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MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

On This Date

1915 – Canadian physician, poet, author, artist, and surgeon John A. McCrae composed his famous war memorial poem “In Flanders Fields” during the Second Battle of Ypres. The poem was inspired by the death of his friend Lt. Alexis Helmer.

1937 – Margaret Mitchell’s novel *Gone with the Wind* won the Pulitzer Prize and became one of the best-selling novels of all time. The movie won 10 Academy Awards.

1947 – Japan introduced a new constitution, stating, “The right to vote cannot be denied on the grounds of race, creed, sex, social status, family origin, education, property, or income.”

Bing Trivia

Bing Crosby’s real name was Harry Lillis Crosby. A childhood friend who shared Bing’s interest in a newspaper comic strip called *The Bingville Bugle* bestowed the nickname “Bing” upon him.

Quote of the Day

“Everyone knows I’m just a big, good-natured slob.”

~ *Bing Crosby*

Happy Birthday!

Bing Crosby (1903–1977) was an iconic singer and actor of Hollywood’s golden age. Crosby was one of the earliest “crooners” and sang such hits as “Pennies from Heaven” and “White Christmas.” In the 1940s, he teamed up with Bob Hope in seven *Road to...* pictures. He also made several dramatic films and won an Oscar for his role in *Going My Way* (1944). During his peak years, around 1948, polls declared him the “most admired man alive.” Crosby had four children with his first wife, Dixie Lee, who died in 1952, and three children with his second wife, Kathryn Grant.





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Today is Garden Meditation Day. While some might enjoy the quiet of their gardens, the practice of gardening is also very meditative. Tilling soil, planting seeds, and nurturing plants promote feelings of calm and connection to nature.

Eye in the Sky

Last year, scientists searching for signs of life on other planets in our solar system were abuzz when scant traces of phosphine gas were discovered in the clouds of Venus. Phosphine is found on Earth as a byproduct of living organisms. Could there be lifeforms creating the gas on Venus? Unlikely. Scientists quickly tried to confirm the findings only to conclude that there was no phosphine. The atmosphere of Venus is notorious as a “hellscape” devoid of any life with clouds of sulfuric acid. The mysterious clouds were likely sulfur dioxide.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

rose hydrangea
barberry bougainvillea

ANSWER: *Hydrangeas do not have thorns; the others do.*

Wild Kingdom

In January of 2019, a whale washed ashore on Sandy Key in Florida. At the time, many biologists believed that the creature was a Bryde’s whale,



a common find. But some were not so sure. After genetic analysis, scientists determined that the whale was an

entirely new species. They named it Rice’s whale, after famed whale researcher Dale W. Rice. As exciting as it was to discover a new species in the Gulf of Mexico, the investigators were also dismayed to find such a small population. The Rice’s whale is already critically endangered.

Name Three

Can you name three U.S. state capitals that begin with the letter *P*?

ANSWER: *Providence, Rhode Island; Pierre, South Dakota; Phoenix, Arizona*