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NOW EAR THIS *By Mary Jersey*

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Struggle for air

5 It goes through the roof

10 Pierce with a knife

14 Chip in a pot?

15 Holiday pie ingredient

16 Call to mind

17 Small biter

18 Absinthe flavoring

19 God of love

20 Brought up pickled fish?

23 Thaws a freezer

25 For this reason

26 Batters in Baltimore

27 Amount in grandma's recipe

29 Acknowledge the villain's entrance

30 It's guaranteed to remove wrinkles

31 Guiana's grills

32 Kusanov's equipment?

36 Chew the fat

39 Swarm

41 Key West shows?

45 Collection of sacred songs

48 Bring together

49 Second Amendment words

50 James Bond's depressing drink?

53 Van Dyke

54 Like many teenagers' rooms

56 Haitian's head

58 Duxing sword

59 One of classic TV's Huxtables

60 "Fumble"

61 Loch monster

62 First vertebra

63 Transmit, as a text

DOWN

1 Prevent from speaking

2 Massachusetts cape

3 Celebrities' favorite seafood?

4 He broke Ty Cobb's record

5 Thinly distributed

6 Dogmata

7 They turn litmus paper red

8 Charge alternative

9 Reflex-testing site

10 Like a Stephen King reader, often

11 Comic actor's asset

12 Immediately

13 He wasn't the dummy of the act

21 "You've got mail" co.

22 Thick-skinned jungle beast

23 Play

24 Rocker

27 They're ahead of us

28 Organized criminals

30 Make angry

32 Male bovine

33 Stuff one's face

34 Franken and Capone

35 Mythical island

36 What hunting dogs do

37 Have an opinion

40 Bride's title

41 Like a sneak attack

42 Needing more time on the vine

43 Sister's daughters

44 Vampires may take them to heart

45 Old Iran

46 Greek woodland deities

47 Former White House spokesman

49 Metabolism type

51 Urban organization of song

52 Leave a solid state?

56 Convert into leather

57 Author's last word?

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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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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

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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.

CLUES

1 borderline (8)

2 hardline (10)

3 skyline (7)

4 toe the line (7)

5 aquiline (5)

6 outline (7)

7 crystalline (6)

SOLUTIONS

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Today's answers: 1. MARGINAL 2. UNFOLDING 3. HORIZON 4. CONFORM 5. BEAKY 6. SUMMARY 7. UMPIRE

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WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Koserok

Find and Circle...

Ten four-letter words with OO in the middle

Four seven-letter movie titles

_____ in "Uncle Buck"

Opposite of front

Four-letter mollusk

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: BOOK BROOM COOK COOL FOOD FOOT GOOD HOOF MOON ROOF / BRACULA TWISTEE ROBOPOT TTANIC / JOHN CANDY / BLACK / CLAM

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DEAR ABBY

Home is where their cats are for parents refusing to travel

Dear Abby: I never thought I would be a cat-hater. My 70-year-old parents are very active, but ever since they brought home two cats, they are no longer willing to travel out of town. That means they are now missing many family events — Thanksgiving, graduations, funerals, etc. Christmas and Easter are spared because we all travel to see them on those occasions.

I am becoming resentful that their cats are more important to them than spending time with their siblings, children or grandchildren. And, NO — they will not put them in a cat hotel or have someone come into their home to watch them. Suggestions? — **Resentful In Santa Barbara, Calif.**

Dear Resentful: The problem with resentment is that it can fester to the point that it destroys relationships. Has it occurred to you that there may be other reasons your parents no longer want to make these trips? The stress and expense, for instance? Or concern about spending a lot of time driving on freeways? It's also possible that two family visits a year are all they can handle.

One way to lessen your frustration would be to resolve to accept your parents just the way they are — and also accept that it's unlikely they are going to change.

Dear Abby: I recently got into an argument with my mom regarding her speakerphone. I've also argued with other family members and friends over this. I believe it is rude to not let someone know that they are on speakerphone, particularly when others are present.

