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10 weird things that have happened in November

Graeme Donald, author of On This Day in History, reveals 10 of the strangest things that have happened in November...

November 1, 2017 at 9:09 am

The collapse of the German mark in November 1923 resulted in an economic crisis. This store's rent increased so much as to force the owner to close down after one last sale. (Photo by Three Lions/Getty Images)



6 November 1810: A union of drinking and medicine

Only in Australia would one find a Rum Hospital. On 6 November 1810 Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of New South Wales, gave the valuable rum monopoly to a consortium of local businessmen on condition that part of their profits were used to build the Sydney Rum Hospital, parts of which still stand today.

6 November 1923: Germany inflated too far

There were riots in Germany over hyperinflation. The German mark sank to 4,210,500,000,000 to the American dollar, temporarily making bank robberies and mugging crimes of the past: money was just not worth stealing anymore. A loaf of bread cost 200 million marks: workers taking their wages home in wheelbarrows

was a common sight.

7 November 1872: The beginning of a mystery

The Mary Celeste – not Marie Celeste – sailed out of New York and into maritime lore. She was later found abandoned, but tales of the table being set for a meal and still-warm cups of tea are the stuff of fantasy. The ship's sextant and chronometer are missing, as is the only lifeboat, so apparently something caused the crew to abandon ship.

10 November 1871: 'Dr Livingstone, I presume?'

Welsh-born journalist Henry Morton Stanley found his quarry, the Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone, in present-day Tanzania, but did not say "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" The statement was invented the following year by the editor of the newspaper who had sent Stanley to Africa.

12 November 1035: Death of a joking king

King Canute of England, Denmark and Norway died. He did indeed take his throne to the edge of the sea to show sycophantic courtiers that all power has its limitations, and not even he could command the waves to be still.



13 November 1914: A big day for ladies' underwear

The fast-living Caresse Crosby, co-founder of the Black Sun Press, which numbered Laurence Sterne and Ernest Hemingway among its writers, was granted a patent for the first backless bra. Distracted by hedonistic adventures, she sold the patent for \$1,500 to a company that went on to make a fortune.

14 November 1889: Around the world in less than 80 days

New York World reporter Nellie Bly set sail from New York to put Jules Verne's 1873 novel Around the World in Eighty Days to the test. Making use of transport ranging from camels to Chinese junks, she completed the trip in a record 72 days, six hours, 11 minutes and 14 seconds.

16 November 1900: Insane circus performer almost kills Kaiser Bill

As Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany toured Breslau in an open coach, Selma Schnapke, a circus performer-turned -shopkeeper, threw an axe at him, with considerable accuracy and efficiency. It narrowly missed the Kaiser's head, and embedded itself in the interior of the carriage. Schnapke was later ruled to be insane.

24 November 1434: The River Thames turns to ice This day saw the first recorded instance of the river Thames in London freezing. Throughout the so-called Little Ice Age of c1350–1850 the river commonly froze, and Frost Fairs were held on the ice.

28 November 1859: Death of a myth-maker

The American writer Washington Irving died. He was probably responsible for the myth that many Spaniards opposed Christopher Columbus's 1492 voyage to the East Indies (during which he landed in the Americas) because they feared he would sail off the edge of a flat earth.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

The First Reference to Smoking Tobacco

In an entry in his journal dated 6 November, 1492 Christopher Columbus made the first written reference to smoking tobacco during his exploration of the New World



The native people rolled

the herbs, which they called tabacos, inside dried leaves and lit one end. Inhaling the smoke made them feel sleepy or intoxicated.

Columbus first came in to contact with tobacco in October when he was presented with a bunch of dried herbs on his arrival. Neither he nor his crew had any idea what to do with them until they observed the natives chewing them and inhaling the smoke. Sailors who decided to try smoking the tobacco soon found it became a habit.

Among the sailors who took up smoking tobacco was Rodrigo de Jerez. But Jerez ran in to trouble when he took his smoking habit back to Spain. People were alarmed and afraid at the vision of a man blowing smoke out of his mouth and nose, believing it to be the work of Satan. Consequently, Jerez was arrested and spent several years in prison.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh



True Stories From The Butterball Turkey Hotline, where people call to get advice how to cook a Turkey from the experts

- * Thanksgiving Dinner on the run. A woman called 1-800-323-4848 to find out how long it would take to roast her turkey. To answer the question, the Talk-Line home economist asked how much the bird weighed. The woman responded, "I don't know, it's still running around outside."
- * Tofu turkey? No matter how you slice it, Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey. A restaurant owner in California wanted to know how to roast a turkey for a vegetarian menu
- * Then there's the time a lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

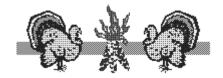


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- Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newly found appreciation.
- Pets won't pester you for scraps.
- The smoke alarm was due for a test.
- Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.
- After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.
- The less turkey Uncle George eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.
- You'll get to the desserts quicker.
- You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

Source: Craig Boldman and Pete Matthews, authors of Every Excuse in the Book: 714 Ways to Say "It's Not My Fault."

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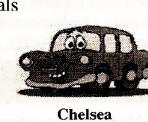
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What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?

If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

Why do Pilgrims have trouble keeping their pants up?

'Cause they wear their belts on their hats!

What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey?

What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey?

Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving!!

What is the Turkey's favorite black tie celebration?

The Butter Ball

How does a Turkey drink her wine?

In a gobble-let

How many turkeys does it take to change a lightbulb?

Just one but it takes 5 hours

Did you hear about the X-rated turkey?

It's served with very little dressing.

What do you get when you cross a turkey, the beach, and Broomhilda?

A turkey sand-witch

What kind of music did Pilgrims listen to?

Plymouth Rock!

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside!

Why do turkeys eat so little?

Because they are always stuffed!

What did the turkey do in the Thanksgiving Day Parade?

He played his drumsticks!

