



CK Reporter of the Week  
Eva Perak, Denver

# Staying enriched under lockdown

We asked our reporters to let us know how they were faring under the school closures and lockdown. You'll find unedited versions of their answers at <https://nextgen.yourhub.com/>

Coronavirus has us working from home, and while it has made us a little stir-crazy, we have been enjoying some perks.



We miss face-to-face time, and we long for what we used to be able to do, like going to a restaurant, or even visiting someone who doesn't live with you.

We have been reading, baking, and taking walks every day. I text my friends daily, and we FaceTime once a week, but I would like to do it twice a week, just to help with my withdrawal from seeing people.

I started online school, and it's been a little rough to get used to, but I think that I'll get it. After all, we only have a month to pick it up, right?

Our teachers have been using Schoology to post assignments, and for classes like Theater, we're using online resources to take videos of ourselves and send to the teachers. For other classes, we're using resources like Google Classroom to submit our assignments.

One benefit to being inside is that my family and I have been enjoying activities together, like backyard badminton, Uno Flip, and Pictionary. We've been buying enough food and groceries to last us two weeks, so we only have to go shopping twice a month.

Other than that, we have been treating this like a new normal. We work online, and we all work on the same floor. This has been a little distracting, but we're doing the best with what we're handed.

We set up workstations, which helps personalize the space and helps us feel more excited about working from home.

Something I love about this is that even though we're all in the midst of different situations and home lives, we're all understanding of each other, and staying as connected as possible.

-- Izzie Intrigo, Aurora

I've always loved staying home from school, so when my dad told me that my school had an extended spring break, I was very excited.



However, when my parents said that I couldn't have playdates with friends or go outside, I was very sad.

It made me feel like I was trapped inside, and didn't feel like a real break. Also, when my vacation plans were ruined, I was very upset.

However, I started to understand why we're needing to do this, and even though I was bored, I was able to find something to do, like learning a new coding language.

My parents also told me that I could call my friends or go out in the backyard, and my feelings of disappointment were starting to disappear.



If you feel like jumping out the door, understanding why we need to do this is a great idea for you.

-- Ethan Jung, Denver



School may be out for the rest of the year for Boulder Valley School District students.

For me this will be weird because I am in 8th grade and all the end of year celebrations will probably be canceled. Same goes for my brother who is in 5th grade.

My dog Mocha is happy. The only thing that makes him sad is that he can't play with his best friend because of social distancing.

For my mom it was easy to move online because she is a teacher at Metro State University and one of her classes is already online and the other on campus one is also mostly online; she just lectures on Zoom.

My Dad is an environmental consultant and his company is online but a few people have to go in to make sure the others can do their work so he still has to go to work to keep things in order.

But we are all doing well and doing our best to practice social distancing and staying healthy by washing our hands very often and not touching things outside.

-- Christopher Smit, Boulder

During our time in quarantine so far, my family has been up to a lot.

For my mom's birthday in early March, she got a pizza oven -- so we decided to use it to make some delicious pizzas.

It was definitely a fun experience and we had a blast making dinner!

Everyone got to roll out their own dough and choose their own toppings.

Second, we have been baking a lot. One day we made pavlova (a meringue-based dessert topped

with custard and tropical fruit), and another day we made blood-orange cupcakes!

Both were very fun to make and eat.

Last, we have been helping out my 89-year-old grandfather who lives alone by bringing him meals, groceries and other supplies.

A few times a week we go over to his house to drop off fresh food for him along with basic essentials so he doesn't have to risk going out in public.

We also have set up an Amazon Show device so now we can FaceTime with him and talk!

-- Margaux Dempsey, Arvada

Since school closed, I have been stuck at home and so has the rest of my family.

My younger brother is out of school; my Dad, a college professor, is working from home because his school is closed; my mom, who works at the Denver Zoo, is mostly working from home, but goes into the office sometimes, and my stepdad is working from home and from his office.

My brother and I get some change of scenery because our parents are divorced and we live at my dad's house and at my mom's house, but the days are starting to blur together.

We are definitely spending more time on electronics than is normal for us, but our parents are requiring us to read, walk dogs, help out around the house and do work that was sent home from school.

