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## Memorial Day History



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from

Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

**Local Observances Claim To Be First** Local spring-time tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

**Official Birthplace Declared In 1966**, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the “birthplace” of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo’s claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

**Some States Have Confederate Observances** Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan’s order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 “with the choicest flowers of springtime” urged: “We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.”

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today’s observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation’s wars: “Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men.”

To ensure the sacrifices of America’s fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act,” P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission’s charter is to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.”

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry



I remember when I first moved to Oklahoma from the West Coast. I was told Oklahoma misses all the bad things the rest of the country experiences. However, in the case of the Coronavirus, This clearly is not the case. None of us has ever seen anything like it in our lifetime. At this writing Oklahoma's numbers are just under 1,970 Cases and just under 96 Deaths. as the figures increase every day, I think it's important to remember that behind every number is a family member who means the world to someone else. While it seems we know little about this virus, we are learning more and more daily. This virus doesn't discriminate-- it's claimed the lives of people of all races, and color, both men and women, irrespective of age.

My heart hurts and my guts churn when I see the rising number of fatalities. As a Christian, and because of my career, working for Hospice I can't help but think about eternity whenever I think about death. That's because I am so very strongly convinced that death is not a final destination, but rather a transition step. From a physical/ emotional/ spiritual standpoint there's a built-in will to live. It is this will that is crucial when we go thru tough times ....but in times of trauma... how do we choose to live??????

Unfortunately panic seems to be the order of the day at times like this. Like the boys in the boat with Jesus [MK.4] panic rushes in. Look carefully. The boys seem to have made mistakes by which we may learn. They accused Jesus of not caring. It seems that Jesus had given them authority over Panic and Trouble. However, Instead of exercising it, they panicked.

Please notice Jesus didn't panic or even get pan-



icky. He does however rebuke [chew out] the boys of their lack of faith. It seems as though Jesus had given him authority over panic, anxiety, fear and trouble and instead of exercising this power...they panicked.

What they learned and we need to learn for the trauma of today is we don't need to hit the panic button when Jesus is on board. This is not to minimize nor discredit the situation we have today... it is deadly serious. From Chelsea to Vinita, To Ketchum, Oklahoma City to Washington DC panic buttons are sounding loud and clear. I think that people of all persuasions in this situation intentionally or unintentionally want us to join them in hitting the panic. Panic means that someone has bring calm and order to a situation. When we hit the panic button intentionally or unintentionally passively or non-passively we are opened up to the opportunity for others to control our life. To manipulate the storms is to stimulate fear, anger, panic, anxiety and stampede.

From my personal vantage point what we must do is to NEVER forget that JESUS IS ON BOARD. Panic seems to be the theme of the season but here are a few reminders:

Storms are sudden but don't last forever  
 God never puts people in a boat to drown them  
 Panic can make storms look bigger than they really are  
 Panic decisions are never the right decisions  
 People of faith can rest in the middle of a terrific storm  
 In all probability the way we handle storms is the way our children will handle storm



So the question then becomes what we can do for panic, anxiety, and fear to stalk our land. Will we hit the panic button or will we remember Jesus is on board? If you're a person of faith now seems to be the time to reaffirm your trust in the Lord think about what the world would be like if panicked people had their way. Our call is continue vigorous prayer life for those around you and yourself...so when you're tempted to panic, don't. Remember Jesus is on board

***"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal"***-  
**Thomas Moore**

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

# Lots of Places Claim to Be the Birthplace of Memorial Day. Here's the Truth, According to an Expert



The question of why the U.S. celebrates Memorial Day has a clear answer: the holiday now celebrated on the last Monday in May began as a way to remember the approximately 620,000 troops who died during the Civil War. The question of how Americans tend to spend Memorial Day weekend has a clear answer, too: grilling, going to the beach, checking out Memorial Day sales, watching Memorial Day parades, sitting in traffic.

But the question of where Memorial Day was started generates a lot of different answers.

“Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried,” according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

One of those places seems to have a particularly strong claim. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a proclamation recognizing Waterloo, N.Y., as the birthplace of Memorial Day, in recognition of the centennial of its first observance of the day. The town claims it first celebrated Memorial Day on May 5, 1866, at which point businesses closed, flags flew at half staff, and residents decorated graves of the fallen.

But, despite the presidential proclamation and its official title as the holiday’s birthplace, its claim is “absolutely myth,” argues Richard Gardiner, professor of social science education at Columbus State University, who co-wrote *The Genesis of the Memorial Day Holiday in America* with Daniel Bellware. “Waterloo did not have a Memorial Day ceremony in May of

1866.”

Gardiner and Bellware found a June 5, 1883, Seneca County News article aggregating a Syracuse Sunday Herald article that referred to a Memorial Day celebration that took place in 1866. The story cited Civil War General-turned-Seneca County Clerk John Murray and local pharmacist Henry Welles as the event’s organizers, and reported that Welles died two months after the event. But the article had made a mistake, and a correction was printed within a week, stating “the first service was held here in 1868.”

That later date is further supported by a May 1875 article in Phelps, N.Y.’s *Neighbor’s Home Mail* newspaper, featuring a reflection from someone who had attended the first Memorial Day in Waterloo, which happened “seven years ago,” meaning 1868. Furthermore, Welles couldn’t have died two months after the first Memorial Day if it took place in 1866, because Gardiner and Bellware found his obituary in the *Waterloo Observer* from July 8, 1868.

Another clip indicates that the idea for a Memorial Day didn’t originate in Waterloo, either. A June 4, 1885, Seneca Falls County Courier article notes that Murray was inspired to organize a Memorial Day during a trip to the South after he “observed the beautiful custom...of strewing flowers upon the graves of departed friends. It occurred to him that it would be fitting for the soldiers thus formally to remember his dead comrades. Returning, he put his idea into practice in the cemetery at Waterloo in the spring of 1868.”

Gardiner and Bellware believe representatives of Waterloo, N.Y., must have relied on the first 1883 article that had mistakes in it, and simply didn’t see the corrections printed shortly afterwards.

Looking further south for the true origins of the holiday, Gardiner and Bellware dug up newspaper clips that suggest that a widow in Columbus, Ga., may have first had the idea.

Mary Ann Williams, secretary of the Ladies’ Memorial Association of Columbus, Ga., is thought to have encouraged the organization to start an annual holiday while regularly putting flowers on the graves of soldiers including her husband, who died in the war. A letter she wrote urging Southerners to come together one day a year to put flowers on the graves of the fallen was published in the *Columbus Daily Sun* in early March 1866.

“We cannot raise monumental shafts, and inscribe thereon their many deeds of heroism, but we can keep

alive the memory of the debt we owe them by dedicating at least one day in each year to embellishing their humble graves with flowers,” she wrote. She proposed that April would be a good time for such an event — in the South, April is a great time for flowers — but originally asked for suggestions about which precise date would be best. The suggestion that ended up most widely published was April 26, the first anniversary of the Confederate surrender in North Carolina, which came just a few weeks after the better known surrender at Appomattox.

