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REUNION SUMMER

May Winner
Christian Avalos!!
17,860 points

*Agent with the highest monthly points
wins \$750.00 and 500 bonus points
(\$1000 over 10,000, \$1250 over 20,000)*

WAY TO GO!
Christian!!!

*Agents with over 4,000 points win \$200.00
(\$500.00 if over 5,000 and \$750.00 if over
10,000) Additional May Winners:*

Blanca I Orozco	12,110 Points
Delia F Valle	9,408 Points
Alma Rosa Cobos	7,024 Points
Jose Luna	6,454 Points
Orlando A Elizondo	5,050 Points
Ronnie Nutt	4,883 Points
Alfredo G Elizondo	4,875 Points
Julio C Garcia	4,638 Points
Illiana A Guerrero	4,554 Points
Grace Michelle Santos	4,437 Points
E Chairez-Valladares	4,339 Points
Celila Avila Cabrera	4,168 Points



Hugs are back. And handshakes. And tables for 10.

Most states have now fully re-opened, meaning that businesses no longer have to follow capacity limits or curfews. Public and private gatherings of any size are allowed, and domestic travelers are free to visit the state without quarantining or providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Minimal restrictions may still apply in certain settings. For example, masks or social distancing may still be required in nursing homes. Local governmental entities or private businesses may still have restrictions. Both Texas and Oklahoma are among the fully re-opened states.

After a year-and-a-half of isolating Covid lockdowns, Americans are emerging from seclusion into the joy and comfort of others. For many, that means family. Adults are heading back to childhood homes to the arms of Mom and Dad. Families are hosting reunions and making up for missed Sunday dinners. The kids are taller, the moments sweeter.



For others, it's the routine pleasures of lunch with the gang from the office or the coffee shop or the corner bar. The guy from the next cubicle over is grayer, but his stories somehow seem funnier now.

Celebration, secular and religious, is the order of the day. To sway in a sweaty crowd to the rhythm of music at a festival. To raise hands in prayer in the communal spirit of worship, and to hold them out to neighbors and friends.

It is America's Reunion Summer, and it is starting.

In the past 15 months, families and friends kept in touch as they could, through social media and phone calls, but the pandemic put up a barrier. It halted routine get-togethers and canceled many plans, such as trips, graduations, and holiday celebrations. After a recent extended family get together, one man said, "It was a very liberating feeling. We were hostage to the coronavirus and all of the sudden we became free, and we got to see our family and friends all around."



TOM SAYS...



LIVING WITH PURPOSE

(condensed from an article by Bo Muchoki)

Are you living with a purpose? If not, you should stop what you are doing right now and begin to identify and to record your purposes. Most likely you will discover that you do have purposes in life and work. Look at your family, your religion, how you spend your “off” time and work.

Many of us just live life, taking what happens as “meant to be” or even “God’s plan”. I have even heard people say - “why should I even think about it as it is beyond my control”.

So, let’s look at purpose. Purpose is defined as a sense of knowing that your life has meaning, value and importance. Living with a purpose means that your work, your contribution and your life make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Living with a purpose will make you happier, more content, more successful. more graceful, more resilient through hard times, more excited, and more alive than your peers. It will help put you on a fast-track to winning this game we call life.

Think of these benefits of defining your purpose.:

1. **AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF FULFILLMENT.** The most powerful antidote to depression, sadness, and even a desire to take your own life is knowing that others’ lives are better off because you exist. Nothing will fill you up with more pride, happiness, and contentment than knowing you’re adding something valuable and important to your family, your friends, your community and your work.
2. **DIRECTION, GUIDANCE AND COMFORT THROUGH HARD TIMES.** Hard times are a reality for all of us. You can use your purpose to comfort, guide, and support you. It will motivate you to keep faith alive, keep persisting and keep persevering until you break through.
3. **ENDLESS MOTIVATION TO ADD MORE VALUE AND SUCCEED.** Fact is, having purpose is the most powerful source of motivation in the world. It will become the driving force that makes you happy and successful.
4. **BRINGS A POWERFUL SENSE OF ALIVENESS.** Having a sense of purpose gives you that spark, aliveness, excitement and a passion for life. Life can become an adventure.

So. If you have not found your purpose, I encourage you to pause and give it a priority. When you start living with a purpose, you’ll know. And you’ll be grateful that you made the effort.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

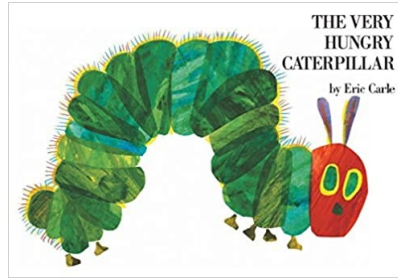
Eric Carle, the writer and illustrator who delighted millions of youngsters with “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and other classic picture books that captured the riotous colors and imaginative jaunts he craved as a boy, died May 23rd of kidney failure at his home in Northampton, Massachusetts. He was 91.

Simply told and radiantly illustrated, Mr. Carle’s books have been story-time staples for decades. Generations of young readers were enchanted by “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” (1969) and its ravenous protagonist, one of the best-loved characters since Peter Rabbit. On the book’s 40th anniversary, Newsweek magazine noted that it had eclipsed “Goodnight Moon” and “The Cat in the Hat” in popularity.

