

Nifty Tidbits:

by Chuck Rigby

Originally ran in the March 13, 2002 edition of the Illinois Valley News

A couple of years ago I found an interesting little book at the I.V. Visitors Center. The title of the book was “The Botanist and the Muleskinner” and it discussed Lilla Leach and her botanical travels in the Siskiyou Mountains during the summers of 1928 - 1936. Her husband, John, was the muleskinner who managed two burros which they had purchased to carry their camping equipment and plant collecting materials during their summer trips. The burros were named Pansy and Violet, maybe to encourage them not to eat the specimens.

It was the conflict over the name of the book and the animals involved which got my attention. Burros, or donkeys, are smaller than horses and mules but can still carry heavy loads. A mule is the result of a cross of a male

donkey and a female horse. It has long ears and a braying voice, like a donkey but is usually as big as a horse. Mules are usually sterile and therefore can not reproduce and are not considered a separate species.

The term muleskinner refers to a person who drives or packs with mules, I guess this doesn’t exclude burros. It probably started during the early army days when mules were used a lot for carrying packs or pulling wagons in rough terrain. Since mules are noted for their stubbornness the drivers would urge them along by threatening harmful acts upon their bodies.

John Leach attended Eugene High School and graduated from college with a degree in pharmacology. He worked several years in a drugstore in Tonapah, NV and it was there he picked up some tips on working with burros from the miners near Tonapah. In 1911 John purchased Phoenix Pharmacy in Portland, OR. It eventually turned into a profitable business

which gave he and Lilla the freedom to explore and collect.

Lilla Irvin Leach was born March 13, 1886 in Barlow, OR and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1908. She taught science classes at Eugene High School, started a botany department, and began collecting local plants. She and John were married in 1913 and she did no more teaching except for short substitution periods. Instead she helped in the pharmacy, was a homemaker, and organized community education programs.

Together John and Lilla took collecting trips during summers over many areas of Oregon and Washington. Most of the plants she found were turned over to Louis F. Henderson, of the University of Oregon, who would help with the identification. In 1928 they began exploring and collecting in the Siskiyou Mountains of SW Oregon. They had many exciting experiences with wild animals,

miners, Indians, and burros and found many new plants as well. During the summer of 1930 they worked their way west of Selma where they made the discovery of a plant that is today known as *Kalmiopsis leachiana*. Eventually the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area was created to protect this and other unique plants found nowhere else in the world.

In 1931 the Leach family bought land in SE Portland and built a home and turned the land into a botanical garden, called Sleepy Hollow. John died in 1972, Lilla in 1980 and with no children the home and garden were willed to the City of Portland as the Leach Botanical Garden. There excellent displays of local plants are maintained and classes are created to help interested citizens. On Oct. 3, 1992, as part of their will, the cremated remains of John and Lilla Leach were scattered in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area that they loved so well.

Oregon FBI tech segment: Building a new cryptocurrency scam - ‘Pig Butchering’

Welcome to the Oregon FBI’s Tech segment. Today: Building a digital defense against a new cryptocurrency scam: Pig Butchering.

The Pig Butchering scam pulls on heartstrings and purse strings.

The fraud is named for the way scammers feed their victims with promises of romance and riches before cutting them off and taking all their money.

It’s run by a fraud ring of cryptocurrency scammers who mine dating apps and other social media for victims.

And the scam is becoming alarmingly popular.

In 2021, the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center received more than 4,300 complaints related to crypto-romance scams, resulting in more than \$429 million in losses.

The scam started in China in late 2019, but, as those numbers indicate, it’s now becoming more prevalent in the United States.

Scammers are using translation programs to communicate seamlessly with their victims.

Victims have very similar stories: Meeting someone on a dating app, the scammer gains the confidence and trust of the victim, and then claims to have knowledge of cryptocurrency investment or trading opportunities that will result in substantial profits. The victim is then directed to transfer large amounts of cryptocurrency from the exchange account to cryptocurrency wallets controlled by fraudsters, ultimately losing it all.

Here’s how to protect yourself:

- Never send money, trade, or invest based on the advice of someone you have only met online.
- Don’t talk about your current financial status to unknown and untrusted people.
- Don’t provide your banking information, Social Security Number, copies of your identification or passport, or any

TECH TUESDAY: Pig Butchering Scam

- Never send money, trade, or invest based on the advice of someone you have only met online.
- Don’t talk about your current financial status to unknown and untrusted people.
- Don’t provide your banking information, Social Security Number, copies of your identification or passport, or any other sensitive information to anyone online or to a site you do not know is legitimate.
- Be cautious of individuals who claim to have exclusive investment opportunities and urge you to act fast.
- Report fraud to www.ic3.gov.

**FBI** FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland Field Office

other sensitive information to anyone online or to a site you do not know is legitimate.

- If an online investment or trading site is promoting unbelievable profits, it is most

likely that—unbelievable.

- Be cautious of individuals who claim to have exclusive investment opportunities and urge you to act fast.

If you are the victim of any

online fraud, you should report the incident to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your FBI local office.

Today in History: The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2022. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president’s birth.

In 1953, “Casino Royale,” Ian Fleming’s first book as well as the first James Bond novel, was published in London by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in “Lilies of the Field.”

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest

person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

In 1999, right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Michigan, to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig’s disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

In 2005, a defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks in back-to-back court appearances in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta.

In 2009, music producer Phil Spector was found guilty by a Los Angeles jury of second-degree murder in the shooting of actor Lana Clarkson (he was later sentenced to 19 years to life in prison; he died in prison in January 2021).

In 2011, ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters. A federal jury in San Francisco convicted baseball slugger Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice, but failed to reach a verdict on

the three counts at the heart of allegations that he’d knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it. (Bonds’ conviction for obstruction was ultimately overturned.)

In 2016, the Golden State Warriors became the NBA’s first 73-win team by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 125-104, breaking the 1996 72-win record of the Chicago Bulls. Kobe Bryant of the Lakers scored 60 points in his final game, wrapping up 20 years in the NBA.

In 2020, Charles Thacker Jr., a crew member on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, died at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam, becoming the first active-duty military member to die from the coronavirus. Bernie Sanders urged his progressive supporters to rally behind Joe Biden’s presidential campaign.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Cartagena, Colombia, to attend the Summit of the Americas; however, the visit was overshadowed by a prostitution scandal



BEELER'S TREE SERVICE

FULLY INSURED & BONDED CLIMBING ARBORIST

**Professional Arborist
Hazard Tree Removal
Pruning and Trimming
Shaping and
Health Restoration**

Get a FREE estimate today!

**Call Sam
541-660-5963**

www.beelerstreeservice.com

H&R Block Business Services

- Bookkeeping
- Payroll
- Tax Preparation
- Advice

H&R Block Business Services can help your business go farther.
Contact your local H&R Block office for more information.

H&R Block
210 W. Lister St.
Cave Junction
592-3667
Ted Crocker, LTC
Bob Litak, LTC
Licensed Tax Consultants B14914

**H&R BLOCK** | business services



Bud Bros

Daily Deals

Monday: "Munchy Monday" 15% off all edibles

Tuesday: "COTuesday" 15% off all cartridges

Wednesday: "Wacky Weed Wednesday" 15% off all flower

Thursday: 15% off all "swag"

Saturday: "Shatterday" 15% off all dabs

All veterans and members of the military get an extra 10% off sale prices