

OUT OF THE VAULT

Milton youth foils his own kidnapping scheme

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A 20-year-old Milton man who attempted to extort money from his wealthy uncle in April 1909 foiled his own scheme when he lost his nerve and confessed that a kidnapping plot with himself as the victim was a complete hoax.

Sam A. Miller, president of the Milton nursery company and former mayor of Milton, received an unsigned letter declaring a mysterious "we" had kidnapped his nephew, Leonard A. Raup, and were holding him for \$1,200 ransom. Miller was directed to take the ransom to a railroad track east of Milton at 11 p.m. on April 5, 1909, to a point where he would find a dim light. He was to deposit the money there and turn out the light, then return home to wait for his nephew's release before reporting the incident to police. Failure to com-

ply with the instructions would result in the burning death of Raup and also the death of Miller's young daughter.

Miller immediately dispatched a copy of the letter to Umatilla County Sheriff Til Taylor, then withdrew the ransom money from his bank with every intention of complying with the kidnapers' demands. Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Bert Wilson drove to the scene of the ransom drop to investigate. They returned to Miller's house just before the kidnap victim appeared at 8:15 p.m.

Raup declared he left his boarding house April 3 and was on his way to town to buy tobacco when he was kidnapped by two Freewater men, who took him to a straw stack. He escaped, he said, while his kidnapers were drinking and playing cards.

But Raup's guilty conscience got the better of him. He came up with the kidnapping scheme himself, wrote the

ransom letter and hid for two days in a deserted house on his grandfather's property. But a dust and wind storm the day of the ransom drop-off was too much for Raup's nerves, he confessed to a representative of the *East Oregonian* during an interview.

Raup said he had found himself in a bit of a financial difficulty, and came up with a scheme to get money from his uncle to square his accounts. He had planned to skip town if the ransom scheme failed. He denied any intention to hurt his cousin, and said he intended to make a full confession to his uncle the night of the ransom drop-off but manufactured his escape story when he found law enforcement was already involved.

Raup was arrested by Sheriff Taylor and brought to the jail in Pendleton to await action of the grand jury. He pled guilty to attempting to extort money from his uncle on April 15.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
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There is a report in circulation here today that Harry Samuels, the 19-year-old boy who has been in the custody of Sheriff T.D. Taylor since Saturday, has confessed that he killed Omar Olinger, the store keeper near the tanks south of Milton, who was found murdered last Friday. The evidence is known to be very strong against the boy. Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Blakely went to Milton this morning to investigate a few things that remain to be cleared up in connection with the case. According to reports in circulation and which appear well founded though not officially confirmed, Samuels claims that he killed Olinger during a quarrel.

50 Years Ago
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Feb. 23-24, 1969

"I'll go if you will go with me," said Karen Bounds to her mother-in-law, Doris Bounds, and that was all it took for the two Hermiston women to arrive in Hong Kong, China, five days later, Doris told the Business and Professional Women at their meeting last week. A call to the travel bureau, inocu-

lations, and the two were off on a 22-hour plane trip to Honolulu, to Tokyo where they were greeted by the "Vienna Waltz" on the intercom, and on to Hong Kong. It was the middle of the night, a day ahead of Oregon and seven hours time difference when they arrived. Captain Roger Bounds, U.S. Army pilot, husband of Karen and son of Doris Bounds, arrived on rest and recreation leave in Hong Kong two days later.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 23-24, 1994

A Umatilla County grand jury indicted Damon Petrie on nine counts in connection with his escape attempt last week in which a Stanfield police officer was seriously injured. Following the arraignment a date will be set for Petrie to enter a plea on the charges of attempted aggravated murder, first-degree assault, escape, first-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree theft and felon in possession of a firearm. Petrie, from the Bend area, has a long criminal record and was on parole when he was arrested in Stanfield. Residents of Stanfield seem more interested in the recovery of Petrie's victim, Butch Parrish. Yellow ribbons have been placed all over town to show support for the injured officer and his family.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 23, 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in present-day Germany.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised two American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph).

Thought for Today: "The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, passion." — *Nadia Boulanger, French composer (1887-1979).*

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Five European capitals □ □ □ □ □
- Five five-letter boats □ □ □ □ □
- Two five-letter dances □ □
- Two five-letter zodiac signs □ □
- Two four-letter musical genres □ □

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: BRUSSELS ATHENS BERLIN PARIS ROME / CANOE FERRY YACHT BARGE SKIFF / TANGO WALTZ / LIBRA VIRGO / ZZZV JAZZ

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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.

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| 2 study of viruses (8) | _____ |
| 3 study of reliable inferences (5) | _____ |
| 4 study of diamonds and such (8) | _____ |
| 5 study of "buried treasures" (10) | _____ |
| 6 study of elements (9) | _____ |
| 7 study of mushrooms (8) | _____ |

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Today's Answers: 1. GEOGRAPHY 2. VIROLOGY 3. LOGIC 4. GEMOLOGY 5. ARCHEOLOGY 6. CHEMISTRY 7. MYCOLOGY

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Rules: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 23, 2019

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| ACROSS | 44 Puccini classic | 5 Highest-scoring NFL plays | 32 Youngster, informally |
| 1 ___ mignon | 47 Dwarf with glasses | 6 Sitting on | 33 Some frozen waffles |
| 6 Wild way to run | 48 Completely relaxed | 7 Liquefy | 34 Nephew's sibling |
| 10 Android programs | 51 Bill of Rights count | 8 Chicago airport code | 39 Summer zodiac sign |
| 14 Formally change | 52 "Solo" director | 9 Tacky art | 43 Unacceptable |
| 15 Actress Polo or Garr | Howard | 10 National Park measure | 45 ___ asada |
| 16 Champagne stopper | 53 Appends | 11 Trendy fish salad | 46 A long time ___ |
| 17 Stops smoking abruptly | 57 Wolf's home | 12 Commander in chief, informally | 49 Sight and smell |
| 20 Cross swords | 59 Yale grads | 13 Blue-bottled vodka | 50 "Sometime ..." |
| 21 Choose | 63 Third part of an identifying expression | 18 Quarterback Kaepernick | 53 Greenish-blue |
| 22 Pollen-averse dwarf | 66 Abdul-Jabbar's sch. | 19 "___ we meet again" | 54 Tear channel |
| 23 Feel ill | 67 Roof overhang | 24 Tax org. | 55 Surrealist with a surreal mustache |
| 25 ___ of Congress | 68 Prehistoric diet | 25 First word in a clue list | 56 "Go fly a kite!" |
| 26 Of a certain age | 69 Working hard | 26 Skin care giant | 57 Opera star |
| 35 Annoy | 70 Facial sites | 27 Unwritten tests | 58 Just manages, with "out" |
| 36 Contemptuous smile | 71 Perry of Medea fame | 28 Aptitude | 60 Conversational pause |
| 37 Mario's sidekick | | 29 Tidy up | 61 Frozen drink brand |
| 38 Colorado ski area | DOWN | 30 Salami type | 62 Hershey's toffee bar |
| 40 Enero is its first month | 1 Help page lists, briefly | 31 Word before "card" or "stick" | 64 Small dog's perch |
| 41 Rim | 2 "My turn" | | 65 Like the name "Bill" for a creditor |
| 42 DeGeneres who voiced Dory | 3 R2-D2's princess | | |
| | 4 Catch slyly | | |

"TAIL FEATHERS" By Trent H. Evans

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