hours. She checks in every one of the houses in the establishment in person to ensure residents are safe, warm and comfortable. If a resident needs help she will take care of it. When she can't fix the problem by herself she finds the right person to satisfy that need.

Steve commutes a long way to and from his work place in Arkansas. He helps Susan in the evenings after work. They get produce, commodities, and food from various places even from other states such as Texas and distribute them among residents of the housing authority and residents of the town whenever they can. They love children. During665aaaaaaaaaaaaaa Christmas, they buy presents for them.

Susan makes residents of the AFA to

feel good by visiting them and making sure they know she is there for them. For example, Mrs. Mary White Michele, Ed's wife had surgery and she stayed away from home in a nursing home for recovery. During this time, Susan visited Ed everyday to make sure he is okay. She made him understand that he is not alone and he can lean on Boyds at such a hard time.

Boyds caring is not limited to the residents of the AFA. Everyone in town knows this couple. Over the years they have helped a lot of the residents of the town. They are very caring and kind people. Ed wonders how the Afton people and especially the residents of the AFA, life would have been like without this couple.

People like Susan and Steve give us hope for the better and brighter tomorrow. Now, I would like you to read this poem by Sheebee

Selflessness

Source: Power Poetry

Poet: Sheebee

Website: <https://www.powerpoetry.org/poems/selflessness>

Driving past on a highway,
I look at the sun, what a beautiful day

Then something catches my eye,
And that something, makes me cry

A rugged old man with a rough looking sign,
That had a few simple words, that made up a couple
lines

“I am old, but you don’t cry for me,
I need food, but you pretend not to see.”

I pull into the fast food place,
but I still picture his face

I order a Double Cheese burger for me,
Leaving my thoughts lay where they be

Again, I try to drive by, but something makes me stop,
and the next thing that happens makes my heart drop

I get out and hand him what I ordered for me,
And he shows me something you rarely see

He takes the burger and smiles a thank you,
And I simply say “This is the least I could do.”

As I watch him unwrap the pathetic meal,
I noticed a golden retriever at his heal

He doesn’t think twice, about what to do,
He gave that dog all of his food

I looked at him and asked “Why”
He stared at me, and said as I cried

“I found him lost and hungry,
and how selfish it would be of me,

to take what I could give,
to deprive another the right to live.”

I looked at him in disbelief, as I processed my thoughts,
I had found something that had long been lost

Selflessness comes in needing times,
And only the selfish draw such lines

By: Nikki Hamilton, Breanna McDowell

Marvin Grocery Store in Miami, OK Helping Hand Story

It happened that Edward Michele (Ed) was shopping in the Marvin Grocery Store in Miami, Oklahoma that he witnessed this action of kindness. He was waiting for his turn in the checkout line when he learned that the lady in front of him has misplaced her money and cannot pay for her grocery. He wanted to pay her bill, but before he speaks up he heard the cashier saying it is okay your bill is paid.

Up to now, he does not know whether the store paid for the lady’s grocery or the cashier did. But, it made him feel warm because of such act of kindness, to help someone out of stress without any expectation and anonymously.

By Nikki Hamilton, Breanna McDowell

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Celebrating 30 years

6-year-old collects 1,000 jars of PB&J so her classmates won't go without a meal

Good Morning America (GMA) By: Nicole Pelletiere

Posted in Facebook Group: Kindness is Free

A little girl with a big heart is ensuring none of her classmates will ever go hungry by collecting jars of her favorite food combination, peanut butter and jelly.

Eva Chapman has donated 1,033 pieces of PB&J to nine schools including her own. Strangers as far as Canada have donated jars to the 6-year-old's cause.

"It's just been such a wonderful outpouring of support," mom Nicole Chapman of Florida told "Good Morning America." "For whatever reason, this really just touched people and moved them. I'm very proud of her. She has a huge heart."

Eva Chapman, a student at Volusia County School District, began collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly after hearing a classmate didn't have enough to eat at home.



Eva, a soon-to-be first grader at Spruce Creek Elementary School in Port Orange, launched her project in mid-April. Eva told her mom she wanted to have a food drive after learning a fellow classmate might not have enough to eat at home.

"She got fixated on [another child] she went to school with," Chapman said. "It became apparent to me that [the child] didn't have a great home life. My advice to her was, 'Go ahead and love from afar because they don't have everything you have.'"



Eva Chapman, a Florida student entering first grade, has collected over 1,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly for her fellow classmates.

Chapman said her daughter's school offers free and reduced hot lunch to students whose families struggle financially. Eva knows this, but wondered what those kids have to eat when they're at home.

So with the help of her mom, Eva launched a kid-friendly food drive where in true 6-year-old fashion, she aimed to gather a whopping 10 million jars of PB&J.

Eva Chapman, a Florida student entering first grade, has collected over 1,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly, and had 200 jars left over for her school's food pantry.



While she hasn't reached her overly ambitious goal, mom said Eva is thrilled with the outcome.

"We are getting more and more peanut butter and jelly so we could have some for the children that have hot lunch and so they could have peanut butter and jelly for the summer," Eva said in a video interview with Volusia County Schools.



Eva Chapman, 6, is ensuring none of her classmates will ever go hungry by collecting peanut butter and jelly jars.

Eva's PB&J campaign has been featured on local news and in turn, inspired spin-off projects in nearby schools.

"Other parents, other students, other schools and even other districts I'm hearing, students are following her lead and wanting to impact other students in a positive way and make sure that no kids go hungry over the summer break," said Spruce Creek's principal Andrea Hall.

Eva Chapman, 6, shown in this undated photo, has donated peanut butter and jelly to nine Florida schools including her own.





Nicole Chapman gives daughter Eva Chapman a big hug and kiss, Monday May 13, 2019, the six year old Spruce Creek Elementary kindergartener has collected a hundred or more jars of peanut butter and jelly for a food drive.

Chapman said Eva is very thankful to those who contributed to her cause.

"It's quantifiable to her at this young age when she sees all the jars come and go from our house, from my office," Chapman added. "She can feel that sense of pride and accomplishment and I think more than anything else, she's happy that she was able to help other kids."

Eva Chapman, a six year old Spruce Creek Elementary kindergartener and her mom Nicole Chapman look at the hundred or more jars of peanut butter and jelly Eva collected for a food drive, May 13, 2019 so kids won't go hungry over the summer.



The Chapmans have been advertising Eva's PB&J drive in the Facebook group Gabriella's Light, where they promote an annual diaper drive in memory of their still born daughter.

Eva Chapman, a six year old Spruce Creek Elementary kindergartener, holds a couple of the hundred or more jars of peanut butter and jelly she collected for a food drive, May 13, 2019 so kids won't go hungry over the summer.



Eva's school was able to start a food pantry with some of the jars she collected.

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WRITING KINDNESS

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

Website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>

My one is my 13-year-old son, Gabe. Gabe is spreading kindness, compassion, and acceptance through a children's book he wrote and illustrated about a boy who has Autism and his struggle to make a new friend at school. Gabe was inspired to write this book from his volunteer experience working in a theater program with individuals who have special needs.



Gabe donated all the proceeds from the sales of the book to a local non-profit benefiting families who have children with special needs. The books are being used in classrooms as teaching tools for special education teachers and many parents are reading them to their kids. Gabe's book has really made a difference. Gabe continues to spread kindness at school where he and three friends started a kindness club. With the principal's support, they are doing acts of kindness and empowering and inspiring other teens to do good in their communities.