That letter got picked up throughout the state within a couple of weeks, and syndicated nationwide over the next month. But another misprint in a newspaper would preclude the holiday’s inventors from being the first to celebrate the holiday.

That honor, coincidentally and confusingly enough, has gone to residents of another American city named Columbus.

Gardiner says there’s enough primary evidence to prove that women in the Civil War hospital town of Columbus, Miss., celebrated the first Memorial Day because they followed what was written in March 1866 articles that appeared in the Memphis Daily Avalanche and the Pulaski Citizen. Those stories reported that Columbus, Ga., was urging people to celebrate April 25 instead of April 26 as Memorial Day. The fact that they celebrated a day before most people is why people such as President Barack Obama have given them the credit for celebrating Memorial Day, even if experts such as Gardiner say it wasn’t their idea.

Newspapers reporting on those early Memorial Day celebrations noted that ladies throughout the South were leaving flowers not only on the graves of Confederate soldiers, but also of Union soldiers. As a May 9, 1866, article in the New York Commercial Advertiser, described the gesture made by Columbus, Ga., attendees, “Let this incident, touching and beautiful as it is, impart to our Washington authorities a lesson in conciliation, forbearance, and brotherly love.” A May 30, 1866, Cleveland Plain Dealer article said of the gesture made by Columbus, Miss., attendees, “It kindles a spark of hope... We have one God; one language, on Government; and may we not hope that we shall eventually become indeed one people.”

After reading an account of the Columbus, Miss., celebration, Ithaca lawyer Francis M. Finch was inspired to write a poem “The Blue and the Gray,” published in the Atlantic Monthly in Sep. 1867, which is thought to have spread the word even further about Southern Memorial Day celebrations.

General John A. Logan, who ran the Union Army veterans organization the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), must have heard of the 1866 Memorial Day activities in Georgia. In a speech he delivered in Salem, Ill., that summer, he commented derisively on the “traitors in the South [who] have their gatherings day after day and strew garlands upon the graves of rebel soldiers.” Yet nearly two years later, on May 5, 1868, he issued a proclamation from his Washington, D.C., office urging members of the GAR to celebrate Memorial Day — “Decoration Day,” as he called it — on May 30. By then, he believed, the “choicest flowers of springtime” would have bloomed. The press reported on the proclamation, and it stuck.

So the women of Columbus pioneered the idea but Logan made it go national, Gardiner’s and Bellware’s research argues.

Congress made May 30 a national holiday in 1889. (A 1968 law moved it to the last Monday in May.) Perhaps not surprisingly, around the turn of the 20th century, more towns and cities start claiming they started Memorial Day.

The confusion is understandable.

“So many people are claiming they started Memorial Day because they remember a cemetery dedication or remember going to a graveyard and throwing flowers on graves earlier than 1866,” says Gardiner. “In many cases they’re telling the truth. But, in my view, they didn’t necessarily start an annual tradition. They didn’t say, ‘Let’s do this every year.’”

For instance, some consider Charleston, S.C., the birthplace of Memorial Day because of an 1865 cemetery dedication there, which was organized by former slaves, but Gardiner argues that it doesn’t quite count as the start of the holiday because it wasn’t repeated every year. Still, it stands out as an amazing story — and as historian David Blight once said, that event perhaps tells us more about America than we could ever learn by knowing who came up with Memorial Day first.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

# Teen Delivers Puzzles And Handwritten Notes To Uplift Lonely Seniors

A Pennsylvania teenager has been dropping off puzzles and handwritten letters at nursing homes to cheer up residents.



Hita Gupta says she was heartbroken upon learning her regular visits to nursing homes were put on hold because of Coronavirus.

Gupta, 15, had been volunteering at a nursing home near her home in Paoli for more than a year. She organized activities like trivia and bingo for the residents.

Due to coronavirus, the nursing home is refusing visitors in an effort to keep residents safe.

"The seniors aren't able to see their families, so that's causing loneliness, boredom and anxiety," she said.

So, she came up with the idea to deliver care packages to all of the nursing homes in her area stuffed with puzzles, coloring books, and handwritten notes.



Many of the encouraging notes are written by her 9-year-old brother, Divit.

"My brother helps me a lot. It's a lot of work," she said.

She has now sent packages to 23 nursing homes in the Philadelphia area.

Hita says she calls nursing homes ahead of time to confirm that the bags can be received safely.

"I call them and say I'm going to leave the boxes outside the front door. They usually leave it out for a few days to make sure there aren't any germs before passing it out to the residents," she said.

Hita says she will continue doing this until the public health crisis is over.

"Loneliness is now a bigger problem than ever with our pandemic and social distancing guidelines. We need to let nursing home residents know that they are not being forgotten, and that they are not alone. As a community, we need to work together to make seniors feel loved and valued."

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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# Cake Shop Employee Drives 2 Hours To Deliver Birthday Cake To Family

Every year, for as long as she could remember, Terri Zimmerman has gotten an ice cream cake from Häagen-Dazs for her husband's birthday.

She didn't want this pandemic to change that, and it was made possible thanks to a wonderful act of kindness from a total stranger.



Zimmerman's husband, Mark, is a pulmonologist working in the Intensive Care Units of Overlook, Morristown, and Chilton Hospitals in New Jersey.

When Zimmerman decided it was time to order her husband's cake, all of the Häagen-Dazs locations in New Jersey were closed due to COVID-19.

She went on the company's website and found that the closest open location was in Park Slope, NY.

She called and asked if they would ship the ice cream cake she wanted with dry ice. They did not do that. She told the woman on the phone her husband's story. The employee, 19-year-old Farrell Sefer, told her not to worry; she'd drive the cake to her on her own time because she appreciated the work her husband was doing.

agreed, thinking I would give her a nice big tip."

When Sefer told store manager Danny Lifavi about the order, he said the cake is on the shop as a thank you for her husband's work.

So, Sefer made the over 2-hour commute to deliver the cake to a complete stranger. She also wrote a note on the box for the family.

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"I was in complete disbelief, being that she did not know me or my husband," Zimmerman told Bklyner. "I 7

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Mark family,

Thank you for all that you do. You deserve  
so much more than this cake. Your  
sacrifices have saved lives, and no  
amount of thanks (or cakes) can make  
up for that. Bringing you this cake was  
absolutely a no-brainer for me. I hope  
Mark has an incredible, blessed birthday.  
I will always remember you both and  
will cherish this always in my heart.  
You both deserve the most beautiful  
parts of life, and I can only  
pray that you get them. Thank you.  
Thank you for everything you do. Love,  
Have the happiest birthday. Fanell Se





"I can't express what this act of kindness and generosity means to me. Here I am just wanting to make my husband happy who has to work on his birthday, and who has been working such long and hard hours during this pandemic," Zimmerman said.

"I never thought it would turn into two unbelievable acts of kindness and generosity, well above the call of duty."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

## NYC Hospital's Entire Staff Surprised With Free Vacations For Their Efforts During Coronavirus Pandemic

4,000 hospital employees are getting free round-trip tickets to the destination of their choice and a free three-night stay in that location.



