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## July 20, 1969: One Giant Leap For Mankind

Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong working at an equipment storage area on the lunar module. This is one of the few photos that show Armstrong during the moonwalk.



July 1969. It's a little over eight years since the flights of Gagarin and Shepard, followed quickly by President Kennedy's challenge to put a man on the moon before the decade is out.

Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong working at an equipment storage area on the lunar module. This is one of the few photos that show Armstrong during the moonwalk.

It is only seven months since NASA's made a bold decision to send Apollo 8 all the way to the moon on the first manned flight of the massive Saturn V rocket.

Now, on the morning of July 16, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins sit atop another Saturn V at Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center. The three-stage 363-foot rocket will use its 7.5 million pounds of thrust to propel them into space and into history.

At 9:32 a.m. EDT, the engines fire and

Apollo 11 clears the tower. About 12 minutes later, the crew is in Earth or-

After one and a half orbits, Apollo 11 gets a "go" for what mission controllers call "Translunar Injection" - in other words, it's time to head for the moon. Three days later the crew is in lunar orbit. A day after that, Armstrong and Aldrin climb into the lunar module Eagle and begin the descent, while Collins orbits in the command module Columbia.

Collins later writes that Eagle is "the weirdest looking contraption I have ever seen in the sky," but it will prove its worth.

When it comes time to set Eagle down in the Sea of Tranquility, Armstrong improvises, manually piloting the ship past an area littered with boulders. During the final seconds of descent, Eagle's computer is sounding alarms.

It turns out to be a simple case of the

computer trying to do too many things at once, but as Aldrin will later point out, "unfortunately it came up when we did not want to be trying to solve these particular problems."

When the lunar module lands at 4:17 p.m EDT, only 30 seconds of fuel remain. Armstrong radios "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed." Mission control erupts in celebration as the tension breaks, and a controller tells the crew "You got a bunch of guys about to turn blue, we're breathing again."

Armstrong will later confirm that landing was his biggest concern, saying "the unknowns were rampant," and "there were just a thousand things to worry about."

At 10:56 p.m. EDT Armstrong is ready to plant the first human foot on another world. With more than half a billion people watching on television, he climbs down the ladder and proclaims: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Aldrin joins him shortly, and offers a simple but powerful description of the lunar surface: "magnificent desolation." They explore the surface for two and a half hours, collecting samples and taking photographs.

They leave behind an American flag, a patch honoring the fallen Apollo 1 crew, and a plaque on one of Eagle's legs. It reads, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

Armstrong and Aldrin blast off and dock with Collins in Columbia. Collins later says that "for the first time," he "really felt that we were going to carry this thing off."

The crew splashes down off Hawaii on July 24. Kennedy's challenge has been met. Men from Earth have walked on the moon and returned safely home.



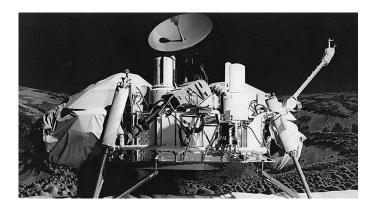
In an interview years later, Armstrong praises the "hundreds of thousands" of people behind the project. "Every guy that's setting up the tests, cranking the torque wrench, and so on, is saying, man or woman, 'If anything goes wrong here, it's not going to be my fault.""

In a post-flight press conference, Armstrong calls the flight "a beginning of a new age," while Collins talks about future journeys to Mars.

Over the next three and a half years, 10 astronauts will follow in their footsteps. Gene Cernan, commander of the last Apollo mission leaves the lunar surface with these words: "We leave as we came and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace, and hope for all mankind."

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

## MISSION TO MARS Viking 1



Viking 1 was the first of two spacecraft sent to Mars as part of NASA's Viking program. On July 20, 1976, it soft-landed on Mars, and it was the first spacecraft to successfully perform its mission.

NASA's Viking Project found a place in history when it became the first U.S. mission to land a spacecraft safely on the surface of Mars and return images of the surface. Two identical spacecraft, each consisting of a lander and an orbiter, were built. Each orbiter-lander pair flew together and entered Mars orbit; the landers then separated and descended to the planet's surface.

The Viking 1 lander touched down on the western slope of Chryse Planitia (the Plains of Gold), while the Viking 2 lander settled down at Utopia Planitia.

Besides taking photographs and collecting other science data on the Martian surface, the two landers conducted three biology experiments designed to look for possible signs of life. These experiments discovered unexpected and enigmatic chemical activity in the Martian soil, but provided no clear evidence for the presence of living microorganisms in soil near the landing sites. According to scientists, Mars is self-sterilizing. They believe the combination of solar ultraviolet radiation that saturates the surface, the extreme dryness of the soil and the oxidizing nature of the soil chemistry prevent the formation of living organisms in the Martian soil.

The Viking mission was planned to continue for 90 days after landing. Each orbiter and lander operated far

beyond its design lifetime. Viking Orbiter 1 continued for four years and 1,489 orbits of Mars, concluding its mission August 7, 1980, while Viking Orbiter 2 functioned until July 25, 1978. Because of the variations in available sunlight, both landers were powered by radioisotope thermoelectric generators -- devices that create electricity from heat given off by the natural decay of plutonium. That power source allowed long-term science investigations that otherwise would not have been possible. Viking Lander 1 made its final transmission to Earth November 11, 1982. The last data from Viking Lander 2 arrived at Earth on April 11, 1980.

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- 2 packages (1 ounce each) sugar free Instant vanilla pudding mix
- 4 ounces fat-free cream cheese
- 1 package (3 ounces) lady fingers, split and cubed
- 2 cup fat-free whipped topping
- 2 Tablespoons miniature chocolate chips
- 1 Teaspoon baking cocoa

#### **Instructions**

Dissolve coffee in boiling water; cool to room temperature in large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixing bowl for 2 minutes in a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually fold in pudding.

Place ladyfinger cubes in a bowl; add coffee and toss to coat evenly. Let stand for 5 minutes. Divide halt of ladyfinger cubes among six parfait glasses or serving dishes. Top with half of the pudding mixture, 1 cup whipped topping and 1tablespoon chocolate chips. Repeat layers. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Just before serving, dust with cocoa.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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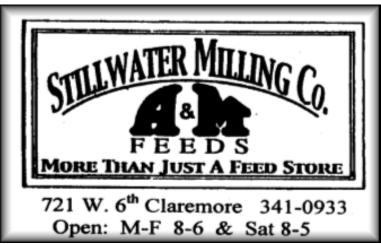
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# Short Stories of women showing strength Maya Angelou



She was mute for 5 long years.

Maya Angelou stopped talking for 5 years. Maya's parents divorced when she was 3 years old.

For the next 4 years, the children lived with their grandma and their parents never visited. And then one day they were forced back to the city to live with their mom.

Months after moving in, 7-year-old Maya Angelou was abused and raped by her mother's new boyfriend.

After the horrific incident, Maya confided in her brother, who told the whole family. Although the boyfriend was found guilty, he was only sentenced to one day in jail.

Four days after his release, he was found murdered. Many suspects that Maya's uncle had killed him.

Shocked by what happened, Maya fell mute for the next 5 years and returned to live with her grandma.

"I thought my voice killed him; I killed that man because I told his name... I would never speak again because my voice would kill anyone.."

During this period of silence, Maya Angelou discovered the wonderful world of literature. For years she escaped into the make-believe worlds of Shakespeare and Dickens.

Although very bright, Maya attended her classes in complete silence. But with support from her teachers and brother, she eventually broke her silence...

and found her voice once again, through dance. Maya Angelou moved to New York City to study African dance. Soon she was dancing and singing Calypso music at the hottest nightclubs.

