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"Benjamin Franklin Drawing Electricity from the Sky" by Benjamin West, circa 1816. In 1752, he conducted his famous kite experiment, attaching a metal key to the kite and flying it in the middle of a thunderstorm, to prove the electrical nature of lightning. The Founding Father also invented the lightning rod, bifocals, and swim fins, among many things.

## Gifts to Mankind: American Ingenuity and Invention

JEFF MINICK

Pause in your reading for just a moment and look around you. I'll do the same.

I'm sitting in what was my daughter's dining room, but which now serves as my study. To my right is a breakfast, a large antique with a mirror, drawers, and cabinets for storage of dishes and utensils, and lion's paw feet on rollers. Closer to me is a standing lamp with a single light bulb. Near my elbow is a phone that slips into my pocket, and I'm writing on a 7-year-old MacBook Pro and drinking coffee from a mug featuring London's Big Ben. On the floor around me are scattered 10 or 12 books that need shelving.

Enough.

Every single object in this room—the two sticks of gum on the wooden table beside me, the magnifying glass, the bottle of spring water, everything—is the work of human hands and human minds, products of "homo faber," of "man as maker."

I don't know the names or faces of anyone who created most of these objects. Thomas Edison and others are responsible for the light bulb in the lamp, and Steve Jobs and his crew brought me my laptop, but everything else comes to me anonymously, designed and put together by strangers in places like Allentown, Pennsylvania, (the bottled water) and China (the lamp).

But I do know that all of these objects spring from one source: human ingenuity.

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## Rescued From Dumpster as a Newborn, Woman Now Seeks to Save Lives

Morgan Hill shares her story of abandonment and rescue, information about safe haven laws

### EMG INSPIRED STAFF

A woman who was abandoned in an Illinois dumpster on the day she was born is now on a selfless mission to save infants' lives.

Baby Mary Grace was left to die in a dumpster in the village of Hoffman Estates in 1995. After a miraculous rescue and being adopted into a loving new family in 1998, she was named Morgan Hill.

"I was told I only had a few more

hours to live if I would have not been found," Hill told The Epoch Times.

"If my story saves at least one life, it was worth telling," she said, "and I believe it has saved many."

Hill grew up with no idea that she'd had an unusual beginning.

The story of the baby found in a dumpster was plastered all over the news at the time.

