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PLAYING A LITTLE HIP-HOP By James Q. Ellis

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker February 20, 2016

ACROSS

1 Flubbed one

6 Taco condiment

11 Stage success

14 This puzzle has one

15 Campaign poster plea

16 First lady McKinley

17 Emulate a stereotypical hobo

19 Infant fare

20 Roth acct.

21 Amaze

22 ___ Beta

23 Low-grade merchandise

27 Satirize

29 Luau garland

30 Balkan War participant

32 ___ & Span (household cleanser)

33 Matterhorn, e.g.

34 Takes shots?

36 Hardly windy

39 Retained

41 Hardly taut

43 Stair-climbing aid

44 Digital novel

46 Shocking

48 Danson of “Becker”

49 Soprano Lily

51 Japanese wrestling

52 “___ got my eyes on you”

53 Electromagnetic energy units

56 One handling nightclub security

58 Permit

59 “___ is me!”

60 Lakers’ org.

61 Word before “mode”

62 Played a child’s game

68 Takeaway game

69 Weasel kin

70 Sister of Clio

71 Popular show fish

72 OK Corral first name

73 French Impressionist

DOWN

1 Suffix of most ordinal numbers

2 Letter after pi

3 Actor’s agt.

4 Letter through a filter

5 Thaw

6 “We’re off to ___ the wizard”

7 “Rumble in the Jungle” fighter

8 Juridical

9 Unstressed vowel sounds

10 Tackle

11 Doctor’s oath

12 “Famous Potatoes” state

13 Follow-up shot, in basketball

18 Superfast drivers

23 Allay

24 Short star?

25 Tough-skinned mammals

26 Food for whales

28 It’s on the waterfront

31 Boyfriends

35 Clean with elbow grease

37 Spaghetti drainer

38 Church official

40 Tugboat sound

42 Teahouse cinch

45 Ability

47 Had qualms

50 Putting on airs

53 Dangerous board on a pirate ship

54 Prefix meaning “sun”

55 Nasal dividers

57 Mother-of-pearl

63 Collector’s pride

64 Old TV screen

65 Broomstick rider

66 LAX info

67 Advisable tactics

UNIVERSAL

Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

5-			9+			12X
2-			3			4-
8+				5-	48X	3
45X			2-			
2				9+		5-
9+			3÷		2	

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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.

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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 hold it! (4)

2 vessel with a hold (4)

3 hold together (6)

4 Attorney General Holder (4)

5 got hold of (8)

6 holding one’s tongue (6)

7 on hold (9)

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Today’s Answers: 1. STOP 2. SHIP 3. COHERE 4. ERIC 5. OBTAINED 6. SILENT 7. POSTPONED

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Nine metals

Three parts of Great Britain

Soccer player who married a Spice Girl (first/last name)

Two parts of the U.S. Congress

Tropical land overgrown with dense vegetation

Answers to Saturday’s puzzle: MAGNESIUM LITHIUM MERCURY SODIUM SILVER IRON LEAD GOLD TIN / SCOTLAND ENGLAND WALES / DAVID BECKHAM / SENATE HOUSE / JUNGLE

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I M A G N E S I U M L L

S R S J M D C B S Z I E

I W O U E N O E E H T A

L A D N R A T C N O H D

V L I G C L L K A U I A

E E U L U G A H T S U V

R S M E R N N A E E M I

G O L D Y E D M T I N D

DEAR ABBY

Wife wants concert ticket payment sooner than later

Dear Abby: When purchasing concert tickets online for others, when should you expect reimbursement? I say the charge hits your credit card immediately, and so should the payment you’ve advanced for that person. My husband thinks it should be when the tickets are mailed to you — which can take two to four weeks — and you either bring the tickets to your friends or they pick them up. What do you think? — **Cautious Friend In Louisiana**



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Cautious Friend: Your mistake was in not discussing payment arrangements BEFORE you bought the tickets. Unless immediate repayment was agreed upon at the time they were ordered, I agree with your husband that reimbursement when the tickets are delivered is appropriate.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for three years. We are both 29.

When we have a fight, the first thing he does is text message my parents and tell them everything. I have asked him many times to please not involve them. We are adults and we should be able to handle our problems without interference from my parents. I never have, and never would, complain to his mother about him. His response has always been, “I can involve whoever I want.”

He knows I feel disrespected when he does this, and he still won’t change. Is there

anything else I can do? — **Hurt In Santa Maria**

Dear Hurt: Yes, you can change boyfriends.

