

The Murray Ave Times

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Pet of the month

This article is about Coal. He is this month's pet. I hope you enjoy it. I picked Coal because I thought you would enjoy learning about this great dog.

Coal has been with the Landers family for 7 years. He enjoys playing fetch and playing tug-of-war with the family and he also enjoys sleeping. Coal is a Great Dane/Black Lab mix. Coal is a great guard dog.

We hope you enjoyed our article about Coal. You have a great dog Jerry and Sharon. Thank you for letting us interview Coal. Coal is very cute and make sure to pet him when you see him.

Person of the month

This article is about Ingrid. We hope you like it. Ingrid enjoys spending time with her kids Harvey and Clyde. Ingrid teaches graphic design. Her family wanted to move here because she liked the neighborhood and downtown. During her free time, she likes to sit on the front porch. Ingrid and her family have been here for 3 years. Ingrid's house is a modern house. Ingrid likes sushi and design books. Charley Harper is her biggest inspiration. She has a cat named Kitty and hermit crabs. Ingrid has a great basement with a cute kids area. Ingrid is a wonderful person. I hope you enjoyed the article. Thank you Ingrid for letting us interview you.



Fall Tip

Are the squirrels eating your pumpkins? Worry no more! To keep squirrels from eating your pumpkins, just simply spread the pumpkins with Vaseline and cayenne pepper and they will be squirrel-free.

STOOL

If anyone has a small wooden stool that they are not using please contact me at everydayplaces@yahoo.com.

