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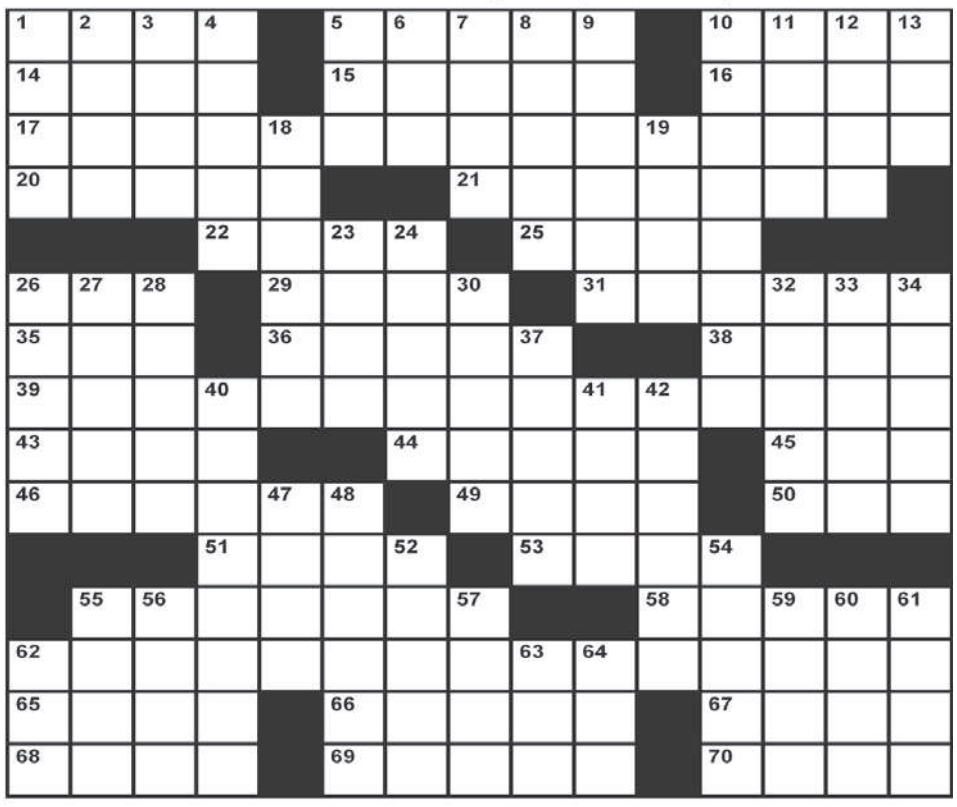
TESTING 1-2-3 *By George W. Vandy*

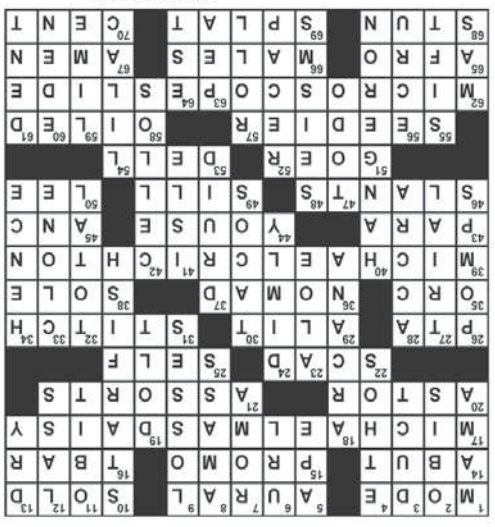


Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker November 21, 2015

ACROSS
1 Pie a la ___
5 Heard, but not seen
10 "Gone," at an auction
14 Adjoin
15 Spot broadcast, often
16 Alpine transport
17 Aster
20 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
21 Catalogues
22 Relative of the jack fish
25 Starter starter
26 Class action grp.?
29 Left the saddle
31 Bit of needlework
35 "Lord of the Rings" menace
36 Desert roamer
38 Bottom of a foot
39 "Jurassic Park" author
43 Prefix with "normal" or "chute"
44 Brooklynese "Y'all"
45 Mandela's party
46 Biases
49 Base of a window
50 "Malcolm X" director Spike
51 Attendee
53 Big name in computers
55 Much less upscale
58 Stopped the squeaking
62 Thing with a tiny stain
65 Large, round hairdo
66 Men
67 Word heard in church
68 Type of nonlethal gun
69 Sound of a water balloon hitting the ground
70 Penny

