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*Allium cyathophorum* var.  
*farreri*, described by Stearn

**William T. Stearn** (16 April 1911 – 9 May 2001) was a British botanist. Born in Cambridge, he was largely self-educated. He was librarian at the Royal Horticultural Society Lindley Library in London from 1933 to 1952, and then moved to the Natural History Museum where he was a scientific officer in the botany department until 1976. After retirement, he became the president of the Linnean Society and

taught botany at Cambridge University. He is known for his work in botanical taxonomy history, and illustration, and for his studies of the Swedish scientist Carl Linnaeus. Stearn is the author of *Botanical Latin* as well as the *Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners*, a popular guide to the scientific names of plants. He is considered one of the most eminent British botanists of his time. An essay prize in his name from the Society for the History of Botany is awarded each year. ([Full article...](#))

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One of the

**Did you know ...**

- ... that some **cover-up tattoos** incorporate scars into their designs (*example pictured*)?
- ... that **Ibrahim al-Imam** secretly orchestrated the **Abbasid Revolution** that toppled the **Umayyad Caliphate**, but was captured and died in prison shortly before the Abbasid army defeated the Umayyads?
- ... that the **Stewards Society** is an all-male secret society at **Georgetown University**?
- ... that in 1906, composer **Robert Winterberg** gave a concert for the queen of Romania?
- ... that artificial intelligence models like **ChatGPT** can **learn from human feedback**?
- ... that activist **Joey Siu** is the first US citizen to be declared a fugitive under the **Hong Kong national security law**?
- ... that "**Dress**" was described as "the perfect marriage of [Taylor] Swift's romanticism and newfound lust"?
- ... that as a **sophomore Kobe Bufkin** was the youngest member of the **2022–23 Michigan Wolverines**?
- ... that a "pedophilic" relationship between two fictional adults led to **an era of ship wars**?



Cover-up tattoo depicting a ladder

- In retaliation for **an Israeli airstrike** on the Iranian **consulate** in **Damascus**, Iran **conducts missile and drone strikes** against Israel (*video shown*). Missiles over Jerusalem
- In **the South Korean legislative election**, the **Democratic Party**—led **opposition alliance** increases its majority in parliament.
- American **football Hall of Fame** running back, murder suspect and convicted criminal **O. J. Simpson** dies at the age of 76.
- **Simon Harris** becomes **Taoiseach** of Ireland after **Leo Varadkar**'s resignation.
- **Nobel Prize**—winning **theoretical physicist Peter Higgs** dies at the age of 94.

**Ongoing:** Israel–**Hamas war** Myanmar civil war Red Sea crisis Russian invasion of Ukraine timeline War in Sudan timeline

**Recent deaths:** Anna-Greta Leijon Trina Robbins Dieter Rexroth José Antonio Ardanza Alasdair Macintosh Geddes Melitha Sidabutar

**April 16**

- **1520** – **A revolt of citizens** in **Toledo**, Castile, opposed to the

rule of the foreign-born **Charles I** began when the royal government attempted to unseat radical city councilors.

- **1862** – Slavery in **Washington, D.C.**, ended when the **District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act** became law.
- **1945** – **Second World War**: British and Canadian forces conclude the **Liberation of Arnhem** in the Netherlands from German occupation.
- **1948** – The **Organisation for European Economic Co-operation**, headquartered in Paris, was founded.
- **2014** – The ferry **MV Sewol** (pictured) **capsized and sank** off **Donggeochado**, South Korea, killing 306 people, mainly students from **Danwon High School**.



MV Sewol

**Frederick I, Duke of Austria** (d. 1198) **Molly Brant** (d. 1796) **Ponnambalam Ramanathan** (b. 1851)

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**Jean Ignace Isidore Gérard** (1803–1847) was a French illustrator and caricaturist who

### Today's featured picture

illustrations described as featuring "elements of the symbolic, dreamlike, and incongruous, and they retain a sense of social commentary". The **anthropomorphic**

was greatly admired by [André Breton](#) and others in the [Surrealist](#) movement. This illustration by Grandville is plate 52 from a 1854 collection of hand-coloured [lithographs](#) titled *Les métamorphoses du jour* (*The Metamorphoses of the Day*), and depicts five anthropomorphic male dogs following a female dog, all dressed in human clothing. The print is captioned "Temps de canicule", meaning 'heatwave weather' but incorporating a pun in French; *canicule* literally translates to '[dog days of summer](#)' and may also refer here to animals being '[in heat](#)'.

Illustration credit: [Jean Ignace Isidore Gérard](#); restored by [Adam Cuerden](#)

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