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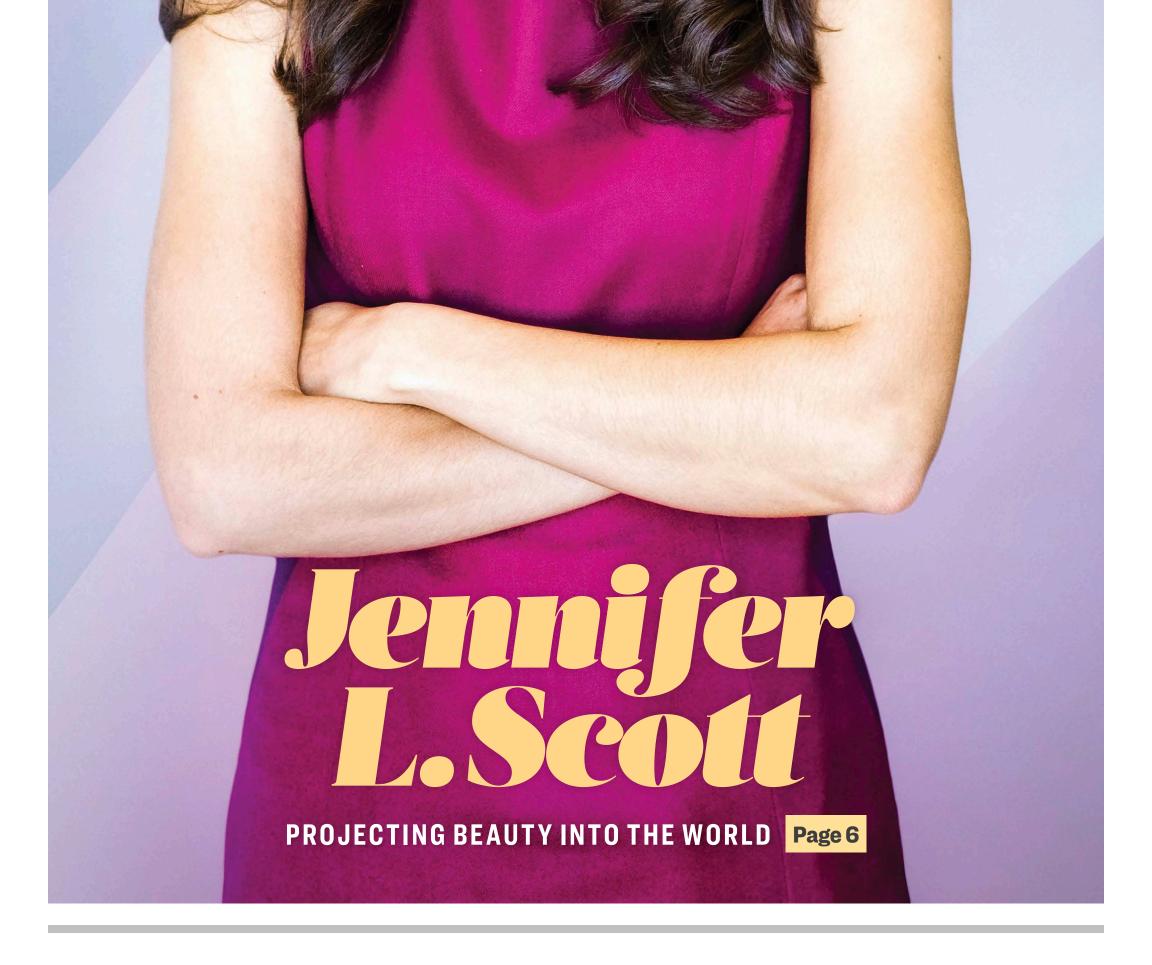
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IN CRAZY TIMES

DEALING



JEFF MINICK

ears ago, my wife and I operated a mailorder company selling books to homeschooling families. During the spring and summer, we also traveled to homeschool book fairs, peddling our wares directly to customers.

At these gatherings, I was an occasional speaker, usually instructing parents on the topic of teaching Latin at home.

I was in Atlanta for one of these fairs, which if memory serves was the weekend before Father's Day, when one of the organizers of the convention explained that the speaker on the topic "Dad in the Homeschool" had fallen ill and asked if I could address fathers the following day. I agreed, put together some thoughts, and the next afternoon, spoke to an audience of about 30 dads with a sprinkling of moms.

Unlike my Latin talks, this occasion allowed me to look at masculine virtues and ways to put them into action in school and in family life in general.

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Typically, these sessions were recorded, and attendees could buy tapes of lectures they'd missed or wanted to hear again. Though I rarely bought a copy of my own talks—I'm not fond of my voice, and the Latin lectures were standard—I purchased my "dad" tape and popped it into the cassette player in my car on my way home.

Somehow, the audio technicians had goofed up. My voice was two octaves higher than normal, and I was delivering my remarks at a machine-gun style clip. That high-pitched, rapid-fire voice made me sound like Donald Duck. Humiliating.

Seismic Shocks

That incident might serve as a strange metaphor for the way our society all too often mocks fatherhood.

If we look back 50 or 60 years, we see television shows celebrating dads: "Father Knows Best," "Leave It to Beaver," "Bonanza," "The Waltons," "Little House on the Prairie." The fathers in these shows supported their families and loved their children and wives. Even in the 1980s, programs like "Family Ties" and "Growing Pains" cast fathers in a positive light.

Since then, fathers have become television's punching bags. Advertisements portray them as dolts, buffoons so inept they couldn't change a light bulb. Popular sitcom cartoons like "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy" give us dads who are bumbling, clueless slobs.

Sometimes, these same caricatures even appear in children's books. An example: My children loved for me to read aloud from the Berenstain Bear books, but I came to loathe these stories in which

Mama Bear is the fount of wisdom and Papa Bear is more a child than a father.

Masculinity, Fatherhood, and Family Meanwhile, for the past 20 years or more, manhood itself has come under attack in universities and some major corporations. To be male, and particularly a white male, is to belong to the "patriarchy." Our culture, our embrace in some instances of extreme feminism, and the errant behavior of some men have diminished the old ideals of fatherhood—a certain amount of stoicism and grit, provider for the family, defender of his wife and children.

This diminution of fatherhood is a flanking attack on the family itself. By undermining the role of fatherhood—"A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle" comes to mind—the importance of the family as a basic building block of culture and society shrinks.

That mom and dad bring different skills to child-rearing and that fathers play an important part in childhood development should be obvious even to a casual observer. One small example: Once, long ago, I watched a report on television—was it "60 Minutes?"—in which researchers stationed themselves in a public park and filmed parents encouraging their apprehensive children to go down a sliding board. The moms offered to hold the hands of the frightened toddlers or allowed them to climb down the ladder while the dads stood at the bottom of the slide, shouting encouragement, clapping their hands, and insisting the child make the slide.

So what can we do to strengthen fatherhood, to give it the due it once received?

