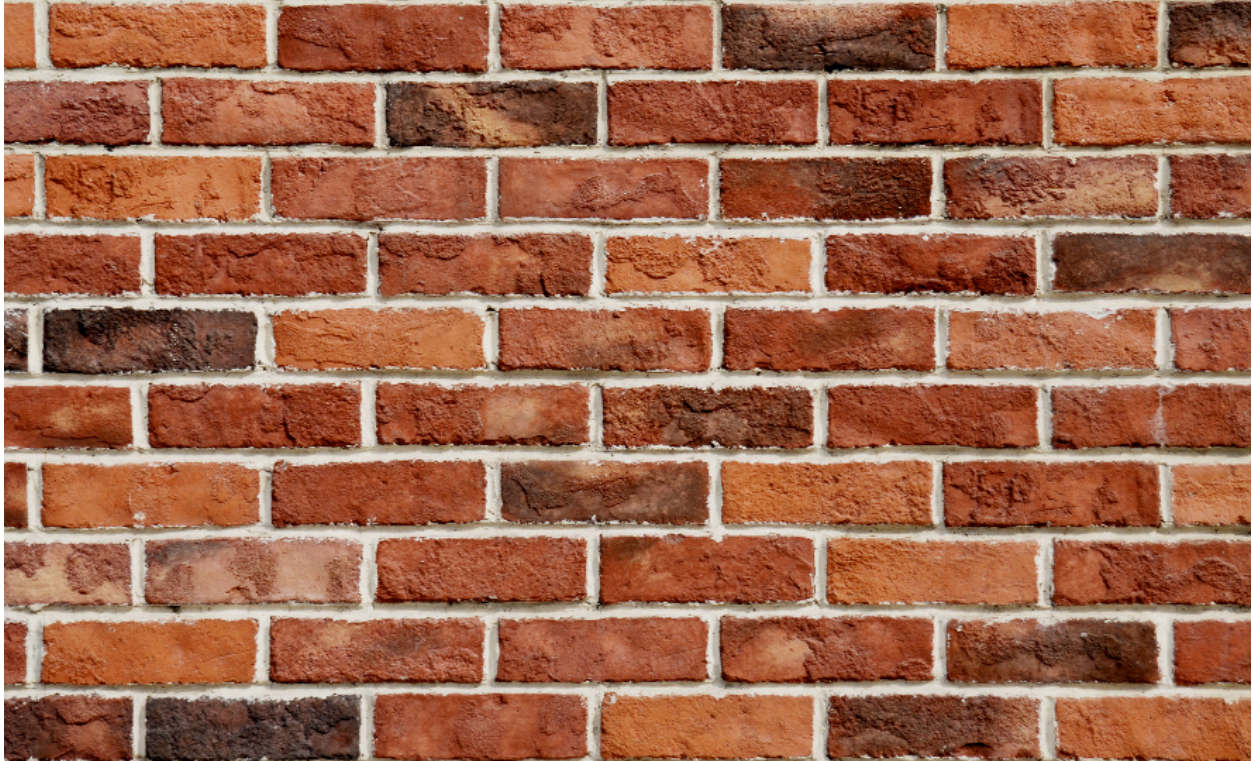


# ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: 4/8/10

## Bricks & Mortar: The Solution



**Branches—“bricks and mortar”—remains a basic element of banking.** No matter what electronic access banks adopt, the branch continues to evade extinction.

So, it seemed appropriate to present a branch-related puzzle. What you see above is the eastern wall of the new branch of First National Bank of Erehwon.

Your challenge is very simple—or is it? Answer the following question:

*Exactly how many bricks did it take to finish this wall?*

**# of bricks: 1**

Note that we asked how many bricks it took to finish the wall, not how many to build the wall.