American Airlines and Hyatt have teamed up to show their appreciation to one of the hospitals hardest hit by COVID-19 in the U.S.

More than 4,000 hospital staff -- including doctors, physician assistants, nurses, and facilities and food service teams -- at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst were surprised with roundtrip flights on American Airlines to Hyatt hotels in select destinations across the U.S. and Caribbean.

"We are extremely grateful to Hyatt and American Airlines for this generous gift to our health care workers, who have been at the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Israel Rocha, Vice President of NYC

Health + Hospitals and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. "Our doctors, nurses, and other staff on the front lines of this unprecedented health care crisis really appreciate the outpouring of support from two of America's major companies, and we look forward to taking advantage of these well-earned vacations in the near future."

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst serves an area of nearly one million people in one of the most socio-economically diverse communities in the U.S. The hospital is among some of the hardest-hit in a city severely affected by COVID-19. In response to the crisis, the hospital quickly scaled to increase Intensive Care Units (ICU) capacity by 500%.

"We've heard from so many of our colleagues and members who simply want to do some good and find a way to share their gratitude for some of the heroes of this pandemic in one of the hardest-hit areas of New York," said Mark Hoplamazian, president and CEO of Hyatt. "We are humbled by the health care workers' dedication to saving lives. Now it's our turn to take care of them like members of our own family, and we look forward to making their stays special when they are able to take a hard-earned break."

"Every worker at Elmhurst has seen and experienced challenges many of us cannot imagine. They've given so much of themselves and chose to serve their community with care, compassion and equity for every patient," said Robert Isom, President of American Airlines. "When they are able to take a break, we hope the time away will help them and their loved ones recharge and that they feel our deepest appreciation for their sacrifice and heroism."

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# Two Teens Found And Returned \$600 In Cash. Minutes Later, An Elderly Man Returned Looking For It

Two teenagers in Prarie Grove, Arkansas, are being praised for returning hundreds of dollars they found in a grocery store.



High School Sophomores Kylee Kruse and Aidan Martin were shopping for groceries at Harps when they stumbled across six hundred dollars folded in half on the floor.

Instead of pocketing the cash, they decided to turn it over to a store employee.

"Obviously it wasn't like an easy, simple, 'okay let's just turn it in', but we knew we had to do the right thing," Kruse told the local station. "It felt really good. We knew it belonged to somebody and that we needed to get it back to who it belonged to."

It turns out the cash belonged to an elderly man who returned to the store minutes after the teens left.

Harps Store Manager RC Capper posted about the act of kindness on Facebook, hoping he could applaud the young couple for doing the right thing.

searching to figure out who it was," he said.

He found them a couple of hours after posting.

"I was so proud of them," he said. "I just wanted to brag on them because that was just awesome."




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**Conversation Starter** · April 28 at 7:02 PM

This is RC. I am the store manager at Harps. I am so proud of two High School kids who were in my store last Friday. They found 6 - \$100 bills folded in half on the floor. They immediately turned it in to one of my CSMs. They left before I was able to meet and thank them. Just a few minutes later, an elderly man came back looking for his lost money. I want everyone to know what great kids we have in Prairie Grove. I don't know who you are, but I'm proud of you for doing the right thing! What a great example for all of us. You guys will be blessed for such a huge act of kindness.

RC



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# Artist Paints Tribute To Health Care Workers Responding To COVID-19, Delivers It To Hospital

A young boy chooses a nurse as the superhero he wants to play with over Batman and Spiderman in a new artwork by Banksy, the anonymous England-based street artist.



The framed picture titled "Game Changer" has been placed on display in a corridor at Southampton General Hospital in southern England.


The artist left a note for hospital workers that read: "Thanks for all you're doing. I hope this brightens the place up a bit, even if it's only black and white."

Health officials said it was a "massive boost to morale" for everyone at the hospital.

However, one social media user gave an interesting perspective on the artwork.

"The message here is nurses are the fad at this moment but are about to get dumped in the trash and completely ignored as we move onto the next thing. I mean, look at Spiderman and Batman. They were used until they were broken, then their pieces were brushed aside as we devour the next one up."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



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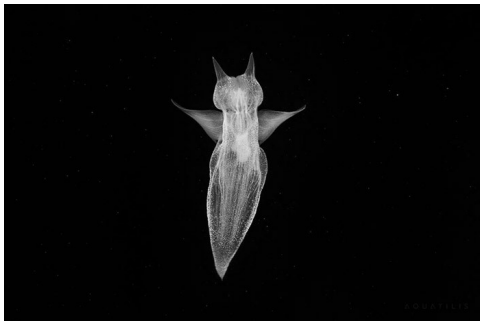
A marine biologist in Russia has captured amazing photos of *Clione limacina*, also known as "Sea Angels".



Alexander Semenov is the head of the divers' team at Moscow State University's White Sea Biological Station.

"My personal goal is to study underwater life through camera lenses and to boost people's interest in marine biology," he said. "I do this by sharing all my findings through social media and in real life, through public lectures, movies, exhibitions, and various media events."

One of his favorite sea creatures is the Sea Angel.



"Sea angels are beautiful and mysterious creatures," says Semenov. "These cold-water pteropod mollusks are among the most studied objects in neurobiology, but at the same time little is known about their life cycle. At some point they suddenly appear under an ice cap covering the sea, and in a few weeks there are so many that in one cubic meter of water column there can be up to 500 sea angels! With their size of 3-5 cm it is quite a spectacular sight."

But once the water gets too warm, they disappear. "No one knows where they go, but the next winter, in February, they appear again under the ice," Semenov said. "It is only known that they can survive without food for more than six months, significantly reducing

their size during starvation. So far, no one has figured out how to track the life of a tiny angel in the Arctic seas all year round to find out where they are going."

## Sea Angel: *Clione limacina* (Phipps, 1774)

The most common naked pteropod of arctic waters

### Size

larvae 0.15 mm

Adults up to 4 cm

### Color & Characteristics

- Barrel-shaped body with paddle-like lateral wings
- No external gills
- Transparent body with orange-red colouration in the tail and horn-like mouth organs
- Tentacles and hooks deployed during feeding
- Reddish-brown visceral mass is seen through the body wall
- Several subspecies and forms recognized, with differing shell shape and differing polar/subpolar distribution

### Habitat

- Panarctic, bipolar and subpolar
- Epipelagic (shallow dwelling)

### Feeding

- An active swimmer while hunting for its shelled pteropod prey, primarily *Limacina helicina*
- Feeding apparatus consists of 3 pairs of buccal cones (finger-like tentacles), 2 clusters of long hooks, and a toothed radula (a chain-saw like tongue) all normally hidden inside the head and body
- Feeding apparatus is everted (pushed out) during feeding to extract the prey from their shells
- A well-fed animal has a large dark gut

### Life cycle

- protandrous hermaphrodite (males first, females later)
- mating involves cross-fertilization
- 30-40 eggs laid as oblong gelatinous egg strips (1 to 1.2 mm long)
- Newly hatched larvae have thimble-shaped shells and a ciliated velum around mouth
- shell is soon cast off and while changing to adult body form, 2 ciliated rings lost are visible mid-body and near the tail
- Generation times thought to be 1 year in the arctic and perhaps 2 per year in the subarctic

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

# I Cant Believe I Am Where I Am Now

I think It would be fair to say that my upbringing has not been the most typical. Without getting in to too much detail I have had A few hills to overcome. Some have been of my own making and some I have just been unlucky.

