

OUT OF THE VAULT

Gophers develop taste for airport wiring

A new air terminal building was dedicated at the Pendleton airport in June 1953, but some rascally rodents were determined to make things tough for air traffic controllers and pilots trying to land at the updated airfield.

Part of the upgrades at the airport was a \$48,000 high-intensity lighting system for the runways, complete with wiring shielded with a rubber coating specifically designed to deter the predations of the resident gopher population, which had delighted in sharpening their long teeth on the old lead cables. But the rodents were just as cheerful about gnawing the new rubber insulation. “We’ve had pieces of

cable that looked like a cob of corn with bites taken out of it,” said city manager Raymond Botch during a city council meeting on June 17, 1953.

The new lighting system had been limited to medium intensity since the beginning of spring, when the newly awakened gophers’ chewing had left the system susceptible to outages at higher intensities. The airport electrical maintenance supervisor, Herb Wiles, complained that extermination would be next to impossible — poison would be too slow and, with thousands of gopher mounds to contend with, cyanide gas would be ineffective.

But he did have an alternate plan. Wiles suggested pouring a concrete casing around the wires, buried about 18 inches underground. At the same time the casing was being laid, a third wire could be added to the two-wire system to solve the problem of large voltage drops and varying light intensities. The contractor who installed the wiring — but only installed two of the three wires requested — would provide a portion of the necessary funds as part of a settlement with the city.

Botch commented that the Pendleton and Walla Walla areas seemed to have more gophers than most other nearby locales.

DEAR ABBY

Sisters working the streets reach out to find an escape

Dear Abby: I’m 19 and my sister is 16. We have been working as prostitutes here in our state and in several nearby ones. We know we need help, but we are afraid to ask for it. Hotlines and trafficking programs have called the police on friends of ours who reached out for help. How can we get help without being forced to testify against my boyfriend and our other friends? — **Teri**

Dear Teri: I’m glad you wrote because there is help for you. Contact an organization called Children of the Night. It has helped thousands of young people like you and your sister. Its toll-free phone number is (800) 551-1300, ext. 0, and it is staffed 24/7. Children of the Night is privately funded and does not call the police on sex-trafficking victims. Once away from “the life,” you and your sister will be able to study for your high school diploma online by emailing wow@childrenofthenight.org. If you would like more information, please visit www.childrenofthenight.org



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

and see for yourself. I wish you luck and an easy escape from “the life.” You and your sister are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dear Abby: I have a dilemma, and I need to know who’s right. My boyfriend of 2 1/2 years wants me to move into his apartment, but he says I can’t live there for free. He wants me to pay half the rent, cable, water and electric bills. I’m OK with the cable, water and electric. But I say the rent is the same whether I’m there or not, and I don’t think I should have to pay rent on HIS place. It would be different if we were married. What do you think? Who’s right? — **Maybe Moving In**

Dear Maybe: You are an independent young woman living in the 21st century, and as such, you should carry your share. That the two of you are not married is even more reason why you should share the cost of the rent.

What your question shows me is, if the relationship evolves further and you consider making it permanent,

that premarital counseling could help you and your boyfriend avoid some pitfalls later. Disagreements about money often cause marriages to fail.

Dear Abby: My sister says it’s rude to arrive at a party at the time specified on the invitation. She insists that if the time stated is 8 p.m., you shouldn’t arrive before 8:30. I disagree, and I told her I believe that guests should arrive on time and to be late is disrespectful. Her response was that I am behind the times. Please let me know who is correct. — **On Time In Florida**

Dear On Time: Depending upon the type of party it is, there is leeway. If it’s a cocktail party, guests who prefer not to stand around drinking for hours may choose to arrive late. However, if it’s a dinner party, the guests should show up promptly so the meal can be served when it’s ready. Sometimes a guest may be 15 or 20 minutes late because of unforeseen circumstances, but if someone is delayed for more than that, the host should be called and warned so the dinner can proceed without being ruined.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 30-July 1, 1918

According to information received by Sheriff T.D. Taylor, Ren Jarrell and Sam Holder bear reputations of being honest well meaning men in their home towns in North Carolina. These are two of the men connected with the moonshiners recently raided by Sheriff Taylor. Terrell is the one who made his escape from the posse. The information states Jarrell has always borne a good name, has been considered a good worker and honest. He is the father of nine children and has had a hard time getting along. It speaks in much the same terms of Sam Holder, who has four small children, and may have had to do with the moonshine game because of the influence of leaders in the business. An appeal is made to the sheriff to use his influence to get Holder out of the

trouble with as light punishment as possible.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 30-July 1, 1968

Becky Howland Day in Hermiston Saturday can go into the record books as the community’s “finest day.” This was the opinion Sunday when the Kiwanis Club and its many volunteers from all over the county were adding up the results of the Becky Howland Heart Fund auction and related activities. Cash receipts Saturday totaled \$20,200, according to Joe Nichols, Kiwanis treasurer. The auction came to a halt at 10 p.m. with 450 items remaining to be sold, and the Kiwanis Club said these will go on the auction block Sunday afternoon, July 14, at the M&M Auction, north of Hermiston. Kiwanis officials said many good items and services remain to be sold.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 30-July 1, 1993

