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November 11, Veterans Day



Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am,[1] for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. But, according to Thomas R. Gowenlock, an intelligence officer with the US First Division, shelling from both sides continued for the rest of the day, only ending at nightfall. The armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days and had to be extended several times. A formal peace agreement was only reached when the Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year.

During World War II, many countries changed the name of the holiday. Member states of the Commonwealth of Nations adopted Remembrance Day, while the US chose Veterans

Day.

On 11 November 2018, the centenary of the World War One Armistice, commemorations were held globally. In France, more than 60 heads of government and heads of state gathered at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

In the United States, Veterans Day honours American veterans, both living and dead. The official national remembrance of those killed in action is Memorial Day, which predates World War I. Some, including American novelist Kurt Vonnegut and American Veteran For Peace Rory Fanning, have urged Americans to resume observation of 11 November as Armistice Day, a day to reflect on how we can achieve peace as it was originally observed.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

Why I Took Off My POW/MIA Bracelet After 44 Years

For decades, she waited for a Vietnam vet she never knew



In 1972, when I was a student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, a small ad in the BG News offered the chance to buy a POW/MIA bracelet. The going price at the time: \$4. I bought two.

The bracelets arrived in a small package. I sent one to my sister, Janet, and put the other on my right wrist. Mine was engraved with a name: Capt. Charles Bifolchi (later promoted to Major). And the date he went missing in Vietnam: 1-8-68. Thus began a 44-year relationship with a man I never met.

Bifolchi's mom sent me a letter telling me about her son. He was from Quincy, Mass. He wasn't married when his plane went down. She enclosed a newspaper clipping bearing a grainy photo of the young man she prayed for every day. I wrote back and promised I would wear the bracelet until he came home.

For many years, I scanned newspaper articles about the recovery of remains in Vietnam. But the names never matched the one on my bracelet.

Over time, I learned more about what happened to the person whose name I wore on my wrist. And I waited.

Charles Bifolchi was on a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance mission — the navigator on a RF-4C Phantom reconnaissance jet with the 16th Tactical Recon Squadron at Than Son Nhut Airbase in South Vietnam — when the base lost radar and radio contact. The wreckage was located the next day but it was too dangerous to recover the crew. Bifolchi was 25.

Keeping an MIA Commitment

Capt. Bifolchi became part of my life. I wondered if he were still alive. I wondered if he would ever come home. From time to time, I would look at the bracelet and talk to him.

I envied my sister when she watched the soldier whose name was on her bracelet walk off a plane of returning POWs.

As decades passed, people would notice the bracelet and ask, "Are you ever going to take that off?" Others would ask if I knew him and then say, "Why do you still wear it?" The answers were always easy: I owed him that much. I promised his mother. I wanted to make sure that he was remembered, thought about.



During the mid-'70s, while I was in law school at Pepperdine University in California, I worked at Disneyland in security. The dress code limited jewelry to class and wedding rings and watches. My bracelet did not fall into an allowable category. But no one told me to take it off.

Most of the people who worked in the department were former military or active duty military working part-time jobs. Some were in the reserves. They all understood the significance of that bracelet.

Fixing What's Broken

The original bracelet broke in half in 1980. I carried it with me in my pocket until I could figure out a way to repair it.

A few years later, I was in Washington, D.C., visiting The Vietnam Memorial and found my answer. I walked along the remarkable slab of black granite looking for the panel with Bifolchi's name among the 60,000. I found it and stood there touching the bracelet and tracing his engraved name.

At the end of the wall, a Vietnam vet sat behind a table displaying a variety of flyers, photos and information. One of the flyers caught my eye — it was about POW/MIA bracelets. There was an order form and instructions.

I filled out the form and mailed it with the information on my bracelet and explained what happened to it. Ten

days later, a small package arrived — and with it my new metal bracelet. I took the original out of my pocket and placed the new one on my right wrist and silently renewed my promise to Capt. Bifulchi and his mother to wear it until he came home. Decades passed.

Waiting and Hoping

There have been times when I removed the bracelet for medical procedures. Once, a TSA agent required me to remove it before going through security at the Akron airport. She did not know the significance of the bracelet; the other agents at the checkpoint knew, and their displeasure was apparent on their faces.

People continued to ask when I was going to take my bracelet off. My answer, as before, was always the same: when Capt. Bifulchi came home.

For many years, I scanned newspaper articles about the recovery of remains in Vietnam. But the names never matched the one on my bracelet. When the Internet arrived, finding information became easier. I found information — comments from people who knew him — but no news. I waited and hoped.

Found at Last

In March 2016, my spouse came home and handed me a sheet of paper. “They found him,” she said.

It was a press release dated Oct. 26, 2006. I had missed it. He had been home for 10 years.

Bifulchi’s remains were recovered sometime between 1993 and 2000. A positive identification was made after his Aunt Louise provided a DNA sample. She died in December 2005 without knowing the results. The military notified the family in June 2006.

His big brother, George Bifulchi, a retired Air Force officer and Vietnam veteran, traveled to Hawaii to escort him home.

On Oct. 27, 2006, Charles Bifulchi was interred at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors. It would have been his 63rd birthday.

It was time for me to say goodbye.

Saying Goodbye to Capt. Bifulchi

It was a hot and humid day when I took a cab to Arlington. I walked along Eisenhower Boulevard looking for Section 66, Grave 6820-2. After a bit of searching, I found the white stone that bears his name.

I introduced myself and apologized for taking so long to come. I told him about the bracelet and the promise I made to his mother. It didn’t seem odd to stand there talking to him — I’d been doing it most of my life.

I knelt before his headstone, took the bracelet off my wrist, laid it to rest and said my final words to Charles Bifulchi. I know he heard me.

Source: Next Avenue – Where grown-ups keep growing

By: Joan M. Burda November 9, 2016

Website: <https://www.nextavenue.org/why-i-finally-took-off-my-powmia-bracelet-after-44-years/>

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

A Marvelous Step Dad



Tears may dry
Years may fly
The joy of having a marvelous step dad brought joy to my life.
He was awesome, wonderful.
He was an outstanding person.
He brought joy to family and friends.
The more I knew him
The more I loved him.
He had accepted me as his daughter and had loved me.
He had cared in so many ways
The smallest word I know is I.
The sweetest word I know is love, and the only thing that will remind me of that will be you.
The words I love you, it’s a feeling that you can whisper to each other from heart-to-heart.
My step dad was my hero and my shining light!

P.S. I love you
Today and forever

By Breanna McDowell

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I had a great time attending this event for the past three years. Usually, the event takes place in Tulsa, Oklahoma so transportation to and from the event must be planned ahead of time. This event is free and food is also free but I recommend eating before attending the event.

If you are interested in this event you must apply now by filling the application form at:

<https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine-2020-application>

BY Nikki Hamilton



From Harp to Heart



Recently I had the energy, for the first time since my open-heart surgery, to take my harp to the hospice house and play for anyone wanting it.

I checked in with the nurses and they gave me a list of rooms. First I played to a sleeping man who would drift into and out of sleep. He smiled once, and several times, with his eyes closed, he reached out towards my harp. He was unresponsive to my voice, but he appreciated the harp.

The next room was another sleeper. I played some lullabies as she slept.

Two people said no thanks and then I found a lovely elder woman who was awake and alert. She had flowers everywhere and photos of her and her husband in his WW2 military uniform and her as a young bride.

She held my hand and talked for some time and was delighted to receive harp music. Playing for her was a special delight. She had questions about the harp and how long had I been playing, she wanted to know what did the harp weigh, how did I learn it, why did I want to learn it and so forth.

