

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

to have learned during my previous visits.

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 your 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.



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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
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-Span-

gled 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, tell-

ing 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 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 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)	_____

SEA	LE	SON	UR	ES
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Today's Answers: 1. SOURCE 2. SEASON 3. QUESTION 4. HOUSE 5. ACCESS 6. INVITATION 7. LETTER 9/7

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

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

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: ECSTATIC ECHELON ECLIPSE ECONOMY ECHO / GOLD GONE GOOD GOAL GOLF / FRASIER CRANE / WRATH KHAN / DEVIATION
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Word search grid with a diagonal line through the word "SLOTT".

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

KENKEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

KenKen puzzle grid with arithmetic cages and numbers.

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Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
 - 1 Thanos, to the Avengers
 - 6 Staff opening?
 - 10 In the thick of
 - 14 "Later"
 - 15 Throw a hissy fit
 - 16 You can see right through it
 - 17 *Ingratiate yourself
 - 19 Sally who was the first U.S. woman in space
 - 20 Pavarotti solo
 - 21 Biological messenger letters
 - 22 Pickle juice
 - 24 Compadre
 - 25 Formerly named
 - 26 *Most direct route
 - 28 With 43-Down, home for Macron
 - 30 Ace or deuce
 - 31 Cube that's rolled
 - 32 Positive particle
 - 34 Harbor mammal
 - 35 *Teddy bear, for one
 - 39 Bengaluru bread
- DOWN**
 - 1 "Room" or "key" preceder
 - 2 Kind of network in computer science
 - 3 A la King?
 - 4 Vidal's "_____ Breckinridge"
 - 5 "I did it!"
 - 6 Whooping bird
 - 7 Hot rock
 - 8 A star may have a big one
 - 9 "Giant" author Edna
 - 10 4/
 - 11 Theme
 - 12 Refusing to face facts
 - 13 Sandra of "Gidget"
 - 18 Unencumbered by
 - 23 Ink color for debts
 - 25 Spongy toy brand
 - 26 Far from fresh
 - 27 Slippery as an _____
 - 29 Constructed, as a web
 - 30 Final musical passages
 - 33 Dangle a carrot in front of
 - 34 Too big for one's britches
 - 35 Disinfect
 - 36 Puzzles with seven pieces
 - 37 RCA Victor pooch
 - 38 Certain steel beam
 - 39 Medical research org.
 - 42 Word associated with a lightbulb
 - 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
 - 57 "_____ he's a jolly good fellow ..."
 - 58 Ms. _____-Man
- 64 "____ II" (2018 boxing movie)

"FOLLOW THE BALL" By Debbie Ellerin

Large crossword grid with a path of black squares and numbered starting points for clues.