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ACTS OF KINDNESS CHANGED MY WORLD: MY LIFE WITH AUTISM

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

Website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>




It is amazing that every act we take will ultimately affect other people around us, and this proves the significant effects in changing other people's behaviors through imitation (copying a particular behavior we observe). When we give to others, we are taking consideration for other people's desires and needs rather than our own. There are actually many benefits in giving, and this has proven for physical, mental, and emotional relief. As someone with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), the world can seem to be a confusing and cruel place. Having ASD shows the difficulty in properly socializing with other people and making and maintaining relationships. I have been judged and criticized for something beyond my control, and being excluded from social interactions by many children was painful enough to know that I was not wanted. However, one act of kindness from someone without them knowing about my disorder can go a long way and make me better as a person. Throughout my life, I have learned a few concepts on how important giving really is. First, people who give more to others are genuinely happier than those who do not. Giving is not just materialistic. It is the emotional support and motivation to keep on being the person that I am, and being given emotional support shows more lasting effects. Thinking about others has a longer effect in staying joyful with your life, and nothing is as satisfying as giving to people who need it most. When I saw those who did nice things for me and started imitating them, it reinforced me to keep on doing nice things for others, even if they may acknowledge that or not. Also, giving to others makes you "feel-good [and] do-good," and helping everyone around us is truly satisfying. I see that every person wants nice things to be done to them, and this is especially true for me with the encouragement

that I need to keep living my life with autism. Every day, we all go through personal battles and struggles that having the right motivation from people is virtual for our personal growth.

Feeling good in doing good for others also shows that you have concerns for them and puts you in a more peaceful state. I currently volunteer in a local public school assisting a special education teacher with students with autism. Having to help someone learn more about autism through my own experience is one of the best things I have done to help those who are in need of assistance, no matter how great or small. Volunteering there truly has opened new discoveries and inspirations.

As of now, I can never stop giving back to people, even to those who don't do anything for me. The way that I can see how people treat others really speaks louder than any words they express, and this is something that I am willing to hold onto. There is nothing that people can do to take away the fact that still doing good for others without it being reciprocated to us is actually the strongest trait a person can have. We all need to remember that the way we respond and approach those situations can do so much more than what we ought to think. Responding with respect and positivity flourishes our character and strengthens our potentials. Giving your life to help someone else is truly the highest act of kindness anyone can show, and I am speaking that through the experiences I have and the choices I made. We do not have to necessarily give much to lend a hand, but it just needs an open mind and heart. Becoming empathetic helps us think deeper about the world we live in and what people go through in their daily basis. Giving will simply make a big difference in the world that is desperately in need of help. *Inspired from the blog "The Benefits in Giving to Others" in my website What A Beautiful Real Life.

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TWO BLIND PEOPLE SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

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Robert F. Smith, totally blind, a few years ago started on a quest to do acts of kindness. He didn't have a clue where his footsteps would take him. One of his journey's was to walk from Long Beach, California to Las Vegas. He accomplished the task, and while he was walking he raised funds for a child who needed a service dog. (Mission Accomplished) He also passed out over 500 sock puppets to children who were very ill, libraries, and schools. In addition, he passed out flags and did free concerts for our Veterans.

After this quest of travelin 1,466,022 steps in one month, Robert decided to reach out to other blind people to engage them in acts of kindness. He met Jennefer Bautista, who was also totally blind, and she lived in the Philippines. Her dream was to help a local orphanage. Robert & Jennefer started to work on this immediately, however things changed as they found out about a teen (14) who was abandoned at the age of two, suffered severe ear infections, and it left her partially deaf. In addition, Sophia had now been diagnosed with a very severe heart condition, and unless it was fixed she did not have much time to live.

Robert and Jennefer, started working together and Robert even started a Go Fund Me Page as well as he started raising funds on Facebook. Seven days later, they had accomplished some amazing things. They got of Dr. Judah Gozar, and he arranged for a \$40,000.00 surgery to be done for \$2,500.00 . Robert & Jennefer went to work on this and 9 days later a successful surgery was accomplished.

This is only the beginning though, because Jennefer &

Robert are now planning on assisting other children with Dr. Judah Gozar. They have also set up a puppet team, which eventually will be training other children in the orphanages, to do shows of thier own to help others. Here is a video of Sophia's Success. <https://youtu.be/Fcd2f9EpLQ4>

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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.

If you would like to join, "Bart Sanders" as a Certified Nurse Aide, please apply in person. Now taking applications for Certified Nurse Aides both days and nights. Must pass a background check. New pay scale for CNA's.

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."

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

Maya Angelou

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Fortunately She Misdialed the Right Number

Source: Facebook by: Kevin Nye

Date: July 24 at 7:00 AM

Then we have Virginia Saenz. Let's say one day you get a wrong number phone call from a total stranger. It's a woman who leaves a nonsense message on your voice mail, addressing a person who doesn't live there, with a message that goes something like this: "I can send you money for groceries, but that won't leave me enough to pay my mortgage this month, and the house is already in foreclosure."

Saenz, a real estate agent whose only connection to these people was that her phone number was a couple of transposed digits away from theirs, could have just deleted the message. Or, if she was motivated to be a Good Samaritan, Saenz could have called the person back to let her know she had gotten the wrong number, so she'd know that the person she had intended to call would never hear her message.

But instead, Saenz called the stranger back and said, "I'll take care of the groceries, don't worry about it." The lady, Lucy Crutchfield, had meant to leave a message for her daughter. Saenz contacted the daughter and bought her and her family enough groceries to get them through the end of the month, allowing Crutchfield to pay her mortgage.

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Kindness: What Is It and an Example

Source: <https://inspirekindness.com>

Author: Inspire Kindness Team

We can easily look up the definition of kindness, but the meaning of kindness goes far beyond just that.

According to the dictionary ...

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

But kindness means so much more ...

How the dictionary defines kindness and what it actually means are two different things. Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it. Be it through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you.

Kindness is more than being nice.

Kindness goes beyond merely being nice. Think about it - would you prefer people to describe you to be "kind" or "nice?" There can be a lack of sincerity in just being nice; there is often a perception of doing the minimum. Whereas, being kind is doing intentional, voluntary acts of kindness. Not only when it's easy to be kind, but when it's hard to be.

Kindness is a movement.

Has someone ever done something kind to you and all you wanted to do after was pay it forward? That's because kindness is a chain reaction. It's a wave that keeps rolling, and all it needs is one person to start it. One small kind act can cause a ripple effect that impacts an entire community. If we are all focused on being kind, we are creating a movement of change. You know that famous "be the change you wish the see in the world" quote? That quote isn't just about change, and it isn't only about one person being able to change their world. It's bigger; it about a movement that can be started from one person acting with intention.

Kind is love; love is kind.

Think about what love entails and what it means to love someone. Got it? Well, that's kindness. It's being selfless, caring, compassionate, and unconditionally kind. Like love, it takes practice to understand and feel it. We share love with others through kind acts such as a smile, a nice word, an unexpected deed, or a planned surprise. When we offer these acts to others, we make people feel good; we pass along hope; we promote peace; we

show the power of kindness.

Kindness is grace.

We are humans, and therefore, we make mistakes. We can be kind in our response to ourselves and others when those mistakes occur. This means thinking before speaking, forgiving before seeking revenge, and thinking about long-term relationships instead of short-term pride. If we could all remember that none of us are perfect, we would be a lot kinder to each other. Offer grace, be kind.

CARING FOR OTHERS IN NEED – Example of Kindness (Selflessness) in Action

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

I have always seen my grandmother give to people that didn't have as much. She would open her home up to a complete stranger. Anything she could do to help a person she would. It didn't matter to her when her kids would tell her that she couldn't help everybody; she still tried, anyway. Even if she didn't have much herself, she would still find a way to help someone else. I have always told her that when I get older I wanted to be just like her. I always wanted to reach out and help the elderly. After helping my parents take care of her when she got ill, I knew that's what I wanted to do. I found a job doing Home Health Care and I started taking care of the elderly. I even gave up my home and moved in with a mother and daughter because they needed someone with them at all times and could not do for themselves. I just adore taking care of older people.

