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## 7 things that happened in October through history

When did Brutus die? How did Mussolini rise to power? And why did Oliver Cromwell besiege the Irish town of Wexford? Here, Dominic Sandbrook explores some of the most interesting things that happened in October through history.

### 16 October 1888: 'Jack the Ripper' posts a gruesome memento

The autumn of 1888 found George Lusk most agitated. Lusk was one of Whitechapel's most prominent local figures, a self-employed builder and churchwarden who had been elected chairman of the area's Vigilance Committee. Like his fellow volunteers, Lusk was horrified by the police's inability to solve the crimes of Jack the Ripper, and his name featured prominently in posters appealing for information. But as the tension mounted, Lusk began to worry that somebody – a mysterious bearded man, he thought – was watching his house.

On 16 October, a little parcel arrived at Lusk's house in the evening mail, its postmark showing that it had been sent the day before. Lusk read the accompanying letter. "From hell," it began, and continued in ungrammatical, misspelled English: "Mr Lusk. Sor, I send you half the Kidne I took from one women prasarved it for you tother piece I fried and ate it was very nise. I may send you the bloody knif that took it out if you only wate a whil longer. signed Catch

me when you can Mishter Lusk."



(A picture from the 'Illustrated Police News' shows Constable Watkins discovering the body of Catherine Eddowes, whose left kidney was removed by 'Jack the Ripper'. (Photo by Art Archive))

In the parcel he found a little lump, preserved in alcohol. Initially thinking it a hoax, Lusk put away the box in his desk drawer, but next day he was persuaded to take it for medical tests. The results were chilling. It was indeed half of a human kidney; according to a newspaper report, one medical expert thought it had come from a woman aged about 45 who drank heavily. The Ripper's second victim, Catherine Eddowes, had been 46 and was a drinker – and it was known that her kidney had been cut out. Could Lusk's gory gift have been sent by the Ripper?

### 23 October 42 BC: Brutus commits suicide

For Marcus Junius Brutus, one of the

aristocratic assassins of Julius Caesar, the second battle of Philippi was a catastrophe. More than two years since Caesar's murder, Brutus might have been forgiven for thinking himself safe. Even at the beginning of October 42 BC, when he was facing the combined armies of Caesar's lieutenant Mark Antony and his heir Octavian, his position looked pretty good. But after a stalemate on 3 October at the first battle of Philippi, in modern-day Greece, things began to unravel.

The second battle could hardly have gone worse for Brutus. He had a strong defensive position but his officers were impatient to settle matters, and their insistence on mounting an attack soon backfired. After bitter hand-to-hand fighting against Octavian's forces, Brutus's army fell back in disarray.

That night, after fleeing from the battlefield, Brutus and his senior officers sat and talked in the darkness. He asked his old friend Volumnius to help him kill himself, but was refused. Brutus was undeterred. "After clasping each man by the hand... he said he rejoiced with exceeding joy that not one of his friends had proved false to him," wrote the historian Plutarch, "and as for Fortune, he blamed her only for his country's sake." Then he withdrew with another old friend, Strato. According to some reports, Strato held Brutus's sword, upon which the commander "fell with such force that it passed quite through his breast and brought him instant death".

When Brutus's enemies discovered his body, they treated it with striking respect; Antony even ordered that it be covered with his own expensive cloak. Brutus was cremated and on Antony's orders, his ashes were sent to his mother in Rome.

**11 October 1649: Cromwell's army ravages Wexford**  
On 11 October 1649, guns rang out across Wexford. For more than a week the Irish port had been besieged by Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army, which had identified it as a key royalist garrison and a crucial base for attacks on parliamentary shipping.

During the siege, Cromwell had been negotiating with the local governor, David Synnot, for a peaceful surrender. The English commander promised that if Wexford capitulated he would allow the garrison leave to disperse, and that "no violence" would be offered to the townsfolk. But on the morning of 11 October, the talks broke down.

Oliver Cromwell as painted by Robert Walker in 1649. That same year, Cromwell besieged the Irish town of Wexford, whose population was ravaged by the New Model Army. (Photo by Alamy)



A few hours later, for reasons that remain unclear, the officer commanding Wexford Castle decided on his own initiative to hand it over to Cromwell. Now the New Model Army had the upper hand. As the town's defenders broke and fled, Cromwell's men burst into the town.

What followed was carnage. The parliamentary troops stormed through the streets of Wexford, and hundreds of defenders fled for the river Slaney; many drowned, while others were shot down by their pursuers. Estimates of the total death toll at Wexford differ widely, but most historians agree that at least 2,000 people may have been killed – perhaps many more.

Contrary to popular belief, Cromwell had not personally ordered the attack on the town, but he shed no tears for the town's victims – for this was the judgment of God. "They were," he wrote, "made with their blood to answer for the cruelties they had exercised upon diverse poor Protestants."

### **28 October 1922: Mussolini marches to power in Italy**

The March on Rome, which assumed mythical significance in the Fascist imagination, was a chaotic affair. Italy in the autumn of 1922 was a turbulent, unhappy place, seething with industrial unrest and political discontent. By the final weeks of October, the Fascists' paramilitary 'Blackshirts' were itching to strike. On the 24th, with thousands of Blackshirts heading for the capital, their leader, Benito Mussolini, told an audience in Naples: "Our programme is simple: we want to rule Italy." Tellingly, though, Mussolini himself held back from joining the march. A self-interested opportunist rather than a fanatic, he wanted to stay out of trouble if the elected government regained control.

As it happened, the authorities lost their nerve. With much of the liberal regime paralysed by indecision, on 26 October the cabinet resigned, though the prime minister, Luigi Facta, agreed to remain in post to maintain order. Two days later, early on the 28th, Facta decided to strike back. He prepared to declare a state of siege, sending troops to defend Rome's gates and bridges, and ordering the army to arrest the Fascist leaders. By the time he took



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the draft declaration of martial law to the king, Victor Emmanuel III, news of the state of siege was already being broadcast on agency wires – but the king refused to sign the declaration.

Victor Emmanuel’s decision changed the course of Italian history. By lunchtime, the state of siege had been officially suspended. Facta was finished; Fascist supporters were openly celebrating in the streets of Rome. Two days later, the king invited Mussolini to form a government.

Why had he done it? Fear of civil war, some said, while others suggested that the king had deluded himself into thinking he could control Mussolini. If that was true, as events were to prove, he could hardly have been more mistaken.

Benito Mussolini (centre right) joins other Fascist leaders, including (left to right) General Emilio de Bono, Cesare Maria De Vecchi and Count Italo Balbo, for a celebratory march after being sworn in as prime minister. (Photo by Getty Images)



### Comment – Professor Richard Bosworth:

The March on Rome had two evident characteristics, raising issues that lingered through the Italian dictatorship and today dividing historians in their assessments of ‘the Italian road to totalitarianism’ (a word invented in Italy).

On the one hand there was violence and murder. The Fascist squads were armed and belligerent. Once the king had appointed Mussolini as prime minister, the Fascists raged through the working-class suburb near San Lorenzo, a raid that culminated in the burning of the small local socialist library. It was a demonstration that, from that point on, there was only one truth – and it was Fascist. Between 18 and 20 December, a still more brutal assault on working-class Turin followed.

Yet Mussolini had not himself marched with the squads. He had stayed by the telephone in Milan, negotiating with this politician and that one. His government was a coalition. Only in January 1925 did he pronounce himself ‘dictator’ of an entrenched ‘totalitarian regime’, where “all [must be] for the state, nothing outside the state, no one against the state”.

