

Thought for the Day

"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."

— André Gide, "Autumn Leaves"

This Day in History

1925

Nearly 700 people died when the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana; it remains the deadliest single tornado in U.S. history.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1937, in America's worst school disaster, nearly 300 people — most of them children — were killed in a natural gas explosion at the New London Consolidated School in Rusk County, Texas.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which forced Japanese-Americans into internment camps during World War II.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1990, two thieves posing as police officers subdued security guards at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum of Art in Boston and stole 13 works of art valued at over \$500 million in the biggest art heist in history.

In 2018, a self-driving Uber SUV struck and killed a pedestrian in Tempe, Arizona, in the first death involving a fully autonomous test vehicle.

Birthdays



Rapper-actor Queen Latifah is 55.



Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 53.



Singer Adam Levine is 46.

Composer John Kander is 98. Actor Brad Dourif is 75. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 74. Filmmaker Luc Besson is 66. TV personality Mike Rowe is 63. Singer-actor Vanessa L. Williams is 62. Olympic speed skating gold medalist Bonnie Blair is 61. Actor Lily Collins is 36.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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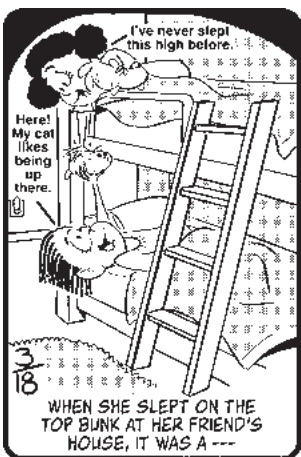
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: BUNCH CIVIL SKIMPY SPRING Answer: The musician's favorite part of being a solo guitarist was that he got to — PICK HIS MUSIC



TOM JUN

Members of the public were invited to the St. Pitty's Day Pitbull Fair on Sunday, March 16, at the Lantos Center for Compassion in Burlingame. Here visitors got to meet Latte, a French bulldog/pit bull mix, who was available for adoption by the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA.

In other news ...

Crocodile attacks in Indonesia are on the rise

BUDONG-BUDONG, Indonesia — Nearly seven months after a crocodile attack almost took her life, Munirpa walked to the estuary outside her home with her husband and her children, ready to brave a reenactment.

Munirpa, who like many Indonesians only uses one name, recounted how one early morning in August, she threw her household garbage into a creek about 50 meters away from her house, as she normally would.

She didn't see what was coming next. By the time she realized a crocodile had attacked her, the 13-foot beast had already sunk its teeth into most of her body, sparing only her head. She fought hard, trying to jab its eyes. Her husband, hearing her screams, ran over and tried to pull her by the thigh out of the crocodile's jaws. A tug-of-war ensued; the reptile whipped him with its tail. Fortunately, he saved Munirpa in time, eventually dragging her out of the crocodile's grip.

People have long feared the ancient predators in the Central Mamuju district of Indonesia's West Sulawesi, where the Budong-Budong River meets the sea. For Munirpa, 48, that fear turned into a brutal reality when she became one of nearly 180 recorded crocodile attack victims in Indonesia last year. Residents like her are learning to coexist with the crocodiles, a legally protected species in Indonesia, as they balance conservation with looking out for their safety. But as attacks rise, several residents and experts have called for better government interventions to stop the problem from getting even worse.

Following the attack, Munirpa was hospitalized for a month and has had two surgeries. By February this year, her fear was still clearly visible, as were the scars on her legs and thighs.

"I am so scared. I don't want to go to the beach. Even to the back of the house,

I don't dare to go," said Munirpa. "I am traumatized. I asked my children not to go to the river, or to the backyard, or go fishing."

Prosecutors say man accused of hiding stolen ruby slippers from 'The Wizard of Oz' is dead

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A federal judge dismissed the charges Monday against a Minnesota man accused of hiding a stolen pair of ruby slippers that Judy Garland wore in the 1939 musical "The Wizard of Oz" after prosecutors informed the court that he died on Sunday.

Jerry Hal Saliterman, 77, of Crystal, who had been in poor health with lung disease and other ailments, had been scheduled to change his plea to guilty in January but that hearing was postponed indefinitely after he was hospitalized.

Federal prosecutor Matthew Greenley notified the court in a one-page motion Monday that Saliterman died Sunday but did not say how or where. U.S. District Judge Patrick Schiltz granted the request and dropped the charges.

Defense attorney John Brink confirmed Monday that his client had died but declined to give details. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Fargo, North Dakota, which is handling the case, did not immediately return a phone call seeking further information.

According to court filings, Saliterman was hospitalized in early January "for inability to walk and sepsis," an infection that can be life-threatening. He attended his arraignment three days later via video from what looked like a hospital room. In an update to the court late last month, Brink told the court that his client had been discharged to a hospice facility and that his prognosis was poor. An accompanying letter from his doctor listed severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease requiring supplemental oxygen and Parkinson's disease.

Former Texas megachurch pastor accused of child sex abuse surrenders in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — A former pastor of a Texas megachurch accused of child sexual abuse surrendered to Oklahoma authorities Monday.

Robert Preston Morris, 63, turned himself in to officials in Osage County, where he was charged last week with five counts of lewd or indecent acts with a child, Phil Bacharach, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office, told The Associated Press.

Court records show an Osage County judge set a \$50,000 bond and ordered Morris to surrender his passport.

Morris is expected to make an initial appearance before a judge at 10 a.m. on May 9, Bacharach said.

Attorney Mack Martin declined to comment on the charges but said he anticipated entering a not guilty plea on Morris' behalf.

Morris resigned last year as pastor of Gateway Church in the Dallas suburb of Southlake after a woman accused him of sexually abusing her in the 1980s.

The victim, referred to in the indictment as C.C., told authorities the abuse started when she was 12 years old and Morris was a traveling evangelist staying in Hominy, Oklahoma, with her family, according to the attorney general's office. She said the abuse continued for four years.

Cindy Clemishire, Morris' accuser, said in a statement that she is very grateful to the authorities who have worked to make the indictment possible and is hopeful "justice will ultimately prevail."

"After almost 43 years, the law has finally caught up with Robert Morris for the horrific crimes he committed against me as a child," said Clemishire, now 55. "Now, it is time for the legal system to hold him accountable."

Trending online

- All votes processed for sheriff removal measure
- Chan Zuckerberg Institute expands Redwood City presence
- Woman killed in fatal Burlingame hit-and-run identified
- Biotech planned for 84 acres
- Silicon Valley: A paradox of opportunity, fragility, innovation and suicide

Local Weather Forecast

Monday: Rain, mainly before 11a.m. High near 58. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Monday night: A 20% chance of rain before 11 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 45.



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