In the following years, she toured Europe and released her first music album, Miss Calypso.

When she heard Martin Luther King Jr. Speak, Maya was inspired to become an activist. She raised funds for civil rights and traveled the world as a writer and radio broadcaster. She organized marches and protested with freedom fighters all over the world. But after Dr. King's assassination, Maya was devastated and fell into a deep depression.

So just like in her childhood, she turned to books to save her, Except for this time, instead of reading, she started writing about her pain and her childhood.

Her first autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Birds Sings" became a best-seller and launched her career. Maya went on to produce plays, compose music and write screenplays for TV and film, Becoming the first black woman to have a screenplay produced.

Despite never attending college, Maya received over 30 honorary degrees. She also won 3 Granny Awards for her spoken word albums. A gifted writer, Maya's words continue to inspire millions around the world,

Maya Angelou passed away on May, 28th, 2014. At her funeral, she was honored as the "ultimate teacher."

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."

Maya Angelou.

**DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry** 

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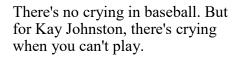
# "Tubby" Johnston: The Girl Who Changed Little League Baseball



In the spring of 1950, 13-year-old Kay Johnston spent her afternoons playing baseball on the neighborhood sandlot in Corning, New York. Kay wanted nothing more than to play Little League baseball. But at that time, it was unthinkable for girls to play on an official team.



At StoryCorps, Kay sat down with her husband, Cy Massar, to remember what she did next.





In the spring of 1950, in upstate New York, 13-year-old Kay Johnston wanted nothing more than to play Little League baseball. But in those days, that was out of the question. Girls weren't encouraged to swing bats and throw balls.

Kay Johnston Massar, 81, sat down with her husband, Cy Massar, 84, at StoryCorps to tell him about the time she, quite literally, changed the rules of the game.

Kay Johnston Massar and her husband, Cy Massar, at their StoryCorps interview in San Francisco. Ela Banerjee/StoryCorps

"One day, my mother was braiding my hair," Kay says.
"We were sitting at the kitchen table, and my brother walked out the door with his baseball bat. He was going to practice."

"I started crying," she tells Cy. "And I said to my mother, 'I'm just as good as him. I wish I could play.' "

Her mother's response, she says, was "Why don't you just go and try out?"

"And I said, 'OK, well, cut off my braids.' And she did."

Kay ran to her brother's room, got a pair of his slacks, put on a baseball cap and signed up as Tubby Johnston.

The alias was from a character in one of her favorite childhood comics, Little Lulu.

Tubby made the team. "Were you surprised that they called you?" Cy asks.

"No, I wasn't surprised at all," she says. "I knew I was good, and I had fooled them so far."

Still, Kay was scared that her cover would be blown, and she'd get pulled off the team. So after several practices, she went to the coach — and came clean.

"His reaction was, 'You're such a good player and we're going to use you at first base.' I played the entire season. It was an absolutely thrilling time."

Kay says the kids on her own team treated her well, even after they found out their fellow King's Dairy player was a girl.

"It was the other players that would push me down or call me names, and the parents initially booed when I went out to play," recalls Kay. "They could see that I was a better player than some of their sons."

After the season ended, Kay's father went to a meeting with some Little League officials. He came home that day with disappointing news.

"He said, 'Well, no girls, under any circumstances, will be playing Little League baseball.'

That year, Little League officials penned a new rule. "And it's known as 'The Tubby Rule,' because I was the reason why they put that rule in."

You're such a good player ... we're going to use you at first base.

Kay "Tubby" Johnston's Little League coach

Kay remembers telling her father, "'You know, Dad, someday I'm going to play first base on the New York Yankees.' And he just gave me a big hug and he said, 'I know you will, Kit Kat.'"

"What gave you the courage to do what you did?" Cy

asks.

"You know, I have to tell you, when I went out pretending to be a boy, I had no idea I was setting some sort of a record," she says. "That was the furthest thing from my mind. I just wanted to play the game. I played Little League just that one year, but I will probably love baseball until the day I die."

The Tubby Rule, which officially banned girls from Little League, was abolished in 1974 — almost 25 years after Kay played as a boy.

In February of 2010, Little League trailblazer Kay Johnston Massar scored one of life's rare honors: being an answer on Jeopardy!.

(Editors' note: Johnston was 13 at the time.)

On Sept. 27, 2006, at the age of 70, Massar very nearly made good on the prediction she shared with her father more than half a century earlier. She walked out onto the field at Yankee Stadium — the House That Ruth Built — and threw out the ceremonial first pitch. The ball bounced. But she had a blast.

She's also thrown a first pitch for the Oakland A's.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., honors Massar in a permanent exhibit, "Diamond Dreams," celebrating the history of women in the sport.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## **LANGLEY DRUG**

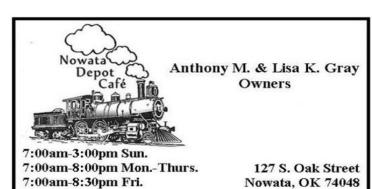
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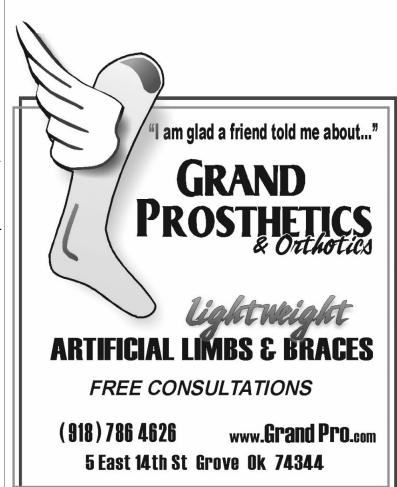
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"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

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## 23 Outrageous Things Students Have Actually Said

You never know what will come out of their mouths! Take a look at the completely hilarious and totally true phrases that students have said to their teachers.

Kids can really say the darndest things, which makes teaching unexpected, entertaining, and never dull. We recently asked our teachers on Facebook to share some of the most funny and outrageous things that students have said to them. These are positively delightful. Enjoy!

- 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.
- 11. I didn't give a 5 year old a sticker because he hadn't earned it. He burst into tears and said, "When I grow up

- and become a man, I'm going to buy stickers and I'm not going to give you any." —Nicole B.
- 12. After a stressful day, I declared out loud that I'd had it for the day. One of precocious little pre-K girls said to me, "Oh Mrs. S. you just need a wine cooler." —Deana S.
- 13. "How do you spell UFO?" —Jennifer C.
- 14. From a middle schooler who doesn't like school: "Miss Polly, you are okay for a teacher. I hate you less than others." —Polly W.
- 15. I had a water bottle with a tea packet in it when a student asked me if it was beer. I told him no, and he replied, "Well you should because my dad says it takes the edge off." —Shanna R.
- 16. I was asking some of my students if they'd ever gone apple picking, and one of my PreK girls responded with, "No, my car only goes to the supermarket." —Tiz N.
- 17. "You aren't mean like some of kids say, you're just loud!" —Mary D.
- 18. "Do you remember the Civil War?" —Vicky V.
- 19. "Ms. Lopez, I got out of line so I could pass gas."—Valerie L.
- 20. "You have really good breath." —Terri P.
- 21. "You smell like Las Vegas." —Carrie N.
- 22. "I wish you were my mom." —Ali H.
- 23. "I named my bunny after you." —Brittany L.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



## Never ever dare to touch me again

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver shouts aloud, Car gets out of control and nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches away from a shop window.