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THE BENEFITS OF CREATING A CULTURE OF KINDNESS IN THE WORKPLACE

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

Website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>



Modern workplaces can be hot-houses of negativity, competitiveness, and stress. These kinds of environments can make employees feel as if they're entering an assault zone on the daily.

This is clearly no way to live and work, but in many industries, it's the norm. That's why professional leaders need to make a concerted effort to foster a culture of kindness in the workplace.

For many business owners, success is a numbers game. The importance of workplace kindness can, therefore, seem irrelevant. What you might not realise, though, is that a culture of kindness has tangible benefits which will lead to happier staff and a better bottom line. If you're keen to learn more about the advantages of founding a workplace culture on the principle of kindness, then just keep on reading.

1. A positive and healthy workforce

After we leave school and university, our employer becomes, for all intents and purposes, our pastoral carer. That means that the physical and mental health of employees should be a prerogative for any company board. After all, the recipe is simple: well-rested, happy, healthy employees do better work. So what does this care look like in practice? Reasonable working hours, exercise options, and meditation classes are a good place to start. Looking after the whole person, body and mind, means that employees are much less likely to take chunks out of their sick leave.

There are also subtler ways that team leaders can look after their employees' wellbeing. In particular, social

interaction is a proven stress-reducer in the workplace. This means that time spent bonding with colleagues can be seriously beneficial for the whole team. As a leader, it's important not to put too many restrictions on the content and duration of your workers' conversations. For many people, coming to work on a Monday and having a good old chin-wag is as good a spur to productivity as a cup of coffee. It's much better for their health, too!

2. Illustrate the "ripple effect" of one gesture or act of kindness

As Aesop once said, "No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Building a workplace of kindness doesn't have to entail a systemic, resource-intensive overhaul. Simple gestures repeated often can be just as transformative. Giving a compliment, inviting your colleague for lunch, or offering congratulations are all little acts of kindness which cumulatively build a strong culture of compassion. Then there are the really exciting professional and personal events: getting married, being promoted, and having a baby. Surprising your employee or colleague with a thoughtful gift such as a gift basket will remind them why they love working where they do.



3. Higher employee engagement

What do you find in workplaces devoid of kindness? Disengaged workers, that's what. We all have friends whose days consist of enduring nine hours before a computer screen before clocking out and fitting in a few hours of real life. But our lives are too short – and we work too much – to view the daily grind as a prison-sentence in this way.

Engaged workers are workers who believe in what they do. They are people who are happy to turn up on Monday, ready to tackle that exciting new project or to offer new ideas to the boss. These workers are achievers who receive tangible praise from their employer when they're doing well and who are treated as unique individuals rather than as cogs in a machine. Ultimately, they're colleagues whose own levels of enthusiasm will dictate the success of the company at large.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

DRIVING DOWNTOWN ON A FRIDAY EVENING

Source: Random Act of Kindness Organization

Website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>

I'm a delivery driver, I went into town to pick up an order, the street pavement was uneven due to the city repairing (warning sign was placed, Be careful driving dangerous) I followed traffic down that street, it was a rough drive! I could hear my tire going flat, I made it around the corner. People, of course, were staring, I was embarrassed and pissed. A gentleman was walking past, he informed me what I already knew! Flat tire! I told him " I know! Thank you! I expected him to continue on his way. Instead, he walked over to my car, asked me " Do you know how to change a flat tire? I replied, No! Did I ask him? Do you? He smiled and said, Yes! He told my young daughter to help him unload trunk to get to the spare tire, I didn't realize I had a jack, etc under spare tire! He knew that! He told me to pull over to a safe place, so he could change tire. I pulled into a parking lot, the young attendant assisted him changing my tire, he even told my young daughter to help, so if she ever ended up in a similar situation, she would know what to do. What I learned, is that Angels walk among us everyday.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Kindness is a practice

Source: Random Act of Kindness Organization

Website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>

About 6 years ago, I was on a plane next to a woman who was relentlessly energetic and fidgety. I was tired and wanted to take a nap. But before I could go into "ignore mode," she tapped me on the shoulder to introduce herself.

"Hi, my name is Helga!"

We got to talking and eventually it came up that I had started an organization in high school called R.A.K.E. (Random Acts of Kindness, Etc.). As I described what we did, Helga got very serious and told me that she thought "there was nothing more important in the world than Kindness." I was curious why she was so passionate and, as the plane took off, she dove into a story about the last time she had flown; it was 3 years past and she was en route to Arizona because she had gotten sudden news her Dad's health was on the decline. Just as the plane was about to depart to Phoenix, her father's physician called to inform her that her dad had rather

suddenly passed away. For the 3 hour plane ride, she sat in stunned silence around strangers.

When she arrived to the airport in Arizona, she walked to the nearest wall, sat down, and cried.

And here is the part I'll never forget about Helga's story. For 2 hours she sat and wept while thousands walked to and fro in the airport. Helga looked at me and said, "Houston, not a single person stopped and asked if I was okay that day. Not one person. It was that day that I realized how much we need each other. It was that day I realized that Kindness Isn't Normal."

Kindness Isn't Normal. That has stuck with me all these years - especially now that I work in schools nationwide speaking about compassion, kindness, empathy, and love. I'm reminded all the time that, for many of us (especially young people - but certainly not exclusively), Kindness is NOT usually our default setting. We spend so much time worrying about our problems, our lives, our comfort, our insecurities, getting to our flight - that we walk by or ignore people in need of Kindness every day. I'm oftentimes so worried about ME that I'm really bad at taking care of YOU.

So, I've made it my mission to do my part in making Kindness Normal. To share stories with students, teachers, and parents about our need for character and compassion. To provide young people with practical ways to exercise Kindness (they don't always know what it looks like!). And, for me? I'm always be on the lookout for Helga's—for the little opportunities that surround me every day to practice making Kindness my default setting.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey



13 Year Old Paying for School Clothes

Source: Facebook – Kindness of strangers Stories Group

Date: 07/11/2019

Someone called in a complaint on 13 year old Jaequan Faulkner who opened a hot dog stand to pay for his school clothes.



Rather than shutting him down, the city of Minneapolis helped him get a permit and got him more business.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Why a 12-year-old boy is on a mission to solve his town's pothole problem

Source: Facebook CBS News

Muskegon Heights, Michigan — For middle-school parents like Trinell Scott, algebra homework is often the easy part. The tougher part of parenting is figuring out what your kid is off doing when the homework's done.

Monte says he didn't tell his mom what he was doing. "He saw a need and he felt like he could meet that need, so that's why he did what he did," Trinell said.

It all started one day when Trinell was driving around her hometown in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. The road was a moonscape of potholes, and one crater was so deep it took out her tire and axel.

Monte was mad.

"I didn't want to see nobody else messing up their car, like my mom did," he said.

Monte Scott filling in a pothole.
FACEBOOK



Soon after, a video popped up on Trinell's Facebook feed. Someone had recorded her 12-year-old son filling potholes. Trinell was shocked — but not surprised.

"He's just a kid that likes to help people," she said. "If it's the fall, he's raking leaves. Summer, spring, he's cutting grass. Winter, he's blowing snow."

Monte doesn't get paid for his good deeds.

"I tell myself: I have a responsibility of doing something to help the community out," he said.

It's something he said he's learned from his mom.

For parenting at that high level, Mayor Kimberley Sims honored Trinell at a recent council meeting. She also cited Monte for his roadwork.

Monte Scott was honored for helping with his community's pothole problem
CBS NEWS



"We commend him for his heart and just being able to assist us with that, but that shouldn't have been something that he was concerned with," Sims said.

The mayor admits her town has a pothole problem.

"Shame on us as elected officials if we don't take this opportunity to do something about that," she said.

In the meantime, Monte isn't waiting on bureaucracy. He's still out there filling holes in his neighborhood with dirt from his backyard.

A great son, and a future pond – what more can a mother ask for?

