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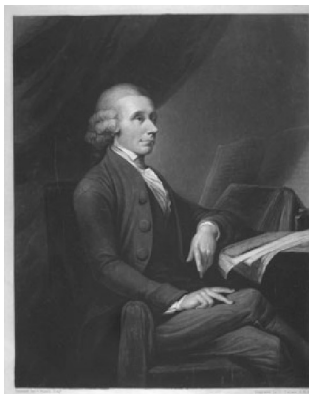
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## Joseph Priestley and the Discovery of Oxygen



Some 2,500 years ago, the ancient Greeks identified air — along with earth, fire and water — as one of the four elemental components of creation. That notion may seem charmingly primitive now. But it made excellent sense at the time, and there was so little reason to dispute it that the idea persisted until the late 18th century. It might have endured even longer had it not been for a free-thinking English chemist and maverick theologian named Joseph Priestley.

Priestley (1733-1804) was hugely productive in research and widely notorious in philosophy. He invented carbonated water and the rubber eraser, identified a dozen key chemical compounds, and wrote an important early paper about electricity. His unorthodox religious writings and his support for the American and French revolutions so enraged his countrymen that he was forced to flee England in 1794. He set-

tled in Pennsylvania, where he continued his research until his death.

The world recalls Priestley best as the man who discovered oxygen, the active ingredient in our planet's atmosphere. In the process, he helped dethrone an idea that dominated science for 23 uninterrupted centuries: Few concepts "have laid firmer hold upon the mind," he wrote, than that air "is a simple elementary substance, indestructible and unalterable."

In a series of experiments culminating in 1774, Priestley found that "air is not an elementary substance, but a composition," or mixture, of gases. Among them was the colorless and highly reactive gas he called "dephlogisticated air," to which the great French chemist Antoine Lavoisier would soon give the name "oxygen."

It is hard to overstate the importance of Priestley's revelation. Scientists now recognize 92 naturally occurring elements-including nitrogen and oxygen, the main components of air. They comprise 78 and 21 percent of the atmosphere, respectively.

On August 1, 1774, he conducted his most famous experiment. Using a 12-inch-wide glass "burning lens," he focused sunlight on a lump of reddish mercuric oxide in an inverted glass container placed in a pool of mercury. The gas emitted, he found, was "five or six times as good as common air." In succeeding tests, it caused a flame to burn intensely and kept a mouse alive about four times as long as a similar quantity of air.

Priestley called his discovery "dephlogisticated air" on the theory that it supported combustion so well because it had no phlogiston in it, and hence could absorb the maximum amount during burning. (The year before, Swedish apothecary Carl Wilhelm Scheele isolated the same gas and observed a similar reaction. Scheele called his material "fire air." But his findings were not published until 1777.)

Whatever the gas was called, its effects were remarkable. "The feeling of it in my lungs," Priestley wrote, "was not sensibly different from that of common air, but I fancied that my breast felt peculiarly light and easy for some time afterwards. Who can tell but that in time, this pure air may become a fashionable article in luxury. Hitherto only two mice and myself have had the privilege of breathing it."

DATA MASTR: Trinity Terry



## The Virginia asylum

The asylum opened in 1913 it housed 2,000 patients. Frank design of architecture who made several halls for patients who were totally insane. Top of everything else it was built on top of a burial ground. If that wasn't spooky enough wait until what happens next. It was a previous house before they built the asylum. There was spirits roaming the house and footsteps being heard from the asylum, Some patients have seen spirits apparition walking around, even in their bedrooms, some apparitions were physical.

Not everything was tranquil at the Virginia asylum. Years of sadness and isolation was felt by the living at the asylum. Today, patients have seen orbs floating around the facility. I also felt an inexplicable feeling of change of coldness as I was on duty and taking care of the clients. There have been stories about a brutal murder by a patient living at the asylum in the medical ward. The patients apparently heard voices and one of the nurses was killed. Years later the patient was prosecuted and was buried in the graveyard. Today you can still see him roaming the asylum halls. Due to mysterious deaths the asylum it was closed in 1990 along with other closures of other mental institutions. A small section of the asylum was haunted by elderly patients. Patients suffering from strokes until March 20th 1997.

As a paranormal investigator I had encountered many ghost orbs apparitions. And though there are ghost-hunters, as for me I speak to the dead and the dead speaks to me. I had ventured into many asylums for the many years I've been working. I've been to England and saw this merry-go-round and an old rustic emergency truck. The interior of the hospital had a chapel. The medical ward was similar to the one I saw in Virginia. This hospital had opened in 1873. They had mistreated patients in wards for women. Patients been locked in basements, they had been raped by male staff members. There are different rumors about this hospital and many other facilities about hauntings, none you want to encounter.

Data Master: Breanna McDowell

**DISCLAIMER: This story is based on actual location with Breanna's opinion and thoughts.**

# Labor of Love: Spreading Love, Kindness and Good Wishes

Last week, my 8 years old daughter was listening to Ni-mo's Empty Hands songs and she said, "how about we create heart-shaped cards with beautiful messages and hang them on everyone's mailboxes around the community?" Her brothers (8 years old and 5 years old) also got super excited about the idea and their project was kicked off.

Every day they created a few cards - they cut the cards into the shape of hearts, wrote kind messages and silent wishes, and then decorated them. They wrote messages like, " You're Loved, You're Kind, We wish all the happiness love and peace, We are all Together, Thank you for being You, Thank you for your kindness and generosity, Kindness over Everything, Love over Fear, Gratitude over suffering, Peace over Anger, Happiness is a choice" and many more. Within a week, they had around 50+ cards ready to be delivered.





Every afternoon, the kids were super excited to work on their project for a few hours. One day while we were working on the cards, my daughter put it very simply and beautifully, "it makes me very happy and energetic when I do this," she said.

Finally, on Friday, July 10th, kids went around the community on their bicycles and hung the hearts on everyone's mailboxes around the community. Their excitement and kindness was just so heart warming. They didn't know how people were going to react but they were just super happy doing it. We finished delivering cards by late evening.

As fate would have it, later that night it rained. But kids are so precious, they felt a little sad but they recovered quickly saying that we did our best and we had so much fun. And they said we can do it again. Beautiful souls with so much love in them.

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# 13 Interesting Facts About Giant Pandas

When we think of giant pandas, we think of lovely black and white bears. They are cute and have many fans all over the world. But do you really know pandas? The following are 13 fascinating facts to help you know more about them.

Lynne Buddin, a three-time traveler with China Highlights, is a panda lover who knows pandas first hand, and is the main contributor below...



photo by Kelly Pang

## 1. A giant panda is much bigger than your teddy bear.

Giant panda looks cuddly and cute when you search photos on the internet. But it's much bigger than you think. An adult panda weight more than 45 kilos (100 pounds), and can be about 1.5 meters (5 feet) long!

## 2. Giant pandas are good at climbing trees and can also swim.


Giant pandas can't stand and do kung fu moves like Po in Kungfu Panda. But they are good tree climbers. They can climb trees from 7 months old. Giant pandas are bears, and like other bears, they can swim.

## 3. Pandas go from pink to white and black (or brown).

Pandas are born looking like baby badgers — fur-less, pink, and blind. The iconic black and white colour comes later, after about three weeks. Not all giant pandas are black and white! A few are brown and white, but these are very rare.



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**4. Pandas have so many fans because they look cute.** "The looks of a teddy bear" are what makes pandas so popular. Pandas appeal to our "cuteness receptors" because they have large, front-facing eyes, and are extremely furry, so we therefore think of them as cuddly and cute. This was the subject of a recent BBC1 study by scientist Gordon Buchanan, and this is why almost all of us like pandas.

**5. Pandas are "lazy" — eating and sleeping make their day.**

As about all a panda does all day is eat and sleep, you are best to get up early for a visit to a panda park, so you see them when they are active. One reason for pandas being rare is that breeding is not high on their list of priorities. And with only a one-day window a year for a female to conceive naturally, it is hardly surprising that pandas are an endangered species.



Giant pandas' diets are 99% bamboo.

**6. An adult can eat 12–38 kilos of bamboo per day!**

A 45-kilo adult (and pandas can reach 150 kg in captivity) spends as long as 14 hours eating. And it can eat 12 to 38 kilos of bamboo a day. Pandas' favorite food is bamboo shoots. If you do the Panda Keeper Tour, which I can personally recommend, you too can eat bamboo, although what you eat will be cooked for you first.

