

Thought for the Day

"The people no longer believe in principles, but will probably periodically believe in saviours."

— Jacob Christoph Burckhardt, Swiss historian (1818-1897)

This Day in History

1954 Medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

In 1840, Britain's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, officially went into circulation five days after its introduction.

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia ended with a Confederate victory over Union forces.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era ended with the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating under an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1962, in the first test of its kind, the submerged submarine USS Ethan Allen fired a Polaris missile armed with a nuclear warhead that detonated above the Pacific Ocean.

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed suit against President Bill Clinton, alleging he'd sexually harassed her in 1991.

Birthdays



Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 83.



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 61.



Actor George Clooney is 53.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 80. Rock singer Bob Seger is 69. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 69. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 68. Actor Alan Dale is 67. Actor Ben Masters is 67. Actor Gregg Henry is 62. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 59. Actress Roma Downey is 54. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 54. Actor Clay O'Brien is 53. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 50. Actress Leslie Hope is 49. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 47. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 43. Actress Stacey Oristano is 35.



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Samaritan House held its annual fundraiser, The Main Event, on Saturday, May 3, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott in Burlingame. Here, board President Patty Hsiu introduces Bart Charlow, the agency's new Chief Executive Officer. He holds a proclamation, presented by, U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo, in recognition of Samaritan House's 40 years of service to San Mateo County.

In other news ...

Eighth-grade Holocaust assignment draws criticism

RIALTO — Whether the Holocaust happened is no longer up for debate at Southern California's Rialto Unified School District.

The initial assignment given to eighth-graders in the San Bernardino County district was to do some research and write an essay explaining whether they believed the Holocaust was a real historical event or a political scheme to influence public emotion and gain.

"It was an error," district spokeswoman Syeda Jafri said Monday.

Several groups, including the Anti-Defamation League, called or emailed the school objecting to the assignment.

One person made a number of calls to police with some very specific death threats, said Rialto police Capt. Randy De Anda.

The threats were specific and directed at Jafri and interim Superintendent Mohammad Z. Islam, De Anda said.

There was no protest or any other action on campus Monday, but because the department takes death threats very seriously, De Anda said he and two officers were on campus checking them out.

"We believe he (the caller) is a white male in his 30s. He did give us a name, but we haven't confirmed it yet so we don't know if he's a previous student," De Anda said.

The department has all the calls on tape and will complete its investigation and forward it to the district attorney.

A team of teachers will meet to review the assignment, Jafri said, and Islam will talk to the district's education services department to ensure all references to the Holocaust "not occurring" are stricken on any current or future argumentative research assignment.

Marine group sees uptick in stranded sea lions

SAUSALITO — A marine mammal rescue group said Monday it's seeing a record number of stranded sea lions and seals along the Northern and central California coast — some of whom appear to have been sickened by toxins and others weaned by their mothers earlier than usual.

As of Monday, the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito had brought in 446 California sea lions, elephant seals, harbor seals and fur seals in 2014, said Shawn Johnson, director of the center's veterinary science department.

That's up from 302 animals admitted over the same period last year and the previous record of 418 animals in 1998.

The animals, many of them emaciated and dehydrated pups, included a young sea lion spotted in March hopping through an almond orchard a mile from the San Joaquin River in central California. The animal, nicknamed "Hoppie," was taken to the Marine Mammal Center for treatment.

Interstate 15 in Hesperia closes after bridge fire

HESPERIA — All three lanes of Interstate 15 in Hesperia have been closed in both directions after wooden supports for a bridge under construction exploded into flames.

The California Highway Patrol's Carlos Juarez says the bridge at Rancho Road caught fire at about 1:30 p.m. and Interstate 15 was closed soon after because of falling debris.

Juarez says there are no known injuries and the cause of the fire is under investigation. He says firefighters are on scene.

KCAL-TV shows plumes of smoke above blackened sections of the bridge as flames continued burning. A single fire hose appeared to barely reach the flames.

JUMBLE

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

CHOAV

PMETT

SUDARI

FEMIDF

Answer here: -

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Come on, Woody. You need to get some exercise. Go get it! Go get it!

If you wanted me to get it, you should have dropped it.

THE DOG THOUGHT THE IDEA OF RETRIEVING THE BALL WAS

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: YIELD BOGUS UNLOCK PLEDGE
 Answer: The new discount store was — CLOSE "BUY"

Lotto

May 3 Powerball
 5 15 16 46 49 26
 Powerball

May 2 Mega Millions
 1 18 26 35 40 13
 Mega number

May 3 Super Lotto Plus
 5 9 25 31 46 26
 Mega number



The Daily Derby race winners are Money Bags, No. 11, in first place; Gorgeous George, No. 8, in second place; and Lucky Star, No. 2, in third place. The race time was clocked at 1:48.25.

Fantasy Five
 1 2 16 29 38

Daily Four
 9 5 6 1

Daily three midday
 7 1 5

Daily three evening
 9 0 9

Local Weather Forecast

Tuesday: Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming sunny. Highs around 60. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs around 60. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 50. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday through Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Lows in the lower 50s.



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