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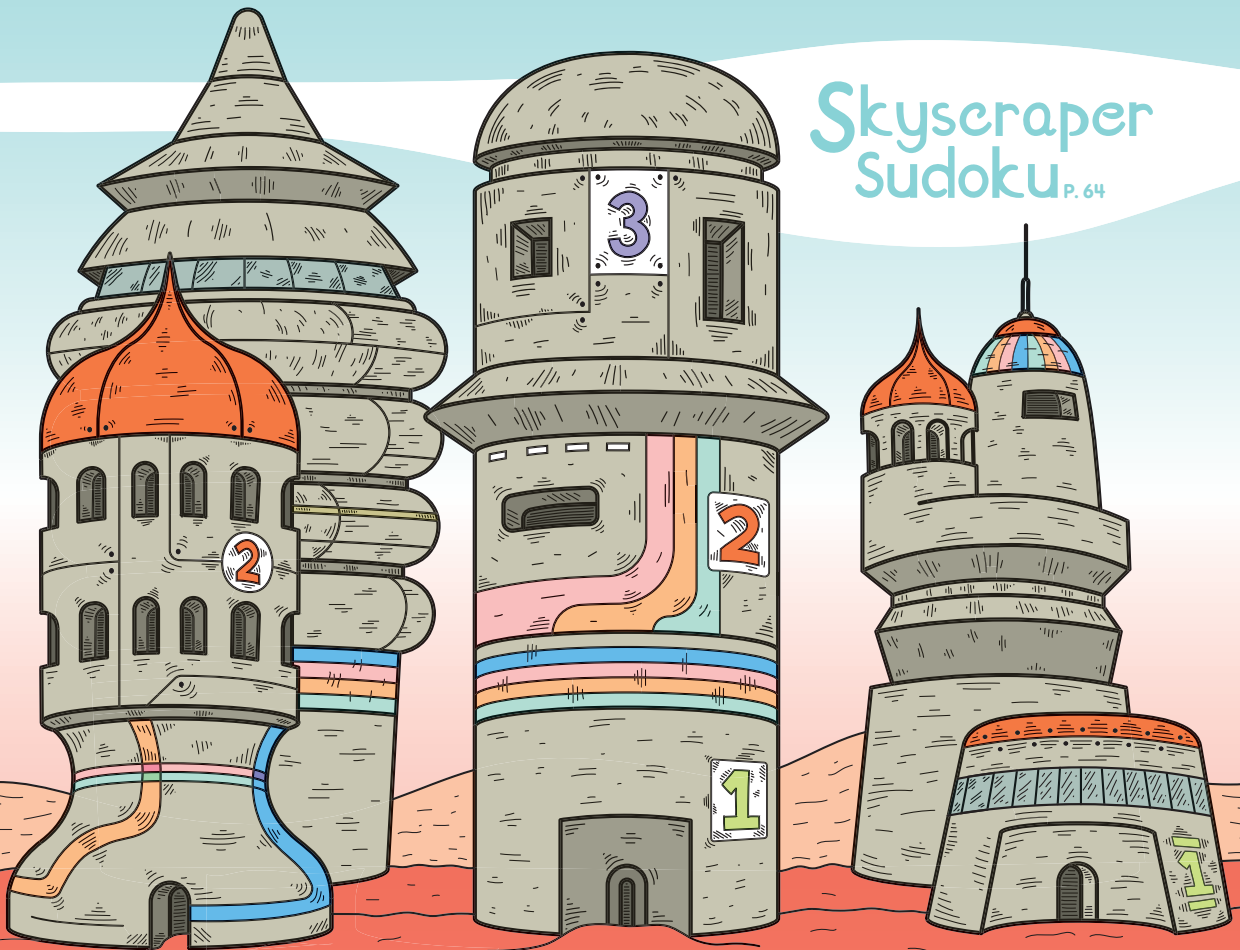
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...FROM THE EDITOR

Now that April is here, we can enjoy the longer days and milder weather that we looked forward to all winter. But just because it's spring doesn't mean that you can't make time for puzzles. And, as always, this issue of GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES is packed with your favorites!

But before we talk about this month's content, let's pause to acknowledge a loss in the puzzle community. Back in November, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Stephen Sondheim, the acclaimed Broadway composer and lyricist. Although he is best known for his contributions to the world of musical theater, Sondheim also had a lifelong love of games and puzzles. Less than a year ago, in the May 2021 issue, Sondheim spoke to frequent contributor Andrew Parr; their conversation was chronicled in an article titled "Call Me Steve." During that conversation, Sondheim revealed that he had never missed an issue of GAMES.

Indeed, an earlier article about Sondheim appeared in the January 1983 issue; it was called "You Can Walk Out of This Magazine Humming His Games" and was written by prominent sportswriter and broadcaster Dick Schaap. Accompanying Schaap's article was a photo puzzle called "The Murder Game," which was created by Sondheim himself and based on a real game that he and his famous friends played. In Sondheim's honor, we have reprinted "The Murder Game" on page 42 of this issue. Can you solve this whodunit?

Speaking of famous folks, Raymond Simon's "Celebrity Splices" on page 40 challenges you to identify the stars of popular streaming TV series. Sounds easy enough—except that only half of each person's face is shown! On page 38, you'll find R. Wayne Schmittberger's report from the 2021 World Chess Championship, where Norway's Magnus Carlsen—who has become a celebrity in his own right—defeated Ian Nepomniachtchi to retain the title he has held since 2013.

Highlights of our Pencilwise section include "Cross Purposes" (page 29), a variety crossword by Todd Kreisman in which each clue refers to an answer that is located elsewhere in the puzzle; and "Skyscraper Sudoku" (page 64), an original Sudoku variant by longtime puzzlemaker Rodolfo Kurchan. These and many other fun and challenging puzzles await you, so grab a pencil and start solving!



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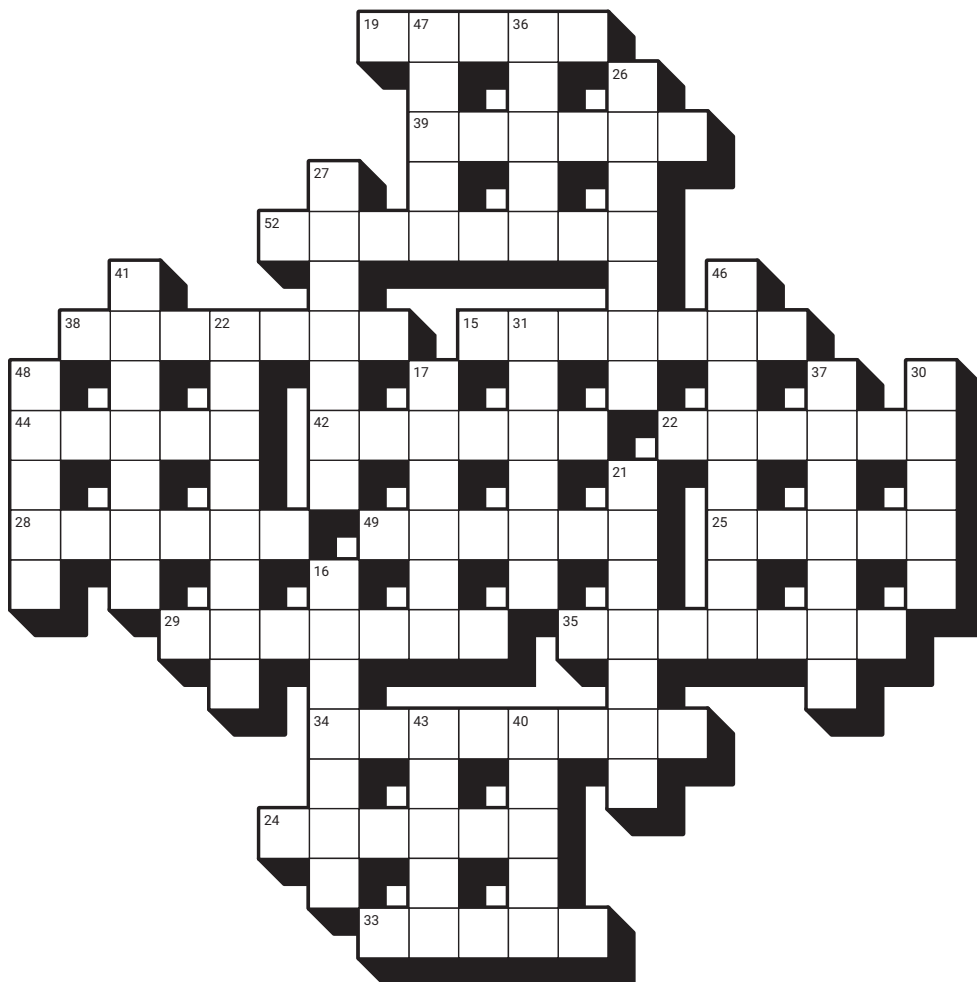


This puzzle is solved like a standard Mixed Doubles in that each answer word has two clues leading to it, using different meanings of the word. The clues are separated into Across and Down, but are otherwise ordered randomly.

When you find two clues that seem to have the same answer, add up their clue numbers to determine the place in the grid at which the answer should be entered. For example, if the clue for 1-Across were "Metallic element" and the clue for 17-Across read "Starring role," the answer would be LEAD, which would go in 18-Across (1 + 17). Tags such as "Hyph." and "2 wds." have been omitted.

ACROSS

- 1 Elbow room
- 2 Deals in stolen goods
- 3 *Guinness Book* entry
- 4 Small, brown-gray bird
- 5 Supposes, in the South
- 6 Basketball game segment
- 7 MFA or Ph.D.
- 8 "Eat fresh" restaurant chain
- 9 Debate topic
- 10 Intricate
- 11 Captain Jack from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies
- 12 Donate
- 13 Somewhere in the vicinity
- 14 Gridiron units
- 15 Division on a thermometer
- 16 Edition of a magazine
- 17 Suit that beats other suits, in some card games
- 18 "The final frontier"
- 19 Harvard and Scotland
- 20 Baseball team that makes the playoffs without winning a division
- 21 Capture on tape
- 22 Movie spoiler, maybe
- 23 "Two bits"
- 24 Tongue's counterpart, in construction
- 25 LP feature
- 26 Some are made of white pickets
- 27 45th president Donald
- 28 Group of apartment buildings
- 29 Approximately
- 30 Settles, as an account



- 31 Urban transport
- 32 Joker, often

DOWN

- 1 Motorcycle attachment
- 2 Activate
- 3 Blames for, as a crime
- 4 High military rank
- 5 Snake charmer's target
- 6 Part of a college student's schedule

- 7 Arose suddenly
- 8 Put two and two together
- 9 Stone in a crown
- 10 Music streaming service
- 11 Series of golf holes
- 12 Op-Ed pieces
- 13 *Twelfth Night* character who disguises herself as a boy
- 14 Roy Rogers' horse
- 15 Hit an easily caught baseball
- 16 Mythical box-opener
- 17 Not specific
- 18 Wrapped item at a birthday party
- 19 It's between the past and the future
- 20 Asked, as a question
- 21 "Who Will Save Your Soul" singer
- 22 Longing to be with one's family
- 23 Rigid
- 24 Out of the office due to illness
- 25 Strong, as a drink
- 26 Cocktail made with cognac, triple sec, and lemon juice
- 27 Prepared to be photographed
- 28 Attaches, as a medal
- 29 Upright supports
- 30 String quartet member
- 31 GI Joe's nemesis
- 32 Threw in

There is one place for each letter of the alphabet in the 26 empty squares of each blank column in the diagram below. Fill in each letter so that a word of at least five letters is formed reading across only. Not all of the letters to the left and right of the empty box are used; it's up to you to determine which ones are needed to complete familiar words. Some letters may fit in more than one of the empty squares to complete words, but we only came up with one arrangement that would complete a word in each row. Maybe you'll find a better solution. Proper names are not allowed.

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A	G	T	E	N		E	R	I		E	R	E	X	A
B	O	T	T	O		R	N	I		U	E	T	R	B
C	N	L	Z	A		T	A	C		D	L	B	P	C
D	O	Y	F	S		A	I	L		I	R	D	Y	D
E	D	X	S	E		P	L	O		E	R	T	J	E
F	M	D	A	R		R	O	O		P	Q	Z	U	F
G	K	G	H	A		E	L	N		T	Q	B	K	G
H	E	N	N	O		E	R	E		P	O	S	E	H
I	Q	R	H	O		R	O	U		H	W	H	Q	I
J	I	N	T	E		G	A	L		C	T	I	C	J
K	Z	C	O	M		A	N	D		E	R	J	V	K
L	Q	S	R	E		E	R	T		R	Y	E	J	L
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T	P	L	A	C		U	I	E		C	E	P	S	T
U	M	H	Z	X		I	R	A		F	E	T	Y	U
V	A	J	E	A		O	U	S		G	N	K	O	V
W	B	Y	W	I		O	O	T		E	A	R	G	W
X	D	K	Q	A		E	L	L		O	P	D	N	X
Y	C	K	U	C		G	N	A		G	A	R	C	Y
Z	G	P	H	O		O	A	R		E	R	K	R	Z

In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

Drink causing a buzz	Try all courses of action	Film and tripod sellers	Jupiter or Saturn	Gut-punch reaction	↖	Dousing tube _ Miz	↖	Coach Emmy winner	Comic-book hits	Wipe clean	Material for LPs and 45s	Zagreb native	↖	"We can't be saved!"	Of lines and shapes	Italy's Villa d' _
↙	↘	↘	↘	↘		↘		↘	↘	↘				↘	↘	↘
Water, in Paris	↘			Luxury Italian car	↘							Bullring shouts	↘			
Qty.	↘			Cops, in slang	Sailor guy _ Lanka	↘						Tons	↘			
#2 execs	↘			↘	↘	Tantrum Some punches	↘					Clock info	↘			
System-crash record	↘							Plaza Hotel girl	↘							Solemn vow
↙								Place to hang clothes	Oak Ridge Boys hit	Indigo and henna	Certain choir voice	↘				↘
Liveliest					Used an épée, say	↘					Film director Ephron	↘				
Port in Norway	↘															
_ Na Na (old TV show)	↘			Wrath	Fez or beret		TV's _ May Clampett	↘				Interpret wrongly, in a way	Use a couch	↘		
Bubbly drink mixers	↘			↘	↘		Marriage based on affection	↘				↘				
La Traviata, for one	↘					Home of St. Francis	↘						War and Peace novelist	Not realistic	Did a certain dog trick	People in a picket line
↙						Strip around a gift	Atop, in verse	↘			Sip noisily	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘
Foot or shoe part		Manama native	Ouzo flavorers	Apollo program org.	_car (Hertz service)	↘					Certain choir voice	↘				
660-mile African river	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘		Reno-vates, for short	Pooch's bark	Dads' dads	Deep bows of respect	Rich boy in Nancy comics	↘				
Mom's mom	↘				Boasts	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	Slanted	↘				
The one here	↘				Catcher Yogi	↘					Without a service charge	↘				
Astral bear	↘				Waste material Attend	↘					Snow gliders Tax org.	↘				
Insecure star Issa	↘			African antelope Light hit	↘			Letter drop Afore	↘			↘				
Mexico's Enrique Peña _	↘			↘		Serving to mend	↘									
Finish by	↘					Creator of Count Dracula	↘									
Deprive of property	↘										People staring	↘				

TEN-PACK

See if you can beat our score by packing this grid with words using only the 10 letters provided at the foot of the page. You may use any letter as often as you like, but don't use the same word twice in the grid. This includes singular and plural versions of the same word, inflected versions of a word (such as LOVE and LOVED), and variant spellings of the same word. Use any word in a standard dictionary, including slang, but don't use capitalized or foreign words, contractions, abbreviations, acronyms, prefixes, or suffixes.

After completing the grid, calculate your score by adding up each Across row; our high score was 290...but we were a little off that day.

ANSWER, PAGE 71

ANSWER. PAGE 71

LINE SCORE

LINE SCORE									
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17.									

E	A	M	H	U	W	C	N	S	T
1	2	3	4	5	5	4	3	2	1

TOTAL

TIMES SQUARES

BY ELIZABETH GORSKI

ACROSS

- 1 "If I Could Turn Back Time" singer
- 5 Church song
- 10 Anthropologist Margaret
- 14 Humorist Barry
- 15 ___ Grows in Brooklyn: 2 wds.
- 16 Gumbo veggie
- 17 Undergarment under a dress
- 18 Legal
- 19 Simon or Sedaka
- 20 Ice-cream parlor feature: 4 wds.
- 23 ___ Kippur (Jewish holiday)
- 24 Set down
- 25 20/20 network
- 28 Bereaved man
- 32 Yankee great Gehrig
- 35 Mope
- 37 ___ care in the world: 2 wds.
- 38 Prepares for publication
- 40 Edible mail-order gift: 4 wds.
- 43 Sports venue
- 44 April 1 victim
- 45 1958 Pulitzer winner James
- 46 Gun, to a gangster
- 47 Roped a steer
- 50 Bobby in the Hockey Hall of Fame
- 51 Newhart of Newhart

52 *The Marvelous ___ Maisel*

54 1942 film starring Hepburn and Tracy: 4 wds.

62 Notable periods of history

63 Summer TV airing

64 Tehran's nation

66 Beginning of a play: 2 wds.

67 Provoke with insults

68 Letter after epsilon

69 *Kiss Me ___*

70 Undoes a dele

71 Simple

DOWN

1 Record store purchases, for short

2 Fifty percent

3 Good's opponent

4 Square up with a creditor

5 White-maned horse

6 Cookbook instruction

7 Exxon competitor

8 Explorer Ericson

9 Fortitude

10 Cash

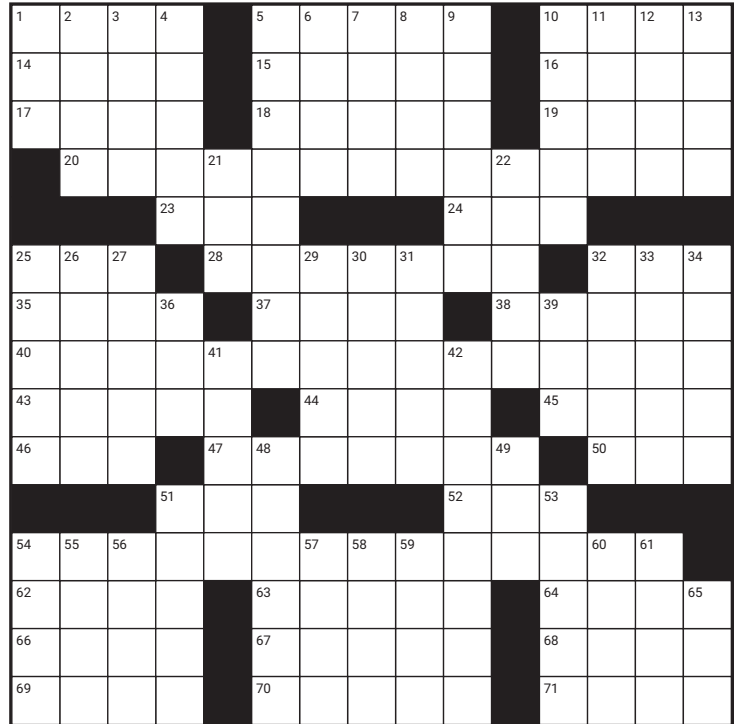
11 Scraped by, with "out"

12 Highlight of an opera

13 *Judging Amy*

costar Tyne

21 Solemn oath



22 Group of concubines

25 ___ as the eye can see: 2 wds.

26 Small donkey

27 Provided with hints

29 Removes, as one's hat

30 Preminger and von Bismarck

31 Winged elm, for example

32 Jargon

33 Playful aquatic mammal

34 Theater worker

36 Relatives

39 ___ double take: 2 wds.

41 Eagle's claw

42 Gold and silver, for two

48 Scraps, NASA-style

49 Help with the dishes

51 Count ___ (jazz great)

53 Take by force

54 Lacking strength

55 Killer whale

56 *The Simpsons* creator Groening

57 Amazing achievement

58 Loyal

59 Track (down)

60 Region

61 Some lab animals

65 Thumbs-down vote

ANSWER, PAGE 70

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

BY RAYMOND SIMON

Each of the 14 clues below can be answered by a word, phrase, name, or title containing the word CAT. For example, the clue "Butterfly-to-be" leads to CATERPILLAR, while "Independent oil driller" would be WILDCATTER. Can you identify all the right answers?

ANSWERS, PAGE 70

1. Wealthy campaign contributor

2. Midafternoon snooze, maybe

3. Imitator

4. L.L.Bean sends them via snail-mail

5. Fashion show runway

6. The world's first female Iron Chef

7. Excessively fearful person

8. Subterranean cemeteries

9. Reveal a secret, slangily

10. Substance that initiates a chemical reaction

11. Early version of a missile launcher, say

12. Swift boat with twin hulls

13. Creating a fake persona to lure someone online

14. Tennessee Williams play featuring Brick and Maggie

RIDDLE ACROSTIC

BY HELENE HOVANEK

Wanna hear a joke? If you do, solve this puzzle! First, write the answers to the clues on the numbered blanks next to them. Then move the letters on the blanks into the diagram in their matching numbered squares. For example, the number under the first blank in Clue A is 33. After you answer that clue, you'll place the letter on blank #33 into square #33 of the diagram. Work back and forth between the clues and the diagram to fill all the spaces. When you're finished, read the grid from left to right, starting at the top, and you'll find a riddle and its answer.

ANSWERS, PAGE 71

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9
10		11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18
19	20	21		22	23	24		25	26	
27	28	29		30	31	32	33	34	?	
35	36	37	38	39	40		41	42	43	44
	45	46	47	48	49		50	51	52	53

A. Small

33 6 4 8 52 15

G. More than warm

31 12 38

B. Male parent

35 3 25 46 28 44

H. Opposite of worst

50 47 20 13

C. Difficult

2 23 16 5

I. Keep an eye on

1 36 53 30 9

D. Very sloppy

11 51 22 37 41

J. Building you live in

18 26 43 45 10

E. Third grader's age

39 32 17 27 49

K. No longer wet

34 29 24

F. Red Riding ____

14 19 42 7

L. Five plus five

21 48 40

CATEGORIES

In each box of this puzzle, write the name of something that fits the category described at the left, and also begins with the letter at the top. How quickly can you fill all the boxes? (For two or more players, make a copy of the puzzle grid for each person and see who can complete it first.)

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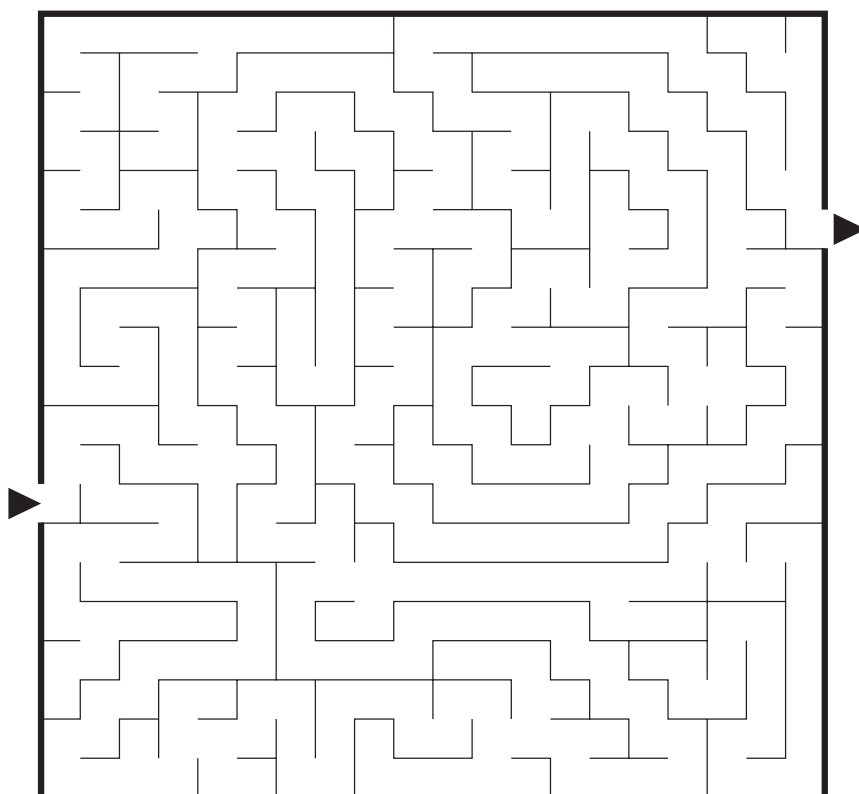
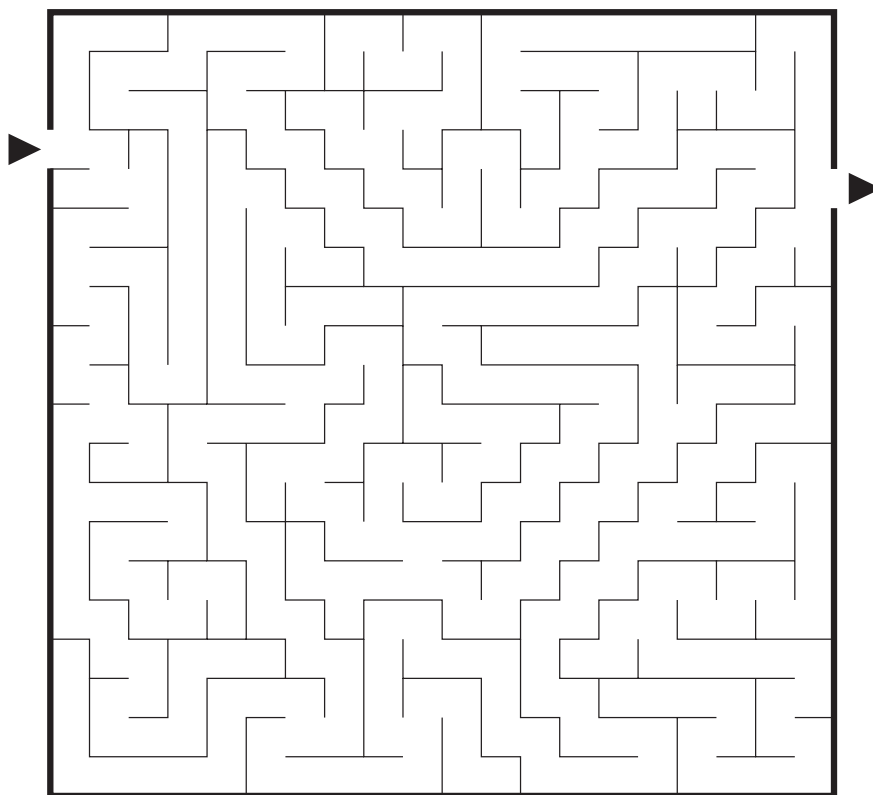
	A	P	R	I	L
Countries					
Hobbies					
Words ending in "Y"					
Animals					
Beverages					

MAZE-A-PIX

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In these two puzzles, your goal is to create a picture by solving a maze. First, find the path from START to FINISH. Then, color it in to reveal a picture.

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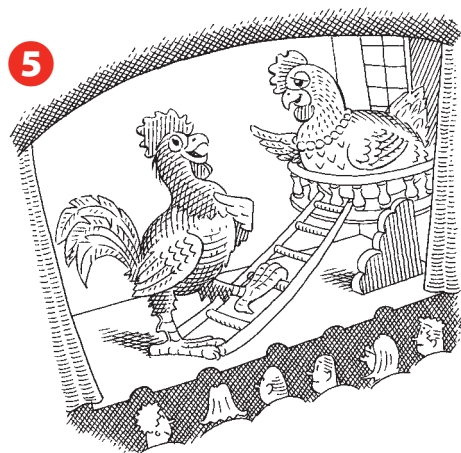
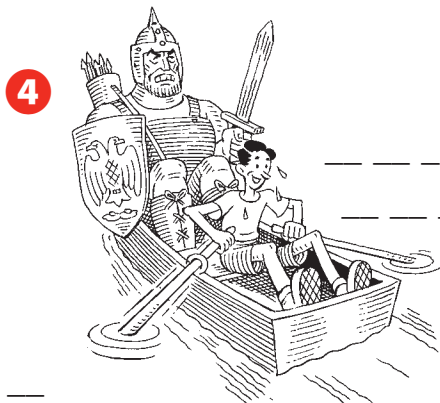
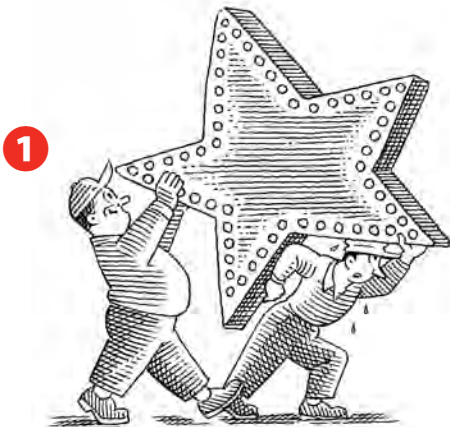
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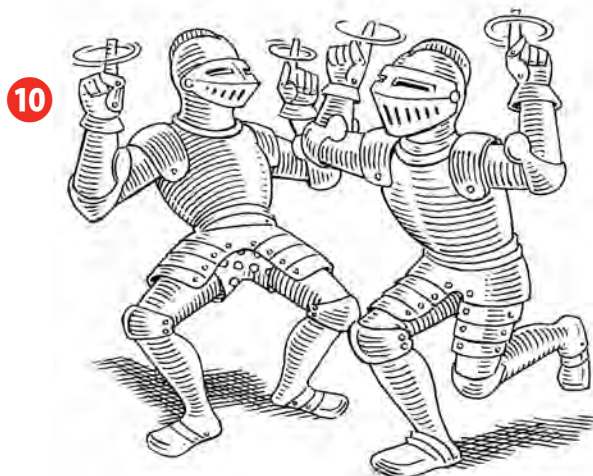
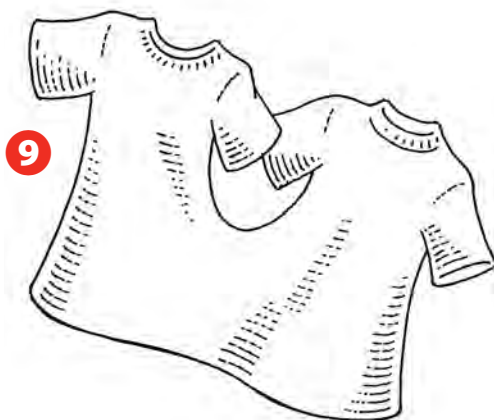
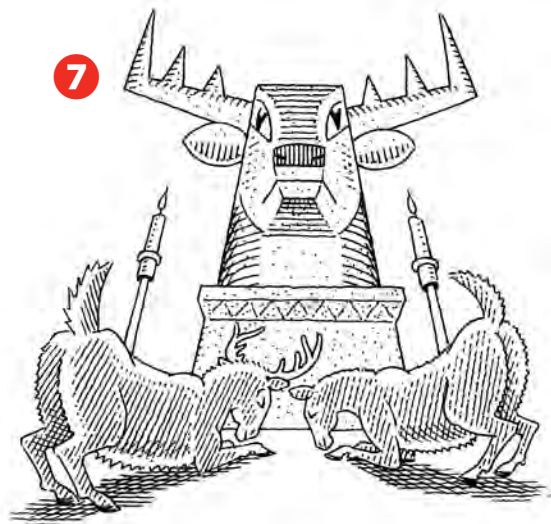
"I've got an idea to sell you, Lloyd," said the voice on the phone. "Howzabout doing the art for our new line of vintage movie posters?" It was Sam, one of Lloyd's best clients. "Sure," he replied, "sounds right up my alley." This wasn't entirely true—Lloyd knew zilch about movies—but he took the job anyway. Two weeks later, an angry Sam was back on the phone.