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Kindness in Business

5 Simple Ways to show kindness in business

Source: Suspended Coffees

WebSite: <https://suspendedcoffees.com>



Kindness makes life worth living. Kind acts can bring relief to someone's suffering and even save lives. On a personal level, we can each try to increase our acts of kindness to make the world a better place. For businesses, ways to show kindness might not be so obvious – so here are some ideas for you:

1. Suspended coffees

In Naples, Italy, the idea started where, in working-class cafes, people who had enjoyed a stroke of luck would pay for two coffees but only receive one. The other would remain available for anyone who needed it.

When John Sweeney found out about this tradition, he loved the idea and saw the huge potential it had for social connection. So, in 2013, Sweeney launched a Facebook page for Suspended Coffees. The response was amazing, and many cafes and people around the world have now united to offer this simple act of kindness. If you own a café business, research how to join this wonderful initiative that offers people much more than just a cup of coffee – a chance for positive conversation and to know that someone cares about you. If you are in another kind of business, find out where there is a member café close to your business and encourage your employees and clients to support the scheme.

2. Be environmentally friendly

Your business can show kindness to the planet and to the rest of humanity by being environmentally friendly. This can mean investing in new energy-saving technologies, such as infrared sensor activated taps in your company's bathrooms which greatly reduce water

waste – or something as simple as encouraging your staff to turn off lighting and equipment which is not in use. Reducing your company's use of plastics and other pollutants and lowering energy consumption are ways in which your business can show kindness.

3. Reduce waste

If you are in the food business, don't let unused food go to the landfill. Donate unsold food items before their expiration date or work together with local soup kitchens or NGO's to make use of excess food products. This may take some careful thought and organising, but the people fed with food which otherwise would have been lost will appreciate your business for this act of kindness.

Businesses also often produce other kinds of waste, such as paper and plastic that is thrown away. Monitor what waste is leaving your business and choose to be kind to the planet by initiating company-wide recycling programs.

4. Get involved in your community

Your business reputation will be enhanced by acts of kindness to the community, such as sponsoring local projects or organising money-raising events for charities. Enhance the beauty of your business by supporting local artists. House exhibitions from local art talent, allow musicians and street entertainers to perform in front of your business or sponsor local sports teams. Buy local produce and work with other businesses in the community to make your neighbourhood a kinder, more caring and inclusive place.

5. Give a personal touch

Encourage your staff to get to know your customers by name and to anticipate their needs. Build a solid team who work well together by giving out praise generously and paying fairly. If your employees feel appreciated and contented, they will treat your customers with a kinder attitude and will go further to satisfy their needs.

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Harper Reid is a freelance writer from Auckland, New Zealand who tries her best to lead a positive, grateful life. When eating out, she supports local businesses that care for the community and environment. You can check out more of Harper’s work on Tumblr at: <https://miss-harper-reid.tumblr.com/>.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

The Generous One

Source: Facebook by: Kevin Nye

Date: January 21, 2015

"Some people!" snorted a man standing behind me in the long line at the grocery store.

"You would think the manager would pay attention and open another line," said a woman.

I looked to the front of the line to see what the hold up was. I saw a well dressed, young woman, trying to get the machine to accept her credit card. No matter how many times she swiped it, the machine kept rejecting it.

"It's one of them welfare card things. Damn people need to get a job like everyone else," said the man standing behind me.

The young woman turned around to see who had made the comment.

"It was me," he said, pointing to himself.

The young lady's face began to change expression. Almost in tears, she dropped the welfare card onto the counter and quickly walked out of the store. Everyone in the checkout line watched as she began running to her car. Never looking back, she got in and drove away.

After developing cancer in 1977 and having had to use food stamps; I had learned never to judge anyone without knowing the circumstances of their life. This turned out to be the case today.

Several minutes later a young man walked into the store. He went up to the cashier and asked if she had seen the woman. After describing her, the cashier told him that she had run out of the store, got into her car, and drove away.

"Why would she do that?" asked the man.

Everyone in the line looked around at the fellow who had made the statement.

"I made a stupid comment about the welfare card she was using. Something I shouldn't have said. I'm sorry," said the man.

"Well, that's bad—real bad, in fact. Her brother was killed in Afghanistan two years ago. He had three young children and she has taken on that responsibility. She is twenty years old, single, and now has three children to support," he said in a very firm voice.

"I'm really truly sorry. I didn't know," he replied, shaking both his hands about.

"Are these paid for?" he then asked. He pointed to the shopping cart full of groceries.

"It wouldn't take her card," the clerk told him.

"Do you know where she lives?" asked the man who had made the comment.

"Yes, she goes to our church."

"Excuse me," he said as he made his way to the front of the line. He pulled out his wallet, took out his credit card and told the cashier, "Please use my card. PLEASE!"

The clerk took his credit card and began to ring up the young woman's groceries.

"Hold on," said the gentleman. He walked back to his shopping cart and began loading his own groceries onto the belt to be included.

"Come on people. We got three kids to help raise!" he told everyone in line.

Everyone began to place their groceries onto the fast moving belt. A few customers began bagging the food and placing it into separate carts.

"Go back and get two big turkeys," yelled a heavyset woman, as she looked at the man.

"NO," yelled the man.

Everyone stopped dead in their tracks. The entire store became quiet for several seconds.

"Four turkeys," yelled the man.

Everyone began laughing and went back to work.

When all was said and done, the man paid a total of \$1,646.57 for the groceries.

He walked over to the side, pulled out his check book, and began writing a check—using the bags of dog food piled near the front of the store for a writing surface. He turned around and handed the check to the young man.

"She will need a freezer and a few other things as well," he told the man.

The young man looked at the check and said, "This is really very generous of you."

"No," said the man. "Her brother was the generous one."

Everyone in the store began to clap.

I drove home that day feeling very American.

This story by Roger Dean Kiser, was published at truth-book .com

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 9 August



There are an estimated 370 million indigenous people in the world, living across 90 countries. They make up less than 5 per cent of the world's population, but account for 15 per cent of the poorest. They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures.

Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, indigenous peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

Indigenous peoples have sought recognition of their identities, their way of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources for years, yet throughout history their rights have always been violated. Indigenous peoples today, are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights and maintain their distinct cultures and way of life.

In order to raise awareness of the needs of these population groups, every 9 August commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982.

2019 Theme: Indigenous Languages

This year's observance is dedicated to Indigenous Peoples' Languages (for information about Indigenous Peoples' Languages visit <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/2019/01/2019-international-year-of-indigenous-languages/>) in view of 2019 being marked as the International Year of Indigenous Languages (For information about the International Year of Indigenous Languages visit <https://en.iyil2019.org/>).

The large majority of the languages in danger are spoken by indigenous peoples. It is estimated that, every 2 weeks, an indigenous language disappears, placing at risk the respective indigenous cultures and knowledge systems. That is why, on this International Day, the goal is to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote them at both national and international levels.

The UN Headquarters observance celebration will take place on August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be webcast live.

International Year of Indigenous Languages

Languages play a crucially important role in the daily lives of all peoples, are pivotal in the areas of human rights protection, peace building and sustainable development, through ensuring cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue. However, despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate due to a variety of factors. Many of them are indigenous languages.

Indigenous languages in particular are a significant factor in a wide range of other indigenous issues, nota-

bly education, scientific and technological development, biosphere and the environment, freedom of expression, employment and social inclusion.

In response to these threats, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a Resolution (A/RES/71/178, you can read the resolution at <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/71/178>)on ‘Rights of Indigenous Peoples’, proclaiming 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Why Do We Mark International Days?

International days are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. The existence of international days predates the establishment of the United Nations, but the UN has embraced them as a powerful advocacy tool. For more information you can visit this website:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/why-do-we-mark-international-days/>

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

I Did It

Source: <https://www.sunnyskyz.com/feel-good-stories>

Original Written by A Friend, July 19th, 2019

Seven years ago, when I was 24, my wife was killed in a horrible car accident, leaving me in complete shock and grief as a single father to our 2 kids at that time they were 1 and 3 years old. I didn't have any post high school education and was working as a construction worker.

