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GROUP ENVIRONMENT

By Rob Lee

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker October 31, 2015

ACROSS

1 Amend

40-Across

Coarse metal files

11 K-12 grp.

14 Sidekick, south of the border

15 “American Idol” contestant

16 Airline to Chile

17 Boastful

19 Calendar abbr.

20 Cleans up text

21 Use the keyboard again

23 Not obvious

26 More remorseful

27 Mistreats

28 ___ point (example)

29 Disorderly crowd

30 Short-tailed weasel

32 “Prima Ballerina” artist

35 Stork’s delivery

37 According to

39 Opportunity, in slang

40 Book containing legends

42 Sine’s reciprocal, briefly

44 Valuable rock

45 Added attractions

47 Cascades peak

49 One with high hopes

51 Gong in an orchestra set

52 Moon stages

53 Used inelegant language

55 ___ fly (RBI earner)

56 Places to darken?

61 Aggravate

62 Do housework

63 Consume eagerly

64 Something that can be bro kin?

65 Stretch of shrubbery

66 “All systems go!”

DOWN

1 British flying grp.

2 Big Aussie bird

3 “Cool” amount

4 Lace tips

5 Some toy dogs

6 Absorbed

7 Hoity-toity attitude

8 Enjoy Aspen

9 Guerrero and others

10 Looked like a villain

11 Throwing a party

12 Brownish-gray color

13 The Hulk’s catalyst

18 Event with a pinata

22 Makes an attempt

23 Ballroom activity

24 Depth charge target

25 Shipping protections

26 Satisfies

28 Bars for guitars

31 “Sesame Street” regular

33 Circulatory trunk

34 Geyser emission

36 Vertical reference line on a graph

38 Be content with, as one’s laurels

41 Seventh inning event

43 San Diego pro

46 Used car deal, e.g.

48 One-celled creatures (Var.)

49 Closest or farthest orbit point

50 Belafonte or Lewis

53 Hosiery annoyance

54 Chablis, for one

57 Nancy Drew’s beau

58 Airport listing, for short

59 Flop of a firecracker

60 Do private eye work

DEAR ABBY

Cost of professional help adds to teenager’s anxiety



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I am a 13-year-old girl. For the past few years I have been depressed to the point where I have considered cutting myself. I also struggle with anxiety and avoid social situations in order not to experience it. Mom only knows about my anxiety, but I have been sugarcoating it when I talk to her because I don’t want her to worry. Abby, we don’t have insurance and are already very poor, so I don’t want to burden my family with my problems, which I know would cost a lot of money to treat. What do you suggest I do? — Needs Help In Missouri

Dear Needs Help: Because you are afraid to worry your mother, discuss what’s going on with a counselor at your school. Please don’t wait to do it. That person may have the ability to see you get the professional help you need. It may not be too much for your mother to afford and may even be free.

Dear Abby: I am a 20-year-old college student who has never been in a relationship. I try to be as much of an extrovert as possible, but it’s hard for me. I have romantic feelings for a guy I have known for two years. When we see each other in class, we hug and talk a little. I’m having trouble telling him how I feel because, as I’ve learned from past experience, he may not feel the same. I don’t want to be a big baby about this, but I have a fear of rejection. I have experienced it numerous times. I know it’s a part of life, but I don’t know if I can take it again. Please tell me what to do about this guy. I can’t stop thinking about him. — Hopeless Romantic

Dear Hopeless Romantic: Before declaring your feelings, get to know a little more about your classmate, like whether he’s romantically involved with someone else. A way to do that would be to suggest having coffee after class or helping each other study for an exam. Neither of those approaches would be “risky.” If he agrees, you will have a better chance of gauging whether he’s attracted to you, too. Because he hugs you when he sees you, it’s safe to assume he is not repelled. Let me let you in on a little secret: I don’t know ANYone who, having experienced rejection, has found it pleasurable. Some of the most successful people I know have encountered rejection more than once, but they didn’t let it stop them. Because your fear is preventing you from reaching out, talk about it with a psychologist at the student health center. If you do, it may help you feel more confident in putting yourself out there.

Dear Abby: We give each of our grandchildren a check for every birthday. We would like to stop when each child reaches the age of 18. Please give us an idea of what to write in a letter to each child as we send the final check on his/her 18th birthday. — Longtime Reader In North Carolina

Dear Reader: I see no reason to make an announcement with the “last check.” When the 19th birthday rolls around, send a card marking the special day — and explaining then the reason why there is no check included.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1915

Tying his employer hand and foot after robbing him of \$160 and compelling him to saddle a horse, riding by horse and auto 20 miles to Baker, spending nearly three hours in Baker, then riding 90 miles to Ontario, where he was captured and soon afterward confessed, was the 10-hour Sunday experience of a man who boasted he was Hugh Whitney the Idaho desperado. The man was hired ten days ago by C.B. Adams, a McEwen bachelor farmer, and had worked for him quietly until Sunday morning. After washing the dishes at 8 o’clock he went to the barn, where Adams was working, poked a revolver into Adams’ face and said: “Saddle that horse. I am Hugh Whitney, and I want to get out of here.” Left alone in his home after being bound, Adams finally rolled off of the bed, worked himself to an old saw in the room, got it between his legs and cut the rope binding his feet. He then walked two miles with his hands tied, to a ranch house, where his hands were freed and his story relayed at 4 o’clock to George Herbert, who immediately sent word all along the railroad.

