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The Great Fire of London

The people of London who had managed to survive the Great Plague in 1665 must have thought that the year 1666 could only be better, and couldn't possibly be worse!

Poor souls... they could not have imagined the new disaster that was to befall them in 1666.

A fire started on September 2nd in the King's bakery in Pudding Lane near London Bridge. Fires were quite a common occurrence in those days and were soon quelled. Indeed, when the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Bloodworth was woken up to be told about the fire, he replied "Pish! A woman might piss it out!". However that summer had been very hot and there had been no rain for weeks, so consequently the wooden houses and buildings were tinder dry.



The fire soon took hold: 300 houses quickly collapsed and the strong east wind spread the flames further, jumping from house to house. The fire swept

through the warren of streets lined with houses, the upper stories of which almost touched across the narrow winding lanes. Efforts to bring the fire under control by using buckets quickly failed. Panic began to spread through the city.

As the fire raged on, people tried to leave the city and poured down to the River Thames in an attempt to escape by boat.

Absolute chaos reigned, as often happens today, as thousands of 'sightseers' from the villages came to view the disaster. Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, the diarists, both gave dramatic, first-hand accounts of the next few days. Samuel Pepys, who was a clerk of the Privy Seal, hurried off to inform King Charles II. The King immediately ordered that all the houses in the path of the fire should be pulled down to create a 'fire-break'. This was done with hooked poles, but to no avail as the fire outstripped them!



By the 4th September half of London was in flames. The King himself joined the fire fighters, passing buckets of water to them in an attempt to quell the flames, but the fire raged on.

As a last resort gunpowder was used

to blow up houses that lay in the path of the fire, and so create an even bigger fire-break, but the sound of the explosions started rumours that a French invasion was taking place.... even more panic!!

As refugees poured out of the city, St. Paul's Cathedral was caught in the flames. The acres of lead on the roof melted and poured down on to the street like a river, and the great cathedral collapsed. Luckily the Tower of London escaped the inferno, and eventually the fire was brought under control, and by the 6th September had been extinguished altogether.

Only one fifth of London was left standing! Virtually all the civic buildings had been destroyed as well as 13,000 private dwellings, but amazingly only six people had died.

Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless.

Eighty-nine parish churches, the Guildhall, numerous other public buildings, jails, markets and fifty-seven halls were now just burnt-out shells. The loss of property was estimated at £5 to £7 million. King Charles gave the fire fighters a generous purse of 100 guineas to share between them. Not for the last time would a nation honour its brave fire fighters.



In the immediate aftermath of the fire, a poor demented French watchmaker called (Lucky) Hubert, confessed to starting the fire deliberately: justice was swift and he was rapidly hanged. It was sometime later however that it was realised that he couldn't have started it, as he was not in England at the time!

Although the Great Fire was a catastrophe, it did cleanse the city. The overcrowded and disease ridden streets were destroyed and a new London emerged. A monument was erected in Pudding Lane on the spot where the fire began and can be seen today, where it is a reminder of those terrible days in September 1666.

Sir Christopher Wren was given the task of re-building London, and his masterpiece St. Paul's Cathedral was started in 1675 and completed in 1711. In memory of Sir Christopher there is an inscription in the Cathedral, which reads, "Si Monumentum Requiritur Circumspice". – "If you seek his monument, look round".

Wren also rebuilt 52 of the City churches, and his work turned the City of London into the city we recognize today.

Source: Historic UK

By: Ben Johnson

Website: <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofEngland/The-Great-Fire-of-London/>

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Where are you hiding your gold?

This is an inspiring and a nice email that I received from Hannah at Becoming Who You Are. I thought to share it with you.

How's your week going? Today I want to share a little parable with you that sums up what becoming who you are is all about. It's easy for us to fall into this trap of thinking things like "When I have X, then I'll be happy," or "When I do Y, then I'll feel like I'm enough." This "When...then" thinking overlooks an important fact: you almost certainly already have everything you need to be who you are.

Often, it's not so much a case of doing more or being more, but of digging down and finding the gold that's already there (N.B. I am not a buddhist—or religious at all—I just love the message in this fable and I hope it will add an uplifting note to your day too).

The story of the golden Buddha

Several hundred years ago, a group of monks in Thailand (then Siam) had a big golden Buddha. Word arrived that the Burmese were about to invade. Rather than have their enemies get their mitts on their beloved (and highly valuable) statue, the monks decided to disguise its worth by covering it with clay.

Their plan worked: the Burmese arrived and figured the statue wasn't worth looting. They also killed off all of the monks, who took the secret of the statue's true identity to their graves...

Fast forward to the 1950s and the monastery was being relocated to make room for a Bangkok highway (modern times, yo). As part of the relocation, the monks went to move the statue and found that it was strangely heavy—so heavy that they were likely to damage it unless they brought in some heavy duty equipment. It had also started to rain, so the monks covered it up until they could figure out what to do in the morning. Later that night, the head monk went to check on the statue. As he shone his torch over the statue, he noticed a crack. Darn.

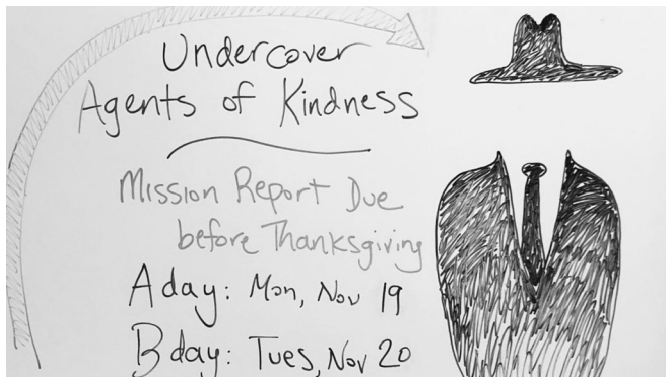
But the crack was... gleaming? He went to get a chisel and started removing the clay around the crack.

Hours later, he found himself standing in front of the solid gold Buddha that had been there all along.

Where are you hiding your gold?

Take care,
Hannah

CULTIVATING KINDNESS IN AN UNKIND WORLD



This fall, gun violence created waves of panic and helplessness in my school district, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, when a freshman at Butler High School shot and killed a classmate in the hallway over a personal conflict. With more than 80 incidents of gunfire on American school grounds already this year, it had seemed like only a matter of time. How did we get to the point where such tragic events are now accepted as inevitable? How can we shift the interpersonal dynamics in our schools and in our society to make incidents like this less common?