I feel it violates trust and the sense of intimacy that comes with speaking to the person you intended to call in the first place. Mom says it

depends on the topic and that a “Heads up! You’re on speakerphone” isn’t necessary. Who’s right? — **Speechless In The West**

Dear Speechless: You are. When someone makes a phone call, the caller usually expects that the conversation will be private. However, since you now know your mother doesn’t agree, either stop confiding anything that you wouldn’t reveal in a roomful of relatives, or ask at the beginning of the conversation whether the speaker is on

so you’ll be forewarned.

Dear Abby: I’m 67 and I like sex. My wife doesn’t. She has no drive. It may be health-related, maybe due to meds. She has no time; she’s a workaholic.

I met a widow who is very tempting. She suggested a “no strings” hookup. I’m starting to think it’s not adultery if my wife is sexless. Your thoughts, Abby? — **Pennsylvania Senior**

Dear Senior: I’m glad you asked. Take a pass on the widow’s generous offer. Her “no strings” hookup sounds like a snare that could hang you if the Mrs. gets wind of it.

Your wife’s lack of sex drive may be due to any of the things you mentioned. It could also be that your technique needs improving. Ask her if that might be the problem. If it is, a sex therapist could help you fix that in a jiffy. And it would be cheaper in the long run than what you’re contemplating.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 3-4, 1915

Wearing mourning about one optic and bearing the imprint of a sharp heel on his nose, Martin Anderson, local saloonman, appeared at police headquarters Saturday to swear out a warrant against one May Miller for assault and battery. The woman was arrested but when she told her story to the court this morning, Judge Fitz Gerald suspended sentence upon her. According to her story, she has been keeping house for Anderson in his rooms back of his saloon and on Friday night was sitting in there talking with another man when Anderson walked in and reviled her. Her retort, she said, was to throw a shoe at him. Anderson in court did not deny the story.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 3-4, 1965

City police are investigating an aggravated case of vandalism at the Hawthorne Court School which occurred Friday night, but was not discovered until 1:30 Saturday afternoon when Tom Higley, teacher, went to the building to feed a turtle. Half a dozen rooms in the high school portion of the school, where special education classes are conducted, were liter-

ally devastated by destruction both Supt. Ellis Neal and Walter Fallen, supervisor of buildings and grounds, termed the worst they ever had seen. Damage included slashed furniture, typewriters and other equipment doused in printers ink and hammered, phonograph records hurled across rooms so powerfully as to embed in walls, cupboards and supplies smashed and strewn about the rooms, etc. School men estimated more than one person was involved, that it took considerable time to accomplish so much destruction, and whoever was responsible was quite powerful.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 3-4, 1990

With the crash of a champagne bottle, the first load of Portland garbage was deposited in the Oregon Waste Systems landfill near Arlington Tuesday. About 75 people watched the spectacle as the first truck was lifted toward the blue sky and emptied on the clay soil covering the landfill floor shortly after lunch. The garbage that tumbled out was the culmination of nearly three years of planning and construction, beginning in February of 1987. Metro, Portland’s regional solid waste authority, will send 90 percent of its landfill waste to the facility for the next 20 years.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the third day of 2015. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced that the United States had terminated diplomatic relations with Cuba, after the Havana government said it was limiting the number of U.S. Embassy and Consulate personnel allowed in the country.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington’s army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed shops.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1975, the original version of the TV game show “Jeopardy!,” hosted by Art Fleming, ended its nearly 11-year run on NBC.

In 2000, the last new daily “Peanuts” strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

Today's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 89. Actor Robert Loggia is 85. Actor Dabney Coleman is 83. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 79. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 76. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 72. Musician Stephen Stills is 70. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zepelin) is 69. Actress Victoria Principal is 65. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 59. Actress Shannon Sturges is 47. Jazz musician James Carter is 46. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 43. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 40. Actor Jason Marsden is 40. Actress Danica McKellar is 40. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 39. Singer Kimberley Locke (“American Idol”) is 37. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 34. Actress Nicole Beharie (TV: “Sleepy Hollow” Film: “42”) is 30. Pop musician Mark Pontius (Foster the People) is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lloyd is 29. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle Rae) is 29. Actor Alex D. Linz is 26.

Thought for Today: “The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won’t.” — *Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).*

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