I was the only child of color in the town I grew up In, This was the cause of a significant amount of ostracization and general racism growing up. My biological father was in prison and my mum who was 18 years old when I was born, she was often away when I was young and grew up with my Grandparents. By my early teens, my two best friends had committed suicide (this was linked with drug problems that they both had). I did not really deal with this properly and found my coping mechanism was Drink. About two years after they died, I tried to take my own life. I left school with no qualifications and flunked out of college which is no surprise as I had gone through most of my school years with undiagnosed dyslexia. By the time I was 17 I was depressed and had nothing, I had moved out of my home and was living with 'friends'.

If you had asked me then what my life would look like in another 17 years' time it would be nothing how it looks now. I got a job as a Chef, I worked the 100 hours a weeks that are required in the industry, to this day I don't know why but no matter what was going on in my life I found that I could concentrate on work and the more I worked the less I drank. After a couple of years', I tried my had at computing, it is the one natural gift that I have been blessed with. I found I was quite good at it, my work ethic carried over from being a chef and I consumed more overtime than is legally allowable in the UK. By this point the less I drank the more my depression lifted, this was all noticed by my employer and I was picked for some extra projects, these projects allowed me to go for better jobs. This went on for the next couple of years until I find myself in the position I am in now. In my current organisation I met my partner who helped me realize it was OK to be a little selfish sometimes and that I can be happy. Once I met her, I started finding other reasons to be happy and the happier I became the more confident a grew. I now have an amazing partner who was able to see past all my issues, two amazing step kids whom I love, Quite simply the best most loving dog in the world and some amazing friends. I drive now (this is a bigger deal than it might seem) and finally Today I was promoted for the third time in 4 years, I now earn just over three times the average salary in the UK. I am debt free for the first time in my adult life and we are

looking to extend the house. I know there are a lot of things going on in the world and I probably should be more worried but at the moment I just cannot be sad. I have more than I could ever have dreamed of and more than I deserve.

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# Thumbs Up On The Clouds!

It was a familiar hush sound of the ferry men urging people to hurry and be on board. As always, I was among the late ones (still struggling to be on time). So I managed to catch the boat and the journey began. I was from holidays heading back to work in a small beautiful island and it was one of those days when things weren't just going as I expected. I sat in a corner of the boat, cuddled up with my backpack close to me, in my mind I just wanted to be alone and I didn't want anyone to talk to me because I never wanted to take it out on anyone.

Lost in my thoughts, I stared up at the sky and the scene I saw caught my attention, I looked intently and noticed how a certain part of clouds formed a thumbs up pattern, it was laid so perfectly that I couldn't help but smile. Seeing that thumbs up pattern was like a breath of fresh air and so surreal, it reminded me that everything was going to be alright, that I had to breathe in and take one day at a time.

So, this life ain't always perfect, things happen unexpectedly, at times it gets all messy while at times it feels like you have it all, we should learn to take it all in, stop for a while and appreciate what we have regardless of how small or big it may seem.

Remember to smile and look up at the sky, you never know what cloud pattern may brighten your day!

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

# A Tale Of Two Dogs

In 2005 I decided to adopt a dog through my local German Shepherd Rescue. After an official meeting with the host family to see if my family would meet standards set for the adoption, we were allowed to take a beautiful 2-year-old female Shepherd home with us. She was gentle and smart as a whip! However, one day on a walk, a neighbor's dog crossed the street toward us in an aggressive manner and attacked her as she stepped in front of me. After that, whenever she saw any other dog she immediately transformed into a vicious animal! When I checked with the previous host family, I was told she'd also been attacked badly while at a dog park with them!

Quickly I searched for and found an amazing woman with her own dog - a team who would help my sweet German Shepherd to shed her terrible fear. The other dog was an Australian Shepherd. My shepherd met the new "canine counselor" without her helper dog, at first. Then we stepped outdoors and were told to walk to the end of the street. Once there, I saw her open her car door and out came this off-leash, obedience trained "partner"! As we slowly approached them I stopped as soon as my dog became agitated. Her dog was calmly sitting, simply watching for directions. As weeks and months passed, these two dogs gradually walked side-by-side because of this quiet, steady and painstakingly careful process! A calm and steady Australian Shepherd erased the fear of a seemingly vicious German Shepherd and finally erased her invisible scars.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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## Mom Suspects Her Son Of Sleeping With His Roommate. Then She Does This.

A mom visits her son for dinner who lives with a girl as a roommate.

During his meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty his roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two and this had only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there's more between him and his roommate.

Reading his mom's thought, his son volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, we are just roommates."

About a week later, his roommate came to him saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver plate. You don't suppose your mother took it, do you?"

He said, "Well I doubt it, but I'll email her just to be sure! He sat down and wrote,

Dear mom, After your visit me, the silver plate has been missing. "I'm not saying that you did take the silver plate from my house, and I'm not saying that you don't take it, but the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Your son."

Several days later, he received an email from his mother which read:

"Dear Son, I'm not saying that you do sleep with your roommate, and I'm not saying that you don't sleep with her: but the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the silver plate by now, under her pillow. Love, Mom"

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

## Father Is Shocked When He Discovers This Horrifying Letter From His Son

A father passing by his son's bedroom, was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands...

"Dear, Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her because of her piercings, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only the passion, Dad.

She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune, for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!

Don't worry, Dad. I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

-Love, your son, Joshua.

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home!

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

# Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!"

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Monday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Larry Boyd (918) 541-7592 or Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

May 21, 2020 - May 23, 2020 Commerce Days - Commerce Days welcomes everyone out for several days of fun. Celebrate the warmer months ahead with live music, delicious food, family-friendly games and outdoor activities. Thursday: 5:00 pm - 11:30 pm Friday: 5:00 pm - 11:30 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 11:30 pm Commerce High School 420 Doug Furnas Blvd Commerce, OK 74339 Phone: 918-675-4373

# SUDOKU PUZZLES

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

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May 27, 2020 - Jun 2, 2020 John Hope Franklin National Symposium (Virtual) - The John Hope Franklin National Symposium in Tulsa invites you to learn about the role arts and culture can play in healing racial divides in the United States and around the world. Join artists, students, scholars, policymakers, and the community at large during this enlightening series of talks designed to educate and facilitate productive conversations about equality, racial justice and social harmony. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be held virtually. Registration is required. 100 E 2nd St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-295-5009

Jun 2, 2020 - Jun 3, 2020 Tulsa Drillers vs Northwest Arkansas Naturals - Come experience the thrill of the game as the Tulsa Drillers go head to head with the Northwest Arkansas Naturals. The Drillers baseball games are held at the ONEOK Field, a state-of-the-art complex located in downtown Tulsa. Bring out the whole family, snap a picture with Hornsby the bull and cheer on the home team. June 2: 7pm June 3: 12pm ONEOK Field 201 N Elgin Ave Tulsa, OK 74120 Phone: 918-744-5901, 918-744-5998 Office Fax: 918-747-3267