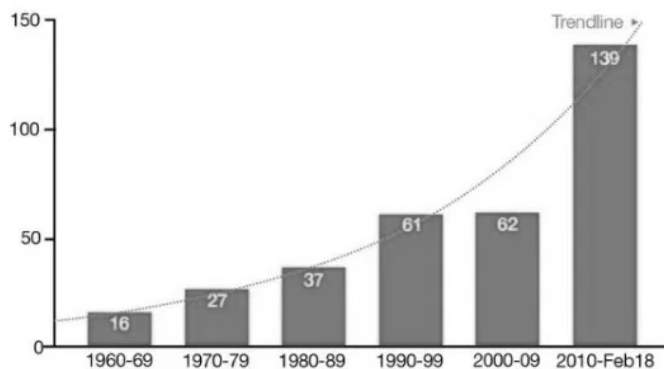
Psychologists have been administering a test called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory for more than 30 years. Over that period, they've seen a consistent rise in levels of narcissism and a corresponding drop in feelings of empathy. Individuals with higher narcissism scores are more likely to lash out in anger, while those with lower empathy scores are less likely to help others in need.

Look what has happened to school shooting numbers dur-

ing those decades:

Incidence of US school shootings, 1960-2018

Shooting injuries and deaths only, excludes incidental deaths and injuries. Excludes suicides where no third parties were killed or injured.



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I'd already been thinking a lot about the decline in positive interactions in our society and how we might more effectively teach character in our schools. But this local act of gun violence added a new sense of urgency to my goal of building community and cultivating kindness between students. Twenty plus years of experience teaching prescribed character education lessons have shown me that an adult simply talking about character or modelling positive behavior does not often lead to the changes we want to see in our children. There had to be a more impactful approach.

A few years ago, researchers at the University of Wisconsin set out to answer the question 'Can compassion be learned?' They wanted to see whether practicing the

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mindset of caring would lead to more caring behavior, and the results of their study were very promising. After practicing compassion towards friends, strangers, and even people they'd had conflict with, participants showed increased activity in the region of the brain associated with empathy and understanding. Just like learning to write the letters of the alphabet or using the quadratic formula, it was regular opportunities to practice the skill that made it more likely they would successfully use the skill on their own.

With that in mind, I created an assignment to give my 7th grade Language Arts students the opportunity to practice compassion towards each other. I called it Undercover Agents of Kindness.

Undercover Agents of Kindness

Agent's name: _____

Your mission is to perform an unexpected act of kindness for the classmate whose name you have drawn, then complete a report of your mission results. Be sure your act of kindness is big enough for your classmate to notice and doesn't cost any \$\$\$. Also, remember to keep your mission a **secret** until you're ready to do the act!

--Mr. Parmenter

To increase interaction between students who did not normally talk to each other, I had students draw a random classmate's name from a bowl. After they drew names, I was shocked to hear some of them had no idea who the other person was—even after being in class together for two months and in many cases attending the same school for years. Students had two weeks to perform an unexpected act of kindness for the other person and complete a written 'mission report' detailing what they did and how it went.

Soon I began to see encouraging sticky notes on lockers in the hallway. Batches of homemade cupcakes and bags of leftover Halloween candy made their way onto desks in my classroom, as did origami, inspirational quotes, and hand-drawn portraits. I heard compliments exchanged about all kinds of things. Students I'd never seen together started offering to carry each other's books and musical instruments to the next class. As the mission reports started trickling in, I read accounts of children studying together, inviting others to sit together at lunch, helping others put football equipment on at practice.

2) What was your act of kindness? Explain why you chose this act and the steps that you followed to make it happen (at least 3-4 sentences):

My act of kindness was a note/card. I chose this act of kindness because it's not everyday that you get a note about what somebody thinks and likes about you. This always makes me happy whenever someone gives me a compliment or says something positive about me! I mean, who doesn't?! What I needed was a piece of paper and some possibility! I took the paper, folded it, and then wrote what I like about him.

(over--)

My act of kindness was helping her with her stuff to class. I decided to do this because she is always late to class. And I saw that she was not packed up to leave yet so when the bell for 3rd block had rung. Then I just asked if she need help with her stuff.

However, it was my students' reflections on the kindness activity that revealed its impact most. Again and again they acknowledged that it was difficult and felt awkward to approach someone they didn't know well and do something for them. But almost every time they added that they were proud of themselves for doing it anyway and felt the power in brightening someone else's day.

After the mission, I felt proud of myself because I am usually a shy person. Also normally I don't really do these things. But knowing that something that I did could have brighten someone's day, also makes me happy.

As part of our reflection on the assignment, I solicited student advice on what I could do to improve 'Agents of Kindness.' My students offered many helpful suggestions, including drawing names from the whole grade level instead of just individual classes, offering example acts of kindness for those who get stuck, and allowing a little more time so they don't feel rushed. The majority of them said they'd like to repeat the activity, although some admitted that it shouldn't require a school assignment for them to be kind to each other.

I plan to make Undercover Agents of Kindness a monthly occurrence, and I would love to see other teachers borrow the idea, improve it, and share their results with the educator community as well.

4 Sometimes our world seems dark and scary and we feel

2) What was your act of kindness? Explain why you chose this act and the steps that you followed to make it happen (at least 3-4 sentences):

my act of kindness was to give him one of my stress balls. He gets upset when working on his assignments if they are too hard. If he squeezes it when he becomes frustrated it will make him feel better.

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powerless to change it. Together my students and I are learning that there are steps we can take to make things better. We can find ways to break down barriers, build stronger communities, and normalize compassionate behavior. We can be intentional about creating opportunities to practice kindness and make it more likely people will treat each other with compassion on their own. We can be the change we want to see in the world.

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

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In a world where insults and criticism seem only a tweet away, compassion is more important than ever, and there is research to prove it works. In 2014, Stanford University Center for Altruism Research and Education and a large health organization found that compassionate care helps patients recover more quickly and reduces their pain. Dr. James Doty,

the author of the study, suggested it can also make common colds less severe, lead to better patient outcomes and shorten hospital stays.

Voluntary Acts of Compassion

Shortly before she died of Ewing's Sarcoma, a 27-year-old Australian woman wrote a letter thanking her family for their generosity and asking people around the world to be grateful, help each other more and complain less. Posted on Facebook, the touching request had more than 50,000 shares and 65,000 reactions within four days after her death. The letter talks about the things that mean the most at the end and suggests giving blood instead of spending money on possessions, adding that one blood donation can save up to three lives.