For a second there was complete silence in the cab, then the driver said, "Sir, don't you ever do that again. You nearly killed me!"

The passenger apologized for his tap and said, "Sorry, I didn't know that a little tap would scare you so much." The cab driver replied, "No Sir, It's not you.

Actually, Today is my first day as a cab driver – I used to drive a funeral van for the last 25 years and no one tapped."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

## A not so nice, old man

A boy was riding a cycle with a basket of eggs on it. He hit a stone and fell down alongside the cycle. The eggs also fell and broke. A crowd gathered around the boy. As usual, free advice and taunts started flowing from the onlookers



"Couldn't you be more careful?"

"What were you thinking, cycling, casually without attention?"

An old man approached the crowd saw what had happened and aforesaid "Poor fellow, now, what will he answer to his Owner about the eggs. Ok, I am going to help him, as maximum amount as I can".....

saying this handed over \$ 10/- to the boy. And mentioned, "These onlookers are good people, they will not only give advice, but they will help you by giving money also, accept their help".

The onlookers observing the sayings of the old man and his actions gave money to the boy. The boy was very happy since the money collected was over the worth of the eggs broken. One of the onlookers asked the boy

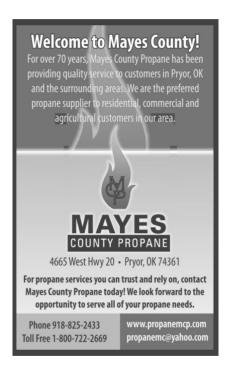
"Young man if that old man wasn't around, I do not know what difficulties you would have faced with your owner"

The boy looked at the man and said, "Sir, He is the owner of the shop, where I work".

#### Moral of the Story:

life may seem unfair but clever minds always find ways in the hardship, instead of getting frustrated.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell





## 'She Just Wanted To Bring Joy To My Kids': Father Shares Act Of Kindness From Stranger

A North Carolina father has shared a small act of kindness he experienced in Walmart in hopes that it will inspire others to be kind and respectful to one another each and every day.

Bobby Clayton said he and his two sons, Harvi and Ryder, were purchasing supplies for the Fourth of July at a Walmart in Winston-Salem when a stranger began chatting with them.



"So I feel like I need to share this during the time we are in right now," he wrote in a Facebook post.

"This morning me and my boys went to Wal-Mart. As we was checking out at self check out, this sweet woman started talking to us and she asked if she could buy my kids something.

I responded with 'yes sure'.

She proceeded to let them pick out some candy on the rack and paid for it. Made my kids day.

With that being said, it does not matter what color you are, what gender you are or anything, nothing should stop us from showing people respect and love. This is what it's all about.

With out even having to ask my kids to say thank you, when she handed them the candy, they responded with 'thank you, you made our day'.

So many lack respect this day and time. In my eyes every life matters and nothing will change my mind and heart on that.

To this lady, I want to say thank you again from the bottom of my heart for making my kids smile today and showing them love and respect.

I encourage everyone to try and do one good thing for somebody each and every day."

Clayton shared the joyful encounter in a heartfelt post on a local Facebook group where it has been shared hundreds of times. "What a wonderful story! God bless this lady for being so kind and thoughtful!" one user commented.

"Amen. What a sweet story. Love the kindness and thoughtfulness of this lady," another replied.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

## Why didn't the frog jumps?

The next class was of Science, and in the biology lab, the teacher was trying to do an experiment in front of the students.

He took a frog and placed it in a container and said aloud "Jump" The frog jumps.

Then he cuts a leg of the frog and again shouts "jump". The frog jumps.

He does it 2 more times and every time the frog jumps. Finally, he cuts the last leg and shouts "Jump". The frog didn't move.

Then the teacher faced the students. Students what do you understand by this experiment.

The backbencher shouts "Sir, When we cut all the four legs of the frog, he becomes deaf."

# Hunger is more powerful over any feeling?

The next day again, in the biology lab, he was trying to teach some important lessons of life to the students through an experiment.

He said, "students, hunger is most powerful than any other feeling around you."

He puts a female mouse and a piece of bread in a container. And while holding the male mouse in his hand he said: "students, here I have a hungry mouse and I'm going to put him inside. let's check what attracts him."

As he puts the mouse down. It ran to the bread. He then changed the bread with Apple and cheese but the result was the same. So, the story concludes that hunger is most powerful over any other feeling.

Suddenly, a voice interferes "sir, try changing the female. She might be his wife."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

## Two Young Heroes Save Man From Burning Home

Two young men are being hailed as heroes in Marion, Indiana, after rescuing a man from his burning home.

Tré Jones, 25, and Marcus Harvey, 24, were in the neighborhood when they noticed a fire.



"I'm like 'I smell some smoke. Somebody's house is on fire,"

Jones said. "There's people in the front yard, some of them recording."

"They basically tell us there's a guy inside the house," Harvey added. "We didn't know where he was at, just heard him screaming and everything."

"Then I started hearing him," Jones said. "I'm like so why are you all just standing there?"

Jones and Harvey immediately sprung into action.

"So I kicked the door in. When I kicked the door in, fire, smoke, all that came through," Jones said. "It blew out at me. I see a little tunnel area I can duck down and get underneath the smoke. Now I could hear him a lot more clear so I'm like 'here I come,'" Jones recalled. "Picked him up, scooted him out the house. When I got to the door, Marcus assisted me. He grabbed by his pants. We dragged him out here. That's when the firefighters came and stuff."

"As we're coming out of the house, we can't see anything but only thing I can sit there and tell you if you believe in God, mysterious things will happen," Harvey said. "He was there the whole entire time showing us the way out."

The victim, 56-year-old Guy Tarlton, fell asleep while cooking dinner. The fire is believed to have started in the oven.

Tarlton's nephew says his uncle's home had no smoke alarms. Guy is now in critical condition at the hospital, but alive.

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn



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## Some Funny Stories With Twist Endings

- There was a strange entity on my bed last night. It was dirty. It's hair matted. Eyes dark and protruding. When I first set eyes upon him my heart began to palpitate. A gasp escaped through my lips, breath taken away.

The creature was stirring.

#### It was, indeed, a mouse.

- I cannot subdue this creature that flaps wildly against the wind which barrels down the beach.

I lose my grip and it wrenches free, wheeling in defiant flight over churning waters. I watch it collapse in mid-air and dive with the pelicans into green waves.

### My Sunday paper is gone.

- Their heads must be cut off today and he was the one to do it.

It was his job.

There was no need for remorse. Their time was up. Their lives were over, their beauty spent.

## And the garden would look much tidier once all those roses had been dead-headed.

- They slap him, drawing blood, and berate him for being male.

With stoic dignity he walks away, returning later bearing gifts. They sneer at the quality.

He lays down, exhausted. They shoo him outside.

## With a sigh, Tom leaves his feline mistress and their daughters to eat the mice alone.

- Karen hated her life. Most teenagers do, but she thought hers was really miserable.

Her neighborhood smelled terrible and seemed to be dissolving around her. Her parents had buzzed off and left her to wallow in her self-pity.

#### Such is life for a young fruit fly.

- Ava shivered with angst as the screams of terror filled the misty air. Questions circled her perplexed mind. Was this a mistake? Would she survive?

## "Two tickets for the roller coaster!" Ava's father told the ticket-master.

- I imagine us together.

I imagine you committing. I picture us making plans.

But you just can't see it.

Instead, you yell at me to get off your porch. Then you slam the door.

## So I take my Acme Vacuum sales kit and leave, hoping your neighbor has more imagination.

- I give him a teddy bear and tell him it will keep him company, someone to talk to, while I work.

