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Hilarious Pranks For April Fools' Day

Roots of April fools day are not known to this day, though there are some variations from where it stems. For example, it might be the April 1st in 1698 when many Londoners were tricked into coming to see "the Lions washed." It also might be as early 1381, when Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* were published, in which a depiction of Chauntecleer tricked by a fox took place on April the 1st. It doesn't really matter where this tradition comes from since it has gained worldwide popularity and gave us a chance to laugh with April fools pranks.

Best April fools pranks probably come from newscasters and newspapers. BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) once tricked the whole nation with their funny prank that spaghetti grows on trees in Switzerland. Or the hilariously good prank that Taco Bell played, assuring that they have bought the Liberty Bell, now to be known as Taco Liberty Bell. The best pranks, though, come in good spirits while causing no harm for the receiver (except being shamefully



tricked, that is).

There are plenty of hilarious people out there who thrive on their sense of humor—especially when it comes to April's Fool Day pranks! Yep, every single year, a certain day comes around that provides everyone the opportunity to live out their comedic dreams—and that's April 1, also known as April Fool's Day. To make sure you have time to prep, we've

got 56 easy April Fool's pranks to give you plenty of great gag ideas!

We've all heard of putting a whoopee cushion on a chair, or prank calling your friends—but those antics are somewhat anticipated when this day rolls around (well, except for those of us who are known for being incredibly unsuspecting and gullible!). Since everyone knows that April 1st could be filled with various high jinks, it's more rewarding to get extra-creative and startle someone in truly unexpected ways.

So, whether you're looking to prank your sibs, roommates, kids, spouse, or best buds, we've got options for them all. Between trickery with technology, fooling them with food, and just plain, classic scares, you'll

be sure to feel inspired checking out our 56 outrageous April Fool's Day pranks!

Here are some of April Fool's Day Pranks:

1. Create brussel sprout cake pops that look super-appetizing, but become quite the surprise at first-bite!

2. Fill up a doughnut box (think something obvious, like Krispy Kreme or Dunkin' Donuts) with veggies inside, and listen for the reactions near the break room at work!

3. Many of us have certain shows that we have to watch with our spouse or roommate, without jumping ahead. So, go through the episode list and start playing the show a few episodes further, so they think you've gone further without them. When you sit down together later to watch, try to keep a straight face as they realize something's not right!

4. Send automatic, fun cat facts to your friends' phones through the Cat Facts app, and LOL as you can view their replies as well!

5. There are plenty of annoying email subscriptions that you can sign a bud up for, but one that they might legitimately get a kick out of is "Pun of the Day"—you can keep those jokes coming throughout the whole year!

6. Find a GIF of the infamous typing dots, and text it to different members of your fam, who will be so curious about what you could be writing to them for such a long time!

7. At the office, put tape under a coworker's computer mouse, and watch them try to figure out why it's not working!

8. You'll hear plenty of sss-screams after hiding rubber snakes in the dressers of your kids and/or spouse!

9. Bring "chocolate chip" cookies into office that are actually filled with raisins!

10. Go for the classic April Fool's prank—jump out and scare someone who least expects it!

11. After placing coffee grounds inside the toilet tank and flushing a few times, the brown water is going to make it awkward between all of your housemates, to say the least!

12. If you have access to a friend's FB (someone who's a serious social media fan), change their posts' visibility to private for the day and see how long they'll last before inquiring about their lack of likes!

13. Fill a doughnut up with mayo and expect plenty of cringe-worthy reactions!

14. Stick a straw into a yellow mustard packet, put the packet in an unsuspecting pal's can of soda or sparkling water, and wait for hilarity to ensue!

15. Freeze a bowl of cereal and milk overnight, and your child will wonder why on earth they can't spoon it out the next morning!

16. Place a "Please honk and wave—April Fool's prank!" sign on the back of your car to either confuse your spouse or roommate on the way to work, or your children going to school!

17. Tape fake roaches inside a lamp shade with the light on—talk about making everyone immediately feel creepy-crawly!

18. On a Windows computer, press the Ctrl, Alt, and downward arrow keys to flip the display screen upside down. You can turn it back by pushing Ctrl, Alt, and the upward arrow key together!

19. Make a mashed potato and gravy sundae that looks just like ice cream and caramel sauce, but is definitely more dinner than dessert!

20. Sorry in advance to whomever is on the receiving end of this prank, but one way to really shock someone is by leaving fake poop out somewhere in your home, car, or workplace!

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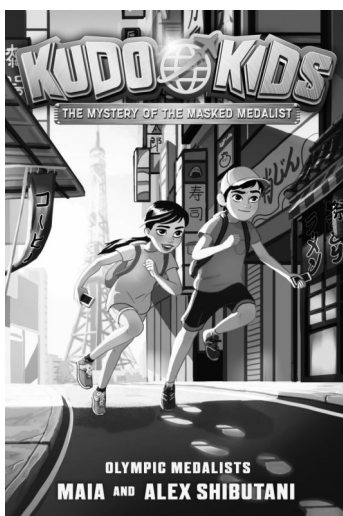
Maia and Alex Shibutani are 2020 Honorary Chairs!



Maia and Alex Shibutani, a.k.a. the ShibSibs, are two-time Olympic bronze medalists, three-time world medalists, Four Continents Figure Skating Champions, and two-time U.S. National Champions. At the 2018 Winter Olympics, they became the first ice dancers of Asian descent to medal at the Olympics

and are only the second sibling duo in the history of the sport to share an ice dancing medal. They travel the world and enjoy spending time together (most of the time), eating food (all of the time), and meeting new people (any time!).

Book cover: KUDO KIDS: The Mystery of the Masked Medalist
 KUDO KIDS: The Mystery of the Masked Medalist is the first in a middle-grade series that marks the writing debut of Maia and Alex Shibutani. Co-authored by Michelle Schusterman, recognized by the American Library Association's 2019 Rainbow Book List, the book is set at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. The fun-filled, fast-paced mystery is inspired by the Shibutanis' own familial bond and experiences traveling the world with Team USA. Available May 2020, just before the 2020 Olympics, the book captures the curiosity and life experiences that the ShibSibs share with their combined 1.4 million followers on social media channels and through their original YouTube videos, with more than 11 million views.



National Library Week

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the United States each April, typically the second full week.

In 1954 a nonprofit National Book Committee was established between the ALA and the American Book Publishers. In 1957 the committee developed the idea for National Library Week, hoping that it would motivate people to read and to support libraries.

National Library Week occurs in April which is School Library Month. National Library Workers Day (Tuesday of the week), National Bookmobile Day, and Support Teen Literature Day (Thursday of the week) all occur during National Library Week. Each year the week has a new theme. The theme of the first sponsored week in 1954 was "Wake Up and Read!" and 2018's theme was "Libraries Lead."

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Disney didn't invent Cinderella. Her story is at least 2,000 years old



You know Cinderella. Of course you do. She's a part of the cultural ether, one of those characters we get to know by osmosis.

She's a princess. She wears a beautiful dress with a shiny headband, glass shoes, and long white gloves. She overcomes the adversity of her wicked stepmother and stepsisters, who treat her as their maid, so she can meet and dance with a very handsome prince, then hurry home before the clock strikes midnight and her carriage becomes a pumpkin again.

But that's not the real Cinderella. That's the Disney Cinderella, the one from the 1950 animated film and the new remake in theaters right now.

The real Cinderella isn't so easily defined. She is a character who weaves together centuries of storytelling and most human cultures.

And sometimes her forgotten slipper isn't even glass.

The first Cinderella was Greek

There are two faces to Cinderella: there's the European folk tale that evolved into the modern-day story of a girl in a big blue ball gown, and there's the centuries-old plot that has been passed between cultures for millennia.

The story of overcoming oppression and marrying into another social class to be saved from a family that doesn't love or appreciate you is an incredibly powerful one, too powerful to be contained by the story we all know. At the center of most Cinderella stories (whether they use that name for their protagonist or not) is one thing: a persecuted heroine who rises above her social station through marriage.

The first recorded story featuring a Cinderella-like figure dates to Greece in the sixth century BCE. **In that ancient story**, a Greek courtesan named Rhodopis has

one of her shoes stolen by an eagle, who flies it all the way across the Mediterranean and drops it in the lap of an Egyptian king.

Taking the shoe drop as a sign from the heavens (literally and metaphorically), the king goes on a quest to find the owner of the shoe. When he finds Rhodopis, he marries her, lifting her from her lowly status to the throne.

Another one of the earliest known Cinderella stories is the ninth-century Chinese fairy tale **Ye Xian**, in which a young girl named Ye Xian is granted one wish from some magical fishbones, which she uses to create a gown in the hopes of finding a husband.

Like Rhodopis' tale, a monarch comes in possession of the shoe (this time, the shoes have a gold fish-scale pattern) and goes on a quest to find the woman whose tiny feet will fit the shoe. Ye Xian's beauty convinces the king to marry her, and the mean stepmother is crushed by stones in her cave home.