The Turkey Popped Out of the Oven

The Turkey popped out of the oven and rocketed in to the air; It knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair. It ricocheted into a corner and burst with a deafening boom, Then splattered all over the kitchen, completely obscuring the room. It stuck to the walls and the windows, it totally coated the floor, There was turkey attached to the ceiling, where there had never been turkey before.. It blanketed every appliance, it smeared every saucer and bowl; There wasn't a way I could stop it; that turkey was out of control. I scraped and I scraped with displeasure and thought with chagrin as I mopped, That I would never again stuff a turkey with popcorn that hadn't been popped.

written by Jack Prelutsky

DATA MASTER: Steven Burtdick







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Taking Humor Seriously in the Workplace

How serious can we be about humor in the workplace, and how humorous can we be about the seriousness we often find there? According to a Robert Haft International 1985 survey only 15% of workers are fired because of lack of competence. The remaining 85% are let go because of their inability to get along with fellow employees. When asked about the qualities of an effective employee, senior administrators and human relations personnel check humor as one of the choice attributes of a desired employee.

Why has humor become a recognized asset in the workplace? Humor facilitates communication, builds relationships, reduces stress, provides perspective, and promotes attending and energizes.

Humor Facilitates Communication

Humor provides a non-threatening medium through which an employee or employer can communicate with others without intensifying the emotional temperature of the relationship. Consider the frazzled secretary who posts the sign "I have only two speeds, and if this one isn't fast enough then I'm sure you're not going to like my other." Or the somewhat scattered boss whose messy desk is complimented with a note that says, "A Creative Mess is better than Tidy Idleness." The message is clear, yet the communication is done in a light and, therefore, less stressful way. The secretary's sign pokes fun at the situation, and the boss's note pokes some fun at himself.

Humor Builds Relationships

The development of staff cohesion and a sense of team effort in the workplace can be effectively facilitated by the use of humor. Bulletin boards, electronic mail, intra-office memos, voice mail, etc. all offer mediums through which we can share humor with co-workers. Office jokes taking the seriousness of work lightly provide us with the opportunity to become more connected with others.

Humor Reduces Stress

Work is often associated with stress, and we know that stress is one of the main causes of illness, absenteeism, employee burn-out, etc. Humor is a great stress reliever because it makes us feel good, and we can't feel good and feel stress simultaneously. At the moment we experience humor, feelings like depression, anger, and anxiety dissolve.

Humor and, its partner, laughter also reduce stress by activating the physiological systems including the muscular, respiratory, cardiovascular, and skeletal. In fact, we may even lose muscle control, as many of us have, when we laugh so hard that we fall down or wet our pants. Laughter has been labeled a jogging and juggling of the internal organs. When we laugh we feel physically better, and after laughter we feel lighter and more relaxed.

In addition, humor provides a psychological stress reducer as it snaps our thinking to another channel. Norman Cousins called it trainwrecks of the mind. One of the characteristics of humor is that it involves incongruity. We find things humorous when they are incongruous or mismatched. Good jokes guide us down one path only to suddenly track us onto another. The tracking is what we call the punch line. As we are tracked over, our thinking shifts and, in fact, breaking the mind set of the thinking leads to increased creativity.

Consider the story of the midwestern farmer crossing Harvard square searching for the library. He approaches a stately looking gentleman, who happens to be a Harvard English professor, and he asks, "Excuse me sir. Can you tell me where the library is at?" The professor looks somewhat disdainfully and replies, "At Harvard we do not end sentences with prepositions." After a pause the farmer turns back to the professor and asks, "Well then, can you tell me where the library is at...Asshole." In this joke we are guided down one path and suddenly tracked over to another. The incongruity is what we experience as humorous.

Humor Provides Perspective

Another way in which humor oils the gears of the workplace is by providing perspective. Ashleigh Brilliant (known for his one- liners often found on postcards) says, "Distance doesn't really make you any smaller, but it does make you part of a bigger picture." Consider the Ziggy cartoon where Ziggy is lying on the psychiatrist's couch and the psychiatrist is saying, "The whole world isn't against you... there are BIL-LIONS of people who don't care one way or the other."

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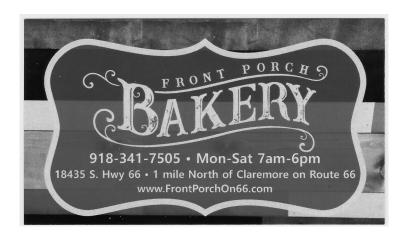
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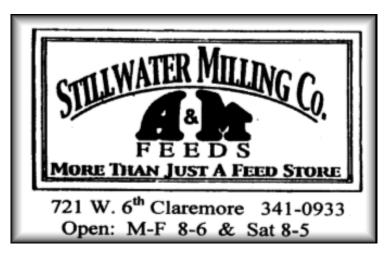
ries, and anecdotes that are shared in order to command attention and energize the audience. Humor wakes us up and increases our attending. An office bulletin board loaded with cartoons, one liners, jokes, pictures, etc. is one way to invite humor into the workplace. A few moments of humor at work can lead to increased productivity as the newly energized employee returns to his or her task.

In working environments where humor is supported there develops a culture that utilizes the humor to reduce stress and provide perspective. We have all heard humor directed at lawyers, medical personnel, scientists, engineers, business persons, educators, etc. Learning to laugh at ourselves and our work lightens the load. Humor is a major career asset, so let's be serious about humor and use humor to lighten our seriousness in the workplace. As we increase our personal humor quotient and spread our humor contagiously to others, we will begin to see the "lite" at the end of the tunnel.

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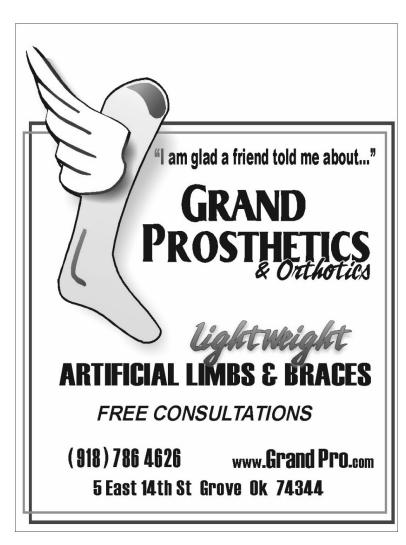
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Helping Hand, Listening Heart

A sweet memory from Oct 20 2014 that I thought I would share ...

Thinking about all of the elders that I got to spend time with during my grandmother's five-year stay in the nursing home. I can't imagine what it's been like for them without any visitors at all. So sad. Keep loving each other. Keep being kind. $\Box\Box\Box$

That day, I saw a man alone on a couch, in the front lobby of a nursing facility I have been frequenting, lying with his head on the sidearm – earlier he had been trying to push Jean, who has



cerebral palsy and can't move far alone, in her wheelchair, with his head, from his wheelchair. The song, "inchworm, inchworm" came to mind.