I am already bored and not having school has lost its novelty.

I also don't like how empty the world outside feels; I live in the city so I am used to seeing buses and light rail and people, but now those things and sounds are absent.

I worry a lot about this outbreak.

I know that the stock market is way down, and everything is closed so lots of people have lost their jobs. We will probably rebound.

We have gotten through other things, like the Great Depression. It seems like people are taking this seriously and that is reassuring.

-- Aidan Muldoon, Denver

During the lockdown, my family and I are trying our best to keep calm and stay safe.



I have never been in a situation like this before. I'll admit, it's scary, but if we always wash our hands and try to avoid touching our face, then we can try to control this outbreak.

My dad's work is closed but he will still have to do work at home.

As for my mom, she is a sales representative who has to visit outside clients, and if they are closed, she can't do her job.

I am trying my best not to sit around and watch television.

I made my own daily agenda of what to do while we are on this lockdown. If you are bored, try doing crafts, baking, or reading to cure the boredom.

Play with your pet or if you have siblings, hang out with them.

Remember to always wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to keep clean.

-- Addy Vandel, Aurora

Once I got done celebrating that I get a longer spring break, I started to wonder what I would do to occupy myself, since places that I would get to go to on any other break are either closed or restricting access.

Then I realized my life actually resembled someone's life that I know very well ... my dog.

Sure, we take Roxy to the park and to Home Depot, but on a day-to-day basis her activities are pretty limited.

I remembered something a zookeeper explained to me: The importance of animal enrichment.

Animal enrichment is activities that encourage an animal to problem solve. It could be as simple as giving them a new toy to changing their routine to being in a different enclosure.

Enrichment has been shown to reduce stress, increase confidence, improve sleep quality and general well-being. I really want Roxy to feel all of those things.

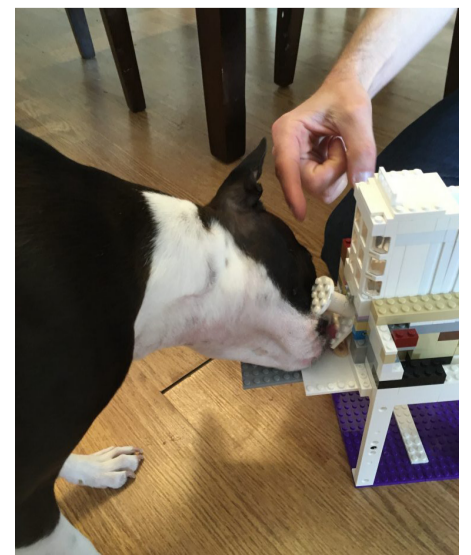
I wondered if I could make something for her at home using materials around the house.

Since my parents didn't want me using power tools. I thought of using Legos. So I went to Pinterest and searched for Lego treat dispenser for house pets.

Originally it was a candy dispenser. We got step by step instructions from <https://frugalfun4boys.com/> We made some modifications but used the general design and it worked!

Roxy enjoys the enrichment!

--Eve Gersey, Denver



# Second in series continues fun fantasy

“**P**ages and Co: The Lost Fairy Tales,” by Anna James, is the second book in a series about a 12-year-old girl whose Mom works at Pages and Co, the book store that Tilly’s family has owned for years.

Soon the Christmas season has come again, but instead of being joyful, Tilly and her family are sad.

Their dear friend, and head librarian of the Underlibrary, Amelia has lost her job because the other librarians think she has kept secrets from them.

Tilly and Oskar then set out to Paris for the holidays because Oskar’s dad has invited them to stay for three days.

Little do they know Oskar’s grandma is a book wanderer, a person who can travel into books and visit unknown places.

Tilly and Oskar disobey Tilly’s grandparents and bookwander in Paris into a book of fairy tales.

The fairy tales are leaking book magic and falling apart. Everywhere Tilly and Oskar look something is being swallowed up by nothingness.

A deep black hole of nothingness.

Tilly and Oskar try to find who is destroying fairy tales.

They meet many beloved fairy-tale characters like The Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and many more.



I recommend you read the book because it is full of action.

If you like books that make you feel excited, and make you feel like you are in the book you’ll love “The Lost Fairy Tales.”