The European version of the story originated in the 17th century

In total, more than 500 versions of the Cinderella story have been found just in Europe, and the Cinderella we know best comes from there (France, specifically).

The first version of Cinderella that bears a significant similarity to the most famous version emerged in the 17th century, when a story called Cenerentola was published in a collection of Italian short stories. Cenerentola has all the ingredients of the modern-day tale — the wicked stepmother and stepsisters, the magic, and the missing slipper — but it's darker and just a bit more magical.

In the story, a woman named Zezolla escapes the king, who wants to marry her, at two separate celebrations — before he finally catches her at the third one and prevents her from leaving. Instead of a story of requited love, Cenerentola is a story of forced marriage and six very wicked stepsisters.

Sixty years later, the Italian tale got a French twist and became the story we know. In Cendrillon, Charles Perrault — a French writer credited with inventing the fairy tale — cast the form that Cinderella would take for the next 400 years. He introduced the glass slipper, the pumpkin, and the fairy godmother (minus the bibbidi bobbidi boo). This is the version Disney later adapted into its animated classic.



The Brothers Grimm had a, well, grimmer take on the tale

The Brothers Grimm also collected the tale in their famous fairy tale compendium. That story, called *Aschenputtel* (Cinderella in the English translations), appeared more than 100 years after Perrault's version in the 19th century.

Aschenputtel is a much darker tale. Cinderella's wishes come not from a fairy godmother but from a tree growing on her mother's grave. Her father, instead of being absent as in Perrault's tale, is willfully ignorant of his daughter's suffering.

In the Grimm version, the heroine's slippers are made of gold (not glass), and when the Prince comes to test the stepsisters' feet for size, one of them cuts off her own toes to try and make the shoe fit. In the end, Cinderella marries the prince, her stepsisters serve as her bridesmaids, and doves peck their eyes out during the ceremony. It is, needless to say, a beautiful tale for children.



Did Cinderella invent the Wicked Stepmother trope?

In a word, no.

Many fairy tales that have their roots in the 17th century, including *Snow White* and *Hansel and Gretel*, feature evil stepmothers who seek to ruin the protagonist's lives. In all of these stories, the stepmother's main enemy is the stepdaughter — a living, breathing reminder of her husband's first marriage.

But plots don't just emerge out of nowhere. Most are pulled from real-life scenarios or at least real-life feelings. As Dr. Wednesday Martin, author of the book *Stepmonster*, wrote for **Psychology Today**, "Stepmothers are frequently singled out for very bad treatment indeed by

stepchildren who pick up on their mother's anger and resentment and become her proxy in their father's household."

And this is no new problem. Stepmothers, historically, were a very common occurrence not because of divorce and remarriage but because so many women died during childbirth. This meant the new wife (and her children) were in direct competition with the first wife's child not just for love, but also for the inheritance that would decide which station of society they belonged in after the husband's death. Thus, the idea became an overused trope.

This also points to what Cinderella is really about — money.



Cinderella is a story about class warfare

At its core, Cinderella is about how dependent women once were on men to determine their place in the world.

Cinderella begins the story as the daughter of a wealthy man. She is an upper-middle-class girl with good prospects who could potentially marry into an upper-class family with even more prospects. But once her mother dies and her father remarries, her position in the family shifts, and her marriage is no longer the primary focus of the family.

This is common in many other stories that employ this same theory. Consider *Pretty in Pink*, *My Fair Lady*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Pretty Woman*, to name a few stories in which a man's attractiveness is greatly enhanced by having a lot of money. Sometimes, the love affair is between an upper-class woman and a working-class boy. Think *Titanic* or *Aladdin*.

The original Cinderella, written by Perrault, is even more blatantly about social class because its true moral is that by being nice and beautiful, a woman can earn herself a better life. Thus, Cinderella as Disney retold it in 1950, is the true embodiment of what that time period thought of as women achieving the American Dream — not through work, but through marriage.

Disney chose to adapt Cinderella, instead of *Aschenputtel*.

The former needed help to get anything done and had very little freedom, while Aschenputtel does many things of her own free will. Or, put another way, Cinderella has to be home at midnight. That's just when Aschenputtel decides to leave.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Cashiers Have Feelings Too

Wednesday I tried to pay a bill at Walmart. My mortgage company wouldn't show up. I went back yesterday with a different name. I had the same manager. She is so nice. We tried it again, no luck.



I went shopping and bought her a small bouquet of carnations. I went back to her to give them to her. She asked how did you know that was my favorite flower?! Lucky shot.

Cashiers (Managers especially) have to deal with so much during the day. Rude customers, lazy employees. I thought why not do something nice.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



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History of License Plates

We know what license plates are but how did they come to be? What is their evolution as they became the industry they are today?

Here is a list of some major license plate milestones extracted from the Historic Vehicle Association website:

1891 – France became the first country to issue “number plates” to vehicles.

1901 – On April 25, 1901, New York Governor Benjamin Odell Jr. signed into law a bill requiring owners of motor vehicles to register with the state. That is how New York state became the first U.S. state require license plates. Automobile and motor cycle owners were also required to place their initials upon the back of the vehicle where it be visible by naked eye. The letters must be at least three inches in height. According to collector and historian Keith Marvin there was no restrictions on materials, style or color.



As the number of cards increased need for a new system became apparent. On May 15, 1903, the state legislature passed a new law requiring the New York Secretary of State to assign each registered owner a number that would be displayed on the back of the vehicle. Vehicle owners were required to provide their own plates until 1910.

1903 – Massachusetts became the first to provide state-issued porcelain license plates. The very first, featuring the number “1,” was issued to Frederick Tudor.



1906 – West Virginia produced the first stamped metal license plate.



1921 – Although Alaska was not yet a state and had very few roads, its territorial government produced a license plate now considered the Holy Grail of historic plates by hobbyists and collectors. In 2000, a reported \$60,000 was paid for one of the few surviving examples of a genuine 1921 Alaska license plate.



1928 – Idaho license plates appeared with the words “Idaho Potatoes,” now regarded as the first license plate slogan in America.

1931 – Pennsylvania became the first state to issue customized license plates, which were limited to a driver's initials.



1936 – The iconic “bucking bronco”, still in use today, first appeared on Wyoming license plate.



1944 – The metal shortage caused by World War II forced states to use alternative materials for plates, namely embossed fiberboard, cardboard and soybean-based plastic.



1957 – After meeting with world governments and international standards organizations, automobile manufacturers imposed uniform dimensions on license plates. The standard size for license plates in all American states was set at 6” x 12”.

1965 – The “vanity plate” was born when states began allowing drivers to customize their plates with letters and numbers.

1971 – After 3M introduced “High Intensity Grade Reflective Sheeting,” states made the product mandatory on license plates to improve the visibility of moving and stationary vehicles.

1990 – Most state plates stopped displaying congressional districts, county designations and police codes. States began relying on computers to contain this information.

2007 – The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration conducted North America's first state-by-state and province-by-province survey of vanity plates. The study found some 9.7 million vehicles with personalized vanity license plates in America and Canada.



DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

Combating Corona With Compassion

Today I sent a text message to next door neighbour who has 2 young children. Asked her if she needed anything at supermarket. Not sure I have her current number cos she didn't write back but that's OK. It was a nice feeling writing the message.



Plan to do same with other neighbours who are in their 70's and maybe bake some cookies and hang them on their door with a note saying "Happy to help if help is needed."

What are YOUR ideas for helping others in these corona-fraught times in order to spread the love and compassion? Do tell!

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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Seizing the Opportunity to Connect

What your looking at are little takeaway paper cardboard boats I use to put food samples in when working.



Tonight during my shift a lady randomly started a conversation with me about them. She told me she was a preschool teacher and how great these are to make boats, turtles and use for paints etc in the classroom.

Kindness opportunity!!!

Looking at my stock I had way more than I needed. So I gave her all I could and totally made her day.

It's amazing how such simple things can bless others. I am so grateful to this lady for starting such a random conversation and for the opportunity it gave me to give.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

I Am A Grandmother ...

I am a grandmother with several children's books at home because I love them and I love reading to and with little ones. In this time when I am isolated in my apartment I am offering to have Story Time with Grandma Jane with children who have access to Skype or FaceTime.



It will help me not to feel isolated and will hopefully give parents who are suddenly teaching their children at home a bit of respite while giving the children a new reading partner.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Tyrannus forficatus

ORDER: Passeriformes

FAMILY: Tyrannidae



Adult

Juvenile



An elegant gray and salmon-pink flycatcher festooned with an absurdly long tail, the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is the bird to look for on fence wires in the south-central United States. They typically perch in the open, where their long, forked tails make an unmistakable silhouette. The tail proves useful as they expertly catch insects on the wing with sharp midair twists and turns. In late summer and early fall, scissor-tails gather in large, bickering flocks to migrate to Mexico and Central America.

The Four Keys to ID

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers are slender, stout-billed king-birds with very long, stiff, deeply forked tails. Males have longer tail feathers than females and immatures.