In 1922 the king, the Vatican and almost the whole of the national establishment backed the new government. This dictatorship won considerable consensus, one reason being that, in contrast with Hitler’s radical revolu-

tion, most of the time the ‘duce’ “worked towards Italians” – at least, those from the comfortable classes.

Richard Bosworth’s latest book is Italian Venice: A History (Yale University Press, 2014). He is now working on a study of Mussolini’s last lover, Claretta Petacci, and her world.

### Other notable October anniversaries

#### 19 October 1922

At the Carlton Club in London, Conservative MPs vote to break up the coalition led by Lloyd George, throwing the Liberals out of office for the first time since 1906.

#### 30 October 1864

After a series of devastating defeats, Denmark signs the Treaty of Vienna, ceding the duchies of Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg to Prussia and Austria.

#### 12 October 633

At Hatfield Chase near Doncaster, the troops of Gwynedd and Mercia smash their Northumbrian adversaries and kill their king, Edwin.

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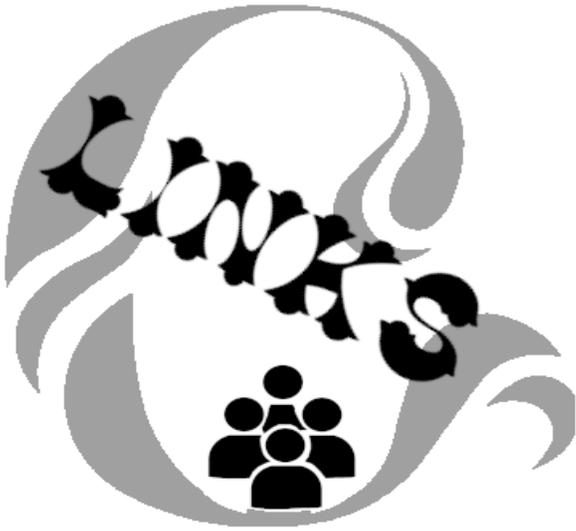
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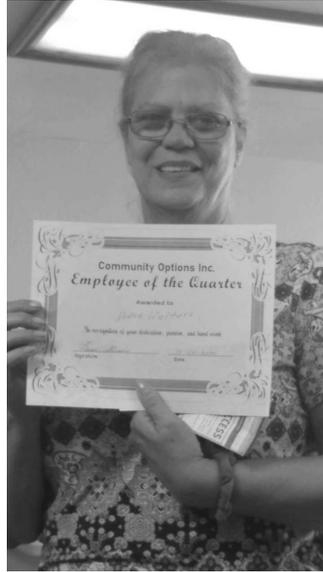
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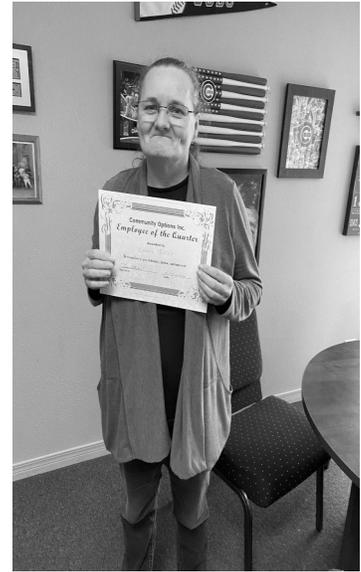
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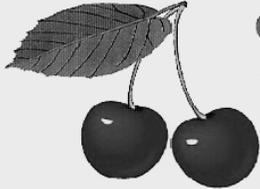
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# 4 WAYS CANADIAN THANKSGIVING DIFFERS FROM AMERICAN THANKSGIVING

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING, CANADA!

In America, Thanksgiving is one of the biggest holidays of the year. But did you know that Canada celebrates Thanksgiving, too? Here are a few of the key differences between American and Canadian Thanksgiving!



### 4 WAYS CANADIAN THANKSGIVING DIFFERS FROM AMERICAN THANKSGIVING

Canadian Thanksgiving and American Thanksgiving may look similar at first glance, but there are a few things that set these two fall festivities apart.

#### 1. CANADIAN THANKSGIVING IS IN OCTOBER—AND ON A MONDAY

That's right! Canadian Thanksgiving happens a full month and a half before American Thanksgiving, on the second Monday in October.

Since the beginning of the Thanksgiving holiday, its date has moved several times—from mid-week in April to a Thursday in November—until 1957, when the Canadian government officially declared that Thanksgiving would occur on the second Monday in October. This ensured that Thanksgiving and another Canadian holiday, Remembrance Day (November 11), would no longer overlap.

Today, Canadian Thanksgiving lines up with Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day in the United States, which are also held on the second Monday in October.

#### 2. AMERICAN AND CANADIAN THANKSGIVING HAVE DIFFERENT (BUT SIMILAR) ORIGINS

Everyone seems to know the story of the first American Thanksgiving in 1621, but do you know how Canadian Thanksgiving came about? In fact, the first Canadian Thanksgiving may have even pre-dated the Pilgrims' big meal.

The tradition of Thanksgiving originated with the harvest festival—an autumnal celebration meant to show

appreciation for the bountiful harvest of the season. However, Canadian Thanksgiving was originally less about celebrating the harvest and more about thanking God for keeping early explorers safe as they ventured into the New World.

In that sense of “thanks-giving,” the earliest report of such a dinner dates back to 1578, when English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew held a special meal to thank God for granting them safe passage through northern North America, into what is today the Canadian Territory of Nunavut.

The first Thanksgiving after Canadian Confederation didn't happen until April 1872, when the holiday was observed to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a serious illness.

Today, the tradition of Thanksgiving has come full circle, and it's primarily seen as a time to gather the family, mark the start of autumn, and celebrate the good food of the season.

#### 3. THANKSGIVING IS A LITTLE MORE LOW KEY IN CANADA

Thanksgiving is one of the biggest holidays of the year in the United States—with huge parades, massive feasts, and football—but it's decidedly lower key in Canada. Although the holiday is still widely celebrated in Canada and is a statutory holiday in most of the country\*, Canadians' approach to Thanksgiving is a bit more laid back.

(\*The exceptions are the Atlantic provinces, where the holiday is an optional day off, and in Quebec, where the holiday isn't as popular overall.)

Thanksgiving in Canada involves families coming together to eat turkey and celebrate the harvest, but relatives don't tend to travel as far across the country like they might in the United States. And because the holiday takes place in early October, the weather is usually still suitable for a Thanksgiving Day hike or vacation—a tradition that many Canadians readily take part in ahead of the long winter. Plus, because the holiday falls on a Monday, the Thanksgiving feast may instead take place on Saturday or Sunday.

Although you might expect hockey to take the place of traditional Thanksgiving Day football, football is part of Thanksgiving tradition in Canada, too. Each year, the annual Thanksgiving Day Classic double header is broadcast nationwide, wherein four teams from the CFL (Canadian Football League) play for Thanksgiving glory! (Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the games are cancelled this year.)

#### 4. THERE'S NO POST-THANKSGIVING SHOPPING CRAZE

Love them or hate them, Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become a big part of the Thanksgiving season in the United States. In Canada, however, there's no real post-Thanksgiving shopping craze, since Christmas is still so far off. This gives Canadians the chance to focus purely on celebrating the beauty of early October and the harvest!

That being said, no one can resist a good sale for long: in recent years, Canadian stores have started to participate in November's Black Friday and Cyber Monday, too. Especially in 2020, with the surge in online shopping, retailers may seize any opportunity to promote consumer activity around the holidays.

In the end, no matter how, when, or where you celebrate it: Happy Thanksgiving!