**7. A panda Can Poop 28 Kilos per day!**

Pandas can poop as much as 28 kilos/day. In the past the undigested bamboo pieces in the poop were made into picture frames and bookmarks



— no, apparently they did not smell! Panda's poop points in their direction of travel, so they can be easily tracked in the wild. Unfortunately, historically this led to them being more endangered, but now it aids researchers.

**8. Pandas have carnivorous teeth, but they eat bamboo and fruit.**

Since giant predators like sabre-tooth tigers are no longer around, pandas didn't need to be as fast, and turned into vegetarian specialists to



photo by Andy Buddin

avoid becoming extinct themselves. We all know them as eating only bamboo, but they like some fruit too, and can eat meat. One panda park we visited had a photo of a panda devouring a vulture. Although they still have sharp teeth and the digestive tract of carnivores, they don't have the energy to chase anything, so their prey would virtually have to land in their lap, or be injured and too slow to escape.

**9. You can see panda babies in August.**

Pandas are usually born in August, because the panda's mating months are March to May and gestation is 3 to 5 months. Females mainly produce two offspring, but only the stronger one survives in the wild. In the research bases in Chengdu, the other twin is hand-reared, and swapped regularly with the mother so she can raise two cubs each pregnancy. Some of the money you pay in entrance fees funds this successful project.



**10. Prehistoric pandas lived up to 2 million years ago.**

Fossils of pandas have been dated between 1 and 2 million years old. Once pandas were widely distributed across the whole of China. Now they only live in the wild in remote areas of China's Tibetan foothills.

**11. Pandas have 6 toes to grasp bamboo.**

Pandas have a 6th "digit" on the heels of their fore-paws. With their extra "thumbs" they can manoeuvre the bamboo into fat cigar shapes for efficient eating.



photo by Andy Buddin

**12. Strange behavior! Pandas like to lick copper and iron.**

"Pandas are said to have a predilection for copper and iron. They really seem to enjoy licking every scrap of food from their metal bowls, even turning the bowl in their two dexterous paws. An ancient reputation as a lick and eater of copper and iron came from a liking for dishes or cooking pots in dwellings of Chinese peasants."

— from "The Giant Panda" by David Taylor, an interesting source if you want to know more.

Imagine you were living in a remote mountain dwelling, and the first time you see a giant panda, with claws and teeth as big as your fingers, is when it has come to your house to eat... You'd probably be terrified and let it lick your pots!

Another strange behaviour, but with a modern twist, we witnessed, is them enjoying "fruit lollipops" — fruit frozen in a metal dish of water to cool them down in


the heat of summer in Chengdu.

### 13. The only panda in the West — Chi Chi in London

Panda Chi Chi in the 1960s in London Zoo Chi Chi the giant panda lived in London Zoo from 1958 to 1972. She was bought for £12,000 (now pandas are rented for up to a million dollars a year!). I remember going to see this panda as a child. That's probably when my love for them started. That, and a panda teddy that was as big as me! Once the most famous panda was the one on the WWF logo (still World Wildlife Fund in the US and Canada, or World Wide Fund for Nature elsewhere), which you may not know was designed after Chi Chi, the only panda in the West in 1966, when the logo was founded. All giant panda cubs born in captivity to foreign zoos, when lent out, are the property of the Chinese Government and have to be returned.



DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry



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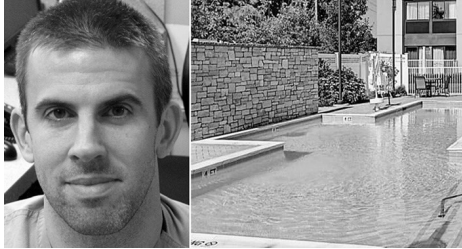


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# Visiting Doctor Rescues Drowning Boy At Hotel Pool

A hero is never off duty.

A New York doctor who was in the "right place at the right time" revived a 3-year-old boy who was drowning at a hotel pool in New Jersey, police said.



Dr. John Blundell was staying at the Courtyard by Marriott in Montvale when he witnessed an unresponsive boy pulled from the hotel's pool.

Dr. Blundell performed CPR and revived the child prior to first responders arriving, Montvale Police Chief Joseph Sanfilippo said.

A Montvale officer was less than a minute away when he was dispatched to the hotel. The officer administered oxygen to the boy.

The child was rushed to Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, where he was treated and released.

"[It is] incredibly fortunate that the doctor... was in the right place at the right time," Sanfilippo said.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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**Now that's what I call stupid:** In my junior year of high school, this guy asked me on a date. He rented a Redbox movie and made a pizza. We were watching the movie and the oven beeped so the pizza was done. He looked me dead in the eye and said, "This is the worst part." I then watched this boy open the oven and pull the pizza out with his bare hands, rack and all, screaming at the top of his lungs. We never had a second date.

**The fake report card:** I failed the first quarter of a class in middle school, so I made a fake report card. I did this every quarter that year. I forgot that they mail home the end-of-year cards, and my mom got it before I could intercept with my fake. She was ANGRY—at the school for their error. The teacher also retired that year and had already thrown out his records, so they had to take my mother's "proof" (the fake ones I made throughout the year) and "correct" the "mistake." I've never told her the truth.

**How to win at video games:** When I was little, I would go on Nickelodeon.com all the time and they had this game similar to Club Penguin, except it was called Nicktropolis. And if you forgot your password, a security question you could choose was "What is your eye color?" and if you got it right it'd tell you your password. So I would go to popular locations in Nicktropolis and write down random usernames who were also in those areas, and then I would log out and type in the username as if it were my own and see which of these usernames had a security question set to "What is your eye color?" (Which was most of them, since it was easy and we were all kids). I would then try either brown, blue, or green, and always get in, then I would go to their house and send all of their furniture and decorations to my own accounts. And if I didn't want it, I could sell it for money.

**Drama at my drama class:** One time my drama class's teacher had gone home sick so we were just put in a classroom with a movie to entertain us for the period when an alarm went off. None of us were sure if it was the fire alarm or the lockdown alarm, so we all head out into the hall to check and no one's out there, so we head back in and climb under our desks as is lockdown procedure. Cut to an hour or so later when a teacher bursts in and nearly dies of relief because the school was on fire and we were the only students not accounted for and half the faculty and fire department had been searching for us for ages. Literally, the whole school had filled with smoke while we'd kept super safe under our wooden desks.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

## Claremore Nursing Home - Employee of the Month



Susan Grimmitt 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.

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*Maya Angelou*

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# 93-Year-old Ex-Chopper Rider Has New Lease on Life After Getting Mobility Scooter That Looks Like A Harley



A 93-year-old veteran of World War II is enjoying his seaside town once again, now that he can get around on his new mobility scooter done up like a Harley Davidson.

Thomas Kemp, who had owned motorcycles since he was a teenager, had to give up riding on his beloved possessions due to his age, but now feels like he's back in the saddle again.

Mr. Kemp spotted the TGA Supersport while shopping in his hometown of Poole, and said the scooter reminded him of his favorite bikes, the 1000cc Ariel Square Four and the classic Triumph Thunderbird.

Perfect for ex-bikers in their 70s, 80s and 90s, the Harley-looking scooter with super-up handlebars has big wheels, a 30-mile range and rugged black and chrome design.

Originally from Shoreditch in east London, he worked as a heavy plant engineer repairing farming equipment and cranes throughout the country and often travelled to jobs via motorbike.

"I may be 93, but my scooter makes me feel 43," he beamed.



DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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# Ryan Reynolds Offers Reward For Woman's Stolen Teddy Bear That Contains Sentimental Message

Ryan Reynolds is hoping a "no questions asked" monetary reward will inspire a thief to return a teddy bear that contained a final voice message from a woman's mother who recently passed away.

Vancouver resident Mara Soriano says she was unloading a uHaul truck while moving into the city's west end on Friday when a black Herschel backpack she had placed beside the truck was picked up and stolen.



While the backpack contained several important and expensive items - including passports and an iPad pro - the most treasured item now missing is "a super sentimental" Build-A-Bear.

The bear contained a final message Soriano's mother recorded shortly before she passed away from cancer last year.



The message says: "I love you, I'm proud of you, I'll always be with you."

"It was the last thing I have of hers," Soriano said. "I can replace everything else, but not that."

A reporter for CBC in Vancouver came across the social media post by Soriano and shared her story to Twitter

with a photo of the missing bear.

"If you see this missing bear in the west end please email Deborah.Goble@cbc.ca . It was in a Herschel backpack when stolen along with an iPad. Mara, the owner says it has her mom's voice inside saying, 'I love you I'm proud of you, I'll always be with you. Her mom died last year.'"

