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## Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation Of Thanksgiving

Sarah Josepha Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor, wrote a letter to President Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." She explained, "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, mainly in New England and other Northern states. President Lincoln responded to Mrs. Hale's request immediately, unlike several of his predecessors, who ignored her petitions altogether.

Here is President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation:

*"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with*

*all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increases of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent*

(Turn the page)

### 65 Years Ago . . .

On November 20, 1953, Scott Crossfield, an American Navy pilot, became the first person to fly at twice the speed of sound (Mach 2) in a Douglas D-558-II Skyrocket at Edwards Air Force Base.

### Remembering A Great Actor

*"I walked onstage in a play at prep school, and with childish naivete, told myself, "Wow, I'm an actor!"*

Efrem Zimbalist Jr., born November 30, 1918

## Rave Reviews!

*"We recently had our house tented by Termite Terry. Every encounter was professional and informative. Moving out of your house for two days can be stressful but having Termite Terry perform the work made it less stressful and painless. We are termite free . . . at last!"*

Mark Ribisi  
Newport Beach

*"Great service! We called five or six different people today and not only did he answer the phone, he was able to get us scheduled the same day! He was very thorough and inspected our whole place & answered all our questions, was very knowledgeable and kind. We would definitely recommend them!"*

Kristen K.  
Newport Beach

*"After contacting three other pest control companies, I finally called Termite Terry after a friend referred me to them. This was the only company willing to check out a very sudden house fly infestation I had.*

*They were able to adjust their schedule of their employee, Eric, so he could come out on my only day off. The woman answering the phone just couldn't be kinder, more understanding, nor more accommodating. Eric arrived and inspected the entire inside, the patio, and even went into the attic of my condo. Although he couldn't find the source of the house flies, he left two fly strips and did not charge for the inspection. Thankfully, the house flies have all finally died and are now gone.*

*After such service, I would definitely call them again if I should ever require their services. Great team! I highly recommend them."*

Sharron Krueger  
Irvine

*Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.*

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.*

*Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth."*

After you have read the great words of President Lincoln, let us all be thankful for what we have. And, let us not forget those who are less fortunate during this Thanksgiving season.



## Asian Hornets Terrorize France

Asian hornets have recently claimed the life of another victim in France.

The man, a 57-year-old from Normandy, died at the scene, while another woman had to be treated in a hospital after being stung several times. This fatality is just the latest in a series of deaths caused by these pests.

In August, a French Farmer was stung by an Asian Hornet while

driving his car. A few minutes later, he fell unconscious and ran his car into a pole. He died from a severe anaphylactic shock.

Another woman from Normandy recently died after suffering a similar reaction. She was stung while tending her garden. The hornets have attacked about 180 people in that area during the past three months.

The Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*), which grows up to 1 inch long, is indigenous to Southeast Asia. It is believed that these hornets were introduced into France through a delivery of Chinese pottery, back in 2004. They have since spread throughout most of France, Portugal, Spain, and are now in the U.K..

These hornets are aggressive and are known to attack people who get within 10 feet of their nests. Because of their large size, their stings are far more serious than those caused by honeybees. French authorities are warning people to be extremely cautious. Anyone who is stung should immediately call for emergency services because of potential allergic reactions.

Asian hornets are highly effective hunters of a wide range of insects. Besides the risks to humans, beekeepers are very concerned that these hornets are causing significant losses to honeybee colonies. A handful of Asian hornets can destroy a nest of 30,000 bees in only a couple of hours!

British scientists say they have made a breakthrough in the fight to stop the spread of Asian hornets. They are now capturing these hornets, and placing electronic tags on them so they can track these pests back to their nests. Once located, the hornet's nest can then be destroyed.

Asian hornets have not yet made it onto our shores, but it is probably only a matter of time before they do.

## Flea-Borne Typhus Outbreak Reaches Epidemic Levels In Parts Of Los Angeles

Health officials in Los Angeles recently reported a typhus outbreak and say it has reached epidemic levels in Pasadena.

There have been twenty cases reported in Pasadena, mostly in the past two months. The city of Long Beach has reported twelve cases in 2018, and nine have been reported in the rest of Los Angeles County since July.

Typhus can cause fever, chills, body aches, nausea and vomiting, cough, and rashes. In rare cases, it can also cause meningitis or death.