"We can't print these!" he yelled. "Your sketches don't make sense! What's a carriage driver got to do with *Rain Man*?" See, Lloyd thought Sam had said *Rein Man*. Lloyd's got a problem with homophones. Each of the 12 drawings below illustrates a film title in which one homophone's been substituted. See if you can figure out which movies Sam had in mind (and spell 'em out on the dashes).

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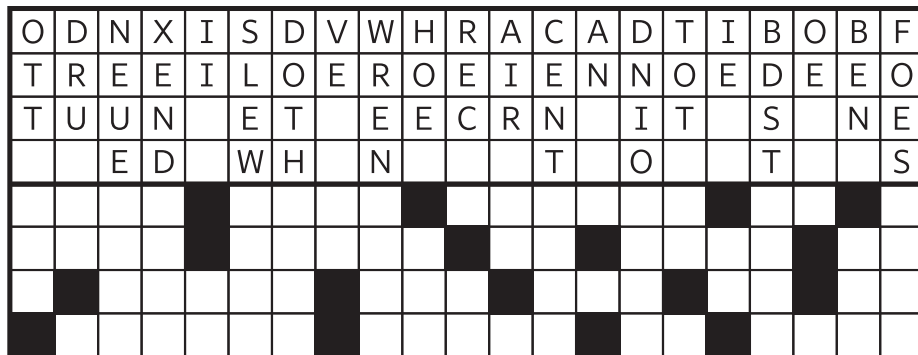
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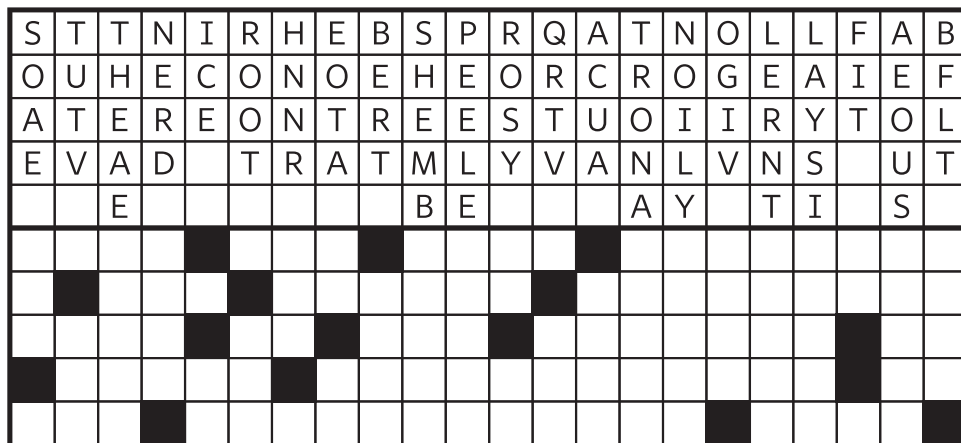


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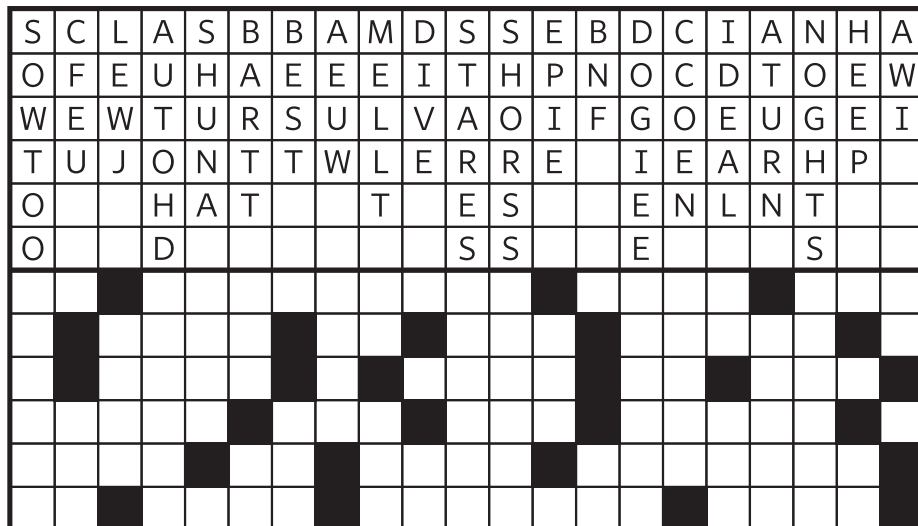
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2. MICHELLE DEAN



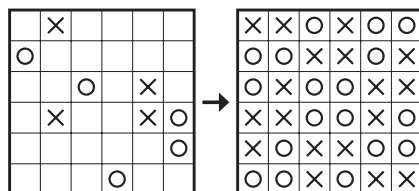
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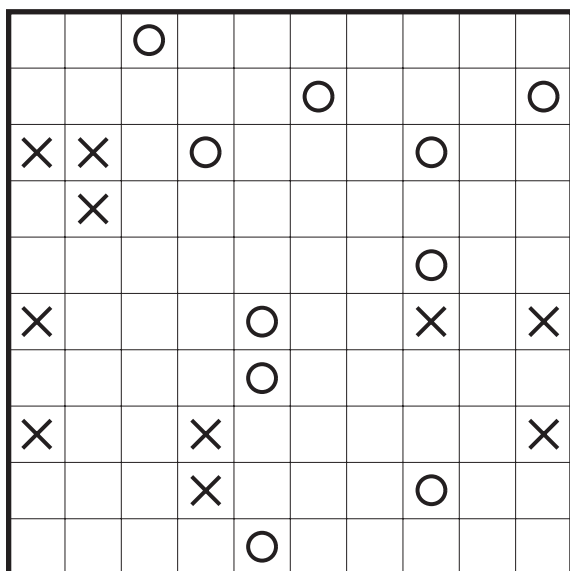
Tic-Tac-Logic is a single-player puzzle based on tic-tac-toe, a pencil-and-paper game many of us used to enjoy as children. Using pure logic and requiring no math to solve, these addictive puzzles offer endless fun and intellectual entertainment to puzzle fans of all skills and ages.

Each puzzle consists of a grid containing X's and O's in various places. The object is to place X or O in the remaining squares so that: (1) there are no more than two consecutive X's or O's in a row or a column; (2) the number of X's is the same as the number of O's in each row and column; and (3) all rows are unique and all columns are unique. An sample puzzle and its solution are shown at right. The puzzles on this page start out easy and get progressively harder.

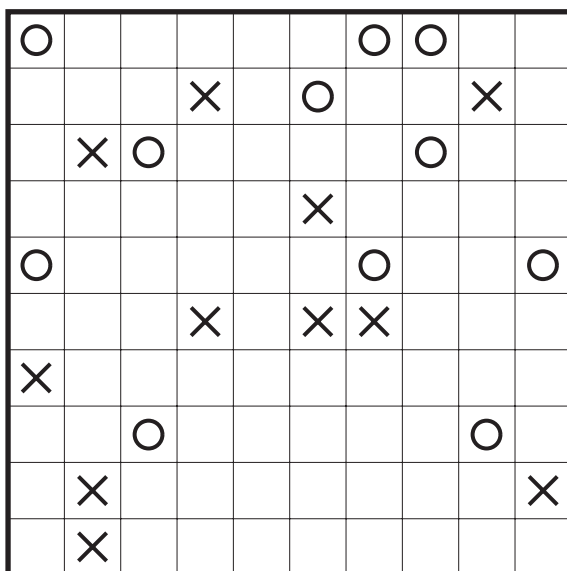
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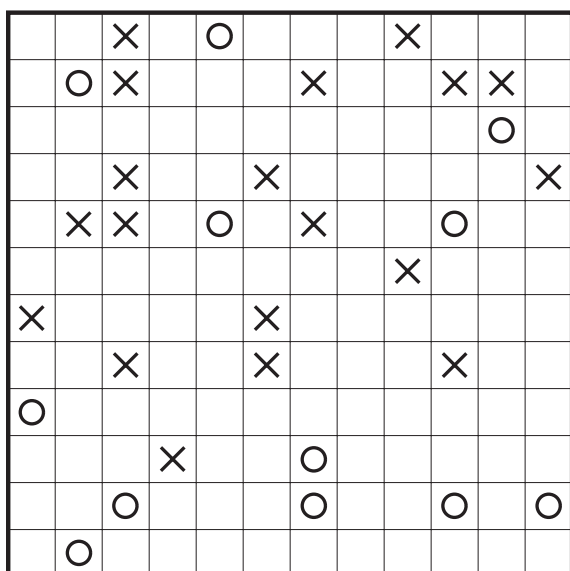
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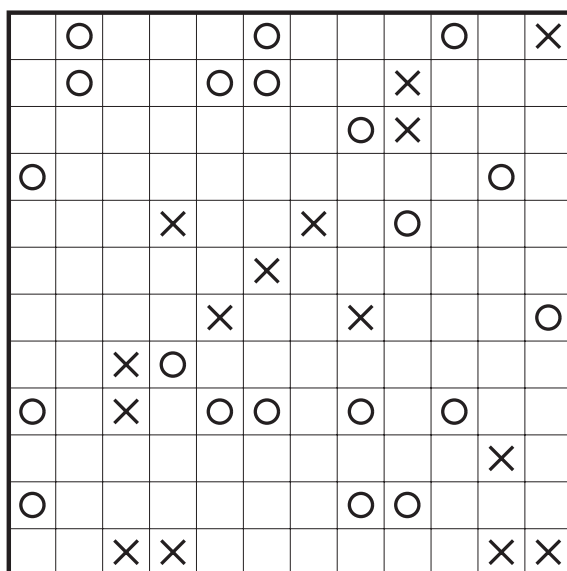
PUZZLE 2



PUZZLE 3



PUZZLE 4



SEVENS AND EIGHTS

BY RAYMOND YOUNG

Here are your lucky sevens and crazy eights! All of the words and phrases listed below contain either seven or eight letters. Fit them into the grid so that they intersect in standard crossword fashion. Each word will be used exactly once.

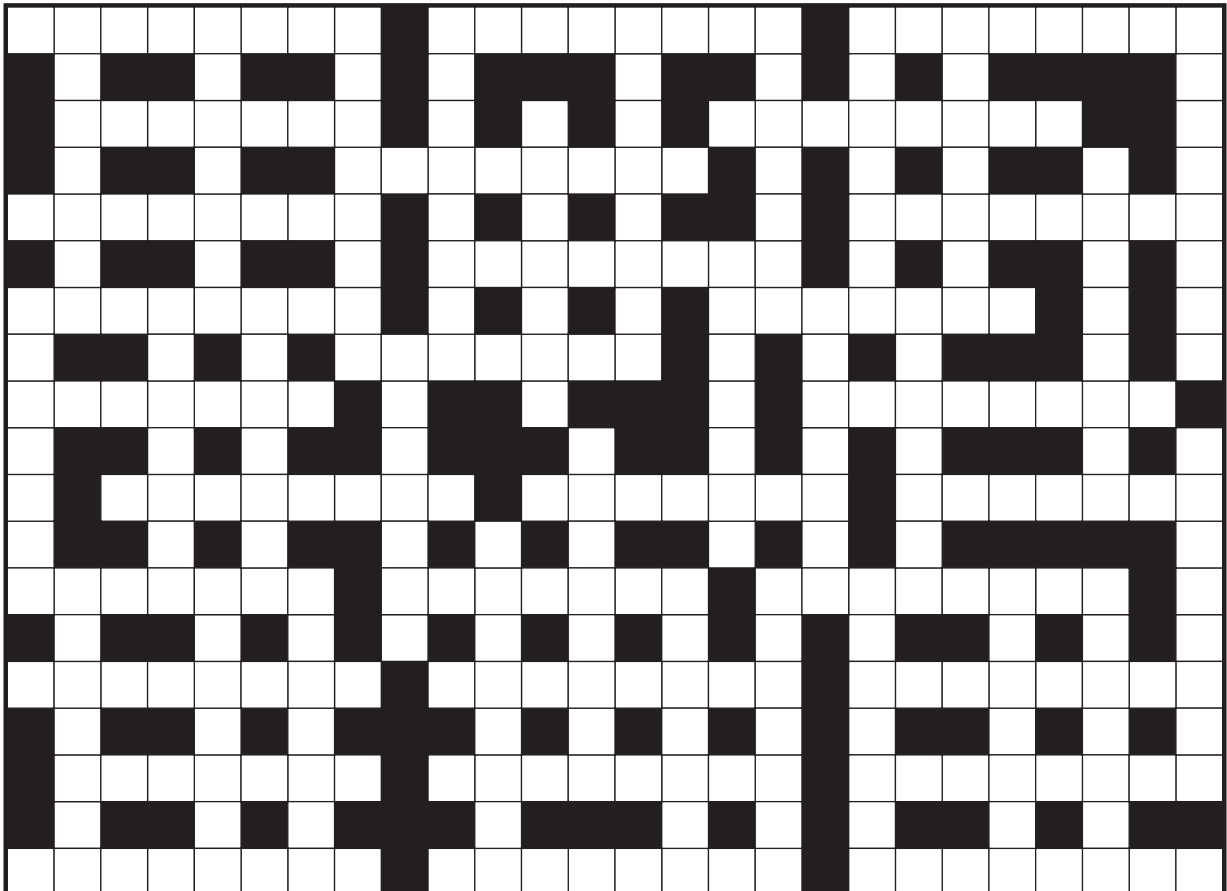
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7 LETTERS

AGONIZE	BIG FISH	EPIGRAM	GERBILS	INGENUE	ORIGAMI
AGREE TO	DEMAGOG	FABERGE	GILBERT	LARGE OJ	PAGE TEN
ALL AGOG	DOING OK	FRET SAW	GOLF CAP	NERF GUN	TEATIME
APOGEAL	EGOISTE	GAGSTER	GOTTA GO	NET GAIN	TONIGHT
AT GRADE	EMBARGO	GEEGAWS	HOW LONG?	NY GIANT	U MAGNET

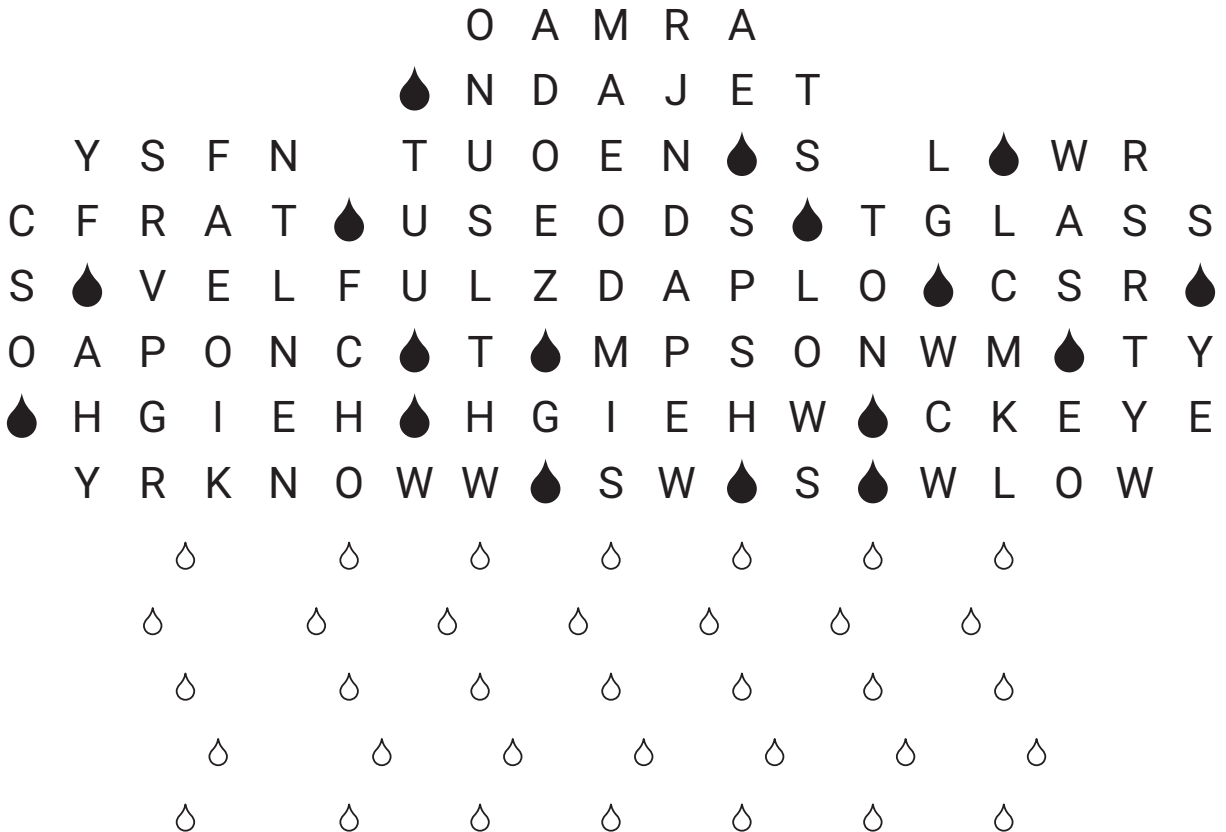
8 LETTERS

AIR CARGO	DEFILING	ESOPHAGI	GAS GIANT	GLUG GLUG	GOING OFF	LOLLYGAG
ALL GREEK	DJIBOUTI	FEINTING	GAS SHAFT	GLUTTONY	GOLDBERG	OBAMA ERA
BILGE SAW	DOGGY BAG	GAIN UPON	GAS SHELL	GOES NUTS	LADY GAGA	PAGAN GOD
BY GEORGE	EMAILING	GARGOYLE	GET A TEXT	GO-GETTER	LINGERIE	TIGHT-SET



This cloud is about to burst, judging by the amount of H₂O it contains! Find all of the words and phrases listed below in the cloud; they appear horizontally, vertically, and diagonally (always in a straight line). Whenever you come to a consecutive H-O, substitute a . Can you find them all before you get soaked?

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ANTHOLOGY	HOT ZONE	SHONE OUT
CHOPIN	HOW LOW?	SHOT GLASS
FRAT HOUSE	KNOW WHO'S WHO	SHOVELFUL
HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO!	NAVAHO	SHOW CAR
HOARY	PONCHO	THOMPSON
HOCKEY	REST HOME	WASHOE
HONDA JET	SALCHOW	WHOOOP-DE-DO
HOTEL	SCHOOL PAD	

BOXING MATCH

The object of this solitaire challenge is to guess a word before making six incorrect guesses, as in a familiar childhood game.

To begin, choose any letter of the alphabet that you think might appear in word I below. Suppose you pick E. Go to the Letter Chart on the facing page and find the number listed in row E of column I (because you are working on word I). The number is 94; you now look at box number 94 in the Position Chart (to the right of the Letter Chart) and find the number 7. This means that the letter E occurs in the seventh position (and nowhere else) in word I. If a letter occurs more than once in a word, the Position Chart will show all its locations.

If you find from the Position Chart that a letter appears in position 0, then the letter does not appear in the word. As a penalty for an incorrect guess, write that letter in one of the six boxes in the diagram beside the word blanks. If you fill all the boxes (that is, make six incorrect guesses) before identifying the word, you're knocked out.

If you can win 8 of the 12 matches, either you're psychic or you have a remarkable gift for words. **ANSWERS, PAGE 72**

WORDS TO BE GUESSED

LETTERS MISSED

I.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>			
II.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>					
III.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>			
IV.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>				
V.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>				
VI.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>		
VII.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>				
VIII.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>		
IX.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>				
X.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>				
XI.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>			
XII.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>					

LETTER CHART

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
A	90	11	60	36	61	86	88	88	26	86	99	44
B	54	81	79	69	91	51	18	6	35	36	27	57
C	66	23	88	32	57	6	93	25	20	37	43	90
D	93	55	51	15	20	83	99	48	68	1	9	51
E	94	62	93	68	89	64	59	56	38	40	2	66
F	87	93	28	28	1	15	1	81	48	74	54	81
G	15	90	20	55	92	90	90	1	36	50	20	85
H	96	15	30	23	81	43	48	43	63	81	36	71
I	27	92	46	65	24	50	36	99	86	97	92	39
J	23	6	49	86	48	49	81	22	23	28	93	28
K	1	66	86	66	23	67	27	90	87	49	70	99
L	34	24	81	11	55	5	21	28	93	92	1	15
M	48	36	14	19	78	95	53	51	55	70	58	48
N	77	35	16	57	66	88	6	72	43	88	98	26
O	73	20	68	100	49	23	20	84	57	4	97	43
P	49	87	72	71	15	66	34	93	49	6	52	49
Q	43	34	6	34	68	55	87	66	12	66	86	55
R	12	17	87	54	19	32	23	80	51	18	50	34
S	32	71	90	31	70	54	70	70	15	68	41	93
T	47	91	1	51	11	75	57	24	24	21	55	1
U	71	19	27	27	71	45	68	10	4	71	29	27
V	57	48	99	88	8	34	51	55	88	34	28	87
W	76	1	70	48	54	87	71	54	90	48	15	33
X	50	50	92	93	86	28	50	27	6	43	68	13
Y	99	70	50	3	34	92	15	20	34	42	82	36
Z	28	99	43	87	36	57	7	92	54	87	23	54
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

POSITION CHART

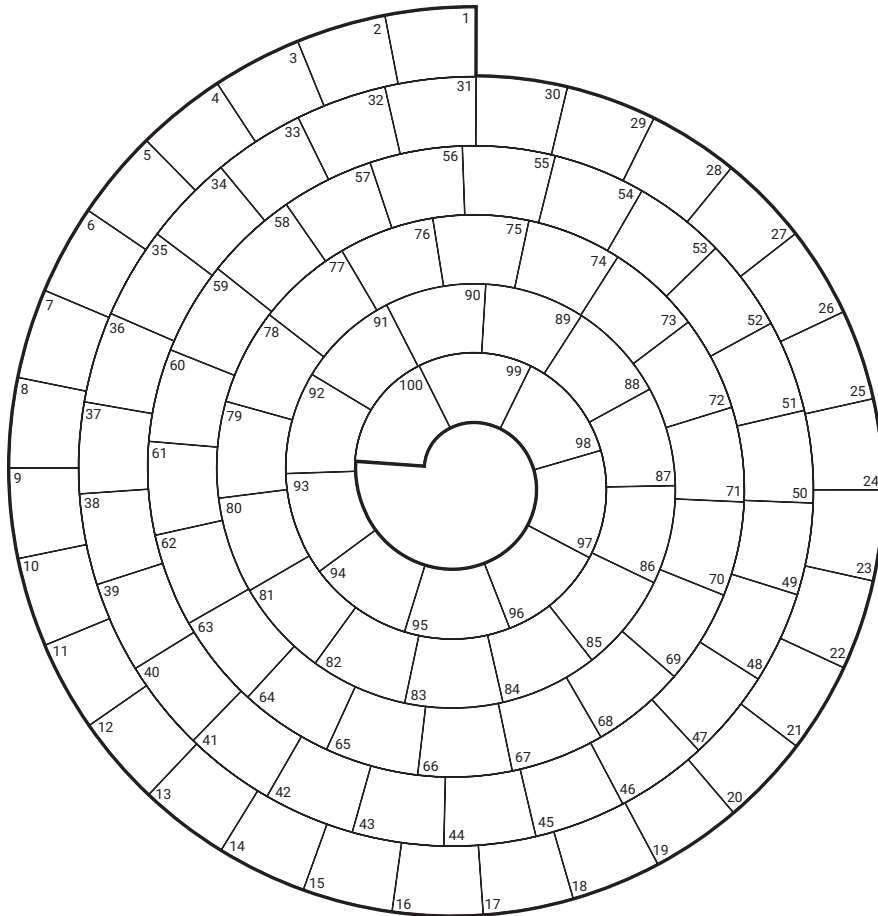
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$\frac{11}{6}$	$\frac{12}{3}$	$\frac{13}{3}$	$\frac{14}{2}$	$\frac{15}{0}$
$\frac{16}{9}$	$\frac{17}{5}$	$\frac{18}{3}$	$\frac{19}{3}$	$\frac{20}{0}$
$\frac{21}{7}$	$\frac{22}{4}$	$\frac{23}{0}$	$\frac{24}{7}$	$\frac{25}{1,6}$
$\frac{26}{6}$	$\frac{27}{0}$	$\frac{28}{0}$	$\frac{29}{4}$	$\frac{30}{4}$
$\frac{31}{1}$	$\frac{32}{8}$	$\frac{33}{1,4}$	$\frac{34}{0}$	$\frac{35}{1}$
$\frac{36}{0}$	$\frac{37}{5}$	$\frac{38}{2,5}$	$\frac{39}{5}$	$\frac{40}{2}$
$\frac{41}{2}$	$\frac{42}{8}$	$\frac{43}{0}$	$\frac{44}{2}$	$\frac{45}{9}$
$\frac{46}{5,7}$	$\frac{47}{4,9}$	$\frac{48}{0}$	$\frac{49}{0}$	$\frac{50}{0}$
$\frac{51}{0}$	$\frac{52}{1}$	$\frac{53}{2}$	$\frac{54}{0}$	$\frac{55}{0}$
$\frac{56}{5,10}$	$\frac{57}{0}$	$\frac{58}{9}$	$\frac{59}{1,4,8}$	$\frac{60}{1,8}$
$\frac{61}{5}$	$\frac{62}{2}$	$\frac{63}{8}$	$\frac{64}{2,6}$	$\frac{65}{7}$
$\frac{66}{0}$	$\frac{67}{1}$	$\frac{68}{0}$	$\frac{69}{4}$	$\frac{70}{0}$
$\frac{71}{0}$	$\frac{72}{3}$	$\frac{73}{2}$	$\frac{74}{1}$	$\frac{75}{3,4}$
$\frac{76}{6}$	$\frac{77}{1}$	$\frac{78}{8}$	$\frac{79}{6}$	$\frac{80}{9}$
$\frac{81}{0}$	$\frac{82}{8}$	$\frac{83}{7}$	$\frac{84}{2}$	$\frac{85}{7}$
$\frac{86}{0}$	$\frac{87}{0}$	$\frac{88}{0}$	$\frac{89}{2}$	$\frac{90}{0}$
$\frac{91}{4}$	$\frac{92}{0}$	$\frac{93}{0}$	$\frac{94}{7}$	$\frac{95}{10}$
$\frac{96}{5}$	$\frac{97}{6}$	$\frac{98}{7}$	$\frac{99}{0}$	$\frac{100}{5}$

In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

Certain burger toppers	↖	Outer surfaces	"Come on, fess up!"	Stories	↖	Springy bed parts	Rub roughly	Initial poker cost	↖	Nude, as a model	Film director Zhao	Actor Linden	Stuffed one's face	↖	Dhoti wearers	Fashion flair
Wendy's and Denny's	→	↘	↘	↘			↘	↘		↘	↘	↘	↘		↘	↘
Yank in Europe, maybe	→					"...plus other things"	→									
Leaning	→					Walked past casually	→									
Ward off	→					R&B singer Bryson	→					Quiet spell	→			
Emerge	→					Feel sick	Thin, delicate pancake	Crusty treat	→			"Now it makes sense"	→			
Crochet or purl	→							— Haw								
↙				Small scenting pouch	→						Pub brew	Electric car maker		Fragrant	Single lady, in Leon	Byrnes, Hall, or Roush
Scooby—	→			Fathered	→					Relaxed	→				↘	↘
				Poolside shelter	↘					Wheat husk	↘					
Fist of Fury star	→							Made dim by tears	→							
↗						"Help me out, honey"		Worker fixing art, say	Give an answer	→						
In the same way that		Working hard	Rx writers		Often-quoted Yogi	→					Car for a VIP	→				In a fitting way
"Look, I did it!"	→	↘	↘		Sliver novelist Levin	↘		Like a perfect game		River to Lake Ontario	→					↘
Some British preppies	→								Having only one hue	Rear	Marked with a large dot	Soft-shell clams	Helpful hint	→		
Miami Vice detective	→												Addams Family cousin	→		
↗				Related to flying aircraft	→											
Makes a choice		Bank robbery, e.g.	Give a grand speech	Fork go-with	Ear or heart part	→							Gem weight unit	Muse of lyric poetry	Use as a chair	
Snug-fitting chains	→	↘	↘	↘									↘	↘	↘	St. Pat's land
"Bill" penner Jerome	→				Dine	Bullfight shout	Sally Rogers portrayer	→								↘
Go-between	→							Erudite class of people	→							
Tranquil	→															
↙							Debate president	→								
Soaked in water, as tea	→							1950s ballistic missile	→							

This puzzle turns in two directions. The spiral's Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered clockwise from 100 to 1. Keep track of which way you're going, and have many happy returns.

