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Spring nature news

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People on the hunt for rare daffodils, some with cures to Alzheimer's disease

There are some rare types of daffodil that many are looking for because they possess healing properties and can be used as part of a cure for Alzheimer's disease - which is a disease where dementia gets worse and worse over the years- so these flowers are essential for the cure for Alzheimer's and it is imperative that we get these flowers higher in population.

Some of these types include:

The Sussex bonfire;

The Mrs R O Backhouse Daffodil;

The Mrs William Copeland daffodil;

The Sussex bonfire is bright yellowy-orange in a rose like shape; The Mrs R O Backhouse daffodil is an unusual colour, being salmon pink on the inner cone and an ivory colour on the outer petals; and the Mrs. William Copeland daffodil is an unusual shape and generally completely white. Please keep an eye out for these rare daffodils and let an organization know where they are.

See the next slide for what to look out for!

Spring nature news (continued)

Holly Yelland

My picture that I found of the Mrs R O backhouse daffodils

Over the weekend I have found two Mrs R Backhouse daffodils and got permission from the owner (one of my grandparents' friends) to take a picture and put it in this article. I am proud to say that this is extraordinary because they were thought to be extinct at one point and now only known to be in national collections!



Nature News

Esmae Elcocks

The National Trust's most precious heritage may be destroyed after extreme weather

Earlier this year, extreme storms and flooding have severely damaged some of the UK's most precious heritage sites, according to the UK's biggest charity, the National Trust.

The charity says that the large amount of bad weather affected their estates in England and Wales, as many mature trees have been knocked down and gardens and buildings have been damaged. Warm, wet conditions throughout the year have brought problems too; the Trust has said that these effects are due to the changing climate and how it affects the weather. They have also said that increasing homogenization is fading the distinctions between the seasons, and this makes it difficult for certain insect species and their predators. In January, a Tudor manor house in Wiltshire, called Avebury Manor, was flooded for first time in 300 years. This was caused after several named storms hit England. Many of the Trust's properties are not designed for this extreme weather, as some buildings still have antique drainpipes which can easily overflow from heavy rain.

Space News

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A mysterious spiral in the night sky is believed to be linked to a SpaceX rocket launch.

SpaceX, an American space technology company owned by Elon Musk, launched a rocket at around 13:50 (17:50 GMT) in Florida on the 24th March for a classified US mission, and is believed to have caused a strange phenomenon. For many moments, a strange cloud-like shape was visible in the sky above the UK and Europe before disappearing from sight as if it had never been there in the first place. According to the Met Office, it was highly likely to have been left over from some frozen gas from Falcon 9's (the rocket's) fuel exhaust. It could reflect the sun's rays like a mirror, making it seem to spin. Since the Falcon 9 is a reusable rocket, once it has launched, the first step is to drop off any cargo, such as a satellite. However, the really amazing part is that the rocket splits into two, the first part turning back to Earth and making its journey back home, and the second part carrying on its mission. Its aim was to help the satellite onto its correct path of orbit. Once it has done this, it releases any leftover gas, freezing it instantly as it comes into contact with the cold atmosphere. Its spiral pattern is formed due to the rocket falling back down to planet Earth. Allan Trow, an astronomer living in Wales, spotted the spiral at around 20:00 GMT at Wales's Bannau Brycheiniog national park. He explained this to the BBC, saying that he had seen one about four years back, but also that "These are pretty rare," and admitted that the rocket was likely to have been the cause. Another witness, Sonia, living in Stockport, after witnessing the strange sighting with her telescope, was quoted as saying that it looked like "a swirling galaxy that was moving across the sky". Even people living an astonishing 200 miles away (that's 321km) had also spotted this phenomenon.

Campaign News

Erica Lawlor

Make Mine Chocolate

The Make Mine Chocolate campaign started in 2002 and was launched by the Columbus House Rabbit Society. Its main goal is to help people understand how to look after a rabbit and to use Easter as a time to highlight this. The reason for this is because of people buying rabbits for Easter and then shortly abandoning them afterwards: this is happening all over the world, not just in England. Luckily many rabbits are found and brought to shelters, but others are left and not found. Over the years Make Mine Chocolate has expanded internationally. Its message is spread by activities, events and social media campaigns.

Make Mine Chocolate spreads awareness and encourages people to make the decisions and choose between chocolate and plush bunnies, instead of real pet rabbits. This encourages people to make more things at home, and enjoy it as a family. To celebrate it you could bake some cookies and share them with friends. Baking could be a fun thing to do as a group, but you could also do other things that can involve more people. You could organize an Easter Egg hunt with chocolate bunnies and eggs or you could do some crafts and coloring.

You could also donate chocolate supplies to local charities, and you could organize a fundraising event where you sell chocolate bunnies and then you can donate it to charities for animals. Make Mine Chocolate Day is not just for enjoying chocolate but to help rescue rabbits, because rabbits are a big part of easter and that is why they have used it to help rabbits across the UK.

Game News

Liam Ballard

Niantic has sold *Pokémon Go*!