Relative Size

Smaller and more slender overall than an American Robin, but can seem larger because of the very long tail; larger than an Eastern Phoebe.

Color Pattern

These are pale gray birds with blackish wings and black tails with white edges. Adults have salmon-pink flanks that extend to underwing patches that are very conspicuous in flight. Males are more intensely colored than females.



Behavior

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers perch conspicuously on utility lines, treetops, and fence lines to watch for insect prey and defend their territories from interlopers. They are agile in the air, spreading their long tails wide to make abrupt turns and stalls. They are highly territorial, and will chase other birds out of their territories accompanied by loud, squeaky, bubbling calls.

Habitat

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers breed in open habitats in savannas with scattered trees, shrubs, and patches of brush in the southern Great Plains, south Texas, and just over

the border into northern Mexico, especially around scattered trees or utility lines. They tolerate human presence well and frequently breed in towns.

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers spend the winter in southern Mexico and Central America, in humid savannas, pastures, agricultural lands, scrublands, villages, towns, and the edges of tropical deciduous forests. They commonly stay below 5,000 feet elevation but occasionally winter at up to 7,500 feet. Sometimes they roost in towns and disperse to the countryside to forage.

Food

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers eat insects, particularly grasshoppers, crickets and beetles. They occasionally eat fruit, particularly on their wintering grounds. They usually forage between ground level and 30 feet off the ground, snatching insects from the air or gleaning them from vegetation. Between insect-catching flights they return to a perch on a fence, wire, or tree branch. Often a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher will swallow a small prey item during the flight back to its perch, but it beats large items against the perch before eating them. Occasionally Scissor-tailed Flycatchers capture insects directly from sparsely vegetated ground. On rare occasions they forage for insects or berries by hopping from branch to branch in live oak, post oak, red mulberry, or hackberry, or by hovering near trees.

Nesting

NEST PLACEMENT

The male and female travel together throughout their territory in search of a nest site in open prairie, mesquite prairie, parks, gardens, pastures, croplands, roadsides or saltmarsh edges. When they find a potential nest site in an isolated tree or shrub, they both hop around and test out different spots by pressing themselves against the branches. They choose an open site that's sheltered from the prevailing wind and often shaded by some foliage.

NEST DESCRIPTION

The female builds the nest on her own, often escorted by the male. She may finish the nest in a couple of days or spend a few weeks on it. She builds a rough frame, 5–6 inches across, using coarse materials like plant stems and flowers, oak catkins, cudweed, wool, Spanish moss, peppergrass, tissue, paper, string, thread, and cotton. She makes an inner cup—3 inches across and 2 inches deep—of closely knit cudweed flowers, string, cloth, and cotton, sometimes adding wet soil, caterpillar cocoons, sheep wool, Bermuda grass leaves, cedar bark, chicken feathers, seed silk, cigarette filters, paper, or carpet fuzz. Finally, she lines the nest with tightly woven dried roots, thistledown, cotton fibers, and wooly cudweed leaves.

NESTING FACTS

Clutch Size: 3-6 eggs

Number of Broods: 1-2 broods

Egg Length: 0.8-0.9 in (2-2.4 cm)

Egg Width: 0.6-0.8 in (1.5-2 cm)

Incubation Period: 13-23 days

Nestling Period: 14-17 days

Egg Description: White or creamy with dark red, reddish brown, or purple blotches.

Condition at Hatching: Helpless, with reddish brown skin and sparse white down.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

Yesterday I Went For ...

Yesterday I went for a walk on the empty streets and headed for the bakery nearby as they are serving out a window during this pandemic. On my way there, on a hot sidewalk corner, I found a man overdosing. He was emaciated, shaking, and had a bump on his head and was surrounded by lighters.

I did not bring my phone. The bakery called a local street unit called Cahoots to come help him. I went back to wait by the man.

As I waited, another woman stopped by in her car and got out to see if she could help. Turns out she had been a patient of mine years ago and now will come back after the pandemic passes. As we stood there, a nurse walked by, not with Cahoots. She took his pulse and asked him various questions. He could say his name but that was it.

Cahoots arrived and he refused help and managed to get up and totter away.

It was such an intense series of connections and care. I came home and played my harp in the backyard.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



New Jersey Police Officers Are Delivering Groceries To The Elderly



Senior citizens face a potentially life-threatening risk if infected with Coronavirus, so police officers in New Jersey are doing their part to keep them safe. The Sayreville Police Department is delivering groceries to the elderly who are running low on supplies.

"Today we were able to help many Senior Citizens who were running low on supplies," the department wrote on Facebook. "It is a reassuring feeling when everyone in the community comes together and supports each other. We also want to thank all of those in our Facebook community who have offered to help."

So far, 80 percent of the deaths from COVID-19 are people over the age of 65. "It's scary for them to even come out of the house," Lt. James Novak said. "We saw the issue and we worked with some local food pantries and just said 'hey, how can we help?'"

A majority of the food delivered was donated by local nonprofits.

"We want to thank the Sayreville Care and Share food pantry, Our Lady of Victories food pantry, and The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville for all of your donations," the department added.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

1,000 Retired And Private Practice Doctors And Nurses Volunteer To Battle Coronavirus In NYC

More than one thousand retired and private practice doctors and nurses answered New York City's cry for help, volunteering to join the medical reserve and help treat New Yorkers stricken with Coronavirus.



"I think that's so inspiring, so many people are coming forward to help and that's how we're going to beat this back," Mayor Bill de Blasio told WCBS-880AM.

They join the 9,000 medical professionals already registered with New York City's Department of Health as part of the Medical Reserve Corps. to pitch in during times of emergency.

De Blasio is also recruiting medical students and asked the federal government for help from other parts of the country.

"We're hoping to get more," said Herman Schaffer, the assistant commissioner for community outreach at the city's Office of Emergency management. "We have reached out to retired doctors and nurses and will be continuing to promote this."

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New Life in Spring Pregnancy and the Coronavirus

By Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder

Holding a spring bud in her hand and new life in her body, Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder navigates the blurred lines between uncertainty, vulnerability, and joy.

Each year when the last of the snow has melted, I begin my ritual of walking circles around the yard in the mornings to see what is growing. A little over two weeks ago, I noticed that buds had appeared on the weeping cherry tree. This week, the dogwood, the apple tree, and the lilac have followed suit. Given the weather of late, they are all right on time: mid- to high forties at night and high fifties—even sixties—during the day. The sun shines down like a siren song beckoning the sap to run again through their veins and bringing signs of life to the tips of their branches.

Every morning since, as I make my rounds, pausing at each tree to examine the buds—fuzzy on the apple tree, elegant and scaled on the cherry, sharply pointed on the dogwood—I rejoice. And then I begin to worry.

I live in Maine, and when the cherry tree budded, the calendar had barely tipped from February into March. Too soon. This morning there are snow flurries in the air, and when I checked the trees a few minutes ago, they appeared unchanged to my untrained eye. But I wondered if they'd already been damaged. I closed a hand gently over a few of them, as if a temporary transfer of my own body warmth could make some sort of difference. The temperature dipped down into the twenties last night; it was eighteen degrees the night before.

I try not to worry. However many tree buds I manage to briefly cup in my palms, I will not change their fate this season. It will be what it is, I tell myself. Sometimes that helps.

Still, even on this cold morning in the snow, the sight of those buds prompts a bound of joy. And I never attempt to talk myself out of rejoicing.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I've been thinking so much about the budding trees because there is a baby growing in my belly; a new life that seems so tender and miraculous that it makes me catch my breath. For a time in the early weeks of my pregnancy, this life was a secret, both quiet and jubilant, between my husband and me. Fifteen weeks in, this presence has made itself outwardly known. I recently attended a school event for my

husband, and one of the teachers he works with approached him afterward and whispered, "Chelsea's pregnant!" It wasn't a question.

It's too early to feel any kicking or wriggling, but if I sit still, I can feel this new life inside of me. Something I can only describe as an energy, an expanding light. In such moments, rejoicing seems the only response I am capable of.

But when I bring my attention back to the world, there is an unmistakable sheen of worry. It's been five days since my husband's school event, and the world has changed. He is now teaching from home. My brother is "indefinitely" out of a job and a paycheck at the restaurant where he's been working for several years. We canceled our trip to visit my grandmother in Nebraska. With predictions of hospitals running out of space, we breathed a sigh of relief that a close family friend who recently had a heart attack will be able to keep his scheduled date for coronary bypass surgery.

None of these things were questions in February. We were passing our phones around to anyone who would ask to see a picture of my first ultrasound.

Then, I was trying not to touch my phone—much less my face—if I was in public.

Now, I try not to be in public.

IN THE BEST of conditions, pregnancy is a vulnerable time. There is a long list of things you shouldn't do, shouldn't drink, shouldn't eat. This being our first child, we are doing our best to keep up with a growing stack of books and articles, learning as we go about the stages of development of a fetus, keeping up with the numerous appointments on our calendars, deciding which optional tests to have done, seeking advice about birth plans. My body is changing—my weight, my energy level, my ability to focus, my appetite, my mood—often with little discernible pattern or consistency.