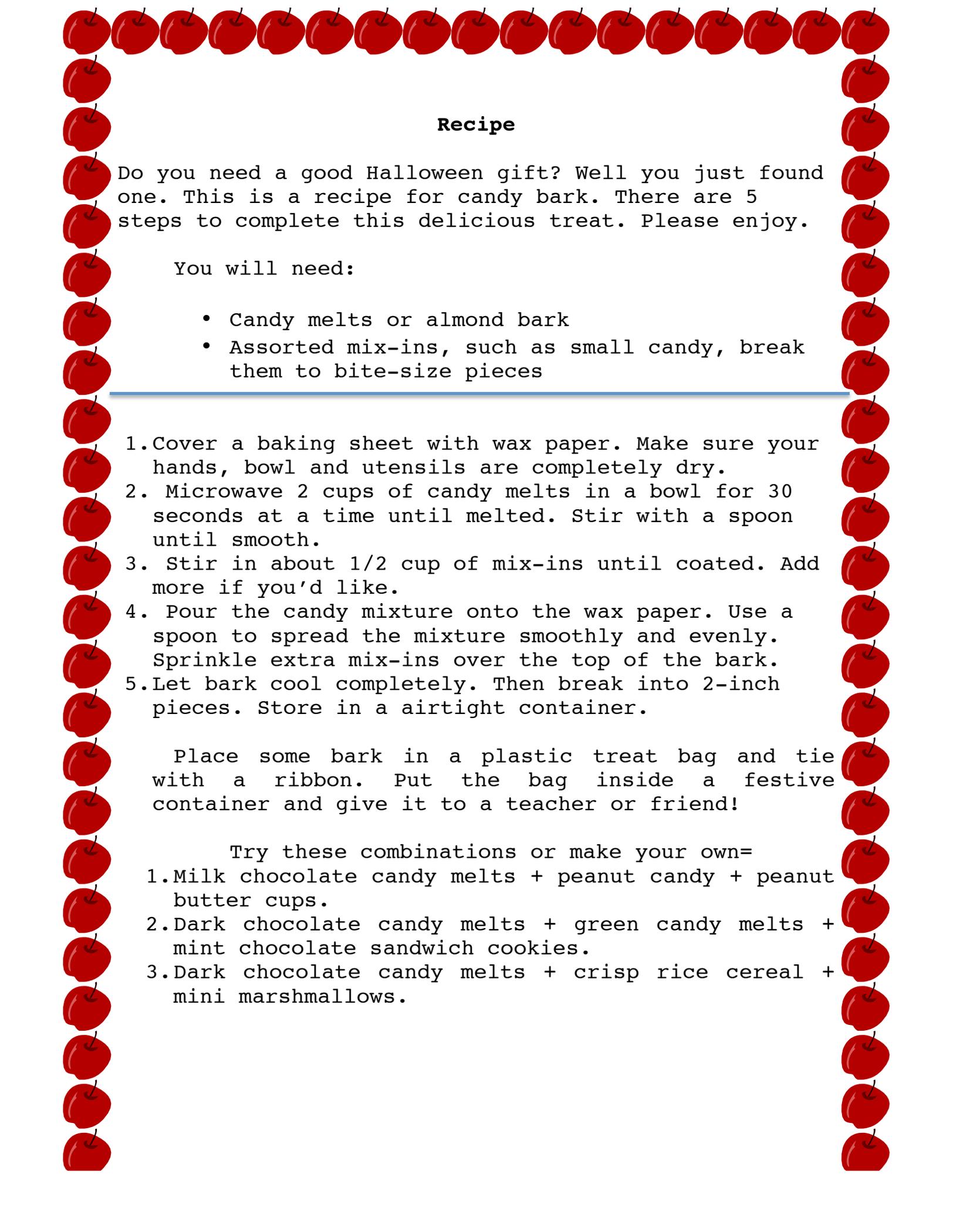
Sports

There is a new sport called hooping. Hooping involves controlling a Hula-hoop with a stick. The stick has to be peeled before using it so it's nice and smooth. The stick turns the hula-hoop. You can also do tricks like going on and off of the sidewalk, bouncing the hoop and walking though the hoop [very tricky]. Hope you try out this new game and make sure to watch it in action.

Free library

Ever heard of a free library? A free library is a building kind of like a birdhouse. It has a glass door and a shelf inside. You can place books inside. Once someone takes a book they can leave a book that they are done with. You can leave a recommendation for a book that you read and really liked. These libraries are starting to pop up all over town. A few people on Murray are even thinking of making one in front of their houses. Some are fancy with engravings of owls and such or matching benches next to it. Some are just plain wood. There is one on Washington Street.





Recipe

Do you need a good Halloween gift? Well you just found one. This is a recipe for candy bark. There are 5 steps to complete this delicious treat. Please enjoy.

You will need:

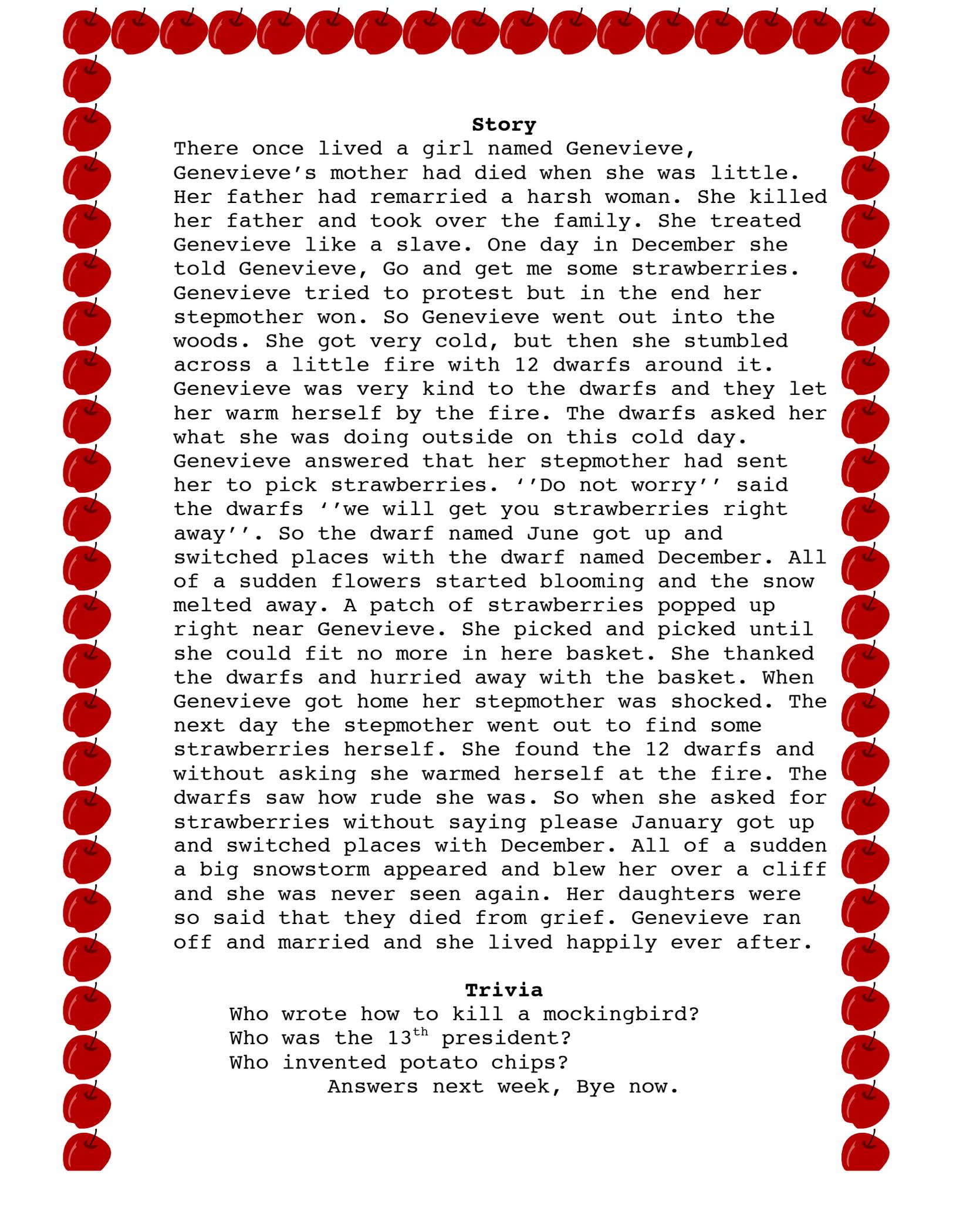
- Candy melts or almond bark
- Assorted mix-ins, such as small candy, break them to bite-size pieces