The county health department says on their website, "Infection happens when the feces from infected fleas are rubbed into cuts or scrapes in the skin or rubbed into the eyes."

Officials in Pasadena are blaming the outbreak on a warm summer, and human interaction with animals in neighborhoods that have an interface with wildlife in canyons and the Angeles National Forest.

Meanwhile, officials from the L.A. health department are investigating the source of the outbreak in downtown L.A. by searching for high concentrations of infected fleas and/or infected rats, feral cats and opossums.

One official said, "There are lots of rats on Skid Row, and there are lots of dogs that belong to homeless people."

Health officials are recommending that you take the following steps to protect yourself:

- Practice safe flea control.
- Use flea control products on your pets.
- When outside, wear pants tucked into socks or boots. Spray insect repellent on socks and pant cuffs.

- Avoid being near wild or stray animals.
- Never feed or touch wild animals, especially opossums, rats, stray or feral cats.
- Store your trash in cans with secure lids to avoid attracting animals.
- Get rid of places where rats and stray animals sleep, hide, or find food.

## President's Economic Stimulus

President Termite Terry is celebrating the latest reports on the amazing success of his economic stimulus program. Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Kurt Owens of Huntington Beach referred our service to Pamela Carrillo of Huntington Beach.
- Fred Barla of Huntington Beach referred us to Brent Boyce of Huntington Beach.
- Dawn Rusalov of Redondo Beach referred our service to Jessica Fini and Ewa Marchiondo of Redondo Beach.
- Patti Ball of Mission Viejo referred us to Alan Zsombor of Cypress.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

## Fun Facts About The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will be holding the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Here are some fun facts about this event:

- It was initially a Christmas-themed parade when it debuted in 1924. Some 10,000 people watched Santa riding on a float designed to look like a sled being pulled by reindeer.
- The initial parade was such a success that they decided to make it an annual event. It became the Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1927.
- Parades from 1924-1926 featured monkeys, bears, camels, and elephants. These were all borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.
- The animals were replaced in 1927 by inflatable critters. This was the first year that the parade's signature giant helium balloons made their debut. Felix the Cat lead the way. He was joined by a flying dragon, elephant, and toy soldier.
- Large balloons take about 12,000 cubic feet of helium to become fully inflated. Macy's is the second largest consumer of helium, behind the U.S. government.
- The parade was canceled during World War II. The store put the balloons to good use and donated a total of 650 pounds of rubber to the U.S. government for use in the war effort.
- Snoopy has appeared more than any other character. Snoopy made his debut in 1968 and has been in the parade a total of 39 times.
- Up to 90 people are needed to anchor and navigate each balloon, using long ropes affixed to the bottom and sides of the balloons.
- The balloons are not cheap. It costs about \$190,000 to build a balloon, and it costs about \$90,000 a year to show them after that.

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### **Model says, "I Literally Wanted To Rip My Skin Off"**

A successful model who has worked for some of the biggest names in beauty, fashion and lingerie, was left with more than 90 bed bug bites on her body after a stay in a high-end hotel.

"I literally wanted to rip my skin off," she said. "The first morning, when I woke up, I noticed a couple of bites on my arm, but I didn't think anything about it. And then, the second morning is when I noticed all the bites, and that's when it got worse."

She had to take a two-month break from modeling, and is now suing the hotel chain. Another person, who was bitten by bed bugs in the same hotel, has also filed suit.

We all know that some hotels have bed bug problems from time to time, and we would hope that hotel management would take aggressive action to eradicate these pests. However, this case gets even more interesting after a local television news station recently performed an investigation.

Investigators from the news station went back to this same hotel and rented a room. While there, they sprayed the bed linens with a special spray that can only be seen under a black light.

A day later, another person from the news station rented the same room. And, after checking the bed with a blacklight, they found that the pillow cases had not been changed. Would you want to sleep on that same used pillow case? What do you think would happen to you if the person who previously slept there had headlice, or if there were bed bugs in the room?

The television news crew also investigated three other hotels and found similar instances where bed sheets and pillow cases were not changed, dirty towels were picked up off the floor and hung back on the towel rack, and even used drinking cups were put back for the next guest to use. That's gross!

Is this hotel's bed bug problem just a coincidence? If you don't think so, I'd understand.



"Termite" Terry Singleton