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Mary Queen of Scots treasure bought for £1.8m for Scotland

**BBC
NEWS**



A Scottish national treasure once owned by Mary, Queen of Scots, has been bought for £1.8m.

The silver casket has been secured by National Museums Scotland for the nation.

The casket, which was made in Paris between 1493 and 1510, will go on display at the National Museum of Scotland.

The rare work of early French silver is believed to have once contained letters which played a role in Mary's downfall.

In December 1568, a similar chest was produced at a hearing ordered by Elizabeth I against

Mary at Westminster.

This contained what would become known as the Casket Letters.

These love poems and letters, allegedly from Mary to her third husband, the Earl of Bothwell, implicated them both in a conspiracy to murder Mary's second husband, Lord Darnley.

'Genuine article'

The museums body said the casket was a "su-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!

We're 15 years old this year!

If you would enjoy reading about the more-interesting-than-you-would-think history of this publication, just visit <<https://electricScotland.com/bnft>>

Then, go to the Archives and select **BNFT June 2021B.pdf**.

The story about our birthday is on pages 31, 33 and 35.



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Browse amongst the archives
since 2007 or
read the current issue.

Section B is "up" on the
Internet about the
15th of each month.
Section A is "up"
the first of the next month.



**Summer Solstice is June 21 and
also the first day of summer!**



A letter from your editor...

*June is truly
our month!*

We are truly fortunate as we have the major milestones in our lives in one month - June!

Yep, Tom's birthday is first, on June 8th. Then, my birthday is the 18th of June.

We were handfasted at the Glasgow, Kentucky, Highland Games June 2, 2007 and two years later on the same weekend in June we were married in the garden at our wonderful friend, Jeri Martin's, house in Lebanon, Tennessee.

That's the picture at the right.

There's more!

After about a year with no publication, *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* was born in June at my house in Walhalla, South Carolina. You can see those issues in the Archives at <<https://electricscotland.com/bnft>>.

June is also the month I was made a member of the Kingdome of Raknar at Glasgow - long before I knew Tom.

Our Handfasting was done with research into the old, old Scottish custom when there were not enough priests for every Scottish village to have one all the time.

At that time, a couple could literally bind themselves together and swear their own allegiance to each other - for a year and a day.

After that time passed, they were free to remain together or not. If not, any child born to their union was legitimate.

When a priest came to their village, their Handfasting would be changed to a marriage.

We did our Handfasting a bit differently. We had maybe 400 folks come to our celebration that day at the Glasgow Games. Friends of mine passed amongst the crowd throwing handfuls of "fairy dust" at everyone.

Jeri, who was an Ordained Minister, performed our ceremony. Tom and I pledged to each other "so long as we shall live."

There were dozens of folks there that day who came and tied our wrists together with red and blue ribbons. One dear friend said, "I was in the Navy for 30 years and you all will NEVER get out of my ribbon!"

We had lovely music by Colin Grant Adams, by David Pickens and his partner who did a gorgeous piece of music for



us and Allison Atkins who had a glorious voice which made goose-bumps on everyone.

Alex Beaton called on the telephone to give us his good wishes and so many dear friends were so happy for us.

During our ceremony the Governor of Kentucky landed his helicopter very near to us - very loudly.

There was a Christian weightlifting group right next to us which played *Spirit in the Sky* by Martin Greenbaum very, very loudly.

The previous week, I had made cakes and cakes and cakes and cakes, etc. Drysdale, Jeri's daughter had made a lovely tent for the ceremony out of white everything.

She had arranged the cakes and goodies so that no fancy place had anything as pretty. Folks devoured the cakes and everything.

We had the Handfasting at the cairn in the Glasgow Games area.

Camden Simon piped me into the ceremony and I was accompanied by "Sweet" Max (also known as Mad Max).

We've not seen another Handfasting like ours. It was so happy!



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We would like to formally invite you to attend the upcoming, Clan Graham Society Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held Virtually to all members once again this year.

We would love to see you on our ZOOM call, below you will find the details for the meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 18th from 11am-12pm EST.

If you hold a Chair/Committee position, please forward your annual report to our Secretary John Graham at <okgrahams@att.net>

Please join us in your time zone to hear all the current Clan news!

Your Executive Board is working hard at the Society's business and researching an "in-person" AGM for 2023. Stay tuned!

Clan Graham Society AGM

When: Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 11am – 12pm Eastern Time



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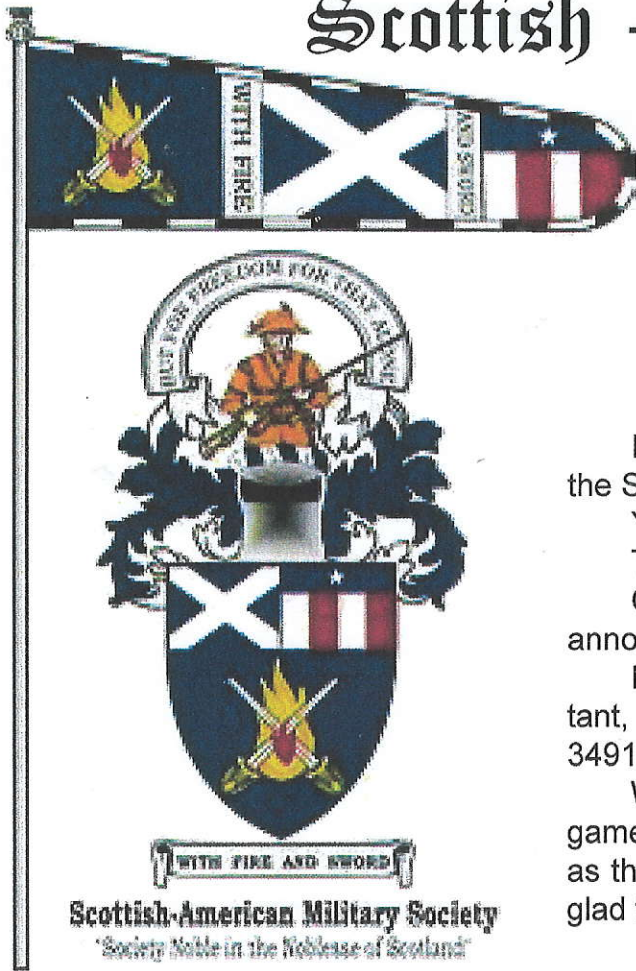
Thank you ! See you on ZOOM !

Lora Greenland

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Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <rickconn@bellsouth.net>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.

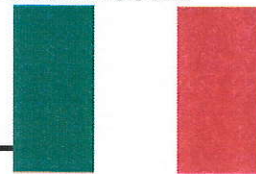


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Do you have German or Italian ancestors, too?



Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Good afternoon: We have some interesting programs coming up in June at Fort Myers Regional Library. The focus will be on Italian and German genealogical research.

Each of the classes are described below. The description information includes the links to register.

If you encounter any issues registering, feel free to contact me and I will take care of assisting you with the process..