Changing Our Approach

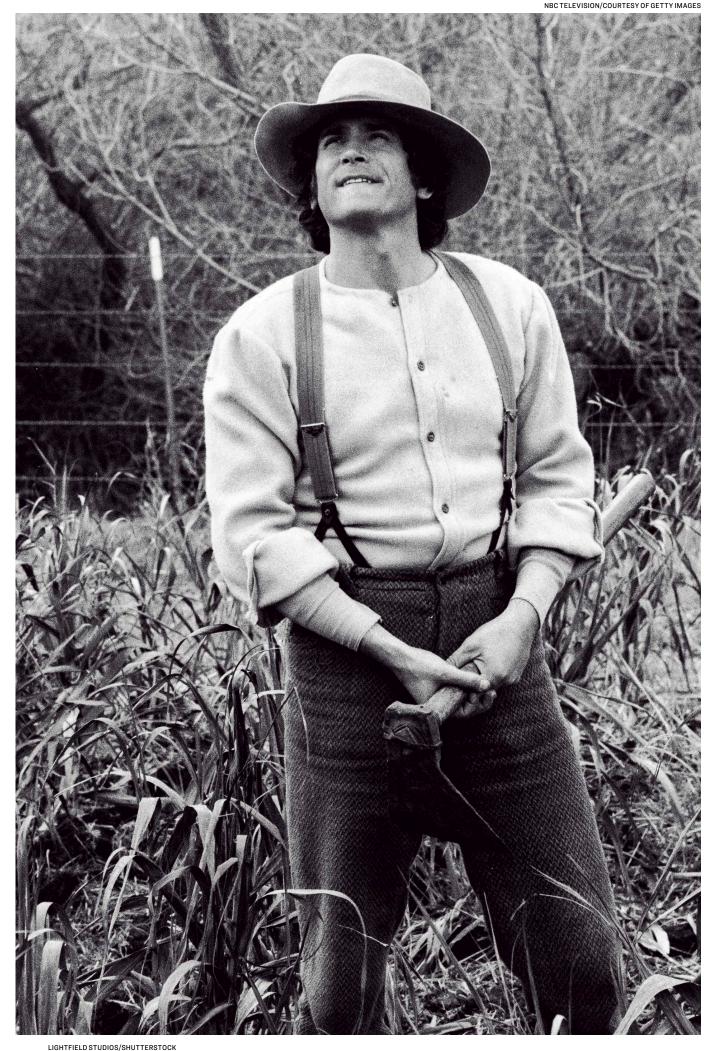
First, we can stop our attacks on manhood. I've heard good women slam their husbands or boyfriends, or men in general, with chauvinistic remarks as pointed and stereotypical of any attributed to men when "male chauvinism" came under fire 50 years ago. Those assaults should come to an end

Furthermore, we can quit listening to, and using the language of, social scientists and academics who want to feminize men and who decry even ordinary male behavior as toxic masculinity. We can reject theories that claim no differences exist between men and women, and use our common sense to recognize and celebrate those differences.

Copycatting Good Dads

We can next express our appreciation of the good fathers we see around us. Maybe we were blessed with a loving father when we were young. Maybe our father was cruel, hardhearted, or a drunkard. Maybe he was a deadbeat dad who deserted the family. Some of us may not even know our father at all.

Whatever the case, we can see dads around us who love their wives and children, who get up and go to work every morning to provide for them, who offer their kids guidance into adulthood both by word and by example. A good number





Expressing appreciation for the good fathers around us goes a long way.

of dads I know fit this description, fathers with four, five, or six children who relish the role they are playing in their children's lives, coaching their sports teams, taking them on hikes and canoe trips, and living out their religious faith.

One man here in Front Royal, Virginia, teaches art at the school attended by his older children; another in Pennsylvania instructs his son and his classmates in woodworking; yet another, a dad in England whom I encountered while interviewing his homeschooling wife, is the leader of a Royal Marines Cadets outfit, where his older three daughters have won numerous awards.

So even if we grew up under the thumb of a terrible father, we can find figures for emulation in the fathers around us. For single moms with sons, finding such men as models is particularly important.

Make Father's Day Special

We're going through some tough times in our country right now. When I watch videos of the rioters and looters, most of those smashing store windows, looting, and setting fires, I notice their youth and

The Humble Strength of Fathers

Often, the sacrifices that dads make go unnoticed

JUNE KELLUM

The man, a janitor on my college campus, looked very exhausted. I don't recall why we struck up a conversation, but he explained that he was working three jobs because he wanted a better life for his kids.

At the time, all I could think of was how awful it must be to feel so tired all the time. Now, with the perspective of having my own family, I can better appreciate his willingness to sacrifice. I also can't help but think how lucky his children were to have someone so devoted to their well-being, and what a good example of determination he must have been to them.

He's a shining example of how fatherhood

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brings out the incredible strength of men. This father's strength will carry his family forward economically, in the short term, as his children watch and learn from him, while his grit and devotion will inform their lifelong work ethic and family values. Thus, the legacy of a good father is immense.

His worth is not easy to measure, but it can be clearly understood by looking at examples of its absence.

We know that children who grow up fatherless are statistically less likely to thrive and more likely commit suicide, be homeless at some point, have behavioral disorders, drop out of school, do drugs, and be incarcerated.

Fathers show sons what it means to be a man and teach daughters how a man should make them feel.

Dependability

As a child, I remember feeling a tremendous sense of comfort knowing that my dad had a stable job.

His dependability, however, isn't something I fully appreciated until adulthood. In his book "Man of Velvet and Steel," author Aubrey Andelin lauds it as a great, albeit humble, virtue: "One often marvels at the simplicity and homeliness of the greatest virtues of mankind. Dependability is certainly one of them."

Andelin defines dependability as

There used to be shows, such as "Little House

on the Prairie," that celebrated dads. (Left) A still from the elevision series, featuring actor

Michael Landon, circa 1976.

would guess the majority of them grew up without the influence of a strong, good dad to teach them right from wron

On this Father's Day, we have the chance to thank these men who do teach their sons about values and virtues, to tell them how much we appreciate who and what they are, and the good they bring to this world. My own dad died two years ago, and I can honor him only by acts of remembrance, but I can call my sons and my son-in-law, all of whom are fathers themselves, and let them know how proud I am of their efforts to raise children who will become productive citizens and honorable adults. For any dads reading this article who know both the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood, here's a raised glass to you, gentlemen. Keep up all your efforts. The world needs you more than you know.

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Candles in the Darkness: Dealing With Despair in Crazy Times

JEFF MINICK

Most of us who have lived through the spring of 2020 will remember this season as a time of pandemic, quarantine, bungling experts, over-reaching government mandates, riots and mayhem in our cities, preposterous if not insane proposals for change in our laws, massive virtual signaling, and some politicians and members of the mainstream media, whose policies and opinions strike the rest of us as deranged.

As a consequence, ordinary Ameri cans have lived through three months of fear and uncertainty. Many remain unemployed because their businesses were closed as "non-essential." Graduations and weddings were postponed. Government policies prevented families from saying goodbye to their dying loved ones. People due for elective surgery, which simply means a scheduled operation, found their medical treatment delayed for weeks.

Then, came the riots in various cities over the death of a black man at the hands of a white police officer in Minneapolis. Across the country, looters and vandals sacked thousands of stores and businesses, set fires, and attacked the police trying to protect these establishments. In the wake of these disturbances, radicals have proposed defunding police departments or eradicating them altogether.

Dark Clouds

Some are wondering whether the country will survive such a beating. The owner of an auto repair shop here in Front Royal, Virginia; a young dad with a family of three young boys; a close friend; my daughter: All have raised the question, "Is America finished?"

That possibility fills these family members and friends with sorrow and hopelessness. They feel alone, ignored, and irrelevant.

For most of us, the only tangible way of fighting against the ugly mess is to vote in the November elections. We can write or call our mayors, governors, and representatives in Congress to express our frustration, but the ballots we cast this election year are vital. They'll mean the difference between freedom and socialism.

But what about now? How do we fight often threatens to engulf us? How do we personally cope with the lunatics and barbarians who openly announce plans to bring America to her knees? How do we stay sane in a time of insanity? Here are some ways that have worked for me.

Friends

Because of their politics, two men I know feel shut down, unable to express themselves freely to their wives and grown children. Any discussion of national issues opens a can of worms, leading to hurt feelings and estrangement. Another man familiar to me told me in passing that he often felt deeply disheartened by national events. He would watch the evening news, follow events on his laptop, and sink into a dark and lonely place.

We can fight these bleak moods by finding some like-minded men or women with whom we can vent about current events. My friend John and I have talked three or four times a week since the lockdown, grousing about the impositions of our government and laughing at some of the banalities. Those conversations are therapeutic, allowing us to blow off some pent-up steam and get on with living.

Limit the News

One of my friends told me recently that she hadn't watched any news for a week. Given the dangerous upheavals in our country, it is, I think, imperative to stay abreast of the turmoil. We need to find trustworthy news outlets and online sites, and keep informed about the dangers threatening our country.

On the other hand, if we watch television news for hours at a time, with its repetitive negativity and drumbeat of gloom and doom, we risk sinking into depression and fear.

Moderation in all things, including televised news, is key to maintaining our balance.