Before my wife passed away, we both worked full time and were able to rent a small but nice house. But as a single working parent, I could hardly make ends meet and had to move in to a tiny apartment. This Christmas, when I didn't have enough money left over to get my kids the gifts they deserved, I really knew I had to do something.

I started taking college classes at night while working 2 jobs, and 5 long years, I graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and got a job making 6 figures. I bought a nice house with a huge yard for my kids to play in, built them a treehouse, and have enough time off to spend plenty of time with them.

Last week, I took them on a camping trip in the mountains. It's not until now that I really let myself believe that I actually did it.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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

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

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

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

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

Sept 13, 2019 Annual 911 Body of Christ Revival - Eighteenth annual 911 Body of Christ Revival. This year's theme is "Gird Up." Ten preachers, five nights, and five free meals with lots of good special singing and praise! Make plans now to attend every night as each service will be different. All this takes place at the Twin Bridges and Love In action building located in Childers, Ok. on Centralia road. Directions are from Nowata Junction 169 and 28, go 5 miles east on 28 to the Childers store, then take the Centralia road, going 3 ½ miles. From junction 60 and 28 west,

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go approximately 6 miles west on 28 to the store and then take the Centralia road. The Love In Action/Twin Bridges building is on the left. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. at the ranch 1/2 mile before coming to the service building. The revival services will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Love In Action at 918-440-5683 or 918-440-7339

Aug 09, 2019 to Sep 01, 2019 Theatre Tulsa presents: - Mama Mia! Theatre Tulsa opens its 97th season with the sunny, funny and heartwarming musical based on the Swedish pop band ABBA's famous 1970s songs, like "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me" and "SOS." "Mama Mia" follows a young woman the eve of her wedding, in search for her birth father on a Greek island paradise. Don't miss this globally popular musical at Tulsa Performing Arts Center. Tulsa Performing Arts Center 110 E 2nd St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-596-7111

Aug 10, 2019 - Sep 21, 2019 Cherokee Homecoming Art Show - Visit the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah for the Cherokee Homecoming Art Show. View authentic Cherokee artwork by artists from all across the nation. Open to citizens of the Cherokee Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees and Eastern Band of the Cherokees, this show will display many examples of traditional and contemporary art. The judged artwork categories in the past have included pottery, basketry and painting. The Cherokee Homecoming Art Show is a great venue for Cherokee artists to present their artwork to the public. Cherokee Heritage Center 21192 S Keeler Dr Tahlequah, OK 74465 Phone: 918-456-6007

Aug 17, 2019 - Aug 24, 2019 Ottawa County Free Fair - Join thousands of festival-goers at the 100th annual Ottawa County Free Fair in Miami. This free county fair will feature nightly livestock shows, commercial exhibits, food vendors and a wide variety of grandstand events in the main arena. Bring the kids for the nightly carnival and enjoy rides that twist, turn and spin. Take a break from the excitement of the carnival and head inside to browse through numerous vendor booths in the Ottawa County Miami Fairgrounds. Plenty of arts and crafts will be displayed and available for purchase. Come to Miami's Ottawa County Free Fair to take a spin on the popular Ferris wheel, or hit the food booths for corn dogs, turkey legs and more. The fair's midway will be filled with food vendors, so stop by and feast on delicious fair food. Don't miss the fair's annual rodeo and horse show. 1129 E St SW Miami, OK 74354 Phone: 918-542-1688 Fax: 918-542-8463

Aug 20, 2019 - Sep 08, 2019 Celebrity Attractions presents - Hamilton Visit the Tulsa Performing Arts Center

to watch Celebrity Attractions actors perform the story of Alexander Hamilton. Known as one of America's founding fathers, Hamilton was George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War. This show, held within in Tulsa, has a score you won't want to miss. Tulsa Performing Arts Center 110 E 2nd St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-596-7111 Fax: 918-596-7144

Aug 20, 2019 - Aug 22, 2019 Tulsa Drillers vs Amarillo Sod Poodles - Come experience the thrill of the game as the Tulsa Drillers go head to head with the Amarillo Sod Poodles. 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 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

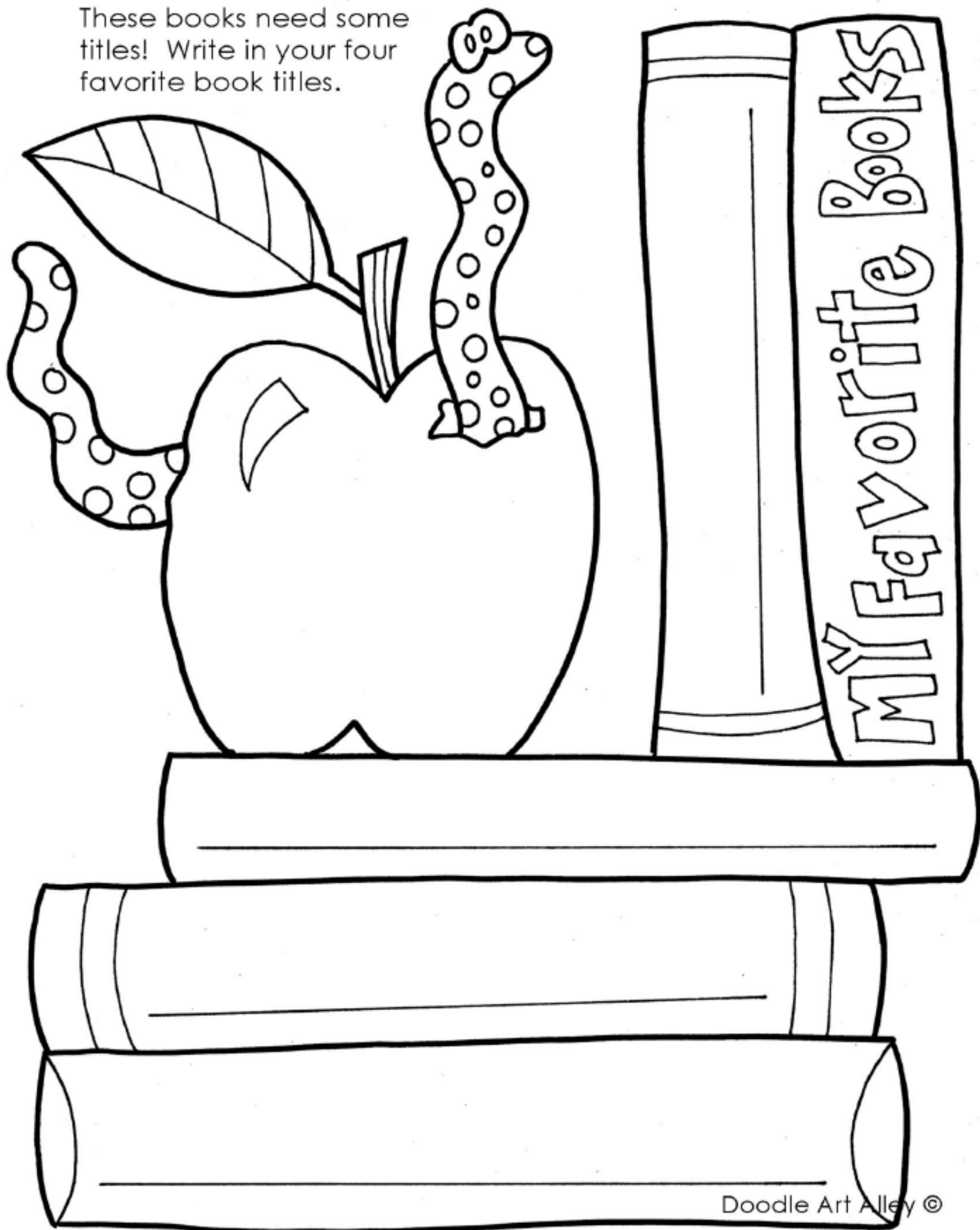
Aug 22, 2019 Chris Isaak in Concert - Nashville artist Chris Isaak is stopping at Paradise Cove in Tulsa as part of his national tour. This rock musician, best known for "Wicked Game," will perform a variety of his hits live for the crowd. In the course of Isaak's career, he has released nine extraordinary albums, twelve singles, been nominated for two Grammy awards, acted in several motion pictures and starred in his own critically-acclaimed TV series. Rock out as Isaak introduces fresh tunes to fans old and new at River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa. Paradise Cove at River Spirit Casino Resort 8330 S Riverside Pkwy Tulsa, OK 74137 Phone: 918-995-8235

