

A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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The situation

An OPP patrol car with engine running and roof lights flashing is parked on the north side of an unpaved, east-west road on the Escarpment near Belfountain. On the south side two small trucks, one blue, the other red and facing east, are parked nose to nose. Their haul boxes are empty and in the ditch beside them lie four bags of garbage.



The driver of the blue truck has just told the police officer that while approaching less than two minutes previously, she watched the red truck pull over and park, and saw the driver get out and toss garbage bags into the ditch. The driver of the red truck insisted that for some time she had been cleaning bluebird boxes in the field on the north side and saw the driver of the blue truck stop and dump the garbage bags.

What can the officer do right away to determine which story might be more truthful?

The prevaricating robots

At the Caledon Fair, Elvie approached a small booth where a pair of smiling robots stood under a sign saying the red robot is programed to lie on Monday through Wednesday, and that the silver one is programed to lie on Thursday through Saturday. On their "off-days" their programs have them tell the truth.



As soon as Elvie crossed the sensor beam, the red robot nodded to her and said, "Welcome! Yesterday, I was lying."

"So was I," said the silver robot, "and thanks for coming today."

On what day of the week did Elvie visit?

What to name the kids?

Tom's mother has three children.
One is named April,
another is named May.

What is the name of the third child?

Follow the arrows

Beginning at G R A N D, insert single letters into the empty squares to produce ten regular English words. To make it interesting the final two letters of a completed word must be used – in the same order – to begin the next word in the column. For example, if you insert ER or PA or EE after GRAND, then your choice must begin the next word.

G	R	A	N	D		
		R	A	D		
		B	L	O		
		Y	S	S		
		E	W	E		
		R	A	I		
		A	R	L		
		U	C	A		
		L	E	C		
		I	N	O		

Elementary geometry at S.S. #6

Miss Lang, the teacher at S.S. #6 East Luther, often used school supplies as teaching materials for the different grades she taught. Although she found the school board tended to frown on her frequent requests for blank paper, there was never any hesitation when she put in an order for a box of wooden matches. She was, after all, responsible for lighting and monitoring the fire in the pot-bellied stove each day.



One of her lessons enhanced by matches was this basic geometry puzzle, which she felt all but her youngest pupils could solve.

Miss Lang's challenge?
Use eight wooden matches to form two squares and four triangles.

Straightforward

How many words can you make from

T H E R E I N
without anagramming?