Blood donors are important, but there are other ways volunteers can help. The American Cancer Society, for instance, has 10,000 Road to Recovery drivers who make sure patients get to their medical appointments and treatments, but they need even more drivers to meet their needs. The list, of course, goes on. Little acts, like running errands, providing meals or just listening, can mean just as much as the big ones. Patients or their caregivers can also help others by sharing their stories, something that helps the storyteller and the listener.

Compassion and Medical Care

In a study published by the Journal of Oncology Practice, doctors discussed the role of being kind and identified six habits that improve outcomes for patients and their families:

- Deep listening, or taking the time to understand their needs and concerns
- Empathy for what they are experiencing
- Acts of generosity that go beyond expectations
- Timely care, or avoiding unnecessary waiting
- Gentle honesty, or sharing the truth in a compassionate way
- Support for family and caregivers

The article also explains that acts of compassion help to prevent burnout and reduce the emotional upheaval that accompanies illness.

Ways to Get Involved

Sometimes, people want to help, but they don't know what to do. No act of compassion is ever too small, but factors like age and the kind of illness often determine what is most appropriate. Patients may not want to ask for help or even know what they need. Luckily, organizations like the Kindness Initiative and CancerCare.org



can offer support and advice.

The internet is also a good place to brush up on information about different kinds of malignancies. While people often know about common ones like breast tumors, they may be less familiar with rare conditions like mesothelioma. Caused by exposure to asbestos, mesothelioma often occurs in military veterans, construction workers or others in toxic environments. It affects the lining of the lungs, abdomen or heart, makes it difficult to breathe, and is hard to treat.

Children suffer from asbestos exposure at much lower rates than adults, but they are more likely to have diseases like childhood leukemia. Websites like this one for children, with a homepage titled "We Prescribe Joy," shares programs, resources and suggestions for making the lives of sick children better. The American Childhood Cancer Association also offers a chance for people to get involved in their organization, but there is no substitute for simply offering a kind word or helping hand when a child is sick.

Gift Suggestions for Patients

Visits and kind words are always welcome, but sometimes people want to give a tangible expression of their concern. The Cancer Treatment Centers of America offers these suggestions:

- A "security" blanket
- A pillow to support a chemo port
- Comfortable lounging clothes
- A silk eye mask for sleeping
- A stuffed animal for children
- A small thermos for drinks
- A gift card for take-out, online shopping or other services
- A small laptop, tablet or Kindle with downloads for books, music and meditations
- Headphones
- Books, including journals, coloring or stories of inspiration

- Beanie or scarf after chemo
- Warm socks, or compression socks to prevent swelling
- A tote bag with a chemo care kit
- A gift certificate for a service like cleaning the house or ride to appointments

Offering assistance is a good idea, but people may be hesitant to ask for it. Making a master list with all the names, phone numbers and offers lets the patient know what people feel comfortable doing and how to reach them when help is needed.

The Dalai Lama said it this way: "This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness."

Source: Random Acts of Kindness

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

Post by: Kimberly Reynolds

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Every Good Work Has a Reward

A very long time ago, there was a king. He had a boulder (a very big rock) placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock from the roadway.

Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by, they saw the huge rock and simply did nothing else than to walk around it. Many of them even loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them made a single attempt to move the stone out of the way. Again, some of the Noblemen of the kingdom passed by, saw the rock, made no attempt to remove it but instead, walked around it.

Not long afterwards, a poor peasant farmer came along carrying a load of vegetables. When he approached the rock, he laid down his burden and tried to move the stone from the middle to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After rolling away the rock, the peasant picked up his load of vegetables and was about to go, when, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the rock had been. The purse contained so many gold coins enough to make one rich for a lifetime and a note from the king stating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. He had become rich!

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

The poor peasant farmer learned what many of us never

understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THIS?

Always do your best to render the little service you can even when nobody is around. There is always a reward for every good work you do!

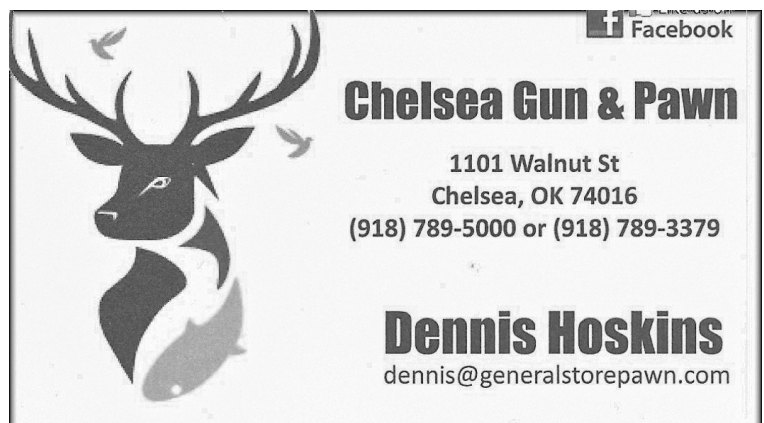
Source: Inspirational Stories – Facebook

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Editor's Note

In this note, I would like to correct a few mistakes that were made in the "Susan and Steve Boyd Afton, Oklahoma Story" published in the last issue of the Little Greep Paper, Links.

- The correct mnemonic for the Afton Housing Authority is AHA it was specified as AFA.
- The correct spelling of Ed's last name is Mitchell





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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 Sweetest Story About The Sweetest Boy

This Sweet Boy is 11 and he knows his momma is sick. He knows the brain tumor damaged her body. He knows she gets overheated easily. He knows she must rest often. This Sweet Boy knows his momma shouldn't have to do everything herself.

When the electricity went off one sweltering August night, Sweet Boy came rushing to his mom's side with his battery operated fan and two ice packs. He put the fan at her face, one ice pack on her legs and one on the back of her neck. You see, this Sweet Boy knew that his mom would begin sweating without air conditioning and her fan. He knew that ice packs placed on certain areas of her body would keep her cool. He knew that she needed to stay still so she wouldn't begin to sweat. And even at 1:00 am in the dark, he knew she needed him there to stroke her hair and whisper encouraging and soothing words to her. This Sweet Boy loved his mom so much. He wanted her to be healthy and happy. He checked on his momma several times that night, until he could no longer stay awake...

MY Sweet Boy slept until the first hint of daylight, upon which he ran to my bed, gave ME a huge bear hug and said..."Thank you for letting me take care of you last night." And with that, I knew in MY heart, despite all the health issues and struggles, everything was as it was meant to be, love.