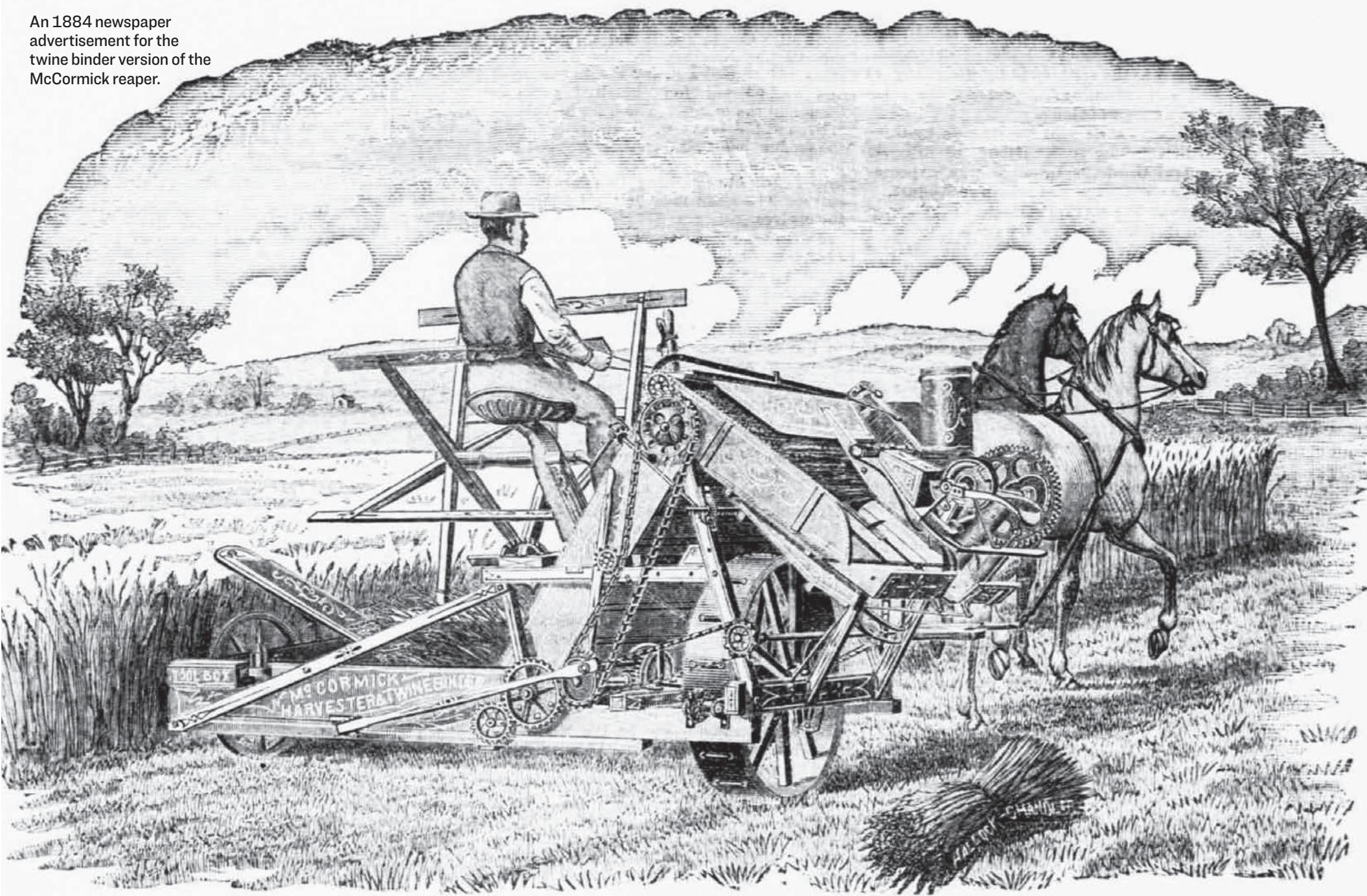
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(L-R) Sandi (Morgan Hill's adoptive mother), Morgan Hill, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt, and nurse Carol Szafranski during their reunion in 2016.

COURTESY OF MORGAN HILL

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An 1884 newspaper advertisement for the twine binder version of the McCormick reaper.

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Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and neurosurgeon Ben Carson said, "... I want us to recognize this is the kind of people that we are. We're creative with a lot of ingenuity and a lot of energy."



Ben Carson (R) drives a 3D printed car with a hybrid electric powertrain and onboard power generation at the Innovative Housing Showcase in Washington on June 1, 2019.

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## As American as Apple Pie

If we Google "American ingenuity," we find dozens of websites discussing this topic, many of which point to ingenuity and invention as especially American, distinguishing features of our culture that until recently set us off from much of the rest of the world. Even in the early colonial days, we were a nation of tinkers, a people forced by circumstance to make their way with little outside help. "Root, hog, or die" was the old pioneer adage that summed up this attitude, and the men and women who settled here, and those who followed them, built houses, churches, roads, and cities, repaired everything from muskets to harnesses, and sometimes created tools and machines to ease their lives.

Evidence of that history is all around us. Within a two-hour drive of my house, for example, tourists can visit such attractions as the Cyrus McCormick house, Walnut Grove, where McCormick invented the mechanical reaper, a device that revolutionized agriculture. Just north in Staunton is the Frontier Culture Museum, which features various living displays of American ingenuity at work along with houses of European design that demonstrate the evolution of American homes. Closer still is Washington D.C., with its many museums and displays of American goods and products.

Like many of their fellow countrymen, some of our Founding Fathers were first-class tinkers and inventors. Ben Franklin gave us the lightning rod, bifocals, the Franklin stove, swim fins, and even a urinary catheter. Thomas Jefferson invented a machine for making macaroni, a revolving chair with a writing table, a cipher

wheel for sending coded messages, and plows better suited to the hilly country around Charlottesville. George Washington's interest in farming led him to invent a threshing barn for grain that made that process faster and more sanitary.