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INWARD

- 1-7** Finery
- 8-13** Quick snooze
- 14-19** Rocky Mountains rodent
- 20-26** Pipe filler
- 27-31** Egyptian capital
- 32-37** Salsa ingredient
- 38-43** Glass with a stem
- 44-48** Vetoed, informally
- 49-53** Dressed to the ____
- 54-58** Martin's *Laugh-In* partner
- 59-63** *The Adventures of ____ March*
(Saul Bellow novel)
- 64-70** Heavy downpour
- 71-76** Dinosaur prominent in *Jurassic Park*
- 77-81** Oversize reference book
- 82-88** Daydream
- 89-94** Samurai sword
- 95-100** Jalopies

OUTWARD

- 100-98** Word after jet, null, or bedroom
- 97-92** Mystical secrets
- 91-87** Actor George of the original *Star Trek*
- 86-79** Setback
- 78-74** Deck with the Fool card
- 73-67** Person opposite, at a bridge table
- 66-63** Uncreative learning
- 62-57** Lizard in a Tennessee Williams title
- 56-51** Deteriorate
- 50-46** Reference book feature
- 45-41** Info from a spy
- 40-35** Colombia's capital
- 34-30** It's electric in a Tesla
- 29-23** Former Chrysler head Lee
- 22-17** Second half of an inning
- 16-10** Widespread and uncontrolled
- 9-6** Purple berry
- 5-1** Brewery product

Below are four lists of related words and phrases that have been translated into simple cipher alphabets. The letter substitutions remain constant within any one group of words (for instance, if V represents G in one word, it will represent G in all the words in that list), but change from one list to the next. A tip to new solvers: Start by thinking of answers that might fit one of the categories; then see if any enciphered words in the list have the same letter pattern. The fourth list has been left untitled. Solve the code to determine what the items have in common. **ANSWERS, PAGE 71**

1. WOMEN WHO DIRECT

Ex.: Chloe Zhao

W S J X O Z W P M W
S P X L W S X P E F S
D X J J G K W P O V W T T
W Z W M B Z X P J W G
Y W L V P G J R F S X T I E
J F N I T X V I T I Q N X J X P
F M W T B D F J I
O I Q F W N I D D I T W
J I P W X D V P I J
H W J X N W K D F I J

2. BIG VIDEO GAME FRANCHISES

Ex.: Pokémon

L T T L T T Y C ' T N I P P O
X P X I Y T
B I L C O X A P W X L E X Q
I P T Y O P C X P M Y R
T Q C Y N X A P A P O B P A Q B
X A P R P B P C O Q W V P R O L
T E J P I Z L I Y Q G I Q T .
N L R R Q W O E X K
Z L O O P C C W R
Z Y C P N I L W X

3. BY THE EVERLY BROTHERS

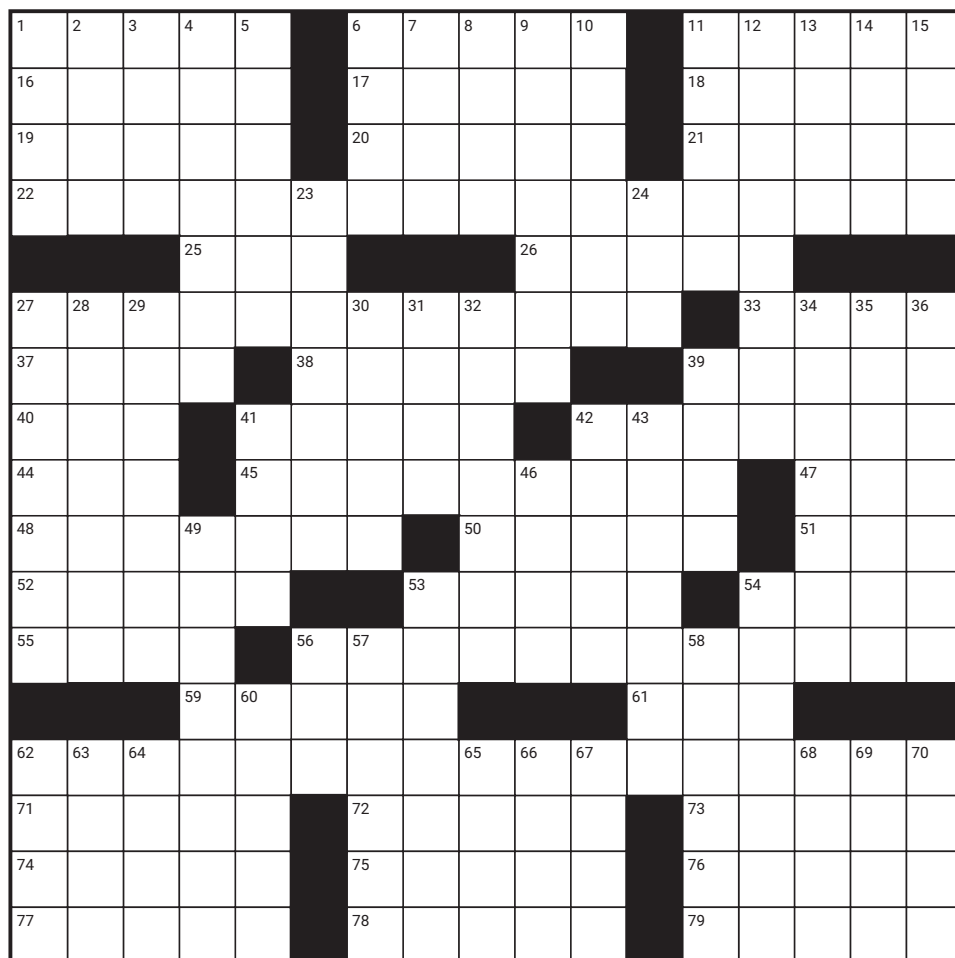
Ex.: ('Til) I Kissed You

B J A H S J B S H X H G
Q P D B B H L
N R S F X ' K N W H V T
W J S P S Q J U J
V F J T V P W W P Q J W H A J B
R W W P F R A J S H B H P K B D J R U
V R M J G I W P S S W J K G K P J
S F R S ' K H W B O R K F P H T J B
Q X J Q X J W H A J
N D X P T L P T S F J D R P T

4. MYSTERY LIST

What do they all have in common?

U E J U D P T D R V U V D E R C Y E G X
Q X I G X ' Q V C V Y
J T D F H V Y R F A E G C
L E L T G E I S
Q K E C F Y Q E D X
I G J I F Q Q T M D F K T Q Q A V Y C
B F T D V L ' Q W E F A Q
J Y E B B D P M F T Y
K V A F Y D E H L F Y
S T Y X F C Y F Q F S M D T G R F



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ACROSS

- 1 Room at the top
6 Amass
11 Theater feature
16 Motif
17 MA music festival site
18 Folksy "forsooth"
19 Gets in return
20 Get rowdy: 2 wds.
21 Came to light
22 Renderings of an antenna?: 2 wds.
25 Gp. against gun control
26 Vexed
27 Renderings of a certain digit?
33 Harrod's feature
37 Shrink's comment: 2 wds.
38 TV news pioneer Arledge
39 YouTube offering
40 Like butchers' wares
41 Necessities
42 Barmate of Norm and Cliff
44 O'Neill and Sheeran
45 Renderings of a letter?: 2 wds.
47 "Nut Brown" drink
48 Turgid prose
50 Off-the-topic reference
51 Russian space station name
52 Graduate exams
53 Troubled deeply: 2 wds.
54 He can lick Fred
55 Foreign: Prefix
56 Renderings of a hermit's dwelling?: 2 wds.
59 City south of Gainesville
61 Benatar or Sajak
62 Renderings of an unguis?: 2 wds.
71 She's "a little bit country"
72 Quench
73 One of Kirk's underlings
74 Handyman's holemaker
75 Bacon on the screen
76 Love Story novelist
77 Cards and D-backs, e.g.
78 Rewrite for Hollywood
79 That is, in Latin: 2 wds.

DOWN

- 1 Trac II alternative
2 Society of Friends pronoun
3 Injure a muscle
4 Encroach (on)
5 Lucrezia's brother
6 Smelling salts alternative
7 Help desk staffer
8 Not fooled by
9 Everyday
10 Ship offshore
11 To one side
12 Negev dwellers
13 Go a-charging?
14 Secure with rope
15 She-sheep
23 Thrashes soundly
24 It's sold by the gallon
27 Locomotive's furnace
28 "Friz" Freleng's real first name
29 Correspondent
30 Assume for argument's sake
31 College army prog.
32 Appoint
34 2006 role for Forest Whitaker: 2 wds.
35 Sensation
36 Corrida performers
39 Tiffany glass item
41 Degs. from Babson College
42 Tuck, e.g.
43 Project delayer: 2 wds.
46 Broken in
49 Flowering more fully
53 Was useful to
54 Drove off without
56 Jail, slangily
57 "Seward's Folly"
58 Fad dance of the early '60s
60 They call cops "bears"
62 Ness was one: Hyph.
63 Robbers' total take
64 Itch
65 Soap for real dirty hands
66 Play hooky
67 Lane's colleague
68 Staggering
69 Chronology segments
70 Sidewalk clearer

For the last hundred years, the tradition for residents of Rainbow Road has been to be as creative as possible when choosing house colors. For example, each of six consecutive houses on one side of the street (#101, #103, #105, #107, #109, or #111) is currently painted three different colors: one for the clapboard siding, one for the window trim, and one for the door. The siding colors for the six houses are barn red, charcoal, cream, gold, peach, and sand; the trim colors are black, caramel, gray, mustard, salmon, and Wedgwood blue; and the doors are painted brown, green, melon, rose, teal, and yellow. Some of the combinations certainly sound like clashes on paper, but they have worked out rather well here. For each address, determine the color of the house's trim, door, and siding.

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	BLACK	CARAMEL	GRAY	MUSTARD	SALMON	WEDGWOOD	BROWN	GREEN	MELON	ROSE	TEAL	YELLOW	BARN RED	CHARCOAL	CREAM	GOLD	PEACH	SAND
#101																		
#103																		
#105																		
#107																		
#109																		
#111																		
BARN RED																		
CHARCOAL																		
CREAM																		
GOLD																		
PEACH																		
SAND																		
BROWN																		
GREEN																		
MELON																		
ROSE																		
TEAL																		
YELLOW																		

CLUES

1. The house with the gold siding (which doesn't have a melon door) is directly between the house with the mustard trim and the one with the rose-colored door.
2. Four of the houses are: the one with the mustard trim, the one with the brown door, #101, and #111.
3. The house with the caramel trim doesn't have charcoal siding.
4. The house with the cream siding (which doesn't have the mustard trim) is directly between the house with the gray trim (which doesn't have a rose door) and the house with the brown door.
5. The house at 109 Rainbow Road doesn't have the green door.
6. The house directly between the one with black trim and the one with the melon door has sand-colored siding.
7. The siding on the house with the rose door isn't barn red or cream.
8. The house with salmon trim is directly between the house with the teal door and the one with the peach siding.
9. The house with the yellow door doesn't have caramel trim.

The six puzzles on this page are solitary versions of the classic paper-and-pencil game of Battleships. Each grid represents a section of ocean in which a fleet is hiding. This fleet consists of one battleship (four grid cells in length), two cruisers (three cells each), three destroyers (two cells each), and four submarines (one cell each). The ships may be oriented either horizontally or vertically, and no two ships can occupy adjacent grid cells, not even diagonally. The digits along the grid's perimeter indicate the number of cells in the corresponding rows and columns that are occupied by vessels.

You'll notice that some "shots" have been taken to start you off. These may show water (indicated by wavy lines), a complete sub (a circle), the bow or stern of a ship (a rounded-off square), or a midsection of a battleship or cruiser (a square). The puzzles get harder as you go. Can you reach the rank of admiral by locating all six fleets? **ANSWERS, PAGE 72**



Water



End of ship (will continue in the direction of the flat side)

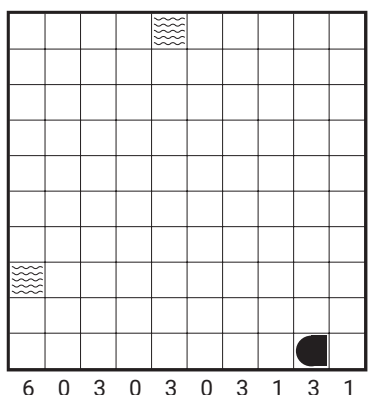






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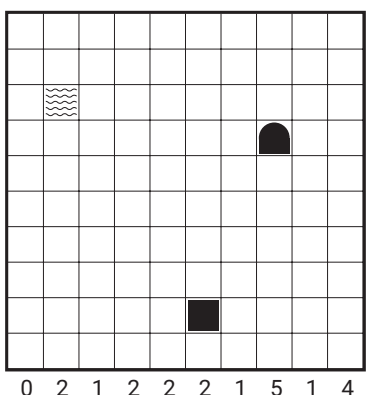
Middle of a ship (will continue either left and right or up and down)





1-SEAMAN



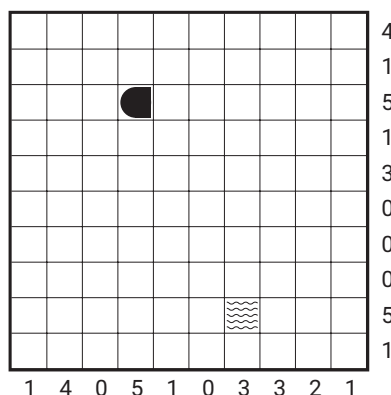
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2-PETTY OFFICER



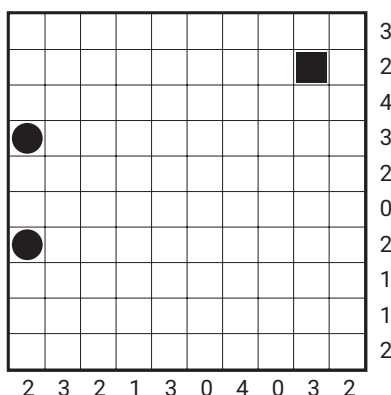
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3-ENSIGN



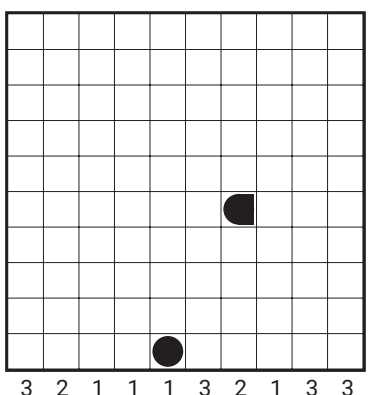
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4-CAPTAIN



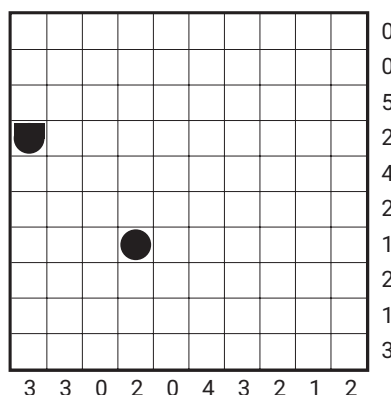
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5-COMMODORE



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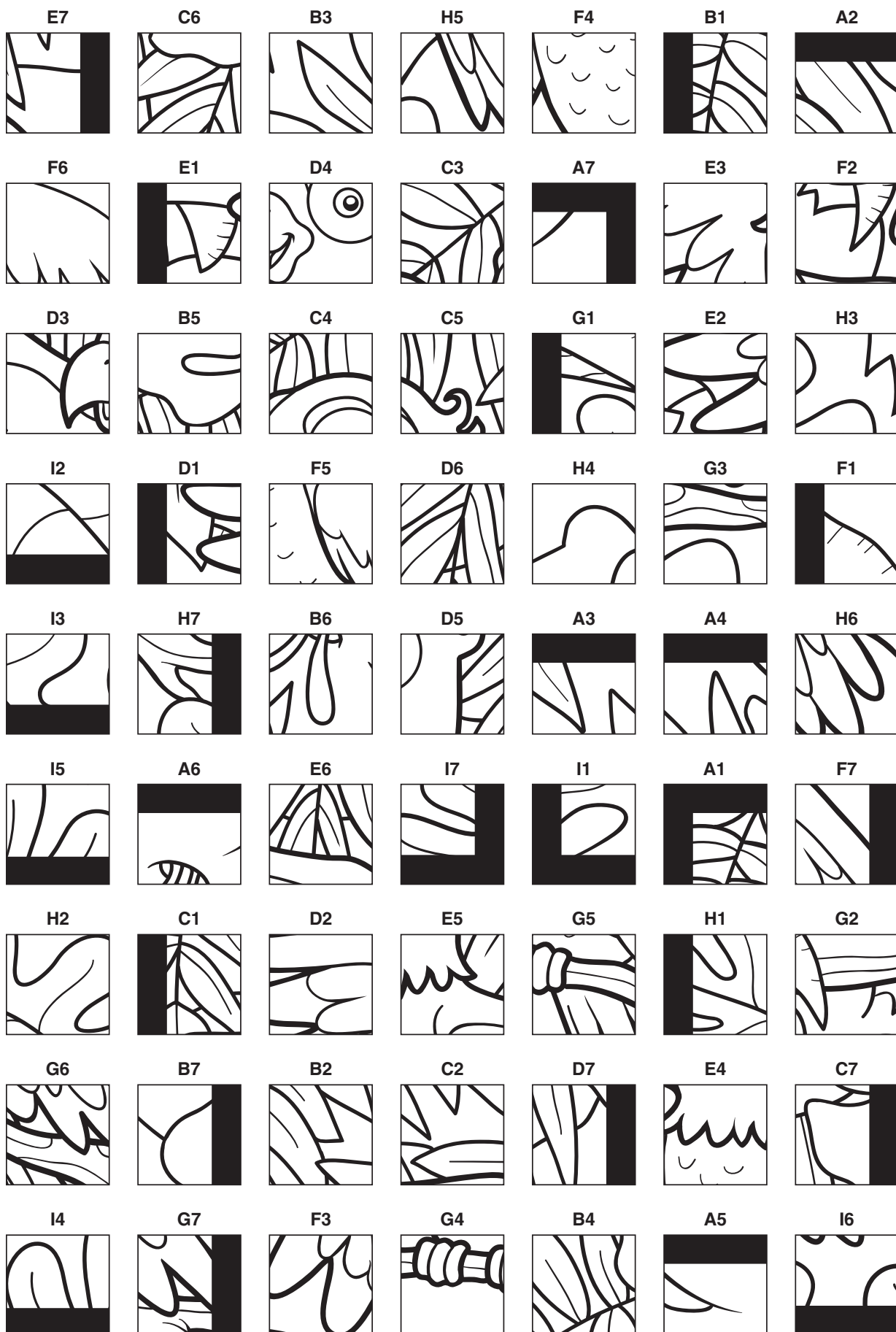
6-ADMIRAL



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This is the easiest way we know of to create art without the benefit of formal training. All you have to do is copy each square in the proper place in the empty grid, following the coordinates. The square marked A3, for example, should be drawn in the box where Row A intersects with Column 3. The more carefully you work, the better the result will be—certainly as good as the finished product found on page 72.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A							
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							
G							
H							
I							



•WILD CARDS•

TEASERS RUMINATIONS

What do the following words have in common?

ALSO	PINAS
CHAIN	PLANE
ENEMY	PURE
INLACED	RAIN
LAITY	SAILER
MAIL	TEARIER

—MICHAEL STROBACH

TEASERS CONCERT OUT ON THE DECK

We don't throw many parties; but when we do, we like to incorporate a theme. Can you ascertain that theme from the songs we blasted (below) and the title of the puzzle (above)?

1. "Dancing in the Moonlight"
2. "Kiss Me"
3. "Bohemian Rhapsody"
4. "Cumbersome"
5. "Baby I Need Your Loving"
6. "The Sign"
7. "Closer"
8. "Beat It"
9. "Moves Like Jagger"
10. "I'm Going Home"
11. "With or Without You"
12. "Joy to the World"

—SCOTT ERDMAN

FOR THE RECORD WHERE WERE YOU IN '62?

I procured a copy of the 1962 Rand McNally world atlas (isn't the internet great?), and in the nearly 60 years since, there have been a few changes in the world. Match the current country names (1–12) with their official names in 1962 (a–l).

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Bangladesh | a. Bechuanaland |
| 2. Benin | b. Burma |
| 3. Botswana | c. Ceylon |
| 4. Burkina Faso | d. Dahomey |
| 5. Egypt | e. Ethiopia |
| 6. Eritrea | f. Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland |
| 7. Myanmar | g. Pakistan |
| 8. Namibia | h. South West Africa |
| 9. Sri Lanka | i. Spanish Sahara |
| 10. Tanzania | j. Tanganyika |
| 11. Western Sahara | k. Arab Republic |
| 12. Zambia & Zimbabwe | l. Upper Volta |

—MICHAEL STROBACH

JUST FOR FUN WHAT'S THAT FROM?

Below are a dozen very recognizable quotes. However, in their current form, they are quite... unrecognizable. That's because each word has been changed to the word that appears directly before or after it in our dictionary. Can you decipher each quote, and then name the film in which it appears?

1. "Therapy nix cryogenics impute baseboard."
2. "Gnu aha, majority muzzle dawning."
3. "Hysteric lovage thaw smear oeuvre nape impute theater Moroccan."
4. "Irrupt isthmus safari?"
5. "Yore cantaloupe handkerchief thaw trusty!"
6. "Wayward roasting banjo."
7. "Nocturnal pustule baccalaureate impute aardvark cornea."
8. "Idyllic yore bugle isthmus, hazy wile combustion."
9. "Shovel mazurka thaw monetary!"
10. "Therapy nix placate likable Homburg."
11. "Theater study thanksgiving dreadnought arduous madder oeuvre."
12. "Aardvark boxing bespeak fridge irrapt hirsute mothball."

—TODD KREISMAN

TEASERS AUNT HILDEGARDE

The last time I saw Aunt Hildegard, she liked *Life* but not *Time*, Rome but not Paris, Polk but not Cleveland. When I asked why, she explained that she preferred words whose letters were in reverse alphabetical order. That struck me as peculiar, but I was just getting used to it when she started hanging around with Uncle Hector—and suddenly she developed a whole new set of likes and dislikes. Can you help me figure out the principle that's guiding her tastes these days?

This month Aunt Hildegard likes to study HISTORY, but not PHILOSOPHY.
She says she would like to go to ITALY, but not GREECE.
She would rather be YOUNG than OLD.
She is very happy on WEDNESDAY, very sad on THURSDAY.
SHERRY is fine, but not CHABLIS.
She'll eat WHOLE-WHEAT bread, but never RYE.
Things that are HEAVY are okay, as long as they're not CUMBERSOME.
She keeps saying she'd rather be HERE than THERE.
She is interested in THESES, but yawns over DISSERTATIONS.
Aunt Hildegard likes the METRIC system, but dislikes the SUBWAY system.

—DAVID DIEFENDORF

•WILD CARDS•

NAME PLAY SEEING DOUBLE

Two different names of famous individuals fit each diagram below. Using the category hints as a guide, can you bring everything into focus?

1. Director / Actress
O L I V _ _ _ _ E
2. Actor / Actor
_ O M _ _ E L _ _ _
3. U.S. president / Soccer player
L _ N D O N _ _ O _ _ _ N
4. U.S. president / Singer-guitarist
J _ _ _ Y _ _ A R _ _ _
5. Actress / Basketball player
_ I _ A _ L _ _ _ _ E
6. Actor / Singer
J _ _ _ _ L E _ _ _ O N
7. Actor / Singer
B R U _ _ _ _ R _
8. Actor / Actress-dancer
_ W E N _ _ _ _ O N
9. Actress / Actress
_ _ L _ _ _ H A Y E _
10. Writer / Actor
_ _ _ I S _ _ A R O _ _

—TODD KREISMAN

WORDPLAY CALLING DR. DOLITTLE

Each of the clues below leads to an answer that includes an animal sound, whose letters are given. Can you show that you can talk to the animals by filling in the remaining blanks?

1. Encouraged
_ _ PURR _ _ _ _ _
2. One who has paid off their mortgage
_ _ _ MEOW _ _ _ _ _
3. Blended fruit drink
_ _ MOO _ _ _ _ _
4. Kitchen zapper
_ _ _ CROW _ _ _ _ _
5. Leave a ship, say
_ _ _ _ _ BARK
6. Al Pacino film
_ _ _ ARF _ _ _ _ _
7. Campfire spiritual song
_ _ _ _ _ BAY _ _ _ _ _
8. Not a very good try
_ _ _ BLE AT _ _ _ _ _
9. Bozo, e.g.
_ _ LOW _ _ _ _ _
10. Where you live
NEIGH _ _ _ _ _
11. Frequent stir-fry ingredient
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ HOOT
12. Body art liquid
_ _ _ _ _ O INK
13. Like a meal made in your own kitchen
_ _ _ _ _ COO _ _ _ _
14. Queue in the mess hall
_ _ HOW L _ _ _ _ _

—STU AGLER

TEASERS MISSING LINKS

The crisscross grid below isn't quite finished. The 15 letters below can be inserted to form a pattern of common words reading across and down. Can you find the unique solution?

A A A B C
C D G L O
P R S S T

—GARY DISCH

E	N	T	E	R			I	N
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D				M			A	T
	V	E	R	S	E		S	
			E			N		
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In the puzzles below, the numbers in the grid squares stand for letters of the alphabet; your task is to crack the code. Once you've figured out the letter that matches a certain number, place that letter in every square containing the same number and in the chart beside the grid. Every letter of the alphabet will appear at least once in the completed grids.

1	14
2	15
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11	24
12	25
13	26

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D	Q
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F	S
G	T
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I	V
J	W
K	X
L	Y
M	Z

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18	2	4	2	25	3	20		23	6	20	14	3	26	15
8		3		25		9		2		8		19		8
18	6	17	8		8	14	25	8		18	20	16	11	26
		8		19		8		14				18		18
7	2	18	22	8	16	20		18	2	10	14	3	7	16
16				18						20				20
26	8	10	1	8	11	25		24	3	2	26	8	20	22
2		16				16		2		7		14		
23	16	20	8	18		19	3	15	25		7	16	12	8
8		5		16		1		25		3		10		21
25	19	6	13	13	14	8		16	7	26	8	25	2	16
13		8		6		13		11		13		8		14
3	10	13	2	7	2	25	13	25		3	26	25	8	13

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19	22	17	14		12	16	9	12	16	21	14	26	24	10
26		22				23		16		23		24		21
23	20	22	21	10	23	17	1	24		3	23	21	1	14
5		18		21		14		25		17		2		13
5	8	24	1	20	24		12	9	26	21	1	1		
24				23		2		24		19		22		14
2	24	10	12	16	10	23	16	19	4		7	22	19	13
17		21		14		6		5		20		3		4
22	9	23	1		2	23	19	24	26	22	2	14	24	14
25		9		1		3		10		1				19
		26	21	23	5	12	14		15	12	23	14	23	2
19		2		8		11		6		3		24		23
23	1	23	2	3		11	21	16	6	24	2	5	21	9
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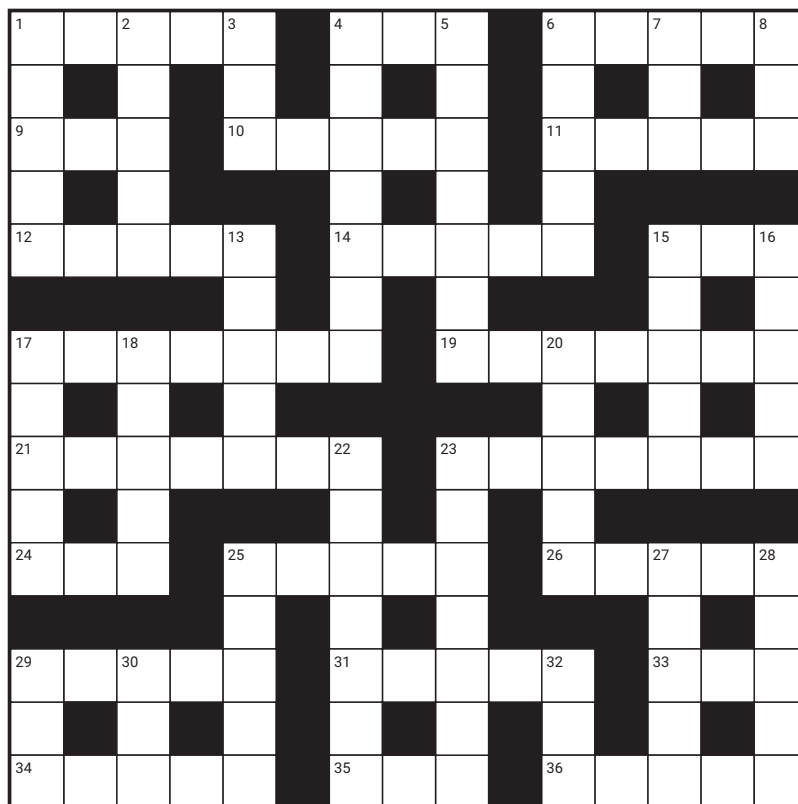
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3	16
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9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

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Each of the clues below refers to a one-word answer that is located somewhere in the puzzle. Every answer word will appear in a clue exactly once. You may have to work back and forth to tie everything together. Good luck!