Fake It Till We Make It

If we have children or grandchildren, it behooves us to conceal our pessimism and wild conjectures from them. A Pennsylvania mother I know rarely takes her younger children to the grocery store because she doesn't want them to think masks are normal. She doesn't exclude them from discussions with her husband about the riots, but both Mom and Dad are careful to keep check on their emotions and opinions whenever the kids are around.

Whatever our emotional take on current events, we owe those close to the front porch of my daughter's house off the darkness that surrounds us and us a guarded optimism. We're going when a car pulled into the driveway and through some very tough times—the crazies won't simply disappear-and we can't tackle the future by falling into despair.

By putting on this armor of optimism however feigned, we not only give courage to others, but also find the strength to battle our own demons of depression.

Counting Our Blessings

Many of us, including me, have trouble with this one. We get so wrapped up in disasters large or small that we forget the good in our lives. In my case, I am in reasonable health, have four children who are married and with children of their own-of course, those grandkids are the best in the world—and I love the work I do.

And yet one small foul-up can send me into a tailspin.

Just this week, for example, I bought some weed-killer, stowed the plastic jug in the trunk of my car, and drove home. When I went to retrieve the bottle, I found the top had fallen off the jug, and about a gallon of weed killer was sloshing around the plastic lining of the trunk. It took me half an hour to clean everything up, but it took me another three or four hours to get over my funk.

A friend of mine, Frankie, once told me of an acquaintance who urged him to play the lottery. "You win the lottery, Frankie, and you'll be rich."

"I already won the lottery."

"What do you mean?"

"I was born in America in the middle of the 20th century."

Now there's a man who understands gratitude.

Remembering Who We Are

Whether we are newly minted citizens or whether we can trace our family tree to Plymouth Rock and Jamestown, we all share one thing in common: We are Americans. We are the sons and daughters of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, of Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King, of Abigail Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and a host of others whose names are recorded in our history books or who lie in anonymous graves after sacrificing their lives for their country.

As Americans, we have natural rights no government may take away. Our country has its flaws-lately, some contend those flaws run so deep that the country must be destroyed—but America remains the envy of much of the world, as may be seen by the number of immigrants who wish to live here.

A few months ago, I was sitting on two women, evangelicals going door to door as it turned out, walked up the sidewalk to greet me. Though I politely declined their desire to read the Bible with me, one of them asked, "Sir, are you pessimistic about the future?"

I thought for a moment, and then said, "I have grandchildren. I can't afford the luxury of pessimism."

She nodded approvingly. "I have grandchildren too, and feel the same way," she said. "God bless you."

Let's reject despair over our present difficulties. Let's do battle together and put this nation back on its feet one person at a time.

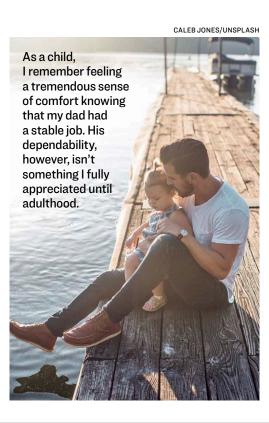
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"follow[ing] through on a job, a responsibility, obligation, or promise. It means reliability, wherein full confidence can be placed in you to get a job done according to instructions, and at the time expected."

A father must be dependable in the home and on the job, and dependability is key to financial success and happiness in the home.

My father's career wasn't the most exciting. He worked a computer tech job at a university for 30 years; there was no prestige, and the long hours at a desk were the opposite of his passion for the outdoors and his youthful dream of working in forestry. On evenings and weekends, he worked around the home. Rarely did my parents need to hire anyone, as my dad did almost all of the work, including replacing our roof, laying a patio, and chopping enough firewood to heat our renovated 1800s farmhouse all winter.

I have memories of watching him haul



and split wood while I built fairy houses and played with dolls. His job allowed my mother to stay at home full-time and gave my sister and me a private school education.

As I think about it now, most of his adult life was spent supporting a good quality of life for us—either working or taking care of the home—and I don't recall whether we ever acknowledged his sacrifices, beyond the yearly Father's Day cards telling him we loved him.

This lack of appreciation is partly natural; as kids, we take our parents for granted, and more so if we have a stable family.

My father was not the type to ask for praise or recognition, and I'm not even sure he would see his sacrifices as such. From what I can tell, he was-and still is-motivated by a deep sense of responsibility, which came in part from his own father, who early on instilled the importance of being financially dependable.

But it also came from a characteristic primal to men: That they will give their blood, sweat, tears, and years of toil to protect and provide for their families.

But since the strength of fathers shines through in the most humble ways, we are apt to miss it. With careful reflection, however, we will see it.

To be dependable requires great strength of character. A father must give up small comforts and big dreams, he must demand excellence of himself, eschewing selfish whims and not giving in to the temptation of laziness on a daily basis.

Andelin writes of dependability that "its presence is rarely found. Instead, there is great failure to follow through, with a rationalization of unforeseen circumstances, interruptions, demands, and other distractions that serve as excuses."

Thank you, Dad.

I'm only just now starting to understand what you did for us.



Some of the things that can help are counting your blessings and being optimistic.

Northern Academy of the Arts A Budding Boarding School That Educates the Soul



Orchestra practice

CATHERINE YANG

he great formative philosophers Aristotle, student of Plato (and, by extension, Socrates) in the West, and Mencius, disciple of Confucius in the East, were contemporaries. The Pax Romana and the golden age of the Han Dynasty ran parallel on different sides of the world. And now students of the 21st century immerse themselves in the best of the legacies of the East and West at Northern Academy of the Arts, a school founded by concerned professionals who wanted to see education return to something that would truly provide moral and academic excellence.

School closures due to the pandemic have caused parents and students across the country to reconsider the value of the school atmosphere and what it means to be a place of learning. For Northern Academy in Middletown, New York, this was the very issue that led to its founding.

The result of these deliberations is a college preparatory boarding school with a strong emphasis on both arts and academics, built on a foundation of character that draws on the best of philosophies from the East and West.

So when Levi Browde, who had searched up and down the Northeast to find a private school for his sons, heard about the school from someone he knew who had become an administrator at Northern Academy, he felt the search was over. His wife, not so much.

"Her biggest concern—it is a legitimate concern-is that it's new, it's small, it's untested," Browde said. The school is only a few years old. Browde had attended a small, scrappy prep school himself, and he liked the credentials and character of the staff at Northern Academy and could see the potential. The family discussed it and decided to give it a try for a year.

In a month or two, the boys had fallen in love with the school. Before the end of the year, Browde's wife was 100 percent on board. The culture of Northern Academy completely transformed the children's learning experience.

"It was rather remarkable, actually," Browde said. The school staff was "super clear-eyed" about all the challenges per-

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vasive in public school. Browde's sons had been attending a public school in New Jersey, one of the best in the country, and still, behavior issues were rampant there. Kids were addicted to their smartphones and games, schools neglected character, and the mental health and emotional fallout from this for most students are disastrous.

Place of Learning

Northern Academy's mission is "to nurture students to become well-educated individuals of exemplary moral character," and holds as its central values "integrity, compassion, and resilience." The small boarding school is set on a remote and scenic campus. It spans grades 6 through 12, with a portion of students boarding on campus or with host families near the school, and another third commuting from nearby.

It's not a parochial school, and not strictly built on a classical curriculum. Unique requirements include a mandatory immersive Mandarin language class.

Students pick a "track," focusing on either dance, music, fine arts, or academics, with their schedules arranged to give two periods each day to the students' desired track. These can change, as students' aspirations might change, and every student works with his or her own adviser to manage school life and academic planning.

the expense of rigorous academics, and and that he was getting an education to get the vast majority of the students take advanced placement courses, and there's a gifted program. The academy delves deep into STEM offerings with programs such as A World Bridge, where students use advanced technology to solve real-world problems in partnership with organizations like NASA or the United Nations. Students have currently been invited to work on the COVID-19 Strategic Response Consortium with the United Nations, World Bank, NASA, and other organizations.

Ninety percent of the core-subject teachers hold master if not doctorate degrees, and the student to teacher ratio is 10 to 1. Private tutoring is offered to those who need it. And in the arts, instructors are often professionals who have been at the top of their field.

