

The solution to every obstacle in life has a **design** solution.

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## President's Day

This month we are celebrating President's Day. Our third President, a founding father and principal author of the Declaration of Independence was Thomas Jefferson. In addition he was an ARCHITECT.

He served his fellow citizens of the State of Virginia as a Delegate to the Continental Congress and as a wartime (the revolution) Governor of Virginia. He served our nation



as a Minister to France, our first Secretary of State in the Washington administration, as Vice President (elected in 1796) and in 1800 he was elected as The President of The United States (POTUS) and served two terms. As President, Jefferson doubled the size of the United States with the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803. Within a year he sent

out the Lewis and Clark Expedition and an additional three other expeditions to explore and chart this grand addition to the territory of the United States. It is said that during a State visit by dignitaries from Europe one of the dignitaries noticed a leaflet extremely critical of the Jefferson administration on a side table in the White House. When Jefferson was questioned as to why this type of criticism was allowed he responded that in the United States the government upholds the people's constitutional right to free speech no matter how critical of government it may be. He

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## Let's Be Safe

It is that time of year again here in the North East of the country when we can expect snow and ice from time to time. If you are shoveling snow, driving or just plain walking down the sidewalk, please be careful. In addition, while walking near buildings keep in mind that you should look up every now and then to see if there are any hanging icicles, or snow drifts hanging off of the roofs of the buildings you are about to walk next to. Depending on the size of a snow bank that may fall on you, it could be heavy enough to knock you down. Icicles could actually stab you like a knife if they fall just the right way.



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## Archi-fact:

The Empire State Building is designed to sway several feet in each direction during strong wind storms.

## Archi-quote:

"A truly great book should be read in youth, again in maturity and once more in old age, as a fine building should be seen by morning light, at noon and by moon light."  
-Robertson Davies

# President's Day

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was a great and influential spokesman for democracy recognized the world over.

Jefferson taught himself the art and science of architecture. There were no architectural schools at the time. By studying the classical architectural designs of the time and avidly reading "The Four Books of Architecture" by Andrea Palladio, he learned the basic principles of Neo-Classicism or Neo-Palladianism design. Jefferson carried the first book of the series with him on many of this journeys and referred to it as his "bible". Jefferson's beloved home Monticello, which appeared on the reverse of our nickels until just recently was a combination of the classic design styles and the "modern trends" in architecture he studied while serving as Minister to France. One of the non Neo-Classicism or Neo-Palladianism features incorporated into some of the buildings he designed is the octagon, which is a central feature of Monticello. Jefferson designed many buildings of which the most known today are of course Monticello and the University of Virginia. In addition to these two designs over a dozen homes designed by Jefferson still stand today.

Since "the solution to every obstacle in life is a **design solution**", it may be in the best interests of society to elect an architect as a President of the United States in the future.

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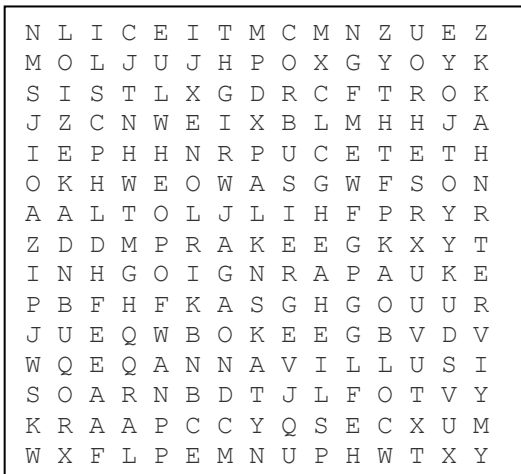
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