We talked about books for a bit as well. I played until her grandson came in -- he was visiting from overseas just to see her. This woman was deeply loved -- you could see that -- and for good reason. She was sensitive, graceful and kind. I learn so much from these beautiful people who are moving out of this life. It is always such a deep honor to play for them.

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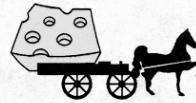
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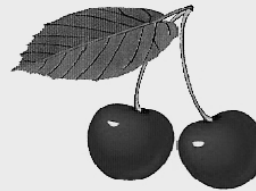
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When I brought it in she asked me what she did to deserve this, I simply said because you are a great person. She had tears in her eyes and thanked me for the kindness.

Source: Kiind Spring (Small Acts That Change The World)

By: Melissa Lopez

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Most of us know someone who is always on. They are available to us to listen and help out any time we need them. They are kind, caring and empathetic. Have we ever considered the cost to them of always being on, physically, mentally and emotionally?

They may not feel they deserve to take time for self-care, to turn off the phone, to not be on all the time. They may too be in need of loving care from those around them, but don't always know how to ask for it. What happens when they become so depleted that they have nothing left to give? Who will take care of them? Always being on is not a healthy way to live, it is exhausting on all levels. It is okay to turn off, to take time for self-care and nurturing. It is okay to say no when asked again to listen, to be available and on even when it is not for the highest good.

Being on should be a choice, but so should being unavailable. Taking time off is a good choice for their health is one that should come without feelings of guilt or shame.

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He Who Accumulates Cannot Learn



It seems that communion, an act or instance of sharing, is a very difficult art. To commune with one another over the many problems that we have requires listening and learning, which are both very difficult to do. Most of us hardly listen, and we hardly learn. To commune with each other, which is what these meetings are intended for, requires a certain capacity, a certain way of listening - not merely to gather information, which any schoolboy can do, but rather listening in order to understand. [...]

It seems to me of the utmost importance that we do listen in order to learn. Learning is not merely the accumulation of knowledge. Knowledge never brings perception; experience never flowers into the beauty of understanding. Most of us listen with the background of what we know, of what we have experienced. Perhaps you have never noticed the difference between the mind that really learns and the mind that merely accumulates, gathers knowledge. The mind that is accumulating knowledge never learns. It is always translating what it hears in terms of its own experience, in terms of the knowledge which it has gathered; it is caught up in the process of accumulating, of adding to what it already knows, and such a mind is incapable of learning. I do not know if you have noticed this. [...] So it seems to me very important that we commune with each other quietly, in a dignified manner, and for that there must be a listening and a learning.

When you commune with your own heart, when you commune with your friend, when you commune with the skies, with the stars, with the sunset, with a flower, then surely you are listening so as to find out, to learn - which does not mean that you accept or deny. You are learning, and either acceptance or denial of what is being said puts an end to learning. When you commune with the sunset, with a friend, with your wife, with your child, you do not criticize, you do not deny or assert, translate or identify. You are communing, you are learning, you are searching out. From this inquiry comes the movement of learning, which is never accumulative.

I think it is important to understand that a man who accumulates can never learn. Self-learning implies a fresh, eager mind - a mind that is not committed, a mind that does not belong to anything, that is not limited to any particular field. It is only such a mind that

learns.

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Meet Community Options Employee



Employee Name **Dennis Peterson**

What department do you work in? **Manager/Job Coach at Little Green Shop**

How long have you worked for Community Options? **Began work July 21, 2000 employed 19 years**

What do you like about your job? **Dennis stated he likes to work with the clients. Also enjoys assisting with customers at the Bait Shop.**

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If You Really Pay Attention



When I was a little bitty kiddy, about five, my Dad began a process ... anytime somebody came and said something to us, my dad would say, "You remember what he said, honey girl?" I would tell my father what the person said until I got so good at it that I could repeat verbatim even long presentations of what the person had said.

And he did this all the time.

Finally, one day there was this old gentleman, Richard Thompson. I still remember his name, he lived across the street. And every time my Dad started to mow the lawn, there came Mr. Thompson. And so I would stand out there.

Dad says, "You might come and listen to this man, honey girl. He's pretty interesting." And so I listened to him, and then my dad would say, "What did you hear him say?" And I would tell him.

Well, eventually I was repeating all the stories he liked to share with my dad verbatim. I knew them all by heart.

And my Dad says, "You're getting pretty good at that. But did you hear his heart?" And I thought, what? So I went around for days with my ear to people's chest trying to hear their hearts.

Finally my Dad created another learning situation for me by asking my mother to read an article from the newspaper. He says "Well, I guess if you want to understand that article, you have to read between the lines."

I thought, "Oh, read between the lines. Hear between the words."

So the next time I listened to Mr. Thompson's stories, I tried to listen between the words. My Dad said, "I know you know his story, but did you hear his heart?" And I said, "Yes. He is very lonely and comes and

shares his memories with you again and again because he's asking you to keep him company in his memories."

It just came out of me. In other words, my heart echoed his heart.

And when you can listen at that level, then you can hear not only the people. If you really pay attention, you can hear what the Universe is saying.

--Paula Underwood, clan mother of the Turtle clan, Iroquois nation

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Loving Your Enemy



To love our enemies does not mean that we suddenly become their friends. If it is our enemies we are to love, they must remain enemies. Unless you have enemies, you cannot love them. And if you have no enemies, I wonder if you have any friends. The moment you choose your friends, their enemies become your own enemies. By having convictions, we make ourselves the enemies of those who oppose these convictions. But let's be sure we agree on what we mean by terms like Friend, Enemy, Hatred, or Love.

The mutual intimacy we share with our best friends is one of the greatest gifts of life, but it is not always given when we call someone a friend. Friendship need not even be mutual. How about organizations like Friends of Our Local Library? Friends of Elephants and of other endangered species? Friendship allows for many degrees of closeness and takes many different forms. What it always implies is active support of those whom we befriend, engagement to help them reach their goals.

With enemies it is the exact opposite. After all, the very word "enemy" comes from the Latin "inimicus", and means simply "not a friend". Of course, not everyone who is not a friend is therefore an enemy. Enemies are opponents – not opponents for play, as in sports or games, but in mutual opposition with us in matters of deep concern. Their goals are opposed to our own highest aspirations. Thus, out of conviction we must actively try to prevent them from reaching their goals. We can do this lovingly, or not – and thus we find ourselves head-on confronted with the possibility to love our enemies.

Love in every one of its forms is a lived "yes" to belonging. I call it a "lived yes", because the very way loving people live and act says loudly and clearly: "Yes, I affirm and respect you and I wish you well. As members of the cosmic family we belong together, and this belonging goes far deeper than anything that can ever divide us." In an upside-down way, a "Yes" to belonging is even present in hatred. While love says this yes joyfully and with fondness, hatred says it grudgingly with animosity, gall. Still, even one who hates acknowledges mutual belonging. Have there not been

moments in your life when you couldn't say whether you loved or hated someone close to your heart? This shows that hatred is not the opposite of love. The opposite of love (and of hatred) is indifference.

Loving our enemies is an ideal for human beings of any spiritual tradition. Mahatma Gandhi practiced it no less inspiringly than St. Francis. But it calls to mind the saying of Jesus: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt. 3:43f) And this, in turn, calls to mind what G. K. Chesterton said: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."— Difficult, yes, but eminently worth trying, especially in a world torn by enmity.