He returns him minutes later, saying the bear won't stop talking about scratching his bum on trees and digging for bugs.

Such is life in quarantine with my husband.





## 21 Quotes On Freedom and Liberty To Give You Goosebumps on Independence Day – July 4



This year, the Independence Day marked 244 years since the birth of the United States, so in celebration of the holiday, we've gathered 21 inspirational quotes on the essence of liberty, freedom, justice, and independence, the principles on which the country was founded:

- 1. "It does not take a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." –Samuel Adams
- 2. "Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide." –Napoleon Bonaparte
- 3. "Without freedom I am a slave in shackles on a ship lost at sea. With freedom I am a captain; I am a pirate; I am an admiral; I am a scout; I am the eagle souring overhead; I am the north star guiding a crew; I am the ship itself; I am whatever I choose to be." —Richelle E. Goodrich
- 4. "Patriotism is a thing difficult to put into words. It is neither precisely an emotion nor an opinion, nor a mandate, but a state of mind a reflection of our own personal sense of worth, and respect for our roots. Love of country plays a part, but it's not merely love. Neither is it pride, although pride too is one of the ingredients. Patriotism is a commitment to what is best inside us all. And it's a recognition of that wondrous common essence in our greater surroundings." —Vera Nazarian
- 5. "This, then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope. So it was in the beginning. So it shall always be, while God is willing, and we are strong enough to keep the faith." –Lyndon B. Johnson
- 6. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." –Ronald Regan

- 7. "In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline." Martin Luther King Jr.
- 8. "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." –George Bernard Shaw
- 9. "May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right." Peter Marshall
- 10. "The history of free men is never really written by chance, but by choice; their choice!" –President Dwight D. Eisenhower
- 11. "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." –Nelson Mandela.
- 12. "The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion." –Albert Camus
- 13. "For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?" –Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 14. "I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true." —Wendell L. Wilkie
- 15. "Liberty is a constant battle between government; who would limit it, people; who would concede it, and patriots; who would defend it." —Samuel R. Young Jr.
- 16. "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." –Thomas Paine
- 17. "I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." –Voltaire
- 18. "We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." –William Faulkner
- 19. "Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall." –John Dickinson
- 20. "All honor to Jefferson to the man who, in the concrete pressure of a struggle for national independence by a single people, had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so to embalm it there, that today, and in all

coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling-block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression." –Abraham Lincoln

21. "Listen to me, there is freedom in love. Every day should feel like independence day." —Evy Michaels

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## 20 Epic Teacher Fails You Won't Dare Share in the Faculty Lounge

No educator is exempt from having an epic teacher fail. It happens to the best ones out there, and sometimes all you can do is sigh, laugh, and hope it never happens again. Here are some of the best epic teacher fails all of you brave teachers were willing to share with us.

## 1. "I flushed my student's underwear down the toilet."

One of the boys in my class had an accident. I had seen my mother clean underwear out by holding it in the toilet and flushing. Well, I never thought about how much more pressure toilets in a school would have. As I flushed, the underwear flew down the pipe! Needless to say, I was mortified, but the mom got a good laugh when I explained to her why her son came home without underwear!

#### 2. "I fell into the lap of one of my students."

I was standing on the sink counter hanging math posters when I slipped and fell off the counter, landing in the lap of one of my students. It wasn't my greatest moment. I had to call his mother and tell her what happened. Thankfully, she laughed and said. "That's OK, he's a big kid!" I am definitely thankful he was a big, as well as a very nice, kid.

#### 3. "I got detention."

I was 22 when I started teaching. One day, on my way to the office, I forgot my name badge in my classroom. There was a substitute security guard on campus that day, and he saw me and asked where my hall pass was. I tried to explain that I was a teacher, but he told me, "Nice try, young lady!" and took me to detention. The detention supervisor thought it was so funny that she played along and told the security guard, "This one is always trying to fool us."

## 4. "I told my middle school students how much I liked to Netflix and chill."

It was my middle school classroom, and the students were writing NetflixAndChill on everything. One day as I was wiping off one of the tables, I asked them, "Why do you guys write this everywhere?" They

laughed and asked if I Netflix and chilled. Being a pretty boring and exhausted new 30-year-old teacher, I said, "Yeah, me and my girlfriend Netflix and chill on the couch every day after work until we finally go to bed." The class was rolling. When I got home I looked it up on urbandictionary.com. Oops.

# **5.** "I insisted I was right when I was oh-so wrong." I was co-teaching in a math class. The students were having difficulty with a problem. So, I took over and spent five minutes explaining why $1 \times 0 = 1$ . My coteacher shook her head, making cutting motions with her hand and a multitude of other motions, to tell me I was wrong. When it finally dawned on me, I turned beet red and backed away from the board.

### 6. "I got more than I Googled for."

In a German lesson on fruit, I Googled melons and got more than I bargained for!

#### 7. "I flushed my room keys down the toilet."

It was a sacred bathroom break, and I was rushing because I was the only teacher in the room. I managed to flush, stand up, and pull up my pants in one motion, when I heard a clanking in the toilet. Looking down, I saw I had flushed my school keys. I rushed to the office to get another set since this was before access badges. They practically rolled on the floor when I told them what happened.

#### 8. "I told a student to stop thinking."

I had tutored students taking a progress test. One student was gazing at the computer screen for a very long time. I asked if something was wrong and he replied, "I am thinking." I replied, "Quit thinking and finish the test." The other two teachers in the room promptly doubled over with laughter.

#### 9. "I left the answer key on a test."

My AP US history class was taking a test. All was quiet until I heard a commotion. On the matching section of the test, I had failed to remove the answers before making copies!

#### 10. "I took science a little too far."

In the early years of my career, I got overconfident with a lab demo using elemental sodium and blew out a ceiling tile!

## 11. "I gave students an accidental lesson in biology."

While teaching a math lesson to sixth graders, we were talking about a specific problem involving frogs. I kept switching between saying the frogs hopped and the frogs jumped. Then on the final part of the problem, my brain morphed the two words into one. I told a room of sixth graders that the frogs humped to the

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right. On the plus side, I finally caught everyone's attention.

#### 12. "I pulled the fire alarm."

I accidentally pulled the fire alarm at bus duty. The protective case had fallen off and was beeping. We were in the cafeteria waiting for the buses after school. I thought I'd help stop the beeping by trying to put the case back on. Instead, I accidentally pulled the lever down, causing the alarm to go off school-wide. It was quite awkward when the fire department showed up!

#### 13. "I forgot a student in the hallway."

Early in my teaching, during a lesson on poetry, a student got up and started imitating the pigeons on the window ledge. It was the last straw for that student, and I had him take a seat in the hall, where I told him to stay until I retrieved him. Well, the day ended, the kids went home, and there's a quiet little knocking on my door. He had done just what I told him to do—stayed put—and did not get on the bus and go home. I had to call his mother and tell her he missed the bus, and it was my fault. The next day, he was very excited to read his assigned quatrain: "Pigeons pee, and pigeons poo, I wish I could fly, like the pigeons do."

14. "I told a student with one arm to strum a guitar." I am a school librarian, and at the beginning of the year when I still didn't know all the kids, I was reading a book that lends well to having students use rulers as guitars to play along with the repeated verses. Then I gave all the six-year-olds rulers, and everyone held them in

all the six-year-olds rulers, and everyone held them in front to strum. I said to the one student who didn't do this, "That's not the way to hold a guitar." One of the other kids said, "He only has one arm!"