It is a terrific book and makes you think “ Why did it have to end?”

I think that the author could have done more to help new readers of the series, because I had not read the first one, so I did not know what happened to Tilly’s mom.

The book says that there was an accident with Tilly’s mom but it did not explain the accident.

I think that if you were to write a series, in each book you should explain what has happened in the previous stories.

This book is still one of the best I have ever read and I hope that one day Anna James will write a third one about Tilly and her adventures.

In the meantime, I will be reading the first book in the series.



By Penelope Vaughn,  
10, a CK Reporter  
from Denver

## Travel back in time with a future detective

If you have ever worked really hard for something and wished for the opportunity to accomplish that dream, you’ll know the feeling.

In “Goldie Vance,” Lilliam Rivera tells the story of a 16-year-old girl back in the 1960s who dreams of becoming the house detective of a resort her dad has worked at for most of her life.

I could visualize everything from  
a beautiful bouquet of flowers  
to the underwater actors dressed  
in their mermaid costumes.

She is stuck being a valet and only the assistant to the house detective but she hopes to accomplish her dream someday soon.

Goldie’s dad is the manager, and is very work oriented.

Goldie’s mom works at the Mermaid Club as a mermaid, mesmerizing the customers with her underwater tricks.

Even though her parents are divorced, they are the best of friends and always save time for Goldie.

Crossed Palms Resort is the filming spot for a new Baldwin Movie Studios film.

There will be one star of the show, Delphine Lucerne, a world-renowned swimmer.

Along with Mrs. Lucerne, a priceless diamond covered swim cap arrives, but then disappears.



This is Goldie’s chance to prove herself as the new house detective.

Goldie is so nervous she can’t sleep.

Even after her mom gives her a pep talk, she still can’t help feeling worried.

Goldie faces many challenges.

For example, she likes this girl but is too scared to ask her out. She sees her every time she goes to her mom’s house after work but gets so nervous that she can’t speak.

Another challenge she is facing is making sure to get her boss’s attention to ensure a job promotion as the house detective for the resort.

The author does a phenomenal job of describing all the events.

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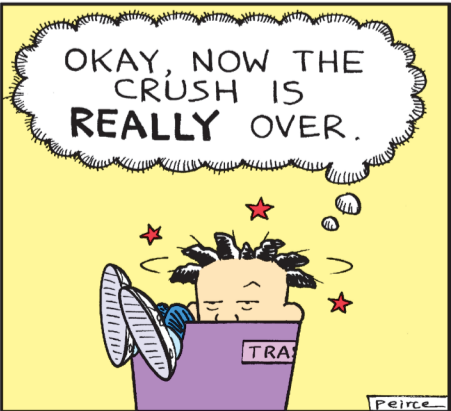
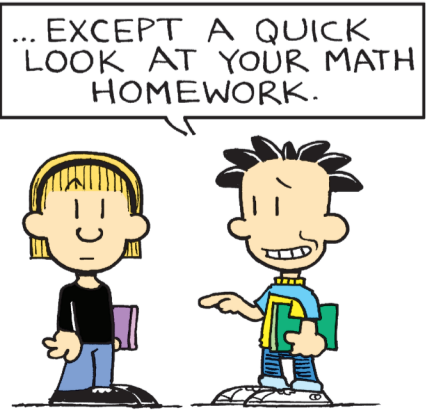
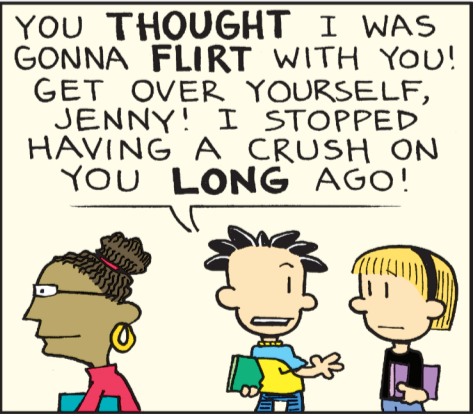
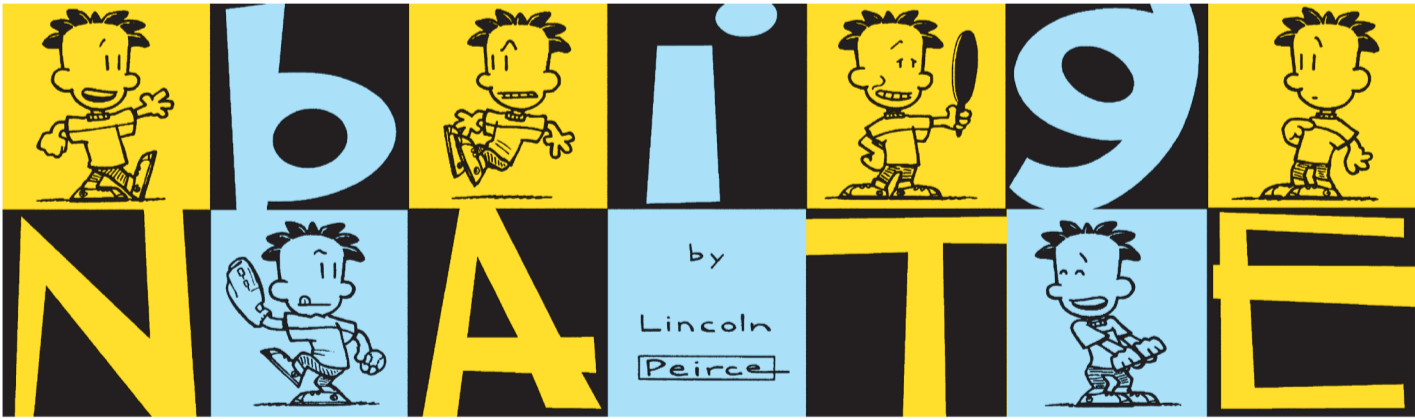
I would rate this book an 8 out of 10 because the author didn’t spend much time describing some of the characters.