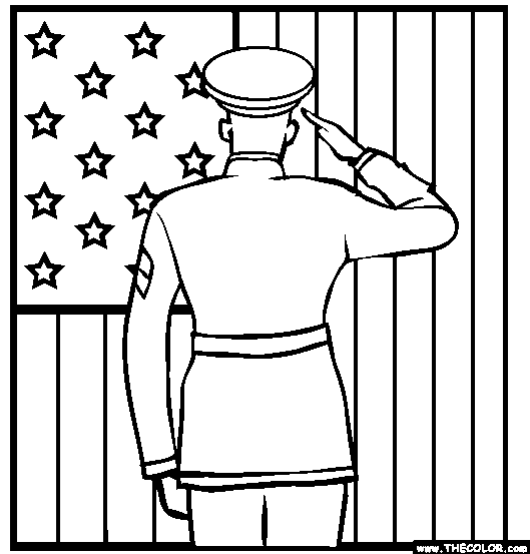
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By Doug WM Stone

November 13, World Kindness Day



World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November. It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs. It is observed in many countries, including Canada, Japan, Australia, Nigeria and United Arab Emirates. In 2009, Singapore observed the day for the first time. Italy and India also observed the day. In the UK, it is fronted by David Jamilly, who co-founded Kindness Day UK. In 2010 at the request of Michael Lloyd-White, the NSW Federation Parents and Citizens Association wrote to the Minister of The NSW Department of Education to place World Kindness Day on the NSW School Calendar. In 2012 At the request of the Chairman of World Kindness Australia, World Kindness Day was placed on the Federal School Calendar and the then Minister of School Education, Early Childhood, and Youth. The Hon Peter Garrett provided a Declaration of Support for World Kindness Australia and placed World Kindness Day on the National School Calendar for over 9000 schools. Schools across the globe are now celebrating World Kindness Day and work with local NGOs such as the Be Kind People Project and Life Vest Inside In the USA. In 2012 in Australia, Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW, hosted an event for the first time at Government House to celebrate World Kindness Day and accepted a Cool To Be Kind Award from year 3&4 students. Australian Councils representing over 1.3 million residents have also signed Declarations of Support for World Kindness Australia placing World Kindness Day on the Council Calendar of Events. Events include THE BIG HUG, handing out Kindness Cards, Global Flashmob, which was coordinated by Orly Wahba from USA which was held in 15 countries and 33 cities with its images of the event making the big screens in New York City. Canada celebrates with The Kindness Concert and in Singapore in 2009, 45,000 yellow flowers were given away. In 2017 World Kindness day was also celebrated in Slovenia, organised by volunteering organisation Humanitarceek as part of their project Randomised Kindness.

World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the

common thread of kindness which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race religion, politics, gender and zip codes. Kindness Cards are also an ongoing activity which can either be passed on to recognize an act of kindness and or ask that an act of kindness be done. Approaches are being made to the United Nations by the peak global body, the World Kindness Movement, to have World Kindness Day officially recognized and its members unanimously sign a Declaration of Support for World Kindness.

According to Gulf News, "it is a day that encourages individuals to overlook boundaries, race and religion."

Source: Wikipedia.org

Website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day

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The Kite Without a Thread



Once a father and son went to the kite flying festival. The young son became very happy seeing the sky filled with colorful kites. He too asked his father to get him a kite and a thread with a roller so he can fly a kite too. So, the father went to the shop at the park where the festival was being held. He purchased kites and a roll of thread for his son.

His son started to fly a kite. Soon, his kite reached high up in the sky. After a while, the son said, "Father, It seems that the thread is holding up a kite from flying higher, If we break it, It will be free and will go flying even higher. Can we break it?" So, the father cut the thread from a roller. The kite started to go a little higher. That made a son very happy.

But then, slowly, the kite started to come down. And, soon it fell down on the terrace of the unknown building. The young son was surprised to see this. He had cut the kite loose of its thread so it can fly higher, but instead, it fell down. He asked his father, "Father, I thought that after cutting off the thread, the kite can freely fly higher. But why did it fall down?"

The Father explained, "Son, At the height of life that we live in, we often think that some things we are tied with and they are preventing us from going further higher. The thread was not holding the kite from going higher, but it was helping it stay higher when the wind slowed down and when the wind picked up, you helped the kite go up higher in a proper direction through the thread. And when we cut the thread, it fell down without the support you were providing to the kite through the thread".

The son realized his mistake.

Moral: Sometimes we feel that we can progress quickly and reach to the newer heights in our life if we were not tied up with our family, our home. But, we fail to realize that our family, our loved ones help us survive the tough time in our lives with their support and encourage us to reach higher heights in our life. They are not holding us, but are supporting us. Never let go of them.

Source: Moral Stories

Website: <https://www.moralstories.org/kite-without-thread/>

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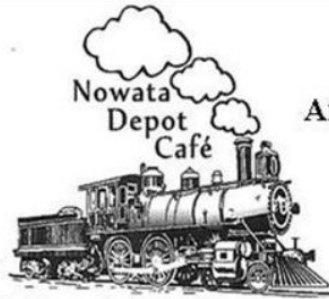
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Until Death does us Apart



When I got home that night as my wife served dinner, I held her hand and said, I've got something to tell you. She sat down and ate quietly. Again I observed the hurt in her eyes. Suddenly I didn't know how to open my mouth. But I had to let her know what I was thinking. I want a divorce. I raised the topic calmly.

She didn't seem to be annoyed by my words, instead, she asked me softly, why? I avoided her question. This made her angry. She threw away the chopsticks and shouted at me, you are not a man! That night, we didn't talk to each other. She was weeping. I knew she wanted to find out what had happened to our marriage. But I could hardly give her a satisfactory answer; she had lost my heart to Jane. I didn't love her anymore. I just pitied her!

With a deep sense of guilt, I drafted a divorce agreement which stated that she could own our house, our car, and 30% stake in my company. She glanced at it and then tore it into pieces. The woman who had spent ten years of her life with me had become a stranger. I felt sorry for her wasted time, resources and energy but I could not take back what I had said for I loved Jane so dearly. Finally, she cried loudly in front of me, which was what I had expected to see. To me, her cry was actually a kind of release. The idea of divorce which had obsessed me for several weeks seemed to be firmer and clearer now.

The next day, I came back home very late and found her writing something at the table. I didn't have supper but went straight to sleep and fell asleep very fast because I was tired after an eventful day with Jane. When I woke up, she was still there at the table writing. I just did not care so I turned over and was asleep again.

In the morning she presented her divorce conditions. She didn't want anything from me but needed a month's notice before the divorce. She requested that in that one month, we both try to live as normal a life as

possible. Her reason for this conditions was simple. Our son had his exams in a month's time and she didn't want to disrupt him with our broken marriage.

This was agreeable to me. But she had something more, she asked me to recall how I had carried her into out bridal room on our wedding day. She requested that everyday for the month's duration I carry her out of our bedroom to the front door ever morning. I thought she was going crazy. Just to make our last days together bearable I accepted her odd request.

I told Jane about my wife's divorce conditions. She laughed loudly and thought it was absurd. No matter what tricks she applies, she has to face the divorce, she said scornfully.

My wife and I hadn't had any body contact since my divorce intention was explicitly expressed. So when I carried her out on the first day, we both appeared clumsy. Our son clapped behind us, daddy is holding mommy in his arms. His words brought me a sense of pain. From the bedroom to the sitting room, then to the door, I walked over ten meters with her in my arms. She closed her eyes and said softly; don't tell our son about the divorce. I nodded, feeling somewhat upset. I put her down outside the door. She went to wait for the bus to work. I drove alone to the office.

On the second day, both of us acted much more easily. She leaned on my chest. I could smell the fragrance of her blouse. I realized that I hadn't looked at this woman carefully for a long time. I realized she was not young anymore. There were fine wrinkles on her face, her hair was graying! Our marriage had taken its toll on her. For a minute I wondered what I had done to her.

On the fourth day, when I lifted her up, I felt a sense of intimacy returning. This was the woman who had given ten years of her life to me. On the fifth and sixth day, I realized that our sense of intimacy was growing again. I didn't tell Jane about this. It became easier to carry her as the month slipped by. Perhaps the everyday workout made me stronger.