I asked if they would mind if I pushed Jean the rest of the way – Jean said, "yes, please!" and the man smiled a toothless 'thank you'. I thanked him for helping and pushed Jean back to her room down the hall.

Now, this same man was alone on the couch and as I got closer, I realized he had only one leg and the one he did have was dry and full with rashes; he was scratching it incessantly. I had a lotion in my bag that seemed to soothe his itching. I even found myself putting lotion on his other side as well, a stump where a leg had been. It just seemed a natural thing to do. He doesn't speak English but spoke to me in his home language — Vietnamese — and tears started to come gently down his face. I wiped his tears with tissues and stroked his face. He kept talking and looking at me as if I understood. I nodded and listened.

We didn't "know" each other and aren't "blood-related" and yet, in that moment, we shared a connection that went beyond blood - heart to heart. When I see him again chances are he won't remember me - but I will remember. And, every time my heart extends, it is expanding. So, who was helping who?

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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

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

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

Maya Angelou

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November: Fun Facts, Holidays, Historical Events, and More

Although the month of November is the last full month of autumn in the northern hemisphere, many parts of the country are beginning to experience colder temperatures and even snow during this month. The days grow shorter now, especially



once most of the U.S. "falls forward" by one hour, exiting Daylight Saving Time on the second Sunday of November. Here are some more fun facts about the 11th month of the year.

On the Calendar

November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin novem, meaning "nine." In Finland, they call Novem-



ber marraskuu, which trans-

lates as "the month of the dead." It is one of four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian, or modern, calendar.

In the United States and Canada, November is also known as National Beard Month or No Shave Month (also known as "No-Shave November") as a way to raise cancer awareness. Australians have a similar month where they grow a mustache instead of a full beard.

Birth Month

Topaz, a semi-precious stone that symbolizes friendship, is found in many colors, but it is the orange-yellow version that is the tradition-

al birthstone for November. Citrine, which is actually a quartz crystal that ranges



from yellow to orange in color, is considered another November birthstone. It is often mistaken for the orange-yellow topaz, which is the more expensive of the two stones.

The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. The word chrysanthemum comes from the Greek words chrys and anthemum, meaning golden flower. In the language of flowers, chrysanthemum is considered to symbolize honesty, joy, and optimism. Scorpio and Sagittarius are the astrological signs for November. Birthdays from November 1st through the 21st fall under the Scorpio sign. November 22nd through November 30th birthdays fall under the sign of Sagittarius.

Holidays

All Saints Day is a Christian festival held on November 1 that celebrates the lives of all saints. known and unknown. In Mexico and throughout many Hispanic communities in the U.S., November 1 is also known as



the Day of the Dead, a time for families to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. All Soul's Day, in which Christians essentially do the same, is celebrated the following day, November 2.

Veteran's Day, when we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, falls annually on November 11. It also coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which mark the end of World War I.

Thanksgiving, perhaps the most popular of all American holidays after Christmas, is celebrated each year on the third Thursday of November. Not only do Americans have the chance on this day to gather with friends and family over a sumptuous meal but they also get to enjoy a rare four-day weekend (with the Friday afterward, known as Black Friday, marking the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season).

Fun Days

National Men Make Dinner Day: the first Thursday in November (some of us think this should be every Thursday, year-round, but what do we know)



National Sandwich Day: Novem-

ber 3, which is also National Housewife Day (we're detecting a theme here . . .)

World Diabetes Day: November 14

International Tolerance Day: November 16

International Evolution Day: November 24, in celebration of Charles Darwin's publication of "On the Origin of Species" in 1859, and otherwise known as All Our Uncles Are Monkeys Day (no, seriously)

Recent Historical Events

The Erie Canal was formally opened in New York on November 4, 1825.

The Suez Canal opened on November 17, 1869.



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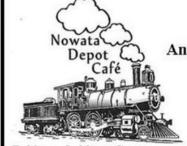
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Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863.

The United States and Panama signed the treaty that provided for the Panama Canal on November 18, 1903. The US and Canada celebrate the end of WWI every year on November 11, 1918.

After discovering debris-covered stairs, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his crew entered the four-room Egyptian tomb of 18-year-old King Tutankhamen on November 26, 1922.

The first mechanically ventilated underwater tunnel in the world, the Holland Tunnel, opened to traffic on November 13, 1927.

Commander Richard E. Byrd and crew of three became first to fly over the South Pole, November 29, 1929. Parker Brothers introduced the world to the Monopoly game on November 5, 1935.

On November 18, 1963, Bell Telephone Company introduced to the public the push button phone.

John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963.

The Reverend Jim Jones led over 900 of his followers to their death in a mass suicide, the largest in history, at Jonestown, Guyana, November 19. 1978.

On November 22, 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher resigned after 11 years in office, the longest term of any British Prime Minister in the 20th century.

The apartheid system in South Africa finally came to an end on November 1, 1995, with the first all-race government elections.

Famous November Birthdays

Jonathan Swift, author of

"Gulliver's Travels": November 30, 1667

Mark Twain, American author and humorist: November 30, 1835

British statesman Sir Winston Churchill: November 30, 1874

American artist Georgia O'Keeffe: November 15, 1887 Famed TV journalist Walter Cronkite: November 4, 1916

The first and, to date, only female Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi: November 19, 1917

Pulitzer-Prize winning poet Anne Sexton: November 9, 1928

Bruce Lee, martial artist and film star: November 27.

Celebrity chef and restaurateur Gordon Ramsay: November 8. 1966

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If humor is "the best medicine," then how do we sustain it as a central part of our day-to-day lifestyle? While isolated humorous experiences where we fall over with laughter are an important aspect of the health potential of humor, the greatest benefits of humor lie in our daily ability to use humor to reduce emotional and physical distress which may ultimately lead to increased wellness.

Jest for the Health of It

Expanding our "comic vision" is one way to increase our humorous lifestyle. Comic vision is the ability to perceive the humor around us and begins with discovering what tickles our funny bone. Some of us enjoy jokes or cartoons while others find humor in daily incongruities such as seeing a sign in a store that reads, "Children left unattended will be towed at the owner's expense." Our comic vision expands as we then share our humor with others.