Session Two
(Section One was in June) – Researching Italian Ancestors in Italian Records and Websites

Speaker: John Bifano - Professional Italian Researcher

Date: Saturday, June 18, South Building Meeting Rooms A & B 10-11:30 am

Having determined the ancestral birthplace, we will explore online resources for locating and transcribing Italian civil, and if time permits, church records. All records, either civil or church, were kept on the local town level with copies forwarded to provincial Capitals or Dioceses.

We will examine sample birth, marriage and death acts from the three periods of Italian civil records--Napoleonic, pre-Unification, and Modern. Other online resources will be consulted, ie, Italian and Latin Genealogical Word Lists, Italian Occupations, et al. Since this will be a "hands-on" pro-

gram, participants will need to bring a laptop to the presentation, be members of Family Search and watch a few online videos prior to attending. List of suggested links to videos to follow.

You can register for both programs at the following links on the program and events calendar. <<https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/events/researching-italian-ancestors-us-records>> or you might like to use <<https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/event/researching-italian-ancestors-italian-records>>



German Research

German Research – *Taking a Stand: Understanding German Social Status*

Speaker: Ken Weaver – Lee County Genealogical Society – German Roots Research Group Leader

Date: Thursday,

June 2, 2022, Go to: Webinar Virtual Program

Time: 10 am -11:30 am

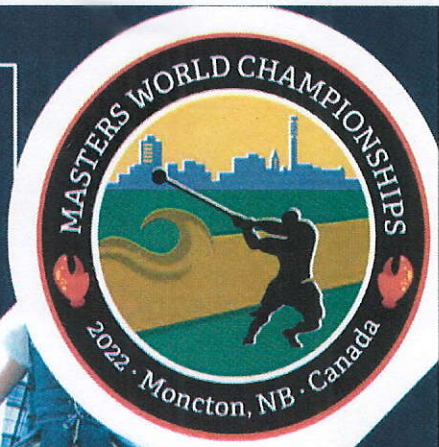
Taking a Stand: Understanding German Social Status

Understanding the German word “Stand” is an important one in unlocking your ancestor’s life in centuries gone by. The term dates back to feudal times and impacted life in the German-speaking territories until the 20th century. This presentation will examine the history of the concept, its evolution into its more modern meaning in one’s

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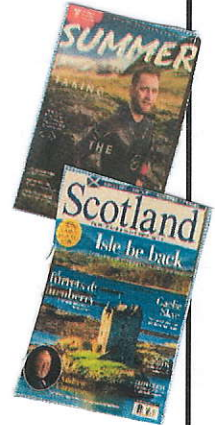
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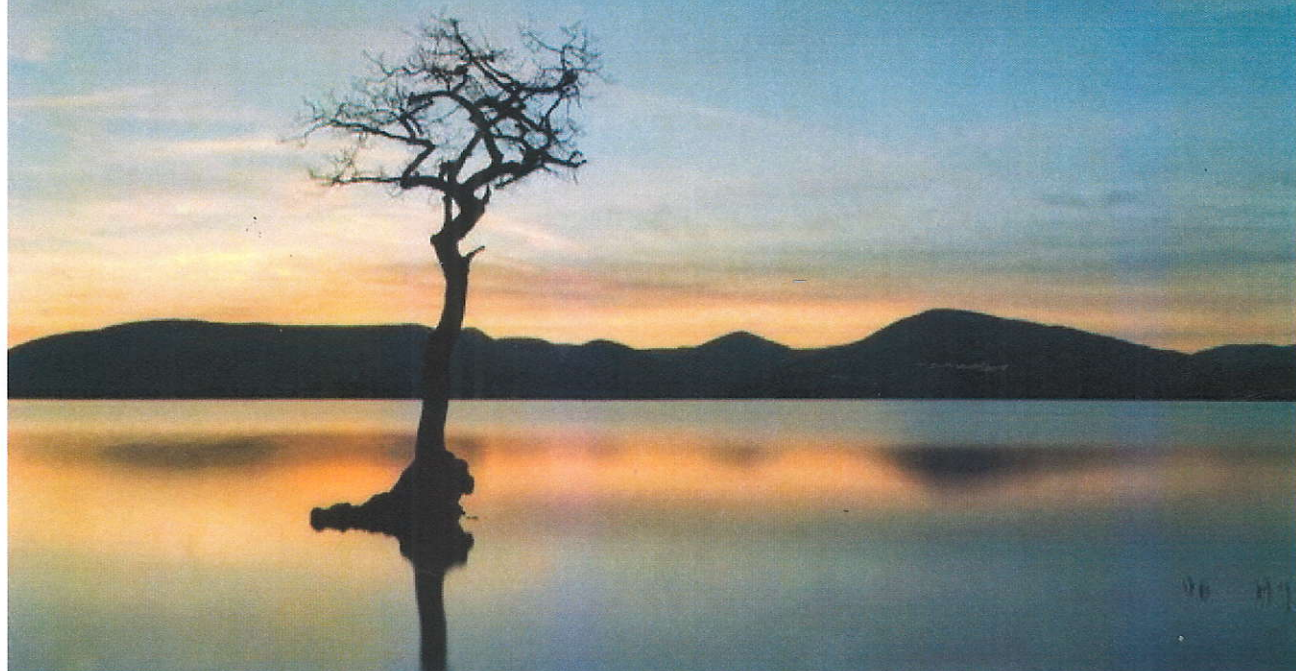


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A single oak tree rises out of the waters of Loch Lomond.



A LONE OAK TREE RISES out from the waters of Milarrochy Bay, on the eastern shores of Loch Lomond. It is located in one of Scotland's first national parks, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. Though it is less sturdy than its neighbors further from the water, the tenacious little tree with its twisted roots has managed to survive for many years. Depending on water levels, the tree is sometimes submerged beneath the surface.

Italian and German genealogy,

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profession and will assist participants with records and resources to unlock your ancestor's Stand.

You can register for the program at the following link <<https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/events/online-taking-stand-understanding-german-social-status>>

Thanks.

Once again, I sincerely thank all of you for your continued support. Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the programs or registration.

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In 2020, the Milarrochy Oak was a finalist for the title of Scotland's Tree of the Year, an annual competition put on by the Woodland Trust.

It's on the West Highland Way, Milarrochy, Scotland, OAJ. It's only 4 and a half miles from Buchanan Castle!

With thanks to Atlas Obscura. Nowadays you can find Atlas Obscura on the Internet.

A middle school in Dallas, Texas, organized a "Breakfast with Dads" event and then they realized some students lacked father figures. So, the school made a FaceBook post asking for 50 vounteers. The next morning, 600 men showed up to help out. It's true.

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Mary Queen of Scots silver, *continued from page 1*

perb and extremely rare" work of early French silver, very little of which survives, even in France. It is likely that its long-standing association with Mary has kept it preserved for over 450 years.

