



# MAHOVA

## News

May 2021

### Notes on a Crooner Born in May

Born May 3, 1903, Bing Crosby was, without a doubt, the most popular and influential media star of the first half of the 20th century. The undisputed best-selling artist until well into the rock era (with over half a billion records in circulation), the most popular radio star of all time, and the biggest box-office draw of the 1940s, Crosby dominated the entertainment world from the Depression until the mid-'50s, and proved just as influential as he was popular. Unlike the many vocal artists before him, Crosby grew up with radio, and his intimate bedside manner was a style perfectly suited to emphasize the strengths of a medium transmitted directly into the home. He was also helped by the emerging microphone technology: scientists had perfected the electrically-amplified recording process scant months before Crosby debuted on record, and in contrast to earlier vocalists, who were forced to strain their voices into the upper register to make an impression on mechanically-recorded tracks, Crosby's warm, manly baritone crooned contentedly without a thought of excess.

Not to be forgotten in charting Bing Crosby's influence is the music itself. His song knowledge and sense of laid-back swing was learned from early jazz music, far less formal than the European-influenced classical and popular music used for inspiration by the vocalists of the 1910s and '20s. Jazz was by no means his main concentration, though, especially after the 1930s; Crosby instead blended contemporary pop hits with the best songs from a wide range of material (occasionally recording theme-oriented songs written by non-specialists as well, such as Cole Porter's notoriously un-Western "Don't Fence Me In"). His wide repertoire covered show tunes, film music, country & western songs, patriotic standards, religious hymns, holiday favorites, and ethnic ballads (most notably Irish and Hawaiian). The breadth of material wasn't threatening to audiences because Crosby put his own indelible stamp on each song he recorded, appealing to many different audiences while still not endangering his own fan base. Bing Crosby was among the first to actually read songs, making them his own by interpreting the lyrics and emphasizing words or phrases to emphasize what he thought best.

His influence and importance in terms of vocal ability and knowledge of American popular music are immense, but what made Bing Crosby more than anything else was his persona -- whether it was an artificial creation or something utterly natural to his own personality. Crosby represented the American everyman -- strong and stern to a point yet easygoing and affable, tolerant of other viewpoints but quick to defend God and the American way -- during the hard times of the Depression and World War II, when Americans most needed a symbol of what their country was all about.

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Village**

### Spring Cleaning It's the perfect time of year to declutter.

#### Donate or Trash

- Clothes that do not fit
- Any clothes you do not intend to wear
  - Anything with holes
  - Any broken items
- Expired products/ food/ toiletries
  - Eliminate any duplicate items.
  - Clean out your junk drawer.
- Paperwork. See below for guidelines on how long to save paperwork.

Keep for 1 Month	Keep for 1-3 Years	Keep for 7 + Years	Keep Forever
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipts for non-deductible items</li> <li>• Deposits/ATM Slips</li> <li>• Reconciled bank statements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay stubs</li> <li>• Bank records</li> <li>• Insurance policies</li> <li>• Investment statements</li> <li>• Mortgage statements</li> <li>• Receipts for charitable contributions</li> <li>• Any business-related documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tax returns</li> <li>• W-2s and 1099s</li> <li>• Medical bills</li> <li>• Contracts</li> <li>• Receipts for tax-deductible items</li> <li>• Mileage records</li> <li>• Cancelled checks</li> <li>• Real estate tax forms</li> <li>• Credit card statements that contain purchases used for taxes</li> <li>• Retirement plan contributions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth Certificates</li> <li>• Social security cards</li> <li>• Passports</li> <li>• Education records</li> <li>• Auto titles</li> <li>• Investment statements</li> <li>• Home improvement receipts</li> <li>• Receipts for any major purchases</li> <li>• Wills</li> <li>• Current insurance policies</li> <li>• Medical records</li> <li>• Pension/retirement contracts</li> <li>• Property agreements</li> <li>• IRA contribution records</li> <li>• Mortgage documents</li> <li>• Life insurance policies</li> <li>• Safe deposit box inventory</li> </ul>

## **Book Ends**

### **44 CHARLES STREET**

by Danielle Steel

Francesca, owner of a barely profitable art gallery, and her lawyer boyfriend, Todd, purchased the large house [mansion] at the title address. They fixed it up, decorated it, furnished it, then - - they split up! Francesca wanted to keep the house but the only way for her to pay for it was to take in three 'roommates', which she did!