This is a great historical fiction book.

I would recommend this book for 3rd graders through 8th graders because it is a kid-centered book and a great read for kids who love detective stories.



By Laynie Stohl,  
11, a CK Reporter  
from Aurora



# Good portrait of a great, important American

Thurgood Marshall, an icon in African-American history, is well portrayed in Teri Kanefield's latest book in her "The Making Of America" series.

Marshall was born in 1908 in Old West Baltimore, and would grow up to become one of America's top civil rights lawyers and later a Supreme Court Justice.

He successfully argued the case that challenged racial segregation in American schools (*Brown vs. Board of Education*) and argued in support of Martin Luther King's Montgomery Bus Boycott.

He was able to do all of this despite significant obstacles to his success, mostly the legal racism of this time.

Marshall was arrested as a teenager for cutting in front of a white woman on a Baltimore city trolley, and he was rejected from the University of Maryland School of Law because of his race.

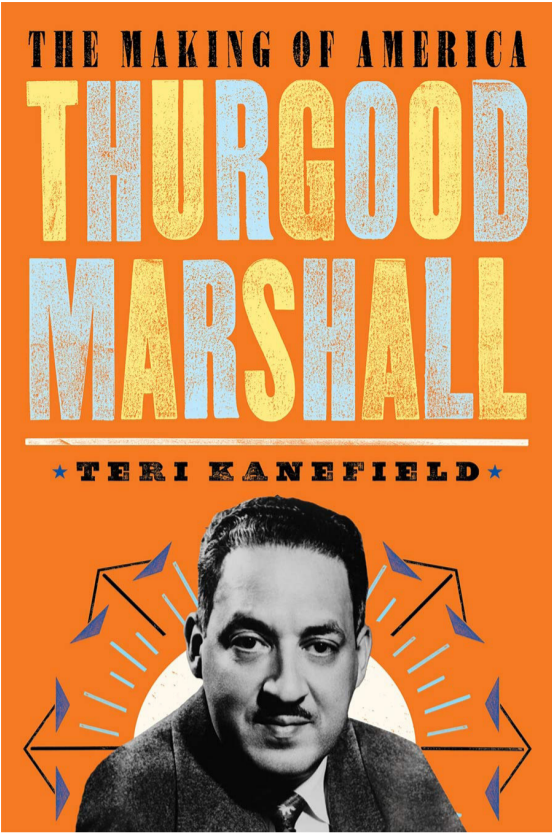
Marshall found other ways to move ahead, attending Howard University School of Law, a school dedicated to educating black men and women.