For three centuries, it was owned by the family of the Dukes of Hamilton, following its acquisition, around 1674, by Anne, Duchess of Hamilton.

According to a handwritten note stored with it from the late 17th century, she bought the casket, previously owned by Mary, Marchioness of Douglas, on the understanding that it had belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots.

The note records the belief it is the genuine article involved in the Lord Darnley conspiracy.

Mary Queen of Scots

The silver casket is believed to have been owned by Mary Queen of Scots, who was held in captivity for 19 years before she was executed

The casket was acquired by National Museums Scotland from Lennoxlove House Ltd, its owner since the middle of the 20th Century.

The £1.8m cost was met with support from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, Art Fund, the Scottish government and several trusts, foundations and individual donors. The sale was managed by Sotheby's.

Dr Chris Breward, director of National Museums Scotland said: "This extraordinary casket is truly one of Scotland's national treasures.

"Venerated as a relic of Mary for centuries, it is believed to represent a momentous and disastrous moment in her turbulent life.

"Beyond this, the magnificence of the piece speaks to a queen at the height of her powers, wealth and position.

"I am delighted that this beautiful object has been acquired for the nation."

Precious jewellery

It is thought that the casket was given to Mary by her first husband, François II of France, and came to Scotland with her in 1561 after his death in 1560. Her inventories from this time listed multiple examples of precious jewellery and other such valuable objects.

A casket first appeared in records following Mary's arrest in 1567 by the rebellious Confederate Lords, when it was discovered in the hands of Lord Bothwell's servant.

It was brought before the Scottish Privy Council where its lock was struck off to reveal its contents. What these were at the time is unknown. However, a year later, when the Earl of Moray produced the same casket at Westminster, it now contained the damning Casket Letters.

The authorship of the letters remains a subject of debate, but it is widely thought that they were doctored. Following the hearing at Westminster, Mary remained in English captivity for 19 years, until she was executed in 1587 for her involvement in the Babington Plot to assassinate Elizabeth I, and place Mary on the English throne.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund contributed £810,000 towards the acquisition.

A spokesman said: "Not only will memorial funding bring an object of great national importance into public ownership, it will bring to life the story and secrets of the casket and of Mary Queen of Scots to a whole new generation of visitors at the National Museums of Scotland."

Culture Minister Neil Gray said: "I'm delighted that the Scottish government's contribution of £200,000 to the National Museums Scotland Acquisitions Fund has helped to secure this exquisite casket for the nation."





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Arundel Castle: Mary Queen of Scots rosary beads stolen in raid

**BBC
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A set of gold rosary beads carried by Mary Queen of Scots at her execution in 1587 was among items worth more than £1m stolen in a raid on Arundel Castle.

The gold and silver artefacts were snatched from the West Sussex castle on Friday night.

Other pieces taken during the raid include coronation cups given by Mary to the Earl Marshal.

An Arundel Castle spokesman said the stolen items were of "priceless historical importance".

The castle only reopened to the public on Tuesday.

'Rosary is irreplaceable'

Staff were alerted to the break-in at 22:30 BST on Friday after a burglar alarm went off.

Sussex Police told the BBC the thieves entered through a window and smashed a glass cabinet to grab the items.

Det Con Molly O'Malley said the force thinks a 4x4 saloon found abandoned and on fire in nearby Barlavington "was linked" to the raid.

The castle spokesman said the rosary had "little intrinsic value as metal" but was "irreplaceable".

The rosary beads were carried by Mary as she was led to her death

A spokesman for Arundel Castle Trustees said: "The stolen items have significant monetary value, but as unique artefacts of the Duke of Norfolk's collection have immeasurably greater and priceless historical importance.

"We therefore urge anyone with information to come forward to the police to assist them in returning these treasures back where they belong."

Stolen to order

Peter Squires, professor of criminology at the University of Brighton, said there was a "surprising amount" of thefts of "antiquities or cultural artefacts".

He said items were often stolen to order and end up in the private collections of very rich people.

He told BBC Radio Sussex: "In war zones in the Middle East, there is a lot of evidence of museums being looted and the stolen items quickly finding themselves on to the dark web where they are bid on by dealers.

"Gold of course may just be melted down, which massively reduces its value, so to find someone who wants the items rather than just the bullion value is the thieves' objective here."

The items were taken from a display cabinet, police say.

Professor Kate Williams of Reading University said: "When [Mary] fled Scotland into England most of her belongings were despoiled and shared out.

"Then after she was executed, nearly everything she had was taken and burned because people were concerned she would turn into a Catholic martyr.

"So we had one tiny memorial of Mary Queen of Scots - and now it has gone."

Det. Con O'Malley urged people who were in Arundel on Friday evening and saw any suspicious activity around the area of the castle to contact the force either online or by calling 101, quoting Operation Deuce.

"The castle only re-opened to visitors on Tuesday 18 May, so if you were visiting during the past few days do you on reflection recall anyone behaving at all suspiciously?" he said.





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Hotel

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**Mid 1970s presentation at
Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games**

Here is a photo of the late Ian Campbell receiving a carved walking stick at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. That's Judge Hugh Campbell on the left, Ian, Iona (Ian's wife) and Steve Kelley who carved the stick!

Thanks Steve!



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Bob was born on August 25, 1933, and died on January 24, 2022.

Bob passed away at home, much sooner than expected after a sudden appearance of brain cancer.

Bob joined CSSNA after his wife Marie Clark-Callen took over the position of Editor of the *Dunrobin Piper* in February of 2009. He jumped right in and said he was going to be there to help in any way that he could. He was true to his word and did help when and wherever he could.

He grew up on a dairy farm in the Finger Lakes area of New York where he developed a very strong work ethic. He took great pride in whatever job he worked at over the years. One of his favorites was his three year enlistment in the U.S. Army. The bulk of that service was in Occupation Germany.

He worked in the plywood industry for the better part of 40 years. He also worked periodically in the tree fruit industry, including about 10 years with Marie. His final and perhaps his most favorite job was that of courier; it gave him ample opportunity to socialize and earn money at the same time.

Bob is survived by his wife Marie of 37 years, a second son Kelly Dean Callen of Eugene Oregon, his daughter Mary Catherine Callen also of Eugene, Oregon, stepdaughter Amanda Baszler of Springfield, Oregon, stepdaughter Aleta Tilley of

Happy Valley, Oregon, stepson Donald J. Clark of Happy Valley, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his 3 1/2-year-old son David Norman Callen in 1958, his father Norman Bert Callen in 1972, and his Mother Betty Ellen (Schaffer) Mullinnex in 2002.

You could always count on Bob to be telling stories about his escapades without filters. Perhaps in a previous life, he was a seannachie.

There will be a celebration of life later on when the Canadian family members are able to travel.

Thank You Note

A big thank you to CSSNA for the beautiful bonsai plant that has brought joy when it was most needed.