I love you, Sweet Boy. **Source:** Sunny Skyz

By: Deanna Flournoy

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

When We Grow

An unusually hot and wet spring this year was followed by an extremely hot and wet summer. Sunny skies were constantly giving way to heavy showers only to be replaced with more sun and heat. This combination has made for a few changes from our regular Summer here in the mountains of my home. The limbs on the trees are growing twice as fast as usual and their leaves are huge. The Queen Anne's Lace, Daisies and Black Eyed Susan's are growing waist high in the meadows and on the sides of the roads. The bush in my front yard is shooting up as fast as a Sunflower. The grass in my yards is thicker and taller than ever. Butterflies and Bumble Bees are everywhere as are the Yellow Jackets and Hornets. Mama Deer and their babies can be seen coming out of the woods to feast on the abundance of crab apples on the ground. Squirrels with acorns are scurrying up the trees and baby birds are flying out of their nests. Everywhere I look there is an explosion of growth and life. It is incredible to see.

We humans are a little different than the rest of nature, however. Yes, our bodies do grow best in optimal conditions. We grow healthy and strong when we have good food, clean water, fresh air, and plenty of exercise. On the inside, though, it is often during the hardest times that we grow the most. During the times of death, loss, and suffering is when our souls grow stronger and closer to God. During the bleakest Wintertime is when our hearts grow more loving. During the worst times of our lives is when we help each other the most.

Why is it that we grow kinder, stronger, and wiser during the tough times as well as the good ones? Why is it that the worst in this world often brings out the best in us? No one

knows for sure, but I am happy with the mystery. Live well then. Love much. Grow strong. Be the person God meant for you to be during the Winter nights as well as the Summer days.

Source: Sunny Skyz

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An exhausted father who was at home taking a nap after an overnight shift found out from a neighbor that he was "vandalized".

"I had to work overnight last night and while taking a nap today I was vandalized," Dad wrote.

"I have a picture and have detained the two suspects, but one is not cooperating. The only one who can speak blames it on the four legged suspect who has no hands to pull off such a stunt.

Thanks to my neighbor for pointing out that I have marker all over my face when I took the four legged suspect for a walk before I realized that I was vandalized."



But let's not rush to judgment and blame the little girl.

Maybe the dog is a... Labra-Doodle!

Source: Sunny Skyz

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Light in a Dark Place



Hello I am writing in asking for help for my family this time, we are a family of 5, I started have a bake sale in my community to make ends meet, however I soon realized that the children were in need of love and hugs and something sweet, so I give sweet treats to all the kids in my community that are doing good in school every Friday afternoon, They would line up with a big smile, Today we are facing a hardship school shopping I can't afford it but i do believe that all things are possible through God, if u can help us this time around I promise to pay it forward, my kids are in need to sdomeschool shopping, we have cash app \$allthingsgwen,

Source: randomactsofkindness.org

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The Worth of Pennies

This is the story about the friendship between two 8 year old boys named Quinton and Marcus. Quintons father was in the military and had just been stationed in the city where Marcus lived.

The two boys met playing basketball at the local YMCA. It wasn't long until the two were best friends and did everything together and teaching each other new things.

One day they were supposed to meet at the YMCA but Marcus never showed up. Quinton was very worried about his friend and had his mother call to check on him. After a few moments on the phone Quintons mother hung up the phone and told Quinton to come sit next to her. Quinton sat next to his mother at the kitchen table and asked his mother what was wrong. She gave him a hug then told him that Marcus was very sick and in the hospital. She went on to tell him that Marcus had to take a very strong medicine that makes him very sick and it made his hair fall out. Quinton began to cry and asked to go see his friend. His mother said it would be a while before they could go cause Marcus was trying to get well and get his strength back.

Quinton knew that his friend needed his super hero pajamas in order to get well. Marcus had left them there during their last superhero sleep over. He insisted that they go and bring the pajamas to the hospital so Marcus could have his super power to help him get well. His mother called and made arrangements for the two boys to have a super hero meeting that would be top secret so the two heroes could spend some time together.

Quinton was especially excited because Marcus was supposed to teach him a new secret he had learned from his grandfather. It would be a few weeks before the two could see each other but they were allowed to talk on the phone to plan their top secret super hero meeting. While Quinton was talking to Marcus he asked him if there was anything he needed him to bring besides the superhero pajamas. Marcus told him that anytime he saw a penny laying around to pick it up and save it in their secret spot and on the day he was to come to visit he needed to bring all the pennies with him to their meeting. Quinton agreed to the request from his friend and began collecting pennies.

Finally the day had come for their top secret superheroes meeting. He was so excited. He had his mom make superhero rice crispy treats cause those were Marcus favorite. He also had their pajamas and a mason jar full of pennies.

Quinton and his mother pulled up to St. Judes childrens hospital and parked in the visitors section. Before they got out of the car Quintons mother explained to him that Marcus has been very ill and will look different and there would be many machines in his room but not to be afraid. Quinton quickly grabbed his back pack with all the things he needed for their meeting and said

"its ok mom, Marcus and I are super heroes and nothing can stop them from their top secret mission". So Quinton and his mom walked into the building and rode the elevator up to the floor where Marcus was staying. They arrived to Marcus room and before they opened the door Quinton looked up to his mom and said "Mom you better wait outside, this is top secret stuff and only Marcus and I are allowed". Quintons mom smiled and said ok and let Quinton go in alone.

Quinton opened the door and peeked his head in and said "Hey Marcus I'm here and I brought everything we need". Marcus was sitting indian style on his bed and was hooked up to a machine that showed his heart beating on a screen and he had a tube in his nose. Marcus had been taking a strong medicine called chemo. So he had lost his hair and looked very weak. Quinton seeing this quickly pulled Marcus super hero pajamas out of his bag and said "Here put these on and eat a crispy treat so you can feel better". The two boys helped each other get into their pajamas then they sat on the bed eating crispy treats and started their secret meeting.

Marcus asked Quinton if he had collected the pennies like he had asked. Quinton reached into his backpack and pulled out the mason jar full of pennies and handed them to Marcus. Marcus smiled and thanked Quinton then reached under his pillow and pulled out a stack of brown penny rolls his grandfather had given him. Quintons eyes got big with excitement and asked if this was part of the secret mission. Marcus said "yes it is but he had to keep it a secret cause most people in the world would not ever understand the worth of pennies". Quinton swore to secrecy and the two boys did their secret hand shake.

Marcus dumped the pennies out in front of them and told Quinton they had to put them in piles of 50. As the two boys counted out the pennies Marcus began to tell him the story his grandfather shared with him.

Marcus said " Quinton you know you are the best of me right bubba? We are best friends for life". Quinton replied "Absolutely"! Marcus went on to teach him how to roll the pennies. He said "it takes 50 pennies to fill the brown rolls. They are my favorite ones cause they never complain, easy to please, and the most relevant because they can put themselves in all the other forms of money at the same time and do all their jobs." He showed Quinton how all the others are the same color and worth more but none worth a penny". Quinton was amazed by this cause he never realised how something so different and worth less could be worth so much more.

