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On This Date

1683 – Using microscopes that he built himself, the Dutch scientist Anton van Leeuwenhoek reported his discovery of microscopic living



“animalcules” (tiny animals now known as live bacteria). Leeuwenhoek is known as “the Father of Microbiology.”

1868 – The gold rush town of Barkerville in British Columbia burned to the ground. In trying to kiss a saloon girl, a miner dislodged a stovepipe that set the canvas ceiling on fire.

1976 – NASA unveiled the *Enterprise* space shuttle. The craft wasn’t built for space, but it showed that an orbiter could fly in the atmosphere and land like a glider.

Cat Trivia

In 1879, the Belgian city of Liege tried to train a fleet of 37 mail cats to deliver letters. (It did not work.) A children’s book about the chaotic effort was written in 2007.

Quote of the Day

“If a song can’t be written in 20 minutes, it ain’t worth writing.”

~ *Hank Williams*

Happy Birthday!

Hank Williams (1923–1953), the famed country and western singer and songwriter, began to play the guitar at age eight. By the time he was 14, he had formed a band, Hank Williams and the Drifting Cowboys. A few of his many hit songs include “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry,” “Your Cheatin’ Heart,” “Cold, Cold Heart,” and “Move It on Over.” His family has kept his musical legacy alive: son (Randall) Hank Williams Jr., daughter Jett Williams, and grandchildren (Shelton) Hank Williams III, Holly Williams, and Hilary Williams are all also professional singers.