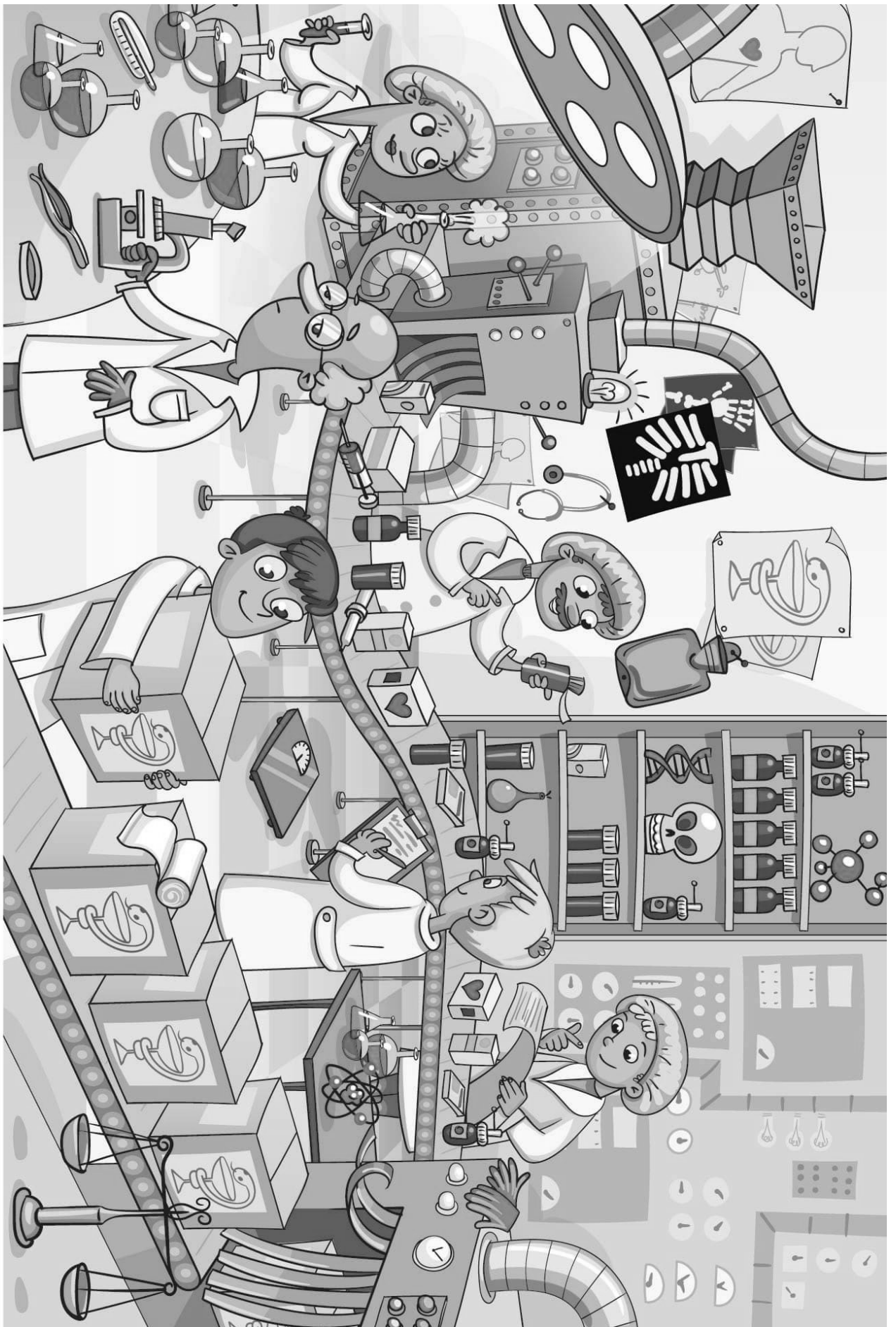
Aug 22, 2019 Brian Setzer in Concert - Iconic guitarist, songwriter, vocalist and three-time Grammy Award-winner Brian Setzer arrives in Tulsa for a one-night show at The Joint, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's music venue. Setzer is known for his 1950s-style rock group Stray Cats, who rose to fame in the early 1980s. Sit back as Setzer croons, wails and puts his big band through the boogie woogie paces of his "Rockabilly Riot" national tour. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa 777 W Cherokee St Catoosa, OK 74015 Phone: 918-266-4352 800-760-6700

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DATA MASTERS: Steven Burdick and
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First And Last Words

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. James 1:2-3

“No pain, no gain,” they say. But when we're the ones in pain, the gain can seem too little, too late. Even James’ words (above) sound like a cruel joke when trials break us and our hope hangs by a thread. “Where,” we ask, “is our steadfastness, our unwavering faith?”

It is, of course, where it's always been. Our faith is in God's hands, and He is in our hearts. During trials, it is often hardest to see the benefits God is working for us. But that doesn't mean the benefits are not there. It doesn't mean God is not there. And it doesn't mean that our faith is not growing, even when we feel so very small.

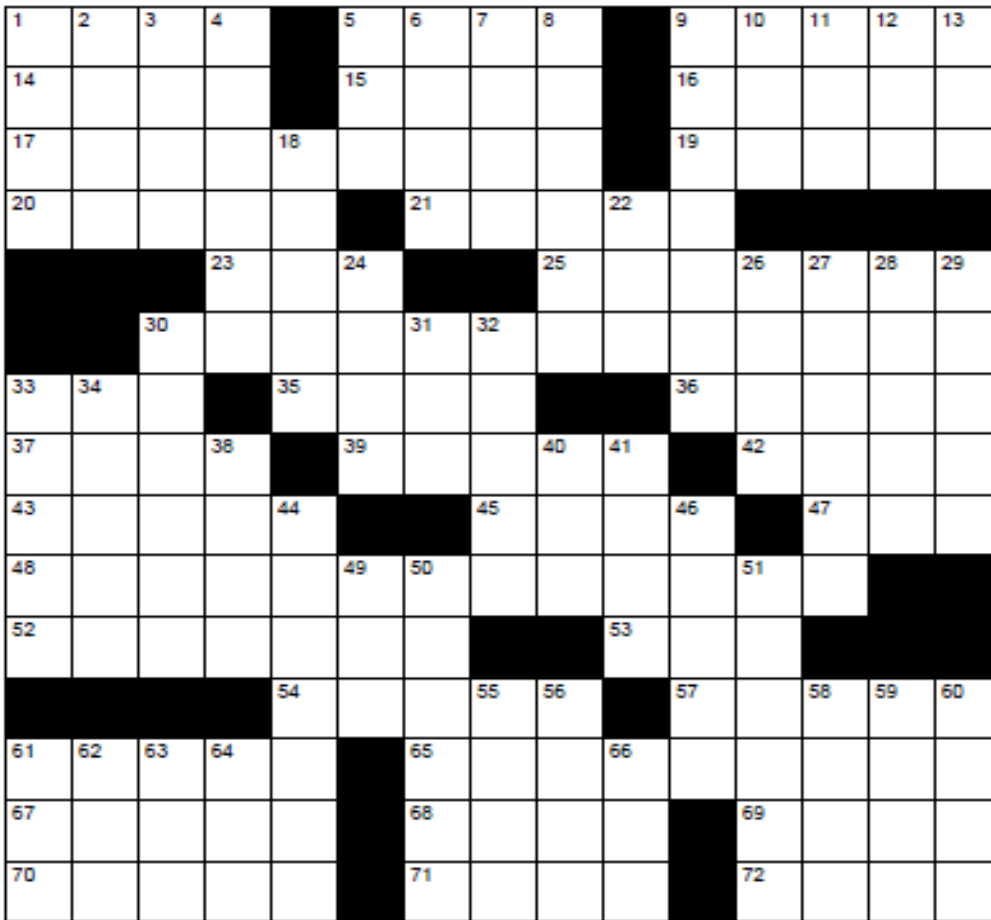
When we are suffering, God gives a simple solution: pray. We pray for healing, for forgiveness, and for an end to suffering. We pray for the resurrection that will be ours on the Last Day. Sometimes, God’s answers are slow and not to our liking, but they are always for our good. Most of all, we can cling to the knowledge that God has known pain – the pain of the cross – and that pain was most certainly for our eternal gain. Jesus, let us never forsake the gain You won for us. Amen.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

