

Grandpa trying to film proposal films own reaction



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A grandfather who was asked to record a marriage proposal in New Mexico ended up accidentally recording video of his own reaction instead.

Jayne Flauding was visiting Sandia Peak Tramway in Albuquerque with his grandpa, John Hart, when a fellow tourist asked Flauding to record his marriage proposal, UPI wrote.

Flauding said he handed the man's iPhone to Hart, and it was only after the proposal that everyone discovered Hart was holding the phone backward.

"He thought he was filming the proposal the whole time but all we saw on playback was a genuine, heartfelt reaction to the proposal itself — he had the phone backwards!" Flauding wrote on YouTube.

Hart said he had actually struck up a conversation with the soon-to-be-groom before the proposal.

"He introduced me to the girl and at that point I said, 'Wow hey this would be a great chance for you to propose to her and put a big smile on her face,' and unbeknownst to me, that was the plan," Hart told KOB-TV.

Hart said he was honored to be asked to record the video. "I thought I could handle this. Well unbeknownst to me, I'm taping myself," Hart said.

Bold bear raids picnic baskets at British Columbia beach



UPI

Visitors to a British Columbia park are being told not to bring food after a black bear was spotted raiding picnic baskets and lunch boxes on the beach.

Witnesses and conservation officers said the bear has been spotted numerous times at White Pine Beach, in Port Moody's Belcarra Park, since the first sighting was reported.

According to UPI, the bear was reported to be unusually bold and unafraid of people.

"It's been eating right out of people's lunch boxes and picnic baskets with people right beside them."

"A woman was sunbathing on the beach and the bear came right up behind her and started eating her food."

The British Columbia Conservation Officer Service is working with the Vancouver Park Board staff to set traps and make plans to tranquilize and relocate the bear.

The owl and the nightingale

Once, there was an owl who lived in an old, broken-down temple.

The temple had a large library. It was full of books about history, literature and religion. The owl studied these books all day. As time passed, he grew very proud of his knowledge. Now, he believed that he was the most intelligent of all creatures.

Thus, the owl read the library's books every day, and then pretended to be lost in deep, wise thoughts. One such day, the owl was sitting on a tree, outside the temple, with his eyes half closed. Suddenly, a nightingale came and sat on the same tree. Soon,

she began singing in her sweet voice.

At once, the owl opened his eyes and said to the nightingale, "O proud nightingale, stop your song! Do you not see that I am thinking of wise things? Your silly song is disturbing me!"

To this, the nightingale replied, "Foolish owl! You think that you will become learned just by reading some books and pretending to be wise? Only the intelligent know how sweet my songs are. Only, they can truly admire my voice."

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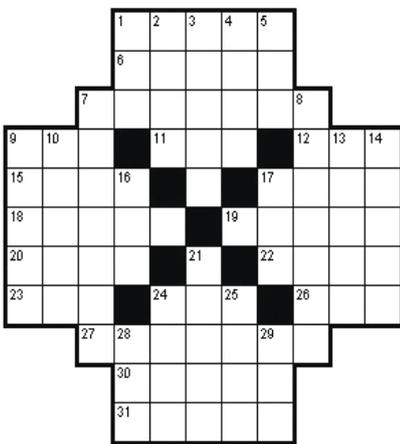
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After a long day of folding laundry, we'd love to sleep just as soundly as this cute baby.

X-Word Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Book of maps (5)
6. Coast (5)
7. Particular (7)
9. Tree (3)
11. Insane (3)
12. Mature (3)
15. Notable achievement (4)
17. Aquatic bird (4)
18. Protective garment (5)
19. Unguent (5)
20. Profit (4)
22. Swarm (4)
23. Fairy (3)
24. Hit lightly (3)
26. Cunning (3)
27. Extractor (7)
30. Relating to country life (5)
31. Mineral used as an abrasive (5)

DOWN

1. Small snake (3)
2. Those people (4)
3. Anesthetic (5)
4. Desiccated (4)
5. Expanse of water (3)
7. Law-enforcement officer (7)
8. Anarchic (7)
9. Byword (5)
10. Part of a flower (5)
13. Small mallet (5)
14. Foe (5)
16. Spanish title (3)
17. Was seated (3)
21. Mother-of-pearl (5)
24. Percussion instrument (4)
25. Ursine mammal (4)
28. Metal-bearing mineral (3)
29. Travel a route regularly (3)

Yesterday's solution



Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarazmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

	3							7
	6		1		9			8
4				3				1
		1					7	
3			8		5			9
		8					4	
9				2				5
	4		6		3		1	
	7							2

6	2	8	4	1	6	3	7	5
7	1	6	3	5	9	2	4	8
4	5		3	8	2	7	6	1
5	2		1	9	3	8	6	7
6	9	1	5	7	8	4	2	3
8		3	7	2	6	1	4	5
1	6	9	7	3	2	5	8	4
3	8	3	5	8	6	7	1	4
4	7	4	6	2	9	8	5	1