Reynolds, who was born in Vancouver, retweeted the post, commenting, "\$5,000 to anyone who returns this bear to Mara. Zero questions asked. I think we all need this bear to come home."

Soriano told Vancouver is Awesome she is "absolutely floored by the attention" her story is receiving. "I'm just overwhelmed and completely in shock. There have been so many negative news articles from Vancouver lately and seeing everyone come together so positively like this after such a devastating situation is so heart-warming and brings us so much hope we'll get Mamabear back."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

A rectangular advertisement for a hair salon. The text reads: "INNOVATIONS IN HAIR" in a stylized font, followed by "COMPLETE HAIR CARE" and "MANICURES &amp; PEDICURES". Below this is the phone number "918-825-2570". At the bottom, it says "459 S. Wood" and "PRYOR, OK 74361". On the left side of the ad is a simple line drawing of a woman's head in profile, facing right.

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# Funny Things Kids Say

Autumn: Oh God, I have so many... I think my favorite was "Mommy, I love you, but we seem to have our differences." from my 4 year old at bedtime.

Becky: When I told my then 6-year-old son that I was expecting our 3rd child he said, "You've got to be kidding me!!! Do you know how hard it is to raise 3 kids, mom?!" LOL So funny...and man, was he right.

Rhonda: As we were walking through the store, my 4.5 yr old daughter looks at me and asks, "Why do I always have to match my clothes and you don't?"

Sara: 5 (year-old) yesterday at Central Park watching joggers: "Mama, why are there so many men showing off their nipples."

Heather Jacobs Most "who needs a warm bed when you have a warm mommy"

Dawn: "You are not the boss! Barack Obama is the boss!" (At 4 years old)

Fawn: I was doing dishes one day and my very busy/strong willed 3 year old comes up to me and says..."Mama.... when I open my mouth. I talk." I had to do everything to keep from just dying laughing!

Dot: I used the phrase that "You kids will be the death of me" (I know, not good) and my little one says, "That's ok Mommy, we will still grow up."

Jackie: "Why does it tell you there is a hidden drive? Not much of a secret if they tell you." LOL Max age 8

Julie: After being silly and goofy, asked 3-year-old son where he came from. He said with super straight face, "Target!"

Kali: After jokingly threatening my little 6-year-old boy with sticks and coal for Christmas, he told me "We'll, I can still use those for something." I love his optimism.

Michelle: "Why do they call them waiters when we are the ones who wait?"

Tiffany: "Mom, were you ever even remotely cool?" Said my 12-year-old son while I did a song and dance about a duck with my 9-year-old son.

Coreana: Yesterday morning my daughter was fighting me for the remote. She's 4. She got it away from me so I opened my container of mini Oreo's and offered her one since there was only one left in the container. She took the container and I grabbed the remote back. She looked

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at me, shook her head and said, “Man, I didn’t see that coming.” I laughed so hard.

Teresa: My niece told my sister’s neighbor that she was very sad because her grandfather died and she really missed him. Of course the neighbor immediately offered my sister condolences. The problem is our father died in 1984 and my niece is only 5.

Christina: While changing in the bathroom, my then 3-year-old son slapped me on the bottom and said “this is so cool mom, it just keeps going” HA HA HA!

Michelle: There are so many. I remember my daughter using the toilet after me and saying “Thanks for warming up the seat for me mommy.”

Danielle: We picked up our son from his first day of pre-school and he came running up to us and said “Mom, Dad you are going to be Grandparents!” Huh?

Glenn: “Because chickens are harder to catch than cows.” Then-5 year old Katie, when her sister asked why we had to pay extra to substitute chicken for beef on our tacos at Taco Bell. The cashier even laughed and told her that she might be right.

Rebecca: My 5-year-old asking about the differences between a boys and girls bits. Nearly lost it. There have been so many. Love how kids talk.

Thuy: I joked with my 4-year-old daughter, “Can you please change your sister’s nappy for Mummy?” And she said, “No. I don’t want to get poo on my hands.” HA HA HA.

Heather: “Mommy, Tigers live in the wild, and they live in Zoos. They DON’T live in Texas!” (Dead serious, like this was something I should already know and he couldn’t BELIEVE he had to explain it to me. I almost hurt myself trying not to laugh!) – Lance, age 3

Erin: “Mommy, Daddy says there might be ice on the moon, but he’s wrong because there’s no water on the moon.” Says my 3.5 year old.

Lisa: My 4-year-old daughter – “Is that makeup so you don’t look old? Cause you don’t look old... your face is still straight.”

Melissa: “Mom you may be forty but you can boogey like your fourteen.”

Teresa: “What happens when you die? Is it like a Pop-sicle, you just melt into the ground?” Age 3

Kerri: “I like your coat mama, it looks like a rug...”

Kim: Wiley, at bed time, “Wrap me up like a Dorito, Mommy!”

Deb: From my then 3-year-old son – From said 3 year old, as we were driving over a hill in our mini-van loaded with extended family – “Hold on everybody, we’re going down.” (it may have been his voice and the timing on that one, but it was hilarious when it happened)

Felicia: Right after my 2nd child my first son would go around telling people he had heartburn!

Lori: Oh my, way too many to pick just one. The one thing he’s said to me the most since he was 2 is “your old and warm!” This is usually when he’s snuggling with me.

Rea: My 12 year old said, “Do you know that 75% of teenagers die in a car accident?” LOL Actually he meant 75% chance!

Autumn: I just remembered when my daughter was three she asked if she could drive, and I told her she could when she was a grownup, and she said “Yeah, and then I can say ‘speed up or get off the road, dumb woman!”” Oops... mommy had to check her road rage after that!

Harmoni: When my daughter stepped on a crayon & broke it she turned to me & said “Oh no mom I assaulted the crayon!” I laughed so hard!

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**Eighth grade games:** So when I was in the eighth grade, science class was the most boring hours of my life. Everyone would play games on their computers (we used computers to take notes) but would play them in a super sneaky manner (volume down, looking at the board so it looks like you're taking notes, etc.). I wasn't one for playing games during class but I was sooooo bored...so I searched up Pac-Man on Google and started playing (I didn't know what else to play).

So I started playing and just my luck I didn't check how high my volume was....IT WAS ALL THE WAY UP. I started panicking because the game noises were excruciatingly loud. I kept playing and got eaten by a ghost almost after I pressed the start button (my hands were shaking like crazy)....my strict science teacher looked me straight in the eye..

**I literally "fell" for him:** Since my crush sits behind me in class, when we stood up to do the pledge I stood up too fast and I stumbled over to him so to not fall on the ground I reached to grab his desk but I accidentally GRABBED HIM and I ended up falling on top of him and we both screamed. Luckily I didn't hurt or crush him. My teacher and everyone else started laughing and I got so red afterwards. Now when we stand up for the pledge, he moves all the way to the back of the room away from me...

**5th grade teacher:** In fifth grade, my teacher loathed me. She would do anything to make me cry and sent me to the principle's office any chance she got. Don't believe me? I'm left handed. So still, to this day, I get my hands confused. On this particular day, we were doing the Pledge of Allegiance and I had put my left hand to my chest (it's supposed to be your right hand over your heart). She got mad at me, telling me that I wasn't being 'patriotic' and sent me to the principal's office. The principal and I were quite acquainted at this point and so I told her why I was sent back to her office again, and she laughed. And

laughed. I didn't find it funny at all, I mean all the kids in my school thought I was a delinquent so they didn't want to be my friend. My principal wrote on the back of my hands, L and R. What I didn't realize was that she wrote L on my right hand and R on my left hand. She did the same to hers. Then, she walked me back to the classroom, and made our whole class redo the Pledge with our 'right' hand, with me leading the class, and it was one of the happiest moments of my elementary experience.

**In the closet:** OK, so one time when I was really little I had a best friend who was kinda strange but so my mom got a call one day asking if she was over at my house because they couldn't find her and so they call again about two hours later to ask if we could help look for her and so about three hours of looking we had basically covered the entire neighborhood and they were about to call the police and we decided to check their house one more time and my mom went into her room and found sleeping on the top of a super tall shelf in her closet.

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# Man Catches 2-Year-Old Who Fell From Fourth Floor Balcony

A man in Huai'an, China, is being hailed a hero for catching a small child who fell four stories from his apartment balcony.

A 2-year-old child clinging to an air conditioning unit outside a fourth-story apartment building.

The child had reportedly locked his grandmother out of the apartment and then climbed through the window, the New York Post said.

