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The photo shows a volleyball named Wilson, who was the companion of the main character in the film *Cast Away*. However, the riddle refers to Wilson Park — a small garden at the intersection of Second and Market. The park, however, is not named after the ball, but after James Wilson.

James Wilson (1742–1798) was a distinguished lawyer, statesman, and one of the most influential—though less well-known—Founding Fathers of America. He is considered the second most influential delegate at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. He was a leading proponent of the principle of "popular sovereignty," the idea that power belongs to the people.

Despite his enormous contribution to the founding of the government, Wilson's final years were overshadowed by financial ruin, and he died in poverty while hiding from creditors.

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The answer is Penn's Landing Steps, also known as the Wood Street Steps. This small and seemingly unremarkable structure holds great historical significance as the last remaining artifact directly linked to Philadelphia's founder, William Penn.

There were once ten such stairways. They were created to provide public access to the waters of the Delaware River. At the time, the river was significantly wider, and the lower steps led almost directly to the shoreline.

Wealthy landowners were building continuously along the riverfront, threatening to block the public's access to the river. These stairways served as public passageways, preserving access for all residents and striking a balance between private property and the public good.

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The riddle refers to the English folk tale *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, known in Russian as *Masha and the Bears*. A small sculpture of the three bears is located in a little garden in the Society Hill neighborhood.

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The hundred-dollar bill, commonly nicknamed the “Franklin,” and the kite refer to Benjamin Franklin’s famous experiment.

The goal of the experiment was to prove that lightning is an electrical discharge — at the time, this was still just a hypothesis. Franklin flew a kite into the clouds to collect static electricity on a metal key tied to the string. As the string became wet from the rain, it conducted electricity from the cloud, and a charge appeared on the key.

A monument dedicated to this story is called Bolt of Lightning.

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The riddle refers to the Powel House on Third Street. Samuel Powel was the mayor mentioned in the riddle; he and his wife Elizabeth purchased the house in 1769. During their ownership, the home became a center of social and political life in colonial Philadelphia and the early republic, earning the nickname “the house where Washington danced.”

Today, the house is open to visitors — stop by if you have the time and feel like exploring.

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This piece is titled 25th Wedding Anniversary from the Bat Factory and is located at the Museum for Art in Wood. This quirky and intriguingly strange museum is situated on Third Street between Arch and Race Streets.

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The riddle refers to the Willow Street Steam Generation Plant. This steam plant burned coal to convert water into high-pressure steam. The steam was then distributed through pipes to buildings for heating and hot water supply. This plant, along with others, provided heating to the central part of the city.

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This refers to the Second Bank of the United States.

The image alludes to one of the most dramatic and contentious episodes in American history, known as the “Bank War.” It was a direct political confrontation between President Andrew Jackson and the bank’s president, Nicholas Biddle.

Jackson believed that the Bank concentrated too much economic power in the hands of a few private individuals (the shareholders) and its president, Nicholas Biddle. In his view, the Bank represented the interests of the wealthy elite of the Northeast and threatened equal opportunities for ordinary people.

Jackson vetoed the bill to renew the Bank’s charter and ordered the removal of federal deposits, effectively bringing about its demise.

Today, the bank building houses a portrait gallery and is open to visitors.

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The photo was taken at the Museum of Illusions. The card is upside down: the woman is standing on the floor, while the tables and sofas are attached to the ceiling. If you like things like this, you should definitely visit. There are lots of cool exhibits there.

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The riddle refers to the High Pressure Pumping Station. This pumping station supplied water to the city’s firefighting system. The system was launched in 1903 and operated until 2005. The station’s pumps delivered water through a special water main at very high pressure, allowing firefighters to extinguish fires on the upper floors of the ever-growing city.

Over time, the system became redundant as fire pumps capable of generating the required pressure on site were developed. However, the station building remains and now houses a restaurant and a theater. Some red fire hydrants, which were part of the system, are still preserved in the city.

It is believed that thanks to this system, our city avoided the large-scale fires that frequently occurred in other cities during the 20th century.

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The riddle refers to the Hill-Physick House. Built in 1786, the house is an outstanding example of Federal-style architecture and one of the few surviving mansions from its era.

The mansion became famous thanks to Dr. Philip Syng Physick, who lived there from 1815. The house preserves household items, furniture, and tools that belonged to Physick, allowing visitors to experience the atmosphere of the early 19th century.

Today, the house is open to visitors as a museum. We highly recommend stopping by.

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The riddle refers to the so-called Headhouse. Once, on Second Street between Pine and South Streets, there was a long row of shops with two firehouses at the ends. They were called Headhouses because they stood on either side of a gallery. Only one of them has survived, and part of the gallery has been restored. Even today, a market opens there on Sundays, where you can buy delicious farm-fresh products. The surviving firehouse is located at the corner of Pine and Second Streets.

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The riddle refers to the Rose Garden. Unfortunately, we weren't able to take you inside because the park was suddenly closed due to a shutdown. But do visit it sometime — there are many beautiful roses, and the original Philadelphia street paving is still preserved there, giving a glimpse of how people back then understood good, even roads.

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The riddle refers to the building at 718 South Street. It currently houses the bar Brauhaus Schmitz.