Jun 3, 2020 Food Truck Wednesdays - Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Wednesday: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Guthrie Green 111 Reconciliation Way Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Jun 5, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 Butterfly House at the Papilion - Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papilion is a teaching garden and open air butterfly house that welcomes visitors to get a great view of these winged wonders. The Papilion is currently the only captive butterfly house in Oklahoma, with up to 26 varieties native to the southeast United States. See butterflies emerging daily in the chrysalis house, along with themed displays in the teaching gardens. Border beds are full of butterfly nectar and host plants that attract countless native butterflies to the area. A children's garden offers kids an opportunity to explore herbs, vegetables and flowers through sensory observations. Please note: Potential visitors should check at 918-684-6303 for specific dates and times, or on the Butterfly Papilion Facebook page. The butterfly house is closed in inclement weather or if lightning is in the area. Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday hours: 9am-2pm Honor Heights Park 1513 N 48th St Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-684-6303, 918-684-6302

Jun 5, 2020 First Friday Art Crawl - Since 2007, the Tulsa Arts District has presented the community with rotating art displays as part of the monthly First Friday Art Crawl events. Every first Friday of the month, visitors can explore artwork inside galleries, studios and museums and catch a few live music performances or even an exciting fireworks display. As an added bonus, art crawlers can take advantage of free museum and gallery admission while shopping later than normal business hours would allow. Hit the district early for dinner, or stay a little later for a craft cocktail best enjoyed on an outdoor patio. Friday: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Various locations in Tulsa Arts District Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-527-8170, 918-492-7477

Jun 5, 2020 - Jun 6, 2020 Jim Shoulders Round-Up Rodeo - Bring the family out for the Jim Shoulders Round-Up Rodeo, dedicated to the 16-time World Champion cowboy, Jim Shoulders, who made his home in Henryetta until his death in June 2007. This rodeo will include traditional rodeo events such as ranch bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, mutton bustin' and events geared toward up-and-coming youth rodeo stars. Grab your cowboy hat and head to the Jim Shoulders Round-Up Rodeo for two nights of fast-paced action. Friday: 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm Saturday: 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm Historic Nichols Park Lake Road Henryetta, OK 74437 Phone: 918-652-3331 Office Fax: 918-652-3332

Jun 5, 2020 - Jun 7, 2020 Tulsa Drillers vs Arkansas Travelers - Gather your crew and head to ONEOK Field for a dose of Double-A baseball when the Tulsa Drillers take on the Arkansas Travelers for a three-game series. Grab a cold brew and a dog, then kick back and experience America's past time in the heart of downtown Tulsa. June 5 & 6: 7pm June 7: 1pm ONEOK Field 201 N Elgin Ave Tulsa, OK 74120 Phone: 918-744-5901, 918-744-5998 Office Fax: 918-747-3267

**Do You have an event that you would like to share ?**

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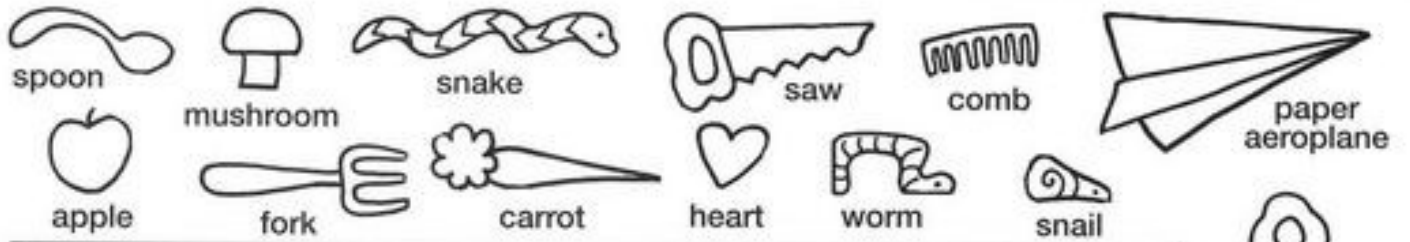
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Daffodil



# Napping in comfort

Look for these things in the big picture.





# Getting to know the Lutherans

## Language Miracle

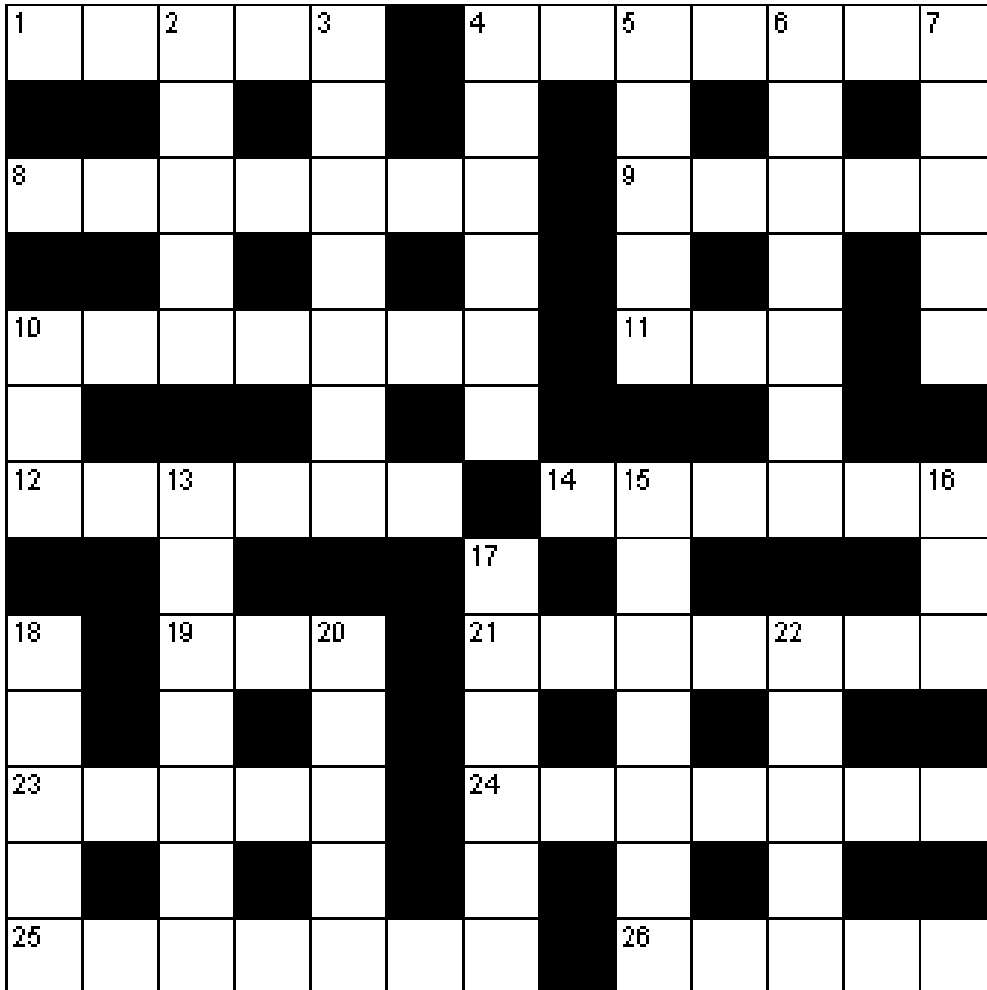
Why were the Disciples of the Christ and Jews from so many countries in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost? It was to celebrate Shavuot the Jewish Pentecost. That made it a perfect time for God to fill His disciples with the Holy Spirit. Talk about getting the Word out to the world. Wow! The miracle at Pentecost includes the Holy Spirit causing the Apostles to speak in unlearned languages and causing people from all over the known world to believe and be baptized. This miracle did not reverse the curse of Babel by restoring a single language to humanity. Rather, the Holy Spirit made what was a curse, a cause for division and confusion, into a blessing. By this act, all human languages were endorsed by God as fit to carry His Word and sing His praise. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost is the culmination of Easter. It is the beginning of the new age. The Church has lived ever since in the last days. Christian worship and evangelism around the world in native tongues matches and continues to bear witness to the Pentecost miracle.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