Gratefully yours, Marie Clark-Callen

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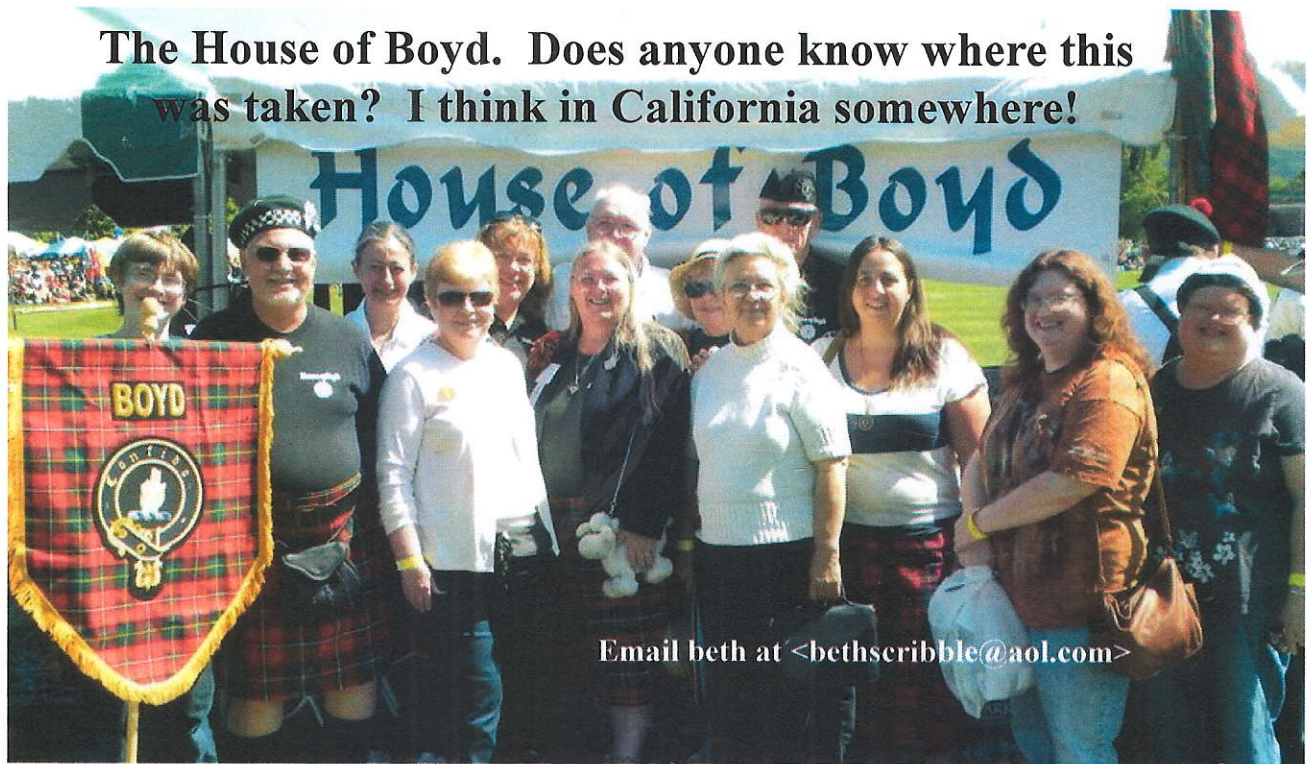
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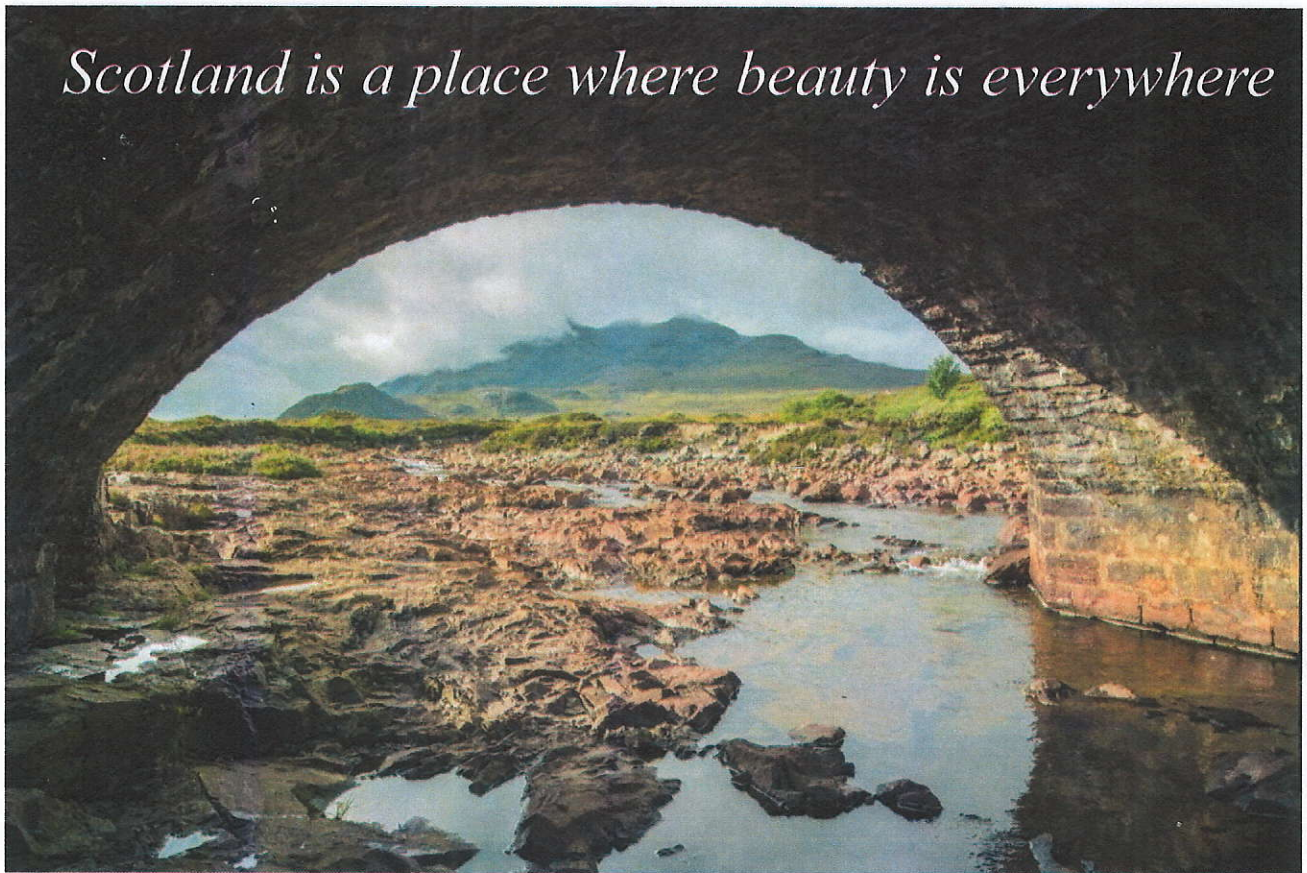
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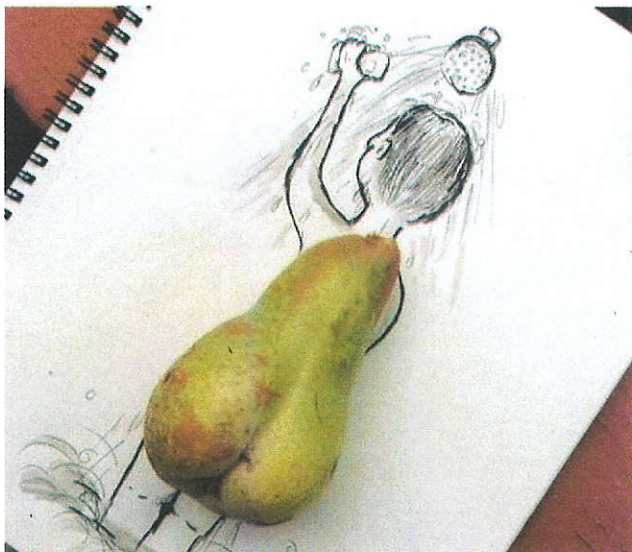


