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HEY, MISTER! By Fred Piscop

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Touch base after a flyout

6 Bronx Zoo houseful

10 Fissionable particle

14 Jumped up

15 Grid great

16 Dumbbell

17 Mr. Moto

19 Ice and Iron, for two

20 "Time" Bottle

21 Spelunker's milieu

22 Big name in inns

24 Nine-to-five's grind

26 Plays for a sap

27 Soccer fan's cheer

28 "Hold it!"

32 Hacienda brick

35 Poker holding

36 California wine valley

37 Smoke an e-cig

38 Chicken coop raiders

39 Sink problem

40 In excess of

41 Was in the hole

42 Part of a pie

43 Totally lost it

45 Jeanne d'Arc

46 The Flintstones' pet

47 Outdoor dining spot

51 Duelist's aide

54 Comics possum

55 Gangster's gun

56 Arabian Peninsula

57 Mr. Freeze

60 15th-century caravel

61 "Dirty" Cajun dish

62 Slender and graceful

63 Baseball card tidbit

64 Work out in the ring

65 Head of cattle

DOWN

1 Floppy-snouted beast

2 Sphere of action

3 Subtly suggested

4 Make a patsy of

5 Bed sheet fabric

6 Higher in rank

7 Trim, as expenses

8 Go astray

9 Illegal muscle enhancers

10 Mr. Deeds

11 Frat party

12 Pundit's piece

13 Flat-topped formation

18 Valentine trim

23 Tidbit for an

25 Mr. Chips

26 Flogged, in a way

28 Does a car wash job

29 Agra garb

30 Cast-of-thousands film

31 Matador's prop

32 Declare firmly

33 Brubeck of jazz

34 Tourney for all

35 Bookstore section for DIYers

38 Original members

42 Enjoys the boardwalk

44 Diarist Anais

45 Game company with a hedgehog mascot

47 Cell company's structure

48 Marble material

49 Private stock

50 Anesthetic of old

51 Peyton and Eli, to Archie

52 Send out

53 Water-to-wine site

54 Twelve-point type

58 Backtalk

59 More than tipsy

DEAR ABBY

Couple planning for future disagrees on fiscal policy

Dear Abby: I have been dating my boyfriend for two years. He is applying to graduate school, while I am applying to medical school. He's wonderful and we talk often about marriage and our future. Both of us have student loan debt, which we are aggressively working to pay down, pulling long hours at work.

My problem is, he thinks nothing of planning weeks-long, extravagant vacations for us. I make twice what he does, but I prefer saving for the obvious debt in my future and taking shorter, less-expensive vacations. He relies on his "strategic financial planning" to compensate for his "I want it all, and I want it now" personality.

When I express my hesitancy to go on these long trips based on my personal finances, he offers to pay for everything, which makes me feel like a cheapskate, since I could technically pay for us both easily. Am I unreasonable in saying I'm uncomfortable with either of us spending thousands of dollars that would be better spent setting up our future together? — Vacation Scrooge

Dear Scrooge: Oh, how I wish you had revealed more information about your boyfriend's "strategic financial planning" because I'm sure many people would be very interested. However, if he's investing in the stock market, he should know that it's like an elevator — investments not only can go up, but they also can come down, and there are no guarantees regarding investment results.

Before this relationship goes further, I



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

URGE you and your boyfriend to seek not only couples counseling but also financial counseling. Few things are more destructive to a marriage than money woes, and you both need someone to explain exactly what the philosophy of "I want it all, and I want it now" will mean for your future.

Dear Abby: I'm having a problem with my boyfriend's friend "Chuck." Chuck constantly does things like open a door on me (which has left bruises), run into me "by accident" (which caused me to trip) or "accidentally" push me into the water. My boyfriend already knows I have strong reservations about his friend's character, and it upsets him because Chuck is a childhood friend.