## 15. "I asked a student who wears glasses if she was blind."

In my second-grade classroom, I voiced my frustration at one little darling who kept dropping her pencil on the floor and letting it roll away, then claiming it was stolen. "Peyton, are you BLIND? It's right there!" I exclaimed. Another precious child explained to me, "Well, she DOES wear glasses." But did I learn? Just this year, I asked a third-grade student, "Are you color blind or what?" while [he was] coloring red and green on stop signs. His reply? "Actually, I am!" very proudly.

## 16. "I forgot how to spell a word in front of my principal."

While in front of the class, I was writing electricity on the board just as the principal walked in. I spelled it wrong, and one of the kids was like, "Miss, that's wrong!" I turn to fix it, and my mind goes completely blank. The principal is like, "Well, someone help her spell it."

## 17. "I knocked over a glass of water during my observation."

I always get so nervous during evaluations/ observations. This time I was feeling pretty good—right up until the moment I backed into a table, knocking over my completely full water cup. I felt my rear graze it, and then it was all slow motion. What a mess! I pushed most of it aside, and kept going. My principal thought it was funny—as did my students."

## 18. "My co-teacher accidentally cursed at the students."

I was co-teaching a lesson, and we were discussing colonial schooling with our fourth graders. My partner was talking about "dame schools," but she kept saying "damn schools." I kept trying to catch her eye because I didn't want to draw too much attention. Finally, the kids couldn't hold off anymore and started laughing.

## 19. "I talked about the wrong student during parent -teacher conferences."

During parent-teacher conferences, I had only been at the school for a few months and was seeing around 300 students a week. There were two girls by the same name, but they were at different levels. During one of the conferences, I spoke about the wrong child, realized halfway through and switched to super generic comments rather than admit I was talking about a different child.

### 20. "I confused the emergency alarms."

Fire and tornado drills are the worst—especially the day I confused the two alarms. Thinking it was the fire alarm, I took my kids out to the street on the tornado drill siren. I will never forget my principal standing in the doorway of the fire escape for my room yelling, "Hey, wrong signal." I was so fortunate it was just a drill but so unfortunate that everybody knew it happened.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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## Nurse Stops To Save A Life On The Way To Her Daughter's Wedding

A nurse in Nebraska is being hailed a hero for stopping to save a life while on the way to her daughter's wedding.

Jodi Damrow was headed to her daughter Hailey's ceremony when she came across a two-car pileup about a mile from her home near the Nebraska-Kansas border.



"My mom was

on her way to my wedding when she witnessed a terrible accident," Hailey Krull said in a Facebook post.
"Being an ER nurse of 35+ years, she sprang into action and helped save a life."

Damrow kept a women's airway open while they waited for paramedics to arrive. She also called a lifeflight helicopter to the scene.

Damrow did all this dressed in her long gown for the wedding.

"People were talking about the lady wearing gloves and a pretty dress who was saving lives," Krull's post said. "Mom said she was just really careful not to get blood on her dress as she knew she had to walk me



down the aisle later."

Damrow arrived just 10 minutes before the wedding was supposed to start.

"I'm sorry I'm late. I had to save a life," she told Hailey, the Omaha World-Herald reported.

"Only my mom, Nurse Jodi," Hailey said.

## Woman Wakes Up From Surgery With Braids. The Surgeon Did It Himself To Prevent Shaving Her Head

A woman in North Carolina went to sleep before surgery with two braids and woke up with six.

A tweet about a surgeon putting his patient's hair in braids before her surgery has gone viral, with many people commending the doctor for his care and foresight in making her recovery period easier.

On June 9, India Marshall had surgery with Dr. Jewel Greywoode for benign bone growths known as osteomas. She told Charlotte Eye Ear Nose and





Throat Associates (CEENTA) that on the first day after her surgery, she touched her head and felt braids underneath her bandages.

It wasn't until the second day, when she took off the bandages, that she saw them herself. She assumed the nurses had done them.

"Having my hair in braids made everything easier for recovery, especially since I have a lot of hair and wear it naturally," Marshall told CEENTA. "I didn't think anything about it until I went to my post-op appointment and Dr. Greywoode mentioned he did my braids."

Marshall shared her story in a June 24 tweet that has since gone viral, racking up nearly 600,000 likes on Twitter.

"So y'all know how I said I woke up from surgery w/more braids in my head than I came in w/and I thought it was the black nurses? I found out today at my post op appt that the surgeon (he's black) did it. He said he has 3 little girls & they have wash day... I almost cried," Marshall tweeted.

Dr. Greywoode said he has been overwhelmed and appreciative of the responses to the tweet.

He said he normally does his best to move his patients' hair out of the way to avoid shaving their head, and when long enough, braiding is the best method.

"Nobody wants part or all of their hair shaved, especially women," Greywoode said.

**DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry** 

## **Up-coming Events**

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!

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

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Thursday 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)

Jun 5, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 Butterfly House at the Papilion - Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papilion is a teaching garden and open air butterfly house that welcomes visitors to get a great view of these winged wonders. The Papilion is currently the only captive butterfly house in Oklahoma, with up to 26 varieties native to the southeast United States. Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am -

## SUDOKU PUZZLES

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4:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday hours: 9am-2pm Honor Heights Park 1513 N 48th St Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-684-6303, 918-684-6302

Jul 24, 2020 - Jul 25, 2020 Handcrafted Gift & Decor Market - Open on select dates each year as a handcrafted gift and decor market, Valley Grove Pecans is located in a 1000+ tree pecan orchard in Bixby. Everything in the shop, including purses and jewelry, is unique and handmade. From beautiful stained glass pieces to handcrafted woodworks, you'll find a hearty selection of artisan crafts at this market. Shop from the beautiful stained glass mobiles, hummingbird feeders, garden stakes, nightlights, home decor and more available during this two-day market. Stock up on hand woven baskets made with pecan wood right from Valley Grove. Friday: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Valley Grove Pecans 2301 E 151st St Bixby, OK 74008 Phone: 918-366-6887

Jul 24, 2020 - Jul 26, 2020 Pool & Spa Sale - Plan to attend the Pool & Spa Sale at Tulsa Expo Square for a head start on summer pool set-ups. At this Tulsa expo, meet vendors selling a variety of spa and pool options, as well as additional accessories. Whether in need of new filters, chemicals, bars or covers, collect all pool and spa must-haves at the Pool & Spa Sale. Friday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 405-313-8579

Jul 25, 2020 Food Truck Thursday - Once a month, downtown Claremore transforms into a community hub teeming with people. During Join in on all the fun on Food Truck Thursdays, featuring local musicians, late night shopping, book signings and free children's activities. While exploring all Claremore has to offer, be sure to munch on delicious food truck fare from a large array of local vendors. Thursday: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Downtown Claremore, OK 74017 Phone: 918-341-5881 Office Fax: 918-342-0663

Jul 26, 2020 Tulsa Wedding Show - Prepare for future nuptials with a trip to the Tulsa Wedding Show. Brides are invited to bring along their bridesmaids and trusted friends to meet more than 100 exhibitors to bring their dream weddings to life. Plan the big day with the help of local specialty shops and large department stores offering plenty of wedding day decor, dress rehearsal gowns, bridal party dresses, creative services and more. Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center 6808 S 107th E Ave Tulsa, OK 74133 Phone: 918-366-3116

Aug 1, 2020 2 Hip Chicks Roadshow - The 2 Hip Chicks Roadshow is coming to Claremore and bringing dozens of vendors and one-of-a-kind items with them. This traveling vendor show will feature vintage and

shabby chic items for your home and yourself. Shop row after row of clothing, home decor, party items, vintage treasures, antiques and gifts during this shopping event at Claremore Expo Center. You can also sip on samples of wine as you browse all the repurposed furniture, handmade crafts, upcycled junk and more. Claremore Expo Center 400 Veterans Pkwy Claremore, OK 74017 Phone: 612-888-3002