Weave Your Web

Surfing the internet can be a great adventure to expand our comic vision. To locate a listing of many humor sites on the web, visit my web site at humormatters.com. At Joke_of_the_Day.com, you can join a mailing list and receive a new joke every day or, if you are really "serious about humor," you can explore the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor at aath.org.

Make a Prop-Position

Props are a fun way to add humor to your lifestyle. Carry a clown nose for a week and wear it at least once a day. (I blow bubbles from my car while stopped at traffic lights or while waiting in line at a drive-through fast food restaurant.) For those of you who prefer a more subtle approach, try wearing a humorous pin or keeping a set of wind-up toys or koosh balls at your work station. A few moments of fun for you and your coworkers can result in renewed energy and help you deal with frustrating problems. Many novelty shops and toy



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Play with Your Mental Blocks

Read signs around you and take meanings literally. For example, at the end of a cafeteria line in Las Vegas I read a sign that stated "We only accept US travelers checks." I turned to the cashier and said, "I guess I will have to put everything back. I only have cash!" The sign wasn't meant to be funny, but I read it literally, and it became funny (at least to me). By sharing my humor with the cashier, I attempted to lighten her day, as well.

Commit Yourself

Begin by committing yourself to do one thing in the next week to increase your comic vision and learn to share your "vision" with others. Carry and use a prop, learn and share a joke, e-mail something funny, make fun of yourself, exaggerate a situation, etc.

What Tickles Your Funny Bone?

As for your individual sense of humor, the question is not what is humorous, but what is humorous to you. The healing nature of humor is experienced through your wit, mirth, and laughter.

Wit: The Mental Experience of Humor

As we experience wit we intellectually appreciate, understand, and "get" the humor. Wit helps us break up our rigid ways of thinking associated with emotional distress --such as depression, anxiety, and anger--it also helps us to see the world with perspective, thus reducing the impact of the stressors around us.

Mirth: The Emotional Experience of Humor

Mirth is the experience of uplifting emotions such as joy, pleasure, or inner warmth associated with humor. Distressing emotions and mirth cannot occupy the same psychological space. As we experience mirth, our inner distresses dissolve and a pleasant, sunny spirit takes their place. We know this intuitively as illustrated by someone using humor "instinctively" to reduce another's anger. Many of us have been in a situation where, in the midst of being angry at a friend, our friend uses humor to dispel our emotional intensity. Some of us have even been known to say, "Don't make me laugh! I want to be angry."

Laughter: The Physiological Experience of Humor

Laughter is the physiological reaction to humor. The research on laughter, while limited, indicates that there are physiological benefits from laughter including an increase in certain antibodies, a reduction of specific stress hormones, and an increased tolerance to pain. (I usually listen to humorous tapes on the way to see the dentist to reduce discomfort in the dentist's chair.)

By learning to tickle our respective funny bones, we stimulate our own, and possibly other's, wit, mirth, and laughter. As we strive to live a lifestyle incorporating humor, we lessen the emotional and physical stresses increasing our health and well being. Indeed, humor may be the best medicine to keep us emotionally, mentally, and physically fit.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

A Momemt Of Being



Today morning was a usual Monday.

After getting kids ready I was walking my kids to school.

We actually were running to make it to school on time. In that hurry, I noticed an elderly man walking out with walker and he also had a long stick that helped him to pick up things on the ground. He was trying to get the news paper on the ground and was having some difficulty in balancing.

I noticed this while running with my kids. I actually went past him.

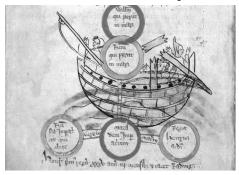
Then I heard a voice in me. I stopped. Went back and picked up the paper and handed it to him. He looked up with a smile and said "Isn't that nice? Thank you" I smiled and ran back.

I think many such small opportunities to be of service used to go past me in the past. Being in this community I am more open and recognize these opportunities to be of service.

Thank You all and much Gratitude for all of you who help foster this!

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

How Did The White Ship Disaster End a Dynasty?



On 25 November 1120, King Henry I of England was preparing to board ship to return to his kingdom for Christmas. He had been in Normandy to quell rebellion but could reflect on twenty mostly successful years.

He was in his early fifties, and as the youngest son of William the Conqueror, had not expected to inherit much. However, his brother William II had died without a son in a hunting accident, and Henry had acted quickly to snatch the throne. That brought him into conflict with his oldest brother Robert, Duke of Normandy, and in 1106 Henry had successfully taken the duchy from Robert, who was his prisoner.

As well as a recorded-breaking (about) twenty-four illegitimate offspring, Henry had been blessed with two legitimate children. His daughter Matilda was eighteen and married to the Holy Roman Emperor, Henry V. His son, William Adelin, was seventeen and set to inherit the Anglo-Norman lands without rival.

These successes, however, sank into oblivion alongside The White Ship.

A boat fit for a king

As King Henry waited to sail, a local man named Thomas sought an audience. He told Henry that his father had

transported the king's father, William the Conqueror, across the Channel in 1066, and he sought the honour of doing the same now. Thomas had just taken possession of a brand new vessel called The White Ship; a fast boat fit for a king.

Henry explained that he was too far through boarding to change his plans, but suggested that Thomas could take William Adelin and his companions instead. Overjoyed, Thomas got The White Ship ready to sail.

When the young lords and ladies arrived, they brought with them barrel after barrel of wine. As they piled on board, the sailors asked for alcohol, and it was freely given. As the scene grew more raucous, several men, including Henry's nephew Stephen of Blois, stepped off the ship 'upon observing that it was overcrowded with riotous and headstrong youths.'

Priests who came to bless the voyage were drunkenly shooed away as intoxicated soldiers pushed the oarsmen off their benches and took their places.

The young men on board goaded Thomas to push his ship to its limits and try to overtake the king, who had left port earlier. The oarsmen took back their positions, and the intoxicated pilot began to navigate out of Barfleur.

Just as the ship was leaving the harbour, picking up speed, it struck a large bank of rocks just below the surface of the high tide. It was a well-known feature of the port, and a drunken lack of care is the only explanation for the navigator's mistake. The jagged stone tore away the starboard side of the ship and water rushed in. Panic spread through the young lords and ladies on board as the boat quickly sank.