After 138 years, a patch of land along the Columbia River is back in the fold of the Confederated Tribes. “It’s like putting blood back into your veins,” Louie Dick Jr. of Cayuse said at a celebration Tuesday to mark the acquisition of the 2,800-acre Conforth Ranch east of Umatilla. The ranch lies within the six million acres ceded by the tribes to the federal government in the Treaty of 1855. It is within the land the Indians called Utillum, or water rippling over sand. It will be managed by the tribes as a wildlife preserve, but will be valuable in many other ways, Dick said. In addition to preserving wildlife, the tribes will reintroduce native roots on the property, such as bitter root and biscuit root. They also will be gathering the traditional plants such as tule for ceremonial and other uses.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 181st day of 2018. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1953, the first Chevrolet Corvette, with its innovative fiberglass body, was built at a General Motors assembly facility in Flint, Michigan.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Charles Blondin walked back and forth on a tightrope above the gorge of Niagara Falls as thousands of spectators watched.

In 1865, eight people, including Mary Surratt and Dr. Samuel Mudd, were convicted by a military commission of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. (Four defendants, including Surratt, were executed; Mudd was sentenced to life in prison, but was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1869.)

In 1908, the Tunguska Event took place in Russia as an asteroid exploded above Siberia, leaving 800 square miles of scorched or blown-down trees.

In 1918, labor activist and socialist Eugene V. Debs was arrested in Cleveland, charged under the Espionage Act of 1917 for a speech he’d made two weeks earlier denouncing U.S. involvement in World War I. (Debs was sentenced to prison and disenfranchised for life.)

In 1936, the Civil War

novel “Gone with the Wind” by Margaret Mitchell was first published by The Macmillan Co. in New York.

In 1949, “The Missouri Waltz” became the official state song of Missouri.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1966, the National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter announced he had decided against production of the Rockwell B-1 bomber, saying it was too costly. (However, the B-1 was later revived by President Ronald Reagan.)

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

In 1993, actor George

“Spanky” McFarland of “Our Gang” and “Little Rascals” fame died in Grapevine, Texas, at age 64.

In 1997, the Union Jack was lowered for the last time over Government House in Hong Kong as Britain prepared to hand the colony back to China at midnight after ruling it for 156 years.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Leonard Whiting is 68. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 67. Actor David Garrison is 66. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 65. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 62. Actor Vincent D’Onofrio is 59. Actress Deirdre Lovejoy is 56. Actor

Rupert Graves is 55. Boxer Mike Tyson is 52. Actor Peter Outerbridge is 52. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 49. Actor-comedian Tony Rock (TV: “Living Biblically”) is 49. Actor Brian Bloom is 48. Actor Brian Vincent is 48. Actress Monica Potter is 47. Actress Molly Parker is 46. Actor Rick Gonzalez is 39. Actor Tom Burke is 37. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps is 33.

Thought for Today: “We all live under the same sky, but we don’t all have the same horizon.” — *Konrad Adenauer, German statesman (1876-1967).*

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ODDS & ENDS



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Zsa Zsa, an English Bulldog, is carried by owner Megan Brainard during the World’s Ugliest Dog Contest at the Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma, Calif., on Saturday. Zsa Zsa won the contest.

Zsa Zsa, the English bulldog, wins World’s Ugliest Dog title

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — A 9-year-old English bulldog was named the winner of the 2018 World’s Ugliest Dog contest in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Zsa Zsa won the title Saturday night at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds in Petaluma. The dog’s owner, Megan Brainard of Anoka, Minnesota, will receive \$1,500 for Zsa Zsa’s win.

Dogs in the annual competition flaunt their imperfections — some have hairless bodies, others have lolling tongues. The dogs and their handlers walk down a red carpet. The

dogs are evaluated by a panel of judges.

The competition included a blackhead-covered Chinese Crested-Dachshund mutt, a bulldog mix with excess wrinkly skin and a Pekingese named Wild Thang.

Last year’s winner was a 125-pound gentle giant named Martha — a Neopolitan Mastiff with gas and a droopy face.

The contest is in its 30th year. It is usually held on a Friday night, but organizers moved this year’s competition to Saturday in an effort to draw a bigger audience.

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knuck

Find and Circle...

- Ten words with AI in the middle
- Four numbers ending with Y
- Three four-letter musical instruments
- Tool that drives nails
- Place to see exotic animals

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 sleeping (6)
- 2 Andean roamer (5)
- 3 energy (5)
- 4 infamous duelist Burr (5)
- 5 ribbon-like marine plant (8)
- 6 nocturnal insect eaters (9)
- 7 most hair-raising (7)

SOLUTIONS

ZI	AMA	AAR	LL	MPH
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Today's Answers: 1. OOLING 2. LLAMA 3. OOMPH 4. AARON 5. EELGRASS 6. AARDVARKS 7. EERIEST

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