Kanefield's "Making of America" series focuses on change makers, and earlier books in the series dealt with Susan B. Anthony, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alexander Hamilton, among others.

Like her earlier books, "The Making of America: Thurgood Marshall" does a great job of immersing the reader in the historical period.

You will learn a lot about the Great Depression, the Civil Rights movement, and the tension of those times.

The difference from a lot of other history books, though, is that Kanefield puts



Marshall's feelings into the text.

She describes, for example, how he was scared by the early marches and protests led by Dr. King because he knew they would be met with great violence.

Overall, Marshall wanted people to work within the law. In order to be historically accurate, Kanefield includes the N-word and outdated terms such as Negro.

This can take some getting used to, and it is jarring to read.

She also describes the violence towards African-Americans during Marshall's lifetime, like lynchings and bombings, which is also hard to read about.

Kanefield's books are not as easy or fun as Nathan Hale's "Hazardous Tales" series, but they are also not boring textbooks.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in those who were behind the court cases during the Civil Rights Movement, or if you just want to learn more about black history and the key figures in it.

Kanefield includes special text boxes that define terms like Ku Klux Klan or civil disobedience, or historical events like important court cases, so you don't have to already know all the historical background to understand this book.



By Aidan Muldoon, 12, a CK Reporter from Denver

# Eighty years ago, a first for US postage stamps

With the history of our nation going back so far, and with African-Americans always part of that history, it seems strange that it took until 1940 for a US postage stamp to feature an African-American hero.

So April 7, 1940, was both a day of pride and a day for what-took-you-so-long embarrassment, because that was the first day a new 10 cent postage stamp honoring Booker T. Washington was issued.

Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) was born into slavery in Virginia, the son of a single mother who would later marry a man named Washington Ferguson.

Ferguson escaped to West Virginia, where the family joined him after the Civil War brought them freedom.

There, young Booker was able to work part-time and attend school part-time, and, in his autobiography, he explained how he got his name:

"I had always been called 'Booker,' and had not known that one had use for more than one name. Some of the slaves took the surnames of their owners, but after freedom there was a prejudice against doing this ... When the teacher called the roll, I noticed that he called each pupil by two names, that is, a given name and a surname. When he came to me he asked for my full name, and I told him to put me down as 'Booker Washington.'"



(Image: USPS Postal Museum)

Washington was able to work his way through what is now Hampton University and, at 25, was made head of a new teacher's college for African-Americans, the Tuskegee Institute.

He was a good writer and an excellent speaker and became nationally known not only as an educator, but as a spokesperson for the African-American community.

He also was part of a political uproar when President Theodore Roosevelt invited him to have dinner at the White House with the Roosevelt family, the first time an African-American had been a dinner guest there.

Northern newspapers were supportive, but papers in the South were horrified and published angry, insulting editorials condemning the milestone.

Washington felt that education was the key to racial equality and that African-Americans would be more accepted in society if they became successful in their careers.

Even in his own time, many African-Americans felt he should be more forceful in condemning the laws and customs that kept them from full equality, though he quietly supported lawsuits and similar strong actions.

But in later years, he has been more widely recognized and praised for his part in helping others go in the direction he titled his autobiography: "Up From Slavery."

## Sudoku

	2				
	4			6	5
5			4		
2				1	
3		1		2	
					3

**Rules:** Every row across, every column down and each of the six smaller boxes must contain numerals 1,2,3,4,5 and 6, one time and one time only.

The solution to this week's puzzle is on Page 4.



## Brainteaser

**This is World Health Day, marking the anniversary of the day in 1948 when the United Nations founded the World Health Organization, so our answers this week will begin with "H" for "health."**

1. The most recent state to join the Union.
2. A much more polite word than "snotrag"
3. The president between Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt, he's blamed for many of the failures of the Great Depression.
4. India is a very multi-cultural country, but this, along with English, is the naion's official language.
5. Budapest is the capital of this European nation.
6. Author of "The Outsiders," "That Was Then, This Is Now" and "Rumble Fish"
7. Small community at the junction of US 24 and Colorado 9, it's the apparent site of the TV show "South Park"
8. Large African antelope that forms up in herds that can number in the hundreds.
9. Fall festival that includes costumes and frightening reminders of the dead
10. The science of plants and gardening

(answers on Page Four)



## Boredom beaters!

Here's a very different pair of ways to beat the "Stuck at Home" problem.