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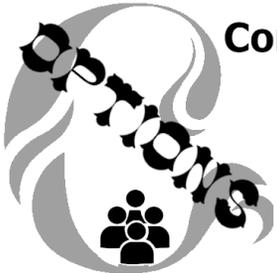


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## Pro Footballer Mohamed Salah Saves Homeless Man From Bullies

Professional footballer Mohamed Salah is being hailed as a hero for sticking up for a homeless man at a gas station.

Salah was at a gas station in Liverpool when he noticed a homeless man, David Craig, being harassed by a group of people.



The 28-year-old intervened and told the bullies that they could one day be in a similar position as the homeless man. He then went on to hand Craig some money.

"Mo was every bit as wonderful as he is for Liverpool on the pitch," Craig told The Sun. "Mo had seen a couple of the lads hassling me. They were calling me names, asking why I was begging and telling me to get a job."

"He then turned to them and said, 'That could be you in a few years'. I only knew I wasn't hallucinating when Mo handed me £100. What a complete legend."

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# Trading Posts and Their Stories

## Trappers and Hunters



When posts were located at convenient distances from each other in the desolate country where their vocation was carried on, the chances of the trapper for regular meals every day were materially enhanced.

Before the establishment of these rendezvous, where everything necessary for his comfort was kept, and the trapper subsisted on deer, bear-meat, buffalo, and wild turkeys — the latter were found in abundance everywhere. In times of great scarcity, he was frequently compelled to resort to dead horses. His coffee, and perhaps a scant supply of flour, which he had brought from the last settlement, would rarely suffice until he reached the foot of the mountains; and even when obtainable, the price was so exorbitant that but few of the early adventurers could indulge in such luxuries.

The first trading-post was established at the mouth of Clear Creek, Colorado in 1832, by Louis Vasquez, and named Fort Vasquez, after its proprietor, but never grew into much importance and was soon abandoned.

Fort Laramie, Wyoming painting by Alfred Jacob Miller. Walters Art Gallery.



Fort Laramie, Wyoming one of the most celebrated rendezvous of the trappers, was erected in 1834, by William Sublette and Robert Campbell of St. Louis, agents of the American Fur Company. It was first called Fort William, in honor of Sublette; later Fort John, and finally christened Fort Laramie, after the river which took its name from Joseph Laramie, a French-Canadian trapper of the earliest fur-hunting period, who was murdered by the Indians near the mouth of the river. It was located in the immediate region of the Ogallala and Brule bands of the great Sioux nation, and not very remote from that of the Cheyenne and Arapaho.

In 1835 the fort was sold to Milton Sublette, Jim Bridg-

er, and others of the American Fur Company, and the year following was by them rebuilt at a cost of ten thousand dollars. It remained a private establishment until 1849, the year of the discovery of gold in California, when the government bought and transformed it into a military post, to awe the savages who infested the trail to the Pacific, which had then become the great highway of the immense exodus from the Eastern states to the gold regions of that coast.

The original structure was built in the usual style of all Indian trading-stations of that day, of adobes, or sun-dried bricks. It was enclosed by walls twenty feet high and four feet thick, encompassing an area 250 feet long by 200 wide. At the diagonal northwest and southwest corners, adobe bastions were erected, commanding every approach to the place.

The number of buildings was twelve in all: there were five sleeping-rooms, kitchen, warehouse, icehouse, meat-house, blacksmith shop, and carpenter shop. The enclosed corral had a capacity for two hundred animals. The corral was separated from the buildings by a partition, and the area in which the buildings were located was a square, while the corral was a rectangle, into which, at night, the horses and mules were secured. In the daytime, too, when the presence of Indians indicated danger of the animals being stolen, they were run into the enclosure.

The roofs of the buildings within the square were close against the walls of the fort, and in case of necessity could be utilized as a banquette from which to repulse any Indian attacks.

## Early Trading Post



The main entrance to the enclosure had two gates, with an arched passage intervening. A small window opened from an adjoining room into this passage, so that when the gates were closed and barred anyone who might still hold communication, through this narrow aperture, with those within. Suspicious characters, especially the Indians, could do their trading without the necessity of being admitted into the fort proper. At times when danger was apprehended from an attack by the Indians, the gates were kept shut and all business transacted through the window.

About thirty men were usually employed at Fort Laramie when the trade was at its height, as that sta-

tion monopolized nearly the entire Indian trade of the whole region tributary to it. There the famous frontiersmen, Kit Carson, Jim Bridger, Jim Baker, Jim Beckwourth, and others, who in those remote times constituted the pioneers of the primitive civilization of the country, made their headquarters.

The officials of the fur companies stationed at Fort Laramie ruled with absolute authority. They were as potent in their sway as the veriest despot, for they had no one to dispute their right to lord it overall. The nearest army outposts were seven hundred miles to the east, and, like the viceroys of Spain after the conquest of Mexico, they were a law unto themselves.



Fort Laramie, 1843

In its palmy days Fort Laramie swarmed with women and children, whose language, like their complexions, was much mixed. All lived almost exclusively on buffalo meat dried in the sun, and their hunters had to go sometimes fifty miles to find a herd of buffalo. After a while there were a few domestic cattle introduced, and the conditions changed somewhat.

No military frontier post in the United States was as beautifully located as Fort Laramie. Surrounded by big bluffs at the intersection of the Laramie and Platte rivers, forming a valley unsurpassed in the fertility of its soil, together with the richness of its natural vegetation, it was an oasis in the desert. The glory of the once charming place has departed forever. It was abandoned by the government a few years ago, as it was no longer a military necessity, the Indian tribes which it watched having either become tame or removed to far-off reservations.

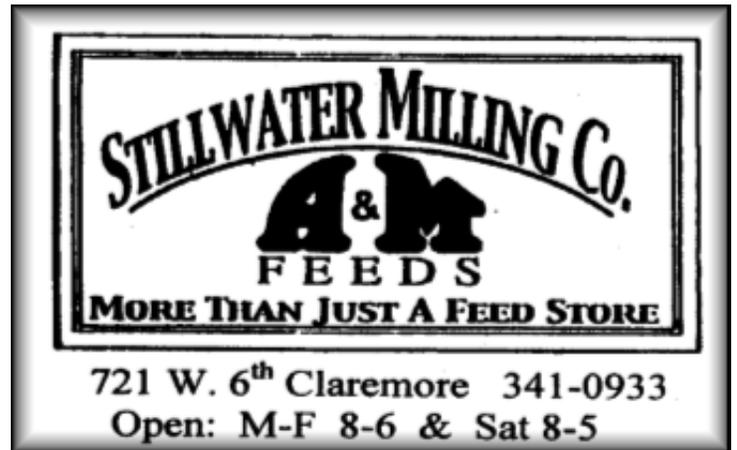
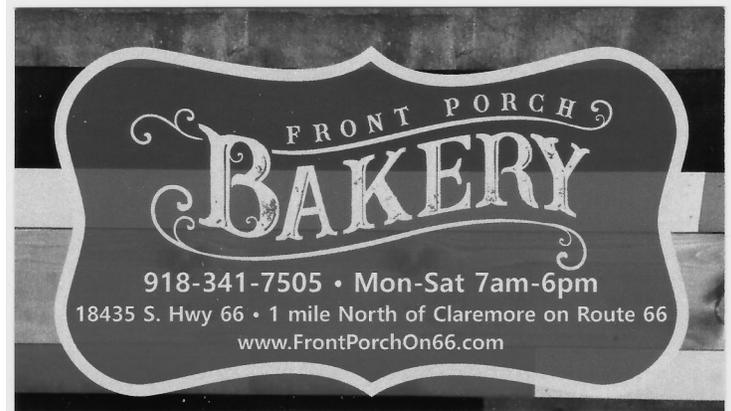


Fort Bridger, Wyoming

In 1826 Jim Bridger joined General Ashley's trapping expedition, and eleven years afterward, in 1837, built Fort Bridger, for a long time one of the most famous of the trading posts. It was located on the Black Fork of Green River where that stream branched into three principal channels, forming several large islands, upon one of which the fort was erected. It was constructed of two adjoining log houses, with sod roofs, enclosed by a fence of pickets eight feet high, and, as was usual, the

offices and sleeping-apartments opened into a square, protected from attacks by the Indians by a massive timber gate. Into the corral, all the animals were driven at night to guard them against being stolen, or devoured by wild beasts. The fort was inhabited by about fifty whites, Indians, and half-breeds. The fort was the joint property of Bridger and Vasquez. Upon the Mormon occupation of the region, the owners were obliged to abandon it, on account of disagreements with that sect, in 1853.