Marcus said " the time has come for us to make change in the world and help others." "One of us will have to go away so the other could take both super powers and be strong enough to complete their top secret mission. Teaching others the worth of pennies.

Quinton hugged MARcus after they finished rolling the last pile then noticed there was one penny left. Quinton asked MARcus what they should do with the last penny and Marcus said he would hold onto it and that he would let him know when the time came.

About that time a nurse came in to tell the boys it was time for their meeting to end cause Marcus needed to rest. The two boys hugged for a very long time. As Quinton was walking out the door he looked back at Marcus and said "I love you pal you" and MARcus said.. LOVE YOU TO FRIEND.

One week later QUinton got a letter from MARcus in the mail. Inside was the penny and a note that said... Go out and be a penny love Marcus

Quinton knew he had just taken in his friends super power and that his friend was gone. Till this day he carries the penny in his pocket every where he goes.

This story is dedicated to a little boy named JJ and anyone else who may be living in a world where it's impossible that a penny can be worth more than quarters.

Source: Inspirational Short Stories - Facebook

By: Jeremiah Johnson Aka boyMONROE

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

The Leap for Literacy Project

Stan believes it's pivotal to teach the importance of kindness to children so that it will stick with them into adulthood.

Author: Inspire Kindness Team

Stan Tucker is making big changes in children's literacy. What originally began as a personal project of Stan's has grown into a much larger organization. Based out of Atlanta, Georgia, Stan's Leap for Literacy project has now helped countless students embrace their passion for reading and writing.

Stan's Inspiration

Stan's passion for literacy began when he worked as a second grade teacher in a Title 1 school. Having worked with lower income and at-risk students, he was able to see the gaps in education that these students faced. Some of the children he taught had little to no personal reading materials at home. Stan also noticed that at school book fairs, many of his students weren't able to get a book of their own, and this is where he started to think of ways he could help.

Stan wanted to do something to support his students, so with his own money, he founded Leap for Literacy in

August 2015. After seeing how many children Stan had the opportunity to help on his own, he realized that he could have a much broader reach if he expanded his project. Stan said,

"THE AIM OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS TO PROVIDE AT-RISK AND LOW INCOME STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN SOUGHT -AFTER BOOKS BY REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP LIFE-LONG READERS".

Leap for Literacy

Members of the foundation team also visit classrooms and read aloud to the students. Aside from promoting children to read and write, one of the goals of Leap for Literacy is to promote children to be kind to one another. Stan believes it's pivotal to teach the importance of kindness to children so that it will stick with them into adulthood. He says, "In my opinion lessons on kindness are just as important as academic ones".



In order to receive a book in the Leap for Literacy program, each child needs to read for 20 minutes a night and log the reading into a journal. They also need to perform one act of kindness a day for an entire month. Some examples of kindness acts that the children are asked to perform are writing letters to a friend, complimenting a friend, helping neighbors with yard work, etc.

Leap for Literacy recently launched a new website, and Stan is excited to see what impact his program will be able to have on kids in the future. While the program is currently based in and around Atlanta, Stan dreams of replicating the program all over Georgia and then in other states. For those looking to donate, Leap for Literacy has a book wish list and they also accept monetary donations to sponsor students in the program. Learn more today at the Leap for Literacy website.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Superintendent donates his \$10,000 bonus to help high school seniors applying for college

A superintendent at a public school system in Georgia announced that he would donate his entire \$10,000 bonus to help high school seniors with their college application fees.



Grant Rivera, 44, of Marietta, told "Good Morning America" that he received the bonus after his district met certain performance standards, but he "didn't feel it was fair for me as superintendent to profit off the backs of our teachers."

Rivera said he announced earlier this week to his student community that his bonus "would be given to students who decided to apply to college early admission and early action." There are approximately 500 seniors in his district.

"We know that students have an increased chance of getting accepted and increased chance of financial aid," when they apply early, Grant said. "I didn't want senioritis to prompt a kid to miss out on any opportunities."

"What I said to the kids was as an incentive to start this process early," he added. "That I would cover the cost of their application fees for early action, early decision."

Rivera said he wrote a \$10,000 check to the Marietta Schools Foundation, and their district's college adviser has a credit card to pay for college applications that directly comes out of that fund.

He said he decided to donate his bonus in part because he wanted to make a "value statement" to school staff, "and I don't feel like I exclusively deserve the bonus when that comes from a collective effort of 14,000 employees."

He said he also wanted to let his students know that, "I believe in you and I'm proud of the work you did to get to this place."

Rivera, a former special education teacher and high school principal, has been superintendent for approximately 2 1/2 years.

If there are any funds remaining after the early action college application process is through, he said he is committed to using any remaining money to get buses and do college tours in Georgia.

Conversely, if student interest in applying early exceeds the \$10,000, he said he has committed to covering the fees out of pocket. "I'm not going to tell a single child 'no,'" if they decide to apply early, he told "GMA."

"I've had several students reach out to me and say, 'Thank you,' and one of which said I'm working on my UNC-Chapel Hill application right now," Rivera said. "I've been very humbled by the degree of appreciation I have received from students, families and staff."

"As a district we place a really high priority on career access and college access this was just in line with our larger community vision," Rivera added.

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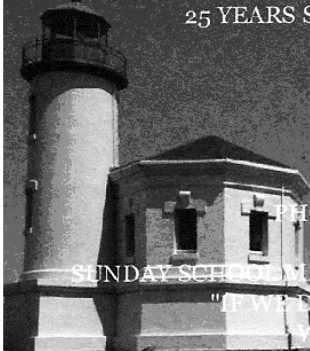
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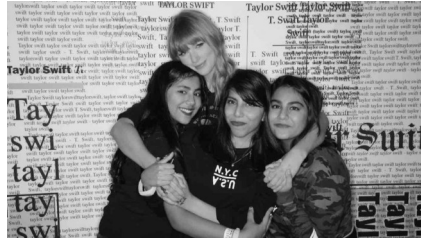
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Taylor Swift Super fan in Canada Can't Afford her Tuition She Step in to pay it all

A Taylor Swift super-fan in Canada finally has the ability to shake off her financial worries thanks to an unprompted donation from the pop star.



Ayesha Khurram is a second-year accounting student at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. Due to the province's recent cuts to student assistant programs, Khurram had been struggling to scrape together the money for her upcoming semester.