<p><b>Messiah Lutheran Church</b>  460 N. Wilson, Vinita, OK.  Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  Worship 10:00 a.m. 918-256-3223  Email: messiahvinita@aol.com</p>	<p><b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b>  Washington and Pine, Fairland, OK.  Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.  Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-676-3059  Email: stpaulluthch@aol.com</p>
<p><b>Bethlehem Lutheran Church</b>  6911 West 380 Road, Adair, OK 74330  Worship 9:00 a.m. 918-785-2994  Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church</b>  706 Rockwood Drive, Grove, OK.  Worship 9:30 a.m. 918-786-4585  Website: <a href="http://www.lutheransonline.com/lo/Groveok">www.lutheransonline.com/lo/Groveok</a></p>
<p><b>Mt. Olive Lutheran Church</b>  2337 North Main, Miami, OK 74354  Worship 2:00 p.m. (918) 542-4681  Sunday School and Bible Class 3:00 p.m.  Email: mtolive@cablone.net</p>	<p><b>Redeemer Lutheran Church</b>  220 N. Seminole, Claremore, OK.  Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-341-1429  Email: rluther@sbcglobal.net – Website <a href="http://www.rlccok.org">www.rlccok.org</a></p>

*Guests are always welcome.  
See you Sunday at worship.*

# Crossword Puzzle



## Across

1. Pieces of \_\_\_ (5)
4. \_\_\_ on the Roof (7)
8. A secret \_\_\_ (7)
9. Save it for a \_\_\_ day (5)
10. Put out to \_\_\_ (7)
11. Me and \_\_\_ (3)
12. \_\_\_ said than done (6)
14. \_\_\_ and liabilities (6)
19. Let sleeping dogs \_\_\_ (3)
21. A first \_\_\_ (7)
23. A \_\_\_ engagement (5)
24. Return to sender, address \_\_\_ (7)
25. \_\_\_ awaited (7)
26. Come up smelling of \_\_\_ (5)

## Down

2. Fun and \_\_\_ (5)
3. \_\_\_ chamber (7)
4. Forgive and \_\_\_ (6)
5. The \_\_\_ tricks department (5)
6. Act in haste, repent at \_\_\_ (7)
7. A \_\_\_ flush (5)
10. As easy as \_\_\_ (3)
13. Buying and \_\_\_ (7)
15. City \_\_\_ (7)
16. Original \_\_\_ (3)
17. \_\_\_ and the Beast (6)
18. An \_\_\_ a day keeps the doctor away (5)
20. Trial and \_\_\_ (5)
22. Keep a few \_\_\_ in the fire (5)

# Gone Fishing

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# Word Search Puzzle

PIRANHA PIKE PERCH MULLET MINNOW MARLIN LAMPREY KRILL JELLYFISH  
HERRING HALIBUT HAKE GUPPY GROUPEE GOLDFISH FLOUNDER DOGFISH  
CHUB CATFISH CARP BREAM BASS BARRACUDA ANCHOVY



# CryptoQuote Puzzles

**Title:** Loving America **From:** James Baldwin

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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**Title:** Learning **From:** Louisa May Alcott

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 P X R N J F U Y J R V N V Z Q X A I X C J N U  
 F E C Q N G

**Title:** Kindness, Confidence, Love **From:** Lao Tzu (Laozi)

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# Funny, HumanityLawyer Won't Leave This Woman Alone On Her Flight, So She Makes This Genius Move...

A woman and a lawyer were seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asked if she would like to play a fun game. The woman, tired, just wanted to take a nap, politely declined and rolled over to the window to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explained, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This catches the woman's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?"

The woman doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay," says the lawyer, "your turn".

She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mail to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the woman, and hands her \$500.00.

The woman says, "Thank you," and turns back to get some more sleep.

The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the woman and asks, "Well, what's the answer?"

Without a word, the woman reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

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# Parents Tell Kids They're Getting Divorced But What They Do Next Is Hilarious

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sock of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

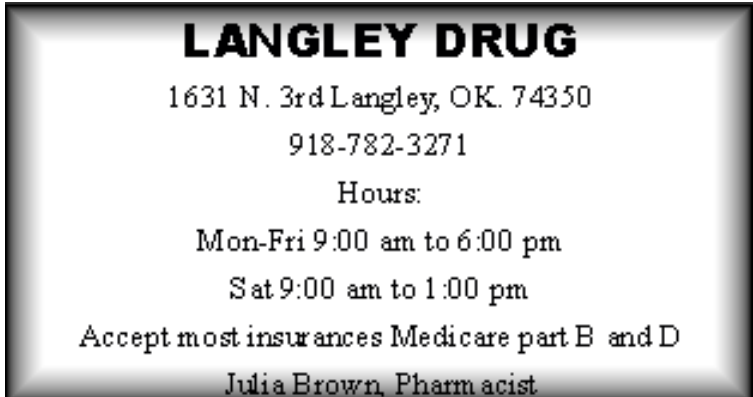
Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.

"They're not getting divorced if I have anything to do about it," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife and says, "Okay, they're coming for Thanksgiving...now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

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# Inspirational Stories of Woman In The World War One

From ambulance drivers to translators, women served Britain in a variety of ways during the First World War.

These inspirational stories were taken from Lives of the First World War, IWM's digital memorial to men and women from across the British Empire and Commonwealth who served or helped the war effort during the First World War.

## ELIZABETH KNOCKER AND MAIRI CHISHOLM

Elizabeth ('Elsie') and Mairi set up their own First Aid Post close to the Belgian front line Pervyse in November 1914. Elsie, a trained nurse, believed that lives could be saved if wounded soldiers



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were treated close to the front line. The two women put their own safety at risk to save lives - they often worked under fire and left Pervyse only after being badly gassed in 1918. Both were awarded the Belgian Order of Leopold in 1915 and the British Military Medal in 1917 for their bravery. Read more about Elsie and Mairi on Lives of the First World War.

