

Thursday, July 16th - Coping with Covid - Morning

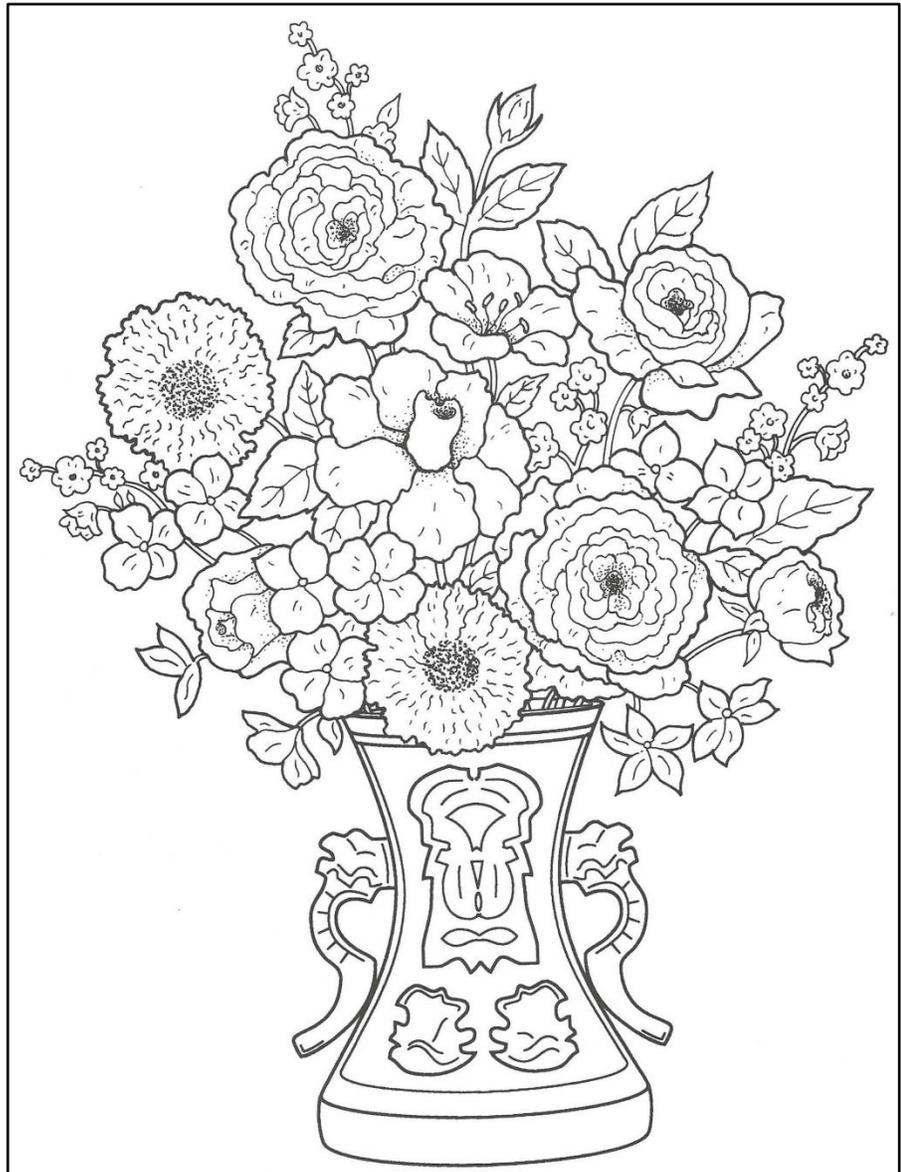
Laugh it off: Texting corrections: "I am hungary." "Maybe you should czech the fridge." "I'm russian to the kitchen." "Is there any turkey?" "We have some, but it's covered in greece" "ew, there's norway I'd eat that!"

God's Comfort: Prov 9:7-9 Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. 8 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. 9 Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. **Psalms 18:25-29** To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, 26 to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. 27 You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. 28 You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. 29 With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to: Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I." Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others. St Thomas Moore.

National Day Today (July 16) Get to Know Your Customer Day, Guinea Pig Appreciation Day, Hot Dog Night, Corn Fritters Day, Fresh Spinach Day, Personal Chef's Day, Stress Awareness Day, World Snake Day.

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Thursday, July 16th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: It's a good thing snakes and dogs don't interbreed. Nobody wants a loyal snake. -- I was at a yard sale one day and saw a box marked "Electronic cat and dog call—guaranteed to work." I looked inside and was amused to see an electric can opener.

God's Comfort: Matthew 22:41-45 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." 45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Historical Perspective (July 16) 1790 - Washington, DC - permanent seat of the U.S. Government. 1821- Mary Baker Eddy born – Christian Scientists. 1862 - David G. Farragut - First U.S. Navy rear admiral. 1872 - Roald Amundsen born – Polar Explorer. 1907 - Barbara Stanwyck born. 1907 - Orville Redenbacher born. 1911 - Ginger Rogers born. 1926 - National Geographic - First underwater color photographs. 1935 - Oklahoma City - First in U.S. - parking meters. 1943 - Jimmy Johnson (NFL) born. 1945 - First atomic bomb - Alamogordo, NM. 1950 - World Cup soccer finals - Largest crowd in sports history - 199,854. 1951 - J.D. Salinger published "The Catcher in the Rye". 1957 - USMC Major John Glenn - transcontinental speed record - 3 hrs, 23 mins, 8 secs. 1967 - Will Ferrell born. 1969 - Apollo 11 launched Cape Kennedy, FL - First manned mission to land on moon. 1972 - Smokey Robinson farewell concert in DC. 1973 - Grand Funk Railroad released "We're An American Band". 1973 - Bob Dylan released "Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid."