It was this individualized attention that impressed Browde; his older son was always good at math, so he placed in a class highest achieving schools.

above his grade level. Two weeks later, he got a call from the school, because it turns out his son was, frankly, still bored, and they noticed. He ended up getting private tutoring to complete the course requirement and moved up another grade level in math class, and by the end of freshman year had all the math credits the state would have required for graduation.

Arts Temper the Spirit

Even academic-track students are required to take at least one art class (and they can take more as electives), but for Richard Yin, the arts were what he sought out the school for, and something he hoped might help his son.

From a very early age, his son fell in love with classical music, Yin said. He demonstrated tremendous passion for it, practicing with great interest, and won several music awards. Then he changed.

The middle schooler had been attending a top-tier public school in New Jersey, and Yin would know. As an education consultant, he's visited hundreds of public and private schools across the country and interacted with staff, students, and parents.

But after years of public school, Yin saw his son lose interest in classical music-not because he loved it less, but because everything he learned-and that his peers confirmed—was that music was a hobby, not a The emphasis on arts doesn't come at life goal, that classical music was uncool, good grades to go to college and get a job.

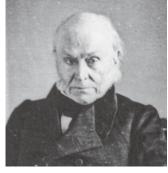
"He gave it up, even though that is his true passion for life," Yin said. And perhaps it might have seemed a little less heartbreaking if the culture of public school didn't have an additional negative impact on his child.

Though Yin didn't give his son a smartphone and limited his screen usage, constant gaming was the norm for his son's peers, and it was inevitable he would sneak screen time using his computer. This was only the beginning of troubling behavior. Yin saw things that concerned him at his son's school and schools around the country, such as the emotional deterioration of adolescents, the rise of anxiety and depression, drug abuse, and even sexual violence among minors. There was no shaping of character, and so-called character education was simply lip service at even the

(Top-Bottom) John Adams often wrote to his son John Quincy Adams about the importance of the importance of religion and morality to their growth



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A Father's Day Like No Other

JOSHUA CHARLES

This Father's Day comes at a particularly poignant moment for our country. Many of our cities are experiencing levels of violence not seen nationwide since the 1960s. Our society seems to be fraying in increasingly undeniable ways. Much of the chaos can be traced back to a primary cause: the lack of fathers, particularly for young men.

No matter where you are on earth, wherever fathers and sons are alienated from one another-or wherever there are no fathers—you will find young men trapped in cycles of violence, depression, and nihilism. In America, where approximately 73 percent of black children are born to unwed parents, the lack of fathers often leads to the formation of gangs, which are attempts by young men to form a brotherhood in which heir masculinity is defined and justified.

Likewise, you will rarely find as nihilistic and empty a soul as those who live in middle-class neighborhoods where fathers either don't engage with their sons, or simply care about other things—like their career, "keeping up with the Joneses," and the like.

At the heart of America's crisis is a spiritual, intellectual, and virtue crisis, and this is precisely where fathers are essential to the formation of their children. While there can be no doubt that there are many heroic single mothers who, against all odds, have raised fantastic children, the plain reality is that fathers are irreplaceable, and necessary. The social science on this could not be clearer.

Furthermore, a good example is important, but a father's example will not yield its full fruit with his sons unless he actively trains them as well.

Therefore, on this Father's Day, I am pondering some examples of such fatherhood from history, and in particular with respect to two areas in which many young men today receive very little, if any, formation from their fathers: morality and religion, and other virtues connected with industriousness and preparing to raise families.

On Morality and Religion

One of the greatest examples of fatherly advice on morality and religion is American founder John Adams. Throughout his years of service to our country, he wrote a series of letters to his children (who were sometimes with him, sometimes not) that articulate the importance of religion and morality to their growth as persons. For example, in 1776, he wrote to his wife, Abigail, on the formation of their children in this way: "Take care that they don't go astray. Culti-





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After giving up music, Yin's son had become withdrawn and even depressed, quick to anger and defiant with his parents. Yin wanted him to receive an education that would instead build him up as a person, instilling values that would give his son a sound philosophy in life and a healthy personality. He first resorted to many books and videos on moral education, but it wasn't enough; the detrimental environment had to go. Yin started a search for schools, only to discover that even arts-focused schools were not the right match; most arts curricula had too much focus on modernism, which tends toward subverting tradition—not the right formative experience he wanted for his child.

That's why Northern Academy stood out to Yin.

"They offer genuine traditional art training, including classical music, classical Chinese dance, and fine arts," Yin said. This alone set it apart from any other school he had encountered. How art education tied seamlessly into the moral education at the school's foundation further reassured Yin.

Even a quick glance at the school's arts offerings shows how seriously the school handles arts education. You'll seldom find a college Art History 101 course that includes the 19th-century Academic pe- dance wasn't even on their radar before riod, for example, but it's in Northern coming to the school, he said. But they Academy's curriculum.

On the father and son's first visit to Northern Academy, his son immediately noticed the environment: happy students who carried themselves with dignity and a positive energy on campus. He was interested, and Yin made a move from New Jersey to upstate New York, so his son could attend as a day student.

Yin's son had played piano when he was younger, and played a bit of clarinet in the school band. But speaking with some of the music staff members, they suggested he take up the cello because of his handspan, and he gave it a try.

"He immediately fell in love with the cello," Yin said.

Yin noticed a gradual change in his son once he began at his new school. Instead of isolating himself in his room and refusing to communicate, his spirit brightened and he was participating in the family. He told his father that at his old school, he only felt

vate their minds, inspire their littles hearts,

raise their wishes. Fix their attention upon

great and glorious objects, root out every

little thing, weed out every meanness, make

them great and manly. Teach them to scorn

injustice, ingratitude, cowardice, and false-

hood. Let them revere nothing but religion,

And to his son John Quincy Adams—who

would go on to become secretary of state

and president, among other things—he

wrote of the preeminent important of a

"But, my dear Boy, above all Things, pre-

serve your Innocence, and a pure Con-

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joy once classes were over and he could play with his friends, but at his new school he was happy all the time.

"Then he used what he learned in class for example, the lessons from Eastern and Western philosophy and their view of life, and also traditional Chinese values, as well as the concepts of ancient meditation and cultivation—to discipline himself. He was willing to open his heart, and accept criticism, and share what he feels about things with us," Yin said. The school's East-West nature proved to be enriching, not least of all because his son, who never wanted to learn Chinese, was becoming well versed in the language

"They perfectly integrate traditional Chinese culture, the Eastern and Western classical philosophy, and also meditation into its mission and curriculum. So I believe this kind of wholesome education can elevate a student's morality and eventually turn him into a real classical musician with a peaceful heart and peaceful mind," Yin said.

Both ancient wisdom and modern social science support the idea that the arts open the mind and train in the student invaluable traits such as discipline, creativity, and good judgment.

Browde's sons, too, benefited from the arts. The boys were baseball players, and had friends on the dance track who piqued their interest.

"What was interesting about that is they're being taught by people who are just a few years removed from being principal dancers in, in their art form, the top dance company in the world," Browde said. The school offers classes in both ballet and classical Chinese dance. "They're not just learning their art form, they're learning from someone who's mastered the collec-

tion of skills to be among the very best. ... They've mastered a certain amount of discipline, they've mastered a certain amount of drive and will, they've mastered a certain amount of humility in order to get there." When Browde left for college, his father gave him similar advice: Find the great

teachers, because regardless of the subject, you're learning more than what's on the page. "Suddenly my boys were doing stuff they

wouldn't normally do: They were waking

Industriousness

Finally, men today are rarely taught the importance of preparing to raise a family, along with all the virtues required to do so—virtues like hard work, physical fitness, competence in a skill or trade, and the like.

In this regard, I recall the example of President Teddy Roosevelt. In a 1901 speech entitled "Manhood and Statehood," for example, he said the following:

"This country cannot afford to have its sons less than men; but neither can it afford to have them other than good men. If courage and strength and intellect are unaccompanied by the moral purpose, the moral sense, they become merely forms of expression for unscrupulous force and unscrupulous cunning. If the strong man has not in him the lift toward lofty things, his strength makes him only a curse to himself and to his neighbor."

