

Thursday, July 9th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: On my wedding day, my mom told my bride, “No refunds, no exchanges on sale items.” -- Marriage Counselor: So, what brings you here today? Wife: He takes everything literally. It’s agonizing. Husband: My truck.

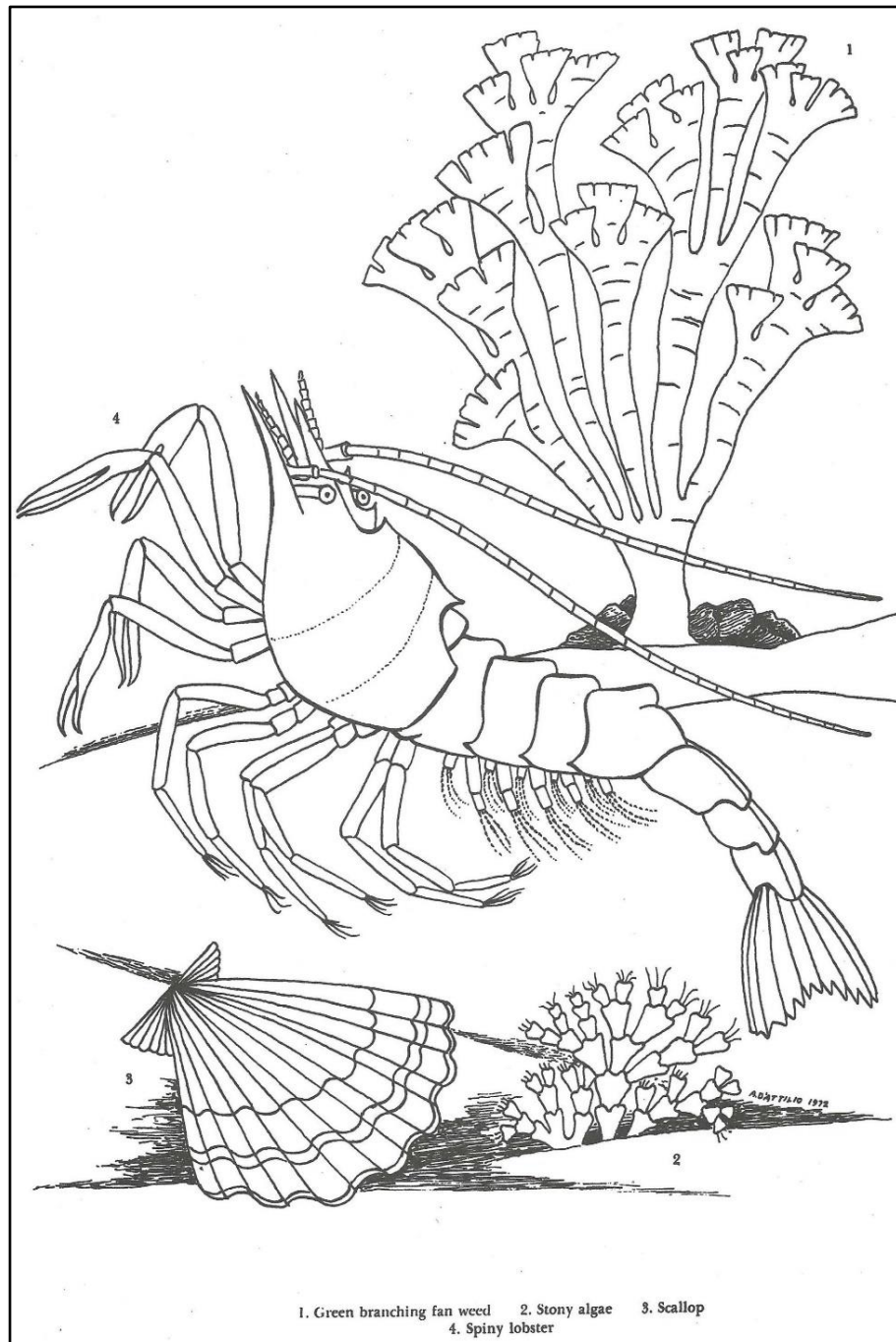
God’s Comfort: Prov 4:5-9 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.” **Psalm 16:5-8** 8 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. 8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to:
Mighty God, thank you that your word enlightens my eyes, purifies my soul, and preserves me for eternal life. Your word says that we should keep loving one another earnestly since love covers a multitude of sins. Thank you that your love has covered my sin. I pray that you would fill me with the same love for others. You have loved me and have freed me from my sins by Jesus’ blood. To you be glory and dominion forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

National Day Today (July 9)

Martyrdom of the Bab, National No Bra Day, National Sugar Cookie Day.

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Thursday, July 9th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: My friend Garrick had the solution to forgetting his wife’s birthday and their wedding anniversary: He opened an account with a local florist and provided it with both dates as well as instructions to send flowers and a card signed “Your loving husband, Garrick.” For a few years, it worked. Then one day, Garrick came home on their wedding anniversary. He saw the flowers on the dining room table and said, “What nice flowers. Where did you get them?”

God’s Comfort: Matthew 21:28-32 28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ 29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Historical Perspective (July 9): 1808 - leather-splitting machine patented. **1819** - Elias Howe born – Sewing Machine. **1868** - 14th Amendment ratified. **1872** - Doughnut cutter patented. **1877** - Bell Telephone Company formed. **1878** - Corncob pipe patented. **1922** - Johnny Weissmuller - 100-meter freestyle under one minute. **1927** - Ed Ames born - Ames Brothers. **1938** - Brian Dennehy born. **1947** - O.J. Simpson born. **1956** – Tom Hanks born. **1957** - Kelly McGillis born. **1985** - Joe Namath joins ABC-TV "Monday Night Football". **1956** - Dick Clark debuts “American Bandstand” in Philadelphia.

Writing for Fun: Using 100 words, write a memoir piece in the current area that includes railroad tracks, a place of prayer, involves a luau, and your character is an entertainer.

Sample Memoir:

I was conceived at a Luau, born by the railroad tracks, and lived in a house of prayer till I was ten. My name is Carter and I’m an entertainer. Not a rich one, but a good one and it’s paid my bills my entire life. Now at 78, my voice has left me and my feet stopped tapping, but I got stories to tell. . . and remember, I’m an entertainer.

On April 20th, 1942, my mother went to a Luau sponsored by the USO for servicemen shipping out for the war. She sat next to . . .

Your Memoir:

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Thursday, July 9th - Coping with Covid - Supper

Laugh it off: I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number? -- My husband cooks for me like I'm a god—by placing burnt offerings before me every night. -- My wife keeps telling everyone that she can read their minds, but she never can. She's telepathetic.

God's Comfort: Genesis 19:17-22 17 As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

18 But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please! 19 Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die. 20 Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared." 21 He said to him, "Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. 22 But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." (That is why the town was called Zoar.)

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." - Rose Kennedy

"Nearly all the best things that came to me in life have been unexpected, unplanned by me." - Carl Sandburg

"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well." Josh Billings

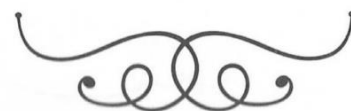
Game - Word Search.

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Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.

Socrates