

# Nifty Tidbits: by Chuck Rigby

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In front of our house is a tall shrub which produces a great number of small yellow flowers early each spring. It seems to be a popular shrub because the same yellow flowers show up all over town about the same time each year. It is called a forsythia plant, in the olive family, and it grows rapidly with much pruning required. The Sunset Garden Book says that pruning is best done right after the blossoms are gone. I have found that two pruning times are needed to be able see out of the window during the summer.

In 1842, with the conclusion of the Opium War in China, the Horticultural Society decided it was safe to send a plant collector to China. This was the same organization that had sent David Douglas to the Pacific Northwest in 1825 and 1829.

This time the collector was Robert Fortune who later became well known in England but not in America. Fortune had numerous adventures including almost falling into a bull pit similar to that which had taken the life of David Douglas. Fortune returned to England in 1845 with many new plants for the Horticultural Society members to use on their own estates or sell to others.

One of the new plants was given the name *Forsythia viridissima*. "Forsythia" was used to honor William Forsyth, one of the founding members of the Horticultural Society. *Viridissima* is derived from the Latin word for green because the young stems are green. Later, similar plants discovered in Japan and Korea and the subsequent hybrids with the China examples are the source of the ornamental shrubs called forsythia.

William Forsyth was born in Scotland in 1737 and became a gardener

at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London, England, which produced plants for medical doctors. He became curator of this garden in 1770 and later was made superintendent of the Royal Gardens at Kensington Palace in London. He also became well known for writing books on fruit tree management and invented a plaster to be put on burned or diseased trees to aid in their recovery. This plaster was made of lime, cow dung, wood ashes and sand and was very similar to that made and used for many years earlier by nurseries and gardeners. He died July 25, 1804 with many honors for his contribution to horticulture.

In addition to forsythia, there are many plants which have the common name of a person which is to honor them for their accomplishments. Camellias have a beautiful flower and were first introduced in European gardens in 1739 from China and Japan. Carolus Linnaeus, in his new classification

system, named it for George Kamell (Latinized to *camellus*) who lived from 1661-1706 and served as a Jesuit missionary in the Philippines. Kamell collected a few plants, not camellias, and sent notes of others to British scientists. The Christmas plant, poinsettia, is named for Joel Poinsett, an American diplomat who brought the plant from Mexico in 1830 where he was the first American ambassador. Gardenias were named for Alexander Garden, a medical doctor in South Carolina in the later 1700s. He assisted many naturalists who explored in the area where gardenias were first discovered.

Forsythias, camellias, poinsettias, and gardenias all are beautiful plants and they all have interesting histories. The people who are honored by using their name also have stories which make the names more meaningful.

## Oregon FBI tech segment: Building a digital defense against resume scams

Welcome to this week's FBI Portland Tech segment, I'm Dixon Land with the FBI. Today's Topic: Building a digital defence against resume scams.

So you've just graduated college and it's time to look for that job you've always wanted – but be careful, not every job offer is legit and it's important to be able to spot the scams.

So here's a scam you may not be aware of: a resume scam. But the Federal Trade Commission has released a new consumer protection alert warning people of the scam.

**Here's how it works:** You're sought out by a recruiter that's looking for a new employee for a job

in your line of work. All you need to do is send over your resume. But that's where things get dicey – the formatting for your resume is incompatible with their systems, so they'll need you to submit your resume online at a provided website.

In order to upload your resume, there's a fee attached. And now you've just given your information – both personal and financial – over to the scammer. Essentially, you've just paid to apply for a job.

This warning goes to everyone, but especially those graduating from college this month and beginning to apply for jobs – be careful in your search.

\*Do your homework on the company you're looking

to apply to.

\*Review the company and the person that's reached out to you.

\*Check for any protection alerts or complaints against the company regarding scams and make sure they haven't scammed other potential applicants.

\*Beware of fake job ads or pyramid schemes that might look like legitimate businesses but are often scams.

\*Remember, legitimate employers will never request or require you

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- Beware of fake job ads or pyramid schemes that might look like legitimate businesses but are often scams
- Legitimate employers will never request or require you to pay to get a job
- Report fraud to the FBI at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) and to the FTC at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov)

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to pay to get a job. If you do become a victim of an employment scam, you can always report

those to the FBI via the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov) or to the FTC at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov).