The four were Francesca; Eileen, a young school teacher; Chris, a divorced father with ex-wife troubles; and Marya, a chef. Telling of the troubles and interaction of these four different people living in the house was enough to allow the author plenty of humor, love and tragedy and enough to fill more than one book. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did! [All except the tragedy!]

### **BILLY GRAHAM**

#### **God's Ambassador**

A Celebration of His Life and Ministry  
As Witnessed by Photographer Russ Busby

It's no wonder that this book is extremely heavy with photos having been put together by Billy's photographer. After a short introduction titled "The Man, the Ministry and the Message", the author moves on covering his evangelistic meetings. He tells how they started and their early success at getting converts. There were very few meetings that were not great successes. Even those held in a stadium often had several thousand people listening in the parking lots because the stadium was full - even when all room inside, including the playing field, was covered with chairs!

Sprinkled along the story of the evangelistic meetings is the story of Billy's personal life. His wife and children including how Billy was able to keep the two separate. I really enjoyed the book as I answered an alter call around junior high school. I understand how Billy was only successful with God's help. Of course, I also understand why I didn't receive a similar call.

## Notifications

### In Memoriam

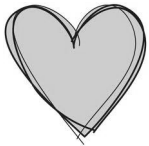


Helen Payne



## Anniversaries

### ANNIVERSARIES



May 6, 1978 Raymond and Chris Taylor  
May 16, 1961 Albert and Jean Knapp  
May 22, 1998 David Jenkins and Evelyn Harding



## Have You Heard?

- The Empire State Building opened May 1, 1931.
- Blue jeans were invented in May 20, 1873, after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants.
- May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart flew across the Atlantic Ocean.
- The first permanent English settlement in America was established on May 24, 1607, in Jamestown, VA.
- The Birthstone for May is the emerald and represents love and success. The flower is the Lily of the Valley.

## Brain Teasers

### WORD SEARCH! SPRING CLEANING

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY  
--FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

#### WORD LIST

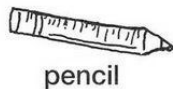
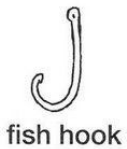
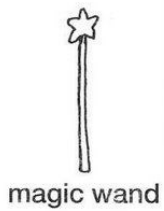
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WATER  
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WASH MACHINE  
WINDOW CLEANER

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## Helping with spring cleaning

Can you find these things in the big picture?



Illustrated by Charles Jordan

# Coloring Page





## Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

Scan this QR image to go to the Masonic Home Website.



5/1	Seymour Kern	5/16	Valerie Hall
5/1	Brenda Kerrick	5/16	Shirley Smith
5/3	Alice Bond	5/17	Zada Lea Kahn
5/4	Ruth Blunt	5/17	Daisy White
5/8	Lettie Muncy	5/19	Evelyn Holliday
5/8	Raymond Taylor	5/19	Anne Winder
5/10	John Martin	5/22	C.G. Grizzard
5/11	Mildred Milby	5/22	Joseph Hogge
5/12	Sue Grizzard	5/22	David Jenkins
5/13	Robert Hall	5/30	Gardner Rollings

## Welcome New Residents

Kenneth and Judy Shook  
Metropolitan Lodge No. 11

## Employee Birthdays

5/1	Susie Stafford	5/16	Henry Scott
5/6	Tonia Jackson	5/17	Cynthia Cox
5/6	Reuben Sergeant	5/20	Michael Butler, Sr.
5/8	Cheryl Wilkerson	5/21	Sherri Horton
5/10	Dennis Tatum	5/24	Samantha McQuinn
5/11	Gil Llames	5/25	Cynthia Pleasants
5/12	Kevin Hagerman	5/26	Mari Beavers
5/14	Joelle Schwartz	5/26	Sherry Lewis
5/15	Abukary Yusif	5/27	Tammy Point
5/15	Stephanie Parham	5/30	Delores Smith

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