JK Rowling has created a "Harry Potter at Home" hub, which she promises offers "child-friendly activities, videos, puzzles, illustrations, quizzes, creative ideas, articles and much more."

You can reach it at <https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>

Meanwhile, NASA, which has always taken education seriously, has created a special site for kids who are stuck and home and wish they were out among the stars. It has too many resources to list individually. Check it out at <https://www.nasa.gov/specials/nasaathome/index.html>



# Beyond These Pages!

## Hot Links to Cool Sites!

### NASA's Space Place

<http://tinyurl.com/ckspace>

### NIE Special Report

<http://tinyurl.com/ckniereport>

### Headline Geography

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<http://tinyurl.com/ckpulseplanet>

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<http://tinyurl.com/COkidsReporter>



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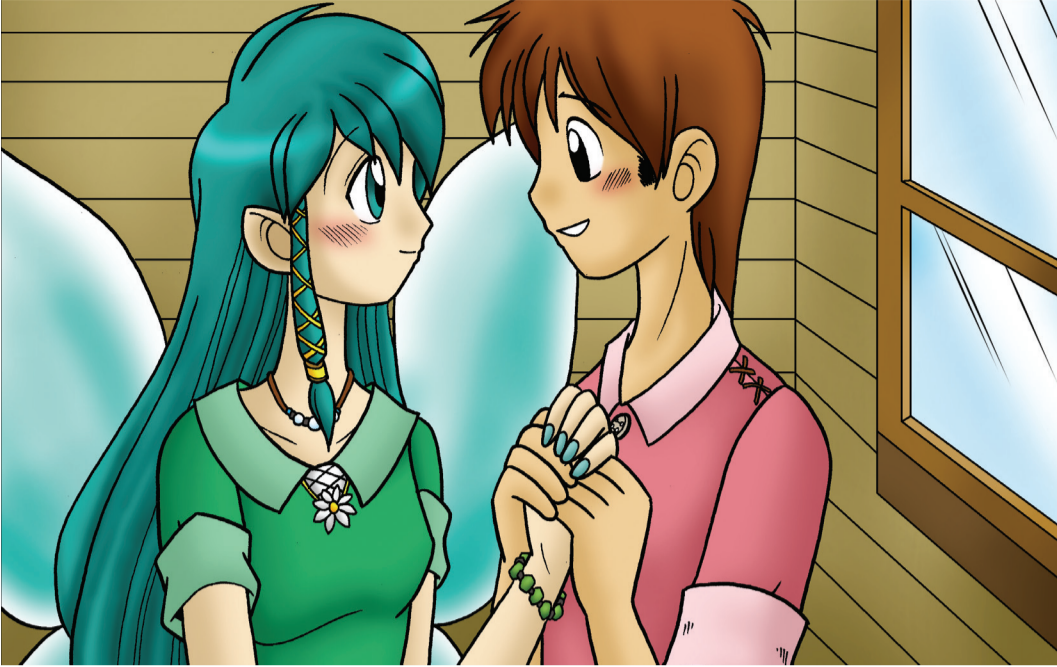
Booker T. Washington

NASA and Harry Potter sites

go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/ckstorylinks>

# The Fairy Wife

A Folk Tale from Wales



A young man inherited the small farm on which he had grown up, by a lake not far from Caernarvon. He was bright and hard-working, but still had a great deal of youth in him. As a boy, he used to go about the countryside observing the birds and animals, and in all of that, he had also come to know where the fairies gathered, and he loved to watch them at their dances.

Even after he took over the farm, he would still go out in the evenings to spy on the fairy folk, for there was no one to talk to at his house, and they became a kind of company for him.

