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They kill us by the millions.
But without them, life is impossible.

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Watch *Jeopardy!* the week of February 1-5 for clues about the new National Geographic book *America the Beautiful: A Story in Photographs*. Full of stunning images and inspiring words from luminaries, it's available wherever books are sold. (Answer below.)