The toddler lost his grip and his body flipped over several times in the air as he plunged to the ground.

Thankfully, a man standing below reached up and caught the child in his arms, then laid him on his shoulder as neighbors gathered around to help.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

## Birthday Giving

Since my birthday is in the heart of summer and usually HOT! Mom always made Rice Krispie treats instead of a cake.



So, it's a delightful memory and pleasure to share the same, along with some Peace Doves .

The label on each reads: "Treating you in celebration of my birthday! Visit KindSpring.org for more kindness ideas." Signed each personally with, "Love, Mindy"

Planning on leaving the goodie birthday baskets at the library, Senior Center and laundromat. For individual gives...mailman Greg, PO clerks, admission attendant at Custer State Park, etc...

A couple of FaceTime calls scheduled. Family over later for a weenie roast. MisterM and I will "camp" in our trailer camper overnight and under our carport!

Thank you all, for your kind birthday wishes, your loving support and encouragement. Each and every one of you is truly the wind beneath my wings.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

# The One Minute I Gain When I Drive Faster

Last Monday, to prepare a picnic, I decided to go into a superstore which was on my way home.



I parked my car in the big parking lot and went into the superstore. It was a huge one, spread onto 2 stories and 200,000+ sq-ft. After 45 minutes of shopping (which looked like an authentic escape game) to just get some tomatoes, cheese and 3 toothpicks - yes the ratio time/articles is ridiculous - I arrived to the cashier line, thoughtful and a bit frustrated by the time I spent to get 3 articles. I wondered why I did not go to a small local store.

After 15 minutes of waiting in the line, the woman in front of me calls me: "Hey... you only have 5 articles? Pass before me, I have way more articles than you!"

It wasn't the first time it happened to me. But her initiative was disarming, as well as was her smile (she did not wear any mask, so I could see it). Not knowing what else to do, I accepted her offering. We chitchatted a bit waiting for the customers ahead of us to finish - she was incredibly pleasant. Then I thanked her, giving her back my brightest smile (although I was wearing a mask...).

Getting back in my car, I rethought about that good moment, and realized that she made my day. In the meantime, I wondered how to give it back to her. No doubt it was quite impossible, so I considered how to pay-it-forward to someone else.

While driving, I realized that she saved me 10 minutes. And while I was driving at 70mph, I reduced my speed to 55mph. My fuel consumption drastically dropped down by 35%.

Admittedly, I re-lost part of the 10 minutes that the woman offered me, but it was a way to repay her and do a small thing for the environment.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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# Community Surprises Calgary Family With New Basketball Goal – Twice!

A Calgary family was surprised not once, but twice by neighbors and strangers with a basketball goal.



Joice Wolter is a single mother of eight children. Her two youngest kids, nine-year-old Darius and 11-year-old Kobe, recently starting mowing lawns in their neighborhood so they could earn money to buy their mom a personalized birthday gift.

"It really touched me because they are this age [and] they think about me," Wolter told Global News.

Neighbors took note of the boys' mission and decided to do something special for the family.

"They're just great, hardworking kids," said Preston Mortier, who lives across the street. "We noticed these kids were always outside playing and always doing everybody's lawn around here. We just wanted to do something for them, so we made a plan for them for Christmas — we were going to get them a basketball hoop." Within two days of posting their plea on Facebook, a local business delivered a new basketball goal to the family.

Jason Van't Hullenaar, whose company — Heritage Honda — bought the net, said the family's story struck a chord with him.

"I come from an upbringing where we didn't have a ton of money, so this one kind of pulled my heartstrings already," Van't Hullenaar said.

Another family bought jerseys and shoes for the boys.

Wolter now calls Mortier and his roommates her sons and they in turn call her "Mama Joice."

So when Wolter's new extended family found out the kids' new basketball hoop had been severely damaged after strong winds blew over this week, they got together to figure out what they could do to help.

Van't Hullenaar heard of the damaged net on social media and ordered the family another new basketball goal.

"I felt terrible, but actually being able to make it right, seeing her emotions, watching the boys' emotions, seeing the whole family light up, that's what it's about," said Van't Hullenaar.

"I'm so happy. I'm crying...I'm not sad, I'm so happy," Wolter said. "You know what? God really loves me. Seriously, God loves me. Look at this, look at my family now."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

# Young Boy Wins Bike, Gifts It To Neighbor Who Does Not Own One

A young boy with a "heart of gold" gave his brand new bike to a neighbor who did not have a bike.

Bike Planet of Memphis donated a bike to celebrate the grand opening of Covington Parks and Recreation Bike Park.

Chase won the bike but had bigger plans for the prize once he got home.

He gave the bike to someone who didn't have one -- his neighbor Daniel.

Covington Parks & Recreation wrote: "Does everyone remember Chase? If you were there you will never forget how his face lit up when he won the MT Bike at our Bike Park Grand Opening on Friday (donated by our friends at Bike the Planet-Memphis). Well, it turns out Chase has a heart of GOLD! When he got home he gave the bike to his neighbor Daniel who did not have a bike."



DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

# 6 weird things that have happened in August through history

When was oxygen discovered? How did King William II die? And when was the first Guinness World Book of Records published? As the eighth month gets under way, we look back at some of the strangest and most surprising things that have happened in August through history

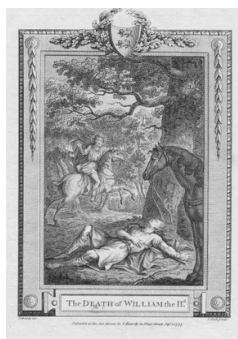
## 1 - 2 August 1100: King William II is killed by an arrow in mysterious circumstances

While hunting in the New Forest in 1100, William II (Rufus) was shot and killed by an arrow fired by nobleman Walter Tirel. The incident was at the time recorded as an accident. However, it has since been suggested that it could have been an assassination.

According to chronicler Orderic Vitalis, before the hunting party set off the king was presented with a letter from the Abbot of Gloucester, warning William II of a vision that a monk had had of the king's death. However, the king dismissed the letter and began the hunt.

During the hunt, nobleman Walter Tirel took a shot at a stag, yet the arrow missed and hit the king in the chest. Tirel fled the scene almost immediately to France. Learning of the king's death, William's brother, Henry, rode to Winchester to proclaim himself king. It is possible that Henry had planned for his brother's murder in order to gain the throne, yet this is disputed among scholars.

Engraved scene depicting the death of King William II (c1056-1100) of England, who was shot with an arrow in the New Forest in mysterious circumstances. (Photo by Archive Photos/Getty Images)



## 2 - 1 August 1774: Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen

While employed as the tutor of the children of William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne, British minister and chemist Joseph Priestley discovered the gas oxygen.

After experimenting with different 'airs', Priestley conducted an experiment that would make his scientific

work famous. By using what was referred to as a 'burning lens', he placed a lump of mercuric oxide in a glass container and focused some sunlight onto the compound. A colourless gas was emitted and a candle began to burn. To begin with, Priestley called this 'dephlogisticated air', before further tests confirmed the discovery of oxygen.

Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), an English clergyman, chemist and author who discovered oxygen while conducting experiments on different 'airs'. (Photo by CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images)



## 3 - 31 August 1897: Thomas Edison secures a patent for his kinetograph

After first developing it in the early 1890s, Thomas Edison secured a patent for the kinetograph, a camera that could record film footage. His camera was based on work completed by French still-photograph pioneers Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre, but unlike previous cameras Edison used celluloid film in the kinetograph. After building a small film studio in 1893, Edison was able to capture footage and create films. One of his first was of three of his employees acting as blacksmiths.

In 1897 Edison sued American Mutoscope and Biograph Pictures, after he claimed the company had transgressed on the patent for his kinetograph.

Thomas Edison listening through a primitive headphone in 1871. (Photo by Hulton Archive/Getty Images)



## 4 - 20 August 1911: The first telegram is sent around the world in just 16.5 minutes

The first telegram was sent from the New York Times office in order to discover how long it would take for a message to cross the world by telegraph cable. The message, which travelled more than 28,000 miles, simply read "This message sent around the world".

After being transferred by 16 operators across the globe, including those in San Francisco, Saigon and the Azores, the reply to the message was received by the New York Times office just 16.5 minutes after being



sent. This made the telegram the fastest message to be sent by a commercial cablegram since the Commercial Cable Company first launched the Pacific cable in 1900.

