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BY JAY BOBBIN

About that Oscars slap:
How could it happen?

Q. When Will Smith rushed the Oscars stage to slap Chris Rock, why didn't anyone stop him? Where were the security officers? – Ann Levin, via email

A: Accounts have it that no one expected Smith to do what he did, and since two people known for comedy were involved, others could have just seen it as the prelude to something that might have turned out to be humorous ... which an award-show producer doesn't necessarily want to get in the way of. Of course, as the world is now well aware, things turned out much differently once Smith easily reached Rock without any visible interference. Not that such an incident would occur again, but since all it takes is once in cases like this, safeguards against it surely will be built into future Oscar shows ... and, very likely, other award ceremonies as well. Now that last month's situation has happened, those are virtually certain to involve much more evident security personnel.



Q: I'm liking "Abbott Elementary" a lot. Will it get a second season? – Darlene Coffey, Wheeling, W. Va.

A: That's affirmative. ABC gave the Philadelphia-set school comedy a renewal just a couple of months into its run, based on positive reviews, response on social media and – here's the traditional clincher – promising ratings. Executive producer, creator and star Quinta Brunson has been acclaimed as one of this television season's brightest talents, so it's not a shock that her efforts will be getting continued exposure via more "Elementary" episodes.

Send questions of general interest via email to tvpipeline@gracenote.com. Writers must include their names, cities and states. Personal replies cannot be sent.

1. Adams

2. Arthur

3. Bush

4. Carter

5. Ford

6. Garfield

7. Grant

8. Hayes

9. Hoover

10. Jackson

11. Johnson

12. Monroe

13. Nixon

14. Pierce

15. Polk

16. Reagan

17. Taft

18. Taylor

19. Tyler

20. Wilson

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Which is the official state bird of Florida?

The solution to the question is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to discover this hidden solution, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Pants
8. Not bananas
9. “__ la Douce”; romantic comedy
10. Chin-to-waist sweaters
14. Barn topper
15. Plead
16. Suffix for racket or musket
17. __ and crafts
18. English letter
19. Cozy home
20. Retirement accounts
24. Bark beetle’s victim
27. City in Alaska
28. Intention
29. Breather’s need
32. __ __ impasse; stalled
33. Worn for extra warmth
36. Corporate bigwig
37. Female animals
38. Sleepwear

DOWN

1. Intimidates
2. Turmoil
3. Tennis court divider
4. Piece of jewelry
5. Prior to
6. Pat Sajak, for one
7. “Oh, for Pete’s __!”

8. Long look
11. Sixteen ounces
12. Suffix for adopt or absent
13. Last year’s juniors
14. Johnson or Morrison
20. All lined up (3)
21. Corrupt
22. Pile up
23. Cruz or Feinstein: abbr.
24. __ de cologne
25. Fine tablecloth fabric
26. 489 years from now
29. Curved beam overhead
30. TV’s “This __ Us”
31. Initials for Opie’s portrayer
34. Brain wave test letters
35. Knot-tying words (2)

Solution

Mockingbird