

OUT OF THE VAULT

Stolen automobile recovered Round-Up style

Not all rodeo champs wear chaps and spurs. A car thief in December 1917 found out the hard way that there's more than one way for an irate owner to recover a stolen vehicle.

Si Reetz, a well-known Pendleton barber, was not a cowboy. But Reetz used some of the best Round-Up moves he could muster after his car was stolen from the First Christian Church Dec. 30, 1917, the second time it had gone missing. Reetz was quite upset as he walked downtown, and there met up with Gus Byers, to whom he related his tale of woe. Byers invited him to climb into his vehicle to

search for the missing car. Just east of Pendleton on Wildhorse Road, they passed a car that turned out to be the stolen Saxon. Byers turned his car around and they chased the thief into Pendleton. The two cars raced down East Court Street, and when the driver of Reetz's car realized he was being chased, he "stepped on her." The Byers car shattered local speed records in the race.

Reetz jumped to the running board as Byers pulled alongside the Saxon. As soon as the cars were running even, Reetz jumped to the running board of his stolen car and threw both arms around the driver's neck in a

classic bulldogging move. The thief, a well-known 17-year-old Pendleton youth, immediately stopped the car and surrendered.

Reetz shoved the boy over to the passenger side of the Saxon and then drove him around town, lecturing the young fellow on the impropriety of taking a car without the owner's consent. But Reetz promised to bring no charges against the boy as long as he held to his word to "be good."

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DEAR ABBY

Cheating partner shifts blame for collapse of relationship

Dear Abby: My partner of 11 years has decided he is no longer in love with me. He says it's because he thinks I cheated on him. I have told him repeatedly that it didn't happen, which is the truth.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Long story short, he says he wants us to start over as friends and see where things go because he doesn't want to be in a relationship with anyone right now. However, he's sleeping with a 22-year-old here in the home we share. I love him so much that it hurts. When I tell him every day that I love him, he tells me he knows. Our relationship hasn't been a bed of roses, but we did have good times when we were able to do things together. Should I hold out for him, or tell him the "friends" thing is not going to work and cut ties altogether? — **Confused And Lost Guy**

Dear Guy: I don't blame you for feeling confused and lost, considering the mixed messages you have been getting from your partner. What you are experiencing now is, of course,

and school. When I discussed it with her parents, their answer fell flat. Because she's learning to dress herself without parental guidance, she's not learning what's appropriate. When they came for Thanksgiving dinner the child showed up in summer clothes — sleeveless top, thin cotton skirt, etc. By the end of the evening, she appeared ill.

I'm surprised neglect charges haven't been filed against the parents. Any suggestions to get across to them that their parenting style is lacking? — **Worried Relative**

Dear Abby: Your dilemma isn't how to get across to the parents that they need to teach their child better fashion choices. If that little girl is going around with tangled hair and summer clothes in cold weather, it may be that her parents are unable or unwilling to give her the basics. I, too, am surprised that the school hasn't contacted Child Protective Services to do a welfare check. Since they haven't, you should talk to these parents again and voice your concerns.

The only true confession he has uttered is that he doesn't want to be in a relationship. That is your cue to head for the door, unless, of course, the roof over your head belongs to you. If your home is rented or jointly owned, other arrangements will have to be made. But for the sake of your sanity, do not live with him under these conditions, or he will make you old before your time.

Dear Abby: My family includes a niece and her husband with three kids ranging in age from 8 months to 7 years old. The middle child, a 5-year-old girl, is allowed to choose her own outfits for family gatherings and school, with appalling results. Her hair, which is long and tangled, goes unbrushed. Her ill-fitting clothes are worn and inappropriate for the weather

DAYS GONE BY

**100 Years Ago**  
From the East Oregonian  
Dec. 30-31, 1917

News reached Pendleton this morning of the death at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, of Sergeant Major Irwin G. Brooks, formerly of this city and Athena. He was in training at that point for the aviation service and was to have left early last month for England with his company when an epidemic of measles swept the camp. He was one of them who contracted the disease and it developed into pneumonia and an affection of the midedar from which he died yesterday. His father, Dr. F.M. Brooks of Portland, had hurried to his bedside on receipt of the news of his illness.

**50 Years Ago**  
From the East Oregonian  
Dec. 30-31, 1967

One of Eastern Oregon's two hop farms is going out of business. Hermiston Farms, 210 acres of hop land, is being cleared, and the Salem corporation plans to sell the land, according to C.A. "Cap" Becker, farm manager and veteran hop grower. The last Eastern Oregon hop farm is located at Ontario. The balance of the hop farms are on the west side of the Cascades. A quarter of a century ago, Oregon had 600 hop farms.

**25 Years Ago**  
From the East Oregonian  
Dec. 30-31, 1992

A 15-year-old Pendleton boy was

cited for "recklessly endangering" after reportedly sending a volley from a 12-gauge shotgun over the heads of two other boys Wednesday along the Umatilla River. The two boys, both 12 years old, reported the incident. The investigation by Jeff Williams, Oregon State Police senior trooper, netted the older boy three citations. Besides recklessly endangering, he also was cited for pointing a firearm at another and for a minor game violation. The incident occurred at about 2:40 p.m. while the boy was duck hunting along the Umatilla River above Riverside. The shotgun was seized as evidence and the boy was cited to appear in juvenile court.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 364th day of 2017. There is one day left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

**On Dec. 30, 1922,** Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.

**On this date:**

**In 1853,** the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

**In 1905,** the Franz Lehár operetta "The Merry Widow" premiered in Vienna.

**In 1916,** Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who wielded considerable influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

**In 1936,** the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Michigan. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

**In 1942,** a near-riot of bobby-soxers greeted the opening of Frank Sinatra's singing engagement at the Paramount Theater in New

York's Times Square.