A few, including Henry I's heir, William, made it into a lifeboat and began to row away. William ordered the boat to turn around when he could no longer bear the screams of those fighting to keep their heads above the water. He

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could hear amongst the voices one of his half-sisters begging him to rescue her.

As they rowed back, hands grasped desperately at the sides of the little rowboat until it capsized and spilt those who had been saved back into the cold black water.

One survivor

Two men remained above water in the gloom of the moonlit night, clinging to the broken mast. One was a young nobleman named Geoffrey, son of Gilbert de l'Aigle. The other was a butcher from Rouen named Berold.

As silence fell over the scene of the disaster, Thomas, the ship's captain, bobbed to the surface near the mast. Seeing the two other men, Thomas called 'What has become of the king's son?' Berold and Geoffrey told Thomas that no one else had survived, so the prince must be amongst those lost to the sea. The captain despaired. 'Then it is misery for me to live longer', he complained as he allowed himself to slip beneath the sea into the depths.

By the time the sun rose on the calamitous scene, only Berold the butcher still held on to the mast. His cheap sheepskin overcoat had kept him warm. Geoffrey's finer robes had offered him no protection.

When word of the tragedy reached England, those with the king were thrown into dismay and turmoil. Many had lost sons and daughters on the White Ship, the young prince's companions, but no one was brave enough to tell the king what had happened to his only legitimate son. Lords and ladies at court stifled their tears and screamed their grief in private as all avoided telling Henry his heir was dead.

It was two days before Henry's nephew Theobald, Count of Blois, took control by pushing a young boy in front of the king to deliver the news. As the tearful lad relayed the story, King Henry fell to his knees weeping. His attendants had to lift him to his feet and lead him to his chamber. He remained hidden away for days refusing to eat or see anyone. His courtiers feared he might never recover.

One chronicler lamented that 'Not Jacob was more woestricken for the loss of Joseph, nor did David give vent to more woeful lamentations for the murder of Ammon or Absalom.'

Dynastic turmoil

Alongside Henry's personal grief came political and dynastic turmoil. The only son able to succeed him was gone so the only way to keep his bloodline on the throne was to ensure the succession of his daughter, Matilda. Henry had his nobility swear oaths of loyalty to Matilda and promise they would support her taking the throne on his death.

There had never been a female ruler of England, and none, including Henry, knew how it might work. For a king who had snatched the crown from one brother before the other's corpse was cold, there was no certainty he would get his desire. Henry remarried in the hope of bearing another son, but no children came.

When he died on 1 December 1135, Henry was sixty-seven. He had done all that he could but was at odds with his daughter Matilda and her second husband Geoffrey, Count of Anjou, when he passed away.

Three weeks later, there was a coronation at Westminster Abbey, but not for Matilda. Instead, Henry's nephew Stephen, who had disembarked from the White Ship just before it sailed, rushed to take the crown. This began nineteen years of civil war as the cousins Stephen and Matilda fought for the throne, which only ended when Matilda's son succeeded Stephen as Henry II.

The White Ship disaster was a personal tragedy for many families in England and Normandy, but it was also a dynastic catastrophe. That drunken night radically changed the course of England's future forever, ending the Norman dynasty and ushering in the Plantagenet era.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh



Up-coming Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nov 13, 2020 - Jan 4, 2021 BA Ice Rink - The BA Ice Rink returns for its fifth season at the Rose District in downtown Broken Arrow. Join in for another great winter of outdoor ice skating on 4,100 square feet of real ice. In addition to ice skating, grab some warm drinks from Rise Grind & Ride Espresso Cafe. Hours Mon-Thur: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Fri: 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Sat: Noon to 10:00 pm, Sun:Noon to 9:00 pm Extended Hours: Dec 19 - Jan 4: Open 12-10pm daily.

SUDOKU PUZZLES

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Special Hours: Nov 23 - 27: 12-10pm Christmas Eve: 12 -5pm Christmas: 12-10pm New Year's Eve: 12-10pm New Year's Day: 12-10pm 418 S Main St Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Nov 20, 2020 - Nov 22, 2020 An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa - An Affair of the Heart, one of the largest arts and craft shows in the United States, is known for its quality and variety of merchandise. Come to An Affair of the Heart, held at Expo Square in Tulsa, for a truly unique marketplace and shopper's dream, with booths occupying multiple buildings throughout the fairgrounds. Voted the No. 1 contemporary craft show in the U.S. by Sunshine Artist magazine's readership, an Affair of the Heart offers a vast array of arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, furniture, decorative items, accessories, jewelry, clothing, gourmet foods and more. Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74112 Phone: 405-632-2652, 800-755-5488.

Nov 20, 2020 - Nov 21, 2020 Kickoff Classic - Gather up your friends and bring them to Tulsa Expo Square for the Kickoff Classic wrestling tournament. Watch as competitors battle it out on the mat and see who comes out with awards and highest rankings. Awards given out at this wrestling tournament are among some of the sport's most prestigious.Friday: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 918-366-4411

Nov 21, 2020 - Nov 22, 2020 Dickens on the Boulevard: Dickens on the Boulevard is a Victorian-themed holiday festival in historic downtown Claremore. Visitors will enjoy live stage entertainment, food, pictures with Santa and much more. A Victorian street dance will be held both nights of the event and a Territorial Marshals reenactment will entertain crowds with plenty of Westernthemed action.419 W Will Rogers Blvd Claremore, OK 74017Phone: 918-341-5881, 918-342-0663

Nov 21, 2020 - Jan 23, 2021 Winterfest - Because of COVID-19 changes have been made for Ice Rink inside of BOK and vendors inside of BOK, Head to Third & Denver to enjoy carriage rides that will take you throughout the Winterfest area. Free entertainment will be provided each Friday and Saturday at the ONEOK stage. Children and adults alike will also be treated to surprise visits from Segway Santa as he wheels his way around the main plaza at the BOK Center passing out candy canes and posing for pictures. Call 918-277-1810 for details, before going to This Event. Ice skating open by advance reservation only. Carriage rides: Friday & Saturday from 7-10pm. Downtown Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone:918-894-4520