Likewise, he wrote of the necessity of virtue to authentic masculinity, and the necessity of authentic masculinity to the 1. The school offers opportunities for students to use advanced technology to solve real-world problems in partnership

with organizations such as NASA. 2. The school

accommodates both day students and boarding students.

3. Northern Academy spans grades 6 through 12.

4. Besides technical training, there is a strong emphasis on character, which is considered critical to a dancer's artistic development.



tracks offered.

up early in the morning so they could do extra stretches or this or that," Browde said. "It's like West Point and Juilliard combined .. Seeing their physical and character development through the arts program was ust fantastic, just transformative."

Integrity, Compassion, Resilience

The students are polite and presentable, and typically demonstrate an impressive array of interests-musicians who win STEM competitions, engineers who also push themselves in the expressive art of classical Chinese dance. Several highperforming students, including those who chose the school out of a desire to pursue the arts professionally, said the most important thing they will take into the world with them are the values the school has instilled.

Amy Yin, now a senior, has been at Northern Academy since day one. She originally planned to pursue classical Chinese dance professionally, but it wasn't in the cards. She physically was not the right fit, so she switched to a fine arts track, also participating in STEM projects that led to a NASA internship and in the 2018 World Challenge project where her team won awards in Helsinki, Finland.

The things you learn in an art class go beyond technique and skill, Amy said. It's things like "endurance and the development of a good attitude that can ensure a positive direction of action in whatever you do."

Whether playing an instrument, dancing, or drawing, you go through slumps and periods of grind in order to bring your skills up to the next level, and you learn determination and what it means to persevere in the process, she said.

"I hope to keep the school's principles of integrity, compassion, and resilience with me always," Amy said. "I think this is especially important because a person should have a strong set of values before they enter society."

Nikou Baniasadi, who is entering 11th grade, is on the music track. Nikou's days begin with a meditation class at 7 a.m., core academic classes, and an afternoon in music, including classes such as orchestra, ear training, music theory, and chamber music. Then there are electives, after-school clubs, and typically more practice.

The environment, Nikou says, truly is special.

"Right away, I could see just how much the teachers care for each and every student, and the immense effort and work they put into everything they do. They don't do it for personal reasons or profit or only because they care about the students, but also because they truly believe in the school mission of NAA and want to be a part of carrying it out. After all, the school mission is to 'nurture students to become well-educated individuals of exemplary moral character.' They know that we are the future of the world and thus want to guide us so that we can become the best people we can be," Nikou said. Students can feel

this, and they strive to rise to the occasion. "It pushes me to be the best person I

can be and to genuinely follow our school values: integrity, resilience, compassion," Nikou said. "And mind you, it's not easy treating everything you encounter with a positive mindset with these values is very

challenging. Often I find myself rather being pessimistic about things, but Northern pushes me to look at things differently, in a more optimistic way." "I came to Northern with the goal of

pushing myself to be the best artist I can be, and hope to leave with memorable experiences that will guide me throughout life, not only as memories but as lessons learned."

civic life of the United States:

"Of course no one quality makes a good citizen, and no one quality will save a nation. But there are certain great qualities for the lack of which no amount of intellectual brilliancy or of material prosperity or easiness of life can atone, and which show decadence and corruption in the nation, just as much if they are produced by selfishness and coldness and ease-loving laziness among the comparatively poor people as they are produced by vicious or frivolous luxury in the rich.

"If the men of the nation are not anxious to work in many different ways, with all their might and strength, and ready and able to fight at need, and anxious to be fathers of families ... why, that nation has cause to be alarmed about its future. "There is no physical trouble among us

Americans. The trouble with the situation is one of character, and therefore we can conquer it if we only will."

Roosevelt knew that "poverty is a bitter thing; but it is not as bitter as the existence See more at JoshuaTCharles.com

of restless vacuity and physical, moral, and intellectual flabbiness, to which those doom themselves who elect to spend their years in that vainest of all vain pursuitsthe pursuit of mere pleasure as a sufficient end in itself."

When we cursorily examine the fatherly advice of great men like John Adams and Teddy Roosevelt, we can't help but immediately perceive that such fatherly guidance is oftentimes absent today. This Father's Day, I hope we ponder this absence and consider ways in which we—as fathers, as sons, as men—may overcome this deficiency for the sake of current and future generations.

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JENNIFER L. SCOTT Projecting Beauty Into the World

CATHERINE YANG

e've all met that person who, with her refined manners and the confident but comfortable way she carries herself, comes across like a breath of fresh air-however brief the interaction. Maybe it even inspires you to stand a little straighter yourself, be a bit more polite to the next person you meet, or exchange your harried demeanor for a calmer one. This is what one Parisian host family did for Jennifer L. Scott during her college days, and what she has turned into a

ripple effect, inspiring thousands of others through her books and blog. Scott, an author, homemaker, mother of four, and connoisseur of daily life, writes and produces videos about being chic and how to live an elegant life—which is much more than a certain look. It's about poise, demeanor, and delight, rather than buying the right things and curating an image of yourself. Her writings and videos on femininity, homemaking, and art appreciation have struck a chord with followers who tell her she has inspired them to be brave and not just follow the crowd.

"My whole philosophy is about making the mundane beautiful," said Scott. The majority of our life is lived through little moments, doing routine things. There is no reason not to take joy in them.

A Chic Role Model

A trip to the south of France at age 18 was Scott's first brush with seemingly effortless elegance and a zest for life. A few years later, the Southern California girl spent half a year studying abroad in Paris, where her host family left an unforgettable impression.

Madame and Monsieur Chic (fake names, of course) and their son were always well-dressed, polite, and so comfortable in their own skin that Scott couldn't help but take notice. They used their best china on any given weekday, took tremendous enjoyment from the small things in life, and had rituals and immaculate customs built on tradition, as Scott would later write about. More than just effortless elegance, Scott also learned from her hosts that "no occasion is too small to live well."

"It's just really haunted me in a good way," Scott said.

With her bursting wardrobe of clothing items she'd given little thought to, snacking habits, and the casual way of life she was used to, Scott didn't exactly come back from her trip ready to overhaul her lifestyle. But the drama major wrote about the experience, even turned it into a play, and started to blog in the spirit of living well as "The Daily Connoisseur." The name comes from a lesser-known Agatha Christie novel (as a child, Scott wanted to be a mystery writer), in which a character is described as a connoisseur of daily life, a perfectly fitting description for the joie de vivre she'd experienced on her first trip to France.



Jennifer L. Scott is a mother of four, author, and produces videos on how to be chic and live an elegant life.

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a state of being, it is a mindset. It's about being happy with your life as it is, enjoying it as it is, and having that inner peace that so many people seek.

Jennifer L. Scott

"I think the first major change I made was the 10-item wardrobe. Once I did that, it was kind of a snowball effect," Scott said. She became a mother and homemaker, and gave more thought about how to create a beautiful home atmosphere, where everyone could delight in the everyday.

"Chic is really a state of being, it is a mindset," she said. "It's about being happy with your life as it is, enjoying it as it is, and having that inner peace that so many people seek."

Ten years after her stay in Paris, Scott, now mother to a 6-month-old girl, wrote "Lessons from Madame Chic," which she self-published and would turn into a bestseller. Then came "At Home with Madame Chic," and "Polish Your Poise "Connoisseur Kids."

Finding Your True Style

The popularity of Scott's first book may have come because she captured what she felt is now a rarity in the world today.

"I'm writing about a lifestyle that is really going extinct," Scott said. Even among the Parisian host families her peers stayed with, the Chic family was unusual for their aristocratic lineage and old-fashioned traditions.

"The world is becoming more casual with everything, with the way we dress, the way we eat, the way we live. So I think people were fascinated with that lifestyle, and it really was a slice of life in time that might never come back," she said.

Chic is nearly synonymous with personal style, and it was one of the first things Scott noticed as well. The French in film and in person wore edited, not expansive, wardrobes. The women Scott met knew what suited them and wore it like a uniform.

Back home in California, after a memorable wardrobe malfunction, Scott committed to putting her best foot forward and has never looked back. It's not about dressing to impress, it's about curating something modest, presentable, and authentic.