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ACROSS

1. **23-Across** attraction
4. Garland you may be **27-Down** to wear in Maui
6. Instrument that uses hammers and strings rather than **6-Down**
9. Perform, like a **29-Across** mimicking a human
10. Harlow and **1-Down**
11. Fields Medal, for **8-Down**
12. Deck of cards that can remove a **20-Down** from his money
14. Withdraws from **1-Across**
15. Detect, like a **21-Across** spotting a herring
17. User of **12-Across** cards
19. **25-Down** a football
21. Water bird with a throat **26-Across**
23. Visitor to the **3-Down** Mahal
24. Owed, i.e., a debtor must **9-Across** immediately
25. Succulents that can sting like a bee, à la **7-Down**
26. Small bag commonly made of **4-Down**
29. Machine you may **15-Across** performing repetitive tasks
31. Not available to meet someone in a **30-Down**
33. **19-Across**, as a gift
34. Monetary **18-Down**
35. Furthest part, like the bottom tip of a **22-Down**
36. **6-Across** or organ part

DOWN

1. **33-Across** ____ (Don Adams sitcom)
2. Reptile with teeth sharper than **25-Across**
3. Luxury **28-Down** chain
4. Material derived from animal **14-Across**
5. One with restricted access (like a **17-Across** who communes with spirits)
6. Conveyers of **29-Down** sewage
7. 2001 film that gave Will Smith his **24-Across**
8. Number of zippers on a typical pair of **10-Across**
13. Invigorating, like a **32-Down** in the air
15. *The World's* **35-Across** genre, other than comedy: Hyph.
16. ____ oneself (put the **36-Across** to the metal)
17. Convinced that **15-Down** is actually science, for example
18. **11-Across**, as someone's opinion
20. One who is easily **23-Down**
22. Something worn below the head, like a **4-Across**
23. **17-Down** into believing something
25. Nab a criminal using **5-Down** info, say
27. Tried to **16-Down** one's will upon another
28. Piece **34-Across** four houses
29. **31-Across** off the grill much too early
30. Place to order a vodka **13-Down**
32. Sharp bite, hopefully not from a **2-Down**

Can you score 500 or more points in Word Rummy hands from the card layout at right?

♠ HOW TO PLAY

Find as many common seven-letter words as you can whose cards form Word Rummy hands. A Word Rummy hand is a seven-letter word whose letters appear on cards that make up one **set** (three or four cards of a kind, like 7 7 7 or K K K K) and one **sequence** (three or four cards of the same suit in numerical order, like ♠ A 2 3 or ♣ 9 10 J Q). Either the **set** or the **sequence** may come first, but one of each must be used in each hand, and the two parts must not be mixed together. The letters of a **set** may be used in any order; the letters of a **sequence** must be used in the left-to-right order given in the grid. The same card cannot be used twice in the same hand. Sets and sequences, however, may be repeated in other words. Proper names and foreign words are not allowed, but plurals are fine.

♥ SCORING

Each card in a Word Rummy hand scores its face value. A 6 scores 6 points, for example. Aces are low and count 1 point each. Jacks, queens, and kings count 10 points each.

◆ EXAMPLE

In the puzzle at right the word GENUINE forms a Word Rummy hand. The ♥ 2 3 4 are a sequence with the letters G-E-N; the ♥ A ♠ A ♦ A ♣ A are a set with the letters U-I-N-E. The cards used have values of 2 3 4 1 1 1 1, for a total of 13 points.









♣ RATINGS

Knock: 500 points (good game)

Gin: 750 points (winning game)

Gin-off: 975 points (our best score)

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	A	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	
	I	N	X	R	I	L	P	R	C	N	E	A	R	
	U	G	E	N	F	U	N	P	R	O	C	T	A	
	N	O	H	B	E	N	E	U	S	T	Z	E	L	
	E	R	A	L	T	C	H	E	A	S	P	H	T	
	A	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K	

CARDS & WORDS							POINTS
G	E	N	U	I	N	E	13
2	3	4	A	A	A	A	
COLUMN 1 TOTAL							

[illegible]

Helter-Skelter is a crossword variation in which the answers interlock in any of eight different directions. To solve, write the answer to each clue starting in its numbered square and proceed in a straight line toward—and if necessary beyond—the next consecutive number. The first answer, CAMEL, has been entered in Helter-Skelter #1 as an example.

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HELTER-SKELTER #1

13	14					17	16
4			5				6
24						23	
			10				
25				9	22		8
				3			
12	15		11		21	20	
1	C	A	2	M	E	L	
					19	18	7

HELTER-SKELTER #2

		8			9	7	
13					14		
	16		15			26	2
5			20	11			4
					10	25	24
			19				3
6	17	18					
12		1	22	23			21

- 1 Desert transport
- 2 *Aladdin's* Abu, for one
- 3 Low point
- 4 What cats and rats do
- 5 Military physician
- 6 Disc-shaped percussion instruments
- 7 Thick piece
- 8 Put in the oven
- 9 Engrave on glass
- 10 Western lake, or popular Chevy model
- 11 Intl. oil cartel
- 12 ___ Palace (Vegas hotel-casino)
- 13 Clip out, as a coupon
- 14 Garbanzo bean
- 15 Stretchy
- 16 Out of sorts
- 17 Some pharmacies: 2 wds
- 18 *The Crucible* setting
- 19 Plaque-fighting org.
- 20 Hang low
- 21 Subject of the film *Bobby*, briefly
- 22 Caboodle partner
- 23 *Battlestar Galactica* actress Helfer
- 24 On the briny
- 25 Squeak (by)

- 1 Extreme enthusiast
- 2 Scheming group
- 3 Something you can always count on?
- 4 Snouted mammal
- 5 Ceramics oven
- 6 Experiencing anxiety
- 7 At one point in the future
- 8 Clean up a bog, perhaps
- 9 Altogether
- 10 Broadway star Menzel
- 11 Sith Lord trained by Yoda
- 12 Improbable
- 13 Redgrave and Swann
- 14 "Chandelier" singer
- 15 Pulitzer-winning playwright William
- 16 From Athens, say
- 17 Mike Hammer portrayer Stacy
- 18 Film critic Roger
- 19 Like an ox
- 20 Casino city, for short
- 21 *Friends*, for one
- 22 Halloween mo.
- 23 Carp relative
- 24 Oft-baked cheese
- 25 Insurance customer's concern
- 26 Beloved game show host Alex

Solve this puzzle as you would a regular crossword, except that each space may hold one, two, or three letters. The number of letters in a space is for you to determine, using logic and the crossing of words. The answer to 1-Across, S-HO-LEM, has been filled in as an example.

ANSWER, PAGE 75

1	S	2	HO	3	LEM		4		5		6		7			8		9		10		11	
12							13									14							
15							16									17							
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39						40								41									
42									43	44	45												
46									47								48						
49									50								51						
52									53								54						

ACROSS

- 1 *Uncle Moses* author Asch
- 4 Antitheft device that locks a steering wheel: 2 wds.
- 8 Catches a quick breath
- 12 "Hurry it up!"
- 13 *The Golden Girls* actress Getty
- 14 Clothing
- 15 "How Do I Live" singer LeAnn
- 16 Sprinting star at the 1988 Summer Olympics, informally: Hyph.
- 17 Generous sort
- 18 Cardinals, Orioles, or Blue Jays: 4 wds.
- 21 Hunting regulation: 2 wds.
- 22 Nomadic type
- 23 German city on the Ruhr
- 24 Larval phase between two molting periods
- 27 *The Deep* director Peter
- 28 Spanking, e.g.: 2 wds.
- 31 Many 4WD autos
- 34 Oktoberfest dance
- 35 Taking a breather
- 39 People born between May 21 and June 20

- 41 Decorative wood flooring
- 42 Einstein's seminal treatise on gravitation: 4 wds.
- 46 More balanced
- 47 UConn Huskies' conference: 2 wds.
- 48 Author ____ Jerome Dickey
- 49 Yosemite rock formation, for short: 2 wds.
- 50 More sudsy
- 51 Gotten a glimpse of
- 52 Honeybunch
- 53 Bit of face jewelry: 2 wds.
- 54 *A Passage to India* novelist

DOWN

- 1 Football practice sessions
- 2 Quaint command to a chauffeur: 2 wds.
- 3 Popular food flatfish: 2 wds.
- 4 Piloted for a trial: Hyph.
- 5 Very, in slang
- 6 Poem in the form of a pastoral dialogue
- 7 Greasing of a vehicle's suspension, informally: 2 wds.
- 8 Amateurish rock group: 2 wds.

- 9 California city adjacent to Thousand Oaks: 2 wds.
- 10 Pierce through
- 11 Party ribbons
- 19 Bitter ill will
- 20 Teeming, as with bees
- 24 Counting everything: 2 wds.
- 25 Vivacity
- 26 Actress Campbell who costarred on *Martin*
- 29 Dolphin's cousin
- 30 Plead with
- 31 Part of MSRP
- 32 Worthy of much respect
- 33 Vehicle such as a subcompact: 2 wds.
- 36 Tries hard to attain: 2 wds.
- 37 Requests for information
- 38 Los Angeles art museum locale named after J. Paul: 2 wds.
- 40 Seeing a psychologist, say: 2 wds.
- 41 Covering with a pasty mixture, as a wall
- 43 "Crying" singer Roy
- 44 Downward-facing dog, e.g.: 2 wds.
- 45 Atmosphere above the earth's friction: 2 wds.

Cryptic Classroom #6: Containers

By Arkansas invading Puerto Rico

If you've been following this column since its inception, you may find yourself able to solve an increasing number of clues in cryptic crosswords. As you continue your journey toward cryptic domination, I encourage you to check the answers for the clues you can't solve. It took me years before I was able to fully complete a puzzle without peeking at the answers, but the answers helped me understand the wordplay in the particularly difficult clues. If you have missed any of the previous lessons, don't despair. All of those articles are posted for free on the GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES website, www.gamesmagazine-online.com, and in our Facebook group, Games Magazine Enthusiasts.

Here is a quick recap of what we've learned so far:

1. A well-written cryptic clue has surface meaning, but a savvy solver knows not to be misled by the clue as a whole. Every cryptic clue can be separated into two parts: a literal definition and some kind of wordplay.
2. The literal part is a genuine clue to the answer, like a standard crossword clue. The wordplay part of the clue will also lead the solver to the answer, but first, the solver must determine what type of wordplay is involved.
3. The best way to determine the type of wordplay is by looking for indicator words. These trigger words suggest a particular type of wordplay. Homophones, anagrams, and hidden word clues have indicator words; charades and double definition clues do not.
4. The literal portion of the clue could come at the beginning or the end of the clue.
5. The literal and wordplay parts always appear separate and intact. To put it another way, the literal part is never split by the wordplay part, or vice versa.
6. Punctuation and capitalization can usually be ignored.

7. The length of the answer (shown in parentheses) is often a useful hint.

Now, you will conquer the container clue. Not to be confused with a hidden word clue (in which the *vAN SWER*ved is hidden in plain sight), the container clue puts a word inside another word to create a new word. For example, "Sting adopts cat" could be wordplay for the answer SCATTING. Notice how this style of wordplay needs an indicator word ("adopts"). Not only does the indicator word suggest that this is a container clue, it also tells you that the first word (Sting) is containing ("adopting") the second word (cat). Now let's add a literal clue for SCATTING. "Singing like Tormé" works. Putting it all together, we get, "Singing like Tormé, Sting adopts cat (8)." Simple, right? In reality, a puzzle creator is unlikely to use the words "Sting" and "cat" in the clue, but rather, a charade (see January 2022 issue) or synonym of those words. A more likely clue would be, "Singing like Tormé, head of Police nabs alley prowler (8)."

Try to solve this container clue:

Mock gold found in dynamite (5)

In this clue, the indicator suggests that the first word (gold) will be contained in ("found in") the second word (dynamite). Did you know that chemical symbols are fair game in cryptic clues? Well, now you do! Abbreviations are common too. By putting the chemical symbol for gold, Au, inside the abbreviation for trinitrotoluene, TNT, you'll get a word that means "mock." The answer is TAUNT.

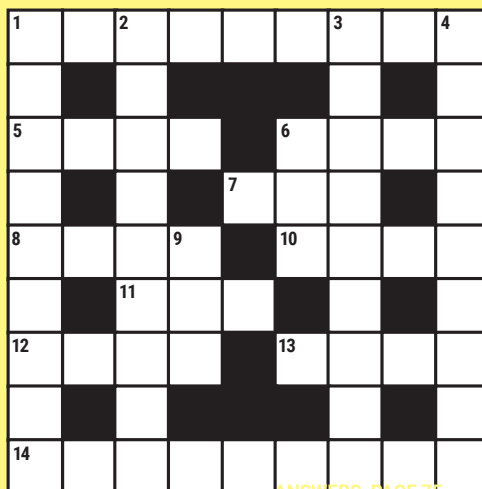
Try to complete this cryptic crossword, where every clue is a container. Container clues are tricky, so consider every correct answer as progress!

ACROSS

1. Art isn't slang in computer speed tests (9)
5. San Francisco in Northwest is risqué, briefly (4)
6. Affleck film before taking adult rating (4)
7. Senior accepts one term of address (3)
8. Leave eleven in alien (4)
10. Senator Paul put nitrogen in engine's cooling system (4)
11. No one in New York (3)
12. Remorseless villain found moon of Jupiter filled with silver (4)
13. Iodine in Kilmer bottle (4)
14. Tropical tree planted in short garden wall (9)

DOWN

1. Biden, for one, in fits over global outbreaks (9)
2. Trespasser to deduce owner of phone (9)
3. Local presented arranger's story (9)
4. Fencing spread, gaining urban acknowledgement (9)
6. State (Arkansas) is home to me (3)
9. Toronto gets top grade in Eastern Philosophy (3)



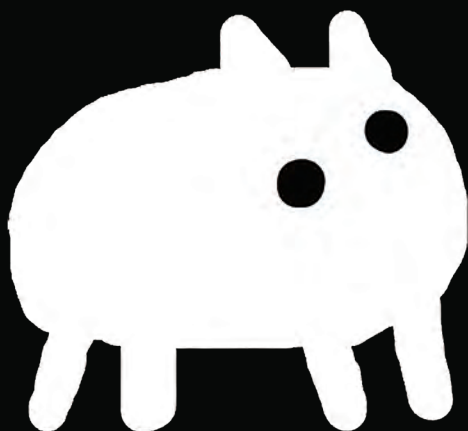
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ROSE IS RED
VIOLET IS BLUE
FLAG IS WIN

BABA IS YOU

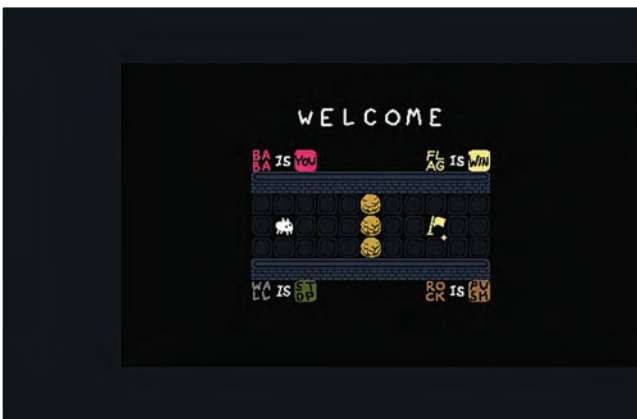
BY DILLON FORNEY



EDITOR'S NOTE: IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE, OUR LONGTIME GAME REVIEWER THOMAS L. McDONALD REVIEWED THE ELECTRONIC PUZZLE GAME BABA IS YOU, WHICH WAS RECENTLY RELEASED ON MOBILE PLATFORMS. McDONALD GAVE THE GAME AN "A" RATING FOR ITS DEPTH AND ORIGINALITY. HERE, NEW CONTRIBUTOR DILLON FORNEY, ANOTHER FAN OF THE GAME, DISCUSSES ITS MECHANICS IN MORE DETAIL.

Baba Is You is a single-player puzzle game where you make the rules with what you're given. You start as a little creature named Baba, but you don't have to be Baba all the time. You could be a flag, a rock, water, text, a conveyor belt—anything the game gives you. The main goal in each level is to win by standing on top of a tile with an item that has the win condition. It could be a flag, a rock, water, text, a conveyor belt—even Baba could be the winning item. There are additional rules in the game; for example, STOP prevents you from walking on a tile with the item marked with STOP. It could be a flag, a rock, blah blah blah—even Baba could stop you. Now, you may be wondering, "What do you mean anything could be the winning item, or the thing you control, or the thing that stops you?" Well, keep reading, because I'm about to explain.

Baba Is You is a unique indie puzzle game that I discovered while scrolling through the depths of YouTube. It's challenging in a way that no other game has been for me, besides maybe figuring out which hole to put the square peg in when I was a toddler and didn't understand the concept of shapes. The idea of the game is that you can push around text to create new rules, like what you're controlling or what you need to stand on to win. It starts off with four simple rules, BABA IS YOU, FLAG IS WIN, ROCK IS PUSH, WALL IS STOP. In this first level, you could just push the rocks out of your way and stand on the flag to win, or you could rearrange the text in a way that allows BABA IS YOU and BABA IS WIN at the same time, which gives you the win. The rules can only be made in horizontal or vertical lines, with the subject (BABA, FLAG, etc.) going first, followed by IS, and ending with an action or another subject



(PUSH, YOU, WIN, BABA, etc.) The last two basic mechanics of the game are UNDO and WAIT. If you accidentally push something into a corner and can't move it, you can UNDO to go back a move. WAIT allows other subjects to carry out their action while you do nothing (e.g., a subject defined with MOVE will MOVE while you WAIT).

The initial map makes the game seem quite short: There are only seven worlds, with 10 extra levels (including the tutorial levels) outside of the worlds. In each world, you're required to beat a number of levels before you get a flower, and some worlds are locked behind doors that require a certain number of flowers to open. The first subject is YOU, while the three initial actions are WIN, PUSH, and STOP (surprising, I know). A subject defined as YOU is what you control, a subject defined as WIN is what you have to stand on to win, a subject defined as PUSH is something you can push, and a subject defined as STOP can neither be pushed nor stood on.

The first action introduced in the tutorial levels outside of the basic four is SINK. A subject defined as SINK will sink if something is on the same tile as the subject, destroying itself and the other subject. If the character you're controlling, which is most likely BABA, is SINK or touches something that is SINK, BABA will disappear, and you'll have to undo your previous move. It might leave a SINK-ing feeling in your stomach when all you're left with is an ominous hum, so try not to sink BABA. The second action is DEFEAT, which is similar to SINK, but destroys only the character being controlled. The third and fourth actions are HOT and MELT. If a subject that IS HOT is on a subject that IS MELT, then the subject that IS MELT will disappear, while the subject that IS HOT will remain.

The first world in the game, THE LAKE, introduces three new actions and a special word. The first action is MOVE, which, as you might be





After SOLITARY ISLAND, you get to choose between TEMPLE RUINS and FOREST OF FALL. In TEMPLE RUINS, the first thing you're introduced to is yet another new action, WEAK. This makes things fragile, and if they're pushed against something that can't be moved, they immediately disappear. You're also introduced to another new special word, HAS. If a subject that has something in it (for example, BOX HAS KEY) is sunk, melted, or opened, it'll drop whatever subject is on the end

able to guess, causes a subject defined as MOVE to move with the character. If the character you're controlling is MOVE, it'll move two tiles if you move, and will move one tile if you wait. It'll move in whatever direction it's facing, and will turn around when it hits an edge or something it can't move. This allows the character to move through DEFEAT objects, which could then push something into your reach, or you can do something magical. If you have an object, for example, KEKE (an orange oval with legs and eyes), you can use a rule like KEKE IS BABA, and KEKE will become BABA. The other two actions introduced go hand-in-hand, OPEN and SHUT. If something is OPEN, it'll act like SINK to something that is SHUT. If something is both OPEN and SHUT, it refuses to exist and disappears. The final thing introduced is the word AND. It can be used in two ways, either between two subjects, like BABA AND KEKE, to make them both have the same property (ex. BABA AND KEKE IS YOU allows you to control BABA AND KEKE) or between two subjects, like OPEN AND SHUT, to make a subject have two different properties with one line. For example, BABA IS OPEN AND SHUT makes BABA OPEN AND SHUT, deleting BABA from existence—so try not to do that.

It's time to SHUT the first world and OPEN the second one, SOLITARY ISLAND, which gives you a nice poem in level 00 and a new action in level 01. The first thing that may come to your mind is, "Isn't this just the first level again?" Then you try to stand on the flag, only to realize that you didn't win. Looking more closely, you may notice a rule in the corner: BABA IS FLOAT. A subject defined as FLOAT, well, floats, and subjects that are floating can't interact with subjects that are not floating—with the exception of subjects with STOP. FLOAT is the only action introduced in this world, so let's FLOAT towards the next two worlds.

of it. (BOX will drop a KEY.) This article still HAS more to say, so let's go to the FOREST OF FALL.

FOREST OF FALL introduces two new actions and a pair of new words, one of which is a special subject. The two actions that are introduced are PULL and TELE. In order to use TELE, you must first have two of the same subject; it'll teleport whatever is on it to the other subject. For example, if BABA IS TELE, and BABA stands on a WALL, it'll teleport the WALL from BABA 1 to BABA 2. If a subject is defined as PULL, it can be pulled, but not pushed. The two words that are introduced are NOT and TEXT. NOT is a word used while making rules; it can come before a subject or after IS/AND/HAS. If NOT comes before the subject, then everything except the subject gets defined with the action. For example, NOT BABA IS DEFEAT makes everything except BABA defined with DEFEAT, and BABA IS NOT DEFEAT prevents BABA from being DEFEAT. If a subject is defined with a NOT PUSH/PULL/whatever, it'll take priority over another rule defining a subject with PUSH/PULL/whatever. Hence, BABA IS NOT YOU will take priority over BABA IS YOU.



You might have noticed that I haven't been introducing new subjects; that's because the subjects don't matter a whole lot. The first exception to this is TEXT. TEXT is what rules are made out of, so if something is defined as TEXT, it'll turn the subject into TEXT. For example, BABA IS TEXT will turn the character BABA into the word BABA. Optionally, you could do TEXT IS BABA, which turns all the TEXT into BABA. However, this deletes all the rules in the process, meaning you won't have a subject to control, ruining the level until you restart or undo.

At this point in the game, you'll unlock the level A WAY OUT? on the main map. (Hint: It's not a way out.) You don't have to visit this level, but if you do, it'll introduce you to the action SHIFT. A subject defined as SHIFT will push you in the direction it's facing if you stand on it. After you complete TEMPLE RUINS, you'll unlock three more worlds: DEEP FOREST, ROCKET TRIP, and FLOWER GARDEN.

In DEEP FOREST, the first new action you're introduced to (assuming you didn't visit A WAY OUT?) is the aforementioned SHIFT. The second action is UP (as well as LEFT/RIGHT/DOWN). A subject defined with UP/LEFT/RIGHT/DOWN will face in the direction specified. For example, BABA IS UP will face BABA UP.

Let's move on to ROCKET TRIP, where a new action and a new special subject are introduced. The action introduced is FALL, which causes a subject defined as FALL to go to the bottom of the screen unless stopped by something below it. So if BABA IS FALL and there is something like TEXT below BABA, BABA will land on the text instead of falling. The second exception to subjects not being special is EMPTY. EMPTY can be used either to make something disappear or make empty space turn into something. EMPTY can be defined as more than

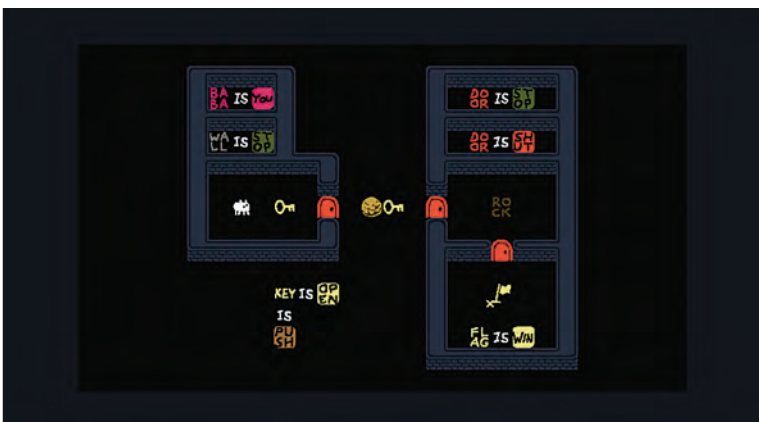
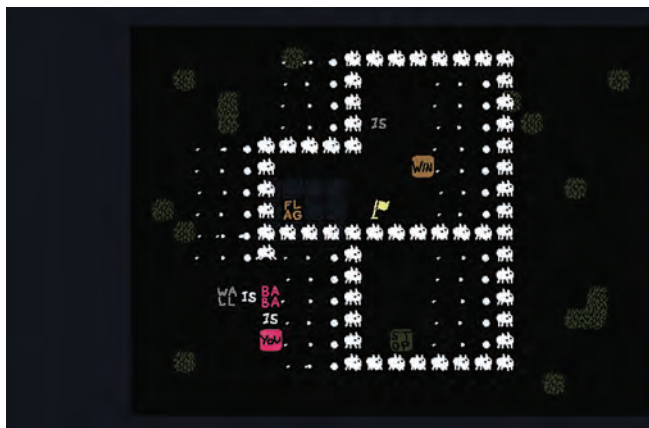
just a subject, though—it can be defined as PUSH, YOU, etc., which gets confusing fast.

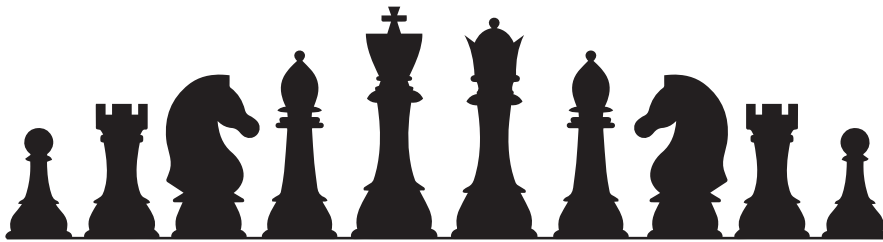
In FLOWER GARDEN, two new words are introduced: MAKE and ON. ON is a word used to make a subject have to be standing on something to be defined with an action. For example, BABA ON GRASS IS YOU will only let you control BABA while ON GRASS. MAKE is used to have a subject make a subject that the tile is standing on; e.g., BABA MAKE GRASS will cause BABA to MAKE GRASS on the tile BABA is standing on.

After completing DEEP FOREST, you'll unlock CHASM, which introduces you to two actions, MORE and WORD, and another special subject, ALL. A subject defined as MORE will fill adjacent empty spaces with more of the same subject, while a subject defined as WORD will have the actual subject act like TEXT while still being a subject.

The special subject is ALL. Any subject on screen that isn't TEXT or EMPTY is counted in ALL. For example, BABA IS ALL will turn BABA into all subjects on screen, including BABA, and ALL IS BABA will turn all subjects into BABA.

After you complete any five worlds, the last world, VOLCANIC CAVERN, will open up. VOLCANIC CAVERN doesn't introduce any new words, so the only thing left to explain are the three levels behind the gate at the top. These three levels introduce the most interesting subject, LEVEL. LEVEL acts like any other subject, and if you put it in front of IS PUSH/PULL/any other action, it can be pulled/pushed/whatever. The thing that sets this apart, though, is when you put it in front of IS BABA/FLAG/any other subject. The level on the map will turn into BABA/FLAG/any other subject, and you may notice the rules in the very corner of the main map. I won't spoil what happens, so go solve those puzzles and discover this intriguing game for yourself. ■





CARLSEN RETAINS WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY R. WAYNE SCHMITTBERGER

IN December, Magnus Carlsen of Norway won his fifth consecutive World Chess Championship match, successfully defending the title he has held since 2013. The final three games of the 14-game match were not played, since Carlsen's four wins and seven draws gave him a 7.5-3.5 lead and assured his victory.

The match, which was played in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, was originally scheduled for 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the Candidates Tournament that determined the challenger, who turned out to be Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. The players shared the prize fund of 2 million euros, with 60 percent going to the winner.

The match began with five draws, after which Carlsen won the longest game in chess championship history—136 moves, which took nearly eight

hours. Computer databases showed that Nepomniachtchi could still have managed a draw until his 130th move, but in practice defending with just a queen against a rook, knight, and two connected passed pawns was nearly impossible for a human player. In the position shown below, Carlsen played the game's final move, 136. Ng7, which gave his king a safe haven on g8 to escape checks by the Black queen, assuring the promotion of the e pawn.

After a draw in the following game, Nepomniachtchi made serious oversights in three of the next four games. The positions in which he erred are shown on page 39. Can you find Carlsen's winning move in each case?

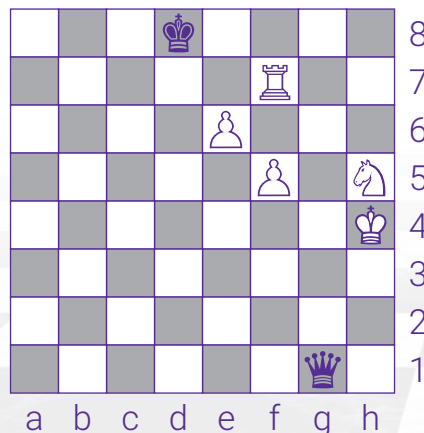
Complete game records can be found at Wikipedia in the article "World Chess Championship 2021."

