## **DEAR ABBY**

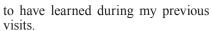
## Daughter doesn't share mom's devotion to family heirlooms

Dear Abby: My mother, who is in her late 60s, is obsessed with family history and preserving attachments to relatives. In addition to being the fam-

ily genealogist, she collects objects that belonged to relatives or people who "might" have been relatives, those who share our last name or lived in the same small town as our ancestors.

Her house is stuffed to the gills with furniture, books, legal documents, photos and the like. Each object has a story that goes with it. Every time I visit, she spends liter-

ally hours talking about the various histories of her things and tries to get me to recite what I was supposed



The thing is, I really don't care about any of it. Some of the antiques are nice,

and photos of my grandparents are fun to look at, but the rest of it, I have no interest in.

As she's getting older, my mother is becoming increasingly agitated about what will happen to her collection when she dies. For a while she was trying to give me some of the things. When she found out I gave away a vase she had given me, she just about flipped. Now

she is trying to get me to agree to preserve her whole house the way it is and pass it down to my future children intact. Of course, I can't promise that.

Should I pretend to agree with her plan so her anxiety level goes down? This disagreement has now overshadowed our relationship. I've tried to get her to see someone about her collecting habit and her anxiety, but she flat-out refused. — Not Interested in Utah

Dear Not Interested: You say your mother is the family genealogist, which implies there are more family members than just you. Young people today are far less interested in family heirlooms than in previous generations, and it wouldn't be surprising if your future children are no different. Suggest to vour mother that she discuss with other relatives the option of giving them her collection to share with their children. But do not make any promises that you do not intend to keep.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

## 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian

**J**EANNE

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ADVICE

Sept. 7-8, 1919 Flames which were burning furiously in every part of the Troy Laundry building totally destroyed the plant and equipment early Sunday morning, causing a loss estimated by H.E. Bender, manager, of \$25,000. The cause of the fire, which was discovered at 5:15 a.m., is unknown to either Mr. Bender or to Fire Chief W.E. Ringold. As soon as adjustments have been made by the insurance men, expected here Tuesday, the plant will be rebuilt, Mr. Bender announced today. Meanwhile customers will be accommodated as usual, the Troy having been offered the use of the Domestic laundry plant at nights or that of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7-8, 1969

Telephone service in the McKay Creek area east of Pilot Rock was cut off Sunday when a cable was shot. Eastern Oregon Telephone Co. manager Walt Karnopp said he presumed the cable was shot by a hunter. He said service to Spring Hollow, north of Pilot Rock, was cut off late Sunday night, and again he presumed a hunter was responsible. Karnopp said that dry conditions and careless hunters could result in delaying a

report of a serious fire or an accident, in turn causing loss of life or property. Karnopp said if thoughtless acts of carelessness were continued, it was probable that eventually all areas containing objects that could be damaged by hunters would be closed completely.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7-8, 1994

With the onset of the heart-pounding beat of the traditional Indian drum, the Buddhist monk began to nod his head and smile. Soon the small man was peering out with curiosity at the dancers on the floor before him. Bodhi Daruma was surrounded by his new friends on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. He spoke to a group of young girls in traditional dresses, laughing and pointing out to them that he too is an Indian because he is from India. By the end of the evening, Daruma had tossed aside all inhibitions and his sandals as well. The monk strolled about the reservation Longhouse in his new buckskin moccasins, a gift from an elder tribeswoman. Daruma was one of several guests on the reservation Wednesday led by Zen Master Shodo Harada, Roshi. An abbot of the Sogenji Temple in Okayama, Japan, Harada and three of his students are visiting in the Seattle area. They made the trip to Mission at the invitation of Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Sampson.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On Sept. 7, 1977**, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz

of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London

**In 1972**, the International Olympic Committee banned Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett of the U.S. from further competition for talking to each other on the victory stand in Munich during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" after winning the gold and silver medals in the 400-meter run.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

In 2007, Osama bin Laden appeared in a video for the first time in three years, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they wanted the war in Iraq to end.

Thought for Today: "The theory seems to be that as long as a man is a failure he is one of God's children, but that as soon as he succeeds he is taken over by the devil." H.L. Mencken, American journalist-author (1880-1956).

## 7 LITTLE W@RDS

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 origin of a river (6) 2 add salt or pepper (6) 3 it may be leading or burning (8) 4 provide shelter to (5) 5 means of approach (6) 6 request for one's presence (10)

7 A, B, or C, for example (6)



4. HOUSE 6. ACCESS 6. INVITATION 7. LETTER

# WORD ★Roundup

Find and Circle...