Nov 25, 2020 Lights On - Lights On has marked the start of the holiday season in Tulsa for over 50 years, and is a family tradition for many. Visitors come each

year to Utica Square for over one million dazzling Christmas lights, visits with Santa, Christmas carols and other all ages activities that bring the holiday cheer. Starts at 6:30pm. Virtual Event Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 918-742-5531

Nov 26, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020 Castle Christmas - Experience one of the world's largest collections of holiday inflatables and Christmas lights at this year's Castle Christmas, held at the Castle of Muskogee. Take a drive through the kingdom's winter wonderland and enjoy over 1,000 displays in various holiday scenes ranging from four to 20 feet in height. Bring the whole family and hop on an old-fashioned, tractor-drawn hayride or chug along on the Christmas Train throughout the Christmas village. Monday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Tuesday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Wednesday: 5:30 pm -10:00 pm Thursday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Friday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Saturday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Sunday: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm The Castle of Muskogee 3400 W Fern Mountian Rd Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-687-3625

Nov 26, 2020 - Jan 1, 2021 Rhema Christmas Lights -Join over 200,000 annual visitors at the Rhema Christmas Lights display and witness over two million shimmering lights synchronized to Christmas music. This much-loved lights display in Broken Arrow began in 1982 and has been attracting thousands of visitors ever since. Visitors to the Rhema Christmas Lights event can drive through the lights in their own vehicle, get out of the car and walk around the park, or view the spectacular displays from a carriage. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available on select evenings. Monday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Tuesday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Wednesday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Thursday: 5:30 pm -11:30 pm Friday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Saturday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Sunday: 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm Rhema Bible Church 1025 W Kenosha St Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Phone: 918-289-1607 918-258-1588

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Do You have an event that you would like to share?

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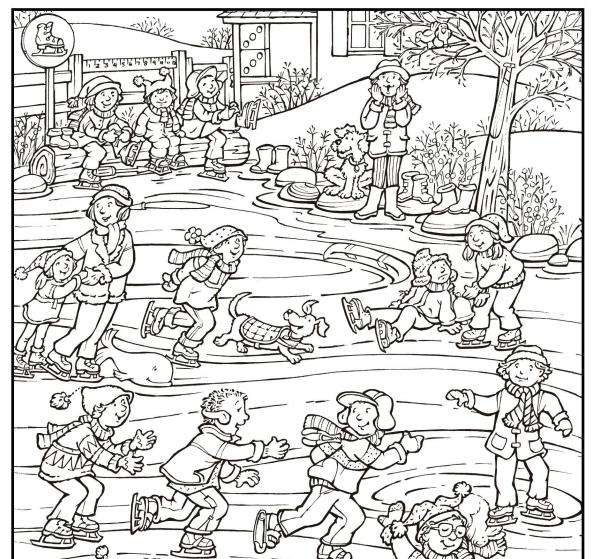
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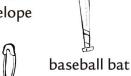
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First Day of Winter By Ellen Appleby



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butterfly







artist's brush





tube of toothpaste

In this big picture, find the whale, canoe, envelope, baseball bat, ruler, rabbit, safety pin, domino, candy cane, crown, heart, clamshell, butterfly, artist's brush, banana, bell, tube of toothpaste, screwdriver, and pliers.





Getting to know the Lutherans

Where Are Your Manners?

It was taught to us by our parents, we taught our children, and reinforced in our grand-children, that upon receiving a gift from a family member or friend, it was polite and courteous to say, "Thank you!"

Often overlooked is one individual who has richly blessed us – and that person is God. Part of the intent of a National Day of Thanksgiving is given to us to do exactly that – to "give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

One would say take a minute and thank God for all that he has given to you. And that would not be enough time because God blesses us so abundantly. You have his spiritual blessings through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sins, life, salvation and the gift of eternal life.

And then one considers the physical blessings – clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children . . . and all that I need to support this body and life. So this Thanksgiving, don't forget your manners and say "Thank You!" to God.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

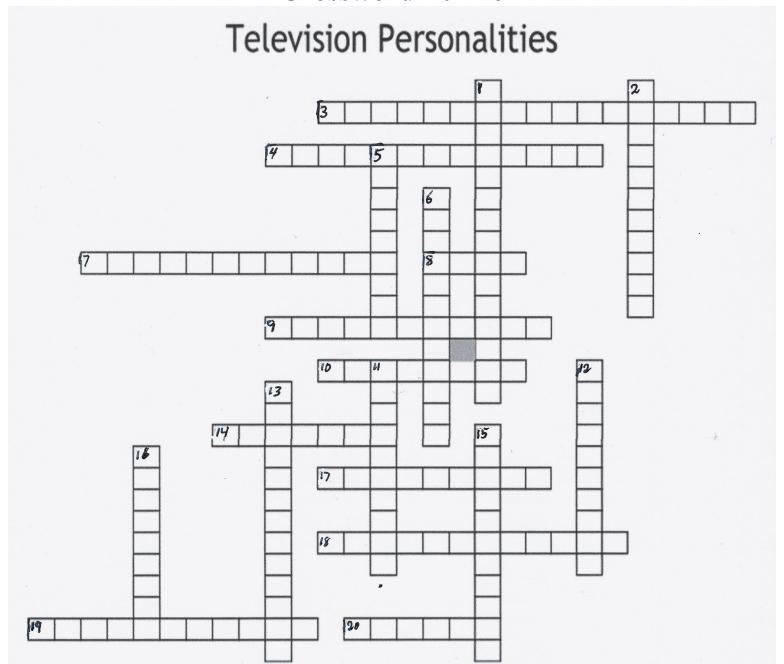
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Guests are always welcome. See you Sunday at worship.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 3. Comedy team in movies
- 4. Who was in the movie the good bad and the ugly
- 7. who started slapstick comedy
- 8. who was the famous talking horse
- 9. who was major Anthony Nelson
- Famous Feline
- 14. who was the talking mule
- 17. who is the host of Price is Right
- 18. what famous actor was in Sea hunt
- 19. Comedy Sitcom
- 20. who did the song Purple Rain