Until now, in the midst of all of this change, there has been useful information readily available. Our questions have generally had answers, in part because many aspects of pregnancy are well-charted territory, and in part because I am fortunate so far to have had an uncomplicated pregnancy, where the standard answers and expectations tend to apply. The very fact that vulnerability is expected and normal for pregnant women has meant that I can reach out to family and friends who have children for advice and comfort, and thus a sense of safety.

There are few answers, expectations, or comforting words when it comes to COVID-19. Two studies indicate that the virus is not passed from mother to child just before or during birth—good news. But those studies have involved just nine and four mothers, respectively.

And so, the line between joy and worry, vulnerability and safety, becomes blurred and confused. One follows the other. The trees are budding and beautiful, and it is snowing outside; my child is growing in my belly, and the world is screeching to a halt. I am having trouble locating the difference between common sense and paranoia.

We saw our obstetrician yesterday, and I hoped she would tell us with confident expertise that our social distancing measures were likely to work, that by taking extra precautions we had a good chance of riding out the storm and staying perfectly healthy. She didn't. Instead she told us that social distancing is just to keep the hospitals from getting overwhelmed. "You should prepare for the fact that you will likely get the virus in the next twelve months," she said. "And you will likely be just fine. The latest information suggests that there's no indication that pregnant women have any higher chance of complications or death."

My husband and I sat there somewhat stunned. I couldn't tell if I felt better or worse. I hadn't truly considered the possibility that we could do everything right—for the sake of our new child, for ourselves, for the most vulnerable members of our community—and it might not make much difference in terms of, at the very least, our chances of getting sick.

Then she asked, "Do you want to hear the heartbeat?"

And there, as I was lying on the table, the worry dissipated completely for a long moment. All I could hear, at 156 beats per minute, was joy, joy, joy.

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International Tatting Day

Maybe it's just because I'm a Brooklynite who didn't grow up during the Victorian era, but when I heard that April 1st is International Tatting Day (don't laugh), I assumed it was a day to finally get that tattoo you've been talking about. As it turns out, the holiday has nothing to do with getting inked, but is actually a day to celebrate lace tatting. That's right, the art of creating the elegant lace found on dress collars and old-school doilies. How do you celebrate International Tatting Day, you ask? Why, by tatting lace and eat chocolate, of course. This sounds like a holiday I could easily get behind, so let's take a look at this mesmerizing craft.

A Brief History of Lace Tatting:

A relatively new craft, lace tatting didn't hit the scene until the early 1800s, and picked up popularity in the 1860s through 1880s, right about the time when the lace collars and intricate trim of Victorian fashion was in vogue. Today, people all over the world continue the tradition, and April 1st is their day to get together and share their love of the craft. How can you make sure you won't miss out on International Tatting Day? Here are three simple ways to celebrate—even if you just learned what it is moments ago.

By Katie Holdefehr

Tatting Day has been celebrated internationally since the late 1990's. April 1st is the International Tatting Day.

Tatting is the skill of making delicate, elegant tatted lace. It is enjoyed by thousands of people.

On this day, "tatters" around the world have different activities, mostly educational, to celebrate their hobby, and introduce it to others. Often, they celebrate by eating chocolates and making tatted lace.

Flower of the Day: Skunk Cabbage

Skunk Cabbage Flower Plant



If you are looking to for Skunk Cabbage, chances are you will not find it in the home garden. We do not know of any seed companies that carry the seed or rhizomes.

You will find Skunk Cabbage growing in woodlands, wetlands, and near streams. They are native of North America, from California to Alaska and east to Montana.

Plant Description:

Skunk cabbage is one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring. The three inch flower stem produces brown flowers, and will grow right through the receding snow in the spring. Flowers produce berry-like fruit.

What is most memorable about an encounter with Skunk Cabbage, is it's strong, offensive odor, resembling rotting meat. While humans do not like the smell, bee and fly pollinators are attracted to the foul odor.

Plant Height: Early spring blooms grow 3". The plant grows up to 3 feet, with individual leaves that can grow to one foot across.

The leaves of Skunk Cabbage are edible, ONLY if dried first. It is important to be able distinguish Skunk Cabbage varieties, as one variety is poisonous.

Other Names:

Skunk Cabbage is also called :
Devils' Tobacco
Bear's Leaf
Bears Roots
Corn Lilly, a poisonous variety.

Plant Propagation:

Skunk Cabbage is grown from seeds. It is also propagated by digging up rhizomes of established plants and replanting them.

Medicinal Uses:

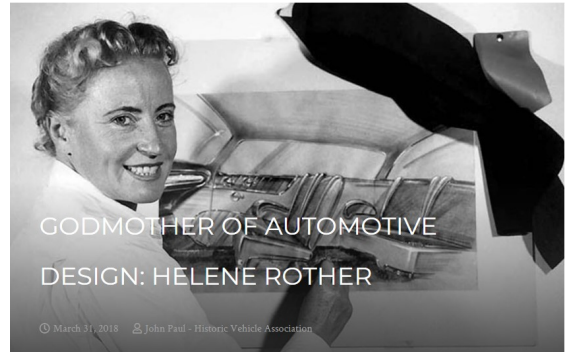
In the 1800's a drug called "Dracontinium", made from skunk cabbage, was used to treat a variety of ailments.

The rhizomes of skunk cabbage have been used for a variety ailments, including:

Antispasmodic
Asthma
Coughs
Headaches

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

Godmother of Automotive Design: Helene Rother



It's a story that sounds as though it were ripped from the pages of fiction or the basis for a harrowing World War II drama directed by Steven Spielberg. Leaving behind her war-torn homeland, a young woman makes her way out of France

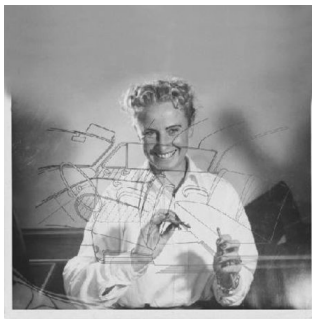
just as the Nazi hordes begin their invasion. She finds herself in North Africa, doing a spell in Casablanca – with her seven-year-old daughter in tow – and unable to leave due her lack of a visa. Finally, miraculously, she ends up living the paragon of the American Dream as one of, if not the first female automotive designers, joining General Motors' famed design staff in 1943 and then, in 1947, opening her own design studio and forming a successful partnership with Nash Motors. The remarkable story of Helene Rother is far from fictional, however, despite bordering on the fantastic.

Born in Leipzig, Germany in 1908, Helene Rother seemed a born artist. While accounts vary as to whether she studied at the famed Bauhaus or Kunstgewerbeschule in Hamburg, one thing is indisputable: she had an eye for stylish design.

Working with everything from furniture to jewelry, fashion to stained glass, she made a name for herself after having moved to Paris and embarking on a career within the city's high fashion market. Her timing, unfortunately, as hindsight shows, could not have been worse. By the end of the 1930s, it became clear that France was no longer what it once was. With the looming specter of Nazism casting a long shadow over the whole of Europe, Rother found herself fleeing with her daughter.

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By 1941, she had found her way to New York City. Here she put her artistic skills once more to good use, landing a job as an illustrator for Timely Publications (later, and certainly better known, as Marvel). Within a year, however, she found herself continuing west, landing in the automotive mecca of Detroit. She quickly took a job with General Motors, working for their interior styling staff where she was responsible for all manner of upholstery, fabric, lighting and hardware – all more or less in her already-established wheelhouse.



This being 1942 and Rother being a woman, however, her quick success did not sit well with many in the male-dominated industry/society. At the time, it was reported by The Detroit News that she was not only “Detroit’s first female automotive designer,” but also collecting an unheard-of \$600 per month (roughly \$8,500 in today’s money). Given the tenor of the times, GM was quick to downplay the report due to the progressive idea of having a woman not only working in a male-centric field, but also making more than the average man. After four years with the company, she had stockpiled enough capital and name recognition to open her own design studio. If her position with GM was seen as radical, one can only imagine how this follow-up move was perceived.

Continuing her work as an interior stylist, Rother’s first independent account was with Nash-Kelvinator. Here she continued to refine her work on interior colors, fabrics and assorted hardware (no doubt bringing to mind her pre-war period as an in-demand jeweler). Given her origins, she managed to bring a bit of European flair to the Nash brand, helping engender the automaker with an air of fresh, modern style. By 1953, she had helped Nash win the coveted Jackson Medal for outstanding design. Following the Nash-Hudson merger that resulted in the formation of American Motors, she continued working for a number of automotive-related companies including Goodyear, B.F. Goodrich and Miller-Meteor, the latter a company known for its ambulances and hearses.