She was choosing what to wear one morning. She tried on quite a few dresses but could not find a suitable one. Then she sighed, all my dresses have grown big-

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ger. I suddenly realized that she had grown so thin, that was the reason why I could carry her more easily. Suddenly it hit me. She had buried so much pain and bitterness in her heart. Subconsciously I reached out and touched her head.

Our son came in at the moment and said, Dad, it's time to carry mom out. To him, seeing his father carrying his mother out had become an essential part of his life. My wife gestured to our son to come closer and hugged him tightly. I turned my face away because I was afraid I might change my mind at this last-minute. I then held her in my arms, walking from the bedroom, through the sitting room, to the hallway. Her hand surrounded my neck softly and naturally. I held her body tightly, it was just like our wedding day.

But her much lighter weight made me sad. On the last day, when I held her in my arms I could hardly move a step. Our son had gone to school. I held her tightly and said, I hadn't noticed that our life lacked intimacy. I drove to the office and jumped out of the car swiftly without locking the door. I was afraid any delay would make me change my mind. I walked upstairs. Jane opened the door and I said to her, Sorry, Jane, I do not want the divorce anymore.

She looked at me, astonished, and then touched my forehead. Do you have a fever? She said. I moved her hand off my head. Sorry, Jane, I said, I won't divorce. My marriage life was boring probably because she and I didn't value the details of our lives, not because we didn't love each other anymore. Now I realize that since I carried her into my home on our wedding day I am supposed to hold her until death does us apart.

Jane seemed to suddenly wake up. She gave me a loud slap and then slammed the door and burst into tears. I walked downstairs and drove away. At the floral shop on the way, I ordered a bouquet of flowers for my wife. The salesgirl asked me what to write on the card. I smiled and wrote, "I'll carry you out every morning until death does us apart".

That evening I arrived home, flowers in my hands, a smile on my face, I run upstairs, only to find my wife in the bed – dead.

My wife had been fighting cancer for months and I was so busy with Jane to even notice. She knew that she would die soon and she wanted to save me from the whatever negative reaction from our son, in case we push through with the divorce. At least, in the eyes of our son— I'm a loving husband.

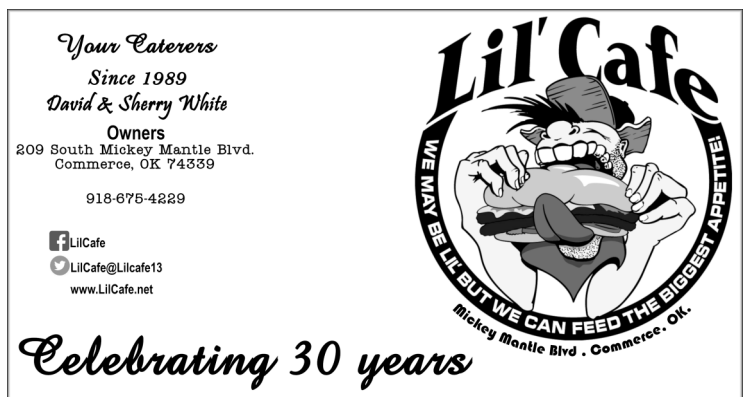
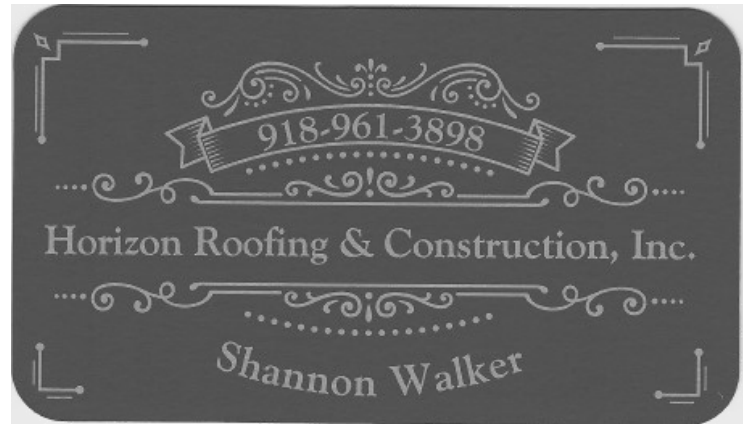
Moral: The small details of your lives are what really

matter in a relationship. It is not the mansion, the car, property, the money in the bank. These create an environment conducive for happiness but cannot give happiness in themselves. So find time to be your spouse's friend and do those little things for each other that build intimacy. And have a real happy marriage.

Source: Moral Stories

Website: <https://www.moralstories.org/until-death-do-us-apart/>

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Red Poppy as Symbol of Remembrance



We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by.

— Will Rogers

Honoring veterans has a special connection to World War I. The holiday is on the 11th day of the 11th month for a reason. November 11, 1918 – at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – is when a truce called an armistice was signed and the fighting stopped. The actual peace treaty was not signed until later.

President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 Armistice Day. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

World War I was one of history's largest wars. Most of the fighting was in Europe, but 30-plus countries took part. From 1914 to 1918, World War I took a greater human toll than any previous conflict, with some 15 to 19 million deaths and about 23 million wounded military personnel.

The World War I also ravaged the landscape of Western Europe. From the ruined battlefields, the red poppy would grow and, thanks to the famous poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Brigade Surgeon, become a powerful symbol of remembrance.

John McCrae in uniform. (Credit: Public Domain)



In the warm early spring of 1915 John McCrae spotted a cluster of poppies across devastated battle fields of the northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium) shortly after the Second Battle of Ypres. McCrae tended to the wounded and got a firsthand look at the carnage of that clash. Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on bro-

ken ground, McCrae wrote his poem in which he channeled the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies.

Moina Michael, who wrote "We Shall Keep Faith" poem in response to John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields"



Here in the United States, Moina Michael, a professor at the University of Georgia at the time the war broke out, read the poem. She was inspired by McCrae's verses, and wrote her own poem in response, which she called "We Shall Keep Faith."

Moina Michael made a personal pledge to 'keep the faith' and vowed always to wear a red poppy of Flanders Fields as a sign of remembrance and as an emblem for "keeping the faith with all who died."

Since 1921, the red poppy has become the symbol of remembrance and has been used to commemorate military personnel who have died in war, and represents a common or field poppy, *Papaver rhoeas*.



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In Flanders Fields **By John McCrae**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

WE SHALL KEEP THE FAITH **BY Moina Michael**

We Shall Keep the Faith Oh! you who
sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the
dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
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Dmv Offering



I had to make a trip to the DMV without an appointment. For anyone who has done this in Silicon Valley, you might know the frustration that can be encountered and the time this can take. Well, I got there and there was no line to get a number, but I did have about 25 people in front of me with their own numbers.

I sat there patiently, just watching people. A young man had gotten up to the counter and had no cash to pay his fee; yep, they only take cash or check...do people still write checks:)? Anyway, he was explaining his situation to the gentleman next to me. I think he felt comfortable doing this, as they were of the same ethnicity. Alas, he didn't have any cash, either.

I had been listening in and, before he had a chance to ask, I thought, "wouldn't you know it...I have enough cash for both his fee and mine!" I offered him the money and he wanted my info so he could repay me using Venmo. Although I use this app, I opted for a different form of repayment. I happened to have one Smile Card in my wallet, which I try to carry around all the time.

I offered him the card and said, "you can do this as a repayment." He really wanted to just return the cash, but there was no way he could without my help and I just insisted he Pay It Forward.