I'm Dixon Land with the FBI and this has been your Tech Tuesday segment.

## Today in History: The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 13, the 194th day of 2022. There are 171 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 2013, a jury in Sanford, Florida, cleared neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the Black teenager whose killing unleashed furious debate over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

### On this date:

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1923, a sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out "HOLLYWOODLAND" was dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision (the last four letters were removed in 1949).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first Black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson

nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1973, former presidential aide Alexander P. Butterfield revealed to Senate Watergate Committee staff members the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret White House taping system. (Butterfield's public revelation came three days later.)

In 1974, the Senate Watergate Committee proposed sweeping reforms in an effort to prevent another Watergate scandal.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

In 1999, Angel Maturino Resendiz (ahn-HEHL mah-tyoo-REE'-noh reh-SEHN'-deez), suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

In 2006, Israel imposed a naval blockade against Lebanon and blasted the Beirut airport and army air bases; Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets into Israel.

In 2011, California became the first state in the nation to add lessons about gays and lesbians to social studies classes in public schools under a measure signed by Gov. Jerry

Brown.

In 2016, Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing Street as Britain's new prime minister following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron, who resigned after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the European Union.

In 2020, Washington's NFL franchise dropped the "Redskins" name and Indian head logo amid pressure from sponsors; the move followed decades of criticism that the name and logo were offensive to Native Americans. (As new names were considered, the team would be known as the Washington Football Team; the team was eventually renamed the Commanders.)

### Ten years ago:

His credibility under attack, Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney insisted he had "no role whatsoever in the management" of Bain Capital, a private equity firm, after early 1999, and demanded that President Barack Obama apologize for campaign aides who persisted in alleging otherwise. Movie producer Richard Zanuck, 77, died in Beverly Hills, California.

### Five years ago:

A federal judge in Hawaii weakened President

Donald Trump's travel ban by vastly expanding the list of U.S. family relationships that visitors from six Muslim-majority countries could use to get into the country. Trump defended his son's meeting with a Russian lawyer during the presidential campaign, characterizing it as standard campaign practice. China's most prominent political prisoner, Nobel Peace Prize winner and human rights campaigner Liu Xiaobo (lee-OO' show-BOH') died in prison of liver cancer at the age of 61.

### One year ago:

The government reported that prices paid by U.S. consumers in June had posted the sharpest 12-month spike in 13 years, as a swift rebound in spending ran up against widespread supply shortages. Los Angeles Angels pitching and hitting star Shohei Ohtani unleashed his 100 mph heat while pitching a

perfect inning for the win as the American League beat the National League 5-2 for its eighth straight victory in the All-Star Game; Ohtani went 0-for-2 at the plate. "The Crown" tied with "The Mandalorian" for the most Emmy nominations, 24 each, but the Marvel universe also got bragging rights with runner-up "WandaVision"; the nominations reinforced the rapid rise of streaming, as the top-nominated scripted shows were on services that had largely emerged in the preceding two years.

### Today's Birthdays:

Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: "Jeopardy!") is 94. Actor Patrick Stewart is 82. Actor Harrison Ford is 80. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 80. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 76. Actor Daphne Maxwell Reid is 74. Actor Didi Conn is 71. Actor Gil Birmingham is 69. Singer Louise Mandrell is 68. Rock musician Mark "The Animal" Mendoza (Twisted Sister) is 66. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 65. Former tennis player Anders Jarryd is 61. Comedian Tom Kenny is 60. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 60. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 60. Actor Kenny Johnson is 59. Roots singer/songwriter Paul Thorn is 58. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 57. Actor Ken Jeong is 53. Singer Deborah Cox is 49. Actor Ashley Scott is 45. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 44. Actor Fran Kranz is 41. Actor Aya Cash is 40. St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina is 40. Actor Colton Haynes is 34. Actor Steven R. McQueen is 34. Soul singer Leon Bridges is 33. Actor Hayley Erin ("General Hospital") is 28. Actor Kyle Harrison Breitkopf is 17.

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