



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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**Today is Buffalo Soldiers Day.** In 1866, Congress passed the Army Organization Act, forming the first all-black regiments. While deployed to the western frontier, Native Americans first called these men “buffalo soldiers.”

## Picture of the Day



*One buffalo decided to ride shotgun instead of being shot by one.*

Now it's your turn to come up with a good caption.

## Word to the Wise

The term *seersucker*, as in the suit, came from India, where the fabric was known as *shirushakar*. *Shiru* means “milk” and *shekar* means “sugar,” a fitting description for the alternating smooth and bumpy texture of the stripes.

## Root of the Matter

*A shot in the dark*

If you take *a shot in the dark*, then you are making a guess without any knowledge to inform your decision. The phrase refers to shooting a weapon in darkness without being able to see the target; the chances of hitting it are very low. The phrase was first used by Irish writer George Bernard Shaw in 1895 when he wrote, “Never did man make a worse shot in the dark.” It is also common to find the variation *a stab in the dark* being used with the same meaning.

## Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

calabaza      cantaloupe

honeydew      yubari

*ANSWER: A calabaza is a squash; the others are melons.*