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Sligachan Bridge, Isle of Skye

The Isle of Skye is a place brimming with myths and legends. According to folklore, the waters of the Sligachan Burn are enchanted – some say that dipping your face into the burn will grant you eternal beauty! There are mesmerising places to be found all over Skye, so make sure to visit the Fairy Glen or the Fairy Pools to immerse yourself in more of the island's magic. Don't forget to explore some of Skye's undiscovered spots while you're here. Go to VisitScotland to learn about more lovely spots.

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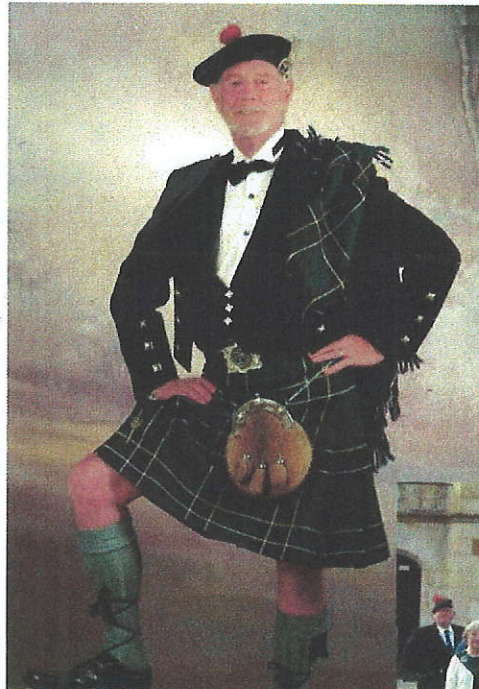
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Here's Why People Propose on One Knee

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There are big questions about life and the way it works, and then there are some that are smaller, but if you ask me, they're all good questions.

We've got to keep learning - at least one thing every day, that's what my great-grandfather used to say.

If you're curious why the traditional proposal includes the person proposing dropping to one knee, keep reading to find out - knowledge is power, people!

The general thinking is that the practice has old roots, but is perhaps the result of a combination of practices. People have been genuflecting, or "bending the knee" to show respect and/or reverence since ancient times - Herodotus even observed the practice in Persia in 430 BCE.

"In the case where one is a little inferior to the other, the kiss is given on the cheek.

Where the difference of rank is great, the inferior prostrates himself upon the ground."

This greeting system was adopted by Alexander the Great after he conquered that empire a hundred years later, even though many Greeks and Macedonians disapproved of the new ritual because of a belief that sort of deference should be reserved for the gods and nobody else.

It remained popular in both religious and secular spheres in the future, though, with the Catholics dropping to a knee when facing the Eucharist and warriors being knighted kneeling before their commander to be dubbed with a sword.

It was during the knight's heyday that kneel-



ing began to take on a bit of a romantic bent, when knights pledged themselves to serve and honor their lovers like a king (This is also the origin of the term "courtly love.").

There's a good amount of artwork from the medieval period that depicts a man kneeling before the lady, and they all look a lot like a proposal (except for the armor).

Basically, the idea of "bending the knee" has pretty much always been a sign of devotion and humility, but the romantic association probably comes from medieval knights - not a bad way to go if you're asking someone to marry you and pick up your socks forever, I'd say.





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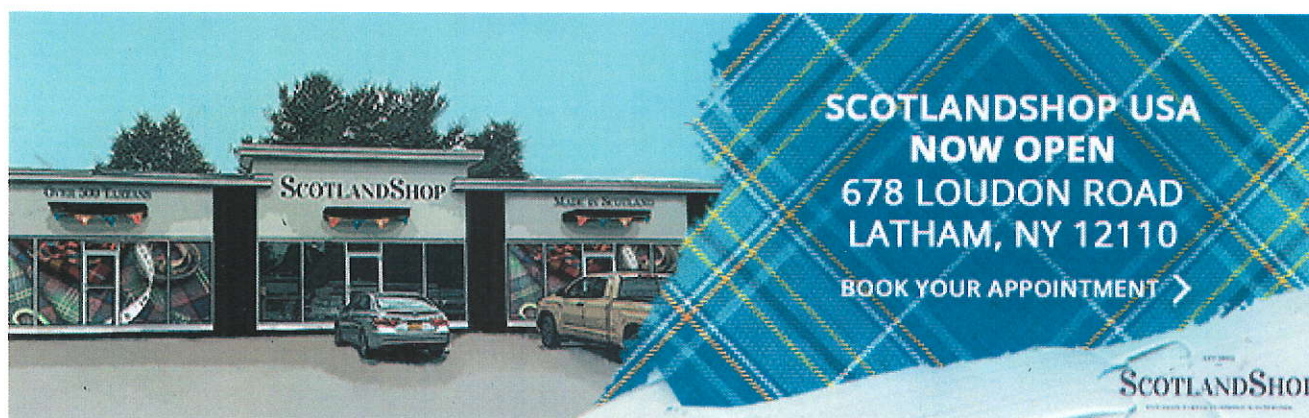
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A very sad victim has found a loving family!

W. James Nethery, FSA Scot
Seanchaidh, Clan Graham in North America

As you all know, both of us have had a very hard time dealing with Jack's sudden passing (Jack was our former beloved beagle.) and very late Friday night we were both searching the Internet for rescue beagles.

Joyce was even considering a place in North Carolina that maybe our granddaughter Jillian could go and check for us.

Then I found a place in the San Fernando Valley that had some possible beagles and we planned to drive there on Saturday.

About midnight I discovered a rescue site in Chino Hills that had a number of beagles. Joyce registered on line and even made a donation to help



things go smoothly. We drove over there and after some difficulty we found them by 12:30. They opened at 12 on Saturday. A number of their younger dogs were from a research lab in Texas.