## MARGUERITE MAUD MCARTHUR

Marguerite was employed by the Young Men's Christian Association, and because of her language skills in French and German she worked in the War Office Translation Bureau. From March 1918 onwards, Marguerite was part of the Army Educational Service of the YMCA at Etaples in France. She contracted pneumonia and died on 13 February 1919, aged 26. Marguerite is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. In 1920, Marguerite's friend Josephine Kellett published a book about her life entitled *That Friend of Mine: A Memoir of Marguerite McArthur*.



## MARY O'CONNELL BIANCONI

Mary, known as Molly, went to France in August 1917 as a member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), where she worked as a Driver in the St Omer

Ambulance Convoy. After an air raid in July 1918, Molly and six other FANY drivers drove their ambulances to pick up and help the wounded. It was reported that 'she worked for long hours under fire in the brave attempt to save the lives of those who were being buried in caves, dug-outs and hospitals which had been hit.' Molly was given the Military Medal for her bravery and hard work.



## ELSIE MAUD INGLIS

Elsie Inglis was a qualified surgeon and supporter of the women's suffrage campaign. After the outbreak of the First World War, she offered her services to the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1914 but was told to 'go home and sit still'. Undeterred, Elsie set up her own organisation, the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which treated troops in Serbia and Russia. She became the first woman to be awarded the Order of the White Eagle, the highest honour given by Serbia. Elsie and her medical team were evacuated following the Russian Revolution in November 1917. She died from cancer the day after returning to England.



DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry



# Margaret Cochran Corbin (1751-1800)

A hero of the American Revolution, Margaret Cochran Corbin was the first woman to receive a military pension.



The hardships of Corbin's young life inspired the courage and resilience that would serve her well during the Revolution. Born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania on November 12, 1751, she was orphaned at age five, when her father was killed during an Indian raid and her mother was taken captive, never to return. She and her brother were adopted and raised by an uncle.

In 1772, at age twenty-one, she married John Corbin, who joined the Pennsylvania military three years later. Instead of staying home, Corbin left with her husband for war, becoming—like many other women—a camp follower who earned money cooking and doing laundry for soldiers. She also helped take care of the sick and wounded.

On November 16, 1776, Corbin dressed as a man and joined her husband in the Battle of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River. There, she helped him load his cannon, and when he was killed, she quickly and heroically took over firing the cannon against the British. Other soldiers commented on "Captain Molly's" steady aim and sure-shot. Eventually, however, she, too, was hit by enemy fire, which nearly severed her left arm and severely wounded her jaw and left breast. She was unable to use her left arm for the rest of her life. The British eventually won this battle, with Corbin numbered among the prisoners of war who were paroled and released back to the care of Revolutionary hospitals.

Left to support herself alone, Corbin struggled financially. After she recovered, Corbin joined the Invalid Regiment at West Point, where she aided the wounded until she was formerly discharged in 1783. Then, on July 6, 1779, the Continental Congress, in recognition of her brave service, awarded her with a lifelong pension equivalent to half that of male combatants. Congress also gave her a suit of clothes to replace the ones ruined during the conflict.

In 1782, Corbin married a wounded soldier, but he died a year later. Gruff and unfeminine, Corbin made few friends among the women of her time, instead feeling more at home smoking and conversing with other soldiers.

Corbin died near West Point before reaching her fiftieth birthday. In 1926, her remains were moved from an ob-

scure grave along the Hudson River to West Point, where she was buried with full military honors. A plaque at Fort Tryon Park in Manhattan, hails her "as the first woman to take a soldier's part in the War for Liberty."

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## Experiencing War James Nelson Platt

"If I ever wanted to be about the size of an ant, it was when I crawled through that hell of shellfire and slid over onto that sunken road." (Memoir, page 162)