Five words starting with EC VUUUU Five four-letter words starting with GO Kelsey Grammer role: \_\_\_\_ "Star Trek II: The \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_" Commitment; loyalty

\ COLD GONE GOOD GOAL GOLF \ FRASIER CRANE \ WRATH KHAN \ Answers to Saturday's puzzle: ECSTATIC ECHELON ECLIPSE ECONOMY ECHO © 2019 Andrews McMeel Syndication

HGONEHRDRT YCRANEEE \$ B T O M I V S OTLNSGO LFEAAKOT GOBHHRTJAI TGCKFYWILO ZEWWRATHCNEY

# NIVERSA

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## **ACROSS**

- Thanos, to the Avengers
- 6 Staff opening?
- "Later" 14
- through it
- 19 Sally who was the first
- 20 Pavarotti solo
- letters
- 25 Formerly named

- 39 Bengaluru bread

- 10 In the thick of
- Throw a hissy fit
- You can see right
- \*Ingratiate yourself
- U.S. woman in space
- Biological messenger
- 22 Pickle juice
- 24 Compadre
- \*Most direct route
- With 43-Down, home
- for Macron
- 31 Cube that's rolled
- 32 Positive particle
- \*Teddy bear, for one 35
- Ace or deuce
- Harbor mammal

- 40 Beach city near Los Angeles
- 41 Road trip lodge
- 42 Smartphone downloads
- 44 Many Stonehenge
- \*Snobbish
- component
- Judge's proceeding
- Came in Through
- the Bathroom Window"
- spanakopita
- continuation, and a
- 60 Fancy hairdo
- 61 Airline seat request
- Friendly email sign-off 63 Fumbles, say

- celebrants
- 50 EMT training
- 51 Dalmatian doc

- 54 Cheese in
- Italian automaker
- 56 Celebration's hint to the ends of the
- starred answers 59 Baum princess

- Edited by David Steinberg September 7, 2019 64 "\_\_\_ II" (2018 boxing
  - movie) DOWN

**Universal Crossword** 

- 1 "Room" or "key" preceder
- Kind of network in
- computer science
- 3 A la King?

- 4 Vidal's "
- Breckinridge"
- "I did it!"
- 6 Whooping bird
- 7 Hot rock
- 8 A star may have a big
- one "Giant" author Edna
- 10 4/ 11 Theme
- 12 Refusing to face facts
- Sandra of "Gidget"
- 13 18 Unencumbered by
- 23 Ink color for debts
- 25 Spongy toy brand 26 Far from fresh 27 Slippery as an \_
- 39 Medical research org. 42 Word associated with

pieces

a lightbulb

29 Constructed, as a web

34 Too big for one's britches

RCA Victor pooch

Certain steel beam

30 Final musical

passages

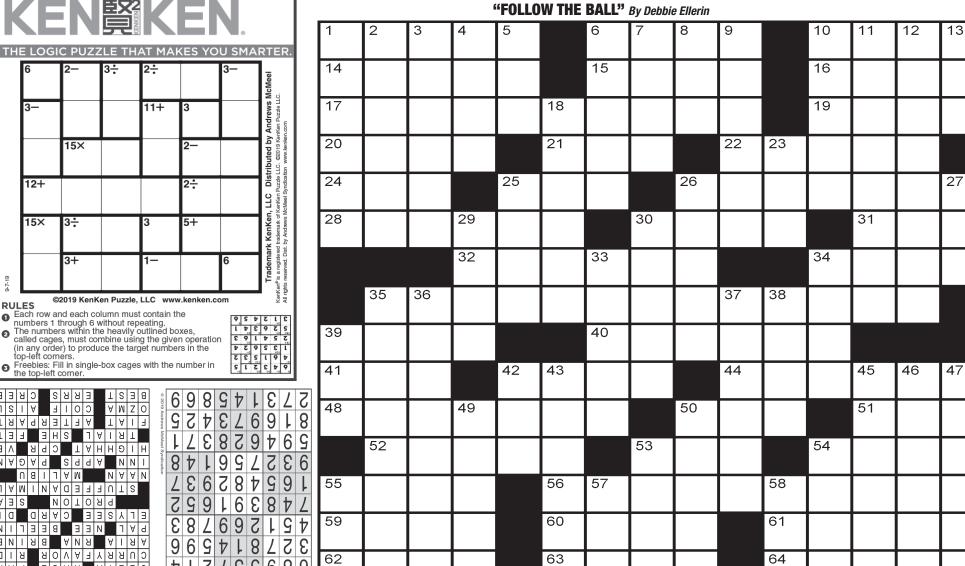
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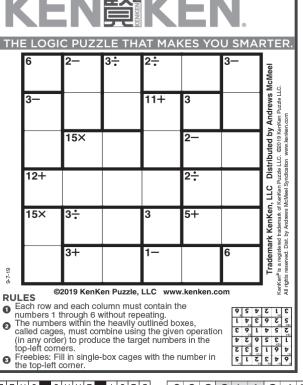
35 Disinfect

33 Dangle a carrot in

36 Puzzles with seven

- 43 See 28-Across 45 Hardly inclined (to)
- 46 Stinging plant 47 Remained behind
- 49 Try to punch
- 50 Puck and Child
- 53 Cake mix instruction 54 County event
- 55 Key ring item "\_\_\_ he's a jolly good fellow ..."
- 58 Ms. \_\_\_-Man





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