50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1965

While the Pendleton Fire Department was showing its generosity Halloween night by handing out cotton candy to over 500 youngsters, a few pranksters were showing their lack of appreciation by turning on two fire hydrants. Fire Chief William Batchelor said the firemen were called out twice to shut off opened hydrants at NW Furnish and 5th and at the high school. He said this sort of prank is dangerous because a hydrant releases a lot of water which can damage property if not attended. The fire chief said this was the first time something like this had occurred.

25 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1990

They’ve come down from the hills in their 1946 Chevy pickup. They make music and recite “a little road-kill poetry.” They’re Daryl and Darrell, described as twin brothers born 10 years apart. In real life known as Kreg Hawkins and Dick Kaiser, these comic musicians will be featured at Blue Mountain Folklife Society’s Open Mike Coffeehouse on Friday. Their stage names bring to mind two silent characters from television’s recent “Newhart” show. But Hawkins and Kaiser aren’t silent. Between them, Hawkins and Kaiser play mandolin, harmonica, fiddle, guitar and banjo. Kaiser, who writes the humorous poetry, said they want to “put the front porch back into music.”

UNIVERSAL

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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3		2	6	1				
					4	2		

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

6+	16+	2	24×		1-
		5-	1-		
			5+		5
4	7+	13+		5-	
2÷				3-	3÷
	4	3÷			

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RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.

2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

6	5	1	6	7	9
9	2	5	7	1	6
1	6	5	7	1	6
5	1	6	7	9	2
7	9	2	1	6	5
6	7	9	2	1	6

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 304th day of 2015. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween. A reminder: Daylight saving time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. local time. Clocks go back one hour.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

On this date:

In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London.

In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state as President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation.

In 1887, Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek was born in Zhejiang Province.

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1941, the Navy destroyer USS Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of some 100 lives, even though the United States had not yet entered World War II. Work was completed on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, begun in 1927.

In 1961, the body of Josef Stalin was removed from Lenin’s Tomb as part of the Soviet Union’s “de-Stalinization” drive.

In 1964, Theodore C. Freeman, 34, became the first member of NASA’s astronaut corps to die when his T-38 jet crashed while approaching Ellington Air Force Base in Houston.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

Today’s Birthdays:

Actress Lee Grant is 90. Former astronaut Michael Collins is 85. Former CBS anchorman Dan Rather is 84. Folk singer Tom Paxton is 78. Actor Ron Rifkin is 77. Actress Sally Kirkland is 74. Actor David Ogden Stiers is 73. Actor Brian Doyle-Murray is 70. Actor Stephen Rea is 69. Olympic gold medal long-distance runner Frank Shorter is 68. Actress Deidre Hall is 68. Talk show host Jane Pauley is 65. Actor Brian Stokes Mitchell is 58. Movie director Peter Jackson is 54. Rock musician Larry Mullen is 54. Actor Dermot Mulroney is 52. Rock musician Mikkey Dee (Motorhead) is 52. Rock singer-musician Johnny Marr is 52. Actor Rob Schneider is 51. Country singer Darryl Worley is 51. Actor-comedian Mike O’Malley is 50. Rap musician Adrock is 49. Songwriter Adam Schlesinger is 48. Rap performer Vanilla Ice (aka Rob Van Winkle) is 47. Rock singer Linn Berggren (Ace of Base) is 45. Folk-rock musician Tay Strathairn (Dawes) is 35. Rock musician Frank Iero (My Chemical Romance) is 34. Actress-singer Willow Smith is 15.

Thought for Today:

“Success is a public affair. Failure is a private funeral.” — Rosalind Russell, American actress (1911-1976).

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY’S PUZZLE: BEIGE BROWN BLACK BLUE / REVOLVER / MUSKET PISTOL RIFLE / MALAYSIA MONGOLIA PORTUGAL / EXCEL WORD

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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 bail (6)

2 hail (6)

3 mail (7)

4 pail (6)

5 sail (9)

6 tail (6)

7 wail (7)

SOLUTIONS

SPI	TY	RS	ET	SU
TTE	NNA	RE	TE	BU
LE	FO	KER	SAL	CK
OW	UTE	LA	LL	ULU

11/1

Today’s Answer: 1. SURETY 2. SALUTE 3. LETTERS 4. BUCKET 5. SPINNAKER 6. FOLLOW 7. ULULATE

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WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Four colors starting with B

Four guns

Three eight-letter countries

Two Microsoft programs

Famous London clock: _____

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