## Necessity Is the Mother of Invention—and of Tinkering

Sometimes emergencies force even the stumbling among us to become tinkers. Some siblings and I had spent the fall of 1982 working on a 100-year-old dilapidated inn my wife and I had purchased. In December, we turned off the water to the place to prevent the pipes from freezing, but we improperly winterized them. When we turned on the water the following spring, there were leaks from the third floor to the basement. The plumber, a good man whom we later befriended, couldn't help us for three days, but was kind enough to leave me a spare box of his tools. I didn't have the heart to tell him that what I knew about plumbing I could have written on a Post-It Note. A small Post-It Note.

We began in the basement, where four pipes came together to form a cross. In the middle of the cross was a leak. I looked at that tiny hole, thought for a few minutes, and then sent my brother up the street to the convenience store to buy some bubble gum. We chewed some gum while we cut a strip of rubber from an inner tube we'd found in the basement. I stuck the gum on the hole, covered it with the rubber strip, and secured that homemade bandage with two automobile clamps.

Twenty-three years later, when I sold the house, that patch was still in place.

Necessity is sometimes said to be the mother of invention, which isn't always true, but in this case, that adage definitely applied to tinkering.

## Wealth and Liquid Paper

Ingenuity and invention can do more than fix a leaking pipe. They can bestow great wealth on their practitioners.

In the early 1950s, bank secretary Bette Nesmith Graham was frustrated. She was a poor typist, and the new electric typewriters in use at the bank caused her to make even more mistakes. Realizing that artists often simply painted over their errors, Graham began experimenting with white water-based tempera paints and a small brush, covering her mistyped with the mixture, allowing it to dry for a few minutes, and then typing over the white space.

Graham's kitchen was first her laboratory, and then, as other secretaries wanted this product, became her first company workplace. Originally assisted by her son Michael, who was later a part of the rock band the Monkees and who went on to make one of the first music videos, Graham struggled initially in her attempts to sell her product.



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The Cyrus McCormick farm in Rockbridge County, Va. On the right is the blacksmith's shop, which was used to build McCormick's mechanical reaper; on the left is the grist mill.

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Alexander Graham Bell at the opening of the long-distance line from New York to Chicago in 1892.

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Hill's adoptive mother, Sandi, didn't want reporters at the door, and she didn't want the circumstances to cast a shadow over Hill's childhood. So she kept the story of her daughter's adoption a secret.

But once Hill was old enough, Sandi told her the truth: that after she was born, her biological mother had wrapped her up in a garbage bag and left her to die. Through Sandi's words and numerous articles saved over the years, Hill learned that her biological mother had hidden her pregnancy and tried to get rid of her baby in secret.

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och Times. "He lives in a different state, but we try to get together at least once a year."

Hill had always wanted to meet the nurse and construction worker mentioned in the news stories, but she had never been able to find them.

Eventually, when a local television station arranged an interview with Hill in 2016, they managed to find Szafranski and Hyatt. During a teary-eyed reunion, the two rescuers met the precious baby girl they saved almost 25 years ago.

"The reunion impacted my life in so many ways," Hill said. "It reminded me that I'm here for a reason."

Hill said that the reunion with her rescuers has motivated her to take up the mantle of raising awareness on the child abandonment crisis, including working with organizations and taking part in conferences. She is working to save the lives of infants by educating people about the various options available to mothers in need who want to relinquish their babies.

"It's pushed me to keep sharing my story and information about the safe haven law," she said.

Today, every state has in place infant safe haven laws—a law that provides a safe place for parents to relinquish a newborn baby without repercussions.

However, in 1995, there wasn't a safe haven law in Illinois at the time of Hill's birth. The infant safe haven laws that have come into existence since 1999 provide a ray of hope.

Hill and her adoptive parents are now on a selfless mission to "touch all of the hearts of the world."

"My biological mother was in quite the twist. It was lie after lie trying to cover up her pregnancy with me," Hill wrote in a blog post.

"She gave birth to me in the bathtub when her significant other and child went to work and school. She cleaned me, fed me, and drove around unsure of what to do," Hill wrote. "Her final decision was definitely not a good one."