We looked at around five or six beagles and Joyce wanted a sweet little female but then I found Seamus, who they called Liam, because he looked a lot like Jack, he was active and friendly, I insisted that he was the one.

We were told the research lab in Texas said they tested tick and flea medications on their dogs, who really knows. He has been neutered and has had all his shots (not Covid) and has a chip implanted.

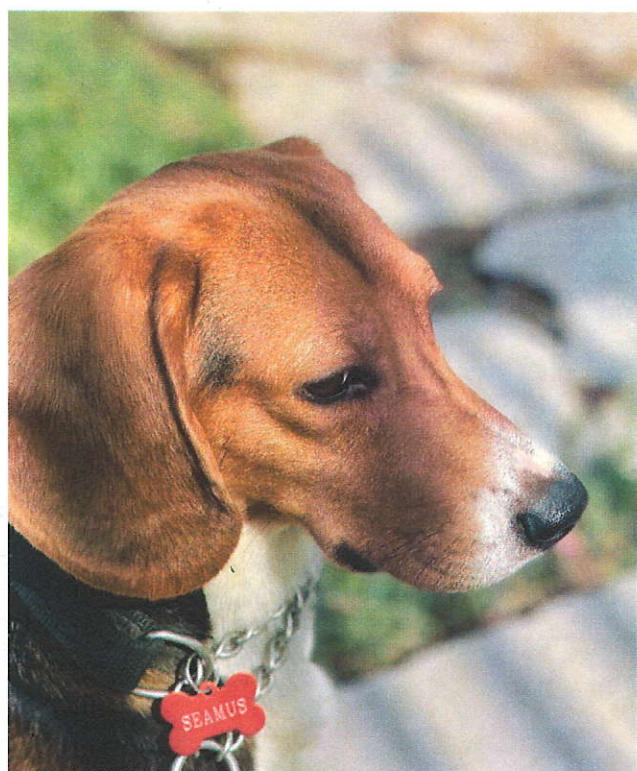
Seamus is just 3 years old (dob 9-25-2018) and has always lived in a lab so he has a lot to learn and we have to be very patient.

At first he was afraid when we tried to pet him on the head but he is beginning to trust us more.

He is awfully thin but at first refused to eat anything, even most treats. We found one type of treat that we had for Jack that he liked but that certainly wouldn't provide him with sufficient nutrition.

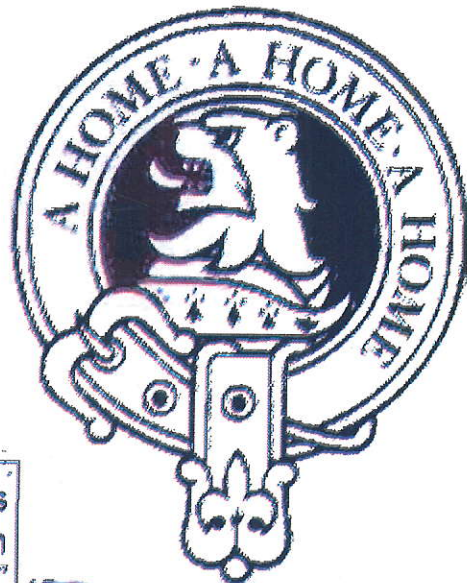
Finally yesterday afternoon our friends who rescue greyhounds brought over a big crate for him to sleep in and she suggested he might eat scrambled eggs. He ate two eggs then and two more in the evening followed by some dry food with

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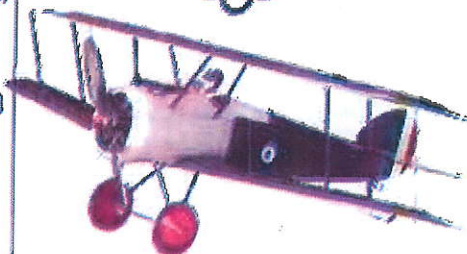
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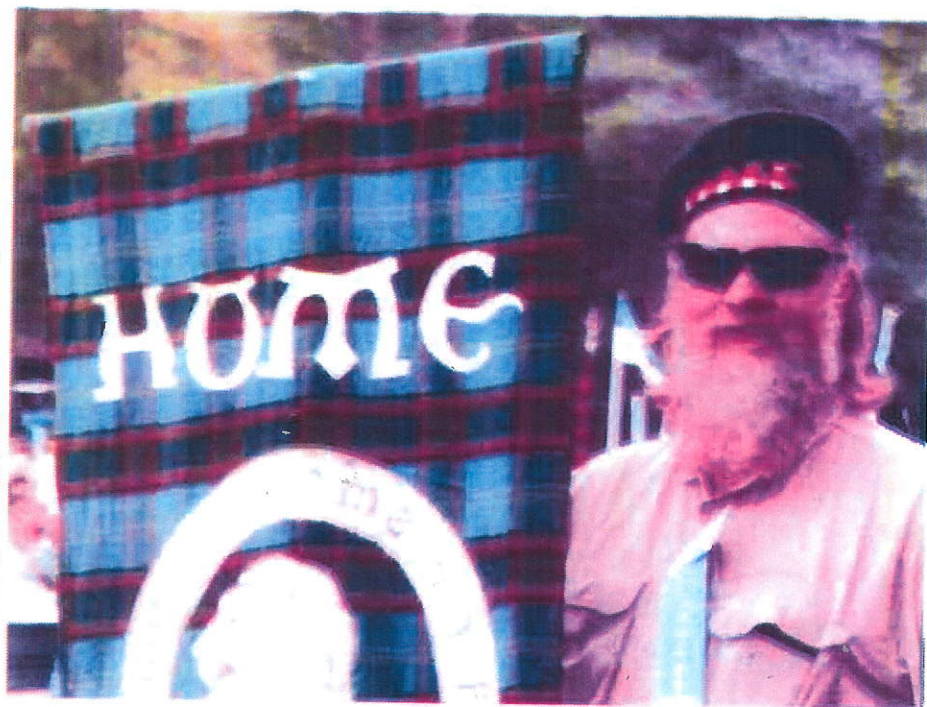


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Jim Nethery's new Beagle,

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grated cheese on top.

This morning he peed and pooped out back. We have had several accidents in the house but hopefully they will end.

He slept well last night and follows Joyce around.

He has discovered mirrors, probably the first time and he is fascinated by his own image.

We watched one show on TV last night and he watched the entire time. Whether it was the images or the voices we don't know but he was entranced.

We introduced him to a Kong toy with peanut butter today because he wanted to chew on his leash and he liked the new taste and something to chew on.

Seamus has been with us for almost two days now and we are reliving the first few weeks of our first babies. We are resurrecting our parenting skills and thankfully Seamus is a good little boy.

He is only half the size of Jack and I feel he is malnourished. Partially due the travel, change of environment and his surgery.



Seamus has a number tattooed inside his left ear like the Holocaust victims and has what looks like a bite out of the same ear. Things that will always remind us that the first three years of his life were cruel and that we need to help him recover and enjoy a long happy life with people who love him.