There was one young woman among the fairies whom he particularly liked to watch at the dance, for she was not just lovely but had a way of laughing when she danced that made all around her happy. After a time, he felt himself falling in love with her, though he knew it could never be.

But, despite knowing it could never be, there came a night when he could watch no longer. He burst into the middle of the dance and, taking the fairy woman by the hand, ran home across the fields while she protested and tried to pull away and all her fairy family chased after them.

Once he had brought her inside the house, however, the fairy folk could come no closer, for the latch and hinges were of iron, and fairies, who come from the old days before such things existed, cannot tolerate iron.

The young man quickly learned that he had made a mistake. The only thing more sure than that a mortal and a fairy cannot be husband and wife is that you can't force someone to love you against her will, and the fairy was not happy to have been kidnapped from her family.

Still, she saw that the young man had meant no evil, and so she made him this bargain: "I will not marry you, but, if you can guess my name, I will stay as your servant, and keep your house for you."

This was better than nothing, he decided, and he began at once to guess every name he had ever heard, and some he had only read in books. But to each, she shook her head, and even laughed at some of them.

Each day, as he worked in the fields and pastures, he thought of names, and each night, he would try them, and she would smile and shake her head again, until it became almost a game between them.

Then one evening, as he came in from the far pasture, he became aware of fairies gathered behind a hedge, and crept close to listen. To his delight, he discovered that they were trying to find a way to free their sister, and one of them said, "Oh, dear Penelope, why did you ever run away with a mortal?"

As soon as he came in the door, he said, "I hope this evening you will agree to stay as my housekeeper, Penelope."

At the sound of her name, her face fell, but a bargain was a bargain and she agreed to stay as she had promised. Indeed, between his hard work and her magical influence, the farm became highly successful. The crops grew better, the hens laid more eggs and the cows gave more and richer butter than at other farm in the valley.

What was more surprising than that was that Penelope not only forgave the farmer for taking her from her people, but slowly fell in love with him.

After several years, she agreed to become his wife, but on one condition only: "You must promise never to strike me with iron," she said. "If ever you do, I will have to leave you at once!" The young man looked hurt. "I would never strike you at all," he said.

"Still," she said, "you must promise."

"Very well," he said. "I will never strike you with iron. I promise."

And so they were married, and over the next few years, the farm grew, as did their love for each other. First she bore him a son, and then a daughter, and they raised them to be healthy, happy children in a family of great joy.

One day, they decided to go to the fair in Caernarvon. It would be a nice outing for the children, and the farmer had a young mare he wanted to sell.

The children were clean, dressed and ready, and Penelope had prepared a lunch to take with them, but the farmer was having trouble getting a bridle on the mare.

She was a lively, skittish beast, and every time he came near her, she would toss her head and run across the paddock away from him. At last, Penelope came out to help, and the two of them managed to get the mare into a corner.

The farmer stepped forward slowly, holding the bridle out so the mare could see that he meant no harm. He gently reached for her, but, at the last minute, she tossed her head again and burst past him. The farmer lost his temper, and, turning, threw the bridle.

To his horror, and hers, it struck Penelope, and the iron bit of the bridle hit her on the cheek. She reached out a hand towards her husband, but the beautiful, loving fairy wife quickly faded into nothingness before his eyes.

And yet our story does not end there. Because she had been struck with iron, she could never return to the land of mortals, but Penelope found a way to visit with her family yet. She made a floating island of sod out in the lake near the farm, and when the moon was full, she would sit on that island.

Her husband and the children would come to the shore of the lake, and tell her what they had been doing. She would sing to the children, and tell them stories until the sun began to chase the stars from the skies.

And if you go today to northern Wales, you'll find a lake called "Llyn y Dywarchen," or "The Lake of the Sod," and there you can see the little island next to the shore, where the fairy wife, Penelope, would sit when she came to visit her lost family.

## Sudoku Solution

6	2	5	3	4	1
1	4	3	2	6	5
5	1	6	4	3	2
2	3	4	5	1	6
3	5	1	6	2	4
4	6	2	1	5	3

## Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. Hawaii 2. handkerchief 3. Hoover 4. Hindi 5. Hungary 6. S.E. Hinton  
7. Hartsel 8. hartebeest 9. Halloween 10. horticulture

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