Hill's mother then wrapped her in a towel, put her in a trash bag, double knotted it, and threw her away in a dumpster behind Hoffmann Estates Medical Center on Oct. 16, 1995. Fortunately, Hill's cries were heard by a construction worker, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt, as he was taking out the trash the night before garbage collection day.

That's how the abandoned baby ended up in the arms of Carol Szafranski, one of the nurses who'd come running when Hyatt sought prompt assistance. She was given the name Baby Mary Grace as the nurses and Hyatt considered her "a gift from God."

Hill's birth father fought hard for six months in court to win her full custody. But due to financial reasons and being a single dad, he willingly put her up for adoption by a couple he trusted.

"I do keep in touch with my biological father," Hill told The Ep-

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Baby Mary Grace with her rescuers, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt (C), and nurse Carol Szafranski (2nd from R) in October 1995.



Morgan Hill, who was named Baby Mary Grace by her rescuers after they found her in a dumpster behind Hoffmann Estates Medical Center in October 1995.



Morgan Hill raises awareness about safe haven laws.

Eventually, however, her company "Mistake Out," later called "Liquid Paper," would employ 200 workers mixing and shipping out bottles of this magic eraser.

By the late 1970s, Liquid Paper was turning out millions of bottles of this product every year. In 1979, Graham sold the company to the Gillette Corporation for \$47.5 million, which in today's market is worth well over \$100 million.

## It Begins With a Vision

Several years ago, I interviewed a friend, Aaron Voigt, husband to Joy, father to two sons, a Navy veteran, and an insurance adjuster.

And, I might add, an inventor.

While out in the field as an insurance adjuster, Voigt found himself with a lot of free evenings. Having enjoyed firearms and shooting since his youth, he began sketching out designs for a miniaturized handgun. After a great deal of experimentation and wading through a swamp of patent laws and government regulations, Voigt created a weapon whose height and length are the size of a credit card, weighs 7 ounces, and fires a single .22 caliber bullet, with storage in the handle for three more rounds. He named the weapon LifeCard and founded his own company, Trailblazer Firearms, for the manufacture and sale of this gun.

When I asked about the gun only firing one bullet, Aaron replied, "It's one more than you have if you don't have a gun at all."

Good point from a good man.

## The Kind of People We Are

Skilled pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson once wrote: "Before this country came on the scene, for thousands of years people did things the same way. Within 200 years of the advent of this nation, men were walking on the moon, and I want us to recognize this is the kind of people that we are. We're creative with a lot of ingenuity and a lot of energy."

Time and again in our history, men and

women have employed that ingenuity and energy to improve the lives of those around them. We've built airplanes and cars, we've given the rest of the world computers and the information age, we've invented life-saving drugs and surgical tools. The list is almost endless. If we need proof of American exceptionalism, we need only look at those accomplishments.

## The Vital Ingredient

There are many reasons for these successes: a patent system that protected inventors, government support and encouragement, the contributions of various immigrants like Alexander Graham Bell, an education system that worked, and a history of tinkering, of always trying to invent tools for better living.

Some parts of this scaffolding are in need of repair. Government today often acts more as a hindrance than a help in this arena, and our education system is failing many of our young people.

But the greatest and most precious factor in our inventiveness, the one we must most closely guard, is our freedom. Without liberty, we will stifle innovation and development.

That liberty, along with free enterprise, inquiring minds, and the human spirit, brought a wealth of improvement to all of our lives in the past two centuries. Those same virtues will continue to do so if we in turn allow them to flourish.

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## DEAR NEXT GENERATION:

## ‘Find a Passion’

## → Advice from our readers to our young people

## My Advice for Young People

At the age of 63, I have solid, direct advice to young people to obtain the greatest rewards from life. First, don't expect to walk on a plush, red carpet every day.

You and only you are in charge of your life, not your parents, friends, or teachers, though their influence plays a critical role. Somewhere along the time growing up, I assume you learned the basics of right and wrong and avoided the slippery slope into crime, violence, and alcohol and drug abuse—obviously a recipe for a horrible life.

However, being engaged in satisfying one's curiosity by climbing the highest tree, bicycling a hundred miles, damming up a stream (regrettably, I caused a neighbor's basement to flood doing this!), watching trains operate at a nearby railroad yard, and noting what happens to a penny placed on the tracks, along with other countless real-world adventures are essential experiences.