Ironically, this is an alluring but difficult thing for many women.

"I can't tell you how many people—so many people tell me, 'Jennifer, I feel so strange wearing a dress," Scott said. "It's funny because women have worn dresses for thousands of years, but suddenly now it's weird if you wear one. They say 'I want to embrace my more feminine nature, but I feel uncomfortable doing so.' They'll tell me 'I've been in leggings the last five years,' or 'I only wear jeans and a T-shirt.'" A sundress is more comfortable than skinny jeans on a hot day, but it's the dress that makes women so uncomfortable because they're self-conscious. "Because society's moved in a place where if you wear a sundress, 'Well, where are you going? Who are you trying to impress?" Scott said. She encourages others to not let that nice dress linger in disuse in the back of the closet, and instead use the nicer items for everyday occasions.

Fashion has always been a fascination of society's, and today is no different. Scott has a video series ("3 Articles on Dress") about recent and thought-provoking controversy over what we wear.

But chic is not just about the exterior, there is plenty of inner work, which she calls the lost art of cultivating poise. Scott said that once you find your style, stick to it. You may weather some strange comments at first, as with any lifestyle change, but ultimately why would the people in your life not want you to try to better yourself and seek happiness? Don't give in to group-think.

Scott herself has had plenty of experience in this because being on social media, everyone feels it is their right to tell her with Madame Chic," and most recently a what she should do or say. She remembers children's book that makes etiquette fun, not too long ago when she was nursing, she bought one dress in five patterns as part of her capsule wardrobe and got criticism for wearing the same thing.

"I speak from my heart and let the people who don't like it fall by the wayside," Scott said.

The Magic of Homemaking

As Scott writes in her third book, poise is a combination of five components: confidence, composure, compassion, presentation, and being present. It is a process and a way of life, a journey and not a destination, Scott said. This means everyone who aims for poise will find it difficult at times, and that's only natural. Poise might be easy during moments of peace in a beautiful setting, but often life isn't that way. Scott said that since she has young children, she's far from never being frazzled. Her quiet moments are early in the morning and at night, when she might carve out some time to write in solitude. In a recent video, she talked about losing her dignity as a parent when her toddler started running across the living room, happily spilling a canister of pepper all over the carpet as she shouted and made

a mad dash to stop him. "It's always challenging, especially when you have young children, to implement elegant living, but you just adapt," Scott said with a laugh. But having inner peace is about being adaptable.

For example, Scott uses tablecloths and sets the table nicely every single day. "The thing is, my children, they're young. I have everything from a 20-month-old to a 9-year-old," Scott said. And very young children will inevitably get messy.

"Every day there's food smashed into the table, water spilled, milk spilled, everything spilled. But we just continue to use the tablecloth every day because I really believe that the atmosphere is important and it sets their affections, as it were, as Charlotte Mason says," she said, referring to the homeschooling philosophy she uses with her children.

Scott believes everyone should have a philosophy for their home, and she believes in making the home a place in its own right, not just where we are when we're between places.

Lessons from

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Scott's first book,

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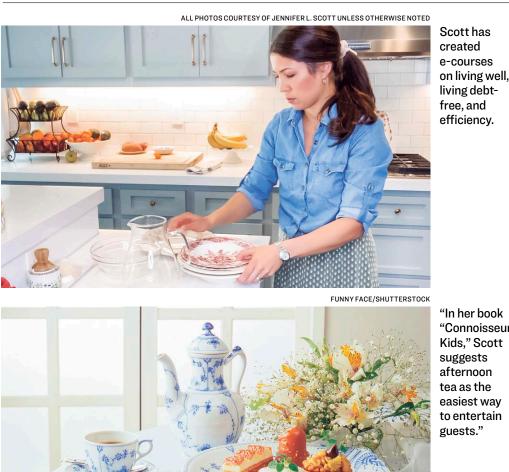
in Paris.

"Lessons From Madame

Chic," was based on what

she learned while living as

o Stylish Secrets



"I want my home to be a very peace-

ful place," said Scott, who grew up with

family dinners and classical music play-

ing in the home. "We can achieve that

through the music we play, I want there to

be lots of books so people can always pick

up a book whenever they want to, with

lots of food, something baking, some-

thing cooking every day. Just a beautiful

place. I want my children to love home

life, so that when they grow up, they'll

always look forward to visiting me again,

and always have memories about the

scents and the smells and everything they

Our homes become a formative piece of

our lives that we carry into the world. In

many ways, the manners we practice at

home, and how we dress and carry our-

selves even when there is no company,

are indicative of how we'll interact with

It was home life that had her recalling

her lessons from Paris and analyzing what

she could replicate. She distills this wis-

dom in very practical form in her books

and videos: Be frugal, but buy the best

the world at large, Scott said.

Scott has created e-courses on living well, living debtfree, and efficiency.

LOUISE BEVAN

Treasured icon Olivia Marv de Havilland, one of the last surviving stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, is fast approaching her 104th birthday.

Her five-decade-long film career makes up only part of the British-American actress's life story. De Havilland was born on

July 1, 1916, in Tokyo, to British parents. She moved with her parents and sister, actress Joan Fontaine, to the United

Journalist Winston Burdett

identified the young actress's talent during her screen debut in Reinhardt's 1934 movie adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." which was filmed at Warner Bros.'s studio. He wrote in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle that de Havilland "does greater justice to Shakespeare's language than anyone

De Havilland then became a household name for her role as Melanie Hamilton in "Gone with the Wind" at the tender age of 22.

During World War II, de Havilland took a pause from her Hollywood commitments to entertain the U.S. troops stationed at more isolated battlefronts in the Pacific. According to Stars and Stripes, the actress contracted pneumonia on her travels but persevered in her patriotic mission and

a strong on- and off-screen bond with fellow actor Errol Flynn. Both would later admit in interviews that they had fallen in love, The Telegraph reports, but de Havilland maintained that they never engaged

two children. Her first marriage was to Navy veteran Marcus Goodrich in 1946; the second was to Paris Match editor Pierre Galante nine years later. Both unions ended in divorce.

and light." bright as her legacy. GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHIC AGENCY/GETTY IMAGES

Both de Havilland and her sister were excellent. renowned actresses in their own right. Fontaine won the "Best Actress" Oscar for her role in "Suspicion" in 1941, an award for which her sister was also nominated; de Havilland later won two Oscars: one for "To Each His Own" in 1947 and another for "The Heiress" in 1950. Early in her movie career,

de Havilland also launched and won a legal battle against Warner Bros., which has had a positive ripple effect in the movie industry ever since.

Wishing to emancipate herself from a lengthy contract, de Havilland took the entertainment conglomerate to court in 1943. With de Havilland boosted by the support of the Screen Actors Guild, the Supreme Court of California ruled in de Havilland's favor.

All future contracts, they ruled, would be capped at seven years of service. According to Reuters, de Havilland's victory-otherwise known as Labor Code Section 2855stands to this day.

De Havilland chose to make her permanent home in Paris, where she's lived since the 1950s. In 1962, de Havilland used her expertise to publish a book on French culture and tradition, called "Every Frenchman Has One."

The actress was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Feb. 8, 1960, and was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2017 for her contributions to the motion picture industry.

In her long career, de Havilland has appeared in no less than 49 feature films.

According to a Vanity Fair interview, the actress attributes her health and longevity to the "three *L'*s—love, laughter,

As she approaches her 104th birthday, de Havilland's star continues to shine as

> Olivia de Havilland (C) with her sister Joan Fontaine (R) and actor John Payne, circa 1940.



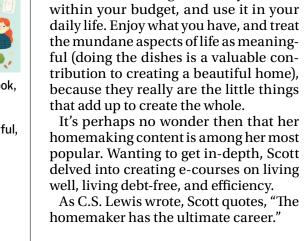
States in 1919.

else in the cast."

always entertained without charging a fee.

Back in Hollywood, de Havilland formed in a romantic relationship.

The actress did marry, twice, and bore



Discover Art

see here."