GAME 6

White: Magnus Carlsen
Black: Ian Nepomniachtchi

Catalan Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Be7 5. 0-0 0-0 6. b3 c5 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. c4 dxc4 9. Qc2 Qe7 10. Nbd2 Nc6 11. Nxc4 b5 12. Nce5 Nb4 13. Qb2 Bb7 14. a3 Nc6 15. Nd3 Bb6 16. Bg5 Rfd8 17. Bxf6 gxf6 18. Rac1 Nd4 19. Nxd4 Bxd4 20. Qa2 Bxg2 21. Kxg2 Qb7+ 22. Kg1 Qe4 23. Qc2 a5 24. Rfd1 Kg7 25. Rd2 Rac8 26. Qxc8 Rxc8 27. Rxc8 Qd5 28. b4 a4 29. e3 Be5 30. h4 h5 31. Kh2 Bb2 32. Rc5 Qd6 33. Rd1 Bxa3 34. Rxb5 Qd7 35. Rc5 e5 36. Rc2 Qd5 37. Rdd2 Qb3 38. Ra2 e4 39. Nc5 Qxb4 40. Nxe4 Qb3 41. Rac2 Bf8 42. Nc5 Qb5 43. Nd3 a3 44. Nf4 Qa5 45. Ra2 Bb4 46. Rd3 Kh6 47. Rd1 Qa4 48. Rda1 Bd6 49. Kg1 Qb3 50. Ne2 Qd3 51. Nd4 Kh7 52. Kh2 Qe4 53. Rxa3 Qxh4+ 54. Kg1 Qe4 55. Ra4 Be5 56. Ne2 Qc2 57. R1a2 Qb3 58. Kg2 Qd5+ 59. f3 Qd1 60. f4 Bc7 61. Kf2 Bb6 62. Ra1 Qb3 63. Re4 Kg7 64. Re8 f5 65. Raa8 Qb4 66. Rac8 Ba5 67. Rc1 Bb6 68. Re5 Qb3 69. Re8 Qd5 70. Rcc8 Qh1 71. Rc1 Qd5 72. Rb1 Ba7 73. Re7 Bc5 74. Re5 Qd3 75. Rb7 Qc2 76. Rb5 Ba7 77. Ra5 Bb6 78. Rab5 Ba7 79. Rxf5 Qd3 80. Rxf7+ Kxf7 81. Rb7+ Kg6 82. Rxa7 Qd5 83. Ra6+ Kh7 84. Ra1 Kg6 85. Nd4 Qb7 86. Ra2 Qh1 87. Ra6+ Kf7 88. Nf3 Qb1 89. Rd6 Kg7 90. Rd5 Qa2+ 91. Rd2 Qb1 92. Re2 Qb6 93. Rc2 Qb1 94. Nd4 Qh1 95. Rc7+ Kf6 96. Rc6+ Kf7 97. Nf3 Qb1 98. Ng5+ Kg7 99. Ne6+ Kf7 100. Nd4 Qh1 101. Rc7+ Kf6 102. Nf3 Qb1 103. Rd7 Qb2+ 104. Rd2 Qb1 105. Ng1 Qb4 106. Rd1 Qb3 107. Rd6+ Kg7 108. Rd4 Qb2+ 109. Ne2 Qb1 110. e4 Qh1 111. Rd7+ Kg8 112. Rd4 Qh2+ 113. Ke3 h4 114. gxh4 Qh3+ 115. Kd2 Qxh4 116. Rd3 Kf8 117. Rf3 Qd8+ 118. Ke3 Qa5 119. Kf2 Qa7+ 120. Re3 Qd7 121. Ng3 Qd2+ 122. Kf3 Qd1+ 123. Re2 Qb3+ 124. Kg2 Qb7 125. Rd2 Qb3 126. Rd5 Ke7 127. Re5+ Kf7 128. Rf5+ Ke8 129. e5 Qa2+ 130. Kh3 Qe6 131. Kh4 Qh6+ 132. Nh5 Qh7 133. e6 Qg6 134. Rf7 Kd8 135. f5 Qg1 (diagram) 136. Ng7 1-0



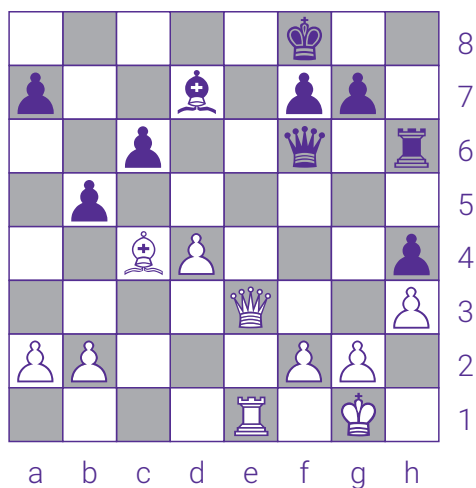
GAME 8

Position after 21. ... b5?

White can now (and did) win material.
Can you see how?

White: Carlsen

Black: Nepomniachtchi



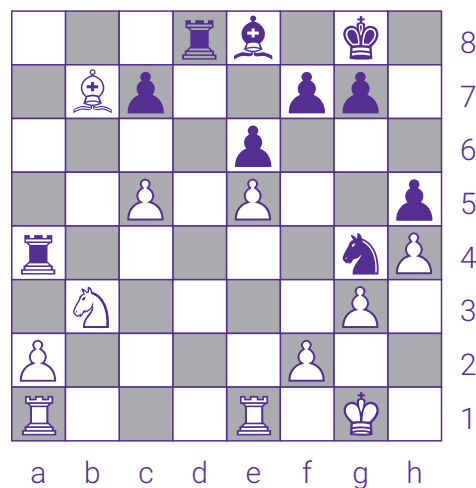
GAME 9

Position after 27. c5?

Black can now (and did) win material.
Can you see how?

White: Nepomniachtchi

Black: Carlsen



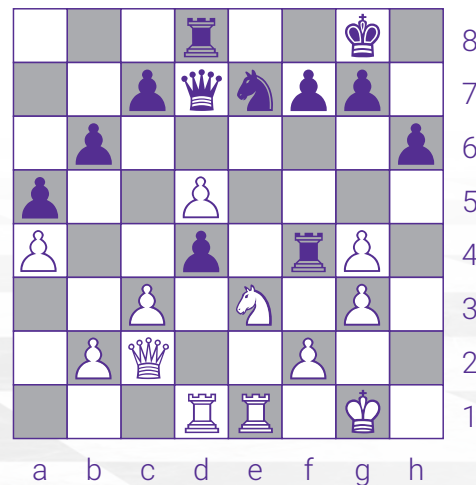
GAME 11

Position after 23. g3?

What move did Carlsen now play to create
a winning position?

White: Nepomniachtchi

Black: Carlsen



CELEBRITY SPLICES

BY RAYMOND SIMON

Pictured here are 26 actors and actresses whom you may recognize from recent streaming series and TV shows. However, we've spliced their photos together so that each face represents two different people. How many can you identify?

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0 TO 10: You must read a lot!

11 TO 19: You're keeping up with popular viewing options.

20 TO 26: Congratulations! You're a master of the remote control!







From The Classic Games Department

The Murder Game

Stephen Sondheim invites you to play detective at his house.

#5 Tony Shaffer

Editor's note: This puzzle originally appeared in the January 1983 issue of GAMES, where it accompanied Dick Schaap's article on Stephen Sondheim, titled "You Can Walk Out of This Magazine Humming His Games."



#10 Roddy McDowall



It's midnight when Stephen Sondheim announces to you and nine other guests that a murder is about to take place—a game of murder, that is.

Sondheim removes the ace to 10 of hearts from a deck of cards. He shuffles the 10 cards to insure random distribution, places them face down on a table, and asks each guest to select one. He then gives each of you an envelope with a number that matches your card. As it happens, number 1 goes to composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein, number 2 to actress Phyllis Newman, 3 to actor Tony Perkins, 4 to playwright Peter Shaffer, 5 to his brother, playwright Tony Shaffer, 6 to actress Lee Remick, 7 to you, 8 to choreographer Jerome Robbins, 9 to Mary Ann Madden, the *New York Magazine* contest editor, and 10 to actor Roddy McDowall.* Sondheim instructs each of you to sign your envelope before opening it.

Nine envelopes contain slips of paper directing the player to a different part of Sondheim's darkened house, where a photographic clue has been placed. You are each to bring your clue back to the "safe" room, both to establish your innocence and to help deduce the identity of the murderer.

The other envelope contains a different message: "You are the murderer. Go to the den. In the top right-hand drawer of the desk, you will find a gun. Take it and use it." The designated killer looks around nervously, trying to appear calm.

#1 Leonard Bernstein



#9 Mary Ann Madden



#7 Your Envelope



#8 Jerome Robbins



#3 Tony Perkins



#6 Lee Remick

#2 Phyllis Newman

#4 Peter Shaffer

At the same time, you open your envelope and read, "Go to the dining room. Somewhere in the fireplace you will find a clue. Quickly bring the clue back to the safe room, carrying it openly in your hand." You follow the instructions and return without encountering the killer.

In the third-floor bathroom, Phyllis Newman isn't so lucky. Just as she finds her photo, she hears the sound of a gun and the words, "Too bad, Phyllis, you're dead." Newman falls to the floor, where she'll remain until summoned later in the game. The killer picks up Newman's photo clue and hurries toward a sound in the game room. There the killer neatly dispatches Lee Remick, and, using the same M.O., bumps off Peter Shaffer in the upstairs bedroom, retrieving each one's photo. Satisfied with three victims, the killer ditches the gun and two photos, and calmly walks downstairs carrying one photo in hand. Soon it's clear that three people won't be returning, and the survivors collect the players who have been killed.

Now the second part of the game begins. The photos returned by the surviving players are laid out on the table, each photo with the envelope of the person who returned it. The survivors, the victims, and even the killer must now study the photos for clues that will conclusively prove the identity of the killer. Can you figure out who it is?

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*All of your fellow players have, in fact, played the game over the years.

TEXT TILES

BY CHRISTOPHER MAGAN

Eight 36-letter definitions (ignoring spaces and punctuation) for the same 7-letter theme word can be spelled out by placing each of the 3-letter tiles in one of the eight rows below, labeled A through H. The first tile for each definition has been provided. The solution to the contest is the 7-letter theme word, as well as the last 3-letter tile in each row.

To enter, send the contest solution, along with your name and address, to: **Text Tiles Contest, GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, P.O. Box 184, Fort Washington, PA 19034**. Entries may be sent in an envelope or written on the back of a postcard. You may send as many entries as you like, but each entry must be mailed separately. Entries must be received by May 2, 2022. Winners will be chosen by random draw from among the correct answers. ■

SEVEN-LETTER THEME WORD =

A)	CHA											
B)	DEC											
C)	DEF											
D)	INA											
E)	LAS											
F)	LIQ											
G)	ROM											
H)	SOL											

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LEM	LHG	LIG	MAN	MBO	MEN	MEO	MES	MET	MME	MOT
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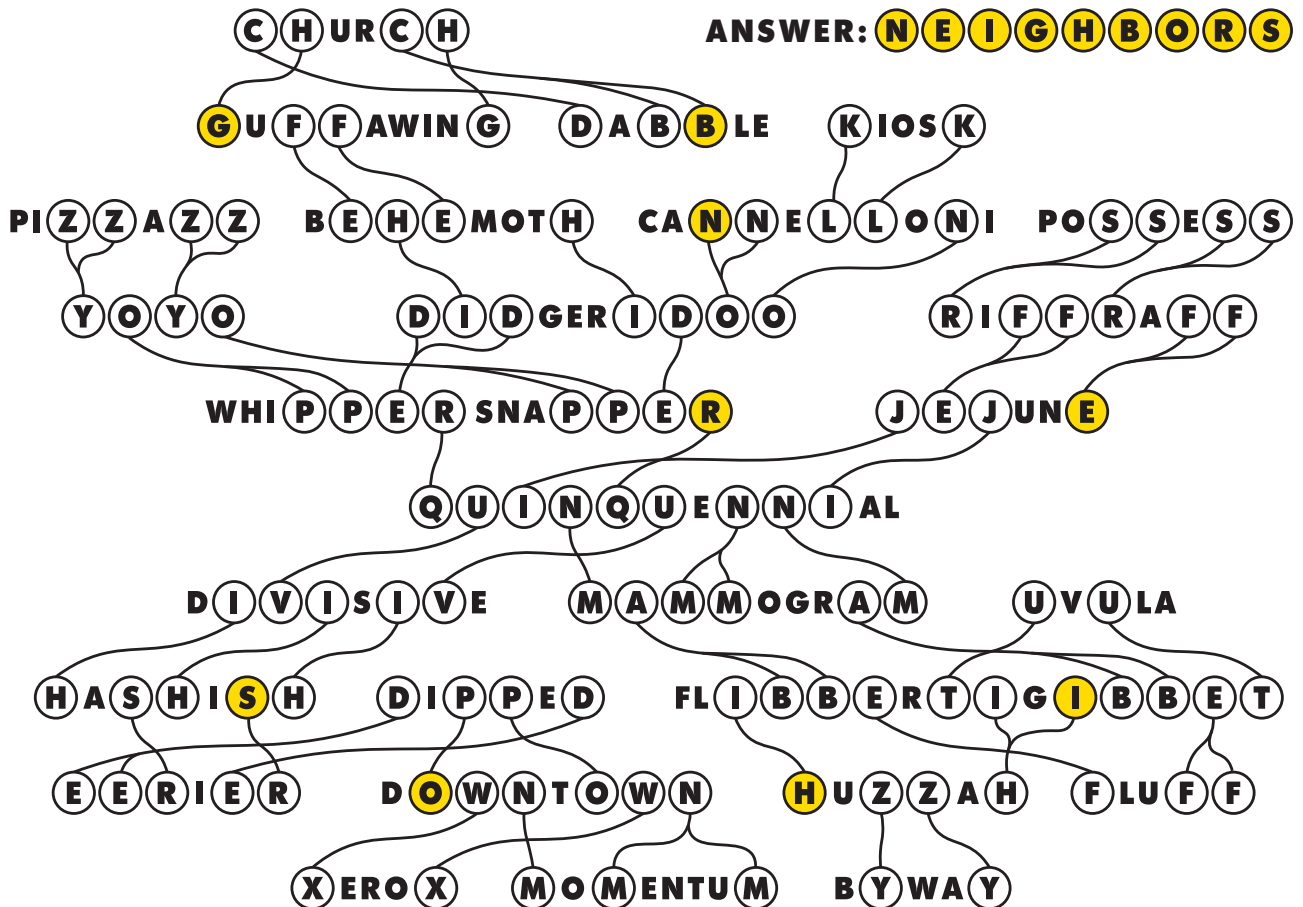
FROM AUGUST

In this contest, we took a list of words—each containing at least one pair or set of repeated letters (not necessarily adjacent)—and replaced those letters with circles. These circles were connected to circles in other words by consecutive letters of the alphabet. In each case, every occurrence of a letter in a given word was connected to that second word.

Your task was to work back and forth to fill in all of the shaded circles. Every letter of the alphabet had to be used at least once. After you had filled in all of the circles, you had to unscramble the letters in the shaded circles to reveal the common 9-letter word that was the solution to the contest.

The completed diagram is shown below. As you can see, the solution word is NEIGHBORS.

This was a very popular contest; we received an impressive total of 1,082 entries, almost all of which gave the correct solution. Congratulations to the winner of the \$100 first prize, Teri Nisbet of Keizer, OR. Runner-up prizes of a year's subscription to GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES (or an additional year for current subscribers) go to: John Carey of Cherry Hill, NJ; Ken Considine of Half Moon Bay, CA; Steve Gunter of Raleigh, NC; Paula Kroeker of Foothills, Alberta; and Chris Pippin of Portland, OR. ■



**CARD
POKER QUEST
PLAYSAURUS
MAC/PC: \$15
AGE RANGE: EVERYONE
PLAY TIME: UNLIMITED
PLAYERS: 1**

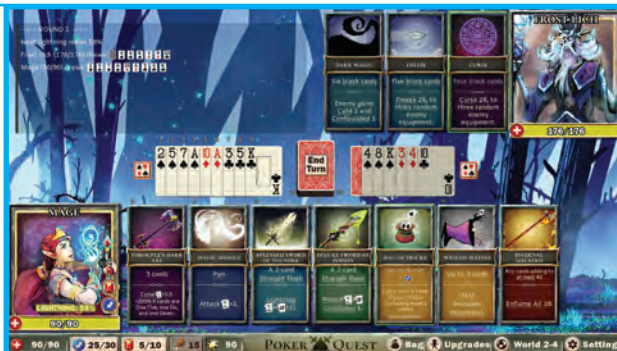
Poker Quest follows in a popular tradition that includes Dicey Dungeons, Solitairica, and other light RPG/roguelikes driven by traditional game elements. In this case, you're playing poker hands to power up attacks and fight monsters across a fantasy-themed map. You begin with a standard 52-card deck and some ability cards, but these change with each encounter, and even standard cards may be boosted with extra points, such as a +5 King.

The game is simple to grasp. As a rogue-like, it has you making runs through randomized maps. There are different paths through the maps, but you can only see a short distance ahead before you choose. Some paths may lead you through more monster encounters, while others feature bonuses, rest stops, and special locations. The goal is to pace yourself so you don't encounter enemies before

you're ready, while maintaining an inventory of food, gems, and other items.

The game starts with a well-rounded Knight of Clubs character unlocked; more characters become available as you progress. The Knight's sword and shield are powered by card combos: two cards for the shield, and up to two cards for the sword, with a bonus for pairs. These abilities can be leveled up as you go, making them more powerful or easier to play. Eventually, you're making flushes, straights, and full houses to defeat monsters. You also gather new abilities as you go, with a huge number of available options to keep things fresh.

As characters advance, they can open new slots, play more cards, deploy different skills, and drive ever-stronger attacks. Of course, the monsters are also getting stronger, and the trick is pacing one



to match the other so when you finally get to that 200+ hitpoint boss, you have the stamina and abilities to take him.

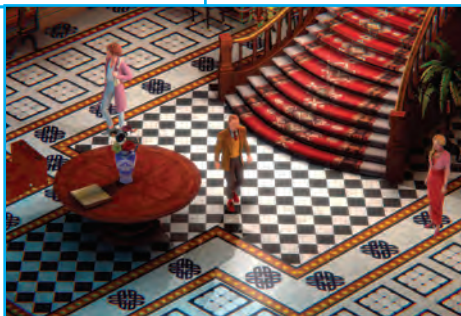
That's not always easy. Depending on the route you take, it's possible to encounter strong foes before you're ready, which means you die and start over. The good part is that you get to keep some items and experience, so you advance between runs.

There are a lot of variables here, all allowing for a very customizable experience. In addition, the thousands of items, hundreds of monsters, and the utter randomness make each run feel fresh. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: DICEY DUNGEONS

RATING A

**ADVENTURE
AGATHA CHRISTIE—HERCULE POIROT:
THE FIRST CASES
BLAZING GRIFFIN
PC/MAC/SWITCH: \$25, XBOX/PS4: \$30
AGE RANGE: TEEN
PLAY TIME: 8-10 HOURS
PLAYERS: 1**



Blazing Griffin may be hoping to do for Hercule Poirot what Frogwares did for Sherlock Holmes: launch a franchise of detective games with a beloved and recognizable character. Its first effort is certainly rough in spots, but it's largely entertaining and has real potential.

The game gives us a young Poirot, still a uniformed member of the Belgian police force. He isn't yet the eccentric genius of his later days, but he shows promise—until the death of a suspect leads to his exile from Brussels to the Belgian backwaters, where he spends his days judging gardening contests.

A prologue case introduces the game mechanics: Poirot is called to the mansion of the once-wealthy Van den Bosch family. A bracelet is missing, and a maid is accused. Poirot is called to arrest her, but he

has his doubts and begins his methodical investigation. Many years later, the family again calls on him to solve a murder that makes up the main part of the narrative.

The game offers limited slices of the world seen from above, some not quite wide enough to view essential clues properly. (For example, an upper story window required some effort to see.) It's a bit of a pixel hunt, as you run the mouse over areas looking for hotspots that contain objects or clues. Dialogue options allow for right and wrong choices to elicit the required answers or particular emotional reactions. There's no inventory, although things such as keys are collected and later used automatically.

The game's major conceit is that Poirot's brain is imagined as a piece of mind-map software. Characters, discoveries, and clues create points on the map; the challenge is to properly connect one to another in order to advance the investigation. It's a good system, but one with limits. Detective fans will see deep connections that the game doesn't. Rather than making intuitive and logical deductions, you're hunting for connections the game wants you to find.

This leads to the game's major problem: pacing. Any detective fan will be about five steps ahead of the game, but still must navigate all those steps in the correct order, rather than just, say, taking the bracelet out of the chimney and accusing the daughter.

Nonetheless, cozy mystery games are not so plentiful that fans can quibble. The mind-map mechanic, storyline, and character writing are quite good, but the game would benefit from snappier pacing and a more open design. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: SHERLOCK HOLMES: CHAPTER ONE

RATING B

MEMORY**YŌKAI****GAMEWRIGHT: \$10****AGE RANGE: 8+****PLAY TIME: 20 MIN.****PLAYERS: 2-4**

Zero-communication games are good opportunities for starting fights. When players need to work together without speaking or otherwise signaling their knowledge or intent, it rarely ends well: *How did you miss that?!*

People obviously love the challenge, though, which is what made *The Mind* a success. *Yōkai* is a kind of Concentration-style team game with limited communication. The game is played with a set of 16 square cards, shuffled and placed facedown in a 4x4 grid. The cards are made of heavy cardboard, each depicting one of four yōkai with different colors and symbols. Yōkai are Japanese spirits—sometimes mischievous, sometimes helpful. Included are the Kitsune (red), Kappa (green), Rokurokubi (purple), and Oni (blue). In the game, they are only appeased by being grouped together.



Each turn, a player can peek at two cards without letting other players see, or indicating what they are. A player may then move one card anywhere on the grid as long as it is joined orthogonally to another card, and does not split the grid in two. The goal is to get all of the matching colors in one place so that the red, blue, purple, and green cards are together when the cards are flipped at the end of the game.

As a final action in a turn, a player must reveal or place a card from the hint deck. Hint cards

provide information about the yōkai underneath. They may show one, two, or three colors. If it's a red card, for example, the yōkai underneath is red. If it's a red/green card, it might be either color. Once a hint card is placed, the yōkai cannot be moved. The game ends either when one player declares it complete, or all the hint cards are used.

Two variants are included to make things harder: One adds Affinity cards indicating yōkai types that need to be adjoining, and another adds Objective cards, which require the high-impossible task of creating specific geometric layouts with the cards.

This is an interesting memory puzzle to solve as a non-speaking group, since everyone needs to pay careful attention to what cards people move and where they move them. It's a very different game with two players than with four, and the appeal lies in the way players have to, in a sense, read each others' minds and make deductions from logical actions. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: THE MIND**RATING B****CO-OP****GROUNDHOG DAY: THE GAME****FUNKO: \$17****AGE RANGE: 10+****PLAY TIME: 15 MIN.****PLAYERS: 2-6**

It's *Groundhog Day* ... again? In Bill Murray's classic comedy, obnoxious weatherman Phil Connors has to relive the same 24 hours over and over until he learns how to be a good person. In the new co-op game based on the movie, you play through his various attempts at self-improvement in about 15 minutes.

Groundhog Day: The Game is played with a deck of 60 cards, a small game board, some number tokens, an egg timer, and a little wooden groundhog. The cards are divided into five differently colored sets depicting the various levels of Phil's growing humanity: selfish, wild, nice, learning, and perfect. Each step up is worth more hearts, so a perfect card is worth four hearts, while a selfish card is worth none. The cards depict Phil's different actions and choices. Each also has a number value from 1 to 12. The goal is to play a row consisting only of perfect cards, but getting to that point isn't easy.

The board tracks the days, and you have as many as nine rounds to make Phil's perfect day. Each round begins by shuffling the deck and dealing cards to each player. The number of cards is based on the current day, so day 1 in an easy game is 24 cards, while on day 12 you deal out 12 cards.

Once the hands are dealt, the timer is flipped and everyone can start playing cards at once. The goal is to play a row of seven cards, left to right, lowest to highest, while also taking into account the heart values of each card. So, if the first card played is a 3, the next player has to lay down a card worth 4 or more, and then 5, and so on. Like *Yōkai*, *Groundhog Day* is a limited communication game: Once the timer is flipped, there is no talking or signaling. When the timer runs out, all the hearts are added up. This number is placed at the end of the row using number tokens.



The process is repeated, but each time the score for the hearts must increase, or the game ends. Thus, you need to play lower value cards on early levels, holding back those red "perfect" cards for later. If you can't follow with a correct card, don't score higher than a previous row, or don't have a row made of perfect day cards, everyone loses. It's very hard to get that perfect day, and the frustration of multiple losses may not be everyone's idea of fun. On the other hand, it makes for a good co-op game since people learn each other's techniques over time, and gradually get better at working together. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: THE GAME**RATING B**

DIG

"A dults may play this game dressed in evening clothes. Formal dress is not essential, although it would make a pretty picture, inasmuch as every player must swing his pick energetically to select from the gold mine, the letters needed to complete the subject described on the Calling Cards."

So read the rules for Dig, a Parker Brothers offering from the 1940s. Whoever wrote the rules had a wacky sense of humor; even the box cover features bejeweled and be-cuffed swells playing the game. As it turns out, parsing the play instructions was as entertaining as playing the game.

The conceit of Dig is that players use a facsimile of a gold miner's pick to dig out letters from a pool of tiles. The picks resemble mallets fashioned from a slim cylindrical stick with a head made out of cork attached to one end. Each tile displays one letter.

To begin, players select a dealer, who is referred to as the Head Miner. (All other players are merely miners.) The Head Miner picks a Calling Card and "IN A STRONG VOICE READS" one of the lines printed on the card in red or black. Cards contain messages such as "Advertised Product: Musical Instrument." The players use their picks, which originally had a gummy end, to start grabbing letters in order to create a word that satisfies the

challenge. Or in the words of the nutty rules, "NOW—AND VIGOROUSLY, EVERYBODY PICKS!"

The first person to complete the challenge receives one share of the gold mine. Five shares may be exchanged for a gold bar, and the winner is the first player to accumulate three gold bars.

STICK-TO-ITIVENESS

Sadly, the game box's claim that "The Pick Does the Trick" clangs false. The once-sticky ends of the picks in my game had likely dried out decades ago. This seems to be a common complaint of others who purchased the game, judging from online comments.

My group decided to use our fingers to grab the tiles, each in turn dipping into the pool to grab a letter. This actually added to the entertainment value and indeed proved lively. The finger-picking method made the game a little more fun by disobeying the admonition in the rules: "CAUTION!—Use ONLY the pick and NOT THE FINGERS, to select letters."

The real fun is when a player claims to have solved a challenge but provides a dubious answer. For instance, I played the wisenheimer by answering the challenge "Something Bright" with ME. Another competitor answered the challenge "A Medicine" with TV—suggesting that TV is some type of narcotic. Then, just two rounds later, a pretentious pal answered, "Something Dangerous" with TV.

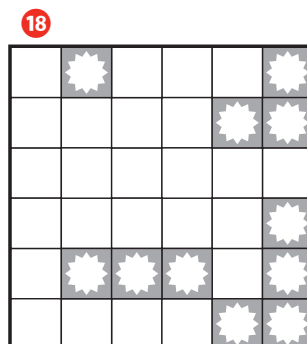
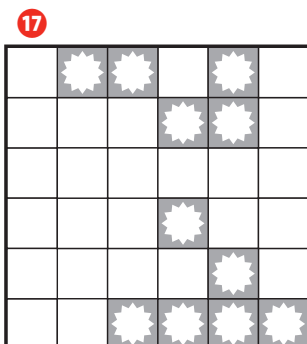
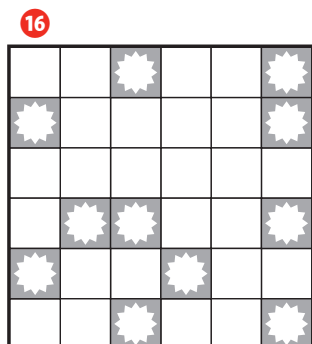
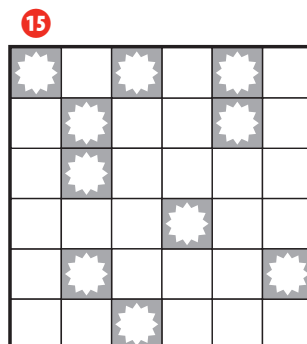
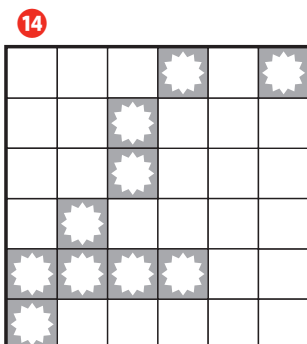
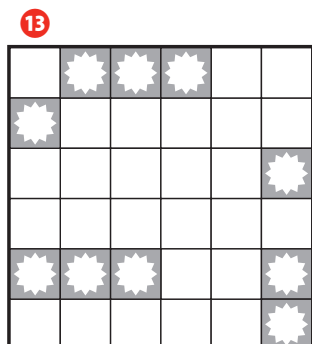
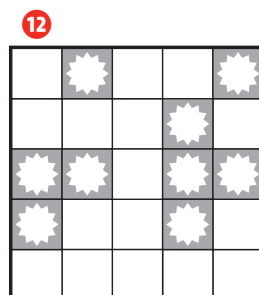
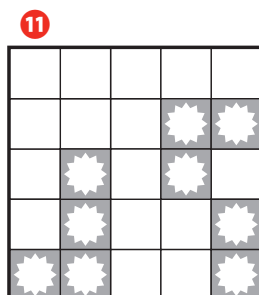
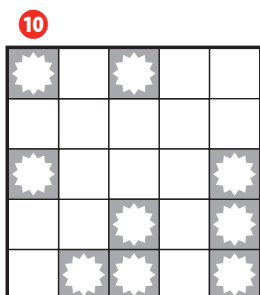
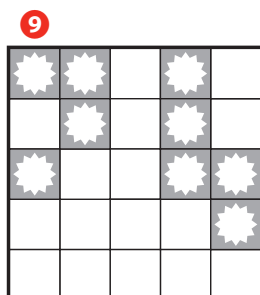
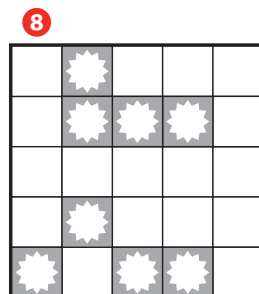
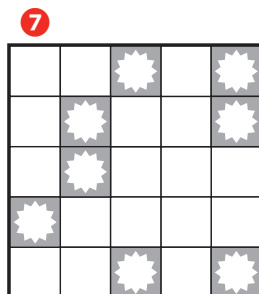
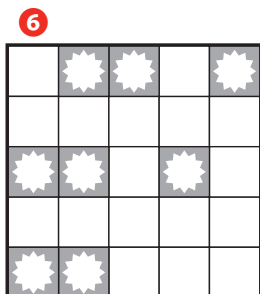
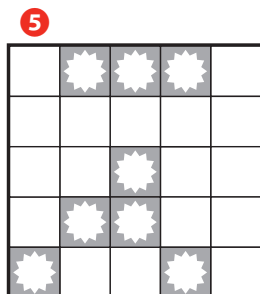
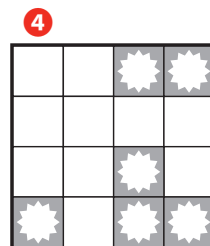
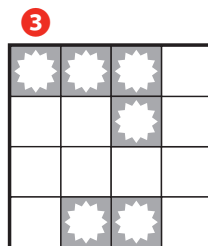
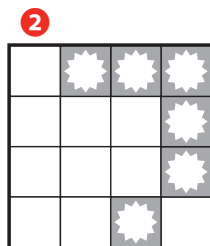
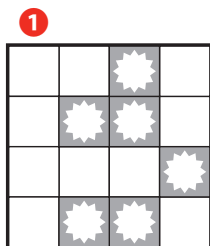
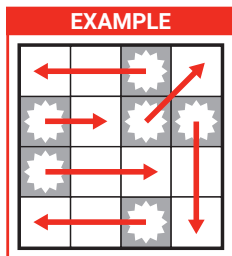
The Parker Brothers struck gold in 1935 with their release of Monopoly. In the hopes of parlaying that success, they used the mustachioed character of the Monopoly mascot, Rich Uncle Pennybags, on each card in Dig. He's outfitted with a pick and shovel along with his ever-present cane.