Jul 31, 2020 - Aug 1, 2020 Hanna Watermelon Festival - Gather up the family and join just about everyone in McIntosh County for a tasty hometown celebration during the Hanna Watermelon Festival. Kicking off Friday night and running through Saturday evening, this festival features a ton of great activities including free slices of melon on Saturday (while supplies last), free water slides, sports tournaments, a festival royalty contest, crowd choice swimsuit competition, kiddie parade, a glow run, karaoke, live music and a street dance. 101 First St Hanna, OK 74442

Aug 1, 2020 Eastern Shawnee's Shawna Stovall Backto-School Children's Powwow -Eastern Shawnee's Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Children's Powwow near Wyandotte is a fun and educational event for families with children, complete with inflatables, face painting, snow cones, raffles and plenty of prizes. Young participants will learn more about Native American culture through storytelling, traditional dancing and other engaging activities like flint knapping and pony rides. Booths filled with American Indian arts and crafts, as well as delicious. traditional foods will be available at this exciting event. Saturday: 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm Children's activities: 12-3pm. Gourd dance: 3-5 pm Dinner: 5pm Grand entry: 7pm 12615 S 705 Rd Wyandotte, OK 74370 Phone: 918-540-9970 Office Fax: 888-971-3908

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# Getting to know the Lutherans

## Not Me

By the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19 Parents can be quite smart. When something is moved, broken, or used up, someone must be the cause. Nothing moves or is changed by itself. When a parent asks the children about something missing or broke, all respond with "not me," mostly because they fear the consequences.

As creatures in this universe, we should exercise the same wisdom. Nothing happens without someone causing it. When we look at this complex, beautiful, functional world we must be awestruck at the One who has caused it. God, in His power and wisdom, has created such a wonderful place for us to live and thrive while we often dismiss or ignore Him. When we abuse our gifts and privileges we quickly respond to God "it wasn't me!"

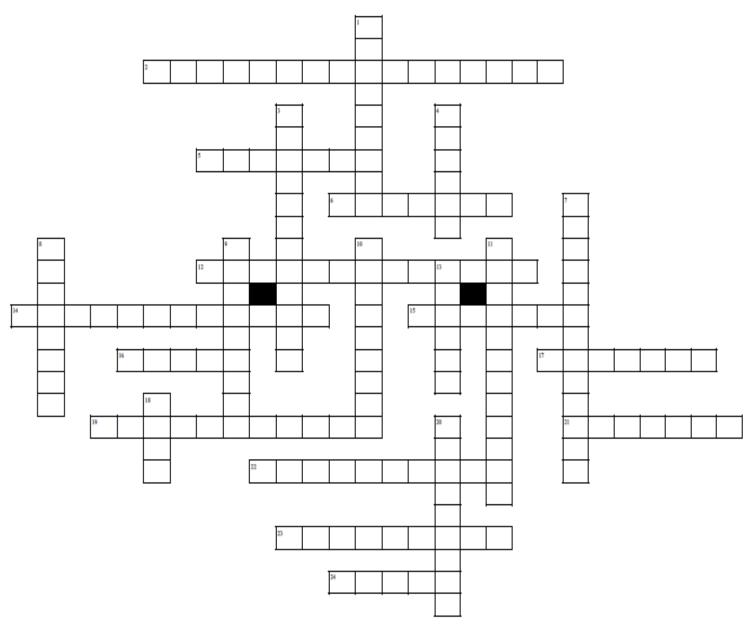
We have failed miserably as God's children and He knows it. God sent His Son into this world of "not me" and endured the consequences we deserve. The one Man who could have honestly said "not me" died in the place of each one of us so that our relationship with our Heavenly Father would be restored. We no longer need to fear punishment, for Christ has suffered in our place.

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Messiah Lutheran Church 460 N. Wilson, Vinita, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 918-256-3223 Email: messiahvinita@aol.com	St. Paul Lutheran Church Washington and Pine, Fairland, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-676-3059 Email: stpaulluthch@aol.com
Bethlehem Lutheran Church 6911 West 380 Road, Adair, OK 74330 Worship 9:00 a.m. 918-785-2994 Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.	Immanuel Lutheran Church 706 Rockwood Drive, Grove, OK. Worship 9:30 a.m. 918-786-4585 Website: www.lutheransonline.com/lo/Groveok
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 2337 North Main, Miami, OK 74354 Worship 2:00 p.m. (918) 542-4681 Sunday School and Bible Class 3:00 p.m. Email: mtolive@cableone.net	Redeemer Lutheran Church 220 N. Seminole, Claremore, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-341-1429 Email: rluther@sbcglobal.net—Website www.rlccok.org

Guests are always welcome. See you Sunday at worship.

## **Crossword Puzzle**



#### Across

- 2. What eat your Sundae?
- 5. That Type of Ice Cream we need?
- 6. Hot Fudge Sundae with cherry on top?
- 12. Other bits
- 14. Another One
- 15. Topping
- 16. Who Serves Ice Cream Sundaes?
- 17. What is Bottom of your Sundae?
- 19. Another Berries
- 21. Unfood Stuff
- 22. Unfood Stuff
- 23. Topping
- 24. What food it is?

#### Down

- 1. Ice Cream
- 3. Another Topping
- 4. Another Toppings
- 7. Type of Sundaes
- 8. What kind of Shop
- 9. Another Bottom of Sundaes
- 10. Topping
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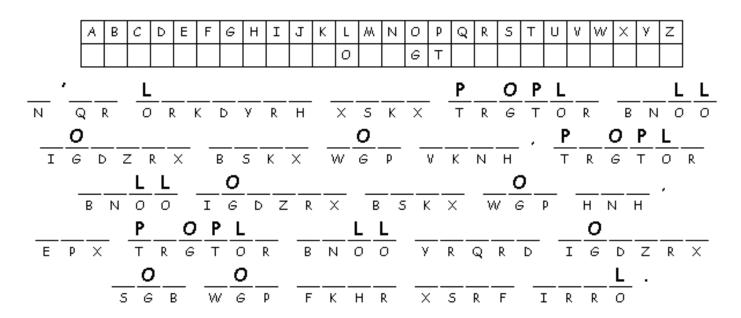
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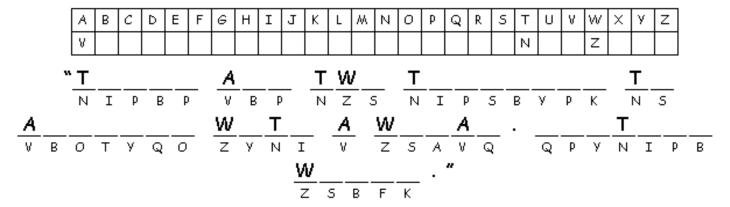
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## **CryptoQuote Puzzles**

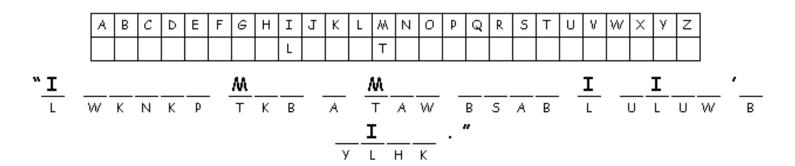
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## **Idioms and Proverbs Puzzle**

