

**THREE STROKES** By Mary Jersey

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**Universal Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

1 Royal domain  
6 Cheerfulness  
10 Cote chorus  
14 Keen in desire  
15 Mil. student body  
16 Welcome sight after a shipwreck  
17 Hotel banquet entree, often  
20 B&B's  
21 Had the desired effect  
22 Homer Simpson's neighbor  
23 Some storage compartments  
24 Lunchbox fruit  
28 Fire-breathing monster  
30 Current principle?  
32 Lute relative  
35 Have markers out  
36 Catchers of certain bugs  
40 Energy  
41 Almond liqueur  
42 In the midst of  
45 Encroachment  
49 Lord's residence

**DOWN**

1 Tie again  
2 One with a wage  
3 Committee's program  
4 Vast green fields  
5 What your wife may be called  
6 Where thighs meet the body  
7 Artists' pads?  
8 Engrave  
9 Sound rebound  
10 Curler's pride  
11 Seek to know  
12 Drink on draft

50 Protected, on board  
52 Gene material, in brief  
53 Advisory group  
56 King of beasts  
57 Film score, essentially  
61 Instrument among the reeds  
62 Poker-pot starter  
63 Lying facedown  
64 Pixie stick?  
65 Knowing look  
66 Well-bred Londoners

13 D.C. employee  
18 Dilutants  
19 Muslim chief  
23 Gravy container  
25 Novel idea?  
26 They're on the books  
27 Lamb's mother  
29 Clock std.  
30 Clay pot  
31 Thing on a big farm  
33 "Phooey!"  
34 Frequently, poetically  
36 Place for the clergy and choir  
37 "Once \_\_\_\_\_ a midnight dreary ..."  
38 Baseball quota  
39 Hearing organ

40 Brand of cooking spray  
43 Made small marks into the surface of  
44 Pirate's potato  
46 Prayer  
47 Consecrate  
48 Social events  
50 Very sharp  
51 Large ocean vessel  
54 Caspian Sea feeder  
55 "And then there were \_\_\_\_\_"  
56 Artificial bait  
57 It may be part of the present?  
58 Atty.'s org.  
59 Pen denizen  
60 EPA calculation

S	I	N	E	R	E	L	D	N	V	M		
E	N	O	R	E	I	N	V	E	O	B	O	
C	I	S	M	D	N	O	R	G	K	C	V	A
N	O	I	L	T	I	C	N	U	O	C		
V	N	E	E	L	S	R	O	N	V	M		
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M	V	L	S	W	H	O	N	O	G	R		
E	L	P	A	V	S	N	I	B	D	E		
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**DEAR ABBY**

**Tomboy's unhappiness may be start of gender change**



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

**Dear Abby:** I just had a big fight with my best friend. Her name is "Alex." There was a lot of cursing.

The argument was about her wanting to be transgender. I didn't agree with it, and she got mad at me. Alex is a tomboy. Today she cut her hair short — too short for my taste — and she keeps complaining about how she hates being a girl. She hates her period and is afraid of having breasts. It has started to annoy me. A lot.

Alex and I have been friends since kindergarten, and I'm scared our friendship may end. I don't know if all this sounds childish, but please help. I don't want to lose my best friend. — **Vegas Girl**

**Dear Vegas Girl:** If you really want to keep Alex as your best friend, go online and start researching what it means to be transgender. She may hate her female characteristics because she feels trapped in the wrong body.

Being transgender is much more complicated than cutting one's hair and being a tomboy. What's going on with your friend isn't a frivolous decision. Alex is going to need understanding and emotional support during this process, and if you can't stand beside her, you WILL lose your best friend.

**Dear Abby:** I was raised in the Christian faith by my pastor parents. As I reached my early teens, I realized that those beliefs didn't really fit, and I gradually stopped attending church. I stayed away all through college. My time away only solidified that, in terms of belief, Christianity wasn't for me.

After I graduated this year, I realized I missed the community and ritual of the faith

and the church. There are a number of churches in my area, but I feel guilty attending one when I don't believe in the same things as the other members. My family always taught me to be considerate of the beliefs of the people around me, and it seems dishonest to go to a service and listen to prayers my heart doesn't embrace.

I'd still like to attend church. Have you any suggestions for what might be a good course of action? Should I go to church or stay home? —

**Unorthodox In Ohio**

**Dear Unorthodox:** You don't have to stay home. Instead, explore a denomination that has no dogma or creed. One in particular, Unitarian Universalism, has been mentioned before in this column.

Unitarian Universalists believe in the dignity and worth of every human being, and encourage and support others in following their personal spiritual paths. If you would like more information, visit [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org).

**Dear Abby:** The mother of a friend recently passed away. I wanted to send a nice plant to the funeral home and was shocked at how much it cost to have a small plant delivered. Is it a "no-no" to buy a beautiful plant and deliver it to the funeral home yourself? — **Budget-Minded**

**Dear Budget-Minded:** If it's a "no-no," I never heard about it. If having the plant delivered would stretch your budget, by all means take it over before the viewing. It's the thought that counts, and your wish to commemorate the death of your friend's mother is thoughtful and beautiful.

