## **DEAR ABBY** Siblings come home to visit, but not with family members

Dear Abby: I have a problem I haven't seen in your column before. My husband comes from a large family with siblings spread far and

wide. We live in the home state and are happy to accommodate his brothers and sisters (families, dogs) when they come home to visit and ask to stay with us.

While it's never said openly, it quickly becomes clear that the purpose of their visit is to do activities with people other

than my husband and me. In the past, we cleared our calendars and expected to entertain and feed these visitors. It becomes awkward when they unexpectedly leave for events with other people - once a Christmas Eve dinner! Advice? — Awkward in the Midwest

Dear Awkward: Do not be confrontational, but when plans are being made for the next visit, you and your husband should ask his relatives which

days or evenings you should expect to entertain them. That way you won't have needlessly cleared your calendar only to be left standing at the curb.

Dear Abby: My fiancee, "Mia," lost her dad two years ago, and her mother recently announced to the family that she

is seeing someone. She has been staying over at his house, and she is planning to sell her home and move in with him. Mia is very upset about it.

Her mom is now in the process of getting rid of her father's belongings. She feels like her mom is erasing her

father from their lives. How long should her mother have waited? Is Mia being selfish? Shouldn't she be happy for her mother? - Going Forward in the East

Dear Going: I hesitate to call your fiancee selfish as much as self-centered. Her mother has waited a respectful amount of time. She isn't erasing her late husband from her life or her children's as much as going on with hers, which is healthy.

I wish you had mentioned how long she has been seeing the man she's planning on moving in with, because it might be pertinent. For her own protection, she should discuss her plans with her lawyer to ensure that she - and her assets - are safeguarded before she sells her house.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 1, 1920

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ADVICE

Reports from Ukiah say the frost is fast leaving the ground, the roads are very muddy and the ice has raised the creeks. The bridge across Desolation Creek near Dale was washed out a few days ago and the mail between Ukiah and Long Creek is tied up for the time being. Phil Fairbanks, proprietor of the line, was in Ukiah when the bridge went out and is doing everything he can to get connections through. Abe Martin, driver for the Ukiah end of the route, was caught on the Long Creek side with nothing to do but care for his horses.

### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 1, 1970

Hermiston City Police have recovered over \$100 worth of whisky that was taken from the Elks Lodge in a break-in after midnight Saturday. Police said a local juvenile admitted the theft Sunday. This is the second time in two months that the lodge has lost whisky in a break-in. Some time

Sunday night, for the second time in 10 days, the Handout Drive-In at 225 Highland was hit by vandals. Entry was gained through a window, police said, and whipped cream was smeared over the interior of the building.

### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 1, 1995

Dave Green is very familiar with the halls of Umatilla's high school and middle school. He's walked them as a student and a teacher. Green is retiring this year from Clara Brownell Middle School after 30 years as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher. After graduating from Umatilla High School in 1960, Green earned a degree at Eastern Oregon State College in 1965. By the fall of '65 he was back at his old school as a teacher. When Green stepped into his first classroom there was only a stack of text books on the floor and a box with some assorted science teaching aides. From those humble beginnings Green has built a modern science lab. But Green's replacement will have to take the science class to the next level by integrating computers into the curriculum. "I'll leave that for them to do," Green said.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**On Feb. 1, 2003**, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during reentry, killing all seven of its crew members: commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payin London. load commander Michael Anderson; mission special-

lege students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.



contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

ists Kalpana Chawla, David

Brown and Laurel Clark; and

payload specialist Ilan Ramon,

In 1942, during World

the first Israeli in space.

War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp.

In 1960, four black col-**In 1979**, Iranian religious

leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1982, "Late Night with David Letterman" premiered on NBC.

In 1994, Jeff Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, pleaded guilty in Portland, Oregon, to racketeering for his part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in exchange for a 24-month sentence (he ended up serving six) and a \$100,000 fine.

Thought for Today: "It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know - and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything." — Joyce Cary, English author (1888-1957).