## **Idioms**

- 1. Best thing since sliced bread
  - A. A false imagination
  - B. A good invention or innovation, a good idea or plan
  - C. Concept
  - D. Abstraction
- 2. Caught between two stools
- A. When someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives
  - B. Ruthless
  - C. Unmerciful
  - D. Challenging
- 3. Cross that bridge when you come to it
  - A. Requirement
  - B. Mandatory
  - C. Optional
- D. Deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary, not before
- 4. Cut corners
  - A. When something is done badly to save money
  - B. Poorly
  - C. Unsatisfactorily
  - D. Wretchedly
- 5. Cut the mustard
  - A. Pan out
- B. To succeed to come to expectations adequate enough to compete or participate
  - C. Deliver
  - D. Work out
- 6. Don't give up
- A. You aren't very good at something you could definitely not do it professionally
  - B. Unacceptable
  - C. Wrong
  - D. Paltry

By: Breanna McDowell

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## **Proverbs**

- 1. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing
  - A. A little unknowing is a dangerous thing
  - B. Unintelligent
- C. A small amount of knowledge can mislead people into thinking that they are more expert than they really are, which can lead to mistakes being made.
  - D. None of the above
- 2. A cat may look at a king
- A. An inferior isn't completely restricted in what they may do in the presence of a superior
  - B. Circumscribed
  - C. Limitless
  - D. Indefinite
- 3. A change is a good as a rest
  - A. Historical
- B. A change is as a rest in a proverb that expresses, in a fairly straightforward literal way, the notion that a change from one's regular occupation is a restocative as a holiday.
  - C. Distinctive
  - D. Dissimilar
- 4. A fish always rots from the head down
- A. When an organization or state fails, it's the leadership that's the root cause
  - B. Give-out
  - C. To stop functioning normally
  - D. To be unsuccessful
- 5. Save up for a rainy day
  - A. Separately
  - B. privately
  - C. In reserve
- D. Put some money aside for whenever it may be needed
- 6. A cat has nine lives.
  - A. Outlived
  - B. Existed
  - C. Cat can survive seemingly fatal events.
  - D. withstand

Answer on page 28

## Woman's Post About Dog's Hilarious Haircut Goes Viral

This woman's Facebook post about her dog's hilarious haircut amid the Coronavirus pandemic is guaranteed to make your day.

Lisa Torres said she took her pup, Cheddar, to PetSmart once it reopened for grooming services because he was due for a "much-needed cut."

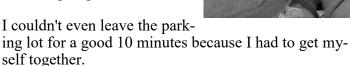
Well, things did not go as planned -- and this is the result.

"Petsmart finally opened up for grooming so I took cheddar to get a much needed

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cut from his groomer. A couple minutes later I get a call from her saying she couldn't do his cut because he bit her twice," Lisa explained.

"Now I have to walk around with this dude looking crazy. I swear when I say I had tears in my eyes and stomach pains from laughing so hard.



I'm about to give this dude up for adoption. Lol"

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

## This Glove Translates Sign Language Into Speech In Real Time

Bioengineers at UCLA have designed a high-tech glove that can translate sign language into speech in real time through a smartphone app.

The glove contains sensors that run along the five fingers to identify each word, phrase or letter as it is made in American Sign Language.





The device then turns the finger movements into electrical signals, which are sent to a small circuit board worn on the wrist. The board transmits those signals wirelessly to a smartphone that translates them into spoken words at the rate of about one word per second.

"Our hope is that this opens up an easy way for people who use sign language to communicate directly with non-signers without needing someone else to translate for them," said Jun Chen, an assistant professor of bioengineering at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering and the principal investigator on the research. "In addition, we hope it can help more people learn sign language themselves."

The scientists also added adhesive sensors to testers' faces — in between their eyebrows and on one side of their mouths — to capture facial expressions that are a part of American Sign Language.

Previous wearable systems that offered translation from American Sign Language were limited by bulky and heavy device designs or were uncomfortable to wear, Chen said.

This device is made from lightweight and inexpensive but long-lasting, stretchable polymers. The electronic sensors are also very flexible and inexpensive.

UCLA has filed for a patent on the technology. However, a commercial model based on this technology would require added vocabulary and an even faster translation time, Chen said.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

## **Birthday Sharing**

On my daughter's birthday I packed several cake slices in bowls and drove around, distributing them to those experiencing homelessness. One person asked how old my daughter was, which led us to engage in a small conversation. It was more about an



exchange and acknowledgment of the Light within each and every one of us..

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## **Recycling Generosity**

I don't usually have access to a car, but today I did and so I helped my neighbor take items to the recycling center,a It was then that the inspiration came to me for meeting the daily kindness challenge.



There are usually at least 4 men or women wearing those neon yellow

uniforms giving directions for sorting the recycling and yard debris. It may be one of those jobs that is about as far away from glamorous as you can get.

Anyway my inspiration was to buy a festive basket as a present and return later. I decided on a basket of gourmet chocolates with a Christmas theme and wrote on the card

"Merry Christmas!

Thanks for all you do here at the recycling center My life sure feels a bit lighter every time I pass through!"

It was closing time and no one was around in the little house they use as an office / coffee break space - so I left the basket and note on the table.

One of the workers, a young woman, was headed to their office as I was driving away so I stopped and I rolled down the window and told her what I had left.... she smiled a very surprised smile.

If I had to guess it had been a long time, if ever, that she gets a thank you.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## **Bonus Points**

A pupil of mine kept accelerating whenever he was coming up to a speed camera and I was always having to brake and tell him to slow down. When I got enough of it I pulled him over and asked him why he kept trying to speed past a speed camera. It was surprising what he said.

"My mate said If you speed through those cameras the police send you photos of you going fast to prove you can drive well along with bonus points. You can use those points to get money off your insurance.

## **Toilet Trouble**

Some test centers don't have toilets which are really bad because many people get nervous just before a test. Before being a driving instructor I was a delivery driver. I deliver those blue roller towels that you find in toilets. When I was at Kings Heath test center in Birmingham I saw a blue towel through a back window.

"That's odd," I thought If they had one of those towels then they might have a toilet as well. I asked an examiner If they had a toilet at back and he replied yes but pupils aren't allowed to use it. The answer I got was so stupid that I laughed but he took it very seriously.

"That's a government toilet so members of the public aren't insured to use it. If they slip over in there or hurt themselves while walking through the office to get to it then they could sue us."

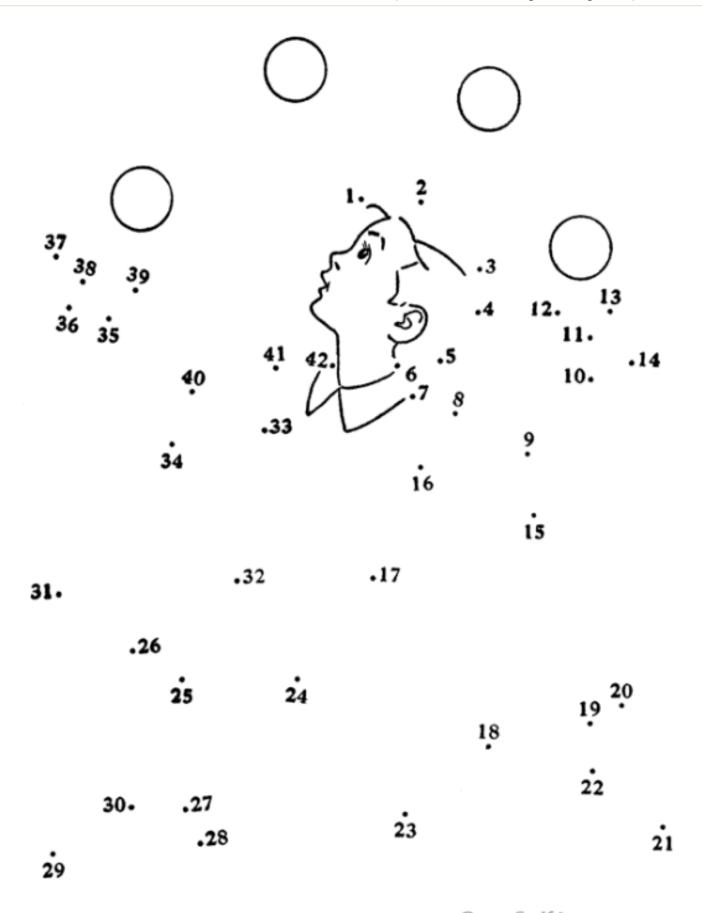
One of my pupils explained it in the best way possible by saying "If someone is about to demonstrate their ability to drive a car, which is a lethal killing machine, I believe they can easily handle the using a toilet."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