In addition to her mother suffering from chronic kidney disease, both of her parents work low-income jobs as Pakistani immigrants—so Khurram knew that she had to raise the money on her own.

At the suggestion of a friend, she created a Paypal account for people to contribute to her college fund. Hours after making the account, she received a donation for \$6,386.47 with a note reading: “Ayesha, get your learn on girl! I love you!”

The donation, which covered the entirety of her tuition, was made by none other than Taylor Swift.

This is not the first interaction that Khurram has had with the superstar. Since Khurram first fell in love with Swift's music as she was living in Pakistan back in 2009, the two have shared multiple social media interactions (only recently, Swift liked several social media photos that Khurram had posted of the musician's chai cookie recipe). After Khurram moved to Ontario, she was able to see Swift in concert in 2018—and the superstar even invited Khurram backstage for a meet-in-greet.

But Khurram never thought in a million years that her musical hero would donate thousands of dollars towards her education.

“My parents actually cried when I told them the Taylor news because they couldn't believe it,” Khurram told The Star. “It's like a guardian angel is watching or something.”

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“ Ayesha, get your learn on girl. I love you! Taylor ”

Transaction Details

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Website: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/taylor-swift-pays-for-fans-tuition/>

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See How These Amazing Volunteer Therapy Dogs Are Helping Children's Hospital Patients

A group of Golden Retrievers are on mission to bring unconditional love and comfort to children's hospital patients in Southampton, UK.

The team of volunteer therapy dogs at SCH Therapy Dogs includes Archie, Quinn, Leo, Hattie, Jessie, and Milo.



Their visits cover all sorts of animal-assisted intervention, from general meet and greet visits to supporting children at the time of medical examination or procedures.

For instance, this is Jessie teaching patients not to be afraid of certain procedures.

"Just lie on your back and hold your mom's hand!"



The dogs also help make instructional videos for patients.

The dogs are handled by Lyndsey, Karen, Liz and Hannah.

"We are proud to be a team of clinical therapy dogs and handlers who try to visit as many of the children as we can," the SCH Therapy Dogs website states.

Source: Sunny Skyz

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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

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Sept 9, 2019 to 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

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28 west, 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

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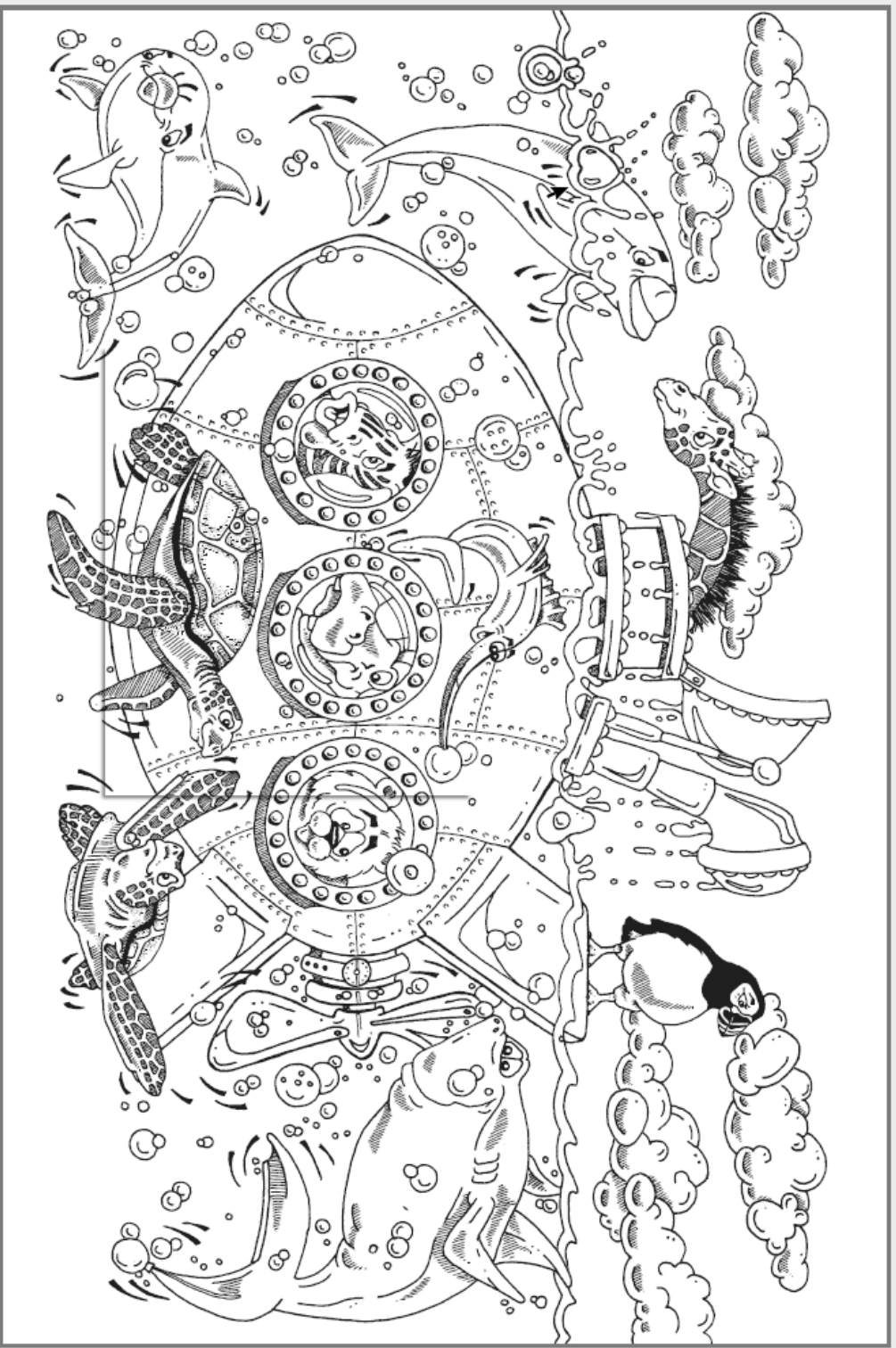


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- ladle
- fried egg
- boomerang
- toothbrush
- wristwatch
- comb
- slice of toast
- dog bone
- mug
- mitten
- bowling ball

- piece of popcorn
- doughnut
- drinking glass
- egg
- pear
- hat
- cherry
- acorn
- candle
- sailboat
- baseball cap
- balloon
- lollipop
- crescent moon

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Abraham followed through, trusting that God thoroughly knew what he was doing – and God did. The son was spared, and the right man had been chosen as an example of faith that trusts.