For many years, people all around the world have enjoyed playing *Pokémon Go*: catching Pokémon, battling in gyms, trying to find shiny Pokémon and teaming up with others to take down raids, and trying to catch rare Legendary Pokémon! Niantic did all this to try and bring communities together. However, to try and get more money from the lessening number of players, they have continuously raised prices of in-game tickets and items, to try to get more people to buy in-game currency using real money. This backfired on them, and resulted in even fewer people buying these items. In the end, Niantic has made the difficult decision to sell *Pokémon Go* to Scopely for \$3.5 Billion.

Scopely is one of the biggest mobile game companies in the world, holding rights to games such as *Dice with Buddies*, *Stumble Guys* and *Monopoly Go*. With studios all around the world, Scopely aims to “Lead the future of games” and create games that people enjoy and love to play. Now, with the addition of Niantic’s famous augmented reality games, Scopely’s wide variety of games will continue to expand. Additionally, many people who work at Niantic will be continuing to work on Pokémon Go and other Niantic games after they have been sold to Scopely, as well as contributing towards other new games in the works.

Game Review

John Hutchings

Crossout Game Review

So, we've all imagined it, dominating the apocalypse in a car that will detonate in reality. But here we are, no apocalypse. Or so you thought!

Now you can, in this game, create anything: from a mechanical demented mess, to a simple car with an MG42 mounted on top, to an A-10 warthog. Earn reputation to add more "stuff" to your metalized demon. It is made by the same people that made *War Thunder* and *Enlisted*. Expect high quality gameplay while ripping foes apart with a tank on legs.

There are 3 kinds of "functioning creation" you can make:

1. Armored car (A van/car with any kind of gun -cannon to LMG - on top)
2. Leviathan (A Metal Monster mounted with an ICBM on legs)
3. Air (Helicopters with plasma arcing weapons)

Despite the amount of power you seem to get by attaching a full auto shotgun turret to the roof of your convertible family car, keep in mind that other players have done the same, so you're all somewhat equal (just don't get obliterated by homing missiles from a leviathan). It does get a bit chaotic at times but, hey, all part of the fun.

Almost forgot, this is a *Gaijin* game, so do be prepared to lose 98% of the time, and to do a good amount of "grinding".

Overall, Crossout gets a modest 7.85/10

Geography News

by Sara Stepien

Earthquakes

Mandalay, which was known as the city of gold and Buddhist burial mounds, is sadly now full of dead bodies. Soon after a 7.7 magnitude earthquake on 28th March, some citizens reported that 2,700 corpses were found and 4,521 injured people were also found lying around in the city. Also, Myanmar's military chief said that there are hundreds more people missing and that the earthquakes were expected to get worse. There had also been problems with providing enough food and water for everyone as some citizens say that they have been spending sleepless nights wandering the streets desperate for any supplies they are given.

The city of Mandalay has been known for many natural disasters and the military said that the death toll would rise higher and higher, as they gained access to more collapsed buildings and cut-off districts. Many people have been forced to live on the streets. A witness, who has also been forced to live in these harsh conditions said that he had seen many people crouching over screaming and crying. Luckily the search team sent some helicopters to find the remaining survivors and they found 403 people who were alive and 259 dead bodies. In a television speech, the military chief said that the death toll could rise up to 3,000 but the US geological survey has said that a death toll over 10,000 may be a strong possibility based on the location and the size of the earth quake.

International News

By Gregor Wallace

US classified information leak... in a group chat?

Recently, the Trump administration were talking about an impending US airstrike in Yemen on a group chat using an app called 'Signal'. This, in itself, was perfectly fine; however it was all noticed by an observing journalist, called Jeffrey Goldberg, who was accidentally added to the group chat. President Trump was **not** on this chat, which was only exchanged between US officials. However, these may also have included JD Vance, the director of the CIA, and the defense secretary.

Democratic congressman Chris Deluzio stated that a full investigation and hearing must happen as soon as possible, and that this was a major national security breach. The criticism wasn't limited to one political side, as a Republican congressman stated that 'none of this should have been sent on unsecure systems', and 'Russia could be monitoring their unclassified phones.'

This is a major national security hazard, as if one person was accidentally added to a secret group chat that held sensitive information, even if that person had no ill-intentions, what if someone with ill-intentions was added to one of these chats, or was already on there?

Space News

Hana King

Two astronauts have finally landed back on earth

Astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams have finally come back to Earth after being stranded in space for just over nine months, which is about 287 days. That's a long time to be stuck in space, especially after they were expected to be on board the International Space Station (ISS) for only eight days. After struggling with technical issues the pair of them were then unable to return home. On Tuesday March 18th, at about 17:57, their capsule splashed down into the coast of Florida, bringing Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore back to the Earth's surface for the first time in nine months. When they arrived in the sea they were welcomed back by a pod of dolphins. Both Butch and Suni were smiling when they came out of their capsule.

Did you know...

- During the time they spent in space they were able to perform multiple space experiments and take part in multiple moon walks. Suni even managed to break the world record for the most hours spent outside the space station by a woman.
- They were both still able to celebrate Christmas onboard the ISS although they did miss their families.
- Space expert Dr Simeon Barber says that it may take a bit of time to make it feel normal living on Earth again.