If you see a copy of the game, go for the gold. Just remember: "All that glitters..." ■

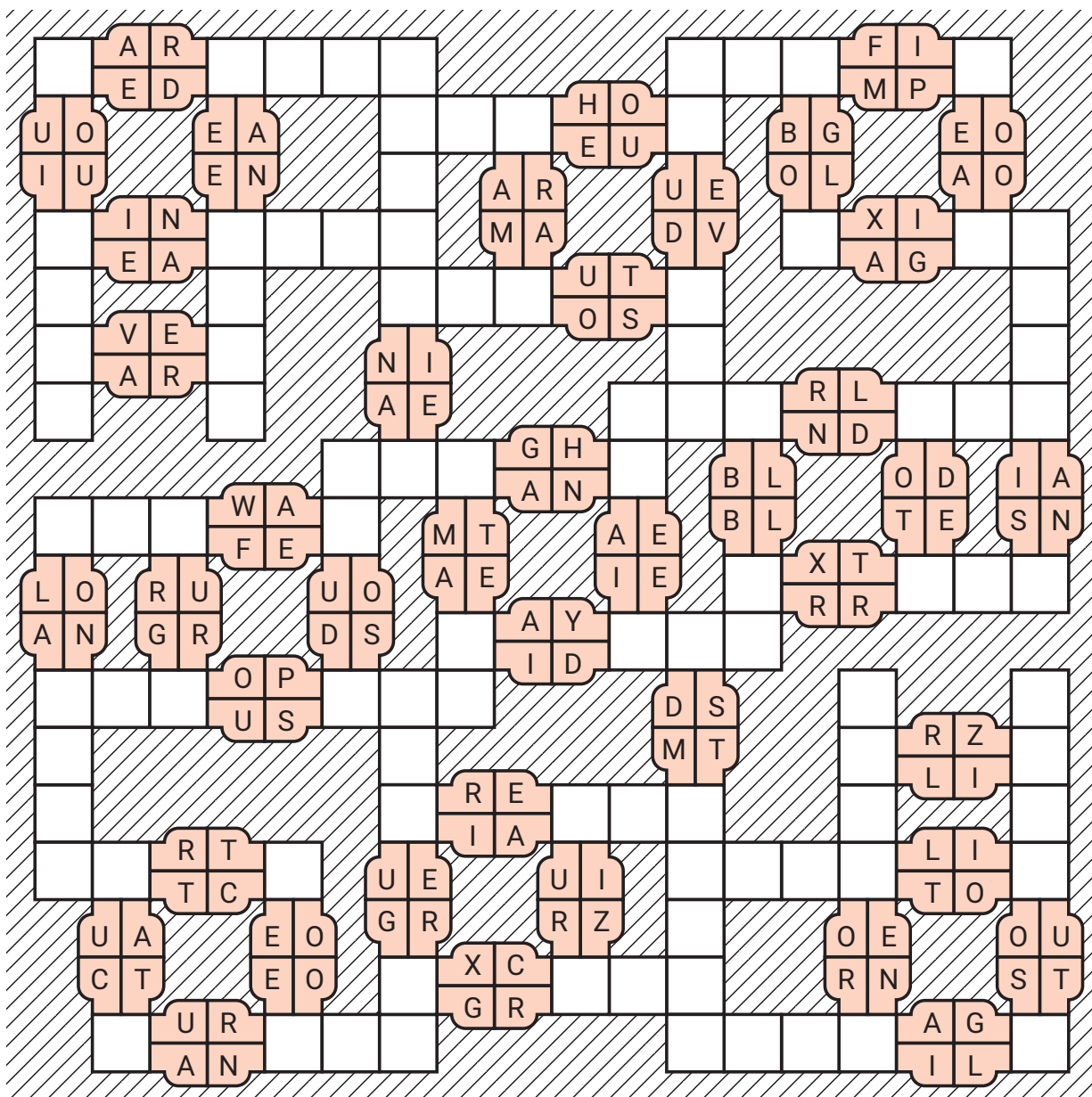


In these puzzles, point each flashlight in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal direction so that every square is illuminated by at least one flashlight beam. The first puzzle has been solved as an example.

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DOUBLE CROSS

BY MICHAEL ASHLEY

Answer the clues on the numbered dashes, one letter per dash. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to reveal a quotation reading from left to right. (Black squares separate words.) When you're done, read down the list of answers; their initial letters will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

1 I	2 F	3 N	4 X	5 Q	6 K		7 A	8 P	9 V		10 Z		11 B	12 N	13 F	14 I	15 R	16 S	17 O	18 Q	19 G	20 W		21 Q
22 G	23 U	24 H	25 J	26 S	27 O		28 V	29 H	30 Z	31 W	32 S	33 U	34 P	35 R		36 G	37 Y		38 G	39 V	40 M	41 Z		42 W
43 Q	44 M	45 V	46 S	47 E		48 S	49 A		50 I	51 V	52 S	53 N	54 X	55 R	56 T	57 O		58 Z	59 U	60 L	61 G		62 U	63 V
64 I		65 Y	66 S	67 R	68 X		69 X	70 R	71 P	72 H		73 H	74 O	75 X		76 T	77 F	78 H	79 R		80 L	81 U	82 W	83 H
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143 C		144 K	145 F	146 G		147 R	148 V	149 K	150 L	151 M	152 U	153 S		154 M	155 C	156 G		157 G	158 H	159 D	160 A		161 B	162 R
163 P	164 X		165 P	166 X	167 T	168 O	169 U		170 G	171 X	172 U	173 H	174 M	175 P	176 T		177 F	178 Q	179 W	180 K		181 X	182 O	183 I
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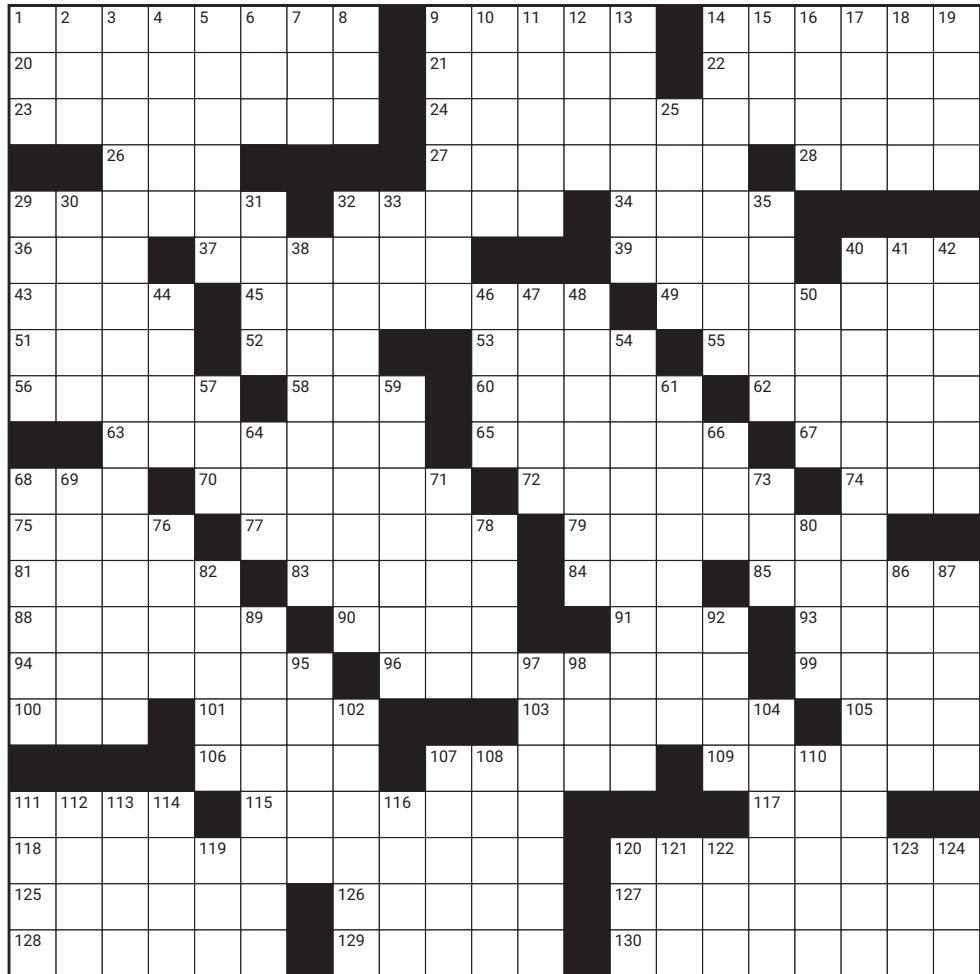
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- A.** Molière character aka The Impostor 140 187 160 101 114 7 120 49
- B.** Son of Abraham and Sarah 84 11 119 185 161
- C.** World's smallest island nation 85 198 155 91 143
- D.** Crimson Tide's archival 194 89 113 159 108 98
- E.** Stroke of good luck 193 132 136 184 47
- F.** Study of organisms and their environments 77 13 145 199 2 137 177
- G.** Alma mater of 5 U.S. Presidents: 2 wds. 157 170 22 86 19 61 97 38
104 146 190 36 156 141
- H.** Classic children's story by Margaret Wise Brown: 2 wds 99 29 72 103 78 188 83 173
73 24 158 128 116
- I.** Fill up space 142 14 183 64 1 50
- J.** Helicopter part that generates lift 106 25 115 117 121
- K.** Botanical transplant 6 180 90 144 149
- L.** *Murder in the Cathedral* playwright 60 93 80 88 150
- M.** Traditional Japanese art form 154 40 174 186 135 44 151
- N.** Theater worker 12 3 127 92 53
- O.** Working mom of the comics: 2 wds. 17 182 134 168 87 57 130 27
118 74
- P.** Eagles tune from the *Hotel California* LP: 4 wds. 175 196 197 96 34 133 163 124
71 8 165 111
- Q.** Most distant part of the sea from the shore 178 18 107 43 5 21
- R.** Venerable index: 3 wds. 35 162 15 112 95 126 147 67
70 55 79
- S.** Dismal or gloomy 46 52 153 26 48 32 122 66
131 16
- T.** Forbidden by statute 167 200 56 123 176 105 76
- U.** Popular teaching website: 2 wds. 195 59 33 152 100 172 23 125
169 81 62
- V.** Ace of Base's musical genre 39 148 9 63 28 51 45
- W.** "Oil Capital of the World" 31 179 20 42 82
- X.** *The Master Builder* playwright: 2 wds. 166 110 189 171 69 68 4 181
54 75 164
- Y.** Identity disguiser 139 65 109 102 37
- Z.** Disposable 191 138 30 94 129 192 58 10
41



ACROSS

- 1 1957 Brando film
 9 Italy's largest lake
 14 Made a CD
 20 Relies on
 21 Unalaska resident
 22 Morphine, for one
 23 Tickle pink
 24 Coffee-flavored cocktail
 26 It's kept on board
 27 King's work
 28 Extensions
 29 Made a copy of
 32 War of 1812 treaty site
 34 Gp. formed in '49
 36 Bow wood
 37 Game Boy classic
 39 Gather roses
 40 Tropical squeezer
 43 Punjab potentate
 45 Stewing
 49 Shell-less gastropod
 51 "___ my word!"
 52 Driver's aid
 53 Nurture
 55 1972 film based on an Anthony Shaffer play
 56 Performed poorly
 58 Hill dweller
 60 They climb the walls
 62 Commemorative stone
 63 It stays on track
 65 Intended recipient
 67 Dead Man's Hand pair
 68 Preserve, in a way
 70 ___ powder
 72 Put up again
 74 Polo Grounds legend
 75 Maid in India
 77 Less loquacious
 79 Do over
 81 Hitting the ground sound
 83 Scrap
 84 Hindustani title
 85 Fiennes of the *Harry Potter* films
 88 Capital on the Mediterranean
 90 Root cause?
 91 Hi-___
 93 1979 Fleetwood Mac hit
 94 London football club
 96 Orwell, for one
 99 2000 role for Julia
 100 Refuse to commit
 101 Turnoff
 103 Former Oprah rival
 105 Single no more
 106 Ad word
 107 Round-ending sound



- 109 "___ Told Me" (Lennon song)
 111 Circle overhead
 115 Some artists' work
 117 Famed #4
 118 Interlocking emblem, and a clue to 24-Across, and 3-, 32-, 40-, and 54-Down
 120 Has a share
 125 Frequent Scorsese collaborator
 126 Pond scum
 127 Lotion ingredient
 128 *Transformations* writer Anne
 129 Faculty heads
 130 Made an offer

DOWN

- 1 It's put down by landscapers
 2 City map abbr.
 3 Scandal-mongering
 4 Taurus's neighbor in the sky
 5 49er's find
 6 Combustion residue
 7 Out of work, for short
 8 Pompous one
 9 Great deal of discussion
 10 Texas hold 'em term
 11 Undergo chemical change
 12 It brings the heat
 13 Diet doctor
 14 Rewards of sorts
 15 Increases
 16 Expand in the pan
 17 Get the goods on
 18 List finisher
 19 Studies
 25 Speckled equines
 29 Miley or Billy Ray
 30 Hurdled
 31 Adroit
 32 Show set in Hooterville
 33 Mob job
 35 Australian exports
 38 Sticky syrups, in Sussex

- 40 Factory employee, maybe
 41 Vent
 42 Horrified
 44 With 92-Down, star of 1934's *Nana*
 46 Tall bloomer
 47 "Not a chance"
 48 Some dives
 50 ___ bad example
 54 Misleading clue
 57 Baby fox
 59 Board member
 61 Most distasteful
 64 Long, opposite
 66 Roxy Music alum
 68 Algiers quarter
 69 One coulomb per second
 71 Doles (out)
 73 Warsaw Pact member, once: Abbr.
 76 Genus *Lepus* member
 78 Some retinal cells
 80 Bed of roses
 82 Changes the pitch

- 86 Minded others' business
 87 Within reach
 89 Government revenue source
 92 See 44-Down
 95 Pastel hue
 97 Lays by
 98 Hither's partner
 102 Foursome
 104 Stripped of valuables
 107 Reception line?
 108 Bay State airport
 110 Face up to
 111 Coal carriers
 112 Harbor position
 113 Minnesota WNBA team
 114 Leave out
 116 Wall covering
 119 113-Down player
 120 One way to stand
 121 Malt product
 122 Perlman of *Hellboy*
 123 Afore
 124 Crushed

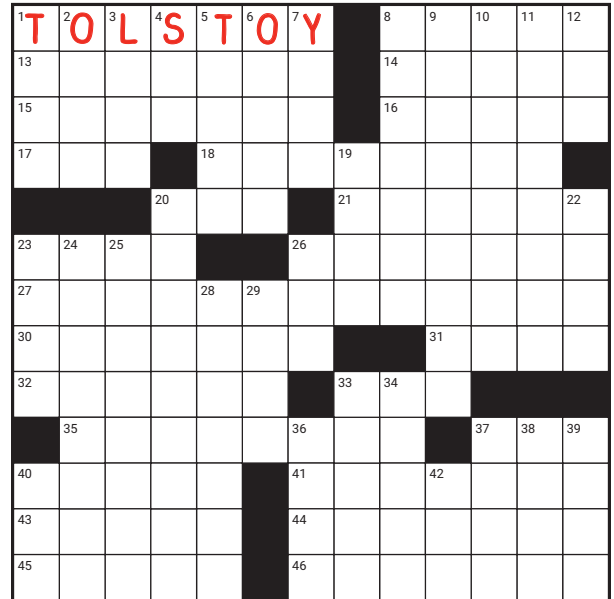
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This puzzle gives you two grids for the price of one. And two sets of clues to go with them, so you can work both crosswords at the same time. What's the catch? Each clue number is followed by two different clues to two different answers. The puzzle is to figure out which answer goes with which grid. 1-Across has been filled in for you. **ANSWERS, PAGE 76**

ACROSS

- 1 Novelist who wrote *Anna Karenina*...
...and Karenina's lover therein
- 8 In a faint way
Pastoral people of
Tanzania and Kenya
- 13 Befuddled: 3 wds.
Comic actress
Newman
- 14 Some furniture
superstores
Another time
- 15 Tries to hit, as a clay
target: 2 wds.
Gives in (to)
- 16 Slowpoke
Pied-à-____
- 17 Narcs' org.
Bouquets-to-order co.
- 18 Sterne's Shandy
"Tickle Me" toy:
2 wds.
- 20 "It's a mouse!"
D.C. baseball player,
for short
- 21 Custard apple's
relative
What "i.e." means:
2 wds.
- 23 Two, in Toulon
Filmmaker Preminger
- 26 Game similar to
handball: 2 wds.
Self-playing
instrument
- 27 Ayn Rand novel...:
2 wds.
...and a question
repeatedly asked
therein: 4 wds.
- 30 Eighty-sixed
Garage floor stain:
2 wds.
- 31 Make less harsh
Army division
- 32 Main arteries
Stork, crane,
and ibis
- 33 Pigs' place
Aves. and blvds.
- 35 Final chance for
success: 2 wds.
City near Atlanta
- 37 Yak it up
Mensa stats
- 40 Like Nero or Livy
Stove light
- 41 "Va-va-voom!":
Hyph.
Jumps vertically:
2 wds.
- 43 Peak performance,
informally:
2 wds.
In reserve: 2 wds.
- 44 Venture to state
Stove grill
- 45 Glimpses
Jazzman McCoy
- 46 Light-blocking sleep
aid: 2 wds.
Airplane routes



DOWN

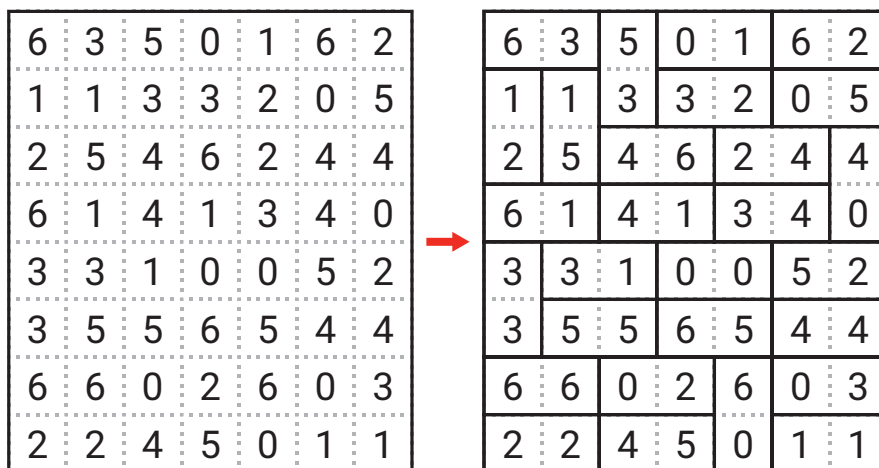
- 1 Petty quarrel
Infamous "Impaler"
- 2 Doing the job: 2 wds.
Indy 500, e.g.
- 3 Hog fat
Bicolor whale
- 4 That girl
Scot's denial
- 5 Eat a bit of
Album's first half: 2 wds.
- 6 Posed to propose
Missouri's ____ Mountains
- 7 Assent to a schoolmarm
Fabled snow beast
- 8 Scorn
Walter of *Grumpy*
Old Men
- 9 Demographic spans:
2 wds.
"There's this fellow who
could help you": 4 wds.
- 10 Bay Area city
Jenny Craig offering:
2 wds.
- 11 Boxing legend's boxing
daughter: 2 wds.
Frequent fliers' units:
2 wds.
- 12 Suffix with hero
Big fashion inits.
- 19 Swizzle
Large elliptical fish
- 20 Punk genre using
extreme distortion:
2 wds.
Identical: 2 wds.
- 22 Olympic figure skater
Katarina
"The Sweetest Taboo"
singer
- 23 Repetitive cry of pain:
2 wds.
Arp's art movement
- 24 Cause of a disease
Vitamin B1
- 25 Fibbed: 3 wds.
DC Comics
supervillain
- 26 Write hastily
Prof's deg.
- 28 He played Captain Kirk
Elfish sorts
- 29 Cuervo of tequila
Meeting period,
slangily
- 33 Narrative
Utter words
- 34 Lake near Reno
Starting to cry
- 36 The "O" of REO
Hamlet soliloquy
starter: 2 wds.
- 37 Posh party
Little actress Rae
- 38 Wharf
Heady brews
- 39 Go "Woof!"
CIA spoof film of 1974
- 40 Dad
Wharf pest
- 42 Chapel seat
3.1 Phillip ____
(fashion label)

Although it may not appear so, each of the three grids on these two pages contains a standard double-six set of dominoes. (Pips have been replaced by numbers to increase the challenge.) To solve a puzzle, all you have to do is locate each of its 28 dominoes. As you determine a given domino's position, draw a line around it and check it off the Domino Chart shown on the left side of the grid. Any domino may be packed either horizontally or vertically.

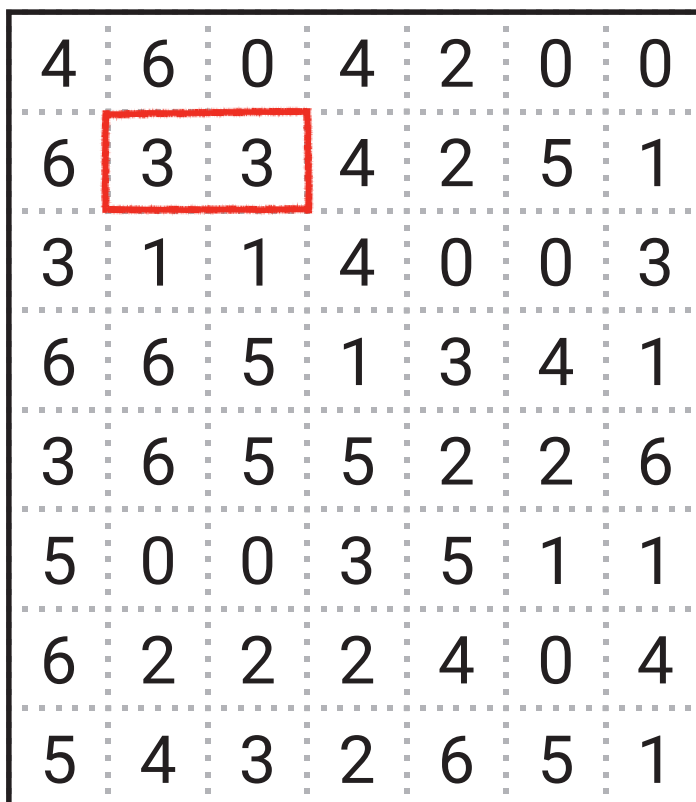
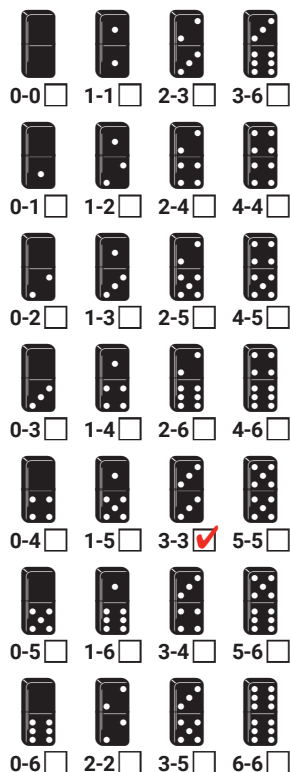
To help you get started, we've shown the position of one domino in the first grid. Each puzzle has only one correct solution; finding it may seem tricky at first, but once you figure out certain key placements, the rest will fall like dominoes.

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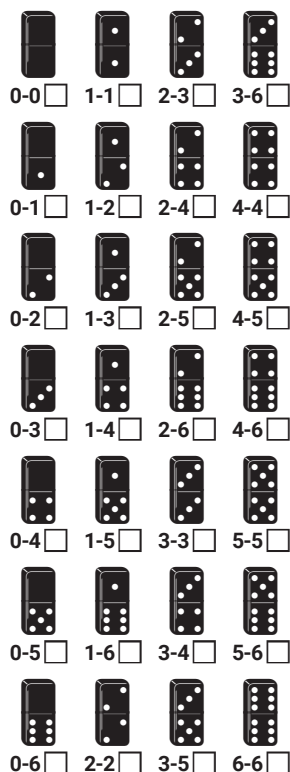
EXAMPLE



PUZZLE ONE

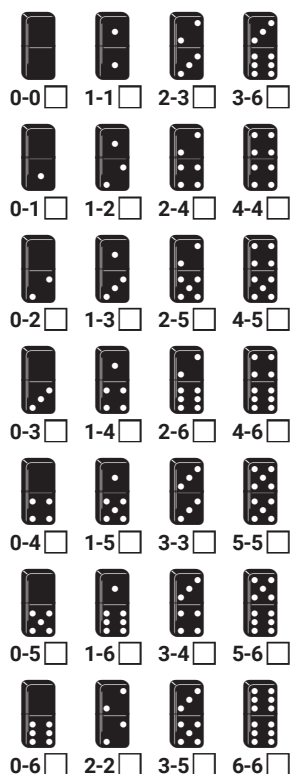


PUZZLE TWO



3	6	2	4	0	5	6
0	6	6	5	1	5	4
2	4	2	2	5	2	5
3	5	1	2	4	0	3
3	2	6	2	4	6	1
3	3	4	0	3	4	6
1	6	5	0	1	1	0
1	1	5	0	0	4	3

PUZZLE THREE



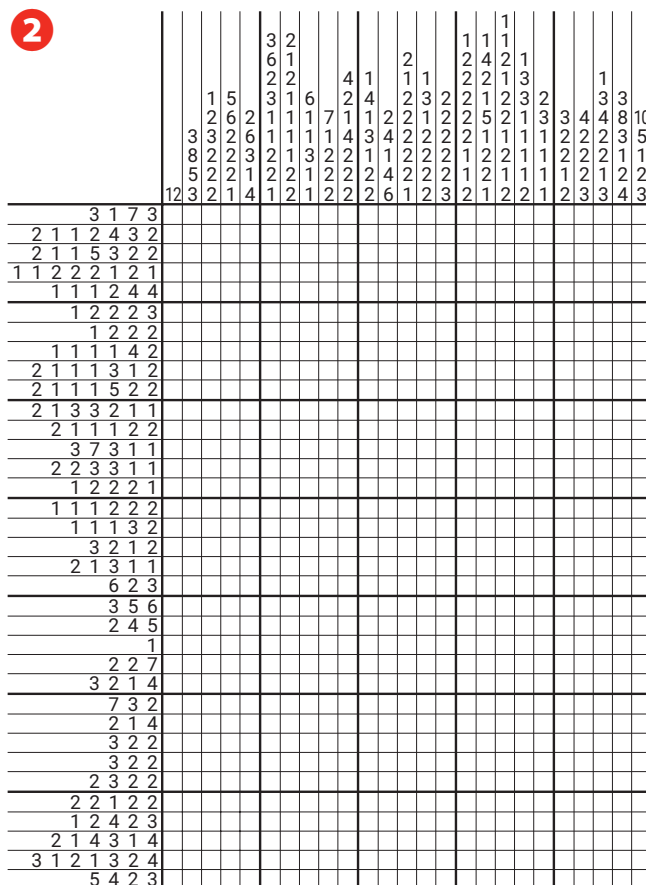
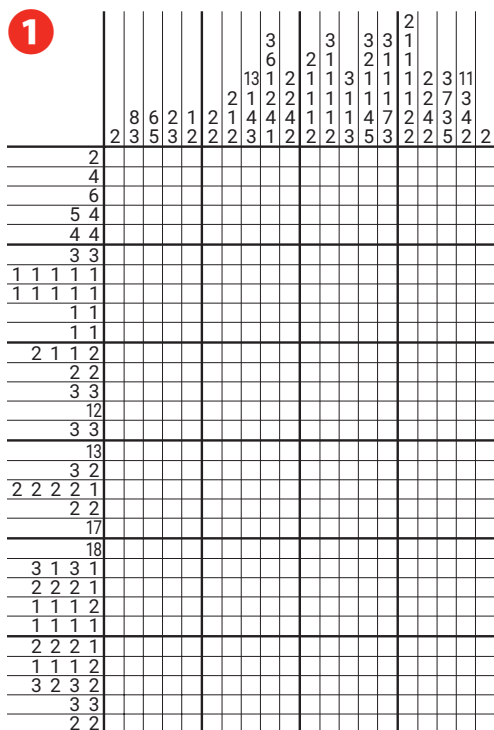
1	2	3	4	4	2	2
3	2	6	1	0	6	6
1	4	3	3	4	5	4
2	3	4	1	3	0	5
6	3	0	1	1	2	0
0	2	2	5	5	6	0
3	5	0	4	6	1	0
5	5	1	4	6	6	5

Here's a starting hint: When there's a single number in a row and that number is greater than half the number of squares in the row, you can fill in one or more center squares. For example, in the sample below (Figure 1), which is 10 squares wide, the sixth and seventh rows each have the number 8. No matter how you place eight consecutive black squares in a row, the middle six squares will be filled in (Figure 2). Similar logic can be used to start a line that has more than one number in it. In the sample, the third column contains the numbers 1 6. The single black square and the following empty square must take up at least two squares above the 6. No matter how they get placed, the fifth through eighth squares of the column will be black (Figure 3). Figure 4 shows the completed picture.