Writing for Fun: Use 100 words write mystery taking place during WWII in a Pet shop and includes a golf club and hunting. Your character is a maid.

<p>Sample Mystery: "We can get out now," said Mr. Brooken as the air raid siren wound down. Good thing you were in the shop when the alarm sounded. "Yes sir, Mr. Brooken," said Toni, the Colonel's maid. "Major here, the Colonel's dog, needed a new collar, so I came right round this morning. Now off to the sports store to get the Colonel's golf club fixed and cleaned. He was missing last weekend and found it in the woods yesterday, while hunting." "Why would anyone steal and then throw away a 3-wood." Out in the street, Toni whispered to Major, "How'd he known it was a 3-wood?"</p>	
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Thursday, July 16th - Coping with Covid - Supper

Laugh it off: I was shopping in the pet section of my local supermarket when I overheard a woman singing the praises of a particular water bowl to her friend. "Look, it even has a water filter!" she concluded, holding the doggie dish out for her friend's inspection. The friend had a slightly different take on things: "Mary," she said, "Your drinks out of the toilet."

God's Comfort: Genesis 22:6-8 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

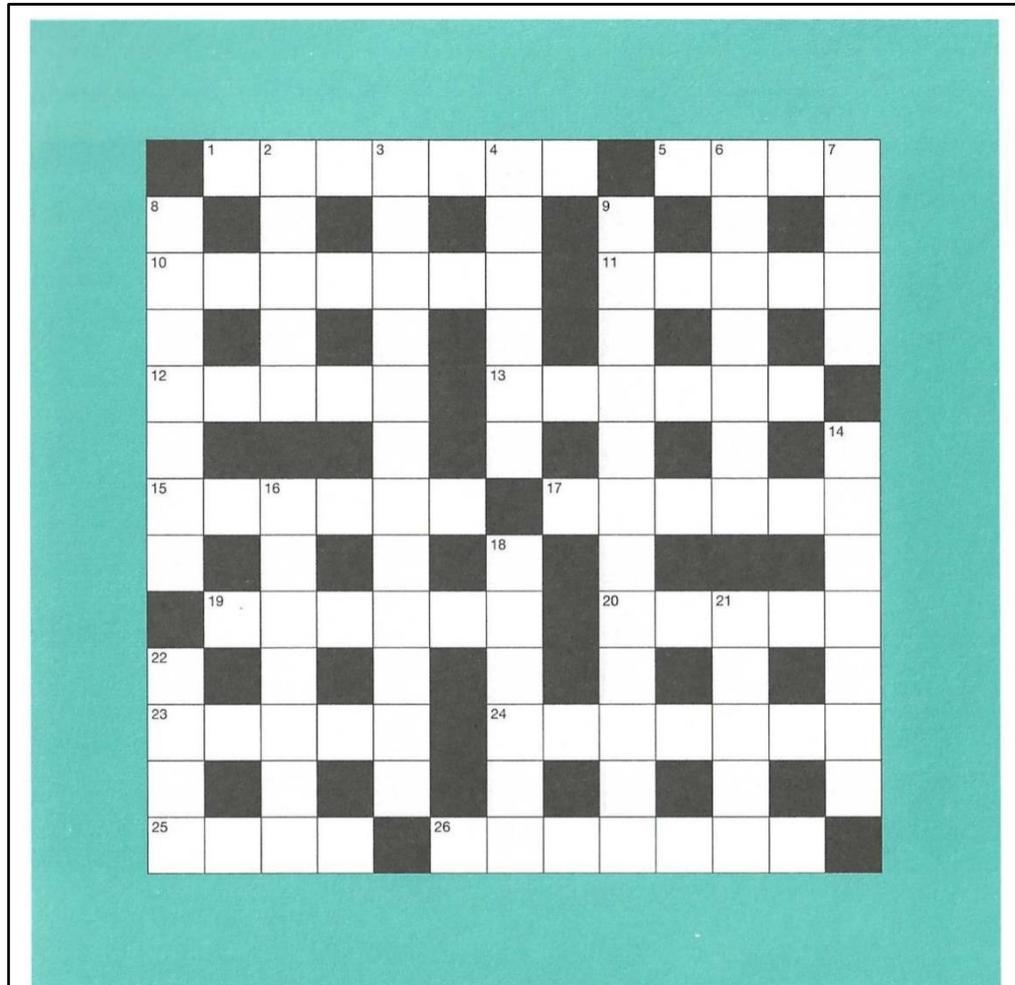
"Memories are like mulligatawny soup in a cheap restaurant. It is best not to stir them." P. G. Wodehouse

"It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." Arthur Conan Doyle

"You're born. You suffer. You die. Fortunately, there's a loophole." - Billy Graham

Game - Word Search.

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ACROSS

- 1. Surface rock formation
- 5. Move fast, like clouds
- 10. Seat that opens like a lid
- 11. Assists with a crime
- 12. Split in two
- 13. Go back
- 15. Beginner
- 17. Rarely encountered
- 19. CDEFGABC, perhaps
- 20. Form of oxygen
- 23. Rustic
- 24. Moving suddenly and rapidly
- 25. Gemstone
- 26. Counsels

DOWN

- 2. Up to
- 3. With the intention of making a profit
- 4. Possessors
- 6. Less cloudy
- 7. Fine, dry powder
- 8. Zero
- 9. Done deal (2 wds)
- 14. Retaliation
- 16. Sovereign's stand-in
- 18. Grabbed
- 21. Chilled (2 wds)
- 22. Therefore