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# Halloween



Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on Saturday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

## Ancient Origins of Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

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When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter

By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the 400 years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of bobbing for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

### All Saints' Day

On May 13, 609 A.D., Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome in honor of all Christian martyrs, and the Catholic feast of All Martyrs Day was established in the Western church. Pope Gregory III later expanded the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs, and moved the observance from May 13 to November 1.

By the 9th century, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands, where it gradually blended with and supplanted older Celtic rites. In 1000 A.D., the church made November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It's widely believed today that the church was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, church-sanctioned holiday.

All Souls' Day was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels and devils. The All Saints' Day celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English Alholowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the traditional night of Samhain in the Celtic religion, began to be called All-Hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween.

### Halloween Comes to America

The celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies.

As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups and the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," which were public events held to celebrate the harvest. Neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's for-

tunes, dance and sing.

Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the 19th century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

In the second half of the 19th century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing the Irish Potato Famine, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally.

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# Haunted Belvidere Mansion in Claremore, Oklahoma

Belvidere Mansion,  
Claremore, Oklahoma



The Belvidere Mansion in Claremore, Oklahoma not only provides a peek at history but possibly, even a peek at a ghost or two.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the three-story mansion was built by John M. Bayless starting in 1902. Bayless, who was instrumental in building the Cassville and Western (C&W) Railroad, as well as the Arkansas & Oklahoma Railroad, moved his family to Indian Territory from Cassville, Missouri in 1901. The next year, he began to build the castle-like mansion for his wife, Mary Melissa Bayless, and his seven children. Belvidere was not only successful in the railroad business, but also in banking and land development.

The gothic-style brick home, complete with tile roof and four towers, provided for a portico on the north side for the guest carriages, as well as a large covered porch at the front entrance with a matching balcony directly above it. Inside, the floors were covered in tile, with wainscoted marble walls and pressed tin ceilings. Sliding pocket doors were used in several rooms and many had fireplaces. Much of the trim and woodwork used were brought from the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. The third floor of the mansion was dedicated to a 2,400 square foot ballroom.



Due to its immaculate details, the mansion took several years to build. At the same time, Bayless was also building a three-story Opera House, the Sequoyah Hotel, and an athletic building with an indoor swimming pool. However, Mr. Bayless would never see the completion of his

**John M. Bayless** grand mansion. In 1907, just six months before it was completed, Bayless died following an operation for appendicitis. He was president of the Bank of Claremore at the time of his death.

Mary Bayless and her six surviving children finished the mansion after his death and continued to reside there until 1919. All of her children resided in Claymore, with her older sons becoming involved in the Bank of

Claremore. Another became the local postmaster, and yet another went on to become a State Supreme Judge.

The building then changed hands several times and in the 1930's was sold to an investor who turned it into apartments. Like other historic structures that become rentals, the mansion deteriorated over the years until it was purchased by the Rogers County Historical Society in 1991. Today, the beautiful old building has been restored to its former glory and is fitted with period furnishings.

Today, the mansion is open for tours and is also available for special events.

Of the buildings that Belvidere built, only the mansion remains.

Over the years, numerous people have reported that John Bayless and other members of his family; however, still continue to "reside" in the beautiful old home. These allegations tell of unexplained noises, actual sightings of hazy figures, toilets that flush by themselves, hot and cold spots, and feelings of being touched by someone when no one is there.

On several occasions paranormal groups have investigated the old mansion, seeming to find the most paranormal activity on the second floor. There, psychics have "seen" children playing, as well as "meeting" a distressed John Bayless, and a distraught young woman who allegedly committed suicide when she lived in the building as a tenant in the 1940's.

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# Samhain

Samhain is a pagan religious festival originating from an ancient Celtic spiritual tradition. In modern times, Samhain (a Gaelic word pronounced "sow-win") is usually celebrated from October 31 to November 1 to welcome in the harvest and usher in "the dark half of the year." Celebrants believe that the barriers between the physical world and the spirit world break down during Samhain, allowing more interaction between humans and denizens of the Otherworld.

## Ancient Samhain

Ancient Celts marked Samhain as the most significant of the four quarterly fire festivals, taking place at the midpoint between the fall equinox and the winter solstice. During this time of year, hearth fires in family homes were left to burn out while the harvest was gathered.

After the harvest work was complete, celebrants joined with Druid priests to light a community fire using a wheel that would cause friction and spark flames. The wheel was considered a representation of the sun and used along with prayers. Cattle were sacrificed, and participants took a flame from the communal bonfire back to their home to relight the hearth.

Early texts present Samhain as a mandatory celebration lasting three days and three nights where the community was required to show themselves to local kings or chieftains. Failure to participate was believed to result in punishment from the gods, usually illness or death.

There was also a military aspect to Samhain in Ireland, with holiday thrones prepared for commanders of soldiers. Anyone who committed a crime or used their weapons during the celebration faced a death sentence.

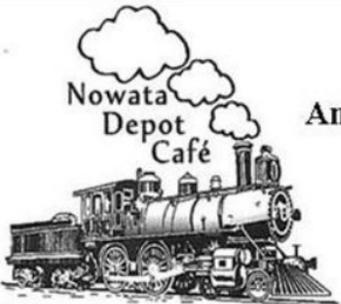
Some documents mention six days of drinking alcohol to excess, typically mead or beer, along with gluttonous feasts.

## Samhain Monsters

Because the Celts believed that the barrier between worlds was breachable during Samhain, they prepared offerings that were left outside villages and fields for fairies, or Sidhs.

It was expected that ancestors might cross over during this time as well, and Celts would dress as animals and monsters so that fairies were not tempted to kidnap them.

Some specific monsters were associated with the mythology surrounding Samhain, including a shape-shifting creature called a Pukah that receives harvest



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offerings from the field. The Lady Gwyn is a headless woman dressed in white who chases night wanderers and was accompanied by a black pig.

The Dullahan sometimes appeared as impish creatures, sometimes headless men on horses who carried their heads. Riding flame-eyed horses, their appearance was a death omen to anyone who encountered them.

A group of hunters known as the Faery Host might also haunt Samhain and kidnap people. Similar are the Sluagh, who would come from the west to enter houses and steal souls.

#### Myths of Samhain

One of the most popular Samhain stories told during the festival was of “The Second Battle of Mag Tuired,” which portrays the final conflict between the Celtic pantheon known as the Tuatha de Danann and evil oppressors known as the Fomor. The myths state that the battle unfolded over the period of Samhain.

One of the most famous Samhain-related stories is “The Adventures of Nera,” in which the hero Nera encounters a corpse and fairies, and enters into the Otherworld.

Samhain figured into the adventures of mythological Celtic hero Fionn mac Cumhaill when he faced the fire-breathing underworld dweller Aillen, who would burn down the Hall of Tara every Samhain.