Additionally, find a passion! I happened to love natural science and collected butterflies, had a science laboratory in my basement, and built a telescope. Maybe you collected rare books, love ancient history, have a passion for art, love working with tools, enjoy religious activities, gourmet cooking, or writing—perhaps keeping a journal. Hobbies are rewarding, educational, energize responsibility, and teach discipline, which is the ultimate key to a good life. Combining your passion in a manner that generates economic rewards adds further motivational incentives.

Do you enjoy sports? Team activities and competition are great for our physical, emotional, and psychological health as well as helping us set goals, another major ingredient for success. And how about music? Whether playing an instrument or simply cherishing the sounds, music has a positive influence on nearly everyone. And by all means, travel! Experiencing varieties of places, people, and cultures is incredibly stimulating and mind-broadening.

Work! My first experience operating a business was selling lemonade for a nickel a cup to supplement my 25 cents a week allowance. At the age of 8, I quickly learned that money has value based on



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work productivity. Then one day I asked the high school football coach what he would pay me to pick up trash after games. Wow! I made \$5 a week plus change that dropped in the soil under the bleachers. By age 10, I was making \$17 a month delivering newspapers and saved up for a camera, which led to my lifetime passion for photography and economic prosperity. During my teens, I mowed lawns, painted houses, raked leaves, and worked in restaurants while improving my photography.

So what role does formal education play in your life? Certainly, all should work hard to achieve whether in the classroom or not, but don't depend on the classroom solely to move you forward. In fact, going deep into debt for college could set you behind substantially, plus four years of lost earnings, therefore choose your major wisely. Do depend on your life experiences, your moral integrity, and your determination. Here are the priorities:

1. Take nothing more seriously than your health. You have little without good health! Being healthy, living longer, and saving a fortune on health care only make sense.
2. Maintain love in your life from romantic love to the love of family and friends. A happy social life is crucial for optimum health in all areas!
3. Follow your passions over money. When you are naturally talented at something you enjoy, pursue it and the cash will flow.
4. Wealth accumulation is about proper money management, not big salaries! The finance game is not hard to win despite seemingly every entity trying to take what you earn. There are simple, cardinal rules as follows:

Always pay yourself first every month no matter the sacrifice. Live at least 10 percent below your means forever. Avoid or eliminate debt ASAP. Learn safe places to invest in your 401k and Roth IRA making the "magic of compound interest" gradually replace work income. Hire a trusted, qualified professional if not comfortable doing it yourself.

And last but not least, always engage in fun and humor. I didn't place a live snake in my fourth-grade teacher's tissue box for nothing!

—James Steamer, Pennsylvania

## Dear Next Generation:

One fact I have learned repeatedly in my life and career is—you can't pass on experience. You can talk about a job and you may be able to show it. But until the recipient dives in and has their own experience, the new information—what you went through—does not really transfer.

At age 27 as a rising talent in operations in the steel industry, I was assigned to the No. 1 trainee to become a melting supervisor, the person whose crew ran the 225-ton, 2900 F furnaces with their raw materials and refining process that produced the chemical and physical specifications ordered by the ultimate customer.

The two of us, trainer John, and trainee Ron, could not have been more different. He came through the crew and had seen everything. I was five years out of college and had seen very little of note in my previous two years in the department. I was not a metallurgist. He was a thorough, knowledgeable teacher while I was an eager but green student. The scenario is part of what shapes my own advice here and had a major impact on the many opportunities I had to pass on "my experience."

The key points were these. I followed John around for three weeks taking notes, listening to him, watching what he did, absorbing everything. Then he followed me around for two weeks while I was doing his part of the job, gently guiding me in his image. The one indelible, unforgettable thing he said to me along the way was, "Do exactly as I told you unless you have a really good reason to do something different." I went off on my own and I remember thinking, "I am going to add this alloy to the batch" in a given situation but then I realized I was taught and told to follow my training and mostly because I did not have a good reason to do otherwise.

To our young people I say, "Soak up the knowledge of your trainer—there was a reason they were assigned to shape you." When this person crosses your path, hang on for the ride and consider yourself fortunate for this opportunity—not to fork their experience—but for them starting you on yours.