Jim. I'm sorry. Your story got into another folder and I just found it! I hope you and Joyce and Seamus are happy and healthy.

I had an idea. I adore hearing a beagle go "Whoop! "Whoop!" and etc. I'll bet you could record Seamus "singing like a Beagle and you all three might even go on tour!



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A lost fragment of Stonehenge reveals rock grains dating to nearly 2 billion years ago

LIVESCIENCE

Mindy Weisberger

A rocky core was removed during restoration work in 1958, and then kept as a souvenir.

A long-lost piece of Stonehenge that was taken by a man performing restoration work on the monument has been returned after 60 years, giving scientists a chance to peer inside a pillar of the iconic monument for the first time.

In 1958, Robert Phillips, a representative of the drilling company helping to restore Stonehenge, took the cylindrical core after it was drilled from one of Stonehenge's pillars — Stone 58. Later, when he emigrated to the United States, Phillips took the core with him. Because of Stonehenge's protected status, it's no longer possible to extract samples from the stones. But with the core's return in 2018, researchers had the opportunity to perform unprecedented geochemical analyses of a Stonehenge pillar, which they described in a new study.

They found that Stonehenge's towering standing stones, or sarsens, were made of rock containing sediments that formed when dinosaurs walked the Earth. Other grains in the rock date as far back as 1.6 billion years.

"We have CT-scanned the rock, zapped it with X-rays, looked at it under various microscopes and analyzed its sedimentology and chemistry," said study lead author David Nash, a professor of physical geography at the University of Brighton in England.

"With the exception of thin-section analyses and a couple of the chemical methods, all of the

techniques we used in the study were new both to Stonehenge and the study of sarsen stones in the U.K.," Nash told Live Science in an email.

Stonehenge's central circle of pillars was erected during the Neolithic period, about 4,500 years ago, according to English Heritage, a non-profit organization that manages historic monuments in England.

"Sarsens were erected in two concentric arrangements — an inner horseshoe and an outer circle — and the bluestones [smaller monument stones] were set up between them in a double arc," English Heritage said on its website.

Drilling work at Stonehenge was done in 1958, during which cores of sarsen stone were extracted from Stone 58.

When the scientists peered through a microscope at thin slices of sarsen rock from Stone 58, they were surprised to discover that the stone was 99.7% quartz. A quartz "cement" held fine-to-medium quartz grains and formed "an interlocking mosaic of crystals," Nash said. That made the rock more durable, and it may have been why the builders chose that type of rock for their massive monument thousands of years ago.

"These cements are incredibly strong. I've wondered if the builders of Stonehenge could tell something about the stone properties, and not only chose the closest, biggest boulders, but also the ones that were most likely to stand the test of time," Nash said.

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Stonehenge core, *continued from page 31*

Older than dinosaurs

The researchers' analysis also revealed clues about the ages of sediments in the rock, Nash said in the email.

"The sandy sediments within which the stone developed were deposited during the Paleogene period, 66 [million] to 23 million years ago, so the sarsens can be no older than this," he explained. However, when the scientists compared ratios of neodymium isotopes — or atoms of the element with a different number of neutrons in the nucleus — in the samples, they found that certain sediments in the sarsen stone were even more ancient. Some grains were likely eroded from rocks dating to the Mesozoic era (252 million to 66 million years ago), when they may have been trodden upon by dinosaurs.

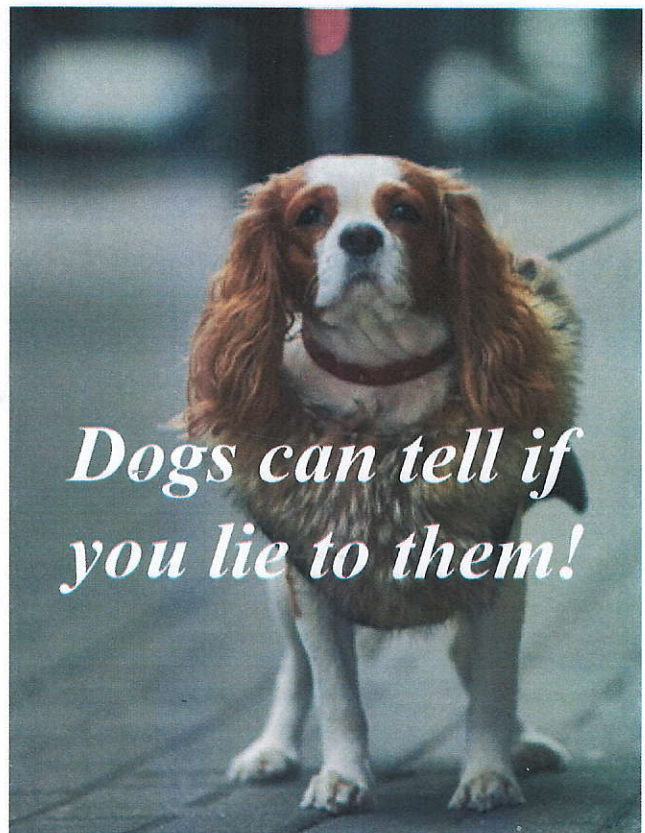
And some of the sand grains formed as long ago as 1 billion to 1.6 billion years ago, Nash said.

A 3-inch-long (7 centimeters) sample of the core from Stone 58 was used for detailed analyses.

While this analysis answered some questions about Stonehenge, other unresolved puzzles remain, among them the whereabouts of two more cores that were drilled from Stone 58 during the 1958 restoration, and which also vanished from the record.

Workers at the Salisbury Museum in England discovered part of one of those cores in their collection in 2019, the researchers reported. Museum director Adrian Green contacted a representative at English Heritage, reporting the discovery of a portion of a core from Stone 58 "in a box marked '3x Stonehenge Stones from 'Treasure Box,'" according to the study.

The scientists investigated the Salisbury fragment alongside the Phillips core, and recorded its data in their study. However, "how and when it came to be at the museum was unknown," the authors wrote. The location of the third core (and the rest of the core found at the Salisbury Museum) "is similarly unknown," the scientists said.



LIVESCIENCE

Dogs may be able to tell when humans are deceiving them, according to a new study.

Specifically, researchers found that dogs react differently to false information given to them by a misinformed human than they do to a human who is flat-out lying to them.

The findings suggest that dogs have a "theory of mind" that they use to explain what their owners are up to.

Children typically develop this ability around age 4.

"Although every dog owner thinks that their dog 'understands' them, such a sophisticated level of reasoning about the mental states of others had never been scientifically shown in dogs," senior author Ludwig Huber, the head of the Comparative Cognition unit at the Messerli Research Institute in Vienna, and lead author Lucrezia Lonardo, a doctoral student at the Messerli Research Institute, wrote in a joint email to Live Science.