Samhain also figures into another Fionn mac Cumhaill legend, where the hero is sent to the Land Beneath the Wave. As well as taking place on Samhain, it features descriptions of the hero’s holiday gatherings.

#### Samhain in the Middle Ages

As the Middle Ages progressed, so did the celebrations of the fire festivals. Bonfires known as Samghnagans, which were more personal Samhain fires nearer the farms, became a tradition, purportedly to protect families from fairies and witches.

Carved turnips called Jack-o-lanterns began to appear, attached by strings to sticks and embedded with coal. Later Irish tradition switched to pumpkins.

In Wales, men tossed burning wood at each other in violent games and set off fireworks. In Northern England, men paraded with noisemakers.

#### Dumb Supper

The tradition of “dumb supper” began during this time, in which food was consumed by celebrants but only after inviting ancestors to join in, giving the families a chance to interact with the spirits until they left following dinner.

Children would play games to entertain the dead, while adults would update the dead on the past year’s news. That night, doors and windows might be left open for the dead to come in and eat cakes that had been left for them.

#### Christian Samhain

As Christianity gained a foothold in pagan communities, church leaders attempted to reframe Samhain as a Christian celebration.

The first attempt was by Pope Boniface in the 5th century. He moved the celebration to May 13 and specified it as a day celebrating saints and martyrs. The fire festivals of October and November, however, did not end with this decree.

In the 9th century, Pope Gregory moved the celebration back to the time of the fire festivals, but declared it All Saints’ Day, on November 1. All Souls’ Day would follow on November 2.

#### Wicca and Samhain

A broad revival of Samhain resembling its traditional pagan form began in the 1980s with the growing popularity of Wicca.

Wicca celebration of Samhain takes on many forms, from the traditional fire ceremonies to celebrations that embrace many aspects of modern Halloween, as well as activities related to honoring nature or ancestors.

Wiccans look at Samhain as the passing of the year, and incorporate common Wiccan traditions into the celebration.

In the Druid tradition, Samhain celebrates the dead with a festival on October 31 and usually features a bonfire and communion with the dead. American pagans often hold music and dance celebrations called Witches’ Balls in proximity to Samhain.

#### Celtic Reconstructionists

Pagans who embrace Celtic traditions with the intent of reintroducing them faithfully into modern paganism are called Celtic Reconstructionists.

In this tradition, Samhain is called Oiche Shamhna and celebrates the mating between Tuatha de Danaan gods Dagda and River Unis. Celtic Reconstructionists celebrate by placing juniper decorations around their homes and creating an altar for the dead where a feast is held in honor of deceased loved ones.

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# Bug of the Day: Green Orchid Bee

The green orchid bee, *Euglossa dilemma* Friese, is a large, beautiful, metallic green bee named for its unique association with orchids and its distinctive color. While it can be found in the southern half of Florida, it is not native to this state or to anywhere in the United States.



Its native range includes much of Central America, and in 2003, it was first discovered in Broward County, Florida. Though we do not know for certain how it arrived in Florida, it was possibly introduced through a nest within a wooden structure such as a pallet.

It may be confused with some sweat bees, which are also metallic green, though it can be differentiated by its long tongue, pollen basket on the hind legs, and generally wider or more robust body size.

Orchid bees, including the green orchid bee, have an interesting relationship with orchid plants. The orchid plant produces a fragrance to attract male bees. The male bees visit the plant to acquire these fragrance chemicals, which are then used to attract female bees for mating.

In visiting the orchid flower, the male bee will pick up a packet of pollen called a pollinia, which is then transported to the next flower it visits, thus acting as a pollinator.

This relationship is unique in that bee and wasp males are not usually the primary pollinators for plants, but rather the females, which collect pollen and nectar to feed their young, are typically the more important pollinators.

In Florida, the green orchid bee has been found to visit and pollinate a variety of plants. However, the orchids that it visits in its native range of Central America are not found in Florida, and thus the males and females must mate without the aid of the fragrance compounds.

Despite these limitations, the green orchid bee has established itself in Florida. It is a solitary bee, and thus does not form large social colonies. It nests in aboveground cavities of many types, and uses plant resin to construct individual cells into which it deposits pollen and nectar and lays an egg.

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Sept 22st, 2020 to Nov. 7th, 2020 Pumpkin Festival at Shepherd's Cross - Celebrate fall with pumpkins, hayrides and harvest educational activities at Shepherd's Cross, an authentic working farm in Claremore. Come out and select a pumpkin from truckloads available in all shapes and sizes at the Pumpkin Festival at Shepherd's Cross. Guests can also take home straw bales and corn stalks for fall decorating. At this annual pumpkin festival, walk the hay maze, create a scare-

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Oct 2st to 31st, 2020 Haunted Castle Halloween Festival - Start your Halloween adventure with free entrance to the Haunted Village for hot and cold drinks, food, ghost stories and more. Bring the whole family and have your fortune read by one of the castle's fortune tellers. Pony rides, hayrides, a bounce house and plenty of photo opportunities will be available as well. Visit the Domus Horrificus, check into the Bates Motel and prepare to be frightened as you watch your favorite scary characters come to life before your eyes. Journey through the labyrinth of the medieval castle and into the cemetery with a visit to the Casa Morte. This event will be held every Friday and Saturday in October. Friday Hours: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday Hours: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Phone: 687-3625.

Oct 16th to 31st, 2020 Hallowmarine - Dress up in your best Halloween costume for a chance to win prizes and interact with some of the ocean's most curious creatures from the deep during HallowMarine at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks. Trick-or-treaters of all ages can enjoy a safe, fun, indoor alternative to traditional Halloween activities as they follow the Trick-or-Treat Trail through the aquarium. All of the exhibits at the Oklaho-