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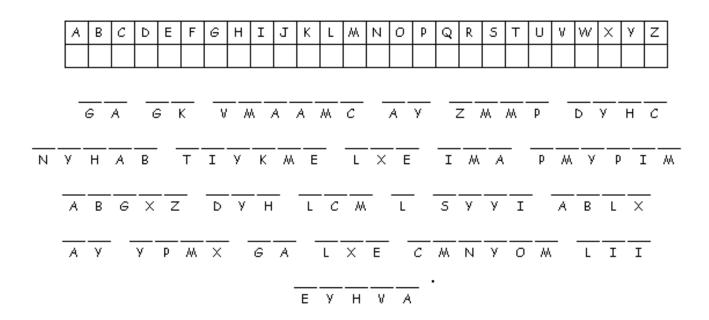
- Family singing group
- 2. famous comedian who plays the banjo
- 5. who was the Dad in Happy Days?
- 6. who was the black man in the original rat pack
- 11. famous comedian with his own variety show
- 12. Who was the famous game show host of Jeopardy
- Beach party movies
- 15. I Dream of Jeannie Star
- 16. Famous cartoon Dog

Word Search Puzzle Rock and Roll songs

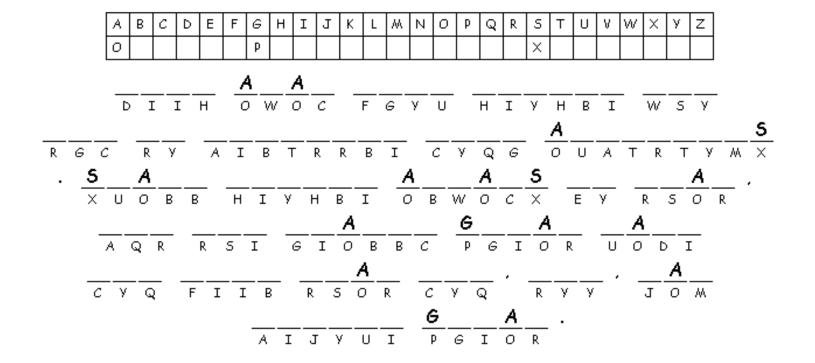
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CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Knowing when to keep mouth closed From: Mark Twain



Title: Small VS Great People From: Mark Twain



Test Your Knowledge of English Idioms and Proverbs

Idioms

Proverbs

1. Cutting corners

- A. Complete
- B. Achieve
- C. Observe
- D. Not to perform a task or duty correctly in order to save time or money

2. Getting a second wind

- A. Having energy again after being tired
- B. Intensity
- C. Application
- D. Effectiveness

3. Going on a wild goose chase

- A. A search that is completely unsuccessful and a waste of time because the person or thing being searched for does not exist or is somewhere else
- B. A successful search for truth
- C. Going wild in reaching a purpose
- D. A wild behavior

4. Hitting the nail on the head

- A. To describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem
- B. Injuring somebody by nail
- C. Performing a task correctly
- D. Achieving

5. No pain, no gain

- A. Consequence
- B. You have to work hard to succeed
- C. See results
- D. Arrangement

6. Stealing someone's thunder

- A. To prevent someone from having success or getting attention, praise, etc., by doing or saying whatever that person was planning to do or say
- B. Praise
- C. Belief
- D. Faith

1. Any port in a storm

- A. Hindrance
- B. Finding a solution to a difficult situation is better than none
- C. Obstacle
- D. Dilemma

2. Ashes to ashes dust to dust

- A. Expresses the notion that we come from dust and we return to dust
- B. Dusty
- C. Flakes
- D. Ashes are ashy and do not mix with dust

3. Comparisons are odious

- A. Comparing two different things or persons is unhelpful or misleading
- B. Cruel treatment
- C. Rough handling
- D. Mistreatment

4. Do as you would be done by

- A. Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- B. Do not harm others
- C. Brutalize others
- D. Behave as bad as others

5. Don't get mad, get even

- A. If somebody harms you do not waste your time and energy on being angry, but concentrate on harming them in return
- B. Revenge is a dish best served cold
- C. There is more pleasure to forgive the one who harms you so, you get even
- D. Take an eye for a tooth

6. Don't teach your grandma to suck eggs

- A. Don't offer advice to someone who has more experience than oneself
- B. Consultation
- C. Two cents worth
- D. Exhortation

Doug's November and December Video Game Releases

PAC-Man Mega Tunnel Battle {Stadia –Nov 17 Truck Driver {Switch}–Nov 17 Monster Truck Championship {Switch}–Nov 19 Poker Club {PC, PS5, XSX}–Nov 19 PS5 (Rest of World) –Nov 19 Hyrule Warriors: Age of Calamity {Switch}–Nov 20 Katamari Damacy Reroll {PS4, XBO}–Nov 20 Sakun:Of Rice and Rice and Ruin {PS4, Swith}-Nov 20 The Skylia Prophecy {Switch}–Nov 20 World of Warcraft: Shadowlands expansion {PC}–Nov 23

Cobra Kai: The Karate Kid Saga Continues {Switch}-Nov 24

Football Manager 2021 {PC}-Nov 24 Just Dance 2021 {PS5, XSX-Nov 24 Vigor {PS4}-Nov 25

War Thunder {PS5, XSX}–Nov TBC

When The Past Was Around {PS4, XBO, Switch}-Nov 2 TBC

Chronos: Before the Ashes [PC, PS4, XBO, Switch,

Stadia} Dec 1

Empire of Sin [PC, PS4, XBO, Switch] -Dec 1

Twin Mirror: Lot On Arrival {PC, PS4, XBO}-Dec 1

Worms Rumble {PC, PS5, PS4}-Dec 1

Shiren the Wanderer: The Tower of Fortune and the

Dice of Fate {PC}-Dec 3

Taiko no Tatsujin: Rhythmic Adventure Pack {Switch}

Dragon Quest 1 {S: Echoes of an Elusive Age – Definitive Edition {PC, PS4, XBO}-Dec 4

FIFA 21 {PS5, XSX}-Dec 4
Fitness Boxing 2: Rhythm & Exercise {Switch}-Dec 4
John Wick Hex {XBO, Switch}-Dec 4

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



Idioms and Proverbs Answers

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By Breanna McDowell

Six Flags Orleans

6. A

Abandoned theme park in New Orleans. It first opened in 2000, but has been closed. It was seriously damaged by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. Six flags had remained abandoned, overgrown with plants, infested with wildlife and poor condition.

August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in New Orleans. New Orleans suffered \$70 billion in damages.