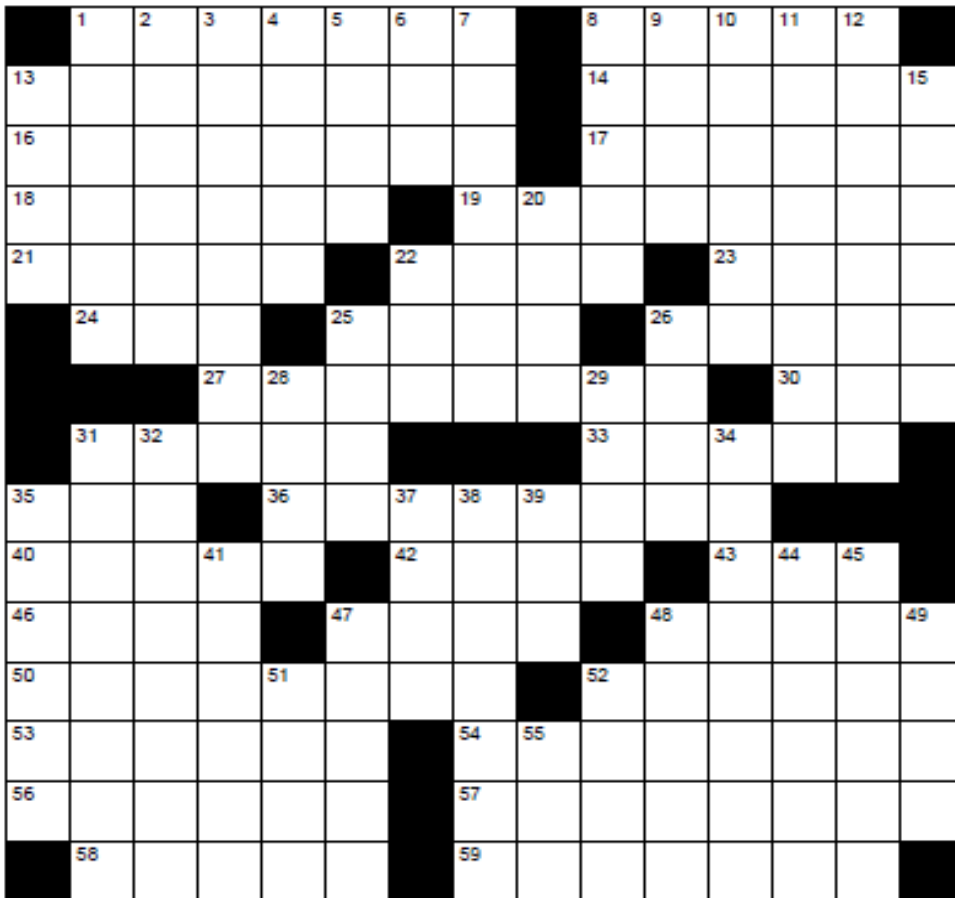
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Down

1. Secret matters
2. Raises one's glass to
3. Lamp holder, often
4. " ____ on Loving You" (Reba McEntire song)
5. Burton and Conway
6. Reason to drink cranberry juice, maybe (abbr.)
7. Somewhat hungry
8. Convinces
9. Mister, in Munich
10. Lax
11. Dissipate
12. Top bananas
13. "Elder" or "Younger" Roman
15. Not tune out
20. Small case
22. Fathom
25. Prison
26. Shrek, for one
28. "Walk ____" (Dionne Warwick hit)
29. No votes
31. Challenging words
32. "Take a chill pill!"
34. Constantinople, now
35. Nor'easters
37. Wife, in old Rome
38. Discharger
39. Sup
41. Went over a hurdle, say
44. Approach with a question or remark
45. Biden's predecessor
47. Interior designer's concern
48. South Pacific archipelago
49. Run ____ light (ignore the traffic signal)
51. Low-fat, on a label
52. Xerox
55. ____ Records (disco-era label)

Across

1. Enjoyed something immensely
8. Animated ogre
13. Legendary anchorman
14. Destructive beetle
16. Moot
17. Big name in high fashion
18. Umami and bitter
19. Supers' accessories
21. Ready to go
22. Scrams
23. 9th mo.
24. Old fireproofing material (abbr.)
25. "____, Joy of Man's Desiring"
26. Davis of "Jungle Fever"
27. Hating
30. Atlanta-based network
31. Queen Boudicca's tribe
33. First sign
35. Prot. denomination that keeps Sabbath on Sat. (abbr.)
36. "Ol" Sinatra nickname
40. Score of the game
42. Holiday season, for short
43. Sea-____ Airport
46. "Coffee, Tea ____?"
47. "Just ____" (Nike slogan)
48. Bruno portrayer
50. Prepared-for-attack status
52. Fourth sign of the zodiac
53. Nearsighted
54. Trumpet relative
56. Site of South African riots in 1976
57. Adopted
58. Plow ____ (overwhelm)
59. Kings and queens

Solution is printed in page 37

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Word Search Puzzle

Q	D	B	O	O	N	X	L	I	C	E	N	S	E	L
V	I	B	A	C	S	Y	Y	F	C	T	M	X	Z	Z
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C	P	B	E	N	E	V	O	L	E	N	C	E	L	M
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E	N	E	Z	S	T	F	N	R	U	T	R	R	I	Q
G	S	G	Y	A	H	C	I	P	D	A	C	U	D	W
L	A	E	F	A	V	O	R	T	J	Y	I	D	O	B
U	T	L	S	L	B	L	E	S	S	I	N	G	J	C
D	I	I	A	K	U	P	R	L	J	K	O	R	Q	E
N	O	V	N	Z	X	T	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S
I	N	I	E	C	I	V	R	E	S	U	D	V	R	J
Z	G	R	X	G	R	A	C	E	W	V	B	I	Z	C
D	B	P	A	D	V	A	N	T	A	G	E	A	H	I
A	N	N	A	M	N	D	S	V	U	Z	H	W	Z	S

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manna

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godsend
mercy

benevolence
grace
privilege

blessing
indulgence
Service

boon
kindness
turn

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CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Religion

Quote From: Richard Pryor

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 K P A X V W S Q P T V Z K W L E S H S O Q L T V
 X L N K H D S L O Q A W S

Title: Poetry

Quote From: T.S. Eliot

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
										Q					Y				T							

T
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 L L T T L
 C Q Q U T Z L U F B O T C Q I C U O D L
 P T T T T
 Y G L T H U W O M G T C P C H L L H D B T
 C F B J O J C F L M G Z G M L O T Y G L T
 P C M L N L H E L L Q R B W T L O B H L G E
 T P T L T
 T Z L Y L H F C M L M T N C Q B L G E I Z C T
 Z L Z C O I H W T T L M Z L F C U Z C N L
 I C O T L X Z W O T W F L C M X F L O O L X
 P L T
 B Y Z W O Q W E L E G H M G T Z W M J