### 5 - 21 August 1911: The Mona Lisa is stolen in France

Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting was stolen from the Louvre in Paris on this day in 1911. Italian handyman Vincenzo Peruggia decided to steal the 16th-century painting after being employed by the Louvre to construct protective glass cases for some of the museum's most famous works, which included the Mona Lisa.

After spending the night in a closet, Peruggia was able to remove the painting with ease, hide it under his clothes and leave the building – he was let out by a plumber after finding the doors were locked.

The painting was not reported missing until 24 hours later. After this, the newspapers were filled with stories about the stolen masterpiece. It was not until two years later, December 1913, that the painting was finally recovered. Peruggia received a seven-month jail sentence.

### 6 - 27 August 1955: The Guinness Book of World Records is published

The first edition of The Guinness Book of Records was published on 27 August 1955, and printed 50,000 copies in its first year. By Christmas 1955 the book had become a bestseller in the United Kingdom.

Sir Hugh Beaver, the managing director of the Guinness Brewery, first came up with the idea of the book of records in the early 1950s following an argument at a shooting party about the fastest game bird in Europe.

Twins Norris and Ross McWhirter were invited by Beaver to research and write the book, which took 13-and-a-half straight weeks to write. The first edition of the records was drafted and then published in 1955.

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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 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)

07 19 2020 - 08 23 2020 666 Services - Childers community church is continuing its open door 666 services...6 Sundays...6 nights...6p.m. Come and take part in these dynamic God centered services. Phone: 918-440-5683

Jun 5, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 Butterfly House at the Papillion - Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papillion is a

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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. Mon – Sat 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

Aug 15 - Aug 22 2020 Ottawa County Free Fair - Join thousands of festival-goers at this year's Ottawa County Free Fair in Miami. This free county fair will feature nightly livestock shows, commercial exhibits, food vendors and a wide variety of grandstand events in the main arena. Bring the kids for the nightly carnival and enjoy rides that twist, turn and spin. Don't miss the fair's annual rodeo and horse show. Phone: 918-542-1688, Address: Miami Fairgrounds, 1129 E. St. SW., Miami, OK. 74354.

Aug. 7 – Aug 16 2020 National Snaffle Bit Assoc. World Show - The National Snaffle Bit Association brings together horses and riders from all over the country for its annual World Show at Tulsa Expo Square. This competition of pleasure horse events includes horsemanship, equitation over fences, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, hunter hack and more. Riders and horses from all different classes compete at this nearly week-long event. The NSBA will offer all-breed classes and pay out in excess of \$500,000 in cash and prizes. A trade show composed of commercial exhibitors and pleasure horse professionals will be available to assist spectators during the week. Phone: 1 (847) 623-6722, Address: Tulsa Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St. Tulsa, OK. 74114.

Aug 15 2020 Riverside Rib Fest - Spend the day grilling, chilling and tasting some of the top 'cue in the region at Tulsa's Gathering Place during the Riverside Rib Festival. With live country music, local brews and blazing barbecue, there's something for everyone at Riverside Rib Festival. Place your vote for the best barbecue and stay for the award ceremony to see who will take home bragging rights this year. Don't miss this saucy one-day extravaganza in Tulsa. Phone: 1 (918) 779-1000. Address: Gathering Place, 2650 S. John Williams Way E., Tulsa, OK. 74114.

Aug 6 2020 - Aug 10 2020 Wild Brew - Wild Brew brings together some of Tulsa's most delicious restaurants and first-rate beers. Enjoy some food and drinks. One of Oklahoma's largest-running craft beer festivals, Wild Brew is moving online this year with a host of ways to join the fun. Online Only, Saturday: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Patron admission: 4-8pm Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-336-7778, 918-336-2473 Fax: 918-336-7783

Aug. 7 2020 First Friday Art Crawl - Since 2007, the Tulsa Arts District has presented the community with

rotating art displays as part of the monthly First Friday Art Crawl events. Every first Friday of the month, visitors can explore artwork inside galleries, studios and museums and catch a few live music performances or even an exciting fireworks display. As an added bonus, art crawlers can take advantage of free museum and gallery admission while shopping later than normal business hours would allow. Hit the district early for dinner, or stay a little later for a craft cocktail best enjoyed on an outdoor patio. Friday: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Phone: 918-527-8170 Various Locations in Tulsa Art District, Tulsa, OK. 74103.

Aug 15 2020 Kids' Fishing Clinic - Enjoy a beautiful spring day and learn about fishing and conservation at the Kid's Fishing Clinic. Sponsored by Tenkiller State Park, the event will be held at Vian City Lake. Hands-on learning stations will help to sharpen fishing skills and teach conservation. Children ages 4-16 are invited to participate and fish in the stocked lake. Once a child completes all the learning stations, they are free to fish until lunchtime. Prizes will be given to children who complete the clinic, and hot dogs will be served for all to enjoy. Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Phone: 918-489-5025 Tenkiller State Park, Vian, OK. 74962 Data Master: Nikki Hamilton

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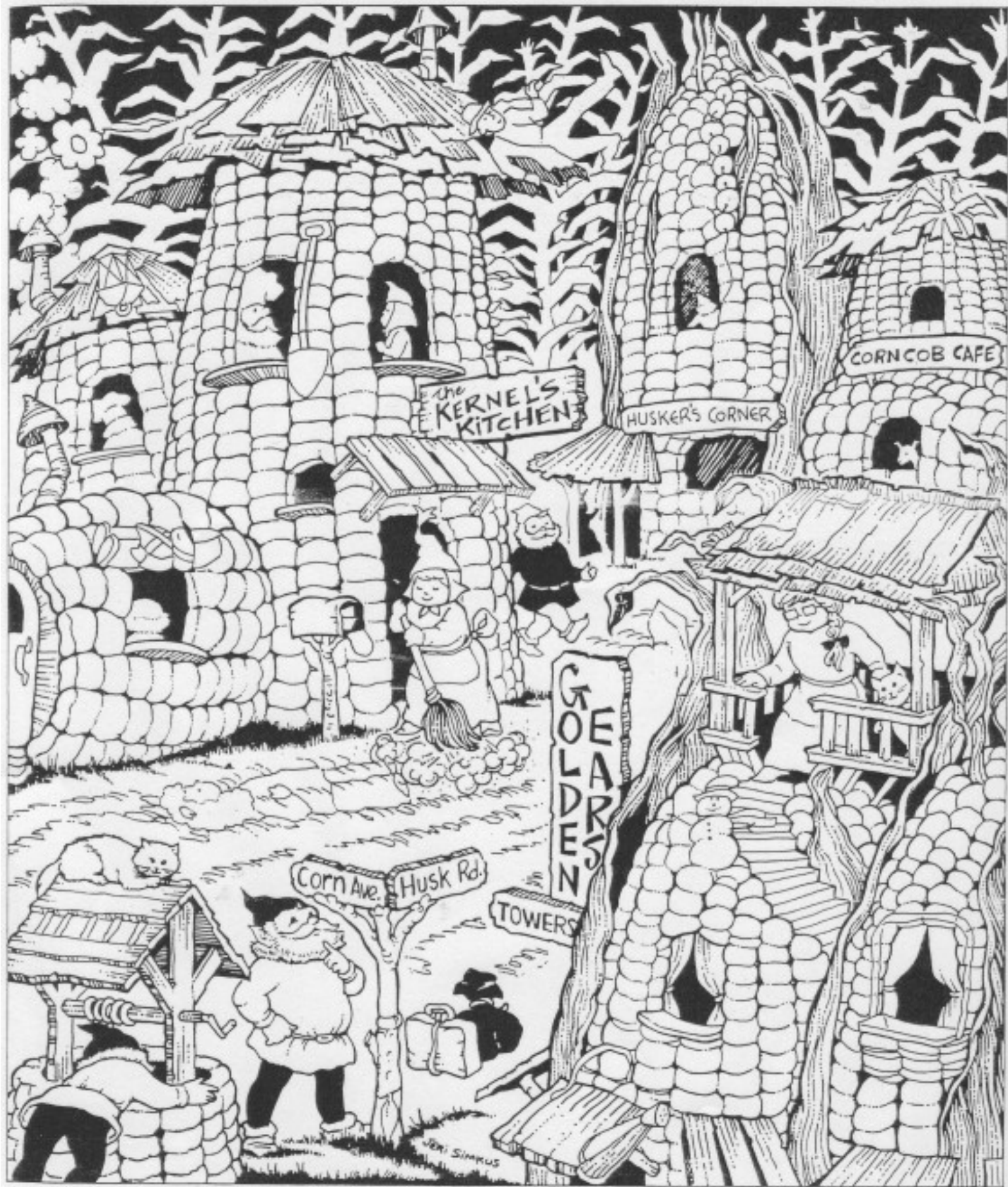
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# Getting to know the Lutherans

## He Is And He Saves

In many cultures of the world, young people endure a coming-of-age ceremony to mark their entry into the adult realm of rights and responsibilities. Sometimes the young person receives a new name to signify meaning for his or her life.

