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HOME SWEET HOME

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The nicknames we give to our cities and towns can be fun. They can be promotional tools. They can also be a bit derisive at times, too.

Some are well-known nationally (New York's "The Big Apple") and some not quite so much ("The Big Pineapple"? Seriously, Honolulu?)

Here's a look at 100 of our nation's most interesting city nicknames.



THE BIG APPLE

NEW YORK  
Sportswriter John Fitz Gerald of the New York Telegraph newspaper began using this nickname in the 1920s to refer to the number of important horse races held in and around the city. In the 1970s, the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau began using the term in a promotional campaign.



THE WINDY CITY

CHICAGO  
While New York and Chicago were competing to host the 1893 Columbian Exposition, editor Charles Dana of the New York Sun wrote a piece dismissive of Chicago, calling it "that windy city." While Chicago is famous for its harsh weather, Dana was referring to the windbag politicians there who were badmouthing New York.

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
The Greek word for love is "phileo." The Greek word for brother is "adelphos."

CITY OF ANGELS

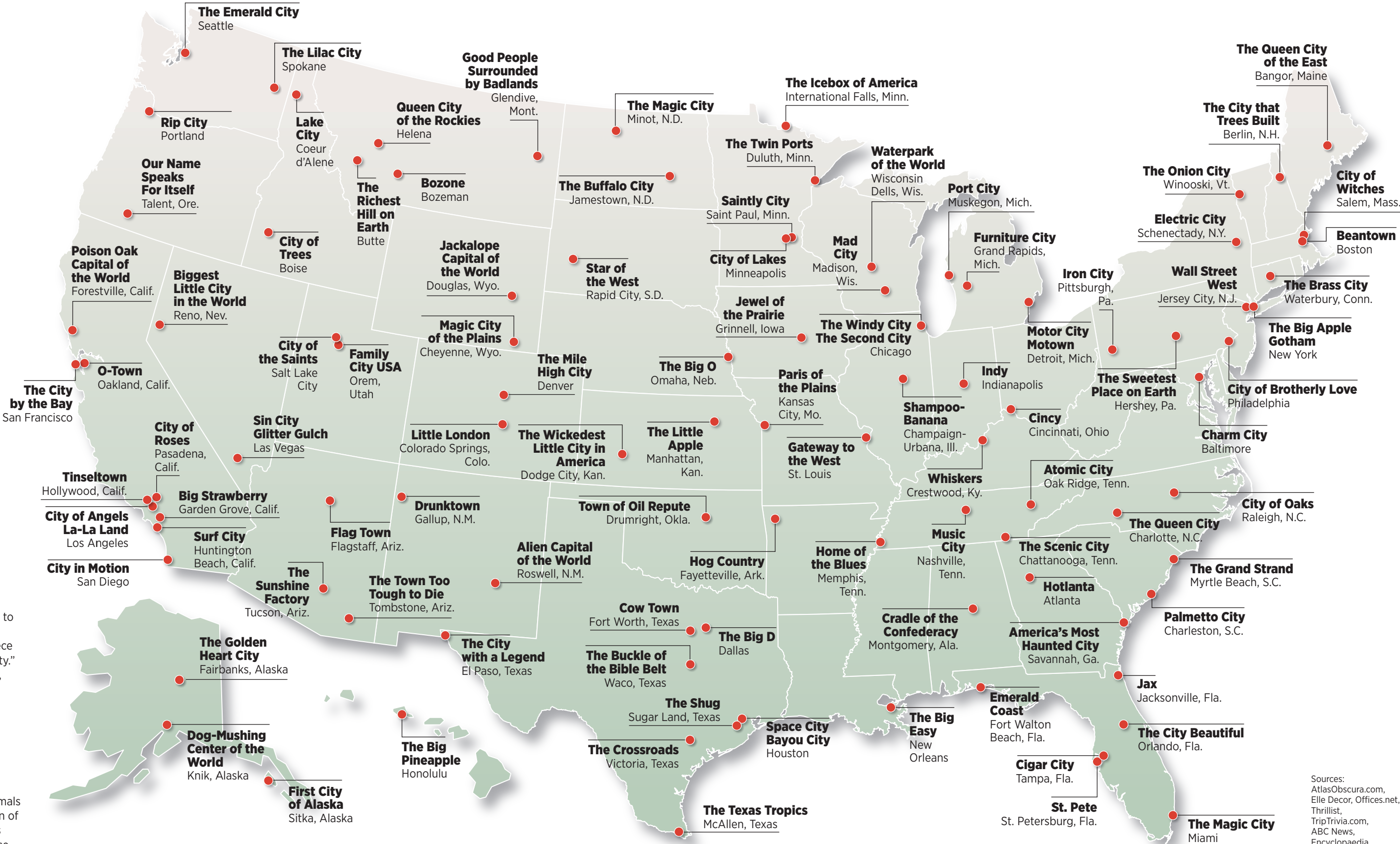
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
This is another easy one: "The angels" is the literal Spanish translation of "Los Angeles."

WHISKERS

CRESTWOOD, KENTUCKY  
A man named Joseph Beard donated land for the town's first railroad station in 1857 Beard? Whiskers? Get it?

JACKALOPE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

DOUGLAS, WYOMING  
The fictional animals were the creation of two taxidermists there with a sense of humor.



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