I don't like to bring it up as often as these incidents occur, but I'm worried that one day I'll finally lose my temper and be accused of making a big deal out of nothing when it's obviously something. How can I make Chuck stop before something happens? — Uncomfortable In California

Dear Uncomfortable: Has it occurred to you that Chuck may be jealous of the time you and his friend spend together, and may be punishing you because he feels you have taken his friend away from him? I suggest this because that's the way he has been acting — literally trying to "push" you out of the picture. I see nothing wrong with telling your boyfriend about EVERYthing Chuck has "accidentally" done to you, and then letting him deal with his friend's insecurities.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 26-27, 1916

Subject to approval of the Weston fans at a mass meeting this evening, the Blue Mountain League was Saturday afternoon reorganized at a meeting in this city with baseball clubs in Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Echo and Weston. Weston is being courted by two leagues, the Blue Mountain and the East End League which would have teams in Athena, Helix, Adams and Weston. The delegates to the meeting Saturday from Weston preferred to play in the Blue Mountain but before committing their town definitely wished to call a mass meeting for this evening and submit the matter to the fans.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 26-27, 1966

Forest Service officials released today the names of the camping grounds where single day charges or the \$7 a season recreation permits will be required. Designated for fee use are Umatilla Forks with 28 camping units; Bear Wallow Creek with 10 camping units; Bull Prairie with 45 camping units;

Frazier with 16 camping units; Lane Creek with 10 camping units; Target Meadows with 30 camping units; and Woodward with 44 camping units. Under the new system there is no difference in charge for a two hour picnic or an all night campout, it is still \$1 per car.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 26-27, 1991

The family of a Hermiston soldier believed to be missing in the Middle East has finally received a long-awaited phone call. After nearly five weeks without word from their son Jim, Harley and Joan Allen talked to him by telephone from Kuwait, learning of their son's safety and hearing some grim tales of the war. The Allens had grown concerned about their son's condition last week after a letter they sent to him was returned undelivered. Phone calls to Army officials in Washington, D.C., didn't shed any light on Jim's whereabouts. But the mystery has been solved. Jim Allen, 20, and approximately 10 other soldiers have apparently been on a covert intelligence mission in Iraq for nearly a month, according to Jim's father.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 86th day of 2016. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

On this date:
In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, New Jersey.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers. Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, 82, died in Ty Newydd, Llanystumdwy, Wales.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh.

In 1982, groundbreaking

ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1996, former U.S. senator and secretary of state Edmund Muskie died in Washington, D.C., two days shy of his 82nd birthday.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Today's Birthdays:
Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 86. Actor Alan Arkin is 82. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is 81. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is 76. Actor James Caan is 76. Author Erica Jong is 74. Journalist Bob Woodward is 73. Singer Diana Ross is 72. Actor Johnny Crawford is 70. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 68. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 67. Actor Ernest Thomas is 67. Comedian Martin Short is 66. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 66. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 66. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 64. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 62. Country singer Dean Dillon is 61. Country singer Charly McClain is 60. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 59. Actress Ellia English is 57. Actress Jennifer Grey is 56. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 56. Actor Billy Warlock is 55. Actor Eric Allan Kramer is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 54. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 48. Actress Leslie Mann is 44. Actress Keira Knightley is 31.

Thought for Today:
"Life's like a play; it's not the length but the excellence of the acting that matters." — Seneca the Younger, Roman statesman and philosopher (3 B.C.-A.D. 65).

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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.

11+		1	2÷		2-
36×		11+		4	
3		3-		3-	
1-	2÷		1	54×	11+
	3+				
8+			60×		

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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.

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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 it has hands and a face (5)

2 famous record label (7)

3 what Hemingway said to arms (8)

4 it's Londres in Paris (6)

5 2006 Paul Simon album (8)

6 not civilian (8)

7 paradiddle (8)

SOLUTIONS

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Today's Answers: 1. CLOCK 2. MERCURY 3. FAREWELL 4. LONDON 5. SURPRISE 6. MILITARY 7. DRUMROLL

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WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Six four-letter colors ☒ □□□□

Three Scandinavian countries ☐ □□

Sherlock Holmes creator: _____ ☐ □□

One opposite of shorter ☐ □

Untrue ☐ □

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE: CYAN PINK GRAY GOLD BLUE TEAL / FINLAND NORWAY SWEDEN / ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE / LONGER / FALSE

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