Logic Puzzle



		Names							Cruise Lines						Destinations							
		Andre	Damon	Eugene	Francis	Jessica	Lee	Miranda	Azure Seas	Baroness	Caprica	Farralon	Neptunia	Silver Shores	Trinity	Aruba	Barbados	Grenada	Jamaica	Martinique	Puerto Rico	Trinidad
Years	1986																					
	1987																					
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	1990																					
	1991																					
	1992																					
Destinations	Aruba																					
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	Trinity																					

4x7 Logic Puzzle

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Puzzle ID: N87300

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Years	Names	Cruise Lines	Destinations
1986			
1987			
1988			
1989			
1990			
1991			
1992			

Clues for Logic Puzzle: N87300

1. Lee went to Aruba.
2. Of the person who went to Puerto Rico and the person who took the 1987 cruise, one took the Caprica cruise and the other took the Baroness cruise.
3. Jessica is either the person who took the 1986 cruise or the person who went to Barbados.
4. The person who took the 1990 cruise went to Barbados.
5. Francis set sail 1 year after Andre.
6. The seven travelers are the person who went to Trinidad, Lee, Miranda, the traveler who took the 1991 cruise, Andre, Francis and the traveler who took the 1990 cruise.
7. The traveler who took the 1990 cruise wasn't on the Silver Shores cruise.
8. Eugene set sail 1 year before the person who went to Jamaica.
9. The traveler who took the Silver Shores cruise set sail sometime after the traveler who took the Farralon cruise.
10. The traveler who took the Baroness cruise set sail sometime after the traveler who took the Caprica cruise.
11. Damon took the Azure Seas cruise.
12. The traveler who took the Neptunia cruise is either the person who took the 1991 cruise or Lee.
13. Miranda set sail 3 years after the traveler who took the Caprica cruise.
14. The traveler who took the Farralon cruise set sail sometime before the traveler who went to Martinique.

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2. Dipping, glinting, gliding by, Rainbow-fretted, wrought of breath. I live only while I fly – Earth's rough kiss my sudden death.
3. Mr. Black, Mr. Gray, and Mr. White are fighting in a truel. They each get a gun and take turns shooting at each other until only one person is left. Mr. Black, who hits his shot 1/3 of the time, gets to shoot first. Mr. Gray, who hits his shot 2/3 of the time, gets to shoot next, assuming he is still alive. Mr. White, who hits his shot all the time, shoots next, assuming he is also alive. The cycle repeats. All three competitors know one another's shooting odds. If you are Mr. Black, where should you shoot first for the highest chance of survival?
4. If there are four sheep, two dogs and one herdsman, how many feet are there?
5. Why couldn't they play cards on the ark?
6. If I drink, I die. If I eat, I am fine. What am I?
7. Six jugs are in a row. The first three are filled with coke, and the last three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so that the full and the empty glasses alternate?
8. What happened when wheel was invented?
9. Why did the pilot sit on her alarm clock?

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Answers are printed on page 29





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1988	Eugene	Farralon	Trinidad
1989	Miranda	Silver Shores	Jamaica
1990	Jessica	Trinity	Barbados
1991	Damon	Azure Seas	Martinique
1992	Lee	Neptunia	Aruba

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Answers to Riddles

- NO since she is a 'widow', the guy's dead!
- A soap bubble.
- He should shoot at the ground. If Mr. Black shoots the ground, it is Mr. Gray's turn. Mr. Gray would rather shoot at Mr. White than Mr. Black, because he is better. If Mr. Gray kills Mr. White, it is just Mr. Black and Mr. Gray left, giving Mr. Black a fair chance of winning. If Mr. Gray does not kill Mr. White, it is Mr. White's turn. He would rather shoot at Mr. Gray and will definitely kill him. Even though it is now Mr. Black against Mr. White, Mr. Black has a better chance of winning than before.
- Two. Sheep have hooves; dogs have paws; only people have feet.
- Because Noah sat on the deck.
- Fire.
- Move and then pour all coke from second glass to fifth glass.
- It caused a revolution.
- She wanted to be on time.

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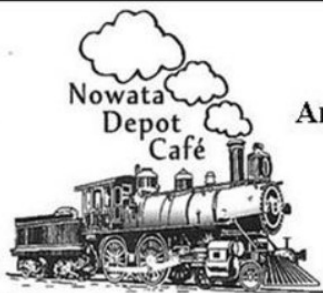
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CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution


Title: Religion **By:** Richard Pryor

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Title: Poetry **By:** T.S Eliot

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

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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

Crossword Puzzle Solution

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12					
	A	T	E	I	T	U	P		S	H	R	E	K					
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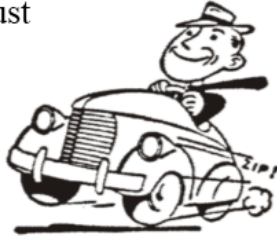
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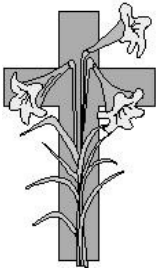
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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

COUNT THE COST

Mrs. Irene Mitchell my home economic teacher would be so proud, but she would insist I go back through the section of the Home Ec textbook on baking cakes. Even though this cake is turning out perfectly, I didn't follow procedure.

Step One — Gather ingredients. Make sure you have everything you need to make the cake before you start assembling the ingredients.

When I shopped, without a shopping list, I tried to buy the ingredients for the cake recipe from memory, and forgot the most important two items—powdered sugar and cream cheese for the icing. This problem is easy to fix since it is only the icing and not an ingredient for the cake itself.

Mrs. Mitchell drilled into us that we gather all our ingredients around us and check them against our recipe before we begin to mix them in our bowl. We were not to mix the sugar with the butter and eggs, and then run over to get the flour. No, we must assemble all the ingredients around the mixing bowl, so we can see if we are missing something necessary for a good

cake before we started.

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘this man began to build and was not able to finish.’” Luke 14:28-30 NKJV

“So, likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” Luke 14:33

Some of us need to go back to school and learn to start at Step One. In our spiritual life, Step One is “Count the Cost.” Becoming a Christian and accepting Jesus as your Savior is the easy part. Letting Jesus become your Lord and Master is harder. Becoming a disciple means listening to His voice and learning to follow the steps Jesus has given us.

Are you willing to give up everything to follow Jesus and become His disciple?

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