DOWN
1 Mother, informally
2 Geisha's sashes
3 It brings a tear to the eye
4 Body of beliefs
5 Hairy zoo creature
6 Internet address, for short
7 "Arrivederci ___"
8 Aggregate
9 Some pitching stats
10 Five-armed marine creature
11 Life sentences?
12 Aberdeen girl
13 Free from moisture
18 Mysterious stuff
19 Airhead
23 Skin-cream ingredient
24 How some things are lit
26 Splendid displays
27 Court event
28 Capital of Ghana
30 Handheld munchies
32 Sum
33 Repeat oneself?
34 "It follows that ..."
37 Stonehenge priest
40 The last to leave the party
41 Speck in the ocean
42 Large stringed instruments
47 Heading for a list
48 Earth shaking experiences
52 Short summary, for short
54 Lavender flower
55 Separate, as flour or ashes
56 Beige shade
57 Throw dice
59 Certain citrus fruit
60 First garden
61 Bumper imperfection
62 More, in Madrid
63 Thing in a pod
64 Suffix for the extreme



DEAR ABBY

Daughter fights to free mom from her culture of sacrifice

Jeanne Phillips
Advice

Dear Abby: I'm 22 and my mom is probably my best friend. She's from Lebanon and grew up during a time of war. Her culture taught her to sacrifice — to put the needs of others before her own. She has a good job and earns an excellent salary.

My father is retired. Their marriage is not a good one, and Mom is in sort of a rut. She dresses sloppy and buys only "bargains." Her hair is always a mess. Every time we go shopping, it's a fight because I want her to buy the nice clothes she can afford. I want her to be presentable. But she's stubborn and always makes an excuse for why she "doesn't need them" or "can't get them." How should I handle this situation? — **Caring Daughter In Encino, Calif.**

Dear Caring Daughter: Where is the money your mother earns going? Is she saving or investing it? Does she give it to your father? She may present herself the way she does because she's depressed about her marriage or something else. Before trying again to give your mother an image reboot, talk with her. Tell her you love her, are concerned about her, and ask why she doesn't take better care of herself. Then listen. Your mother may come from another culture, but she has much to teach you.

Dear Abby: Up to this point in my academic career, I have always been known for being a smart, diligent student. I graduated from high school with academic accolades and one of the highest GPAs in the graduating class.

However, since starting college this semester, I have become apathetic toward school, as if to say, "I have worked this hard already; why bother working anymore?" Because of this, I'm failing most of my classes — as only a freshman, mind you. Although I recognize my attitude is terrible, I haven't been able to get rid of it and get to work again.

I'm confused about where this apathy came from, and I don't want it to get any worse. Would you have any ideas as to why I might feel this way, and possible suggestions about how to get myself back on track? — **Unmotivated In Maryland**

Dear Unmotivated: Not knowing you and your circumstances, I can't be sure why you're feeling the way you do. That's why I'm advising you to head for the student counseling center RIGHT AWAY, and talk to someone about these feelings of "apathy." You may be depressed, or need a break from your studies before you can go full speed ahead. The college environment can be overwhelming because it is so different from what you have been used to. But you won't know what is causing this unless you ask.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 21-22, 1915

After stealing the milk wagon of Seth Richardson for three successive nights and using it to haul away loot secured in a half dozen or more petty robberies, two small boys, Robert and Owen Wood aged 12 and 10, had their career of youthful crime cut short late Saturday night when they were picked up by Officer Scheer. They were still in the wagon and later confessed to a number of robberies. The father of the boys came down to the police station this morning and broke down when he learned of the depredations of his sons. He said the boys had not been at home for three nights. The elder has been in the reform school before and the father said he intended returning him after Christmas because he was an incorrigible but that the younger had never been in trouble before.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 21-22, 1965

A stocky man with a white sock over his head robbed Friday's Service Station Sunday at gunpoint and made off with over $200, state police reported. State police said that the armed robber was waiting inside the station when attendant Fred Danford returned from helping a customer. Danford said the robber demanded "Gimme your cash." Danford complied and the robber left through the rear exit of the station located at the intersection of Old Highway 11 and Sunnyside Road. The stickup occurred at 5:45 p.m. Danford told police the subject had on baggy blue overalls and rubber boots. He was holding a revolver with about a four inch barrel.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 21-22, 1990