Not long after that, I was called up, got my business done and I was out fo there; less than 60 minutes in DMV without an appointment and I'm done. That is unheard of! I've spent longer there with an appointment. Maybe this all went so smoothly because of my chance encounter with this young gentleman, maybe not. I'll never really know. But, I do choose to Believe that, as we spread our own kindness in the world, it ricochets back to us in multitudes.

Source: Kind Spring – Small Acts That Change The World

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Shepherd's Cross. Guests can also take home straw bales and corn stalks for fall decorating. At this annual pumpkin festival, walk the hay maze, create a scarecrow, take a hayride, pet animals in the petting zoo and make memories. Enjoy lots of fun games and activities for the whole family, farm demos and festive fall story time while celebrating the harvest Shepherd's Cross 16792 E 450 Rd Claremore, OK 74017 Phone: 918-342-5911 season.

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Nov 8, 2019 - Nov 9, 2019 Fall Mystery Dinner Theater Fundraiser "CASE 12-24: The Cedar Tree Caper" - The Rogers County Historical Society will be presenting productions of "CASE 12-24: The Cedar Tree Caper" a Christmas themed mystery play written by local playwright Mark Ogle on Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, at the historic Belvidere Mansion in Claremore, as their Fall Mystery Dinner fundraiser. Special guest entertainment will be the comedy magic of Roger Cornelison, magician extraordinaire. His floating table illusion is not to be missed. Dinner (provided by The Pink House, an area favorite and house restaurant at the Belvidere Mansion) begins at 6:00 pm, with music, magic and the play following. Tickets are \$50 and includes dinner and show. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For tickets, call (918) 688-0651. All proceeds will go to the Rogers County Historical Society for the restoration and upkeep of the Belvidere Mansion.

Nov 7, 2019 A Time of Remembrance; Facing the Holidays with an Empty Chair—Compassus Hospice will offer a pre-holiday service to honor and remember those who have passed. In addition to a short faith devotional we will offer practical hands on tips to help to make it through the holidays for those who have lost someone as well as an opportunity to reconnect, meet and speak with Compassus medical as well as support staff. We will also have a very special holiday memorial gift for each family. This event is free and open to public. Nov. 7th 7:30. First Christian Church 226 W. Canadian Ave. Vinita, Oklahoma. For more information call 918-782-1414.

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By Breanna McDowell



Ferdinand, Isabella, Columbus

The king and queen of Spain are delighted when Columbus offers treasures from the New World. In this picture find the ship, squirrel, bird, horse's head, paintbrush, elephant's head, bell, hat, fish, and scissors.



Getting to know the Lutherans

Autumn and Salvation

Jesus said “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” John 12:24

When are in that time of year when the leaves of the trees amaze us with their beautiful colors. It’s a good time to enjoy a hayride and enjoy the vibrant colors as the trees blanket the ground. Unfortunately this season also reminds us of winter when daylight hours are short and those lovely trees quickly appear to be dead.

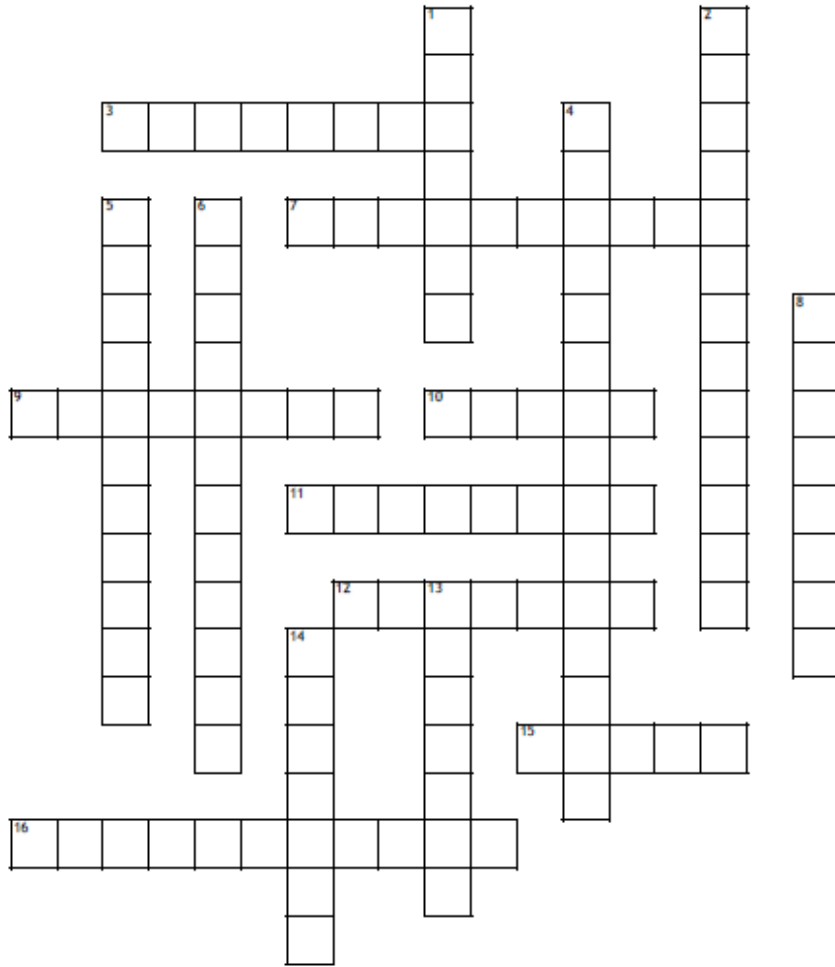
This season is an excellent reminder of the purpose of Messiah. Jesus came from heaven and shared in our humanity in order to rescue us from the penalty of our sin. In Jesus we see the beauty of our heavenly Father as He eased the pains and infirmities of many people while He suffered the distresses of our troubled lives. But just as the people were enjoying the miracles and possibility of a new king He died. But His death was not a victory for sin and the devil, it was God’s victory. In the death of Jesus our sins were buried with Him and we are promised new life. Remember as the beauty soon turns to death - spring will come, eventually. And for those who are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus – eternal life will come.

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Crossword Puzzle

Community Links Crossword Puzzle Nov. 5th, 2019



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3. Fashion
7. Slambang
9. Wrestling
10. Country to which Frederick Douglass was a U.S. ambassador
11. Quarrelling noisily
12. One of Snow White's dwarfs
15. Douglas's "Wall Street" role
16. Truculent

Down

1. "I, Too, Sing ____" (Langston Hughes poem)
2. LEADING LADY
4. "What happens to ____ deferred?" (Langston Hughes)
5. Threatening
6. CARETAKER
8. Hot drink from China
13. The "S" in T.S. Eliot
14. The S in ASPCA

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Word Search Puzzle

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

engender	condescending	boondoggle	amicable
acknowledgment	tapout	chokeslam	embolden
demoralize	hearten,	emasculate	terrorize
elliptical	metaphysical	unintelligible	inexplicable
mysterious	paintings	whimsicality	facetious
blithesome	uproarious	hysterical	

CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Hunger **Quote From:** Pearl S Buck

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

I W G Z T O M S X T K S N I L T Q A Q S G F

M S G

Title: People **Quote From:** John Steinbeck

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- P P L W L L L

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Y F K J M C Y U A U J F U T U M T X U

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J F E J X S O U J F U K E S L J P M L L E

W P W W

Y S T U V D M V J Y F K Y U A U J F U

P P L - W

T U M T X U Y U P M M L

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Acrostic Puzzle

1	K		2	N	3	L	4	J	5	I		6	F	7	E	8	M	9	N		
		10	F	11	A	12	B		13	C	14	N	15	K		16	L	17	I		
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			35	I			36	D	37	M	38	N	39	A		40	D	41	E	42	A
43	B	44	C			45	J	46	N			47	K	48	G	49	F	50	E	51	B
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68	C			69	E	70	M	71	C			72	B	73	M	74	A			75	L
76	F			77	M	78	C	79	D			80	E	81	K			82	N	83	M
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K	15	22	47	56	81	1															
L	30	33	75	67	84	16	3														
M	83	77	70	37	27	8	73														
N	2	64	9	14	21	38	82	46													