In her time, she achieved a great deal of success and recognition and, like many a female pioneer, helped open the door to women in an industry from which they’d been previously shut out. By time she died in 1999 at the age of 91, Rother had spent her later years designing stained glass windows for churches, providing color and style for a whole new type of interior.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Women At The Wheel



At the turn of the century, a woman’s place was in the home. But the automobile helped change that by setting women on the road toward greater freedom and work opportunity. Check out this timeline of automotive history highlights, design and technological firsts, that put American women in the driver’s seat.

1902 — Mary Anderson invented the first windshield wiper.



1906 — While both companies pioneered early marketing efforts geared toward women drivers, **Baker Motor Vehicle Company** eclipsed **Detroit Electric** as the largest electric vehicle maker in the world.



1909 — In part to prove a woman’s competence behind the wheel, 22-year-old Alice Ramsey became the first woman to drive across the United States.

1912 — With the invention of the self-starter, Charles Kettering finally made obsolete the biggest deterrent keeping women from driving — the arm-busting crank start.





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1916 — The Girl Scouts initiated an “Automobiling Badge” for girls demonstrating driving skill, auto mechanics and first-aid skills.

1922 — Henry Ford opened Phoenix Mill and began hiring widows and single women, promising to pay women the same as men “so they could dress attractively and get married.”

1935 — William Stout invented a “mobile office” vehicle he calls the Scarab. Believed to be “too radical and modern for its time,” only nine Scarabs — what many contend is the first true “minivan”— were ever produced.

1943 — Helene Rother joined the interior styling staff of General Motors and became the first woman to work as an automotive designer.

1954 — Nash introduced the Metropolitan, a “commuter/shopping car” and the first American car marketed specifically to women.

1955 — Dodge introduced the La Femme, a pink, two-door coupe for women, featuring a matching calf-skin purse complete with coordinated accessories including a face-powder compact, lipstick case, cigarette case, comb, cigarette lighter and change purse.

1964 — While Ford would later reposition the vehicle as a muscle-car, Ford’s release of the Mustang began with a large marketing effort aimed at women.

1984 — After GM’s failed attempt to capture the “minivan market” in 1960 with the Corvair Greenbrier, Chrysler finally became America’s leading minivan maker with its release of the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager.

1995 — During an election for Denver city council, Susan B. Casey ran with the slogan “A Soccer Mom for City Council.” The term “soccer mom” (referring to married, middle-class, suburban mothers who drive minivans or SUVs) became part of the American lexicon and a powerful voting block courted by politicians.

Today We Couldn't Find Out Cat So We Looked Out The Window And...

This family had not seen their cat in a while and when they looked out the window... they found her.



The cat's owner, Rick, said she fell "very elegantly" right after the photo was taken.

"But don't worry she's completely fine!" he said. "She loves to climb! And she usually doesn't end up like this (lol)."

"Hang in there," one person commented.

"I'm gonna go out on a limb here and assume this situation was not what the cat intended," wrote another.

"Nothing to see here just doing my pull ups."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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I Imagine If Dr. Seuss Were Alive Today, He'd Write Something Like This

This beautiful poem was written about the current state of the world, inspired by Dr. Seuss.




"I imagine if Dr. Seuss were alive today, he'd write something like this:

The buildings were big and people would smile
And travel they would mile by mile.
But sick they become, in numbers it grew
Businesses worried, communities too.
Things stopped for a bit, the world slowed its roll
The virus has certainly taken its toll.
But what they then saw from slowing things down,
Is in fact they now had less reasons to frown.
Families now gathered, what game shall we play?
Pass me the blue crayon, give Mommy the grey.
Dad's home guys! He'll read us a book
then all of us together will cook.
The lungs of the planet caught a small break
less travel meant less pollution to make.
People did realize they'd all be OK
They don't need so much to get through the day.
Maybe this virus that caused so much stress
Showed the whole world that more can mean less.

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Claremore Nursing Home - Employee of the Month



Susan Grimmatt was unanimously elected by Resident Council as February honoree. She has been part of the Housekeeping Department for 5 1/2 years.

Born on the East Coast, Susan has been married but says, "Never again." Her 2 girls and 1 boy have given her 4 grandchildren.

Even though she is a private kind of person with most, Susan loves the residents and takes good care of them. Her favorite thing is talking with them and listening to their interesting stories.

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

Maya Angelou

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

April 15, 2020 The Art of Fly Fishing— Duane Allen of Grand Lake Sports Center will talk to us about Fly Fishing Techniques. We will be treated to a demonstration. This should be a fun time. Where: Delaware Co. Library at Jay. April 15, Wednesday, 1:00

May 20, 2020 Snakes of Oklahoma—Join Cherokee National Treasure, Woody Hanson as he teaches us about the snakes who live in Oklahoma. He will bring

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some of his "Special Pets". Woody will also entertain us with his stories regarding snakes and snaking. Delaware County Library at Jay. May 20, Wednesday 1:00

Apr 1, 2020 - Apr 30, 2020 Azalea Festival - Held since 1968, Muskogee's Honor Heights Park boasts 40 acres of manicured gardens with over 30,000 azaleas in 625 varieties. Visit this stunning park throughout the month of April for one of the top events in the South. The annual festival celebrates the blooming of azaleas, tulips, dogwoods and wisteria as these buds begin to unfurl during the warmer temperatures of spring to the delight of visitors. Honor Heights Park Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-682-2401 Toll-Free: 866-381-6543 Office Fax: 918-682-2403

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Apr 11, 2020 Cruizaders Car & Truck Show - The Cruizaders Car Club of Muskogee will host their 13th Annual Car & Truck Show in conjunction with Muskogee's Annual Azalea Festival Parade. Goodie bags will be available for the first 100 entrants. All entrants are eligible for a 50/50 pot drawing. Door prizes for the show are provided by many area merchants. Awards at the Cruizaders Car & Motorcycle Show will include Top 25, Best Engine, Best Interior, Original Classic, Best in Show Truck and the Best in Show Car. This year, awards for Best Home-built Hot Rod, Long Distance and a Special Kid's Class Award will also be given. Don't miss this exciting day for auto enthusiasts of all ages in Muskogee. Saturday 8:00am – 3:00pm 111 S 7th St Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-682-3496, 918-869-6980 Office Fax: 918-682-7131

Apr 11, 2020 Bartlesville Egg Drop - Gather your children and Easter baskets and head to Bartlesville to participate in this massive egg hunt. Watch as 77,777 eggs are dropped from a helicopter and scooped up at this fun children's event. Kids will have a blast collecting eggs, jumping on inflatables, face painting and having their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. This free event is open to kids up to fifth grade. Get there early or pre-register online for a morning filled with fun and grab a bite to eat from one of the food trucks on-site. Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm Sooner Park 400 S Madison Blvd Bartlesville, OK 74006 Phone: 918-336-1131

Apr 12, 2020 - Apr 14, 2020 Tulsa Drillers vs Amarillo Sod Poodles - Gather your crew and head to ONEOK Field for a dose of Double-A baseball when the Tulsa Drillers take on the Amarillo Sod Poodles. Grab a cold brew and a dog, then kick back and experience America's past time in the heart of downtown Tulsa. April 12 4pm, 13 12pm, 14 7pm ONEOK Field 201 N Elgin Ave Tulsa, OK 74120 Phone: 918-744-5901, 918-744-5998 Office Fax: 918-747-3267