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[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

Figure 4



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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

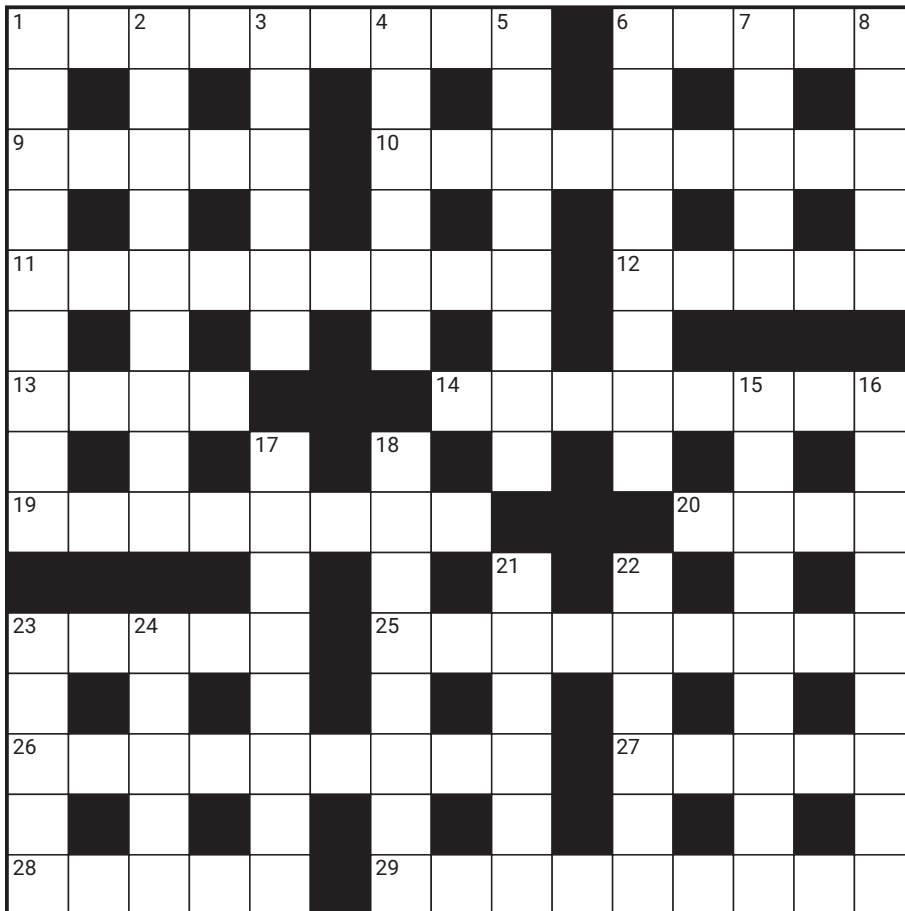
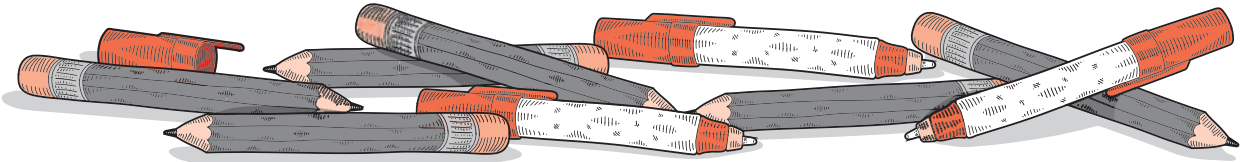


BY DONNA KAHWATY

Each clue in a cryptic crossword has two parts: a definition of the answer and an indication of the answer's literal makeup via wordplay. Either half may come first; finding the dividing point between the two parts is the key to solving. On page 61, eight common methods by which hints are given via wordplay are described; any combination of these gimmicks may be used.

Expect to see references to abbreviations (*doctor* for DR, *Hawaii* for HI, or *university* for U), chemical symbols (*iron* for Fe), Roman numerals (*five* for V), and parts of words (*end of year* for R, *head of cabbage* for C, or *heart of stone* for O). A clue with an exclamation point may be what's called an & lit. clue, in which the two halves overlap, so the whole clue is both a definition and a cryptic indication of the answer, as in *Terribly angered!* for ENRAGED (see "anagrams" on page 61). Give these puzzles a try!

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- 26** Preserving granite in rocks (9)
- 27** A weaver from the East makes money (5)
- 28** Simple programming language (5)
- 29** Southern state senator returns amid tense energy (9)

DOWN

- 1** Clinton uninterested in speaking for big ad (9)
- 2** Nonsense! Furnish mother with part (9)
- 3** Fruitcake (a relic) for dessert (6)
- 4** Covert act I chose veils plan (6)
- 5** They peddle nameless plastic (8)
- 6** Song follows writer's inclination (8)
- 7** "Encore! A victory" (5)
- 8** Poet Eliot has request for jobs (5)
- 15** No approvals about to be changed for laptops (9)
- 16** Stout man sporting status tie (9)
- 17** He can't recall disposition of main case (8)
- 18** Trio sang off-key with church musician (8)
- 21** Cheech guards Chong's last extra room (6)
- 22** Shift blame after chef's final fiery display (6)
- 23** Half of carbonates blended in chocolate substitute (5)
- 24** Curses tormented Athos (5)

ACROSS

- 1** They control locks and prohibit street dancing (9)
- 6** Factory preparation time (5)
- 9** Fall behind train returning by the book (5)
- 10** Timekeepers shake up land races (9)
- 11** Dolls up short Unitarian leader and sends on the road to sainthood (9)
- 12** Ruth and Sue hide hired help (5)
- 13** Contrarily, Pop fusses (4)
- 14** Ms. Tanner prepared leftovers (8)
- 19** Doctor reads REM for sleeping people (8)
- 20** Odd aspects of Estonian volcano (4)
- 23** Cook's tip: nothing with spice (5)
- 25** Close by a Colorado ski town, Mr. Lincoln bears left (9)

For tips on solving cryptic crosswords, send a stamped return envelope to "Cryptic Solving Guide," GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, P.O. Box 184, Fort Washington, PA 19034.



Anagrams: The answer appears in anagrammed form, preceded or followed by a word or phrase that suggests the mixing, as in *Changing times* for ITEMS.

Deletions: Deletions come in three varieties: beheadments, curtailments, and internal deletions. The clue always contains a word or phrase indicating the deletion. Examples: *Uncovered bent charm* for ENCHANT, a beheadment of PENCHANT; *Fiery bird without a tail* for FLAMING, a curtailment of FLAMINGO; and *Heartless miserly bloke* for CHAP, an internal deletion of CHEAP.

Charades: The answer is broken into smaller words that are clued individually, as in *Auto animal* for CARPET.

Containers: A word such as PATIENTS "contains"

TIE inside PANTS, so it might be clued as *Hospital residents make knots in trousers*.

Hidden answers: The answer may appear intact, albeit camouflaged, in the clue. Example: *Myopic colonel clutches flute* for PICCOLO (myopic colonel).

Homophones: A word that sounds like the answer indicated by use of a giveaway phrase such as "We hear" or "as they say." Example: *Counted frozen chicken out loud* for NUMBERED ("numb bird").

Reversals: A synonym for "backward" or "overturn" in a clue may indicate a reversal, as in *Returned beer fit for a king* (LAGER reversed) for REGAL.

Double definitions: This type of clue has no wordplay half; instead, it has two definition halves. Example: *Scooter was blue* for MOPED.

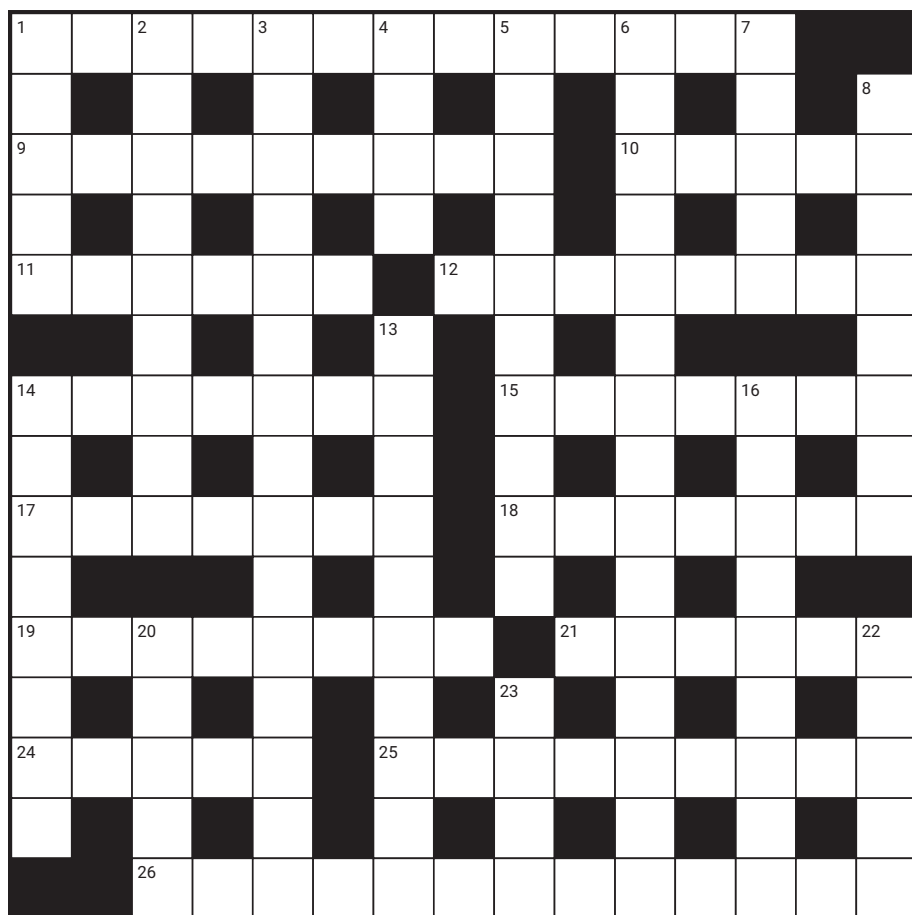
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ACROSS

- 1 Chivalrous of me, taking Ellen out (13)
- 9 The French holy man is beside himself, naked—it's too much to bear (4,5)
- 10 Something sweet about a pirate (5)
- 11 Inside, plant's had lack of light (6)
- 12 Flushed after seething anger accumulated (8)
- 14 Feels sorry for bird caught in middle of thundershowers (7)
- 15 Stern flier gives scowl (7)
- 17 Prickly bush is beginning to blossom and grow wild like a rose (7)
- 18 Highest mountain of all time is in France (7)
- 19 Least rickety stands in street (8)
- 21 Guy at Camp Lejeune trained airmen (6)
- 24 Memorize Shakespeare role by quarter of nine (5)
- 25 Do away with feminists' legislation at heartless ruler's command (9)
- 26 These "animals" pocket uncontrollably! (13)

DOWN

- 1 Winds twining legs about animal's head (5)
- 2 Lost again, confused, yearning for home (9)
- 3 Stumble and gamble away remainder of savings account? (4,4,7)
- 4 Streetcar heads north for shop (4)
- 5 "Three points crown the vampire's tooth..." began novel (10)
- 6 Thoughtlessness shows in argument against team getting allotment (15)
- 7 Taking the wraps off, Gerry Ford reveals blunder (5)
- 8 Compliant foundation that is in on time (8)
- 13 Evaluation sets Mensa's rank (10)
- 14 Your BLTs will be prepared with relish (8)
- 16 Mom, apple pie, the AAA, 'n' crime, perhaps? (9)
- 20 A shortage? Woe is me (5)
- 22 These aren't the odds of rolling seven (5)
- 23 Tropical plant where you'll find a lifeline (4)





Should certain answers in this variety cryptic crossword appear not to fit in the grid, please consult our "advice column."

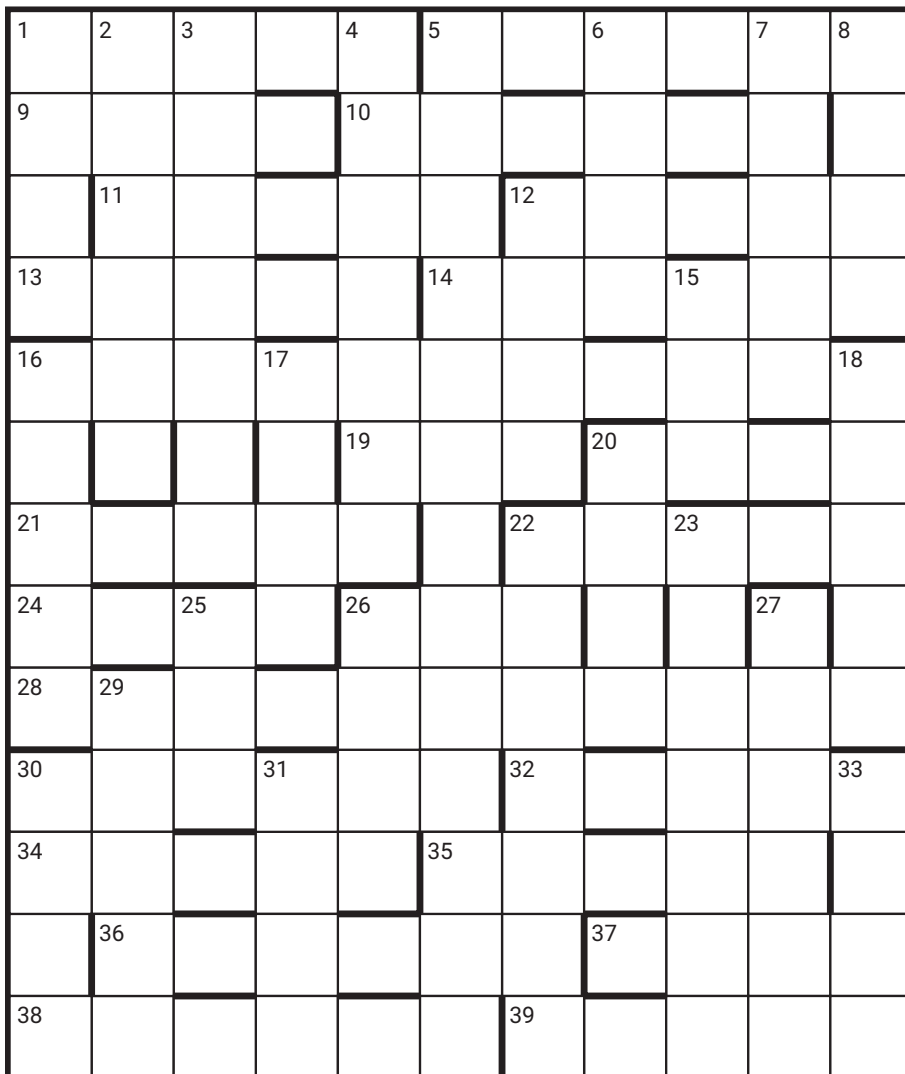
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ACROSS

- 1 Rev. Spooner's tinted hairstyle is a treat for carnival-goers (5,5)
- 5 Journalist Gay is excellent chasing stories (6)
- 9 Not so much is indispensable to Charles Schulz (4)
- 10 Head of ESPN and a promoter visit a restaurant (3,3)
- 11 Billy is 21 (9)
- 12 Replace Adam Sandler's #3 PR person (5)
- 13 A kind of nut capturing a marsupial (5)
- 14 Focuses of Epic Records (10)
- 16 Deter consumption, reforming loan charge calculation method (8,8)
- 19 Suggestions about Darwin's "Origin" and Scopes (8)
- 20 I say "Bug out, bug" (4)
- 21 Derbies scare jockeys (5)
- 22 A study backing breakfast meat (5)
- 24 Fish stuffed with a piece of lobster and frozen (4)
- 26 West Massachusetts, east of Holyoke (3)
- 28 One emirate mocks struggling countries that lightly regulate business (6,9)
- 30 Inauguration of president I even felt sorry for (6)
- 32 Woos my aunt, ignoring every other lady (5)
- 34 Swift naval force (5)
- 35 Red River in Russia is bucolic (5)
- 36 A dollop of wasabi with fresh flounder is marvelous (9)
- 37 "What's inside potato pancakes? Over" (4)
- 38 Penn is getting quite mature (6)
- 39 Fingerboard ridges, almost brand-new, split by end of concert (5)

DOWN

- 1 Criticism of outspoken publicist (4)
- 2 Arrange a different flight for Jimmy or Kobe (6)

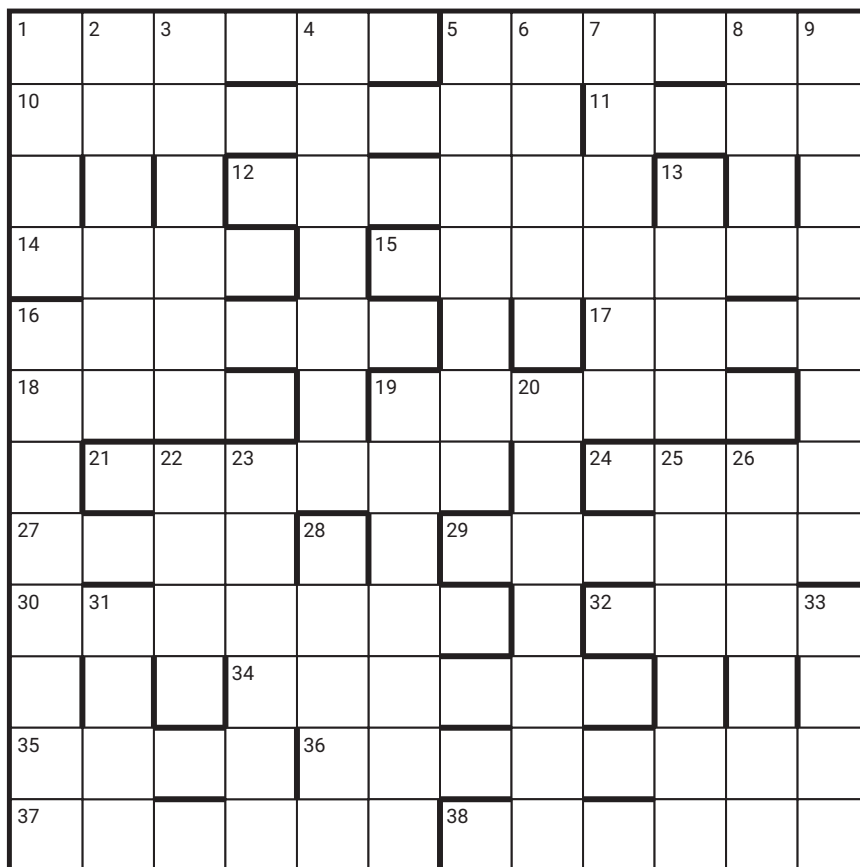


- 3 Two clubs holding a competition involving poetry of a world religion (7)
- 4 Does wine steward work with ten cads? Perhaps (7)
- 5 See *instructions* (4,3,5,3,3)
- 6 Creedence Clearwater Revival song punk rocker Billy flipped over (4)
- 7 Expensive coffee bars stuck all over the place (9)
- 8 Napoleon strutted around a very long time (4)
- 12 Clumsy oafs covered with greasepaint returned (4)
- 15 A slippery sort of Confederate leader heading North (3)
- 16 Greek enchantress's ring, long missing (5)
- 17 Frosted Flakes from individual cups, eaten daily (4)
- 18 Armored vehicles reeked, top to bottom (5)
- 20 A cultivated place, long the capital of Montenegro (4)
- 22 Literary hero's rising anguish rooted in blunder (7)
- 23 A major environmental concern with sprayed chemical agent (7,6)
- 25 Some athletes suffer (3)
- 26 Manny and Jack's partner Troy is a big name in the champagne biz (4)
- 27 A true believer translated Lao-Tze (6)
- 29 After reflection, fix a typo, adding Latin diacritic mark (5)
- 30 Enlisted personnel, a little frustrated, breaking computers (4)
- 31 Checkout line personnel with sacks (8)
- 33 Elevated bridge section breaks (4)

In this variety cryptic, the answer to each clue is one letter shorter than the space provided for it in the diagram. The solver must add a letter to each clue answer, making a new word for the diagram entry. The added letter may be placed at the front, back or inside of the clue answer.

Clue answers include one proper noun. Diagram answers include three proper nouns and a two-word phrase.

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ACROSS

- 1 NY team whose center's left dissolves (5)
- 5 You and I, blushing outwardly, got married again (5)
- 10 Place in road where the pool might be formed! (7)
- 11 Vanilla extract has zip (3)
- 12 Imogen's drug sources (5)
- 14 A kind of tree remains... (3)
- 15 ...a tree quietly standing in cold (6)
- 16 50-inch shelf (5)
- 17 Herb's sorrow (3)
- 18 Poker call is the bishop's responsibility (3)
- 19 Tongue-lashes sugar manufacturers (5)
- 21 He somehow manages part in comic opera (5)
- 24 Wing to a West Coast city (3)
- 27 Captain's record lake run, coming back (3)
- 29 Sour limes make your mouth twist up (5)
- 30 Swallow almost all of mixed drink (6)
- 32 Increases in a delivery service (3)
- 34 Acquisitive feeling for \$1,000 clarinet (5)
- 35 Main half of nausea (3)
- 36 Flying around Iran, lie to travel agent? (4)
- 37 Staub is out of practice (5)
- 38 Helpers' crazy ideas (5)

DOWN

- 1 Apply the needle quite audibly (3)
- 2 Noble metal's lead or aluminum (5)
- 3 Relief-giver, like in beer without a head (5)
- 4 Thorough...but heartless, nevertheless (6)
- 5 Plane doing tricks or Pole doing tricks (6)
- 6 Backing fight brings criminal charges (4)
- 7 To succeed, Susan goes after males topless (5)
- 8 In Spain, the large building addition (3)
- 9 Loss of life last month: moderate (7)
- 13 Raise first-rate grass (3)
- 16 Associate haziness with a psychic of sorts (7)
- 19 Sell squash by rate (6)
- 20 Knight astride roan turns back horsemen (6)
- 22 Natural resource found in forests (3)
- 23 One hears what a stripper does is resounding (5)
- 25 Two-thirds of pie inside cover—it's fatty stuff (5)
- 26 Straighten out displaced alien (5)
- 28 Express weariness—mercury is rising (4)
- 31 According to preacher, gain must be eliminated (3)
- 33 Guys with energy in high school (3)

This is a new Sudoku variant that combines Sudoku and Skyscrapers. Normal Sudoku rules apply; that is, each row, column, and heavily outlined 3x3 square must contain each digit from 1 through 9 exactly once.

In these puzzles, each number represents a building. Arrows indicate how many buildings you can see from the direction in which the arrow is pointing.

In normal Skyscrapers puzzles, the clues are numbers outside the grid that indicate how many buildings can be seen from that direction. But here, the clues are the arrows.

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EXAMPLE

In this example, the number 1 represents a building with one floor. The number 3 with an arrow means that, from that square in that direction, you can see 3 buildings. The arrow in the square with no number means that the number you put there will represent the number of buildings you can see from that square in the direction of the arrow. In this 4x4 sudoku grid, that number cannot be a 4, because the maximum number of buildings visible from that square is 3. So that square could contain a 1, 2, or 3.

		1	
▶			
	3		

Now, consider the square with the 3 and an arrow. This allows you to place the numbers 1, 2, and 4, since that is the only configuration that would allow 3 buildings to be visible while still following Sudoku rules.

	4		1
	2		
▶	1		
	3		

Now you can complete the left bottom square, since the arrow square cannot contain a 4.

	4		1
	2		
2▶	1		
4	3		

Then, so that 2 buildings will be visible, the other numbers in that row will be 4 and 3.

	4		1
	2		
2▶	1	4	3
4	3	1	2

Now you can complete the lower right square with 1 and 2.

3	4	2	1
1	2	3	4
2▶	1	4	3
4	3	1	2

Finally, use Sudoku rules to finish the puzzle.

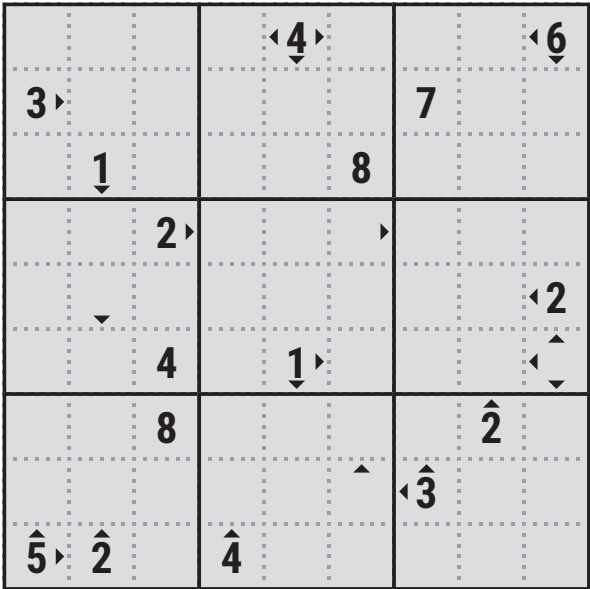
PUZZLE 1 (EASY/MEDIUM)

						6	
	5		◀2			4	
4▶			3▶				
		5			◀3		2
	2▶			3	1▶		6
			2	◀4	5	1	
			7	6			◀1
8	3▶				2▶		
			1▶			2▶	

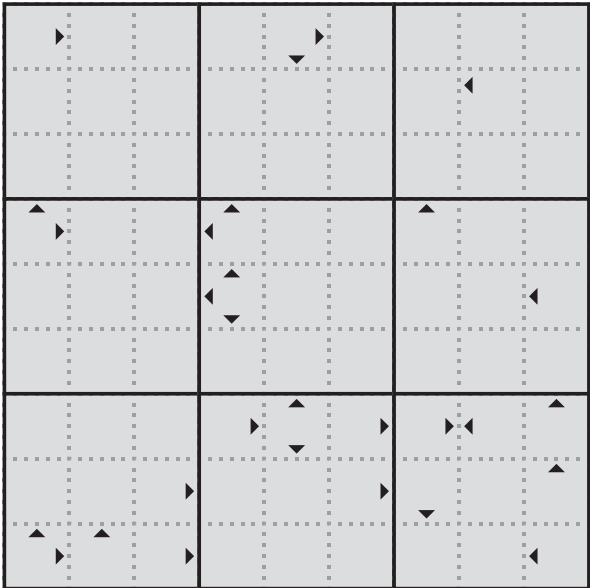
PUZZLE 2 (MEDIUM)

		2▶					
4▶				1			◀2
						1	◀5
						2	1
6▶		2					
		4▶				◀6	
	6▶	1		3			
2▶							◀3
			8			2	◀4

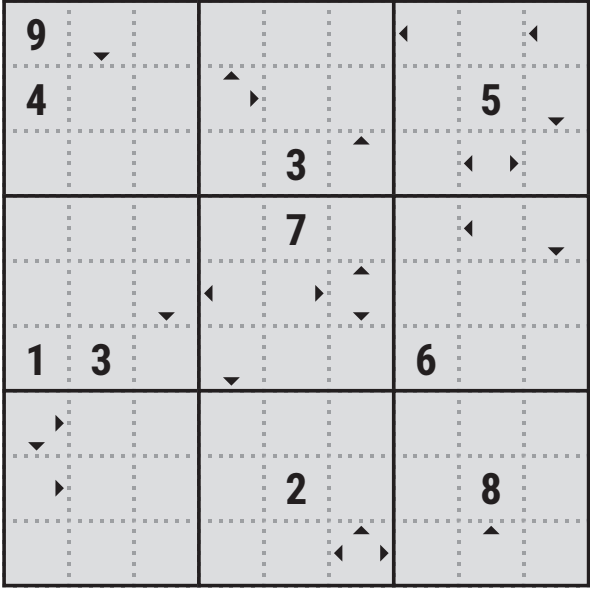
PUZZLE 3 (MEDIUM/DIFFICULT)



PUZZLE 5 (VERY DIFFICULT)



PUZZLE 4 (DIFFICULT)



FAMILY REUNIONS

BY REGIS MODESTA

Change each group of 10 words below into a “family” of different words (words or proper names that have something in common) by dropping one letter from each word and then rearranging the remaining letters. For example, given the entries HAUNT, HAIRDO, and ADVANCE, you could drop the N from HAUNT to get UTAH, drop the R from HAIRDO for IDAHO, and drop the C from ADVANCE to get NEVADA, all in the category “U.S. states.” Can you reunite each family by determining the category for each and unscrambling the 10 entries? Answers include one two-word phrase. As a hint, a list of the four categories appears on page 70.