- A. Jitterbug dance
- B. Professed
- C. Pokes with elbow
- D. Frighten
- E. Firmness
- F. Transmit
- G. Senior
- H. Grandmothers
- I. Ponderously
- J. Last syllable of a word
- K. Star sign
- L. Abode
- M. Particular printing of book
- N. Of a gland secretion

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So, test your knowledge of English Idioms and Proverbs now:

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1. Hold your horses
2. To do something at the drop of a hat
3. To throw caution to the wind
4. It’s raining cats and dogs
5. To get a taste of your own medicine
6. To bite the bullet
7. To rain on someone’s parade
8. One-trick pony
9. Like a fish out of the water
10. To have your head in the clouds

Proverbs

1. Better late than never
2. Time flies when you’re having fun
3. There are other fish in the sea
4. You can’t judge a book by its cover
5. Two wrongs don’t make a right
6. When in Rome, do as the Romans do
7. The early bird catches the worm
8. Don’t cry over spilled milk
9. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
10. It takes one to know one

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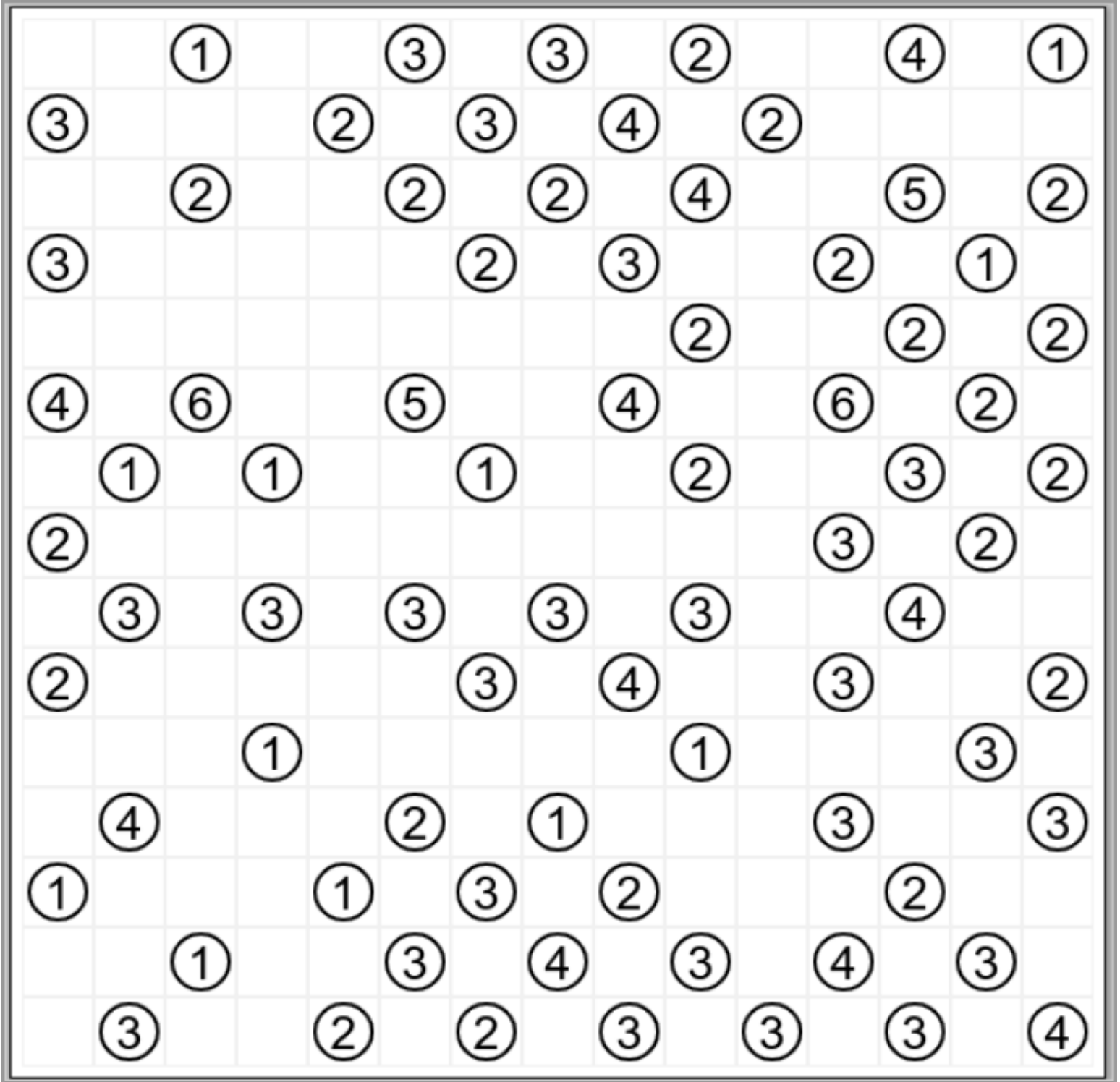
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Hashi (Bridge Building) Puzzle

Puzzle Rules: The goal is to connect all of the islands by drawing a series of bridges between the islands. The bridges must follow certain criteria: 1) They must begin and end at distinct islands, travelling a straight line in between. 2) They must not cross any other bridges or islands. 3) They may only run orthogonally (i.e. they may not run diagonally). 3) At most two bridges connect a pair of islands. 4) The number of bridges connected to each island must match the number on that island. 5) The bridges must connect the islands into a single connected group.



Acrostic Puzzle Solution

1 K		2 N	3 L	4 J	5 I		6 F	7 E	8 M	9 N
	10 F	11 A	12 B		13 C	14 N	15 K		16 L	17 I
18 G		19 F	20 E	21 N	22 K		23 J	24 I	25 H	26 F
	27 M	28 H		29 D	30 L	31 I		32 B	33 L	34 E
	35 I		36 D	37 M	38 N	39 A		40 D	41 E	42 A
43 B	44 C		45 J	46 N		47 K	48 G	49 F	50 E	51 B
	52 H	53 E		54 J		55 J	56 K	57 I	58 G	
59 I	60 H	61 G	62 A	63 B	64 N	65 F	66 C		67 L	
68 C		69 E	70 M	71 C		72 B	73 M	74 A		75 L
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N	2	64	9	14	21	38	82	46		

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Meanings of Idioms and Proverbs

Idioms

1. Wait a moment; slow down
2. To do something at once, without any delay
3. To do something without worrying about the risk
4. It's raining very hard
5. To be treated the way you've treated others
6. To force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult
7. To ruin one's plans or temper one's excitement
8. A person with only one talent or area of expertise
9. Very uncomfortable
10. To be daydreaming and/or lacking concentration

By Steven Burdick

Proverbs

1. It is better to be late than never to arrive or complete a task
2. Time seems to move faster when you're enjoying something
3. There will be other opportunities for romance
4. You shouldn't determine the value of something by its outward appearance
5. If someone has done something bad to you, there's no justification to act in a similar way
6. When you are visiting another place, you should follow the customs of the people in that place
7. The one who takes the earliest opportunity to do something will have an advantage over others
8. Stop worrying about things in the past because they cannot be changed
9. The things you already have are more valuable than those you hope to get
10. Someone must have a bad quality themselves if they can recognize it in other people