Mr. Carle’s works — more than 70 in all, including “The Grouchy Ladybug,” “The Mixed-Up Chameleon,” “The Very Busy Spider” and “Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?” — sold more than 170 million copies in several dozen languages.

Born to German immigrants, Mr. Carle spent his early years in the United States, but his mother’s homesickness drew the family back to Germany in the mid-1930s—bad timing, as the Nazi regime was gaining power.

During World War II, he recalled hiding for hours in a cellar as bombs fell around them. He recalled being shot at by a gunner from a plane and being forced to help dig trenches as a teenager. His father, who had been conscripted into the German army, was imprisoned for years by the Soviets.



“During the war, there were no colors,” Mr. Carle once said. “Everything was gray and brown. Houses were camouflaged with grays and greens and brown-greens and gray-

greens or brown-greens.” Decades later, Mr. Carle’s artwork was instantly recognizable for its palette — the shimmering silver-white of the moon, the burning yellow-orange of the sun, the luscious green of a leaf. And yet, he said, “I’m frustrated that I cannot be more colorful than I am.”

In 1952, he returned to the United States and pursued an



advertising career in New York. He debuted as a children’s illustrator with the publication in 1967 of “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” The book’s writer, Bill Martin Jr., had sought Mr. Carle’s collaboration after seeing his rendering of a lobster in an advertisement.

245 Years Ago

From the Declaration of Independence 1776:

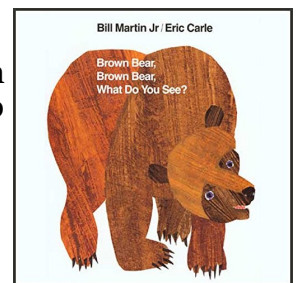
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--

May you have a safe and happy 4th of July!



“Brown Bear,” with Martin’s soothingly repetitive text about a menagerie of animals discovering each other’s colors, remains today a mainstay of children’s bookshelves. Its publication introduced Mr. Carle to the pleasures of creating literature for the young. Carle was about 37 years old at the time.

“I didn’t realize it clearly then, but my life was beginning to move onto its true course,” he observed in an essay. “The long, dark time of growing up in wartime Germany, the cruelly enforced discipline of my school years there, the dutifully performed work at my jobs in advertising — all these were finally losing their rigid grip on me. The child inside me — who had been so suddenly and sharply uprooted and repressed — was beginning to come joyfully back to life.”



Happy Birthday!!!



Crystal Hernandez

* June 14th *

Tamika Whaley

* June 30th *





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2021 CONTEST STANDINGS
ATLANTIS, PARADISE ISLANDS, BAHAMAS**



6 months - December through May

AGENT	#	Prior	This Month	Total Points	AGENT	#	Prior	This Month	Total Points
AVALOS, CHRISTIAN E	1	110,952	18,360	129,312	ELIZONDO, ALFREDO	16	9,382	4,875	14,257
OROZCO, BLANCA I	2	53,112	12,110	65,222	TOLLE, AMY	17	11,067	2,772	13,839
AVALOS, ESTHER CALVO	3	43,205	990	44,195	FERNANDEZ, MARIA	18	9,881	700	10,581
LUNA, JOSE	4	35,637	6,454	42,091	SALINAS JR, DANIEL	19	10,496	-	10,496
VALLE, DELIA F	5	22,798	9,408	32,206	RICHTER, JAMES A	20	8,285	2,082	10,367
BROWN, TIMOTHY	6	31,666	450	32,116	SANTOS, ELIZABETH	21	7,107	2,681	9,788
NUTT, RONNIE	7	27,059	4,883	31,942	VASQUEZ, LINDA C	22	9,871		9,732
GOMEZ, G OLINKA	8	28,310	2,622	30,932	GUERRERO, ILLIANA	23	4,837	4,554	9,391
COBOS, ALMA ROSA	9	20,355	7,024	27,379	SILVA, MARIA ELVA	24	8,331	1,004	9,335
CASTRO, ELVA JUDITH	10	21,270	1,765	23,035	MEZA, MARIA BENTURA	25	9,333	-	9,333
ROBERTS, MONTY B	11	18,135	2,561	20,696	CAVAZOS, ERIKA	26	8,432	775	9,207
CHAIREZ-VALLADARES, E	12	16,100	4,339	20,439	ESCHITI, LARRY D	27	8,145	750	8,895
PROCTOR, WALTER J	13	16,383	2,436	18,819	KING, JEFFREY W	28	8,029	839	8,868
ELIZONDO, ORLANDO	14	13,574	5,050	18,624	HERRERA, ANA M	29	4,932	3,914	8,846
GILBERT, EVA	15	14,930	3,650	18,580	ABREGO, RODOLFO	30	8,744	-	8,744

* 40,000 Points And Over Awarded On Policies Issued From December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021 With 70% Persistency Wins Trip. There are other requirements and limitations. See contest rules for details.

Top Agencies: Juan Garza - 704,367 points; Jose Calvo – 172,907; Jose Lopez – 109,348
 Top FHs: Ric Brown Family FH – 161,130; Memorial FH - 134,642; Legacy Chapels, LLC - 105,156

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