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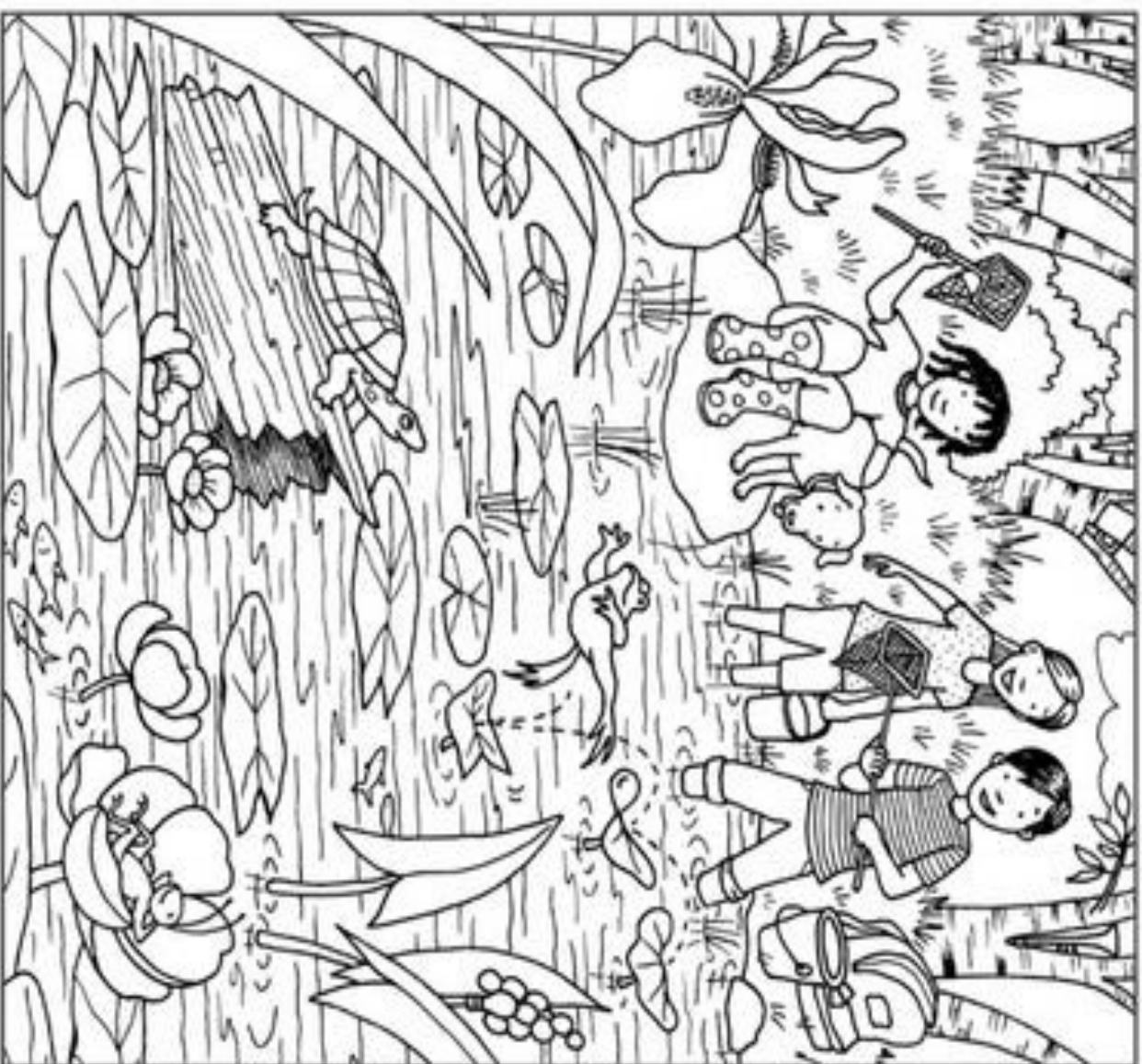
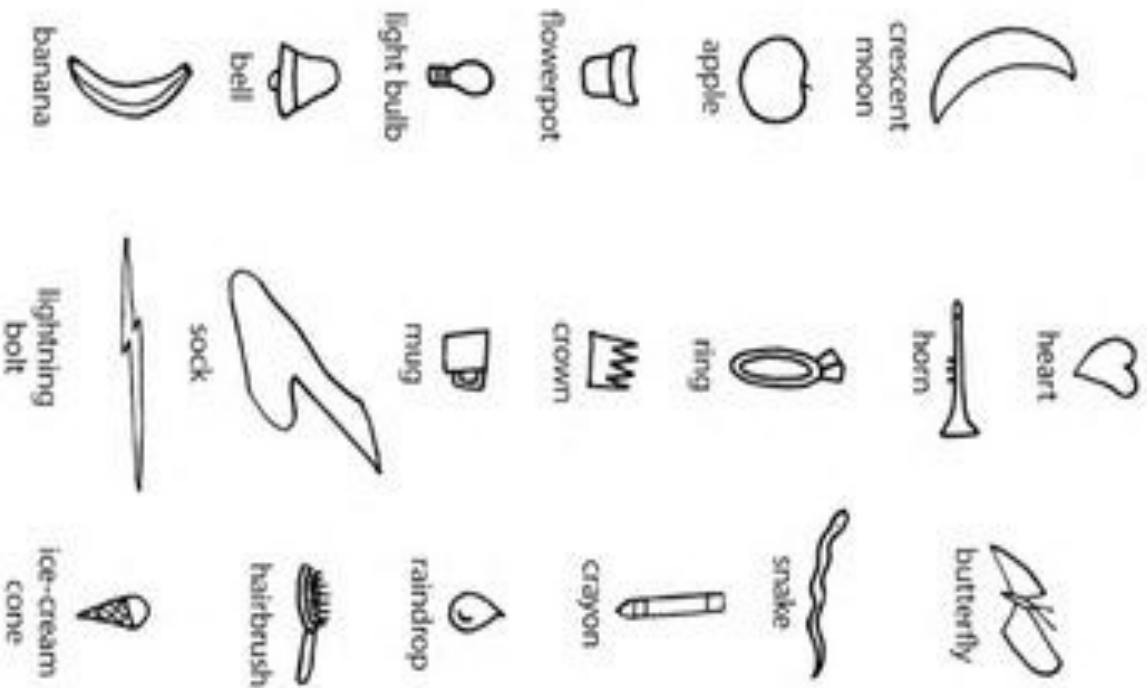
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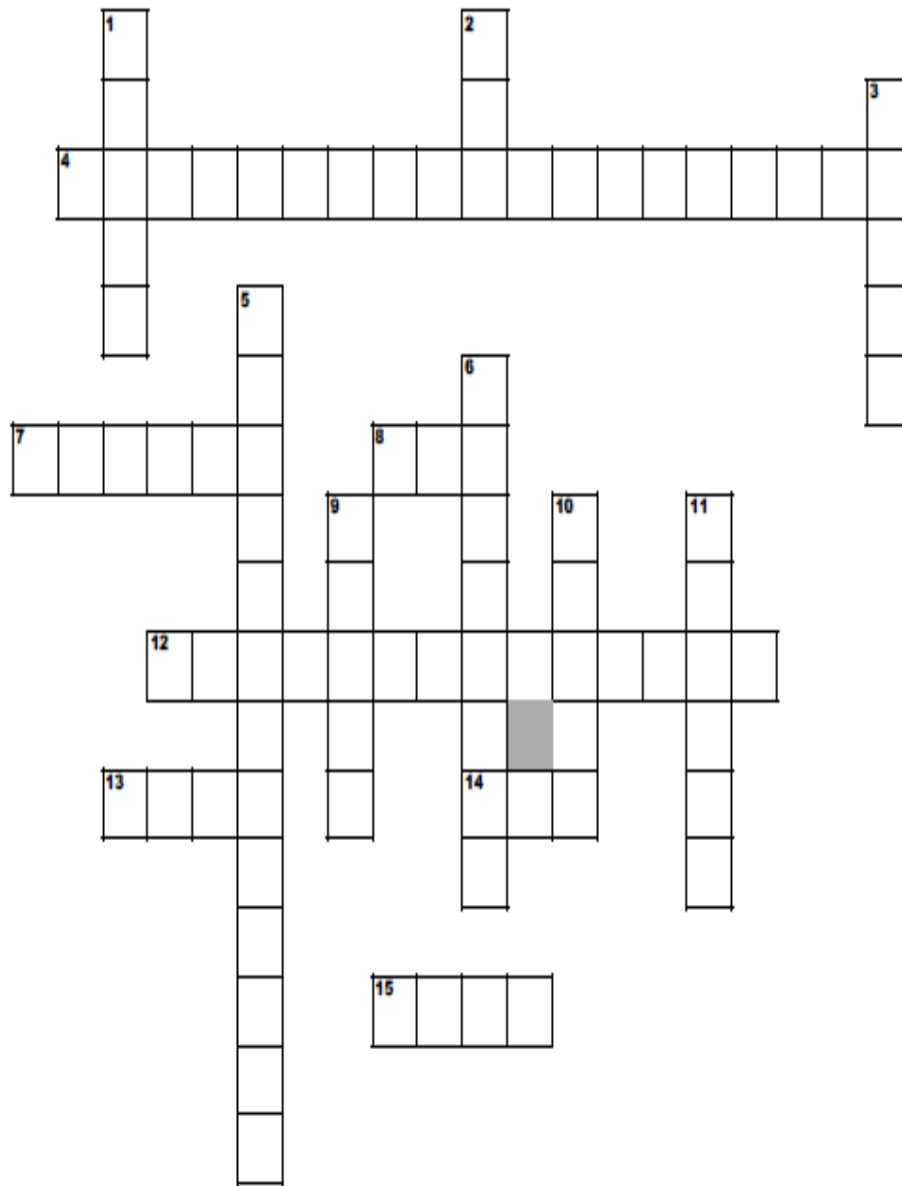
It was cruel and undeserving that Jesus should suffer and die in our place. But that is the depth of God’s love for you and me. That is the extent of how far God would go in sacrificing his Son in order to mark you as one of his beloved children.

The suffering of Jesus for all people is the greatest love story that could ever be told. Because of his deep and abiding love for you and me, our lives are truly blessed beyond compare. A fitting response is to devote our entire life to Christ till the end of time.