Past studies that have examined whether or

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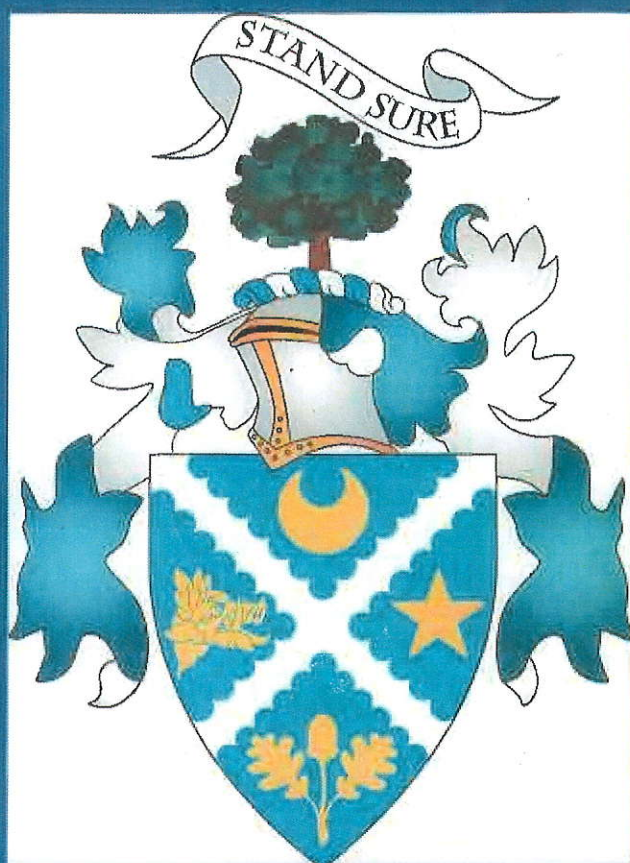
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Your dog can tell if you are telling an untruth, *continued on page 39*

not dogs can understand deception have had conflicting results, they said. "And, in general, scientists are still debating whether other non-human animals are able to engage in the so-called 'mindreading' needed to detect lying, the authors wrote.

To figure this out, Huber and Lonardo recruited 260 dogs of different ages and dozens of different breeds for an experiment whose design was based on past studies on human children, great apes and dogs. In the experiment, dogs were shown two opaque buckets that could hold food. One experimenter (the hider) always hid the food in one container initially. But in half of the trials, she moved the food to the second container before leaving the room.

Meanwhile, a second person called the communicator carefully watched the movements of the hider and told the dogs where to look for the food based on what she saw. During the first phase of

the experiment, the dog didn't see where the food was hidden before, but the communicator always told the dog the truth. To do that, the communicator crouched down to the bucket with the food, picked it up, alternated gazes between the bucket and the dog and said "look, this is good, this is very good."

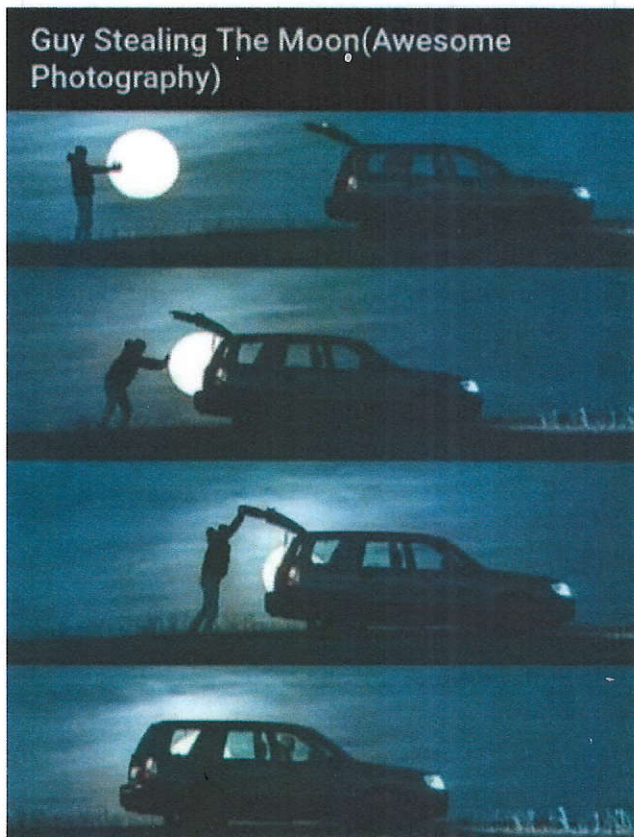
In the second phase, the authors tested how the dogs' choice of bucket was affected by the behavior of the communicator. In one test, the communicator left the room after watching the hider put the food in the first bucket. Once the communicator left the room, the hider transferred the food to the other bucket (in other words, the communicator did not see this happen). In another test, the communicator was present when the hider moved the food from the first container to the next. In both tests, the communicator told the dogs to eat from the first bucket by looking at that bucket and saying it was good.

The majority of the dogs chose the bucket with the food in it. But they found that more dogs chose the bucket the communicator was indicating if the communicator wasn't in the room when the hider switched the location of the food. (In that instance, the communicator thought that what they were advising was actually true.)

"Because more dogs refused to follow a human informant who knows where food is (in contrast to one who didn't know) but still points to the empty cup, we thought the dogs might have understood that her suggestion is 'deceptive,'" the authors wrote in the email. And the dogs may have perceived the "misinformed" communicator's incorrect suggestion as a "good will" mistake, according to a blog post about the study published in *The Royal Society*.

"We expected to find the opposite pattern of results for most dogs," the authors told Live Science. "We reasoned that dogs might have been curious to check why the knowledgeable experimenter suggested the wrong container for the first time." After all, that's how human infants and apes behaved in past studies that tested similar conditions.

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Despicable Me? Nope, no minions.



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**Your dog can tell if you are
telling an untruth, *continued from page 35***

However, it's still not clear why many dogs would follow the communicator rather than trust their own eyes.

In the first part of the trial, the communicator always told the dogs the truth about where the food was hidden, so they could have built a trust relationship with her, Huber said. Or the dogs could have had other reasons to do so.

"These are only speculations and the precise reasons why dogs make suboptimal choices under human influence are still unknown," Lonardo said.



I had two boxers who overlapped their lives with mine for 27 years. Then, I had three Newfoundlands who didn't live near long enough. I would have not lied to any of these - or any of my other dogs or beloved four legged friends.

They were not dogs - they were people in dog suits. The same goes for my horses and cats.

Oh, how I miss them all. None of them ever lied to me.

The Corryvreckan Whirlpool near Argyll and also The Isles

If you wish to find the Corryvreckan Whirlpool, you will have to go off the west coast of Scotland and then go between the islands of Jura and Scarba.

It is terrifying and also one of the largest permanent whirlpools on earth. It is also one of the most dangerous stretches of water you'll find in Scotland.

If you are at this place at certain times, it is said that the roar of the water is so very loud it can be heard many miles away.

If you are a tourist and brave, you can discover boat operators in this area who actually offer trips to the whirlpool and the waters around it.

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