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Crossword Puzzle

Crossword #E86AHG99



Down

1. Additions
2. Cook, as eggs
3. Kid Rock's "____ Deep"
4. Prepare fish, in a way
5. "The ____ Club" (Bakker org.)
6. Get ready to spring
7. "Desperate Housewives" role
8. Savanna exploration
9. View from another angle
10. Tanning parlor letters
11. Sixty secs.
12. Business appt.
13. Beefeater (abbr.)
18. Memorable time
22. Big boss
24. "Don't worry, I'll ____"
26. Thin wedge of wood
27. Western bar
28. Violet lead-in
29. Someone ____ (not mine)
30. Affix anew
31. Mao's org.
32. Mortise partner
33. Complain childishly
34. Intoxicating
38. Eighth Hebrew letter
40. Dean's list fig.
41. Housing with a mgr.
44. State police officer
46. Military assault
49. AA no-no (abbr.)
50. Tributary of the Delaware
51. 1993 AL batting champ
55. Having no siblings
56. Ibn ____
58. ____ Taylor (model)
59. Frozen desserts
60. "All ____ of You" (Phantom of the Opera number)
61. Part of a dance?
62. Yuletide laughs
63. Global debt org.
64. Fighting style (abbr.)
66. Marseilles Mrs.

Across

1. Put ____ on (use eBay)
5. Banned pollutants, for short
9. Boozer
14. Nary a one
15. Pearl Harbor code word
16. Modern party announcement
17. It may be suspended
19. Latin ballroom dance
20. Cutter's cousin
21. "Lifestyles..." host Robin
23. Fat cat, in British slang
25. Subsequent printing
30. Event site, perhaps
33. Vince McMahon's org.
35. Doughnut middle
36. Glasgow garb
37. Kite position
39. Jumpy Milne character
42. ____ or less
43. Marina's place
45. Antonyms, briefly
47. Treaty gp. since 1948
48. Attawandaron group
52. Mask opening
53. Salt, in Sévigny
54. Some tango steps
57. Ones with high IQs
61. Ape's cousin
65. Stateside
67. French man
68. Bummed out
69. Island strings
70. "____ as the eye can see"
71. Park of London
72. Computer floppy

Solution is printed in page 37

Word Search Puzzle

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 Humanity humankind masses mob People populace proletariat public rabble
 Rabblement riffraff society species world

CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Learn From Your Failures **Quote From:** Steve Harvey

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Title: Love and Hope **Quote From:** Jerry Lewis

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Creators: Steven Burdick and Eric Peachey

Solution is on page 34

Logic Puzzle



| | First Names | | | | Candles | | | Butterflies | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| | Fatima | Julian | Justin | Oliver | apple spice | bayberry | gardenia | vanilla | Hesperiidae | Lycaenidae | Papilionidae | Pieridae |
| Anniversaries | February 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | February 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | June 28 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | June 29 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butterflies | Hesperiidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lycaenidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Papilionidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pieridae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Candles | apple spice | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | bayberry | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | gardenia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | vanilla | | | | | | | | | | | |

Logic Puzzles

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| Anniversaries | First Names | Candles | Butterflies |
|---------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| February 8 | | | |
| February 11 | | | |
| June 28 | | | |
| June 29 | | | |

- The person who lit the bayberry candle is not Julian.
- Of Oliver and Fatima, one has an anniversary on June 28 and the other collects Lycaenidae.
- The person whose anniversary is on June 28 lit the apple spice candle.
- Either the person whose anniversary is on June 28 or the person whose anniversary is on June 29 collects Hesperidae.
- The lepidopterist who collects Papilionidae lit the bayberry candle.
- The lepidopterist who collects Hesperidae has an anniversary after Justin.
- The person who lit the vanilla candle is not Fatima.
- Justin has an anniversary before Julian.
- The 4 people were Oliver, the person who lit the bayberry candle, the person whose anniversary is on February 8, and the lepidopterist who collects Pieridae.

Solution is on page 28

Some Riddles

1. I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?
2. I have three feet but can't walk; I tell you things but can't talk; sometimes I bend but I'm LIKE A SCALE BUT CAN'T TELL YOUR weight what am I?
3. What has 88 teeth but never brushes them
4. I have no voice and yet I speak to you, I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree, I have pages, but I am not a bride or royalty. I have a spine and hinges, but I am not a man or a door, I have told you all, I cannot tell you more. What am I?
5. Black within, red without, with four corners, round about. What is it?
6. What animal would you get crossed a duck, a beaver, and an otter?
7. What do bumblebees sing in the shower?
8. How did the court know the judge was ready for bed?
9. Did you hear about the soilder who bought a camouflage sleeping bag?
10. It goes through the door without pinching it sits on the stove without burning , it sits on the table not ashamed .
11. What did the pen say to the paper?
12. Who do witches stop for on the highway?
13. When is the best time to have lunch?
14. A 400 yard long train, travelling at 30 mph, enters a 4.5 mile long tunnel. How long will elapse between the moment the front of the train enters the tunnel and the moment the end of the train clears the tunnel?
15. Dean Sam and Castiel are three brothers. Interestingly their current age is prime. What's more interesting that difference between their ages is also prime. How old are they?
16. The digits 0-9(0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) can be rearranged into 3628800 distinct 10 digits numbers. How many of these numbers are prime?
17. Using eight eights and addition only, can you make 1000?
18. How can you divide a pizza into 8 equal slices using only 3 straight cuts?
19. A train leaves from Halifax, Nova Scotia heading towards Vancouver, British Columbia at 120 km/h. Three hours later, a train leaves Vancouver heading towards Halifax at 180 km/h. Assume there's exactly 6000 kilometers between Vancouver and Halifax. When they meet, which train is closer to Halifax?
20. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
21. Can a man legally marry his widow's sister in the state of California?
22. Hussey has been caught stealing goats, and is brought into court for justice. The judge is his ex-wife Amy Hussey, who wants to show him some sympathy, but the law clearly calls for two shots to be taken at Hussey from close range. To make things a little better for Hussey, Amy Hussey tells him she will place two bullets into a six-chambered revolver in successive order. She will spin the chamber, close it, and take one shot. If Hussey is still alive, she will then either take another shot, or spin the chamber again before shooting. Hussey is a bit incredulous that his own ex-wife would carry out the punishment, and a bit sad that she was always such a rule follower. He steels himself as Amy Hussey loads the chambers, spins the revolver, and pulls the trigger. Whew! It was blank. Then Amy Hussey asks, 'Do you want me to pull the trigger again, or should I spin the chamber a second time before pulling the trigger?' What should Hussey choose?
23. Your friend shows you two jars, one with 100 red marbles in it, the other with 100 blue marbles in it. He proposes a game. He'll put the two jars behind his back and tell you to pick one of them at random. You'll then close your eyes, he'll hand you the jar you picked, and you'll pick a random marble from that jar. You win if the marble you pick is blue, and you lose otherwise. To give you the best shot at winning, your friend gives you the two jars before the game starts and says you can move the marbles around however you'd like, as long as all 200 marbles are in the 2 jars (that is, you can't throw any marbles away). How should you move the marbles around to give yourself the best chance of picking a blue marble?
24. You and a friend are standing in front of two houses. In each house lives a family with two children. "The family on the left has a boy who loves history, but their other child prefers math," your friend tells you. "The family on the right has a 7-year old boy, and they just had a new baby," he explains. "Does either family have a girl?" you ask. "I'm not sure," your friend says. "But pick the family that you think is more likely to have a girl. If they do have a girl, I'll give you \$100." Which family should you pick, or does it not matter?