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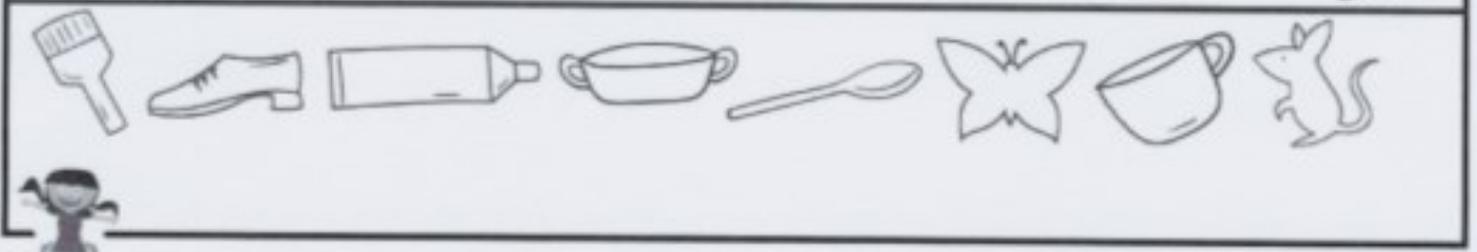
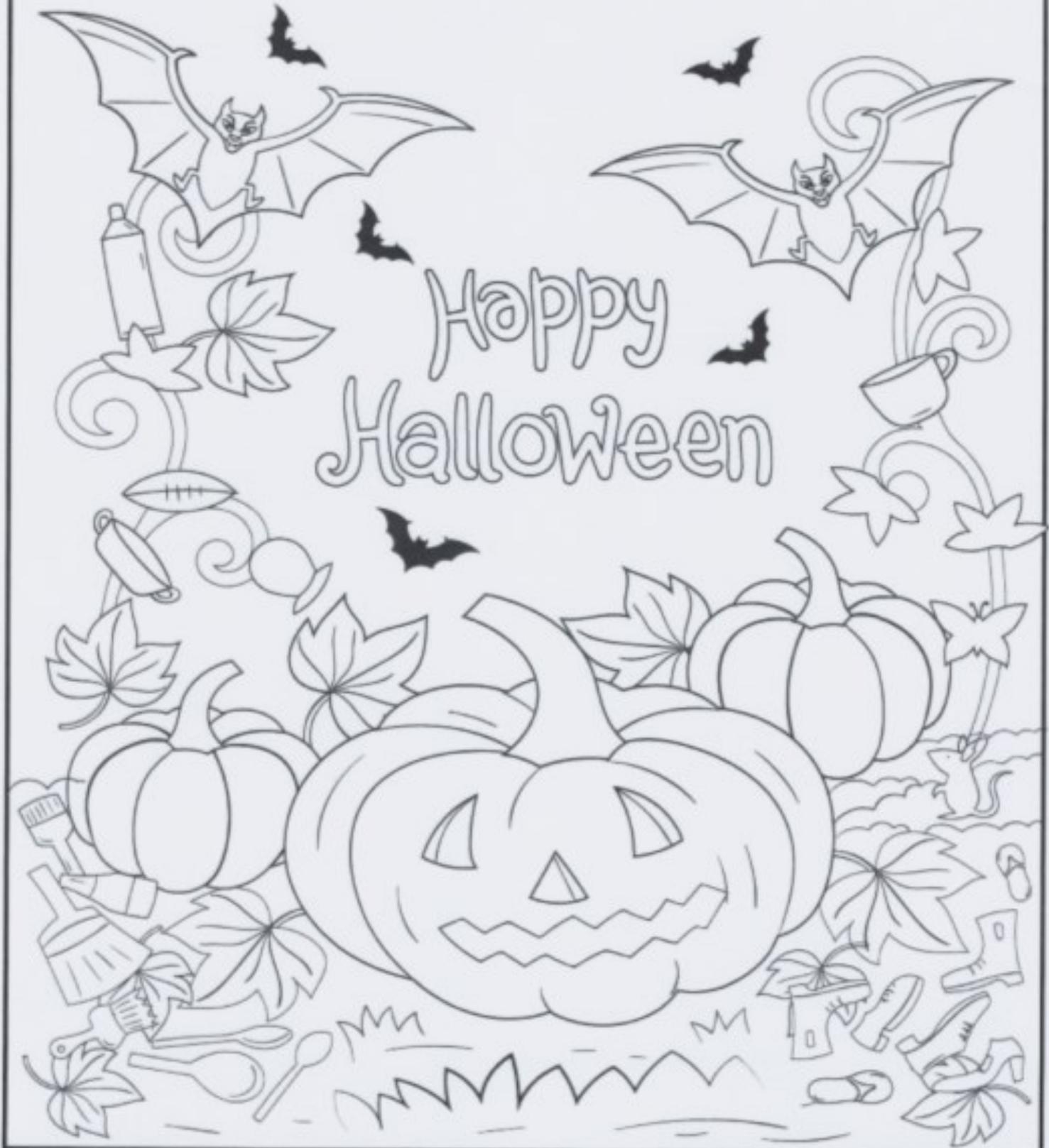
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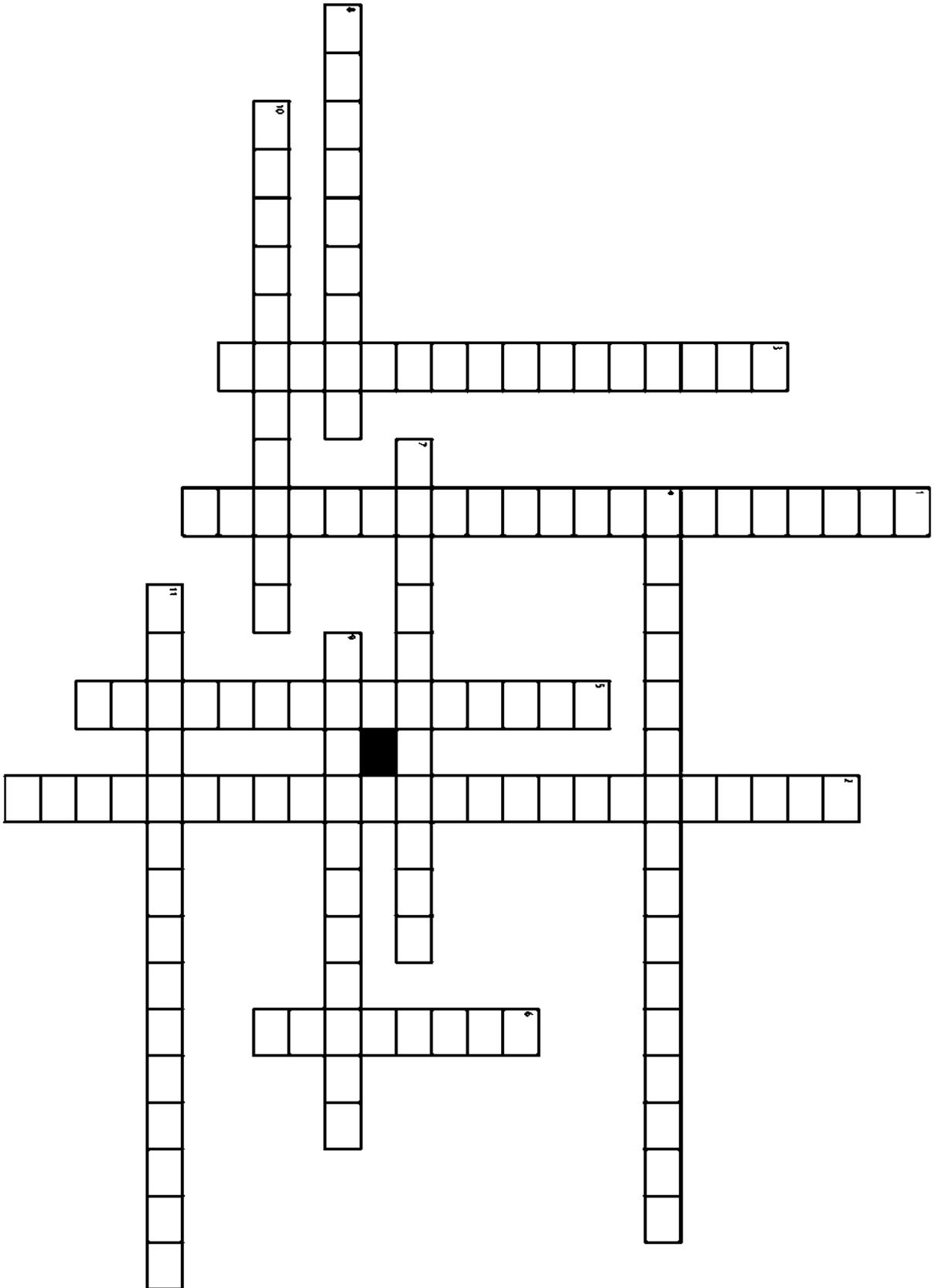
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 4. Internationally Awarded 1880's theme park of Missouri
- 7. Located in Kansas City
- 8. Visit the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee
- 9. Designed for children and water park in Cincinnati, Ohio
- 10. Founded by Milton Hershey for his employees
- 11. Theme park and Zoological park

**Down**

- 1. Located in Valencia Valley of California
- 2. Based on a famous book series
- 3. Who hosted Renaissance festivals & Firework sales
- 5. 12th most visited park in California
- 6. Located in Dallas

# Word Search Puzzle

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

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# CryptoQuote Puzzles

**Title:** A woman's point of view **From:** Jim Carrey

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

K U J L E Z   U I U S Y   O S U F X   M F E   L G

F   T Q M F E   S Q V V L E O   J U S   U Y U G .