Elevating the everyday into an art isn't the only way we can all be connoisseurs; Scott also encourages people to discover art. Scott loves classical music, impressionist art, live theater, old movies, and detective stories, and she reminds us art is not just for the expert. She's created a monthly Chic Assignment, partially to introduce the community to a new composer or poet or artist, and partially to hold herself accountable to this as well. Being chic is also about enriching your mind.

"It's about art appreciation," Scott said. Sometimes she'll pronounce a name not quite right—and she'll hear about it, too, in the comments—and she'll play the piano even though she is far from expert, but she will enjoy it all the same. "It's to encourage people, you don't need to be Rachmaninoff to play the piano, you can be clumsy and make mistakes and still enjoy it."

Scott's love of art was really fostered when she got to experience it in person and in all its grandeur in Paris, so she encourages others to experience art. Go to the ballet, take in live theater, watch an opera. She's correct, of course; if art encapsulates some of the best of life, why deprive yourself of it?

If Scott's lifestyle really does sound oldfashioned, or on its way out, that doesn't deter her at all. Scott isn't trying to impose her vision on others, but to stay true to herself and offer them encouragement to stay the course should they need it. Over a decade after her blog's inception, people are still finding her work and looking for tips on how to become more chic and

poised and to live a beautiful life. "I would just like to project beauty into the world," Scott said.

Scott's most recent book, "Connoisseur Kids," introduces children to good manners in a playful,

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Jennifer L. Scott

Olivia de Havilland receives her Best Actress Oscar from the actor Ray Milland for "To Each His Own" on March 13, 1947.





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A Tribute to

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skills, consider teaching them to your grandchildren



Work on

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8 Ways to Support Your Grandchildren's Homeschool

BARBARA DANZA

A surefire way to make the homeschooling journey even more magical for a family is to get the grandparents involved.

Are you a grandparent of homeschoolers? Whether your grandchildren have been homeschooled for a while now, or they're just getting started this year, there are countless ways you can support them and your grown children on this adventure and make memories that will last a lifetime. Here are eight ideas for you to consider:

Cheer Them On

First and foremost, cheer on your children's and grandchildren's decision to homeschool. If you're unfamiliar with what homeschool entails, the idea that traditional school is the only way may be a challenging notion to shake. If you're not too sure about the decision to homeschool, do some independent research and see for yourself how millions of children thrive in a homeschool environment.

It took courage for your children to come to this decision and they would surely benefit from knowing that you support them, are rooting for their success, and will be

there for them along the way. If you've never considered homeschool as a viable option for a sound and healthy education. I think you're about to be very pleasantly surprised.

Cheer them on! They are giving your grandchildren an amazing gift that can reap rewards for a lifetime.

Provide Support

When your grandchildren were born, you may have helped out with everyday things such as making sure the laundry progressed through its cycle for the day, or preparing dinner, or allowing your adult children to run to the grocery store or shower while you minded your beautiful grandchildren.

Homeschooling is similar in some ways to new parenthood. It's a kind of hard work that is both demanding and rewarding. Helping out in seemingly small ways can make a huge difference in the peace, flow, and beauty of your family's homeschool. The environment in which a child learns has a significant impact. Helping to keep things moving, maintaining order, and giving attention to details their parents are struggling with can make a world of difference.

Even the simplest acts, like placing a vase of fresh flowers on the kitchen table, pulling some weeds near the front porch, or emptying the dishwasher are loving acts that will nurture everyone.

Take On a Subject

You can teach your grandchildren, too. What are your specialties? Are you an excellent baker? A retired carpenter? An exert chess player? A historian? A planist? A seamstress? Think of your skills—from them on in their endeavors via video chat. those you deem mundane (though your grandchildren surely will not) to those you might have put on a resume.

Set aside a regular time to teach those things to your grandchildren. The rewards of diving into your own special talents and sharing them with those you love the most will be immeasurable. You'll enrich homeschool for your grandchildren in a way they'll forever remember.

Make Your Home Educational

When your grandchildren visit, provide an environment for them to learn. It doesn't have to be anything formal. Perhaps you ask them to help you make the meatballs for that evening's dinner. Perhaps you regularly visit the library and stock a large basket with new books each time they come. Perhaps you keep a stash of art supplies handy for when inspiration strikes. Perhaps you invite them to take on a project with you, such as creating a backyard garden or building a birdhouse.

If you see your grandchildren's learning in the world something you can participate in you'll likely come up with all sorts of fun ways to engage and delight them. The fun is key. I mean, we don't come to Grandma's house to not have fun, right?

Bring Treats

One undisputed way to make any homeschool day be a little more joyful is by pairing it with lovingly made treats. If you're a cook or a baker, you've got a simple way to make any homeschool day a bit sweeter.

Join In

Parents who homeschool often find that they didn't learn all they could have when they were in school and learn right alongside their children as they go. You may also find that the educational journey knows no age limits. Join in the fun. Sit in on a history lesson. Go along for the ride on a field trip. Roll up your sleeves and participate in the science experiment. Homeschool lessons tend to feel less like school and more like family fun.

Share Your History

Sure, your grandchildren will dive into the history of the world at large, but you're in a unique position to provide them with the history and traditions of your family. Perhaps you'd like to work on a family tree with them. Perhaps you can dig out old photos and tell stories. Perhaps you have artifacts from generations past. You are a source of history and wisdom for your grandchildren. Don't let the opportunity to pass on all that you are to them pass you by.

Send Care

If your grandchildren live further away. you can still show your support for their homeschool endeavors. Stay in touch and find out what they're learning about. Send care packages of books and supplies, along with treats and sweet messages. Cheer Even long-distance grandparents can have a loving impact on their grandchildren's homeschool experience.

If Summer Teen Jobs Are Hard to Find, Try Entrepreneurship

KERRY MCDONALD

As coronavirus lockdowns have weakened the U.S. economy this spring, causing business closures and layoffs, teenagers are particularly hard hit. According to The Wall Street Journal, the teen unemployment rate is the highest it's been since at least 1948.

Widespread shutdowns in the restaurant and hospitality industries have affected entry-level and low-wage workers, including teenagers who often rely on part-time work to gain experience and get a taste of financial freedom. Summer jobs that teenagers typically fill, such as lifeguard, camp counselor, or golf caddie, have also dried up, and many companies have rescinded their summer internship offers.

In the Journal article, a recruiter suggests that teens act nimbly during this uncertain time: "Be willing to take work that a mother of two can't take," she said. "Be flexible with overnight shifts, or doing delivery at the restaurant you used to work at."

Flexibility and a willingness to explore work possibilities outside of one's comfort zone are key qualities for teens seeking jobs in 2020. But now could also be a great time to encourage teenagers and young adults to become entrepreneurs. The economic impact of the lockdowns and stay-at-home orders has upended many tradi-

tional jobs and industries, paving the way for agile entrepreneurs and creative startups to offer new products and services that people need and want.

Entrepreneur and investor. John Chisholm, says that now is a great time to start a business. The author of "Unleash Your Inner Company: Use Passion and Perseverance to Build Your Ideal Business," Chisholm told me in a recent interview that "the pandemic and government-imposed shutdowns have created new human and customer needs. As an entrepreneur, your job is to figure out which needs are the best fits for you and your passions, skills, knowledge, and relationships, where you have natural advantages to satisfy those needs, and also which needs are more likely to be longer-lived rather than shortlived. It is a tough calculation that requires talking to a lot of people, weighing a lot of data, and taking some risk. But the longer you keep asking questions, the clearer the picture will become. It takes both passion and perseverance. It is not easy. But you can do it."

My teenage daughter, for example, has been passionate about baking for several years now, with a longtime goal of creating a baking business. With many of her activities canceled this spring due to the pandemic, she has had time to build out her business plan, develop a website,



This summer could be a good time for teens to turn their interests into an entrepreneurial venture.

and study for and pass the food handler certification exam. Many local coffee shops have reduced or eliminated sales of baked goods over the past several weeks, and neighbors are craving fresh, homemade breads, rolls, muffins, cupcakes, and more. As an entrepreneur, she is able to recognize and satisfy some of this unmet neighborhood demand.