When Moses asked God’s name, God responded, Yahweh,” which means, “I Am.” God’s name invokes the very concept of being. Only God has always been; only by God’s power alone does anything exist that does exist. But the simple facts that God exists and has made everything does not assure us that God is on our side. In fact, with our sinful nature, we enter this world as enemies of God. God’s Son changes all that.

The angel instructed Joseph and Mary to name the Child she was carrying, “Jesus,” which means, “He saves.” By living the perfect life, suffering death, and rising again, Jesus has saved us from our sin, just as the angel said. Through His Word and Sacraments, Jesus assures us that He is always on our side and will never leave us. Baptizing us into His death and resurrection, He marks us with His name and claims us as His own. Praise “I Am” for sending “He Saves” for us!

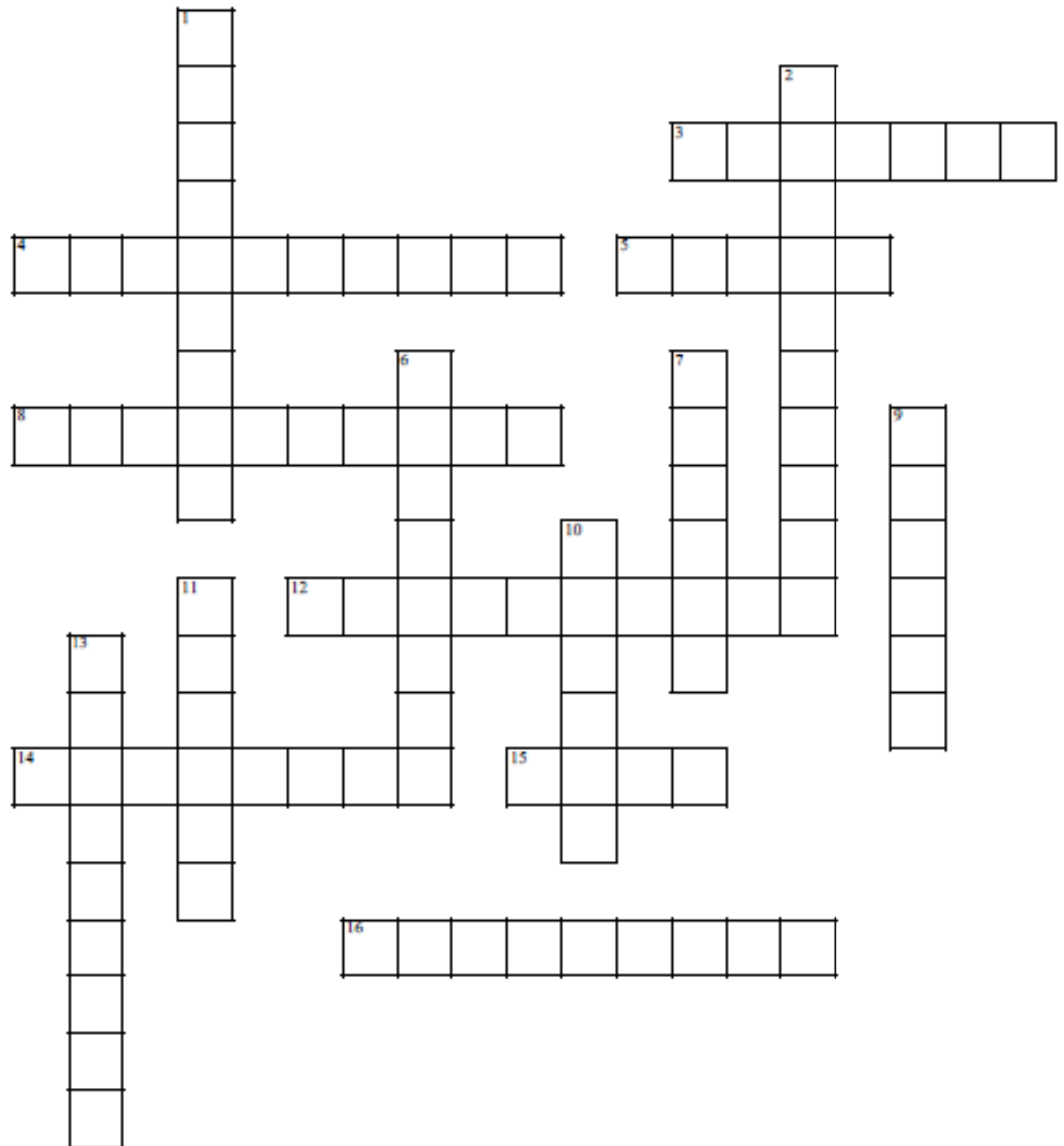
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*Guests are always welcome.  
See you Sunday at worship.*

# Crossword Puzzle

## Back to School



### Across

3. The study of past events
4. instrument used for math
5. Another word for student
8. English classes improve and expand this
12. Conducted often in science classes
14. Used to take notes in
15. One of the first things you learn to do in school
16. Room where classes are held

### Down

1. Person you go see when you're in trouble
2. Work given by teacher
6. Bag used to hold school supplies
7. Gets rid of mistakes made in pencil
9. Solution to a problem
10. Used to hold homework and other papers
11. Period for students to go outside and play
13. The study of Earth and its people

# Word Search Puzzle

## Autumn

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turkey    spider's web    reap    pumpkin pie    October    November    leaves    Halloween    football

cranberry    apple



# CryptoQuote Puzzles

**Title:** 3 things in this world **From:** Tom Bodett

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**Title:** Strive To Be Better **From:** Paulo Coelho

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**Title:** School of Life **From:** Tom Bodett

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**Lotion boy:** One time in my chemistry class, while the teacher was talking, this guy asked loudly, “Does anyone have any lotion?” The teacher stopped talking as some girl gave him some hand lotion.

The guy proceeds to slowly rub the lotion on his face as the whole class watches him in confusion. The teacher asks him what he’s doing, and he responds with “I forgot to moisturize this morning” and puts even more on his face.

The teacher asks him to go to the hall to finish his moisturizing because he’s being a distraction, and after about 10 minutes he still hasn’t come back in, so someone opens the door to check and he’s still smearing lotion all over his face. He finally comes back in and hands the girl her lotion, and he’s used up half of it. Now people call him lotion boy.

**My favorite teacher:** One time in 6th grade we were at recess and while I was running to my friends, I just so happened to kick a HUGE rock (keep in mind, I was wearing flip-flops so it hurt like hell) and without thinking, I shouted at the top of my lungs THE BAD WORD! And with my god-awful luck, my math teacher was sitting at the bench right BESIDE ME. He then took me inside to what I thought was yell at me but he just couldn’t stop laughing and sent me back outside with a literal candy bar. He is still my favorite teacher I’ve ever had.

**Classroom Chaos:** So in 8th grade I used to read during class a lot. At the time I was reading an Artemis Fowl book, and for some reason I had two copies of the same book. So one day in my English class we were reading this other book (which I had already finished reading three days earlier), I was reading my own book and when it was finally my turn to read, I had no idea where we were. So the teacher took my book away, I found my spot, read the part and passed it to the next person to start reading.

So after I read my part, I took out my second copy of Artemis and picked up right where I left off. Skip a few minutes ahead, gets back to my turn to read, and again I don’t know where we are. So teacher takes a look at me, sees the book in my hands, then back to her desk obviously confused for a second. But shrugs it off knowing it’s me she’s dealing with (I’ve caused similar problems like this before), takes my second book and puts it on her desk, and makes me read my part.

Now my friend that sat two chairs down from me was also reading Artemis at the same time as me and with a quick look to him he knew exactly what I was planning. He took it out and passed it over without hesitation. I opened to a random spot and just pretended like I was

reading. (At this point it was just to mess with my teacher.)

So skip forward again and my teacher sees me with the book again and says, “How many of those do you have?” I gave my smartmouth remark as “enough.” She took away that book, too. But now at this point I was out of books, and the rest of my class knew it. But the teacher didn’t know I was out. So she continued with her lesson and another friend of mine took two of her books and switched out two of the Artemis books on her desk to make them look like they were still there.