When you get the opportunity to do the same, there is great personal and professional satisfaction in so doing. Even today, half a century later, I reflect back on my life experiences. I still treasure my successful time making steel that could not have hap-

pened any other way.

I can't tell you how many times over the years in many sales, marketing, and operational scenarios I have followed John's single enduring priceless piece of advice. I now pass it on. "Do as you are taught unless you have a really good reason to do something different." Companies need a succession of good people. Embrace your chance to be one of those good people with your career having been "jump-started" by sound advice.

—Ron Hart, Pennsylvania

## Dear Next Generation,

Set personal goals and don't be a victim. Whether it's because you are older or younger, a man or woman, a different race, perceive you are poor, or are not given that which you think you are entitled to. We are all struggling with something.

Growing up in London seven years after World War II ended, I had never heard the word "entitled." We were grateful—grateful for friends and neighbors—and shared what we had. We happily unraveled knitted sweaters to make new ones, cut up flouncy dresses to make skirts and darned nylons. Scarlet wasn't the only one making dresses from curtains! It wasn't until I was 16 that my mother acquired a washing machine. Unfortunately, the washed clothes still had to be rinsed in the sink.

The latest Texas storm reminded me of the cold London winters with no heat in the bedroom, frost on the inside of the windows, and we wore layers of clothing to bed and cuddled a hot water bottle at night. Life was hard, but we didn't know it. And we all had goals. These goals were for us to achieve, not to expect others to give to us.

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I was in my late 20s when I had the opportunity to move to California. I thought it would be like the Doris Day movies, wardrobes full of clothes, summers at the country club, weekends in a mountain cabin, backyards with swimming pools. But I soon learned that all these came with hefty debt and I chose to live frugally as I had in England and apart from a mortgage, I saved for anything I wanted or needed.

So, my advice for the next generation is to have goals. Not a dream, but a goal that you can plan for and work toward within a specific time period. You may not accomplish it in the way you thought you might, but keep going.

Cherish simple things, a family get-together, a walk in the park, or coffee with friends.

Although there are times when you may have to incur some debt, only do this as a last resort and not for frivolous things (save for those). Then plan to pay it back as quickly as possible. With limited income as a single parent, I was able to pay off a mortgage in eight years. I put together an Excel spreadsheet and added every extra cent I earned toward my goal (I saved thousands in interest).

Set up a budget. This doesn't have to be restrictive, but more about being aware of where your money is going.

Be kind and help others. My family was always willing to lend a hand, whether it be to railway workers when a train derailed by making and handing out soup on a cold night, helping at events for the blind, and in later years knitting hats for newborn children at local hospitals.

Don't look at what anyone else is doing. It doesn't matter if someone has a newer car, more clothes, expensive toys. You're not going to keep up with the Kardashians, and honestly, who would want to?

—Ann Summerville, Texas

## What advice would you like to give to the younger generations?

We call on all of our readers to share the timeless values that define right and wrong, and pass the torch, if you will, through your wisdom and hard-earned experience. We feel that the passing down of this wisdom has diminished over time, and that only with a strong moral foundation can future generations thrive.

Send your advice, along with your full name, state, and contact information to NextGeneration@epochtimes.com or mail it to:

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(Above) Most of Westminister Abbey's architecture is in the Gothic style. Built by King Henry III in 1245, it is one of the most important Gothic buildings in England. (Below) Intricate bas-reliefs adorn the north entrance to Westminister Abbey.

## LARGER THAN LIFE: ART THAT INSPIRES US THROUGH THE AGES

## A British Treasure: Westminister Abbey

The hallowed ground of Westminister Abbey holds a unique place in British history. It's where coronations occur and the fallen and the famous rest and are remembered: namely, the Grave of the Unknown Warrior honoring all those who died in military conflict, with memorials to William Shakespeare, Sir Winston Churchill, William Blake, the Brontë sisters, Jane Austen, and Rudyard Kipling.