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. Wizardry
- 7. Handsome youth left in a swimming pool (6)
- 8. April 15th pro
- 12. Some youth misbehaving peers concealed (14)
- 13. Supernatural power, in Polynesia
- 14. April
- 15. West African supernatural power

Down

- 1. Thin youth, primarily sluggish? (5)
- 2. "April Love" singer Boone
- 3. Spirit some youth left primarily had measure initially
- 5. "The April Fools" singer, 1969
- 6. Captivating number caught up in supernatural power
- 9. Religious youth initially after gold, perhaps (5)
- 10. Some youth centers (Abbr.)
- 11. Groovy guy

Word Search Puzzle

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

preposterous wild victim tomfoolery prankster jokester absurdist chicanery childish
 gullible hoodwink prank unwitting surprise silly trickery scam trick ridiculous
 joker deceive fool's errand humor All Fools' Day hoax April Fool's Day celebrate
 foolish dupe amusing funny comical

Solution is on page 35

By: Eric Peachey and Steven Burdick

CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Feelings are Remembered **Quote From:** Maya Angelo

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
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Title: Change Like a Butterfly **Quote From:** Maya Angelo

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Chef Jose Andres Is Transforming 8 Of His Restaurants Into Temporary Soup Kitchens

Chef Jose Andres is transforming eight of his restaurants in New York City and Washington, DC into soup kitchens for those who are struggling during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Carry-out only meals cost \$7 for guests who can afford it, but volunteers running the kitchens will be flexible with customers who may be out of work.

There's also an option to donate a meal to someone else.

"Those who cannot afford to pay we will welcome as well," Andres said in a statement.

The community kitchens will operate out of the restaurants' side doors from 12 PM – 5 PM daily.

Also, all of his employees are getting paid leave and current health benefits for at least the first two weeks.

"We are in an unprecedented emergency...and as painful as it is, ALL restaurants, bars, etc. must be closed across America if we are to avoid what's happening in other countries. This is the only way," Andres wrote on Instagram. "In this moment, loving each other means staying away from each other. This is about We The People. Each of us has a responsibility to act for others, not just ourselves. We are all together in this fight."

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

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NJ Restaurant Owner Takes Out \$50K Loan To Pay Employees During Coronavirus Crisis

The owner of Federico's Pizza & Restaurant in New Jersey has taken out a \$50,000 loan to make sure his employees continue getting paychecks during this time of social distancing.



After NJ governor Phil Murphy ordered that restaurants close their dining rooms, Bryan Morin went straight to the bank.

"My father told us a long time ago: You've got to take care of your employees first, because without those employees, you don't have a business at all," Morin told NJ.com. "I definitely owe them a debt -- even if it means I might go into debt."

Morin, who owns Federico's in Belmar, NJ, took out a \$50,000 line of credit, and made his 20 employees a promise: No matter what happens over the next two months, they would still receive a paycheck.

"I have a lot of friends who work as bartenders and waiters, and they have no idea what they're going to do with themselves," said Chelsea Phillips, the manager at Federico's. "When I tell them (what Morin did), they want to know why I'm so lucky to work for the greatest people."

Morin says he isn't worried about shutting down. He hopes the summer months bring more tourists to the Jersey Shore, but even as he keeps his fingers crossed, he understands that might be wishful thinking given the projections.

Federico's is still open daily for pick-up and delivery.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Woman's Poem Is Inspiring Millions During This Coronavirus Pandemic

A poem by Laura Kelly Fanucci is going viral for all the right reasons.



Laura's poem has been shared thousands of times on social media.

"The words came to me in the middle of the night," she told Caller Times. "Our youngest child is only 3 weeks old so I'm up with him at all hours. Everything feels darker and more frightening at night, so I started wondering what small good I could offer to people as a writer. Since then, it took on a life of its own. I've simply been sitting back and watching. Hoping it offers people some hope and comfort in such an anxious time."

Here is the poem:

"When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends
may we find
that we have become

more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst."

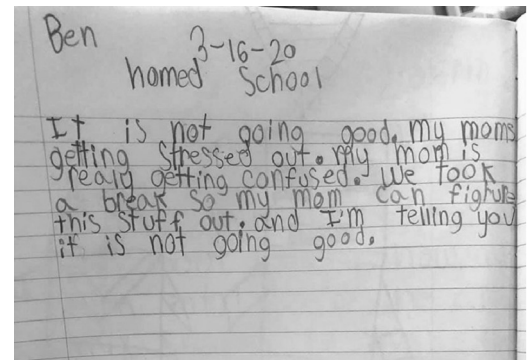
DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Mom Shares Son's Hilarious Journal Entry About Her Homeschooling Skills

Kids and parents are both facing the task of online homeschooling as the Coronavirus outbreak shuts down schools across the world, and some parents are taking to social media to share how things are going.

For this family in Kentucky, it's "not going good."

Candice Hunter Kennedy's son Ben is keeping a journal of his home school journey and this is what he wrote on the first day.



"Y'all I'm dying!!! This is Ben's journal entry from Monday about our first 'homed school' day. That last sentence," the mother of three wrote on Facebook.

The journal entry read:

"Ben -- Homed School, 3-16-20.

It is not going good. My mom's getting stressed out. My mom is really getting confused. We took a break so my mom can figure this stuff out. And I'm telling you, it is not going good."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

The Best Or The Worst

It was the first day of Spring here but it didn't feel like it. The Coronavirus Pandemic was sweeping the globe and everywhere there were feelings of uncertainty, fear, loneliness and even despair. "Social Distancing" had become the new norm. Here the schools had been closed, the restaurant dining rooms shut, and people had been told to work from home whenever they could. Even the sheltered workshop where my oldest son worked had been closed until further notice. People had made a run on the stores and large areas of the shelves were bare. On the news the numbers of sick and dead continued to rise. It felt like there was a weight on the souls of everyone in the world.

My own family was staying at home as much as possible and as I looked out my window I wondered how long this crisis would last. It was then, however, that I saw something that lifted that weight off of my soul, made my face smile, and made my heart feel happy again. On the street below my house there was an old friend of mine from high school who was a teacher there now. With him was my younger son's former aide from the high school as well. They were delivering the school lunches door to door to the hungry children who were stuck at home. Watching them made me think of something everyone's childhood television neighbor, Mr. Roger's once said: "In the bad times. Always look for the helpers."

I have no doubt this crisis will pass as all the crisis before it have. But it is our choice on whether it brings out the best in us or the worst in us. Let it bring out the best in you. Use it to strengthen your faith. Use it to free yourself from fear. Use it to grow kinder, more giving, and more loving. Become a helper to all those in need and you will be doing God's work today and in all the days to come.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



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Things Students Have Actually Said

- 1 - "Oh I can't wear my new glasses in your class because it's math. The doctor said they are just for reading." —Debra D.
2. Teacher: "Do you like to do your homework in the morning, after school, or at night?"
Student: "Well...my mom does my homework...so I don't even know how to answer this question!" —Robin W.
3. While watching a Walking with Dinosaurs video, a student said to me, "Is this actual footage?" —Cate W.
4. A students once complained to me that another student called him the E word. I didn't know what it was so I asked, and the student replied, "Idiot." —Lana G.
5. I once made the comment in class that if your parents have glasses, then you will probably end up having to get glasses, too. One of my students yelled out, "Oh no! My mom has glasses! Oh wait...I'm adopted!" —Michelle C.
6. "You're pretty for an old person." —Christy T.
7. "I don't know my ancestors because I'm only 8, but when you were alive during the Pilgrim time did YOU know my ancestors?" —Sarah E.
8. "Did you put white highlights in your hair?!" (It was my grey showing through.) —Vonni D.
9. I wrote this on the whiteboard during discussion: William Shakespeare (1564-1616), and a sixth grader asks me, "Is that Shakespeare's real phone number?" —Kevin M.
10. "I used to write my name in cursive. Now I just write it in English." —Monty P.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

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Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)





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Elephants Accidentally Get Drunk On Wine, Then Nap In A Nearby Tea Garden

A herd of elephants broke into a village in Yunan province looking for corn and other food.



14 elephants ended up drinking 30kg of corn wine and got so drunk that they fell asleep in a nearby tea garden.



This isn't the first time elephants have been documented getting a little tipsy.

They often eat fermented marula fruit in Africa which gets them intoxicated.

DATA MASTER: Eric Peachey

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CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

Title: Feelings are Remembered **Quote From:** Maya Angelo

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Title: Change Like a Butterfly **Quote From:** Maya Angelo

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

By Steven Burdick and Eric Peachey

Got Hearing Aids Today And Cried Because My Cat Purred

I (31F) began to lose my hearing about ten years ago, when I was in the military. My husband and I got a cat about five years ago. I've never owned a cat before, so I had no idea what kind of noises they made besides "meow" so I had no context for what to expect when I heard my cat purr for the first time today.

I was laying in bed and he jumped up next to me and snuggled into my armpit. I started to feel him vibrate like he always does and then I heard it. I was so scared at first, I didn't understand what the sound was. Then it clicked: purring isn't just vibrating! It's a sound! I can hear it! My cat has wandered off now, but I keep bursting into tears just thinking about his purr. I've never heard a cat purr before and it's so sweet. There's this ethereal quality to it I can't even describe. It has this rhythmic pattern to it. It's all nasally, but low and flut-tery.