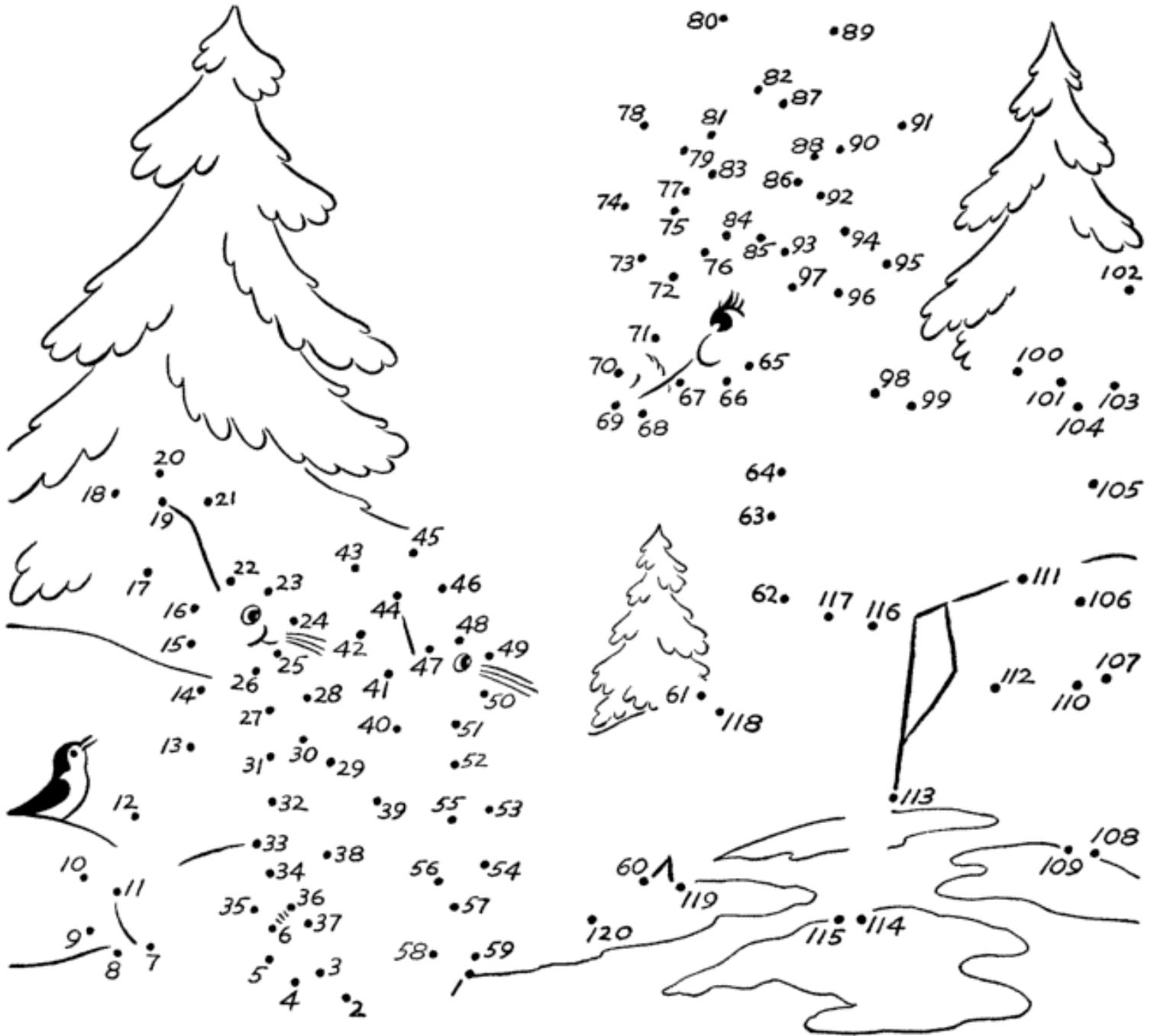


James Platt sailed for Europe in the spring of 1918 as a private and returned home eight months later as a sergeant. Not long after landing in France, he volunteered for typing duty and was given corporal's stripes; he soon became a map reader and then was promoted to mess sergeant. When his company's commanding officer was killed, Platt took over briefly. His familiarity with maps helped him guide his men out of trouble. In his memoir, he vividly describes the war's devastation and is honest about his fear of being shot.

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# Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)





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# 82 Year Old Grandpa Dances During COVID-19



Frank Cicorelli is a very social guy, and he so misses being with his friends in Charlotte, Michigan. His wife passed away about 7 years ago at age 75, so he's alone—but he's been creating his own fun during this pandemic.

A Facebook post from April shows him carrying an umbrella enjoying his two-mile walk and looking on the bright side: “I was lucky, no wind”—even in the “miserable cold and rain.” He added, “Rain or snow you keep on Goin.”

He recovered from open heart coronary bypass surgery and a shoulder injury four years ago. He decided to work with a trainer and got back full range of motion on his shoulder.

“He takes lots of pictures and posts them on his Facebook page,” his daughter, Connie Cicorelli Ricci, told GNN. “My husband (a high school teacher) says he spends more time on his phone than most teenagers!”

The couple, who lives outside of Philadelphia, call Frank a few times a week on Facetime. But he needs more social time than that.

He sent a video to Connie and her brother via text showing him getting his groove on to Achy Breaky Heart and grabbing the nearest partner to dance—a broomstick.

“My dad is my HERO and he still lives one of his core values—to make the best out of whatever situation you have!”

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# CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

**Title:** Loving America **From:** James Baldwin

**I love America more than any other country in this world, and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually.**

**Title:** Learning **From:** Louisa May Alcott

**I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship.**

**Title:** Kindness, Confidence, Love **From:** Lao Tzu (Laozi)

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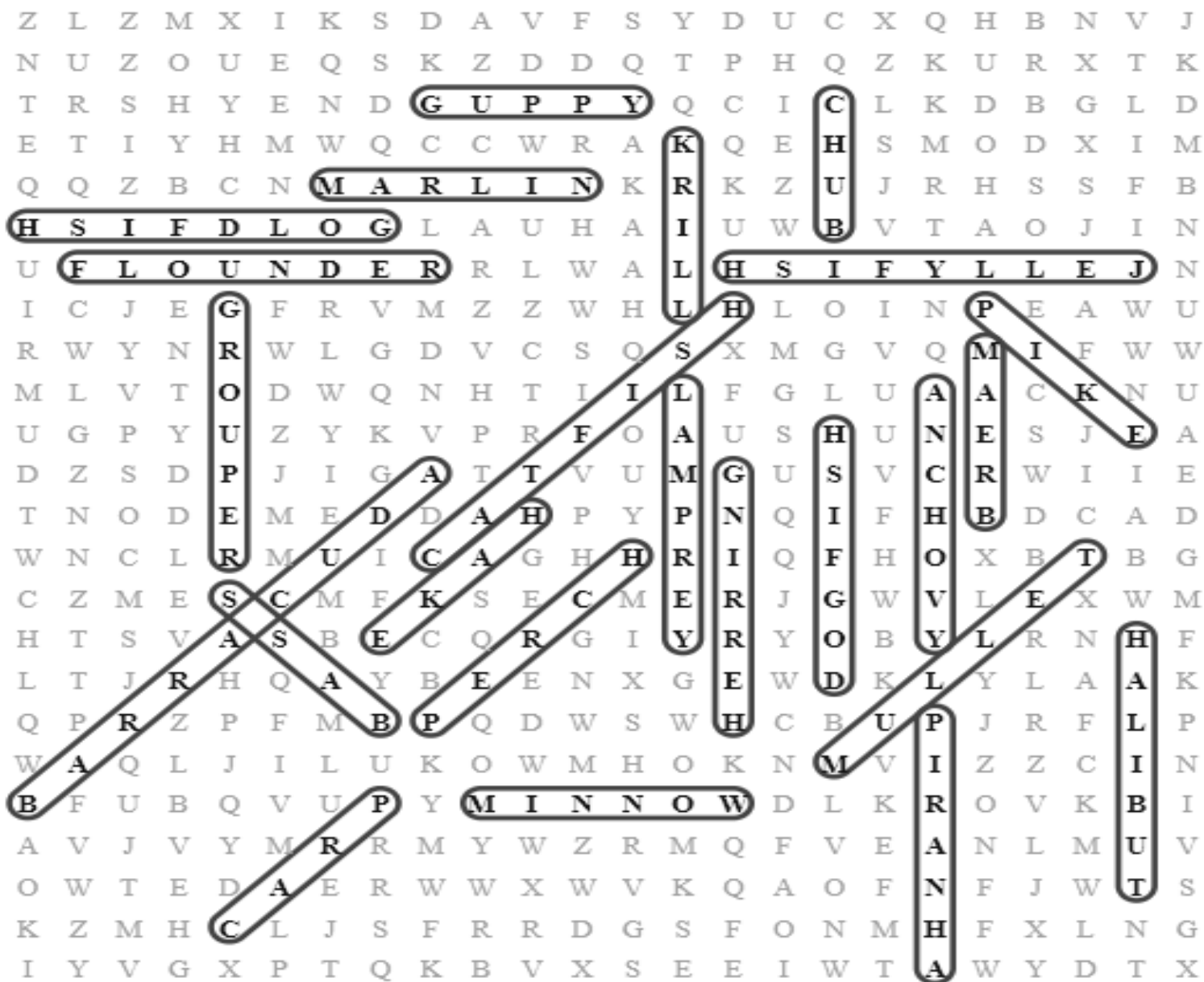
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2	3	5	8	7	9	1	6	4
6	9	1	5	4	2	3	8	7
5	4	8	1	2	7	9	3	6
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9	2	7	4	3	6	8	1	5

**Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution**

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# Crossword Puzzle Solution

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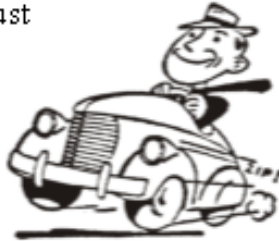
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## The Human-Companion Animal Bond: How Humans Benefit

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## Family-Owned Greenhouse Donates \$1 Million in Orchids to Healthcare Workers in Seven Hardest Hit U.S. Cities

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