Brandon Kellogg of Pendleton, at age 9, is the youngest volunteer with the Oregon Department of Human Resources. He explained that he volunteers because his heart goes out to troubled or disadvantaged children. Brandon plays sports at least weekly with an 8-year-old boy who his mother met through her work with Children's Services Division. His efforts have brought him into the spotlight. The Adult and Family Services Media Center in Salem has produced a segment about the Hawthorne Elementary School fourth-grader for a statewide marketing videotape. But Brandon was not without a personal motive to volunteer. "It's kind of fun to just take a break … and go out and do something else besides sitting around watching television," he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 325th day of 2015. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; his release on parole is scheduled to take place today, Nov. 21, 2015.)

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1864, a letter was signed by President Abraham Lincoln expressing condolences to Lydia Bixby, a widow in Boston whose five sons supposedly died while fighting in the Civil War. (As it turned out, only two of Mrs. Bixby's sons had been killed in battle.)

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

In 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, was formally opened at Soldier's Summit in the Yukon Territory.

In 1945, American humorist Robert Benchley died in New York at age 56.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1974, bombs exploded at a pair of pubs in Birmingham, England, killing 21 people. (Six suspects were convicted of the attack, but the convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" were overturned in 1991.)

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Campanella is 91. Country singer Jean Shepard is 82. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 81. Actress Marlo Thomas is 78. Actor Rick Lenz is 76. Singer Dr. John is 75. Actress Juliet Mills is 74. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 71. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 71. Actress Goldie Hawn is 70. Movie director Andrew Davis is 69. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 67. Singer Livingston Taylor is 65. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 63. Actress Cherry Jones is 59. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 55. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 53. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 52. Singer-actress Bjork is 50. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 47. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 47. MLB All-Star player Ken Griffey Jr. is 46. TV personality Rib Hillis is 45. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 44. Football player-turned-talk show host Michael Strahan is 44. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 41. Actress Jena Malone is 31. Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen is 30.

Thought for Today: "Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment." — *Robert Benchley, American humorist (1889-1945).*

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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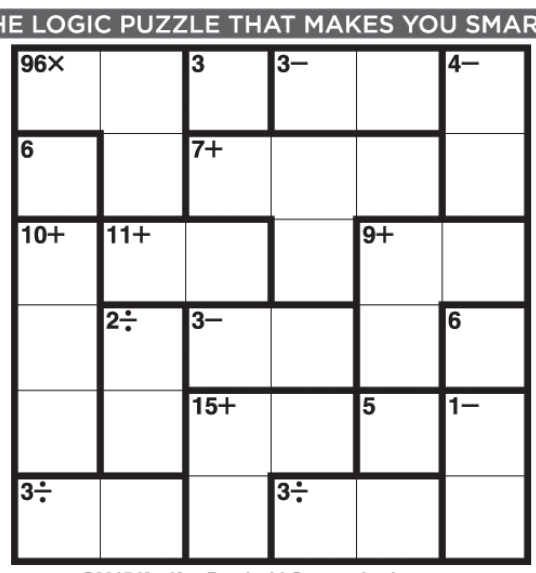
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



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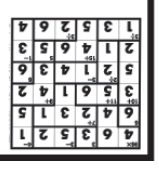
RULES
1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.



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 **SOLUTIONS**

1 rose up (8) _____
2 Lily in "9 to 5" (6) _____
3 Violet, Golden Ticket winner (11) _____
4 "Daisy" perfumier Marc (6) _____
5 Lotus sports car model (5) _____
6 the iris surrounds it (5) _____
7 wallflower type (9) _____

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Today's Answers: 1. ASCENDED 2. TOMLIN 3. BEAUREGARDE 4. JACOBS 5. EVORA 6. PUPIL 7. INTROVERT

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Ten words beginning and ending in M ☑☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
Four fruits ☐☐☐☐
Character created by Ian Fleming (first-last name) ☐☐
South American country ☐
Breeze ☐

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: MAGNETISM MONOGRAM MUSHROOM MUSE-UM MAGNUM MAYHEM MODEM MAIM MOM MUM / PEACH APPLE PLUM PEAR / JAMES BOND / PERU / WIND

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SOLUTION: