

Tuesday, July 7th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: My two daughters were discussing the less than desirable physical attributes they had inherited from their father. The older one: "I hate my freckles from Dad." Her unsympathetic younger sister: "At least you got his freckles. I got his eyebrows."

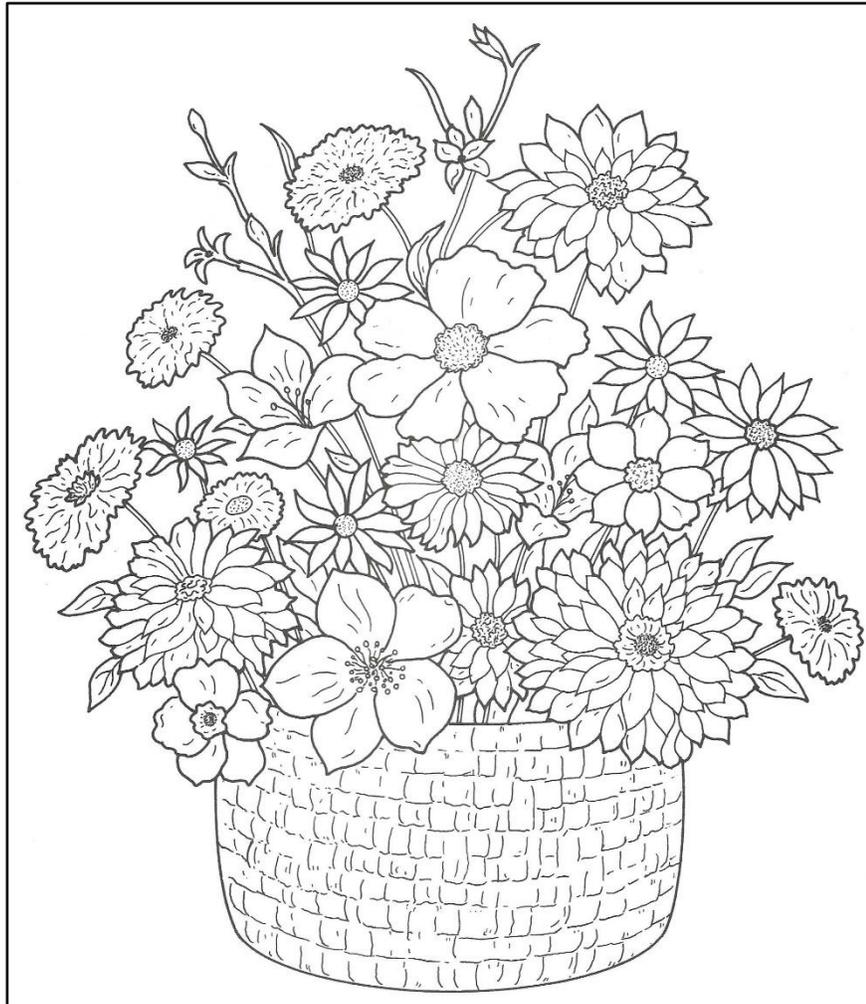
God's Comfort: Prov 3:31-35 Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways. 32 For the Lord detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence. 33 The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. 34 He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. 35 The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.

Psalm 15:4-7 Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; 3 whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; 4 who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; 5 who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to: “Lord, when You are excluded from the hearts and consciences of men, the inevitable result is injustice and corruption and the suffering of peoples. We see this injustice and corruption around us, in the lives of our friends, in the corridors of power, and the council rooms of many nations. We ask Lord that You would draw the unjust and corrupt to repentance and they would right the wrongs that are taking place. We pray that You would give justice and peace to all that have been cruelly and unfairly treated and use their pain to draw them into Your saving arms of grace. Amen and amen.

National Day Today (July 7) Build a Scarecrow Day, Chocolate Day, Father-Daughter Take a Walk Together Day, Global Forgiveness Day, Macaroni Day, Strawberry Sundae Day, Tell the Truth Day.

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Tuesday, July 7th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: I arrived home from work to find all the windows and doors wide open. Apparently, our puppy had had an accident. "Yeah, it really stank, Dad" my daughter told me. "In fact, when we first walked in, I thought you had come home early and were cooking dinner." -- My mom wants me to name my kids after people in our family. So I'm naming my firstborn Uncle Karl.

God's Comfort: Matthew 21:18-22 18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. 20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. 21 Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Historical Perspective (July 7): 1754 - Kings College opened – NYC – later renamed Columbia College. 1860 - Gustav Mahler born - composer. 1887 - Marc Chagall born – Painter. 1906 - Satchel Paige born. 1919 - William Kunstler born. 1927 - Doc Severinsen born. 1930 - Boulder Dam construction began. 1946 - Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini canonized - first U.S. saint. 1994 - Amazon.com, Inc. founded as "Cadabra." 1956 - Johnny Cash - first time "Grand Ole Opry." 1956 - The Platters release "My Prayer". 1966 - Jim Gaffigan born – comedian. 1980 - Michelle Kwan born - figure skater.

Writing for Fun: Incorporate (success, flute, castle) into a piece using 100 words.

Sample success, flute, castle: Dhonte inhaled, raised the silver **flute** to his lips, and blew out across the mouthpiece. The smooth, clear, clean notes of Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp (minus harp) filled the great hall of the empty **castle** and bounced back and forth off the stone walls making the piece sound like a round. When done, he waited for the echo to die out before starting over. The third time he played, wraith-like creatures appeared in front of the fireplace singing in unison with his flute. Success, Dhonte thought. The myth was not a myth after all.

Your success, flute, castle:

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Tuesday, July 7th - Coping with Covid - Supper

Laugh it off: Our 25-year-old son moved back home with an eye toward socking away money to buy a condo. We never bothered asking how long he'd planned to stay, but I got a surprisingly good idea when I walked into his room recently. In the corner was a milk jug with a few coins in it and a label that read "Condo down payment."

God's Comfort: Genesis 19:6-11 6 Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him 7 and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. 8 Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof." 9 "Get out of our way," they replied. "This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We'll treat you worse than them." They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. 10 But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. 11 Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

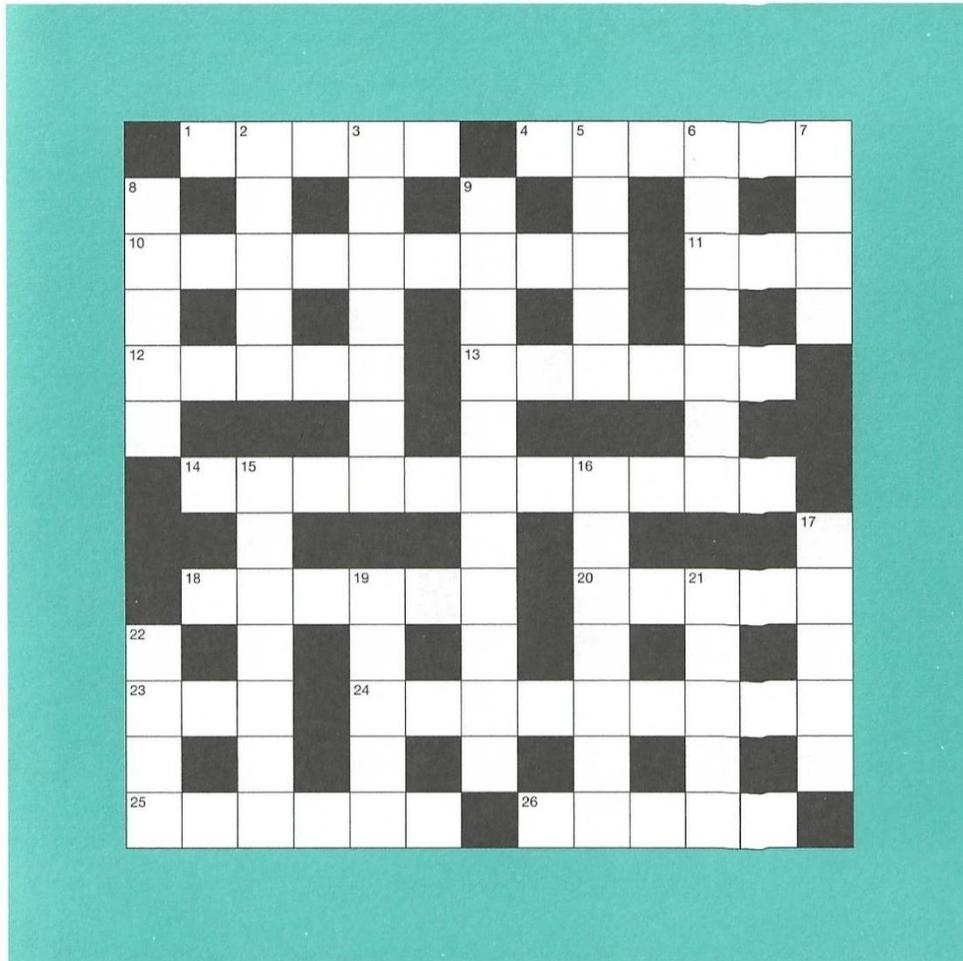
Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen." - Mark Twain

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life." - Winston Churchill

Game- Word Search.

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| 1. Michaelmas daisy genus | 14. Strictly; according to the facts |
| 4. Roman god of fire | 18. Acquire |
| 10. Liked better | 20. Ward off |
| 11. Kelly, Australian outlaw | 23. 'Not yet public' (inits) |
| 12. Reference to prior text in a legal work | 24. Exaggerated theatrics |
| 13. Song words | 25. Avaricious |
| | 26. Oneness |

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| 2. Brush | 16. Forsake |
| 3. Ocular cleansing lotion | 17. Wander |
| 5. Below | 19. Focused |
| 6. Mocking | 21. Make law |
| 7. Graph point | 22. Hart |
| 8. Sudden convulsion | |
| 9. Fantastically well | |
| 15. Hug | |