## **Idioms and Proverbs Puzzle Answers**

By: Breanna	Idioms 1. B	Proverbs 1. D
	2. A	2. A
McDowell	3. D	3. B
owell	4. A	<b>4. A</b>
	5. B	5. D
	6. A	6. C

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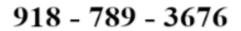
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## I Hate Learners

I had just finished a mock test with a pupil when they pulled up too close to the curb and blew the tire up. We got out of the car and had a look at the flat tire and were just about to change it when.

A man came out of the house that we had pulled up outside and he was out of his control in anger. "I hate learners, you're useless. You ain't got a clue" he said. He went to the back of the car, opened the boot, got the spare tire out, changed the damaged tire for us and then walked back into his house. We didn't even ask him to and he never said anything throughout other than cursing learners. Although we were glad he changed the tire, we had no idea why!.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

## **6 Plants Birds Love**

Attract more winged visitors to your garden when you grow these six plants birds love — each one has berries or seeds the birds can't resist!

#### Coneflower (Echinacea spp. and hybrids)

The pointed seed-heads are favorites for many birds in the fall and winter. just cut stems back to the base of the plant.

## Anise hyssop (Agastache foeniculum)

Anise hyssop's long-blooming blue flower spikes bring in hummingbirds, as well as butterflies and bees, from summer to fall.

## **Annual sunflower (Helianthus annuus)**

Choose single stem (just one flower per plant) variety that has dinner-plate sized blooms. The larger seed-heads mean more seeds.

#### Flowering dogwood (Cornus florida)

The flowers are the green-white buttonlike cluster at the center, and this is what matures to the bright early fall red fruits. Berries are well-loved by birds and will hang on well into winter.

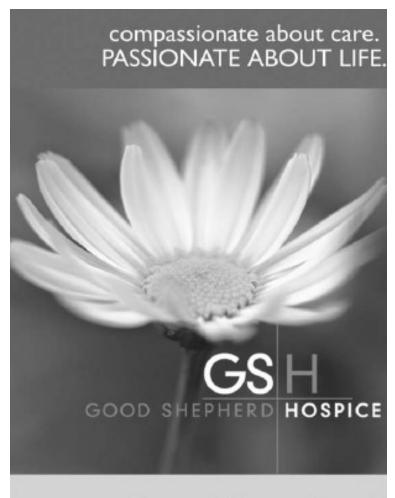
#### American cranberrybush

Tart and juicy bright red berries — similar to cranberries — form in late summer and feed birds in winter.

#### Flowering crabapple

Blooms almost cover the entire length of branches, filling the warming air with sweet fragrance. Besides its striking spring look, flowering crabapple produces red or yellow fruit that matures in late summer to early fall, depending on the cultivar. This brings in all kinds of birds.

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## **CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution**

Title: Actions and Feelings From: Maya Angelou

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: Women and Two Theories From: Will rogers

There are two theories to argue with a woman. Neither works.

Title: Liking People From: Will Rogers

I never met a man that I didn't like.

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## **Word Search Puzzle Solution**

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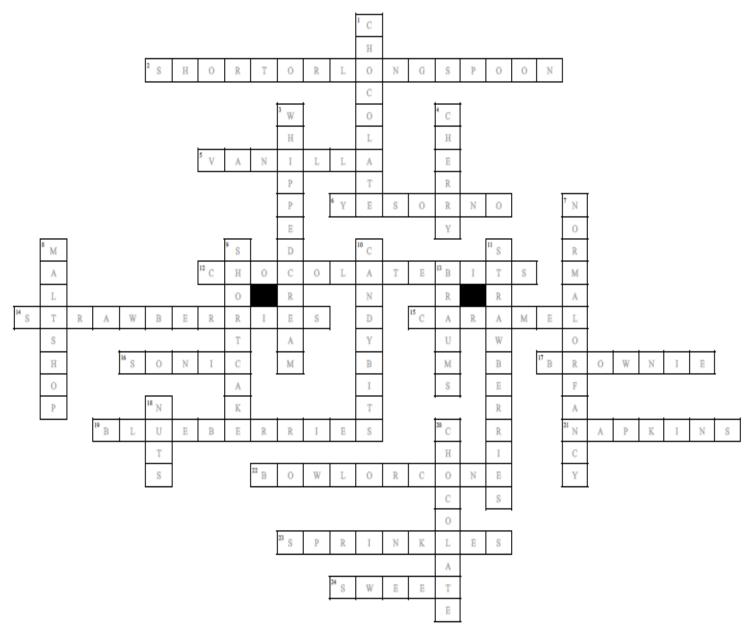
## **Sudoku Puzzle Easy Solution**

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

## **Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution**

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

## **Crossword Puzzle Solution**



#### Across

- 2. What eat your Sundae?
- 5. That Type of Ice Cream we need?
- 6. Hot Fudge Sundae with cherry on top?
- 12. Other bits
- 14. Another One
- 15. Topping
- 16. Who Serves Ice Cream Sundaes?
- 17. What is Bottom of your Sundae?
- 19. Another Berries
- 21. Unfood Stuff
- 22. Unfood Stuff
- 23. Topping
- 24. What food it is?

#### Down

- 1. Ice Cream
- 3. Another Topping
- 4. Another Toppings
- 7. Type of Sundaes
- 8. What kind of Shop
- 9. Another Bottom of Sundaes
- Topping
- 11. another Topping
- 13. Another one Company
- 18. What toppings?
- 20. What topping we need for This?

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## The crazy driver

A woman is watching the news on TV and they are reporting live from a helicopter about a man going the wrong way. All the other cars on the highway are swerving all over the place trying to avoid hitting this guy.

She calls her husband to warn him as he knows that he travels on that highway at this time.

She says to him, "There's this crazy driver on the highway going the wrong direction."

He replies emphatically, "just one, hell there's a whole bunch of them going all the way wrong."

## Kiss and slap

In a train compartment, there were four companions – A Project Manager, his team member, an old woman, and her young daughter. Then, there comes a tunnel and the train goes through a dark tunnel. Suddenly there comes a smoothing sound and then a slap !!!

The train comes out of the tunnel... The women and the assistant are sitting there looking completely baffled. The manager is bending over holding his face, which is Red apparently from a slap. All of



them stay diplomatic and no-one says anything...

The old woman is thinking:

These managers are all crazy after girls. They must have kissed my daughter in the darkness. Very proper that she slapped him...

The young girl is thinking:

The manager should have tried to kiss me but kissed my mother instead and got smacked...

The manager is thinking:

Damn it... My junior should have kissed the girl. She might have thought that it was me and slapped me...

Now guess what the assistant is thinking...

If this train goes through another tunnel I am going to make another kissing sound and slap my manager once more...

The idiot keeps harassing me in the office...!!

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