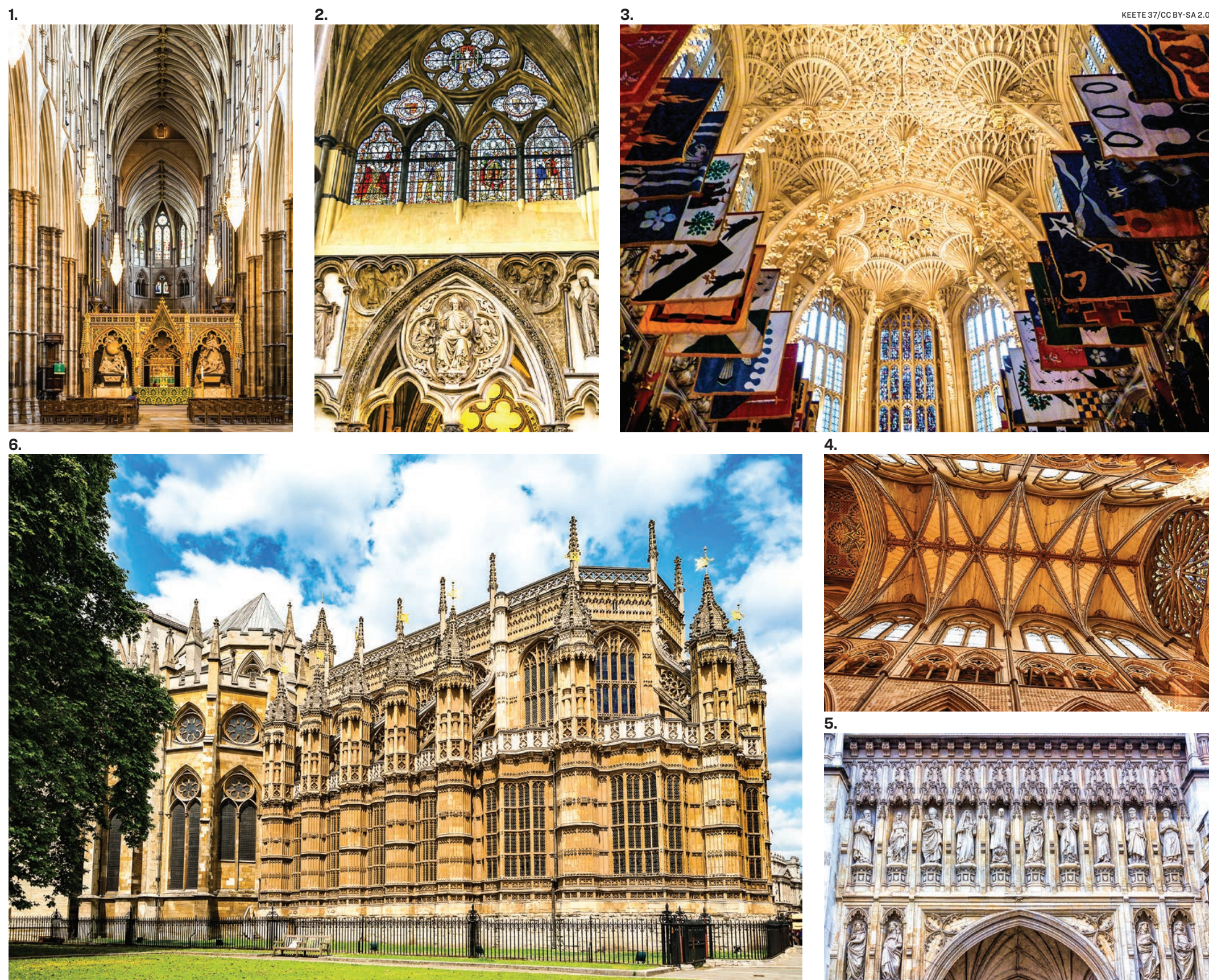
Charles Dickens, Sir Isaac Newton, and George Frideric Handel are all buried there, too, to name a few. It's the site of every English sovereign's coronation since William the Conqueror in 1066.

The abbey was founded as a Benedictine monastery in 960 and then rebuilt in 1065 by Edward the Confessor, the Anglo-Saxon king and saint. Most of the abbey's architecture is in the Gothic style, built by



King Henry III in 1245. As such, it is one of the most important Gothic buildings in England.