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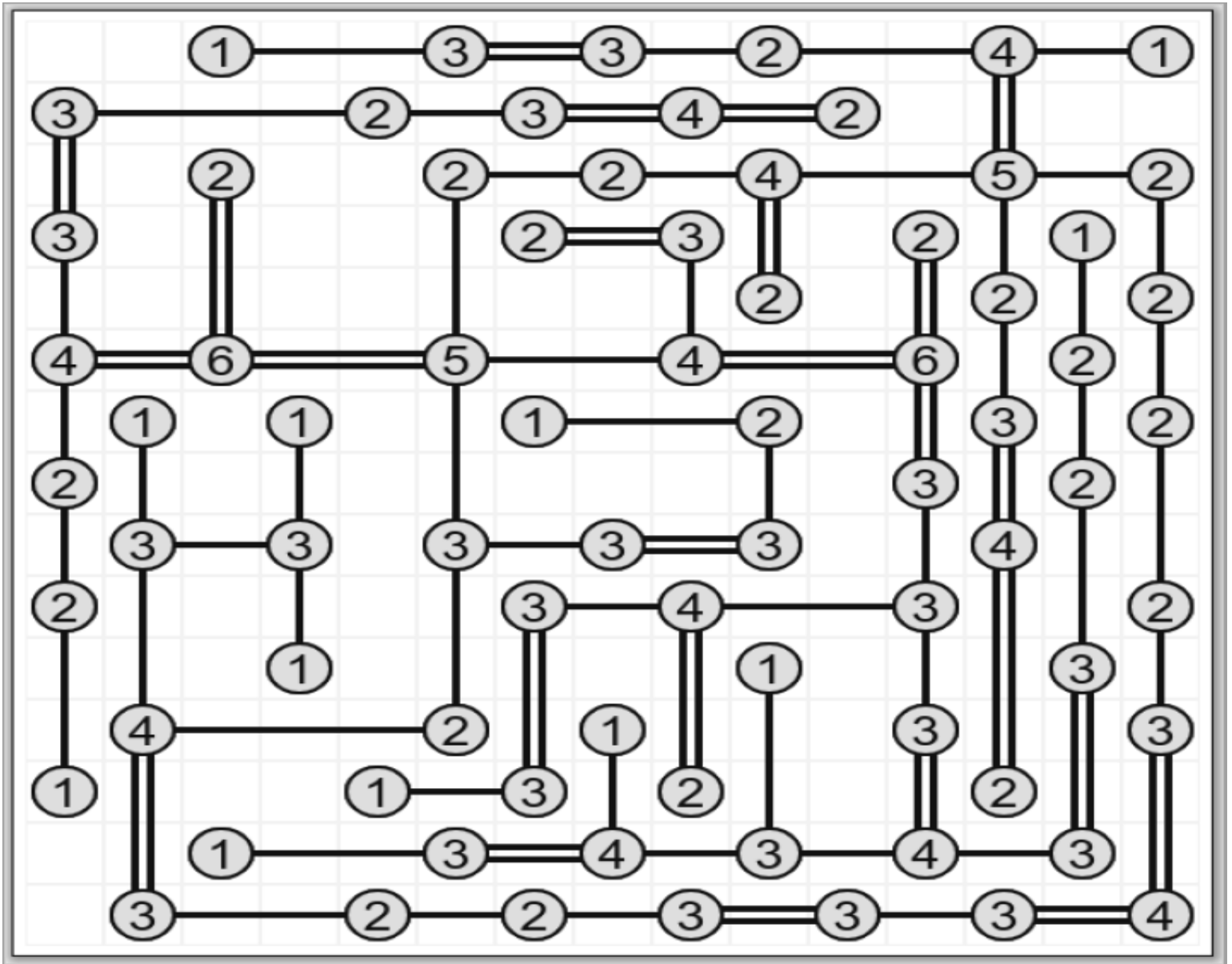
Hunger makes a thief of any man.

Title: People **By:** John Steinbeck

“Why, Tom - us people will go on livin' when all them people is gone. Why, Tom, we're the people that live. They ain't gonna wipe us out. Why, we're the people - we go on.”