My husband and kids are sleeping and I don't want to wake them up, but I'll tell them in the morning. I just wanted to share this joy I'm feeling with someone now.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Americans Are Friendly And Kind People

America has its problems but as someone who's from the UK, everyone tends to keep to themselves in public and are quite reserved. People are easily hacked off here.

When I went to Seattle with my foster parents for a month it was an amazing experience. We were staying with a family member. I remember the houses being so much bigger than the houses in the UK. I went out one day and the neighbor who I never met before asked me where I was from and seemed genuinely interested in talking to me. They offered me to a barbecue they were having that day.

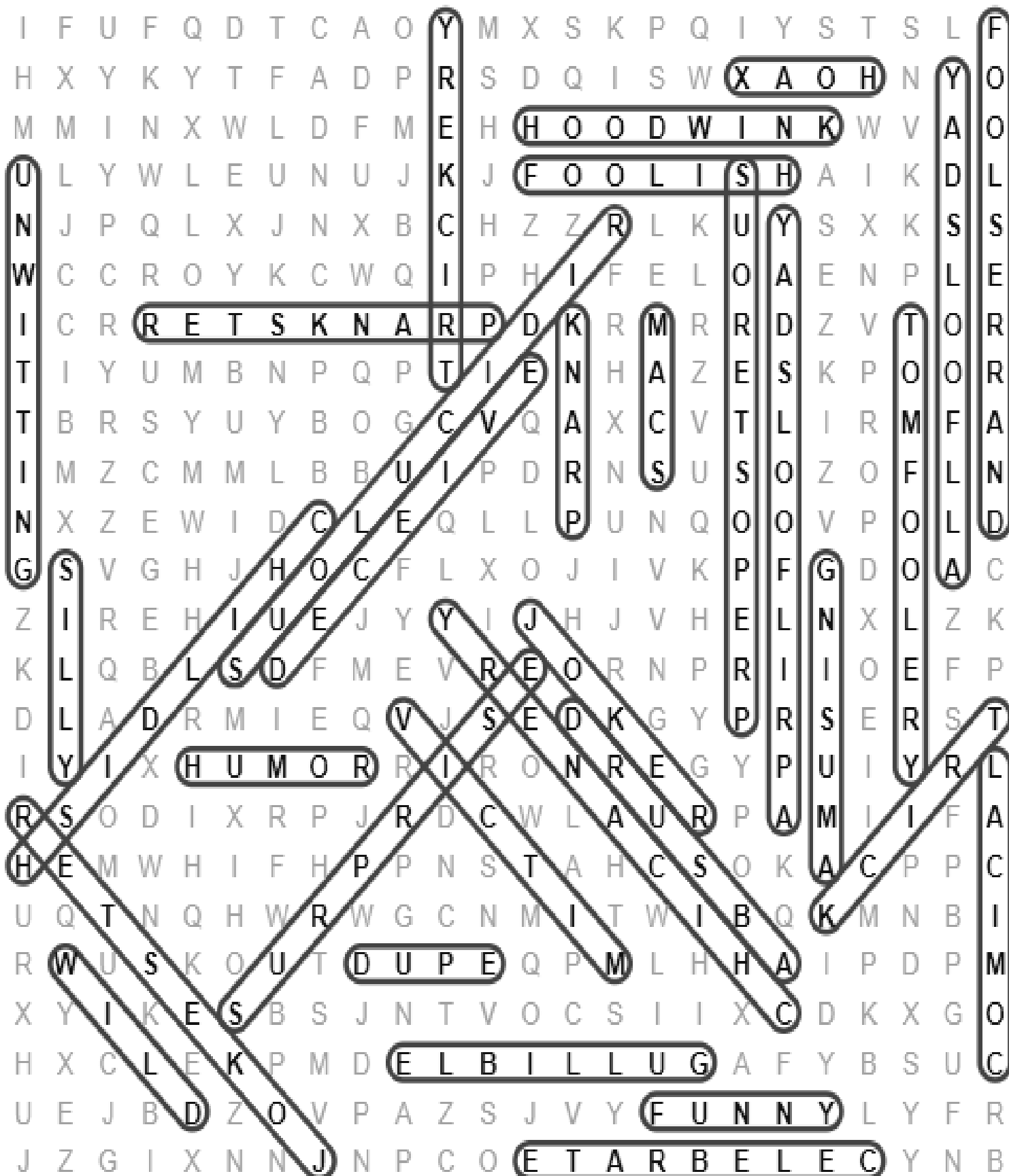
I walked down to the store down the street and this girl started chatting to me. Everyone was smily and cheery. Everyone had great teeth and people in America seemed to be a lot more attractive. It made me insecure.

I went to the cinema and during the movie people would clap and cheer at certain scenes in the movie. Here in the UK your at the cinema you better shut your mouth if you don't want to tick a lot of people off. It was adorable seeing the Americans get overexcited about things but cheering together.

I never experienced such generosity and friendliness. I've been dreaming about going back to America.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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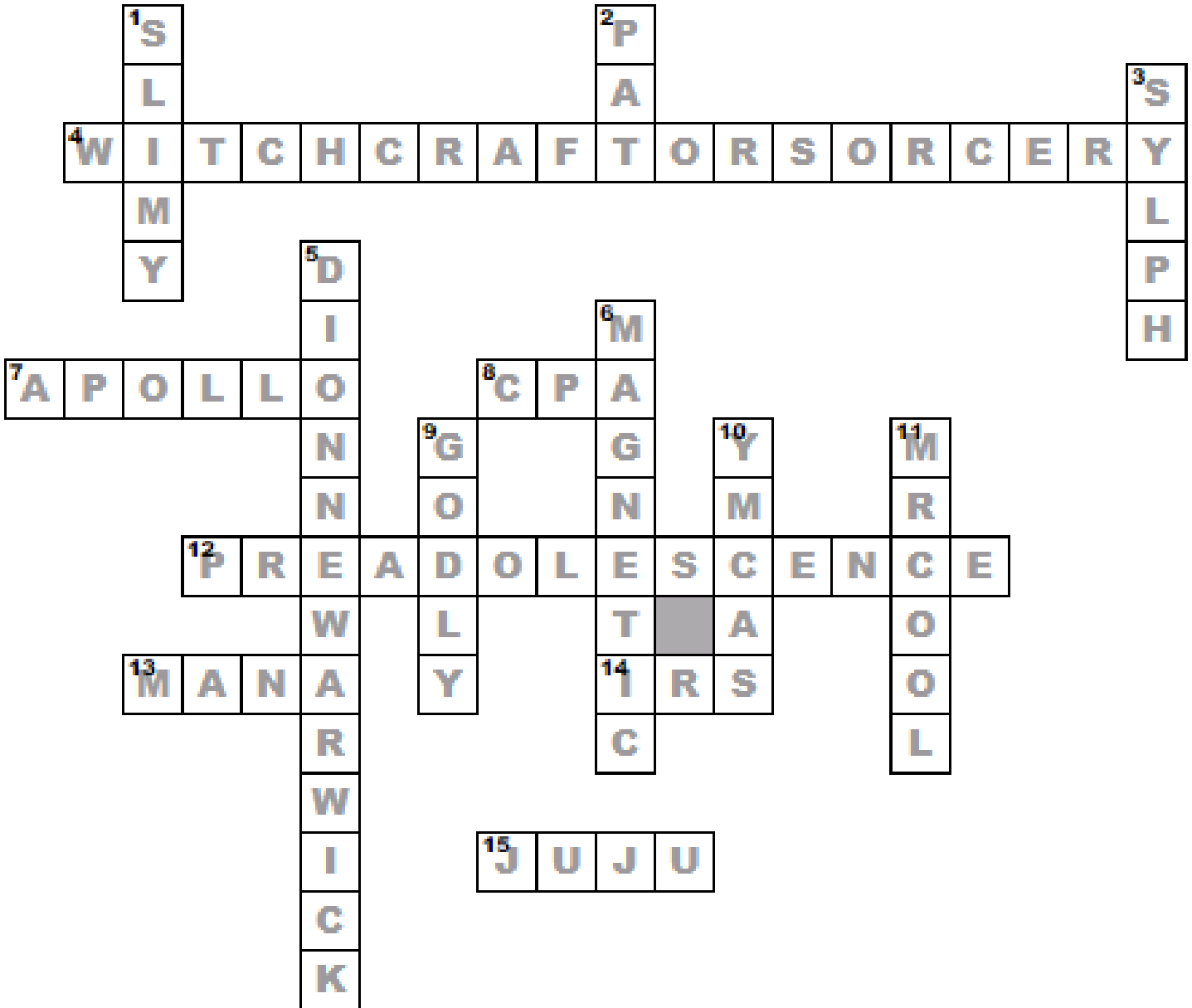
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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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Crossword Puzzle Solution



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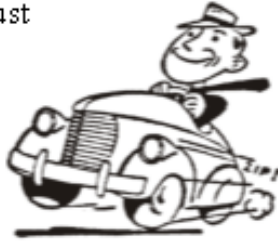
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