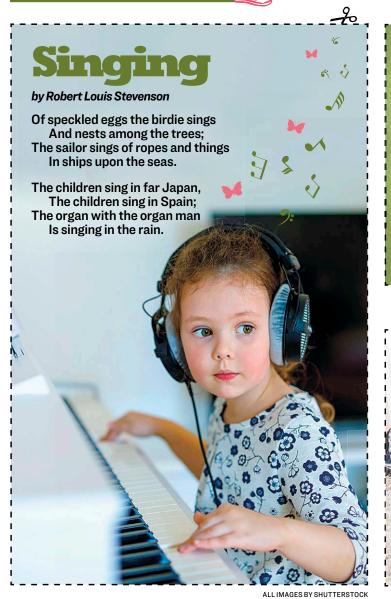
Perhaps the teenagers and young adults in your life have ideas and passions that they could turn into a business right now. Maybe they have time to tinker in the basement on inventing a new product, build a website to sell a product or service, or create and monetize a YouTube channel. Maybe they can offer in-demand services to their neighbors such as starting a babysitting business for local parents who have had their children's summer camps canceled. It could also be a great time for tweens and teens to learn new skills, such as coding, to help with their own entrepreneurial pursuits or to become more desirable to employers who are looking for workers with technology and programming experience.

T.K. Coleman, FEE's director of entrepreneurial education, offers advice and inspiration for aspiring young entrepreneurs in his weekly Revolution of One podcast and social media content. Like Chisholm, he also believes that now is a great time for teenagers and young adults to start a business. Coleman says:

"If you're interested in starting a new business, you can find lots of cool ideas simply by paying attention to people's problems. You may have a shortage of ideas, but there's never a shortage of people complaining about things. And vou can transform those complaints into gold if you can figure out a creative way to make them feel better. If someone complains about how busy they are, that's an opportunity for you to pitch yourself as a personal assistant who does all the little things that get in the way of the bigger problems they should be focusing on. If someone complains about struggling to get their kids to do homework, that's an opportunity for you to pitch yourself as a tutor. The opportunities are endless because the problems are endless. The key is not underestimating your ability to make a difference with the knowledge and experience that you already have."

Teenagers, like all of us, need to be flexible and imaginative during this challenging and unpredictable time. Encouraging young people to create their own work that adds value to others can be a powerful way to turn a teen employment sag into a productive and personally meaningful entrepreneurial venture.

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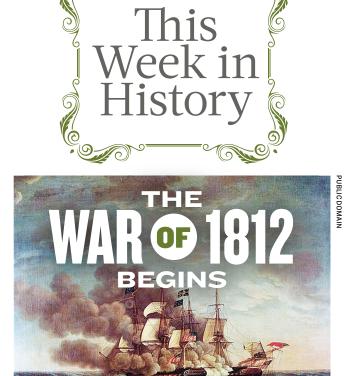
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USS Constitution defeats HMS Guerriere in a single-ship engagement. The battle was an important victory for American morale.

merica had a problem in the early 1800s. Great Britain and France were at war with each other, and each country wanted to keep America from trading with the other. This was done with laws and accords. However, both countries hired pirates to pillage American ships, so that English pirates pillaged American ships

headed for France, while the French pirates robbed American ships headed for Britain. Since England and France were the most important countries in Europe, this put many of America's businesses in jeopardy. After more than 10 years of this, America finally had enough and declared war on Britain on June 18, 1812. This war was called the War of 1812.

n many parts of America, there are trees of all kinds present in the landscape.

However, in the deserts of southeastern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and the Southwestern part of Texas, trees are not present. Instead, there are deserts—large, hot, dry expanses of land consisting of rocks, sand, few animals, and only the toughest plants. These plants, called cacti, have special features.



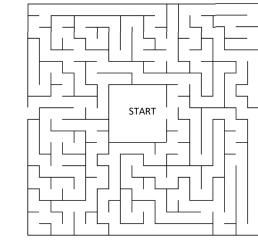
This must be the most iconic cactus. It appears in all kinds of films centered in the west. from Westerns to cartoons. The classic shape, most often seen on TV, is in the shape of a three-pronged fork or trident However, it is definitely not limited to this shape: It can have more or less "arms" growing out of the main stem, and some saguaros only grow this main stem. Its skin is vertically fluted, meaning there are grooves running up the stem and valleys. On the "mountains" there are two-inch-long spines. Saguaros grow very slowly, only about an inch a year, but they live for a very long time, and thus grow to great heights. The average saguaro will grow to 15-50 feet, but the tallest saguaros can reach the remarkable height of 78 feet. The oldest saguaros have five or more arms and are estimated to be 200 years old. In May and June, mature saguaros will produce clusters of white flowers at the end of their branches.

PRICKLY PEAR

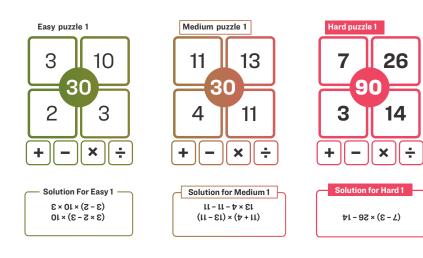
Most cacti live exclusively in desert habitats, but some species of prickly pear have managed to expand to other regions, including the east coast. Instead of growing to great heights, like the saguaro, the prickly pear grows in large lobes that spread out over an area. It grows yellow, red, or purple flowers. These cacti have interesting spines; most species of prickly pear nave the classi spine. However, all species of prickly pear also have very small, barbed spines called glochids. Prickly pear grow edible fruits, hence the name "prickly pear." However, their lobes are also edible. Prickly pear are also used for their medicinal properties.

Ripe prickly pears are sweet and juicy.

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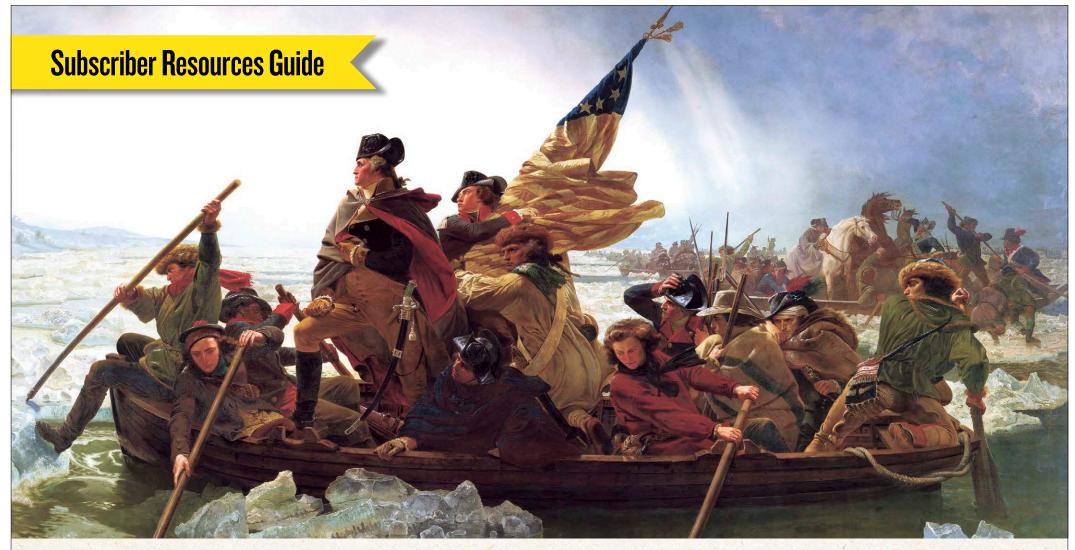
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- **4** Motivation (5)
- **5** Act like (7)
- 6 Kind-hearted (13)
- **8** Affectionate (6)

Across

The best medicine, it's said (8)

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- **3** One joshing around (6) 6 Does what is right (13)
- 7 A good sense of ____ (5)
- **10** Spirit (5)
- 12 Leg-puller (5)
- **13** Pops (3)
- **14** Kindhearted (6)
- **16** Does everything with ____ (4)
- 17 "It's a ____ Life!" (9)
- **19** Hides nothing (4)
- 20 Treasures (his family) (7) 21 Take to one's heart (6)
- **9** Link (4) 10 Embrace (3)
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- **18** Care for (4)



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