**In 1947,** King Michael I of Romania agreed to abdicate, but charged he was being forced off the throne by Communists.

**In 1954,** Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

**In 1965,** Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

**In 1979,** Broadway composer Richard Rodgers died in New York at age 77.

**In 1989,** a Northwest Airlines DC-10, which had been the target of a telephoned threat, flew safely from Paris to Detroit with 22 passengers amid extra-tight security.

**In 1997,** a deadly massacre in Algeria's insurgency began in four mountain villages as armed men killed women and children in an attack that lasted from dusk until dawn the following morning; up to 412 deaths were reported.

**In 1999,** former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who'd broken into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (The attacker was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)

**In 2007:** Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki was declared winner of an election marred by widespread allegations of rigging; violence flared in Nairobi slums and coastal resort towns, killing scores in the following days. Three days after Benazir Bhutto was assassinated, her 19-year-old son, Bilawal Zardari, was named symbolic leader of her Pakistan Peoples Party, while her husband took effective control.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Russ Tamblyn is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax is 82. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 80. TV director James Burrows is 77. Actor Fred Ward is 75. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 75. Actress Concetta Tomei is 72. Singer Patti Smith is 71. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 70. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 64. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is 62. Actress Patricia Kalember is 61. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 61. Former "Today" show co-host Matt Lauer is 60. Actress-comedian Tracey Ullman is 58. Rock musician Rob Hotchkiss is 57. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 56. Sprinter Ben Johnson is 56. CIA Director Mike Pompeo is 54. Actor George Newbern is

54. Movie director Bennett Miller is 51. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 48. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 48. Actress Meredith Monroe is 48. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 46. Actress Maureen Flannigan is 45. Actor Jason Behr is 44. Golfer Tiger Woods is 42. TV personality-boxer Laila Ali is 40. Actress Lucy Punch is 40. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 39. Actress Eliza Dushku is 37. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 37. Actress Kristin Kreuk is 35. Folk-rock singer-musician Wesley Schultz (The Lumineers) is 35. NBA player LeBron James is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Andra Day is 33. Pop-rock singer Ellie Goulding is 31. Actress Caity Lotz is 31. Pop-rock musician Jamie Follese (Hot Chelle Rae) is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "Work is a dull thing; you cannot get away from that. The only agreeable existence is one of idleness, and that is not, unfortunately, always compatible with continuing to exist at all." — *Rose Macaulay, English poet and essayist (1881-1958).*

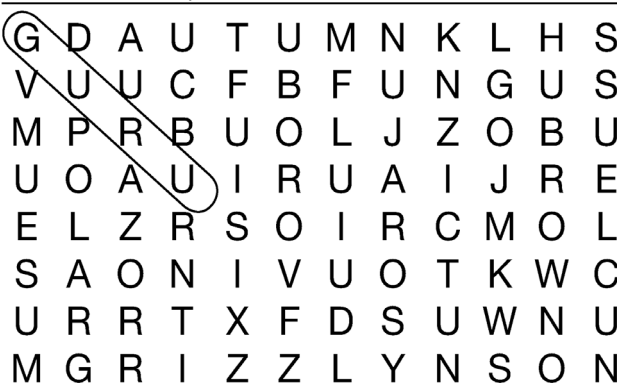
WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Eight words with two U's
- \_\_\_ bear
- Three even numbers
- Shaving tool
- Charred

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: DUBIOUS CURIOUS FURIOUS NUCLEUS AU-TUMN MUSEUM FUNGUS GURU / GRIZZLY POLAR BLACK BROWN / TWO / FOUR SIX / RAZOR / BURNT



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 "City of Sails" (8)	_____
2 "Steel City" (10)	_____
3 "Biggest Little City" (4)	_____
4 "Paris of the Nile" (5)	_____
5 "Bluff City" (7)	_____
6 "Venice of the North" (9)	_____
7 "Pearl of the Danube" (8)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. AUCKLAND 2. PITTSBURGH 3. RENO 4. CAIRO 5. MEMPHIS 6. AMSTERDAM 7. BUDAPEST

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ODDS & ENDS

Man's 1944 love letter found within remodeled home's walls

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts police have a new mystery to solve: Who wrote a 1944 love letter discovered within the walls of a house being remodeled?

The Greenfield Police Department took to Facebook on Saturday to

ask for the public's help in figuring out the backstory behind the handwritten letter. Police say the letter is dated April 19, 1944, and was penned by a man who identified himself only as Walter.

The letter was addressed to Miss Betty Miller, of

Greenfield. In the letter, Walter makes no attempt to hide his affections. He writes: "I have always thought more of you than any other girl, and I still do."

Police say they only have one motive: reuniting the letter with Miller or her family.

**Happy Holidays!**

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