Daily services are held at the abbey, but interestingly, the abbey is outside the jurisdiction of the Church of England. It's neither a cathedral nor a parish church; as it reports directly to the monarch, it is called a "Royal Peculiar" and was deemed so by Queen Elizabeth I in 1560.



(Clockwise) 1. The nave of Westminister Abbey contains the graves and memorials of well-known men and women. 2. Christ flanked by angels is among some of the intricate sculptural reliefs in the 13th-century Chapter House. Kings and queens are honored in stained glass. 3. The glorious medieval fan-vaulted ceiling of the Henry VII Lady Chapel in Westminister Abbey. The chapel is the final resting place of 15 kings and queens. 4. Westminister Abbey's spectacular vaulted ceiling. 5. Over the Great West Door of Westminister Abbey, 10 martyrs of the 20th century are commemorated. Each was oppressed or persecuted for their faith, including victims of Nazism, communism, and religious prejudice. (Top row, L-R) St. Maximilian Kolbe, Manche Masemola, Janani Luwum, Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., St. Oscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Esther John, Lucian Tapiedi, and Wang Zhiming. 6. The lavish Henry VII Lady Chapel, at the east end of Westminister Abbey, took around a decade to build and was completed in 1516, nearly six years after Henry VII's death.



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If you've seen big tech's conduct since the 2020 election, it's not hard to see how they're putting the gasoline on censorship.

After the violence on Jan. 6, they took down videos and photos, blocked or put warning labels on posts, and suspended accounts en masse.

What this has done is suppressed information, helping to shape a narrative that does not represent the full picture of what happened.

While this online censorship is not new, the pace and scale of it is, and we're afraid this is a trend that's going to continue.

We had multiple reporters and photographers

on the ground that day, taking photos and videos, getting interviews, and giving you timely updates on the events as they unfolded.

**While we can't do anything about big tech's censorship, what we can do is to bring you more and better coverage of events like these.**

**To do this though, we need your support.**

**What Our Readers Say**

*(after YouTube has completely demonetized us)*

**‘ I urge everyone to financially support you to offset the demonetization efforts by YouTube. God bless! ’**

In the overall state of media censorship and misinformation, The Epoch Times is a Godsend. My only sources for current events is The Epoch Times and your sister station NTD. Despite the big tech censorship from platforms like YouTube, I really enjoy watching your investigative presentations by Joshua Phillip as well as presentations by Roman Balmakov. Thank you for holding true to your motto, as it seems like Truth and Tradition are scarce commodities these days.

**NICK MENDOZA**

Because of the banning that Big Tech is doing to a lot of people, I would stay away from YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and some of the others. Go with free speech. I really like that you're on Censored.news. Keep up with the good work and the true facts.

**MARGIE MCMILLAN**

I truly admire your courage in reporting the truth about what is happening in the U.S. and our world, and your defiance of the big tech censors in reporting on issues that concern millions of us, including election fraud and abuse of power by big tech. I urge everyone to financially support you to offset the demonetization efforts by YouTube. God bless!

**RICHARD C**

I have heard that The Epoch Times YouTube channel has been demonetized. Consider developing a channel for media devices like Roku. I believe the quality of your content will make this successful and would allow you to sell advertising with (potentially) less censorship from tech companies.

**GEOFF BARNARD**

I just signed up and love your news. So wonderful to read truth, not the lies and spin of MSM [mainstream media]. I am sorry you were demonetized by YouTube. You are patriots!

**JULIE WIRTEL**

I was discouraged to hear that YouTube is now trying to shut you down. That makes me all the more determined to support you as an independent media voice. I'm from Canada and there is virtually no independent media voice here. We even have mail delivery people refusing to deliver The Epoch Times, as if they're somehow empowered to censor what views can be disseminated. Please keep up the amazing work you all do.

**BOB HULLEY**

We saw one of The Epoch Times' ads on YouTube about four months ago and subscribed. You got us through the election informed and sane, with coverage of what was happening we could find nowhere else. I have shamelessly re-posted your articles on my blog, forwarded to others information for which your reporters have done all the spadework and talked at least 3 other people into subscribing. Your \$1 offer is so ridiculously reasonable we are sending a contribution for your full subscription price to cover the last 4 months (and to make up for the demonetization/censorship). You're worth it!

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