Dear Abby: I’m a 26-year-old man, currently living in Boston and in my final year of grad school. My parents help me out with finances because I have very little income.

One of the things they have done is keep me on the family phone plan. However, there’s a catch: They recently announced that my “cost”

for staying on their phone plan is installing an app that allows them to track my location at all times.

In Boston, that’s not a huge deal, but when I’m visiting them in Georgia on breaks, it’s a point of contention, since I must let them know I’m taking a car. This will alert them to the fact I’ll be out, and remove any trace of privacy I might have while I’m there.

When I told them I’ll pay my portion of the bill, their response was, “Would you prefer more texts and phone calls?” How can I deal with this situation? — **Needs My Privacy**

Dear Needs Privacy: Your parents are treating you like a child, although you are an adult and should be entitled to some privacy. Look into ways of getting a reasonably priced phone plan, i.e., a prepaid phone. And when you visit them, refrain from using their car if it’s an issue. (Perhaps your friends can pick you up and drop you off instead?)

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Feb. 20-21, 1916

Now that the Butter creek flood has subsided the ranchers are taking stock of the damage, and judging from all reports the principal damage was done to their fields by silt being deposited on them. In the lower Butter creek country the water reached from hill to hill, covering the flat about three feet deep. As this water receded it left from an inch to three inches of black silt all over the fields. This silt is a very good fertilizer, and the ultimate effect of the deposit will be good, although it may mean a present loss.

50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Feb. 20-21, 1966

Darrel Muller, director of research and development of federal projects, and five Pendleton teachers, together with school district administrators, are laying the ground work for a junior high school level project which next fall will involve 100 School District 16-R seventh

and eighth grade students. This new program, titled “Project Urgent,” will attempt to use new and different approaches in education to better develop the potential abilities of students. It is hoped that ideas and concepts gained through this program might in the future innovate new methods of teaching at all levels.

25 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian

Feb. 20-21, 1991

Fibbing is the point if you’re interested in competing later this month in the BMCC Liar’s Contest during the annual Pride Day celebration. The liar’s contest — planned at noon in the college union — will once again be open to the public. Last year, the high-spirited competition drew some 84,000 cheering fans. Well, maybe it was more like eight quiet observers. Anyway, Fritz Miller, an employee at Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center, squeaked out a win over *EO* Sports Editor Bill Andrus. The winner will receive prizes contributed by a local business, and the prestigious title of being the town’s best liar.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 51st day of 2016. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1816, the opera buffa “The Barber

of Seville” by Gioachino Rossini premiered at the Teatro Argentina in Rome under its original title, “Almaviva, or the Useless Precaution.” (Although Rossini’s opera received a hostile reception from the audience the first night, it fared much better at its next performance.)

On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jacobson v. Massachusetts, upheld, 7-2, compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public’s health.

In 1915, the Panama Pacific International Exposition opened in San Francisco (the fair lasted until December).

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain’s decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Rabinowitz, ruled 5-3 that authorities making a lawful arrest did not need a warrant to search and seize evidence in an area that was in the “immediate and complete control” of the suspect.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury’s Friendship 7 spacecraft.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

Today’s Birthdays:

Gloria Vanderbilt is 92. Actor Sidney Poitier is 89. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 82. Actress Marj Dusay is 80. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 79. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 79. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 75. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 74. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is 74. Movie director Mike Leigh is 73. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 70. Actress Sandy Duncan is 70. Rock musician J. Geils is 70. Actor Peter Strauss is 69. Rock musician Billy Zoom (X) is 68. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 66. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is 65. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 65. Actor John Voldstad is 65. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 62. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 62. Country singer Leland Martin is 59. Actor James Wilby is 58. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 57. Comedian Joel Hodgson is 56. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Charles Barkley is 53. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 53. Actor Willie Garson is 52. Actor French Stewart is 52. Actor Ron Eldard is 51. Model Cindy Crawford is 50. Actor Andrew Shue is 49. Actress Lili Taylor is 49. Actress Andrea Savage is 43. Singer Brian Littrel is 41. Actress Lauren Ambrose is 38. Actor Jay Hernandez is 38. Actress Chelsea Peretti is 38. Country musician Coy Bowles is 37. Actress Majandra Delfino is 35. Comedian Trevor Noah (TV: “The Daily Show”) is 32. Singer Rihanna is 28.

Thought for Today: “Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.” — Sarah Bernhardt, French actress (1844-1923).

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