**Title:** Spouse talking **From:** Rodney Dangerfield

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

J   P G V L E   Z   H M D T L E   Z D   Y R   A J B L

J E   R L G K H   J   F J F E   Z   A G E Z   Z D

J E Z L K K O M Z   P L K .

**Title:** Procrastination **From:** Don Marquis

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

# Test Your Knowledge of English Idioms and Proverbs

## Idioms

1. By the skin of your teeth
  - A. Hardly making it
  - B. Slightly making it
  - C. Just making it
  - D. Just barely making it
2. Caught between a rock and a hard place
  - A. Making an alternative
  - B. Making a choice between two unpleasant choices
  - C. Making an option
  - D. Making a preference
3. Giving the benefit of the doubt
  - A. Accept
  - B. Trust
  - C. Believing someone's story without proof
  - D. Swallow
4. A snowball effect
  - A. boost
  - B. something has momentum and builds on each other.
  - C. stimulant
  - D. none of the above
5. Go down in flames
  - A. Default
  - B. Delinquency
  - C. Oversight
  - D. To fall in a spectacular manner
6. To rub like the wind
  - A. To run fast
  - B. To run speedy
  - C. To run hasty
  - D. To do it pronto

## Proverbs

1. Stitch in time saves nine
  - A. Opportune
  - B. A stitch in time is a timely effort
  - C. Seasonable
  - D. Well- timed
2. A thing of beauty is a joy forever
  - A. The experience of beauty is blissful
  - B. Delighted
  - C. Satisfied
  - D. Tickled
3. All work no play
  - A. The idea that working constantly
  - B. Repeatedly
  - C. Continually
  - D. Hourly
4. All things must pass
  - A. Transfer
  - B. Nothing lasts forever
  - C. Reach
  - D. Subside
5. Any part in a storm
  - A. Asperity
  - B. Adversity
  - C. Hardship
  - D. In difficulty you need not to seek the perfect solution
6. Bad news travel fast
  - A. Default
  - B. In wider sense it's a comment on human nature being more interested in failure than success
  - C. Dereliction
  - D. Nofeasance

By Breanna McDowell Solution on page 27

# Man Trapped Under Tree For 4 Days Is Rescued

A man was cutting down trees behind his home in Minnesota when one fell on top of him and pinned him down for four days, authorities said.

Jonathan Ceplecha, 59, was rescued after the Redwood County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a person stuck underneath a tree.

His son, Miles Ceplecha, wrote on GoFundMe that Jonathan was on a hill in the woods behind his house in Redwood Falls when an oak tree that he was cutting fell on him.

"In a split second due to a freak accident, both of his legs were suddenly pinned down under an immovable log and his upper torso was now semi-twisted as he sat upright on the ground," Miles wrote. "His legs were broken instantly and he was in enormous pain but, with no phone on him and because he lives alone, there was nobody to hear or see him."

Jonathan survived by eating plants and insects and drinking his sweat and rainwater that he collected in his clothes, according to Miles.

"He kept his sanity by breaking down every day into hours, and each hour into 5-minute segments. As someone of a heavy faith, he prayed to himself often, and tried to distract himself from panic by meditating and inventing rhythms to follow from dawn to dusk," Miles said.

It took nearly two hours for authorities to free Jonathan from underneath the tree.

He's now recovering in a hospital.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

# Idioms and Proverbs Answers

## Idioms

1. D
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. A

## Proverbs

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. D
6. B

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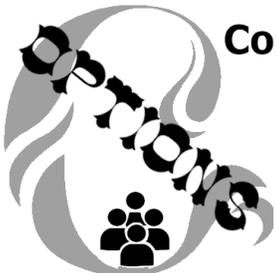
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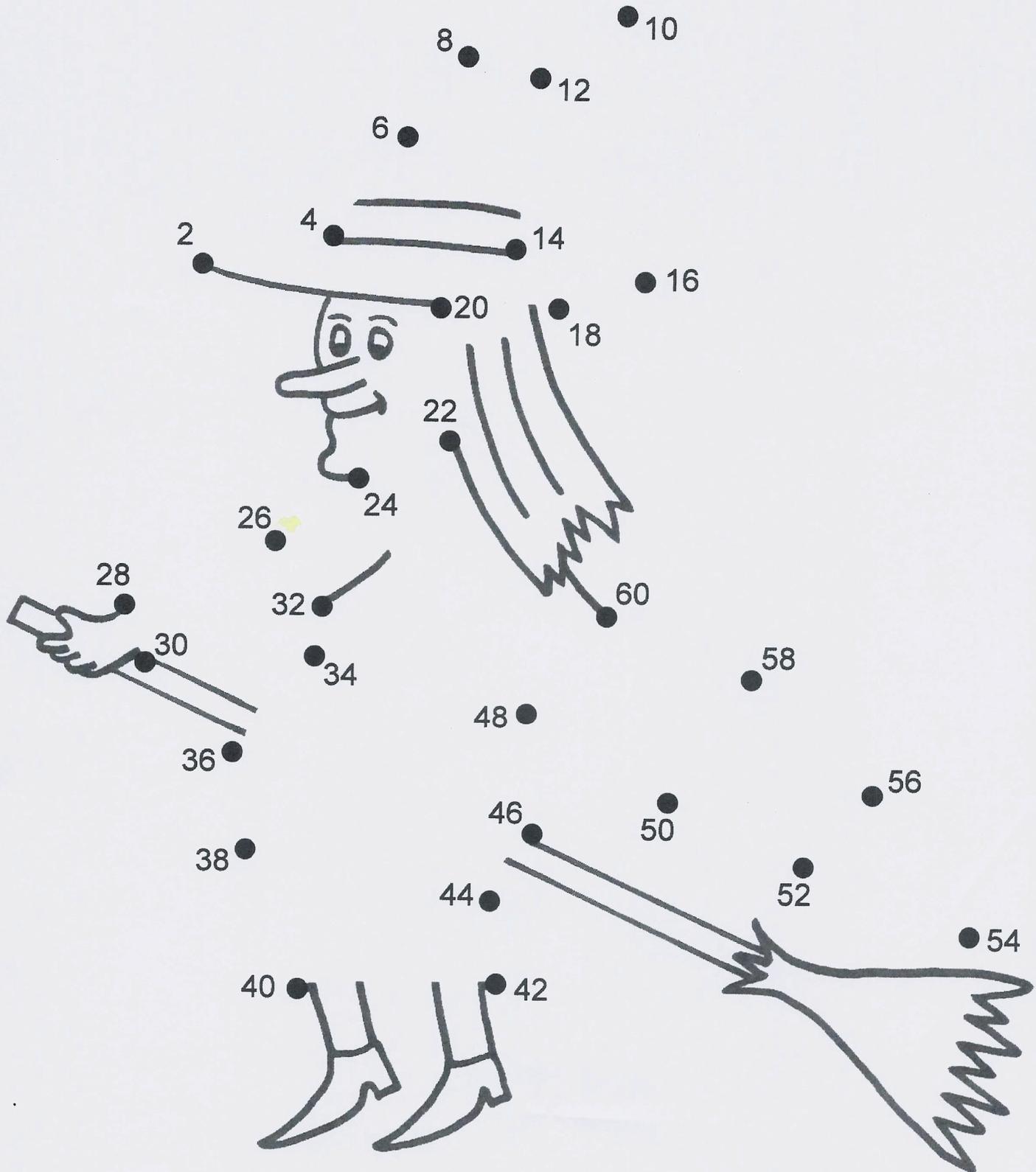
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# Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)



DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



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A little boy was reunited with his family after a neighbor found him walking with a large pit bull by his side.