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Answers to Riddles

1. Love.
2. A yardstick.
3. A Piano.
4. A Book.
5. A chiminey.
6. A platypus.
7. BeeBop.
8. He was wearing his robe
9. He couldn't find it
10. The sun
11. Lets run away and WRITE
12. Witch-hikers.
13. after breakfast
14. 9 minutes and 27.2727 seconds.
15. Sam : 2 Dean : 5 Castiel : 7 Age diff $7 - 2 = '5'$ is prime $7 - 5 = '2'$ is prime $5 - 2 = '3'$ is prime
16. None. The sum of numbers from 0-9 (0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) is 45 and therefore can be divisible by 3 and 9.
17. $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$
18. Cut 1: Cut the pizza straight down the middle into two halves. Cut 2: Keeping the two halves in the place, cut the pizza straight down the middle at right angles to the first cut (you will be left with 4 equal quarters) Cut 3: Pile the 4 quarters on top of each other and cut through the middle of the pile. You will be left with 8 equal slices.
19. Both trains would be at the same spot when they meet therefore they are both equally close to Halifax.
20. Short.
21. NO since she is a 'widow', the guy's dead!
22. Hussey should have Amy Hussey pull the trigger again without spinning. We know that the first chamber Amy Hussey fired was one of the four empty chambers. Since the bullets were placed in consecutive order, one of the empty chambers is followed by a bullet, and the other three empty chambers are followed by another empty chamber. So if Hussey has Amy Hussey pull the trigger again, the probability that a bullet will be fired is $1/4$. If Amy Hussey spins the chamber again, the probability that she shoots Hussey would be $2/6$, or $1/3$, since there are two possible bullets that would be in firing position out of the six possible chambers that would be in position.
23. Put one blue marble in one jar, and put the rest of the marbles in the other jar. This will give you just about a 75% chance of picking a blue marble.
24. You should pick the house on the left. Specifically, there is a $2/3$ chance that the family on the left has a girl, whereas there's only a $1/2$ chance that the house on the right has a girl. This is a very counterintuitive riddle. It seems like there should always be a $1/2$

Logic Puzzle Solution

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| June 29 | June 28 | February 11 | February 8 |
| Julian | Oliver | Justin | Fatima |
| Vanilla | Apple spice | Bayberry | Gardenia |
| Pieridae | Hesperidae | Papilionidae | Lycaenidae |

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

chance that a given child is a girl. And in fact there is. The key word there is "given". Because we are not asking about a "given" child for the house on the left. We are asking about what could be either child. Whereas for the house on the right, we are asking about a "given" child...specifically, we're asking about the younger child. There are 3 possibilities for the children in the first house: Younger Older Girl Boy Boy Girl Boy Boy There is no "Girl, Girl" option because we know the house on the left has at least one boy. Since each of these 3 options is equally likely, and 2 of them have one girl, there is a $2/3$ chance of there being a girl in the house on the left. For the house on the right, because we already know the older child is a boy, there are only two possibilities: Younger Older Girl Boy Boy Boy And as we can see, there is a $1/2$ chance for the house on the right having a girl.

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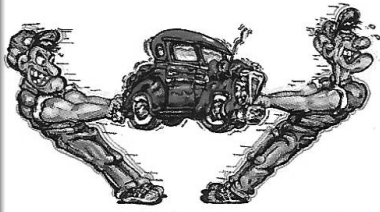
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Title: Learn From Your Failures **By:** Steve Harvey

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Steve Harvey

Title: Love and Hope **By:** Jerry Lewis

I say to everybody, love is what wakes you up in the morning, love is what makes you walk, and love is what makes you hope.

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

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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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

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| 1 | A | B | I | D | | 5 | P | C | B | S | | 9 | R | U | M | M | Y | | |
| 14 | N | O | N | E | | 15 | T | O | R | A | | 16 | E | V | I | T | E | | |
| 17 | D | I | S | B | 18 | E | L | I | E | F | | 19 | T | A | N | G | O | | |
| 20 | S | L | O | O | P | | 21 | L | E | A | C | H | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 23 | N | O | B | | | 25 | R | E | I | S | S | U | E | | |
| | | | 30 | R | E | C | E | P | T | I | O | N | H | A | L | L | | | |
| 33 | 34 | W | W | E | | 35 | H | O | L | E | | 36 | K | I | L | T | S | | |
| 37 | | H | I | G | H | | 39 | K | A | N | G | A | | 42 | M | O | R | E | |
| 43 | | I | N | L | E | T | | | 45 | O | P | P | S | | 47 | O | A | S | |
| 48 | | N | E | U | T | R | A | L | N | A | T | I | O | N | | | | | |
| 52 | | E | Y | E | H | O | L | E | | | 53 | S | E | L | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 54 | O | C | H | O | S | | 57 | G | E | N | I | I | |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | C | H | I | M | P | | 65 | I | N | A | M | E | R | I | C | A |
| 67 | | H | O | M | M | E | | | 68 | G | L | U | M | | 69 | U | K | E | S |
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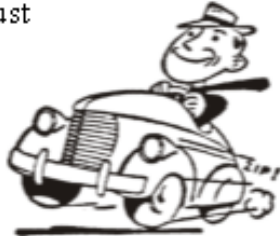
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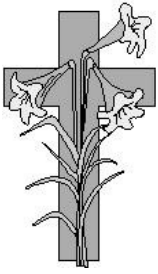
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PIONEERS OF CHANGE

In 1971, when I went to work for the phone company, we operators worked on the old cord board, where operators answered customers by plugging a cord into a lighted hole. At that time, customers could dial local calls, but long distance calls had to be dialed by the operator. By 1974, customers could dial 1+ calls by themselves, but certain calls, such as collect calls, still had to be handled by the operator.

In 1984 I transferred to a job in the dial office, as an electronics technician working on electro-mechanical equipment that had been installed in 1958. In 1995, the phone company started upgrading the whole state to digital phone systems, replacing the electro-mechanical offices with computerized or digital offices. After my home office was upgraded, I was placed on a traveling crew, going all over the state, until the last offices in Weleetka and Wetumka, Oklahoma, were replaced.

When I retired in 2003 after 32 years of service, I became an active member of the Telephone Pioneers, now serving as secretary and attending most monthly meetings. We are a service organization, serving the communities together as a club, and

as individual volunteers.

I have noticed over the years that the retirees who have the best retirement are the ones who had a "life" outside the phone company, the ones who kept up an active life after they retired.

We enjoy reminiscing about how things were in the "good ol' days," but we live in the here-and-now. If changes are going to be made in our community, our state, our nation, our world, it must come from those who are forward-looking, not sitting back, retired from the world. It's okay to fondly remember, but don't try to live in the past.

Paul spoke wise words to us in Philippians 3:13-14, when he said, "But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

True pioneers don't just sit around dreaming of the past; they press on into the future.

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