He passed the books slowly around the room, one at a time, until they were back to me. Then I took one out, opened to a random spot and just kept it open, waiting to get caught. I silently signaled to a few people in class and they started laughing. The teacher looked at what they were laughing at and saw me with yet another book. She looked at her desk where there were seemingly 3 Artemis books and saw me with a 4th. She took it, walked back to her desk, put it down, turned around, and saw me with the second book that got taken back on my desk!!!

The teacher thought she was going to win this game but underestimated my teamwork with my classmates. So the second she came over to me to take the seemingly 5th book, another classmate took back the other two books from her desk and split them up—sending one to me one way, and the other another way.

The teacher was very flustered and laughing hysterically at this point and there was no more teaching going on. The entire class was also going ballistic trying to see who would win. It was just a game of “How many books does this one 8th grader have?”

So at the end of the class she thought she had taken 11 books from me. I took pity on her and told her what was really happening. I told her that I had already read the first book, and all the teamwork that went on. We were both laughing and making jokes. In the end she agreed to let me read my own books as long as I kept track of the actual book we were reading. (Meaning, I ask the person next to me tell me when it’s my turn and they point out my spot to read so I don’t actually have to keep track.)

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

# From Pizza to Fresh Vegetables, When You're in The Bronx, You're Going to Get Fed By This Generous Community



This is one of 50 finalists in the Reader's Digest "50 Nicest Places in America" contest for 2020. A crowd-sourced effort to uncover places in all 50 states where kindness and generosity are reigning supreme amidst a climate of coronavirus and cultural upheaval, you can now vote for your favorite 'Nicest Place' by visiting the Reader's Digest website.

You will not go hungry in the Bronx. New York City's northernmost borough is home to 1.4 million people—and it's the most racially diverse place in the country, according to the U.S. Census. But if there's one thing that brings people together, it's pizza—and pizza was the unifier for families in Riverdale, who started bringing hundreds of the famous pies to strangers throughout New York's quarantine.

In early March, Aliza Abrams Konig pre-ordered 30 pizzas for a party set to celebrate the Jewish holiday Purim at her synagogue. They've always gotten a good turnout, and Konig expected the same this year. Then COVID-19 hit. New Rochelle, a neighboring town, saw one of the first cases reported in the city, where more than 20,000 people would die of the disease over the next few months. As soon as it became clear what was happening, the whole community quarantined, trying to limit spread. The Purim party was canceled.

But Konig picked up the 30 pizzas from the Cafecchino Bakery anyway, and she and seven volunteers delivered them to quarantined congregants.

"The families, especially the children, appreciated seeing our faces," Konig told Reader's Digest.

From that cancelled party, the Pizza Brigade was born. Volunteers kept up the pizza deliveries, at no charge to the families, once a week until their quarantine was over. In total, they fed more than 100 families. And not just pizza. The brigade, in partnership with bakery owner Lukasz Babiuch, started weekly deliveries of challah, the bread many Jews eat every week on the Sabbath.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

# Bull And Cow Reunite After Video Of Their Affection Goes Viral

A bull and a cow in Tamil Nadu, India, are now back together after a heartbreaking video of the two being separated surfaced on social media.

In the video, a bull can be seen circling a truck to protest against the transportation of the cow he adores. The bull apparently chased the truck for about half a mile.


"The cow in the video is Lakshmi and she belonged to my family for the last four years," the cow's owner Manikandan said. "We are facing financial difficulties because of the lockdown and had decided to sell Lakshmi to a milk farm. We were transporting Lakshmi on July 12 afternoon at around 1 pm and the village bull came in search of it."

The touching video pulled at the heartstrings of residents across the state and soon people began contacting Manikandan to offer him money to buy Lakshmi back.


The money was raised, approximately Rs 40,000 (\$534), and the bovines have been reunited.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

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# Camel Walks 62 Miles In Desert Alone To Find Former Owners

A homesick camel trekked more than 60 miles across the Gobi Desert in Central Asia to find its former owners.



The camel was sold by its former owners, Temur and Naren, in Qiandamen gacha of Inner Mongolia to a herdsman who raises camels in Wugai Sumu last fall.

Unaccustomed to the new environment, the camel decided to embark on a journey back to its former owner's home on June 27.

The camel trekked across mountains and rivers, climbed over fences, and crossed expressways to get to its destination. The elderly camel had reportedly walked more than 62 miles alone in the desert when a herdsman spotted it and contacted its former owners.

Temur and Naren were touched by the camel's loyalty and agreed to buy the camel back from the new owner.

The couple wrapped Hada, a traditional Mongolian ceremonial scarf, around the camel's neck making it a part of their family.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

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**Painting a roller coaster:** So in my junior year of high school I got a project to make a roller coaster for my physics class. Everything was going fine until the day my partner and I had to paint the thing. We were in my garage spray painting the tubes and these two guys come marching up to the house across the street and start yelling at the top of their lungs, beating on the door. Now let me say in my defense the neighborhood I lived in was in south Dallas and it's still not a safe place. Well I called the police, closed the garage and parked myself in front of the dining room window. Long story short the police showed up in full gear broke down the door and brought out the two boys at gunpoint. And that's the story of how my entire block found out that the abandoned house had new owners.

**Why my parents can't take me seriously:** So one time I was home alone and it was around dinner time when I decided to make myself something to eat. I opened the freezer and dug around until I found what appeared to be chicken nuggets in an unopened plastic bag that for some reason, didn't have any cooking instructions. Thinking that my parents must have thrown away the box for box tops, I called my mom to ask how long and at what temperature to cook chicken nuggets. She told me both of them, I laid out about 20 on a tray and stuck it in the oven, setting the timer before I walked out of the kitchen. When it was almost time to get my chicken nuggets, I walked into a cinnamon scented kitchen. I searched all over that kitchen, trying to find the cinnamon scent, leading me to the oven. I decided to turn on the oven light to see if maybe my mom had stuck some cookies in the oven and forgot to bake them, but instead, I find that the tray my chicken nuggets were on has cookies on it instead! As I'm trying to process what just happened, I hear the front door open and my mom shout delightedly, "Oooooo what's that smell?" She walks into the kitchen and catches my confused expression. That's when the spark ignited and she realized exactly what had happened. Somehow in some form, I had accidentally baked snickerdoodles. And that is why my parents can never take my cooking seriously.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick



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





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# CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

