SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

#### On This Date

1796 – President George Washington made his farewell address, declining a third term as president and imploring the country to remain a strong union.

1893 – New Zealand became the first country in the world to grant national voting rights to women. In most other democracies, women did not win the right to vote until after the First World War.

1988 – Israel launched its first satellite onboard a Shavit rocket from the Negev Desert over the Mediterranean, becoming the ninth country to orbit a satellite.

### Did You Know?

Today is International Talk Like a Pirate Day! Sprinkle your conversations with pirate talk such as:

"Shiver me timbers!"

"Avast, me proud beauty!"

"Arrr, the sea be in me blood!"



# **Quote of the Day**

"Life is short, and it is up to you to make it sweet."

~ Sarah Louise Delaney

## Happy Birthday!

Sarah Louise Delany (1889–1999)



was an American teacher, author, and civil rights activist who lived nearly 110 years. Her life story, along with that of

her sister Elizabeth Delany, was chronicled in the *New York Times* bestselling oral history *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*. Delany grew up in Virginia, one of 10 children of a former enslaved person turned Episcopal bishop. She taught in the New York City public schools for many years. After her dear sister died, Delany published a memoir: *On My Own at 107: Reflections on a Life Without Bessie*.

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#### Weather or Not

In some parts of the world, can stroll through you diamond dust. This dust is not made of real diamonds but is instead a type of icy fog. True fog is a type of low-lying cloud cover. The haze might be so thick that you can barely see in front of you. Diamond dust is a low-lying cloud that is frozen, creating little glittering specks of ice that dance in the air on an otherwise clear day. Diamond dust can occur anywhere, but it is most common in Antarctica, where it sometimes lingers for days.

### Who Said So?

This wry, cantankerous radio and television commentator shared more than a few of his 60 minutes each week, and he said, "If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it."

ANSWER: Andy Rooney

#### **Bookworm**

This book, originally titled *Rider* from Nowhere, was first published in three parts in Argosy magazine. It follows a mysterious stranger who befriends a homesteading family in Wyoming and helps them resist a gang of cowherds and gunslingers. When asked about the stranger, the father of the family responds, "He's dangerous all right... but not to us, my dear." Years later, Clint Eastwood would channel the mysterious stranger in the movie Pale Rider. What book is it?

ANSWER: Shane, by Jack Schaefer

### **Word Wise**

Which word is not like the others?

nail

spindle

bolt

screw

ANSWER: A spindle is a rounded rod; the others are fasteners.