

OUT OF THE VAULT

Operators save Pilot Rock residents from flood

A cloudburst the afternoon of June 22, 1938, south of Pilot Rock brought a raging torrent of water through the business section of town, demolishing most of the businesses on the south side of Main Street and damaging many homes. No lives were lost and no injuries were suffered, thanks to the efforts of a pair of telephone operators who risked their lives to warn as many of the town’s residents and area ranchers as possible.

An extremely heavy downpour began about 2 p.m., and an hour later there was two feet of water on Main Street. The first hint of danger came from a farmer who warned the Pilot Rock telephone office of heavy rains on Bear Creek, a tributary of West Birch Creek. Operator Erline Gilliland immediately called all their subscribers on those creeks with the news. At 3:15 p.m. Mr.

and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, who lived five miles up East Birch Creek, called in a warning of a wall of water headed for town. Chief operator Maud Gilbert immediately called as many residents as they had numbers for to warn them of the coming flood. Most of the area residents were able to race to higher ground, and those remaining did their best to save valuable property and aid the escape of others. Gilliland was sent home to retrieve her belongings while Gilbert continued to man the phones.

The second rush of water hit Pilot Rock between 3:30 and 4 p.m., raising the level of East Birch Creek about 12 feet above normal. Gilbert stayed at her post until the water was a foot high outside the office, then waded to safety with her husband. The Gilberts returned to the telephone office when the water had receded to below their knees, and

she continued to route calls and request aid from Pendleton for hours. The flash flood was over in about 20 minutes, but an hour after the crest of the flood had passed there was still a lot of water in the streets and East Birch Creek was running wild over wide swaths of farmland south of town.

Damage estimates to downtown businesses was about \$32,000, but ruined cropland south of town also added to the devastation.

Operators Gilbert and Gilliland in May of 1939 were awarded the Theodore N. Vail bronze medals for outstanding public service by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. In the citation, district manager J.A. Murray recognized their “initiative, courage and devotion to duty in continuing an essential public service under hazardous conditions caused by flood.”

DEAR ABBY

Secret history of molestation makes dad an ongoing threat

Dear Abby: My very best friend growing up was repeatedly raped by her father from around age 13. She told me when we were 17. I reported it to a policeman, but back then, they couldn’t do anything unless she reported it. She refused in order to protect her mother.

Her mom is gone now, but dear old Dad is still hanging on. He lives in a retirement home known for supporting children and children’s activities. (It’s associated with one of the largest charitable groups for kids.) I worry a lot about this freak having an opportunity to molest other children, and it sickens me that when he does finally die, he will receive full honors from this group. I have thought about anonymously contacting the home and warning them. Should I? — **Uncertain In The East**

Dear Uncertain: That information would carry far more weight if it came from his daughter. Encourage her to discuss what her father did with the director of the retirement home as well as a social worker. Her father should never be alone with a minor child



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

again. If your friend refuses to do this, then yes, you should speak up.

Dear Abby: I love my grandchildren. My problem is, my daughter expects me to baby-sit at the snap of a finger regardless of what I have to do or what I have planned. Additionally, I never know how long I will be sitting. Sometimes, it can be up to 12 hours.

I receive no compensation because, in her words, “Grandmothers should not be paid.” If I refuse, she accuses me of being a “bad” grandmother. If I ask to have one child for an overnight and a weekend day, I am refused. Her reason? “Because I said so!”

Would I be justified in asking for compensation? I live on a fixed income and could use the money. — **Bad Grandma**

Dear Grandma: If there are expenses incurred while you baby-sit your grandchildren, you should be compensated for them. However, I can see why your request for a salary for doing it would not be well-received. Because you need extra money, con-

sider finding a part-time job. If you do, you will not only ease the strain on your budget, but also make yourself less available to your daughter “at the snap of a finger.”

Dear Abby: My niece, who is being married next month, sent out invitations a couple of weeks ago. She requested no children under 16 because they’ll be serving alcohol and because she is running tight with her guest list.

My stepsister and her mom are upset because their young girls won’t be able to come. My sister said if they can’t go, then she isn’t going, which I think is ridiculous. They’re trying to force my niece to let them bring the girls. What they don’t understand is how you explain allowing them to come but not other kids. How should this be handled? — **No Exceptions In The Midwest**

Dear No Exceptions: It should be handled by telling your stepsister and her mother how sorry everyone will be that they can’t attend, and they will be missed. In other words, no exceptions should be made for the intelligent reason you stated in the last lines of your letter to me.