**Title:** 3 Things In This World **From:** Tom Bodett

**They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for.**

**Title:** Strive To Be Better **From:** Paulo Coelho

**When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.**

**Title:** School of Life **From:** Tom Bodett

**The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.**

**By** Nikki Hamilton and Steven Burdick

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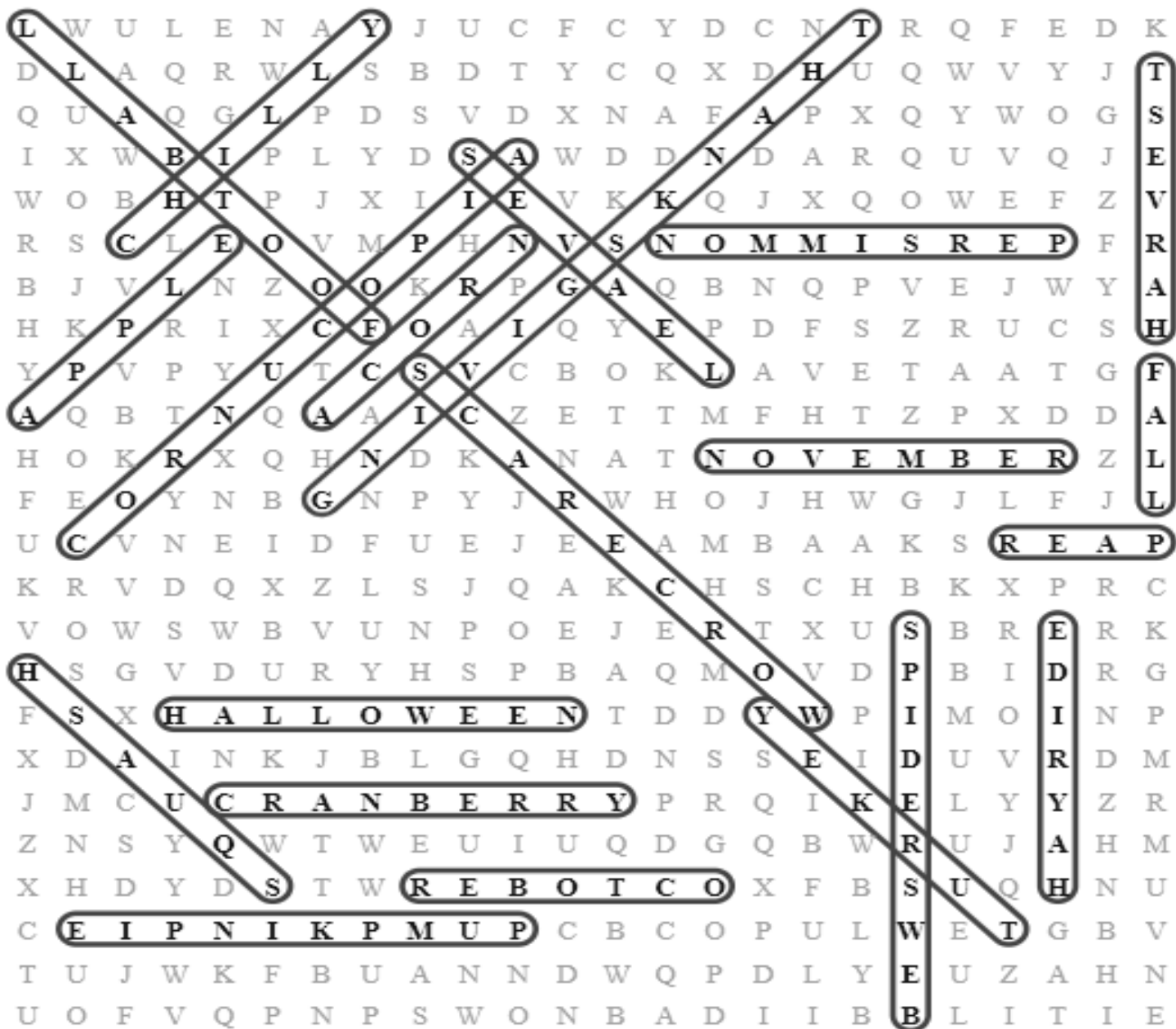
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1	2	7	5	3	8	4	6	9
9	8	3	6	4	7	5	2	1
7	3	8	9	2	5	1	4	6
4	6	9	8	7	1	3	5	2
5	1	2	4	6	3	7	9	8
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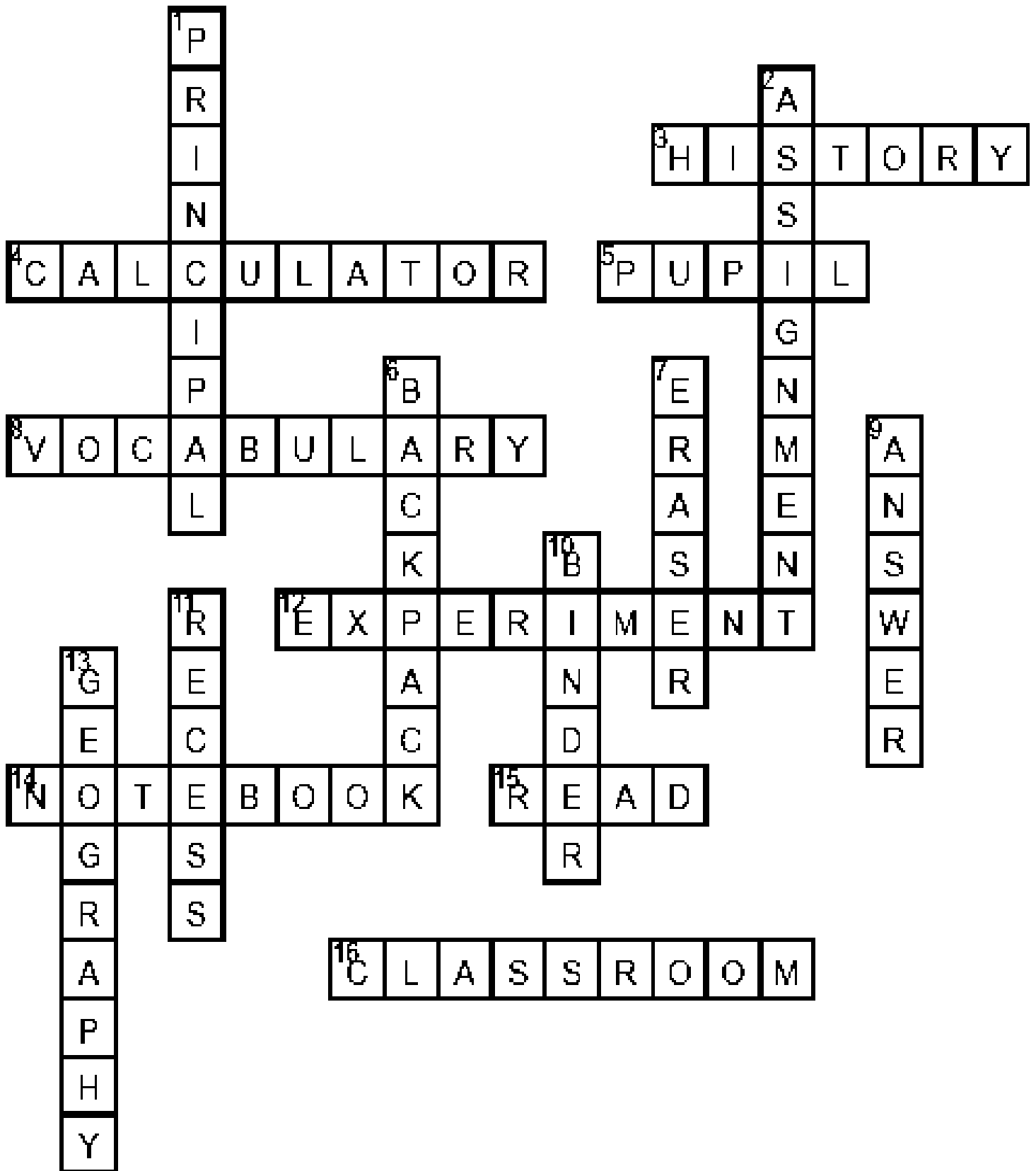
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### Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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3	4	2	9	6	5	7	1	8
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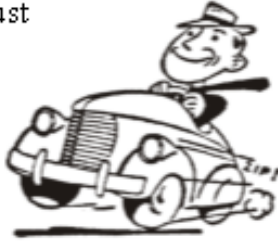
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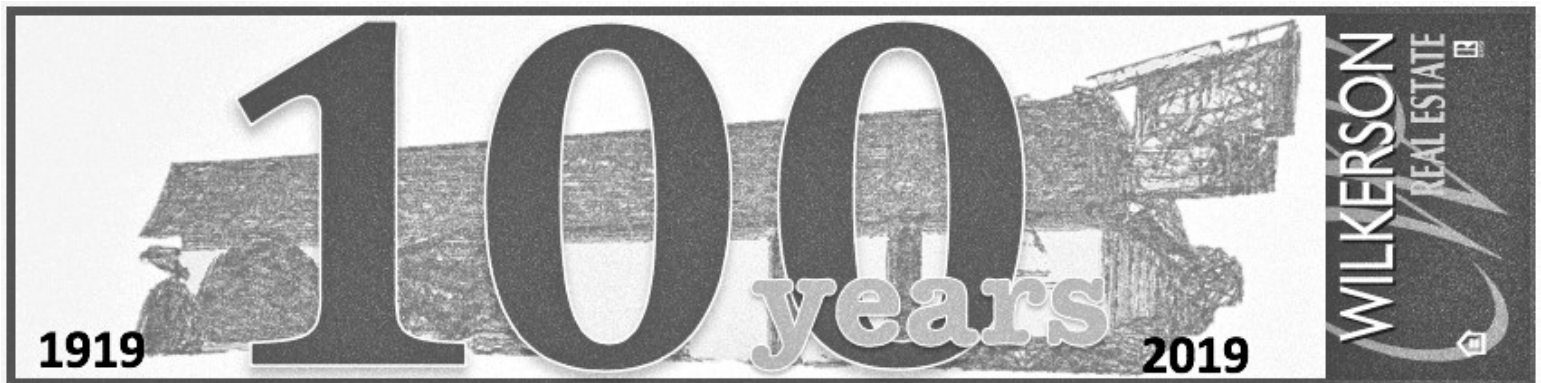
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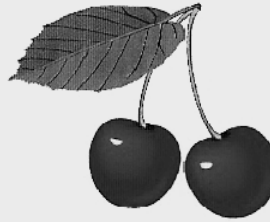
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