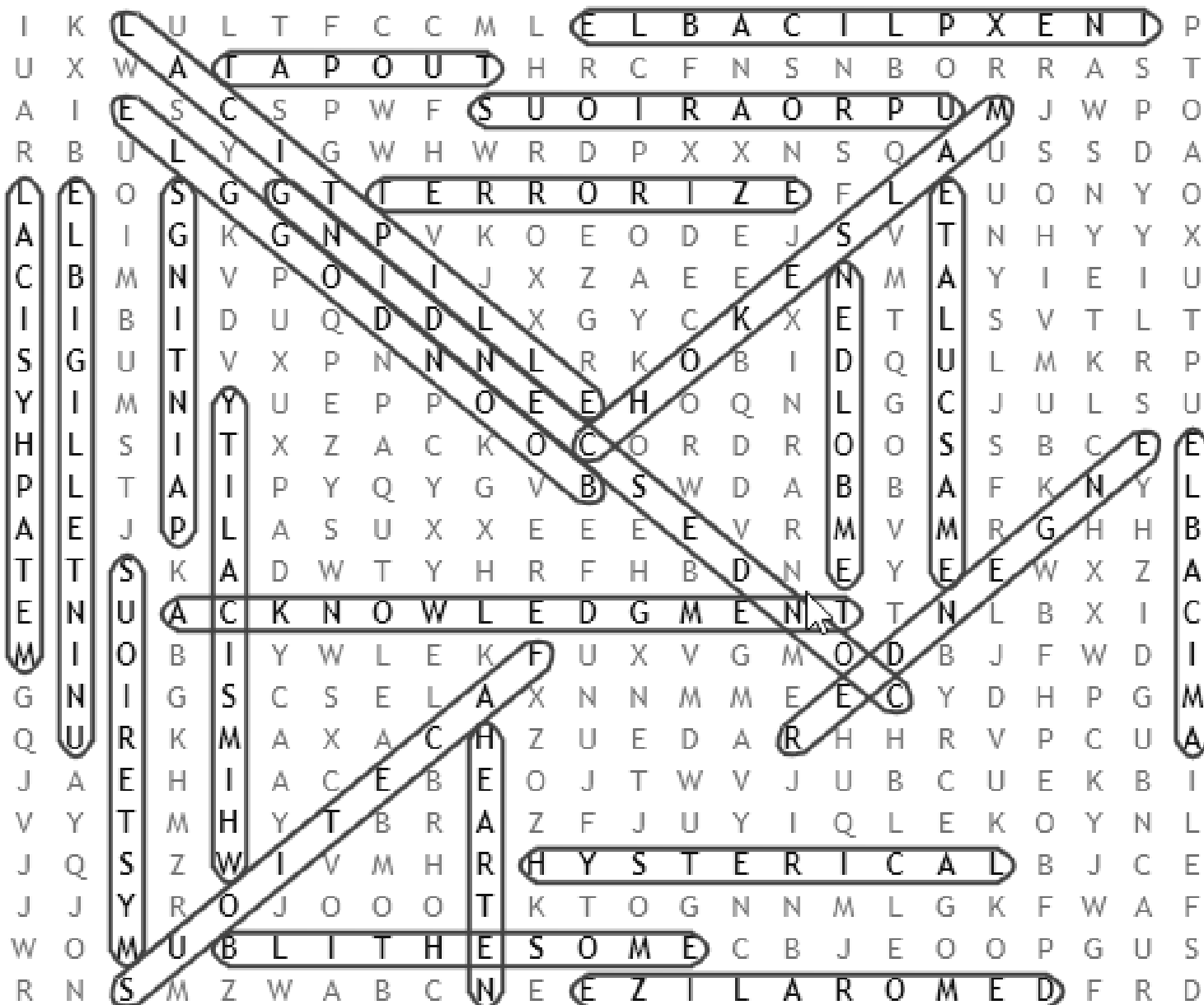
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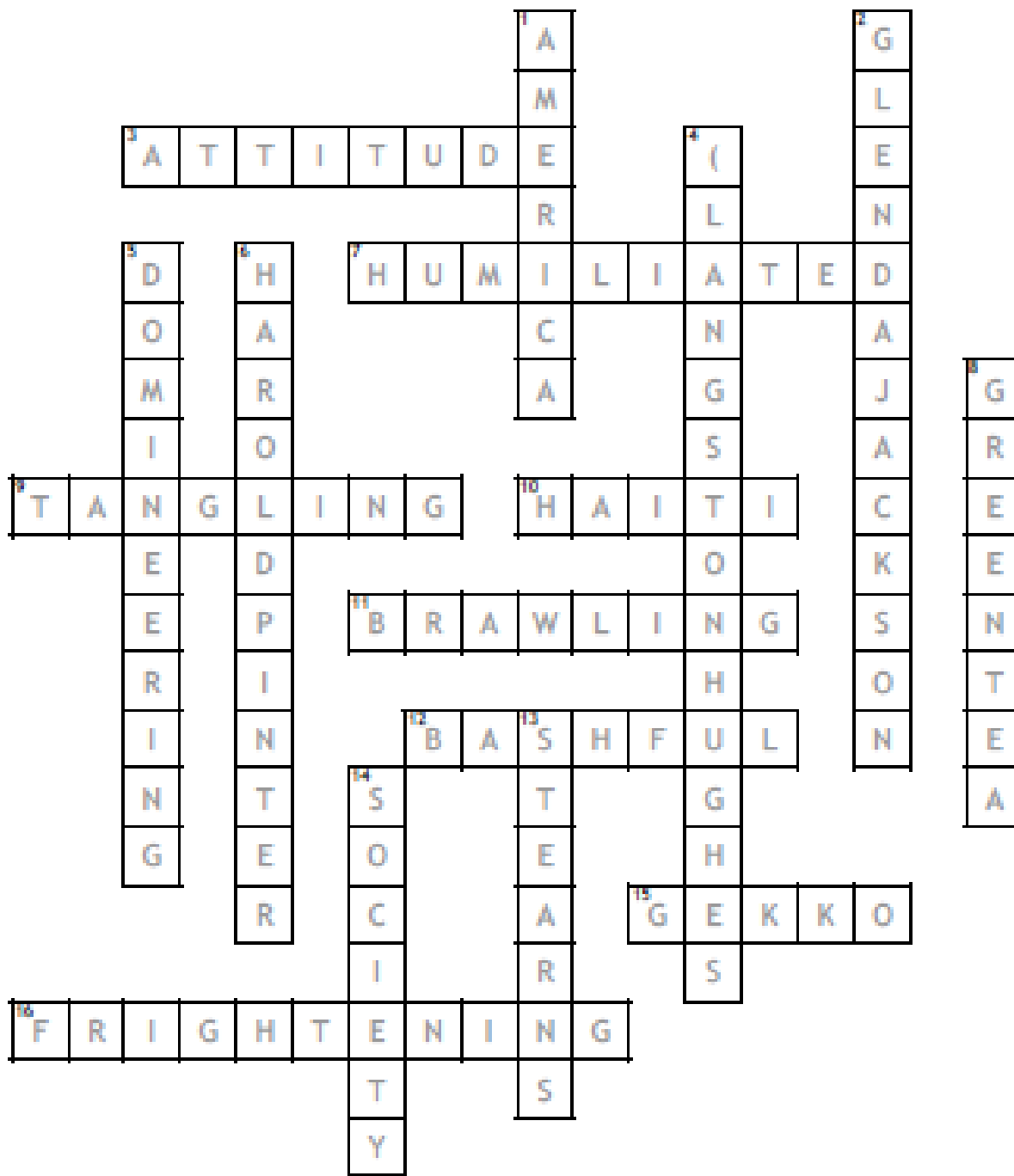
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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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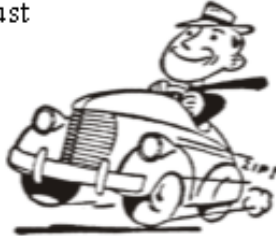
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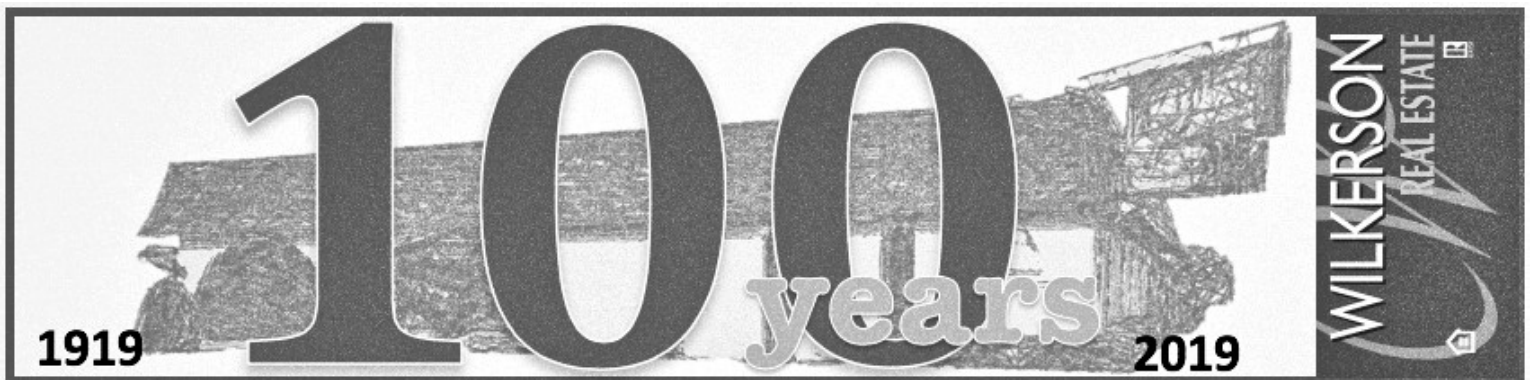
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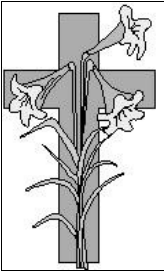
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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

TAKE THE LONG VIEW I

learned to drive in Drivers Ed in 10th grade in high school, but my Uncle Cecil trained me in many skills. He had me practicing my parallel parking skills in downtown Vinita in

front of the Center Theatre at 9 o'clock on Saturday night when one show got out and the other was starting.

We Vinita kids honed our skills driving up and down Main Street every Friday night after the football game. I wish I had kept track of how many miles I actually drove those 3 years.

I went to work for SBC in 1971 as a telephone operator and put many miles on my vehicles over the 13 years I worked that job. Then I transferred into the network department, and since we drove company vehicles, we had to take on-the-job drivers' training and yearly driving tests.

One of the most important things I learned from the Southwestern Bell drivers' training was to scan the road a mile ahead of you, as far as you could see, to anticipate any hazard that might occur, so you could take evasive

action.

Most of us drive one block at a time, instead of looking ahead. In Tulsa traffic, you'll miss your exit that way. You should be planning ahead and looking for an opening in traffic two miles ahead of your exit. It takes training.

We should train our spirits to take the long view, to look ahead, further and further down the road.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1

Raise your eyes up from your feet, where you are watching each step, the drudgery of everyday life. Don't look at life one step, one day at a time. That may be how you are living your life right now, but lift up your eyes to the Hills of Glory. Your help is on the way. The Lord God of heaven has a plan.

Take the long view.

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