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1. Cover a baking sheet with wax paper. Make sure your hands, bowl and utensils are completely dry.
 2. Microwave 2 cups of candy melts in a bowl for 30 seconds at a time until melted. Stir with a spoon until smooth.
 3. Stir in about 1/2 cup of mix-ins until coated. Add more if you'd like.
 4. Pour the candy mixture onto the wax paper. Use a spoon to spread the mixture smoothly and evenly. Sprinkle extra mix-ins over the top of the bark.
 5. Let bark cool completely. Then break into 2-inch pieces. Store in a airtight container.

Place some bark in a plastic treat bag and tie with a ribbon. Put the bag inside a festive container and give it to a teacher or friend!

Try these combinations or make your own=

1. Milk chocolate candy melts + peanut candy + peanut butter cups.
2. Dark chocolate candy melts + green candy melts + mint chocolate sandwich cookies.
3. Dark chocolate candy melts + crisp rice cereal + mini marshmallows.



Story

There once lived a girl named Genevieve, Genevieve's mother had died when she was little. Her father had remarried a harsh woman. She killed her father and took over the family. She treated Genevieve like a slave. One day in December she told Genevieve, Go and get me some strawberries. Genevieve tried to protest but in the end her stepmother won. So Genevieve went out into the woods. She got very cold, but then she stumbled across a little fire with 12 dwarfs around it. Genevieve was very kind to the dwarfs and they let her warm herself by the fire. The dwarfs asked her what she was doing outside on this cold day. Genevieve answered that her stepmother had sent her to pick strawberries. "Do not worry" said the dwarfs "we will get you strawberries right away". So the dwarf named June got up and switched places with the dwarf named December. All of a sudden flowers started blooming and the snow melted away. A patch of strawberries popped up right near Genevieve. She picked and picked until she could fit no more in here basket. She thanked the dwarfs and hurried away with the basket. When Genevieve got home her stepmother was shocked. The next day the stepmother went out to find some strawberries herself. She found the 12 dwarfs and without asking she warmed herself at the fire. The dwarfs saw how rude she was. So when she asked for strawberries without saying please January got up and switched places with December. All of a sudden a big snowstorm appeared and blew her over a cliff and she was never seen again. Her daughters were so said that they died from grief. Genevieve ran off and married and she lived happily ever after.

Trivia

Who wrote how to kill a mockingbird?

Who was the 13th president?

Who invented potato chips?

Answers next week, Bye now.