Kh'amorion Taylor walked out of his father's home and spent the morning of Oct. 1 walking through the streets in his pajamas.

A neighbor spotted Taylor and was shocked to see a pit bull seemingly guarding the young boy.

For the next few hours, the neighbor knocked on doors up and down the street trying to locate his parents, but no one recognized the child.

Taylor's father eventually recognized his son on a social media post and was reunited with him.

According to FOX 2 St. Louis, Taylor took a liking to the pit bull and reportedly kept saying "puppy" as he was being reunited with his father.

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# CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

**Title:** A woman's point of view **From:** Jim Carrey

**Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.**

**Title:** Spouse talking **From:** Rodney Dangerfield

**I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.**

**Title:** Procrastination **From:** Don Marquis

**Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.**

By Steven Burtdick

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  - 2: SREEDIPSH
  - 3: MONSTER
  - 4: PUMPKINS
  - 5: ELTSAACDEETNUAH
  - 6: SLEEPEPYHOLLOW
  - 7: ALCULLENKENSE
  - 8: NAMP
  - 9: SAOGMZQMMU
  - 10: HEDAEELDFWNT
  - 11: STABB
  - 12: SERRISE
  - 13: EEWLVICLXG
  - 14: FILLSSCVLCLZS
  - 15: NAKKSTENTIN
- DOWN:
  - 1: SHIQ
  - 2: AAXN
  - 3: GYR
  - 4: WYR
  - 5: XG
  - 6: HZ
  - 7: RZ
  - 8: GZ
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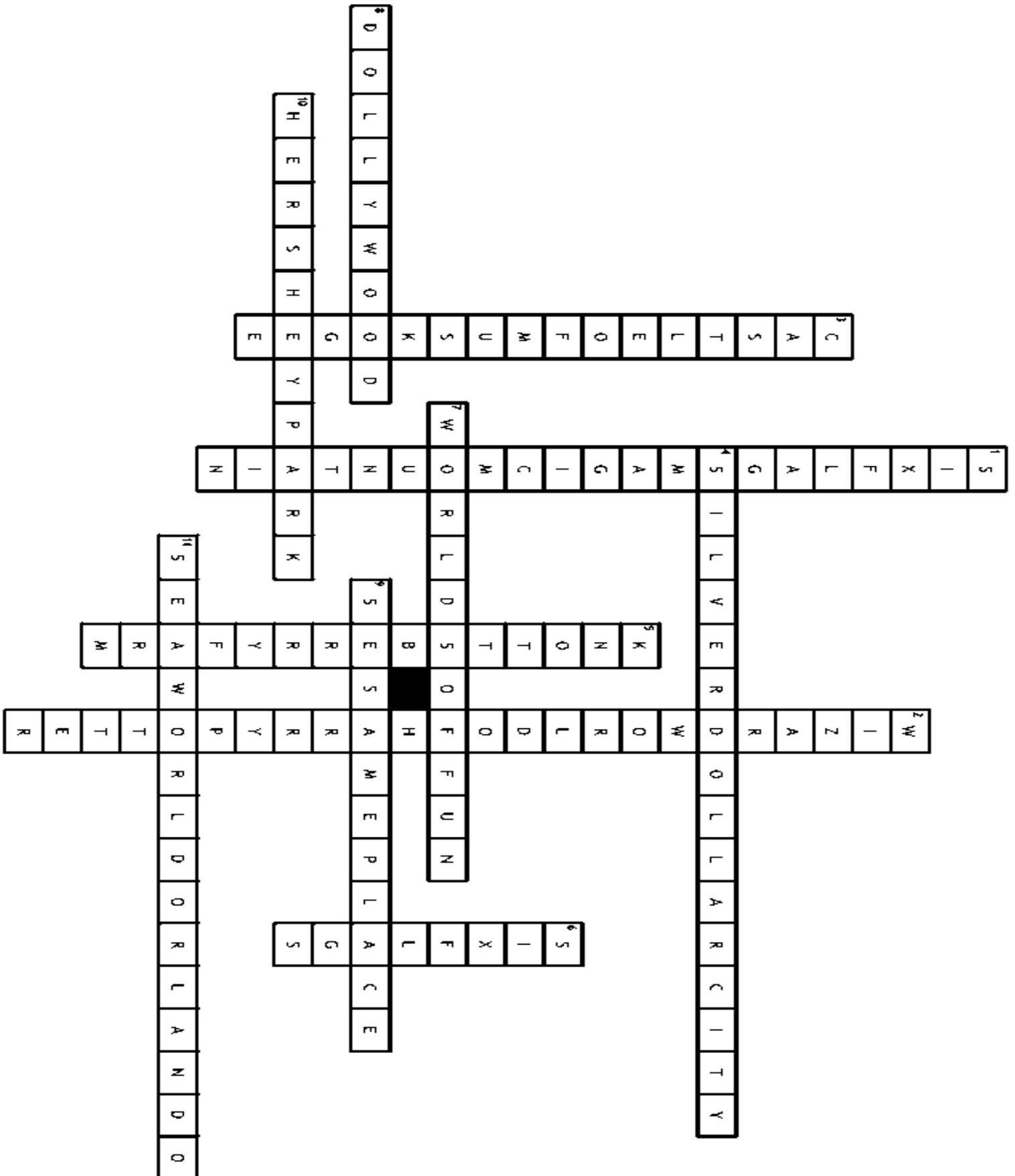
**Sudoku Puzzle Easy Solution**

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

**Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution**

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

# Crossword Puzzle Solution



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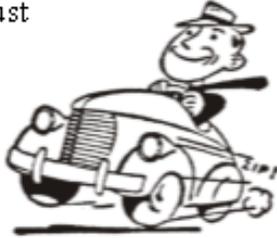
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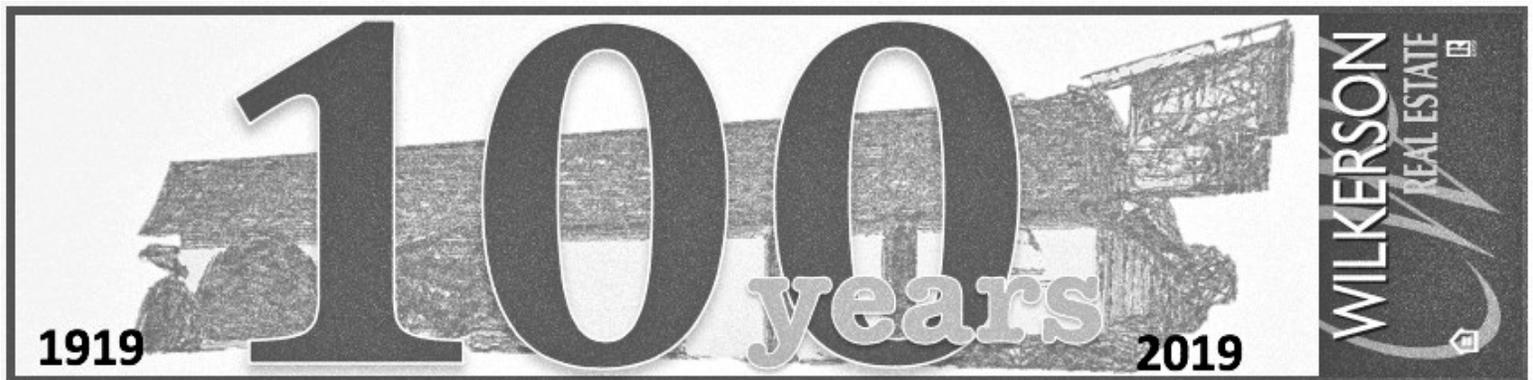
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