

OUT OF THE VAULT

Umatilla: From boom to bust and back

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The city of Umatilla, located at the confluence of the Umatilla and Columbia rivers in northeast Oregon, was once a boom town serving the throngs of people traveling from Portland to the gold fields of Idaho.

was also built. A stage route established in 1864 hauled supplies from Umatilla to the foot of the Blue Mountains, and from there John Hailley and his partner William Ish took the goods by saddle train to Boise, serving 15,000 miners in the Boise area.

Chinese passing through the area also established a village two or three miles below Umatilla.

In the winter, when the Columbia River iced over, the permanent residents spent their days ice skating, playing games and practical jokes, dancing and waiting for the return of the steamboats.

The decline of Umatilla was as sudden as its expansion. Alternative routes to the gold fields were developed in 1866, and Umatilla's trade evaporated quickly.

Travel writer Theodor Kirchhoff stepped off the steamboat at Umatilla in 1872 to find the town he had known was gone. Instead of harness bells jingling while hundreds of muleteers' whips cracked, Kirchhoff witnessed the wind howling around empty buildings with shattered windows, blinding clouds of dust, sand flats and sagebrush, and a population of 100.

Today's Umatilla, however, has rebounded nicely. The construction of McNary Dam from 1947-1954 brought an influx of new residents, but it was the opening of Interstate 82 in the late 1980s that put the city back on the map.

The history of Umatilla County's first boom town was placed in the hands of a newly formed historical society in 1993. The Umatilla Museum, featuring 157 years of the city's ups and downs, is located at 911 Sixth St.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 27-28, 1919

Lee Drake never had visions of being a prize winning trap shooter and, in fact, never had his score sheets framed when the state tournament was held in Pendleton on May 5, 6 and 7.

50 Years Ago
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Phebe Bartholomew, the peppy oldster who is the friend of three or four generations on Butter Creek, will celebrate her 95th birthday.

tholomew's daughter, Mrs. Jasper Myers. "The last time we had a big party for Mother was on her 90th birthday," said Mrs. Myers.

25 Years Ago
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A 22-year-old Gilliam County woman arrested for a shooting that left her father paralyzed and without an eye will not stand trial. A grand jury Wednesday failed to return an indictment against Teddy Bean after hearing testimony from several witnesses most of the afternoon.

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 it ends a chess game (9)
2 blocking move in ice hockey (9)
3 a tick in a box (9)
4 part of your salary (8)
5 IOU for an event (9)
6 where coats are minded (9)
7 allowed to grow (9)

Grid of letter combinations: KMA, KR, RK, HE, DYC, HECK, PAYC, NCH, RAI, CHEC, KMA, BO, ECK, CHEC, UNC, CKED, TE, HECK, CHEC, OOM

Today's Answers: 1. CHECKMATE 2. BODYCHECK 3. CHECKMATE 4. PAYCHECK 5. RAINCHECK 6. CHECKROOM 7. UNCHECKED

WORD Roundup

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Three crustaceans
Three five-letter musical instruments
Three Texas cities
Three punctuation marks
First two Greek letters

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: LOBSTER SHRIMP CRAB / BANJO CELLO PIANO / HOUSTON DALLAS AUSTIN / PERIOD HYPHEN COMMA / ALPHA BETA

Word search grid with a circled 'C' in the top-left corner.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

9x9 Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Daily delivery
5 Walk unsteadily
11 52, in ancient Rome
14 Berry harvested from a palm
15 Night light?
16 Taylor (fashion store)
17 Prominent place for an NBA team's logo (see letters 1-8)
19 E.R. figures
20 Legendary
21 It may be inherited
23 For all to hear
26 Egg designation
28 Farm family's food source, perhaps (letters 7-14)
32 Kimono accessory
33 Vivacity
34 Put mileage on
35 Gala
37 In seventh heaven? or "on cloud nine"

DOWN

- 39 Big Mack?
43 Like a fictional hatter
45 Former Chevrolet subcompact
47 Bossy's mouthful
48 Certain jazz piece (letters 6-13)
53 Wide-ranging
54 Letter-shaped fasteners
55 First installment
56 Collared
60 In the style of
61 Foundation
62 foundation? ... or a hint to the starred entries' indicated letters
66 Slop-serving spot
67 Sounds off
68 Top-of-the-line
69 Plea for help
70 Stunning weapons
71 Tear up

DOWN

- 1 Cheese partner
2 One-hit wonder?
3 Blackbeard portrayer McShane
4 Acid test paper
5 Small fruit pie
6 That hurts!
7 Deanna on the Enterprise
8 Froot Loops mascot, e.g.
9 Drop the ball
10 Noisy crib toys
11 Hedy in old films
12 Rainbow color before violet
13 Top of a foot
18 Singer Gorme
22 Speeds (along)
23 Beginning
24 Garage service
25 Final notice
27 Keen insight
29 Presentation parts, often

- 30 Wee bit
31 "Giant Brain" of 1946
36 "The Lego Movie" hero
38 -lacto vegetarian
40 Neutral shade
41 Mixed breed
42 Altar declarations
44 Small stone fruit
46 Good-sized chamber group
48 Six-point completion, informally
49 Theater district
50 Tanning bed emanations
51 Game with sets and matches
52 Win over
57 Dermal woe
58 Rabbit
59 Porgy's girlfriend
62 -Locka, Florida
63 Curly companion
64 Rural stopover
65 Crossed (out)

KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

KenKen puzzle grid with arithmetic clues like 11+, 3-, 18x, 2÷, 5, 14+, 3+, 2-, 6x, 6+, 2÷, 9+, 6, 3x, 4, 1-, 3-, 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.

Completed KenKen puzzle grid with numbers filled in.

"HARD SCRAMBLE" By Roland Huget

Large crossword puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.