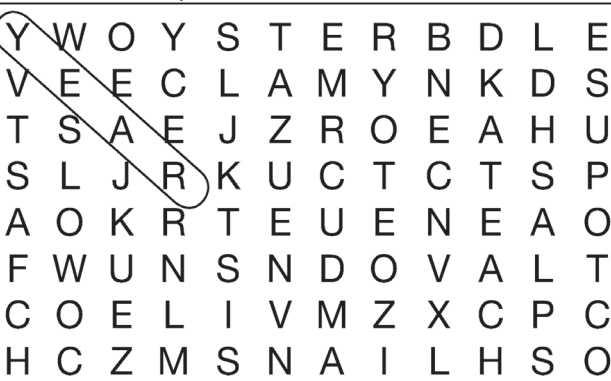
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- Eight units of time ☒ □□□□□□□□
- Four mollusks ☐ □□□□
- Two speed-related antonyms ☐ □□
- 1984 Tom Hanks movie ☐ □
- Educate ☐ □

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CENTURY SECOND MINUTE DECADE MONTH / WEEK HOUR YEAR / OCTOPUS OYSTER SNAIL CLAM / EAST SLOW / SPLASH / TEACH



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 1915 Joseph Conrad novel (7)	_____
2 Target's canine mascot (8)	_____
3 abducted (9)	_____
4 yield (9)	_____
5 gumshoe (6)	_____
6 like a dive given a "10" (8)	_____
7 commencement (9)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. VICTORY 2. BULLSEYE 3. KIDNAPPED 4. SURRENDER 5. SLEUTH 6. FLAWLESS 7. INCEPTION

ODDS & ENDS



John Love /The Sentinel & Enterprise via AP

The Revolving Museum of Fitchburg's Project Soar paper airplane hangs from a crane at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport, Tuesday in Fitchburg, Mass.

Artist eying record for world's largest paper airplane

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) — Residents of a Massachusetts city are hoping to set a record for the largest paper airplane.

The Revolving Museum of Fitchburg revealed a 64-foot-long plane at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport on Tuesday. There was no plan to fly the nearly 1-ton contraption.

Fitchburg artist Jerry Beck tells the *Sentinel & Enterprise* he wanted to break the world record for

the largest paper airplane to take flight but the hangar it was built in was too small to accommodate a wide enough wing span to support the glue-shallacked plane.

A construction crane held the plane aloft.

Two people measured the plane at 64 feet and 6 inches long, which Beck says makes it is the largest of its kind. He's asking Guinness World Records to add a new category.

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 16-17, 1918

Sheriff Tilman D. Taylor of Umatilla county and Captain H.E. Williams of the Oregon State Military Police, leading a posse of three auto loads of deputized citizens, unearthed the largest moonshine still, if not the only real southern moonshiners, ever found in the state Saturday night, capturing three men and 25 gallons of corn whisky. One of the fellows, known by the name of Ben Jarrell, escaped and the party spent the entire night beating through the thick brush and timber in search for him. The other two, Billy Clark and Sam A. Holden, were brought to Pendleton and lodged in the county jail, arriving here at noon yesterday. Members of the posse were left guarding the still yesterday, and today Sheriff Taylor sent out a large auto

truck and has gone out himself to bring to Pendleton everything that was found in the moonshiners' camp.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 16-17, 1968

A young man who's made a career of motorcycles ever since he first rode a big noisy model in 1952 in Hawaii as a 17-year-old Navy man during the Korean War — and traded his car in for a motorcycle the next day — is helping promote his hometown of Athena through his vocation, avocation and favorite sport. Barry Taylor, lean and bronzed, and as compact as his three beloved motorcycles of today, lightweight, sporty Japanese imports, this Fourth of July will again be the “gun” behind Athena's motorcycle races that brought at least 1,000 people to the little town off Oregon 11 last year. For one thing, Taylor is service manager

and chief mechanic for Farm Chemical Inc., Athena firm that began importing Japanese motorcycles in 1964, and this year is importing some 1,000 Hodakas every month at eight of the nation's seaports and counting its gross sales in the \$1 million bracket.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 16-17, 1993

They can't describe who they are, or what they do, but they are beginning to assemble in the Umatilla National Forest near Dale for a seven-day festival. They are the Rainbow Family Tribe. About 400-500 Rainbow people had arrived for the start of the Northwest Tribes week-long regional gathering that began Wednesday, according to Forest Service estimates. The gathering is open to all as a time of celebration, healing and prayer, according to a flyer distributed by the group.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On June 16, 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6; Tereshkova spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland. (She escaped almost a year later but ended up imprisoned again.)

In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature. (The Act was later struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.) The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was founded as President Roosevelt signed the Banking Act of 1933.

In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin, 54, married his fourth wife, Oona O'Neill, the 18-year-old daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpinteria, California.

In 1944, George Stinney, a

14-year-old black youth, was electrocuted by the state of South Carolina for the murders of two white girls, Betty June Binnicker, 11, and Mary Emma Thames, 7.

In 1958, the Supreme Court, in Kent v. Dulles, ruled that artist Rockwell Kent could not be denied a passport because of his communist affiliations. Imre Nagy, premier of Hungary during the 1956 rebellion, was executed in Budapest for treason.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos signed the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties during a ceremony in Panama City.

In 1988, impeached

and ousted Arizona Governor Evan Mecham and his brother, Willard, were acquitted by a Phoenix jury of concealing a \$350,000 campaign loan.

In 1996, Russian voters went to the polls in their first independent presidential election; the result was a runoff between President Boris Yeltsin (the eventual winner) and Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov. Sportscaster Mel Allen died in Greenwich, Connecticut, at age 83.

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