The water from Lake Pontchartrain overflowed onto the theme park after the park's drainage pipes failed to keep up with the flow of water and flooded the entire park for the duration of Katrina.

July 1, 2006, Six Flags would be closed. It was destroyed by the storm at \$ 32.5 million. September 2006, Six Flags had collected \$11.5 million.

Six Flags officials revealed to the New Orleans Times that the company was suing for \$ 17.5 million.

Bayou Blaster and Sonic Slam were removed in 2008. The Road Runner express was removed in 2009. King Chaos was removed earlier in 2005. Voodoo Volcano was removed earlier in 2005.

Dinner For A Friend

We have friends who are getting up in years. The wife is experiencing Alzheimer's disease. It is heartbreaking to watch the husband's loving care as he navigates this journey with her. She is not always well enough to get out, but when we saw them yesterday I invited them out for dinner tonight.

I'm glad I did. Our friend drifted in and out of the conversation, and forgot what she had eaten, or what she had said, but she seemed happy to included. I was happy to give her that time.



She used to be a vibrant, witty conversationalist. I will hold on to those memories and try to give her some happy times, even if she will not remember them. I sent them home with extra food.

The Night Guard

Winter had arrived with biting cold winds. We shivered even with sweaters and coats. One night, as we entered

our b uilding gate after a late night party, my husband noticed the guard wearing only a pullover.

He immediately took off his jacket and gave it to him. The guard wore the jacket then and there and thanked my husband profusely. I was touched by this action.



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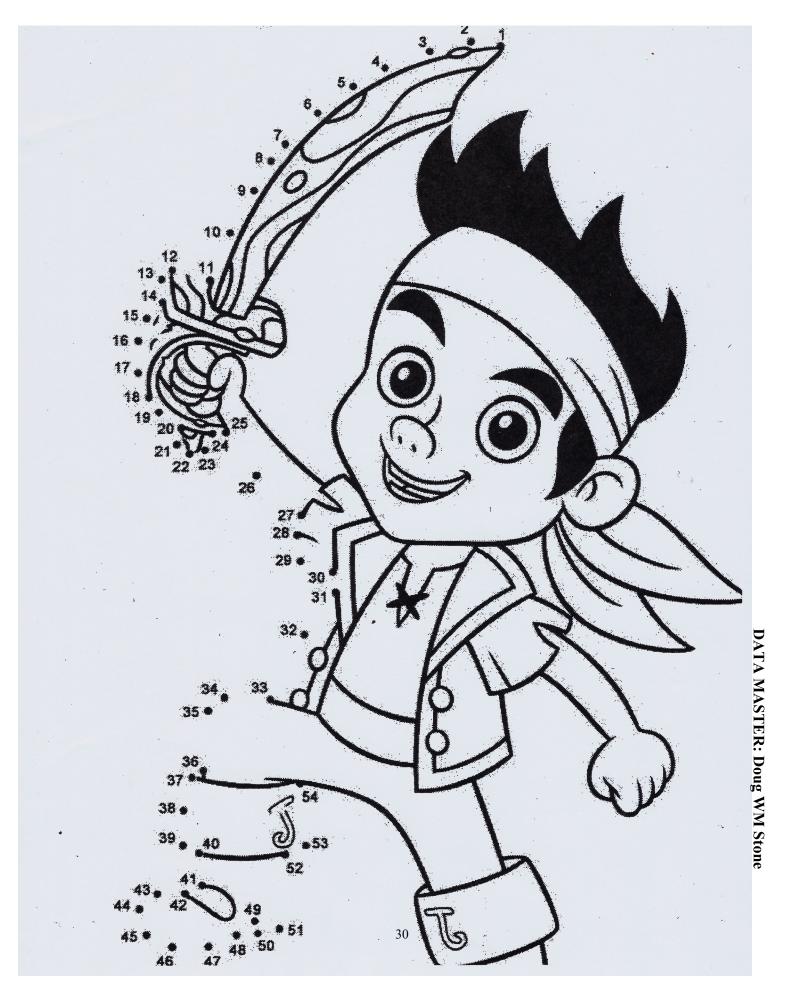
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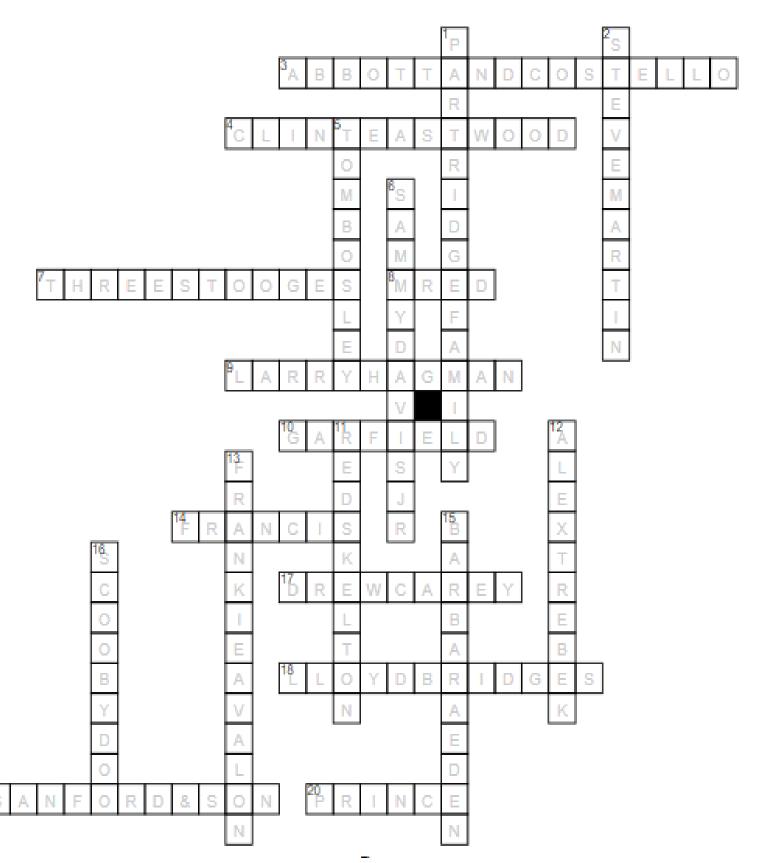
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