**DAYS GONE BY**

**100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1916**

The week-end chinook, which swept away practically all of the previous snow and caused high water damage, was succeeded last night by a snow storm that has continued well through the day. Pendleton people awoke with surprise this morning to find a five-inch blanket of snow over everything. The melting snow Saturday and Sunday caused creeks to overflow and torrents to sweep down gulches. The principal damage was along Wild Horse creek, the flood-waters washing out both the railroad and the macadam so that all traffic has been suspended since Saturday night. Torrents of water swept down the gullies near Saxe, Havanna and Blakely and the macadam road was swept into Wild Horse creek in several places. It has been impossible for cars or other vehicles to cross these washouts and the road will practically be impassable until it is repaired.

**50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1966**

Two cousins are hospitalized in Heppner with injuries received in an unusual accident Saturday night. Mike Davidson, 16, grandson of Mabel Davidson, Ione, and Tom

Davidson, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Davidson, Arlington, both sustained back injuries. They were struck by a car driven by Bruce Rigby, Heppner, while walking along the highway a mile north of Heppner. Rigby was blinded by lights of a parked car when he rounded a corner. The parked car was one of three that had stopped to aid a fourth vehicle. Rigby's auto also struck a car owned by Jack Henigan, 20, Arlington. Damage was light.

**25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1991**

A hulking concrete bridge, in storage since it was purchased 17 years ago to cross McKay Creek in Pendleton, will soon provide a sturdier path for truck traffic on Stage Gulch Road about 15 miles west of town. The channel of the gulch, dry throughout most of the year, was altered to fit the 47-foot-long bridge, which Umatilla County bought for \$16,000 in 1973. Use of the concrete bridge was halted when attorney John Struve, who became the bridge namesake in the 1980s, led successful legal arguments all the way to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Struve, who lives in one of a dozen or so residences on the west side of McKay Creek, argued that the bridge violated federal flood-plain restrictions.

**UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

**KENKEN**

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

1-		3÷		3-	2-
3÷	20x				
	11+		3-	1-	6
15x		5			11+
	4	1-		5-	
	1-		6		

**RULES**

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
- 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.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

Today is the 23rd day of 2016. There are 343 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

**On Jan. 23, 1516,** King Ferdinand II of Aragon, who with his late queen consort, Isabella of Castile, sponsored the first voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492, died in Madrigalejo, Spain.

**On this date:**  
**In 1789,** Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

**In 1845,** Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

**In 1933,** the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

**In 1944,** Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80.

**In 1950,** the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

**In 1960,** the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

**In 1964,** the 24th Amend-

ment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

**In 1989,** surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueres, Spain, at age 84.

**In 1995,** the Supreme Court, in McKennon vs. Nashville Banner Publishing Co., ruled that companies accused of firing employees illegally could not escape liability by later finding a lawful reason to justify the dismissal.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Actress Jeanne Moreau is 88. Actress Chita Rivera is 83. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 82. Jazz musician Gary Burton is 73. Actor Gil Gerard is 73. Actor Rutger Hauer is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson is 72. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 69. Singer Anita Pointer is 68. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 66. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 66. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 63. Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is 63. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 59. Singer Anita Baker is 58. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 57. Actress Gail O'Grady is 53. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Nelson is 45. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 42. Rock musician Nick Harmer (Death Cab for Cutie) is 41. Christian rock musician Nick DePatie (Kutless) is 31. Singer-actress Rachel Crow is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "It's not what you are, it's what you don't become that hurts." — **Oscar Levant, pianist-composer-actor (1906-1972).**

**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**

- one with white skin (6)
- first White House resident (5)
- "White and Nerdy" singer (8)
- white-haired (5)
- white blood cell (9)
- she met the White Rabbit (5)
- white-sale merchandise (6)

**SOLUTIONS**

OV AL IC NE AMS  
YA HO UK LE YTE  
BI AD OC AL LI  
NS NO ARY NK ICE

**WORD★Roundup™**

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

**Find and Circle...**

Eight units of time  □□□□□□□□  
Three meat classifications  □□□  
Three four-letter bodies of water  □□□□  
British rock band since the 1960s: The \_\_\_\_\_  □□□□  
Four-letter Swedish car brand  □□□□

H Z Y P O U L T R Y S G  
P O S E C O N D X K T N  
D O U V A K D E Z H O I  
Z A R R X R T E T G N L  
G S Y K F U K N C C E L  
U A X E N A O A V A S O  
L A E I L M P O N D D R  
F B M C E N T U R Y X E

**ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE: CENTURY BEEF PORK / LAKE POND GOLF / ROLLING**

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3	9	6	8	4	2	7	3	1
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