## 7 LITTLE W☺RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ 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 Dist 1 air grievances (8) DU 2 leave an aircraft (7) 3 keep supporting (7) 4 its capital is Kiev (7) Family 5 result of overused peepers (9) 6 lettuce used in Caesar salad (7) 7 compassionate (6) PL UKR SU NE AIN HUM NE ROM CO AI AIN DE EYE STR AI ANE MPL ANE AIN ST Today's Answers: 1. COMPLAIN 2. DEPLANE 3. SUSTRIN 4. UKRAINE 5. EYESTRAIN 6. ROMAINE 7. HUMANE 2/2

# ₩0RD★Roundup™

### Find and Circle...

Nine words starting and ending with C	Ø0000000
Three four-letter musical genres	
Two forms of matter	
Keep going	
Develop into	

/ BECOWE CANIC CUBIC CIVIC CHIC / ROCK FOLK JAZZ / LIQUID SOLID / CONTINUE Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CRYPTIC CERAMIC CLINIC CRITIC COSMIC 2020 Andrews McMeel Syndication



### **Universal Crossword**

Edited by David Steinberg February 1, 2020

40 Vessel for boiling water **DOWN** 

- 41 Coconut or almond 1 Org. concerned with
  - outbreaks
    - 2 Shrinking Asian sea

    - 3 "Just 'cuz"

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32 Slimy substance 34 Pollution regulator, for

36 Mechanic's cloth

38 Dawn goddess

37 Text in a cat meme

short

42 Light brown 45 Not smooth

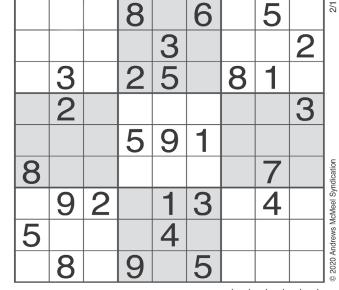
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6 Spine line?

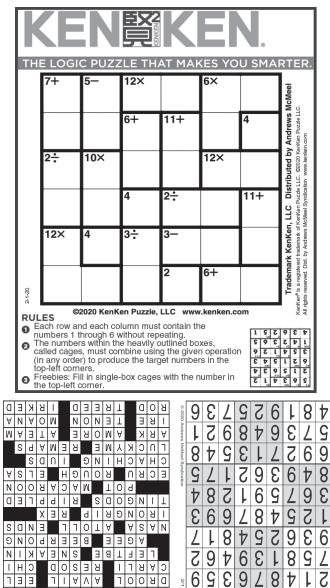
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Eager kids' plea 1



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- Mountain Dogs do a lot
- 15 To no (in vain)
- 16 Snakelike fish
- 17 Lloyd of the U.S. women's soccer team
- 18 Put down new turf
- 19 X, in sorority names
- 20 Gave some alone time
- 22 Enter on tiptoe, perhaps
- James with a 24
- posthumous Pulitzer 25 Popular drinking game
- 26 Mars 2020 org.
- 28 Key ring?
- 30 They may be loose or split
- 31 Very strong hold
- T. follower 33
- 35 Self-important tyrants
- 36 Made small waves

47 "Frozen 2" queen

50 Birth control options:

52 Sarcastic comment

boundaries, say

56 Love, on an Italian

55 Biblical couples' cruise

after a misfortune

cookie

48 (Jackpot!)

Abbr.

53 Draws new

- 4 Chef who owns Spago
  - 5 The 1%
  - 6 Weigh station factor
  - 7" \_ changed" (ex's claim)
  - 8 Graduation cap attachment
  - 9 '80s funk balladeer
  - 10 Respected one, in
  - many cultures

  - upon, and a hint to the
  - 9- and 21-Down

  - 23 Animal that isn't preyed
- 51 Savory taste 53 Tear apart 54 Rational
  - 57 Caviar
  - 59 \_\_\_\_ Hatter

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- component 62 Polynesian Disney
- 63 Reel's partner
- 64 Trapped in branches
- 65 Rubbed the wrong way
- valentine 58 Starting players
- 60 Angry feeling
- 61 Dovetail joint
- - heroine
- 11 Signal to come over 12 In support of
- 13 Arm rests?
- 21 Hipster's grooming tool

  - first four letters of 4-,
- 25 Fast-tempo jazz style
- 26 "Pick" lead-in
- 39 It may include the sequence CAT
  - 41 Cocoa holder
  - 42 Dessert whose name is French for "lightning"

27 Singer Grande, to fans "\_\_\_\_ better to have

loved and lost ...'

43 Fried, sugar-covered pastry

44 Amassed, with "up"

46 New Year's Day,

informally 49 Hilton competitor