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FAMILY ONE

Category: _____

1. PAIR _____
2. PEPO _____
3. FLOCK _____
4. AMULET _____
5. CANDLE _____
6. PLAINT _____
7. SUBLET _____
8. WELDOR _____
9. WHANGEE _____
10. COURTNEY _____

FAMILY TWO

Category: _____

1. ASHORE _____
2. AWHILE _____
3. BRAZEN _____
4. DOZING _____
5. HOSTEL _____
6. MARCEL _____
7. ODEUMS _____
8. PADNAG _____
9. RUMBLE _____
10. SPEECH _____

FAMILY THREE

Category: _____

1. SHIFT _____
2. ARTIST _____
3. BUNDLE _____
4. CAPTURE _____
5. CAROUSE _____
6. CREOSOL _____
7. CHAIRMEN _____
8. QUARRIELS _____
9. SUBSTRATE _____
10. UNMATCHED _____

FAMILY FOUR

Category: _____

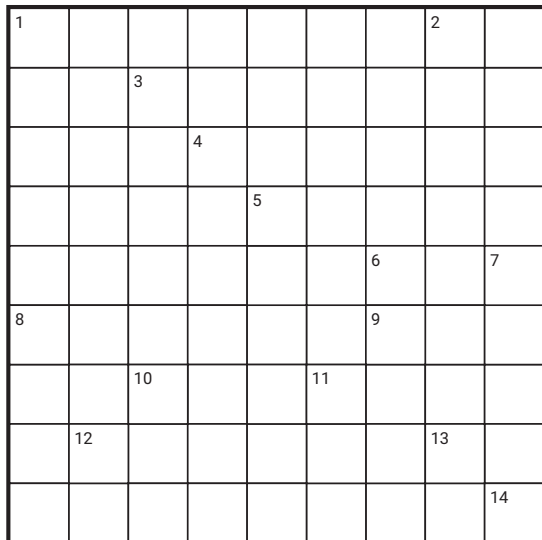
1. NIPA _____
2. AGLOW _____
3. LOONY _____
4. PASTA _____
5. WAIST _____
6. ABACUS _____
7. DARBAR _____
8. SERVAL _____
9. TUSSOCK _____
10. CATCHPAN _____

WHITEOUT!

BY CHRISTOPHER MAGAN

All answers to the clues below fit a common theme. For each clue's answer, write its first letter in the numbered box that corresponds to the clue number. Then proceed in a straight line in any one direction: up, down, left, right or diagonally (you need to figure out which). When you're finished, every square should be used. Note: Each answer shares at least one letter with another answer. The number in parentheses refers to answer length. Punctuation, spaces, and tags (such as "2 wds.") have been omitted.

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1. Late ____ (slow developers) (8)
1. Portland's NBA team, familiarly (7)
1. Mike Tyson, Laila Ali, and Rocky Marciano (6)
2. Bach's *Air on the ____* (7)
3. Perspires (6)
4. ____ camp (military basic training) (4)
5. Score of 5-5, say (3)
6. Huffs and puffs (5)
7. Shoplifted (5)
8. Diamonds or clubs, e.g. (4)
9. Endow with authority (4)
10. Liquid-Plumr target (4)
10. Spending limit (3)
11. Harlow, Stapleton, and others (5)
12. Hi-____ (part of a standard drum kit) (3)
12. Eagles vocalist Don (6)
13. Cut of steak (5)
14. ____ *Junction* (1960s sitcom) (9)
14. Dispensers at the gas station (5)

COMMON THEME:

FOLD THIS PAGE

THE WORLD'S MOST ORNERY CROSSWORD BY BONNIE GENTRY

CROSSCURRENTS

The crossword on this and the next two pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." First, fold this page back on the dashed line so the clues below face the solving grid on page 69. If you use only the Hard Clues (appearing below and continuing under the grid), you'll find the puzzle uncommonly challenging. If you want help, or prefer a less severe challenge, open to the Easy Clues (tucked in beneath your fold on page 68).

HARD CLUES

ACROSS

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 [It can't be!] | 75 Recede | 136 India neighbor |
| 5 1983 Mr. T comedy | 77 Mythical bird-woman | 140 Based ____ true story |
| 10 Wane | 79 Grant giving org. | 141 Second-hand spots |
| 15 Yea-sayers | 80 D'Backs' home | 143 Sticky souvenir |
| 19 USCG rank | 82 Botswana dry spot | 145 Cab collection |
| 22 Step up | 85 Symbol of discipline | 147 Uncover, poetically |
| 24 Austen hero | 86 Yardstick: Abbr. | 148 Flies into the seats |
| 25 Patty or Selma | 89 Harness part | 150 Ike's WWII purview |
| 26 Snookums | 91 Trophy shape | 152 Get going |
| 27 Official travel overseas | 93 Waits patiently | 154 Piece of rodeo gear |
| 28 Prize greatly | 94 Discretion | 155 Straights |
| 29 Sit on, maybe | 96 Early second-century date | 156 Subject of many an opera |
| 31 Michael of <i>Monty Python</i> | 97 Beaufort, e.g. | 158 Stored fodder |
| 32 Cleveland team, to fans, once | 99 Places for irises | 160 Informed about |
| 34 Snow fortress | 100 Bellicose | 161 Sleeve ends |
| 36 Morph opening | 102 <i>Jekyll & Hyde</i> actress Linda | 163 Undivulged |
| 37 Person above it all | 103 Touch on | 166 Union branch |
| 39 Hedger's reply | 104 Norman and Edward | 167 New-Agey |
| 41 Additional | 105 Title syllables in a 1961 Lee Dorsey hit | 169 <i>The Terminator</i> heroine |
| 43 Said's partner | 106 Den fixture | 171 Provides camp fire entertainment |
| 44 Oil, slangily | 107 Flushed | 173 Pay extender? |
| 47 It may be coddled | 108 Long fish | 174 Former Venetian magistrate |
| 48 Sewing machine feature | 109 Reacts angrily toward | 175 Bond |
| 49 Filmmaker Lee | 112 Costar with Bolger and Haley | 176 Blue book exams |
| 50 "Somebody's Knockin'" singer Gibbs | 114 Lao Tzu's ideal | 177 Alfonso, <i>por ejemplo</i> |
| 51 Concentration challenge | 115 Kind of nerve or artery | 178 Shrink's reply |
| 53 "____ Easy" (1977 hit) | 117 Fanning someone makes it go down | 179 One who yearns |
| 55 John L. Lewis's org. | 118 Comic-Con, e.g. | 180 Reacts with shock |
| 56 Instructive example | 120 Augustus and Julius | 181 Antique autos |
| 58 Buck tail? | 122 Bud, in botany | |
| 60 Ataturk Mausoleum city | 125 Item in Fonzie's pocket | DOWN |
| 62 This or that | 127 Subtle signal | 1 It's often depressed |
| 64 Suffice with | 129 Sewing circle, say | 2 Eschew assistance |
| 66 Folk singer Williams | 131 Aphrodite's accompaniers | 3 Dental procedures |
| 67 Coalition | 133 Ira Gershwin's forte | 4 Dainty |
| 69 Flat document | 135 National anthem start | 5 Research assoc.? |
| 70 Immoral enabler | | 6 Varmint |
| 73 Grand get-together | | 7 Long green |

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EASY CLUES

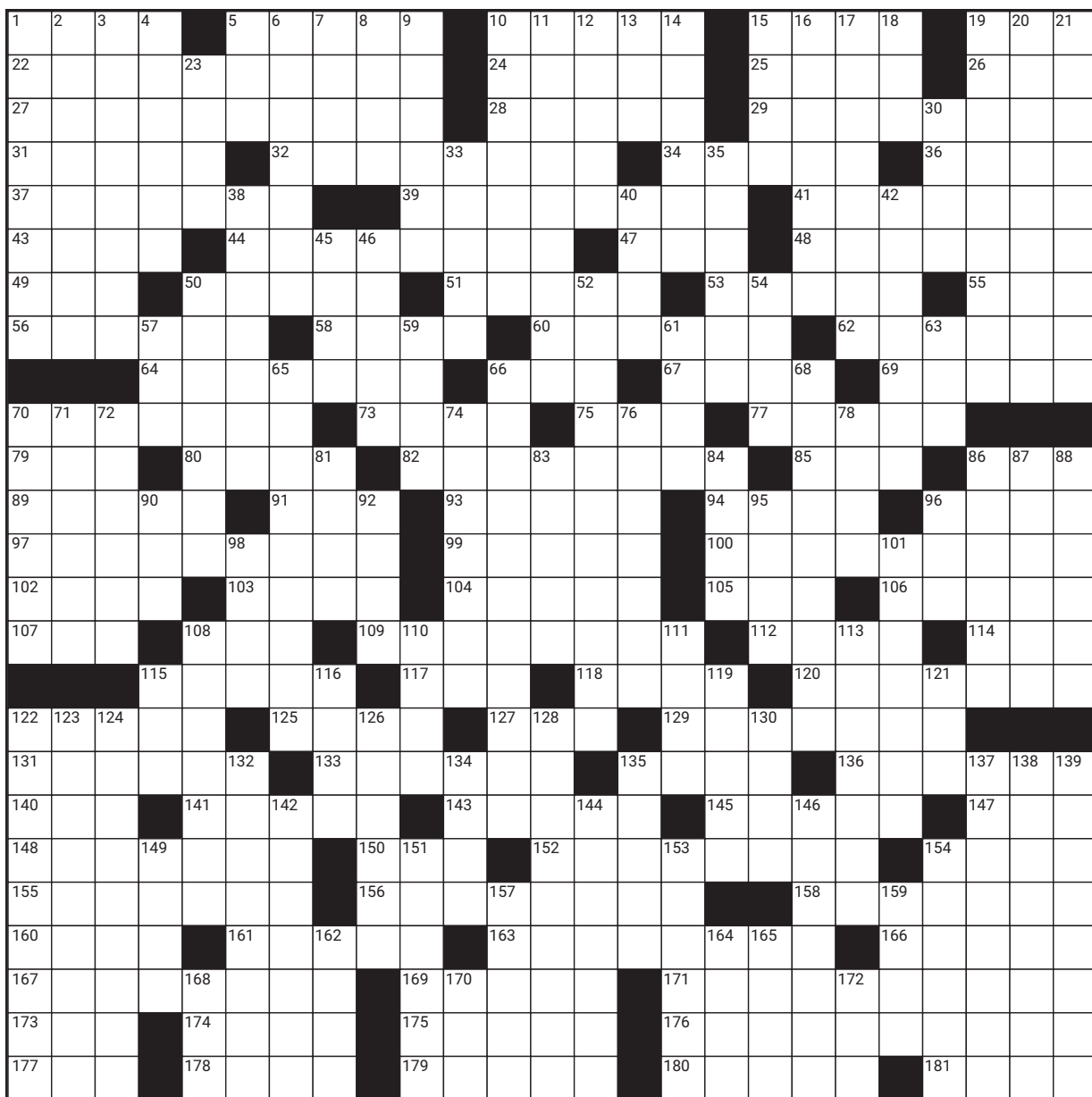
ACROSS

- 1 Sound of surprise
- 5 1983 film in which Mr. T plays a taxi driver: 2 wds.
- 10 Lessen
- 15 Golf instructors
- 19 ___ *Sharkey* (TV oldie)
- 22 Speed up
- 24 *Pride and Prejudice* beau
- 25 Polly, to Tom Sawyer
- 26 Darling
- 27 Nixon's trip to China, e.g.: 2 wds.
- 28 Hold in high regard
- 29 Sit on eggs
- 31 McCain's running mate
- 32 Former nickname for Cleveland's baseball team: 2 wds.
- 34 Ice home
- 36 Morph or plasm starter
- 37 Snob
- 39 Wishy-washy response: 3 wds.
- 41 Advance, as one's cause
- 43 "Been there, ___ that"
- 44 Black gold, in Beaumont: 2 wds.
- 47 Easter basket item
- 48 Feature of a versatile sewing machine: 2 wds.
- 49 *Brokeback Mountain* director Lee
- 50 Country singer Clark
- 51 Picture puzzle
- 53 "___ Easy" (1977 Ronstadt hit): 2 wds.
- 55 AFL's partner: Abbr.
- 56 Classroom instruction
- 58 Ending with buck or stink
- 60 Turkey's capital
- 62 One or the other
- 64 Make do with: 3 wds.
- 66 Women's patriotic org.: Abbr.
- 67 Political alliance
- 69 Landlord's document
- 70 Crook's helper
- 73 Lavish party
- 75 Flow back
- 77 Ambulance noisemaker
- 79 Org. for teachers: Abbr.
- 80 Phoenix's state, for short
- 82 Desert in southern Africa
- 85 Stewart or Steiger
- 86 Part of PST: Abbr.
- 89 Purse part
- 91 Saucer's go-with
- 93 ___ one's time (waits)
- 94 Ambassador's asset
- 96 103, to Cato
- 97 Beaufort, for one: 2 wds.
- 99 Eye parts
- 100 Brutally harsh
- 102 German river
- 103 Border on
- 104 Some corporate jets
- 105 ___ in "Yankee": 2 wds.
- 106 Channel surfer's need: 2 wds.
- 107 Checkers side
- 108 Long-snouted fish
- 109 Greets with a "gr": 2 wds.
- 112 Cowardly Lion portrayer Bert
- 114 Chinese truth
- 115 Of a forearm bone
- 117 Notable time period
- 118 Convention center event
- 120 ___ Palace (Vegas casino)
- 122 Leaf bud
- 125 Brush's mate
- 127 Silent assent
- 129 Get-together with coffee
- 131 Mountain nymphs
- 133 Words to a song
- 135 Start of "The Star-Spangled Banner": 2 wds.
- 136 Himalayan monarchy
- 140 Stop ___ dime: 2 wds.
- 141 Old phone features
- 143 NASCAR car sticker
- 145 Group of ships
- 147 Unlock, poetically
- 148 Home runs, slangily
- 150 DDE's WWII command: Abbr.
- 152 Kick off
- 154 Tug-of-war need
- 155 Straight folks
- 156 Subject of many ballads: 2 wds.
- 158 Stored, as grain
- 160 "Once ___ a time..."
- 161 Cops may slap them on
- 163 Like some motives
- 166 Nearby
- 167 Unearthly
- 169 ___ Jessica Parker
- 171 Entertains with a story: 3 wds.
- 173 Ending for pay or schnozz
- 174 Magistrate of old Venice
- 175 Join forces
- 176 Some English exams: 2 wds.
- 177 "King": Spanish
- 178 "Got it": 2 wds.
- 179 Yearning person

- 180 Staggers
- 181 Classic cars

DOWN

- 1 Auto accelerator: 2 wds.
- 2 Do without accomplices: 2 wds.
- 3 Ascents
- 4 Small and trim
- 5 The "D" in R&D: Abbr.
- 6 Backwoods beast
- 7 Folding money
- 8 End in ___ (finish evenly): 2 wds.
- 9 Boop and Rubble
- 10 Student getting help with course selection
- 11 Sheep cries: 3 wds.
- 12 Former Pennsylvania senator Specter
- 13 School in Fort Worth: Abbr.
- 14 Giving the once-over
- 15 Beach toy
- 16 Election deciders, at times: Hyph.
- 17 Headed in the right direction: 2 wds.
- 18 Trio after R
- 19 Latin dance chant: 3 wds.
- 20 Stoneware and porcelain
- 21 An unspecified number: 3 wds.
- 23 Controversial filmmaker Riefenstahl
- 30 ___ noire (bugbear)
- 33 Like bell-bottoms
- 35 Words of encouragement to a gal pal: 2 wds.
- 38 Loud-voiced speaker
- 40 Cubicle fixture
- 42 Fixed a squeak again
- 45 Like Superman's vision: Hyph.
- 46 Have an ___ mystery: 2 wds.
- 50 Basic dance steps: 2 wds.
- 52 Improvised
- 54 New Mexico resort town
- 57 Police dept. rank: Abbr.
- 59 About .62 mi., in a race: 2 wds.
- 61 Shortened form, for short
- 63 Gymnast's goal
- 65 Knickknacks: Hyph.
- 66 Salvation
- 68 Big top attraction: 2 wds.
- 70 Response
- 71 Happen to
- 72 Made money
- 74 Set up in rows and columns
- 76 Large wind instrument, informally: 2 wds.
- 78 Campus military gp.: Abbr.
- 81 Yankee follower, to radiomen
- 83 *Let's Make ___*: 2 wds.
- 84 ___-bitty
- 86 Midday nap
- 87 Tone deaf one's problem: 2 wds.
- 88 Says "I second that"
- 90 Field that includes mediation: Abbr.
- 92 Cats and dogs
- 95 Inland Asian sea
- 96 Roman 155
- 98 *Misery* star James
- 101 Dutch city near Rotterdam
- 108 More pleased
- 110 Omaha's state, briefly
- 111 Toll roads: Abbr.
- 113 Washed-up celebrity: Hyph.
- 115 Actress Thurman
- 116 Throw dice
- 119 Norwegian king from 995–1000 A.D.
- 121 Moo ___ pork
- 122 Cheerfulness: 2 wds.
- 123 Award-winning WWII journalist: 2 wds.
- 124 Really intend with one's words: 3 wds.
- 126 Me, ___, and I
- 128 Swing to and fro
- 130 *The Clan of the Cave Bear* heroine
- 132 Saharan winds
- 134 Wedding vows: 2 wds.
- 135 ___ Oyl
- 137 Handyman's kit
- 138 Take before, as a higher court: 2 wds.
- 139 Unnecessary
- 142 Soothe
- 144 "___ One Bites the Dust"
- 146 Neverending
- 149 Polite chap
- 151 Hard-to-predict outcome: Hyph.
- 153 Less wordy
- 154 Brawl participant
- 157 Italian city of shroud fame
- 159 Miniblink part
- 162 Go on the lam
- 164 ___ *dixit* (unproven assertion)
- 165 Belgian-French river
- 168 Ugandan despot Amin
- 170 Singer DiFranco
- 172 The "S" in CBS: Abbr.



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8 Force ____ (draw)
 9 Buckley and Ford
 10 Protégé, e.g.
 11 Whiffenpoof refrain
 12 *The Wizard of Oz* composer
 13 Ft. Worth campus
 14 Checking out
 15 Sandcastle mold
 16 Primary followers
 17 Not straying
 18 Disco guy on *The Simpsons*
 19 Cuban music genre
 20 Earthenware and porcelain
 21 Nonspecific quantity
 23 Josef's seducer in Kafka's *The Trial*
 30 *La ____ Humaine* (Zola novel)
 33 Old yet new
 35 Encouraging words
 38 Loud speaker
 40 Dilbert's workstation
 42 Did a better lube job
 45 Shot following a break?

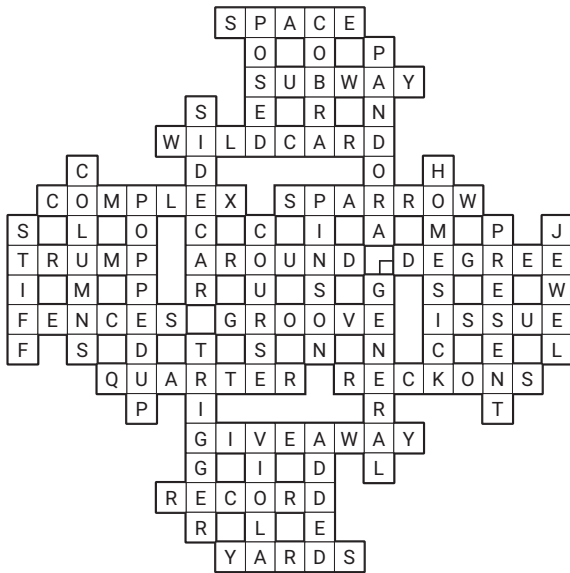
46 "...In the icy ____ night!" (Poe)
 50 Dances noisily, in a way
 52 Extemporaneous
 54 Kit Carson's New Mexico home
 57 U.S. Army E-5
 59 Dist. for a short run
 61 Certain dict. entry
 63 Canvas count
 66 Dickey novel
 68 Aerialist, e.g.
 70 Peeked-at item
 71 Happen to
 72 Came by honestly
 74 Like some almanac data
 76 Low wind instrument
 78 Campus military prog.
 81 Phonetic alphabet ender
 83 "You've got ____!"
 84 Wee
 86 Sonora snooze
 87 Conductor's bane

88 Copies
 90 NYSE share, maybe
 92 Motel no-nos, often
 95 "Sea" that's really a lake
 96 XXXI times V
 98 Sonny Corleone portrayer
 101 City east of The Hague
 108 More tickled
 110 Warren Buffett's home: Abbr.
 111 State-spanning hwy.
 113 Fallen star
 115 John's *Pulp Fiction* costar
 116 Roster
 119 Successor to Canute IV
 121 Confucian principle
 122 Amiability
 123 *Here Is Your War* author
 124 Really intend with one's words
 126 Whitman's *Song of ____*
 128 Sway
 130 *The Mammoth Hunters* heroine

132 Mediterranean winds
 134 Common Vegas exchanges
 135 Castor Oyl's sis
 137 Item on a workbench, perhaps
 138 Grab, so to speak
 139 Uncalled-for
 142 Mollify
 144 Order at the bar
 146 Like some quests
 149 Courteous chap
 151 50-50 chance
 153 Not so verbose
 154 Insurgent
 157 Shroud city
 159 Bed support
 162 Turn fugitive
 164 ____ *dixit*
 165 Seine tributary
 168 2006 role for Forest
 170 Rocker DiFranco
 172 Method, briefly

ANSWERS

3 I MIXED DOUBLES



Clue pairs:

Across: Across: 1/18, 2/26, 3/21, 4/11, 5/30, 6/23, 7/15, 8/31, 9/16, 10/28, 11/4, 12/22, 13/29, 14/19, 15/7, 16/9, 17/27, 18/1, 19/14, 20/32, 21/3, 22/12, 23/6, 24/25, 25/24, 26/2, 27/17, 28/10, 29/13, 30/5, 31/8, 32/20

Down: 1/26, 2/14, 3/28, 4/17, 5/31, 6/11, 7/15, 8/32, 9/21, 10/16, 11/6, 12/29, 13/30, 14/2, 15/7, 16/10, 17/4, 18/19, 19/18, 20/27, 21/9, 22/24, 23/25, 24/22, 25/23, 26/1, 27/20, 28/3, 29/12, 30/13, 31/5, 32/8

7 I CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

1. Fat cat
2. Catnap
3. Copycat
4. Catalogs
5. Catwalk
6. Cat Cora
7. Scaredy-cat
8. Catacombs
9. Let the cat out of the bag
10. Catalyst
11. Catapult
12. Catamaran
13. Catfishing
14. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

8 I KID STUFF: CATEGORIES

Here are our answers. (Lots more are possible!):

Countries: Australia, Peru, Rwanda, Iceland, Laos

Hobbies: Art, photography, reading, ice skating, LEGO building

Words ending in "y": Anyway, pretty, really, imaginary, lazy

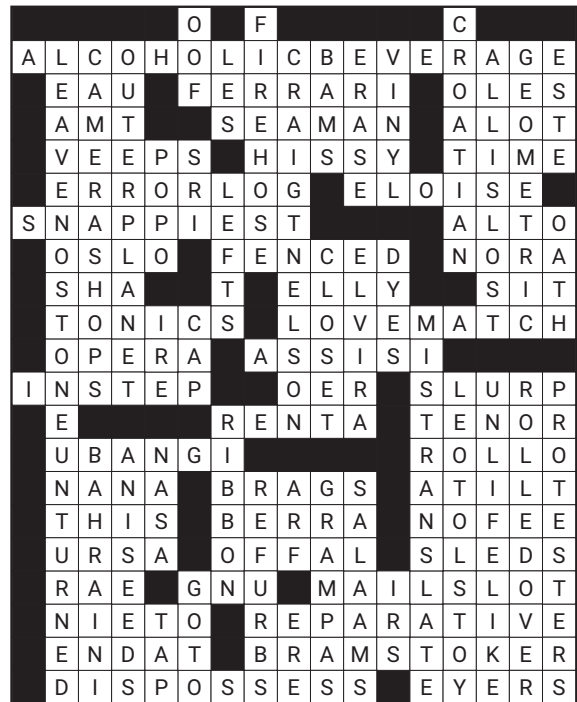
Animals: Armadillo, penguin, rabbit, iguana, lion

Beverages: Apple juice, pop, root beer, iced tea, lemonade

12 I QUOTE BOXES

1. True love cannot be found where it does not exist, nor can it be denied where it does. —Torquato Tasso
2. Even the best novelists are rarely congratulated on the quality of their observations about contemporary life. —Michelle Dean
3. We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. —Mother Teresa

5 I PENCIL POINTERS 1



7 I TIMES SQUARES



66 I FAMILY REUNIONS CATEGORIES

FAMILY ONE: MUSIC GENRES

FAMILY TWO: FIVE-LETTER MAMMALS

FAMILY THREE: "FLYING" FOLLOWERS

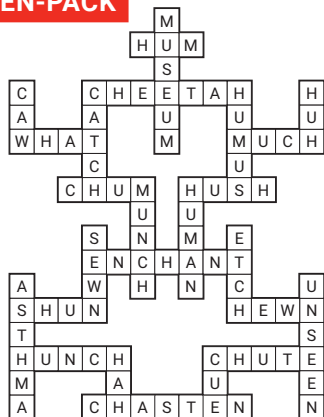
FAMILY FOUR: ACRONYMS

ANSWERS

4 | 52-SKIDDOO



6 | TEN-PACK

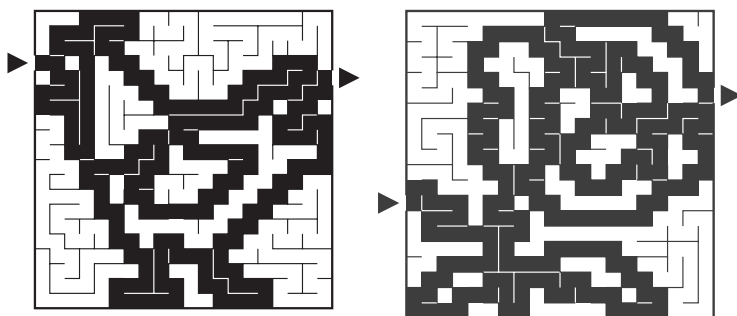


8 | KID STUFF: RIDDLE ACROSTIC

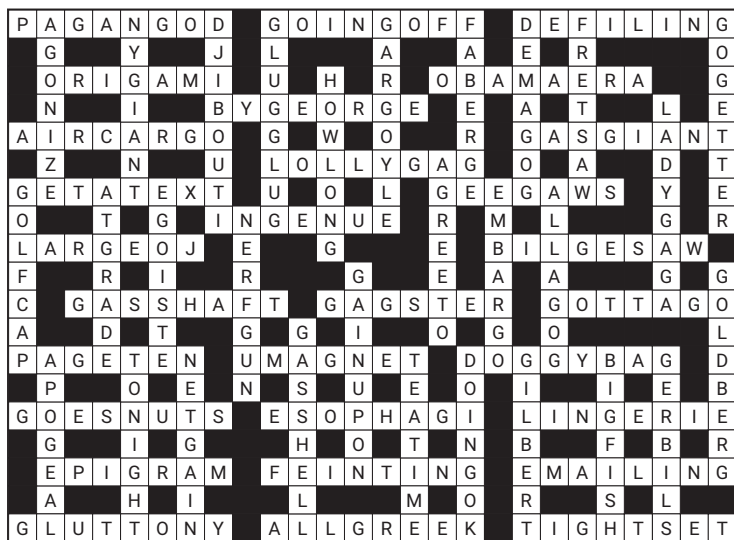


- A. Little
- B. Father
- C. Hard
- D. Messy
- E. Eight
- F. Hood
- G. Hot
- H. Best
- I. Watch
- J. House
- K. Dry
- L. Ten

9 | KID STUFF: MAZE-A-PIX



14 | SEVENS AND EIGHTS



20 | CRYPTOLISTS

1. WOMEN WHO DIRECT

Agnes Varda
Greta Gerwig
Penny Marshall
Ava DuVernay
Kathryn Bigelow
Nicole Holofcener
Ida Lupino
Sofia Coppola
Nora Ephron
Jane Campion

2. BIG VIDEO GAME FRANCHISES

Assassin's Creed
Tetris
Grand Theft Auto
Resident Evil
Sonic the Hedgehog
The Legend of Zelda
Super Mario Bros.
Call of Duty
Madden NFL
Minecraft

3. BY THE EVERLY BROTHERS

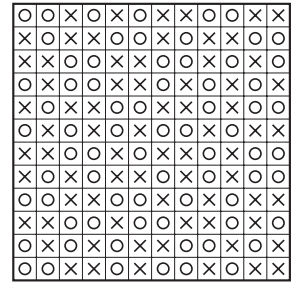
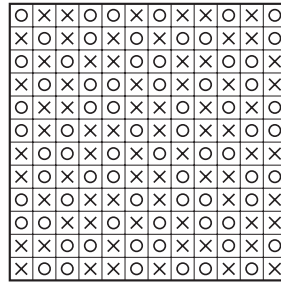
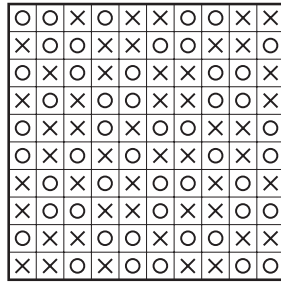
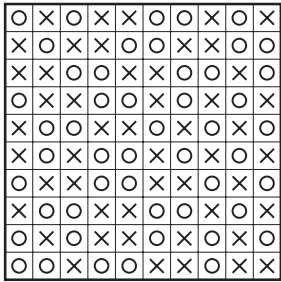
Devoted to You
Bird Dog
Cathy's Clown
Let It Be Me
When Will I Be Loved
All I Have to Do Is Dream
Wake Up Little Susie
That's Old Fashioned
Bye Bye Love
Crying in the Rain

4. MYSTERY LIST

(Things that are strong)
Highly alcoholic drink
Skunk's odor
Gale force wind
Titanium
Spider silk
Unguessable password
Zealot's views
Grizzly bear
Powerlifter
Marked resemblance

ANSWERS

13 I TIC-TAC-LOGIC



24 I ART ON THE SQUARE



10 I SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD FLICK

1. A Star Is Born (borne)
2. Soul (sole) Food
3. Serial (cereal) Mom
4. The Road (rowed) Warrior
5. Foul (fowl) Play
6. I Was a Male (mail) War Bride
7. Dear (deer) God
8. The Caine (cane) Mutiny
9. Tea (tee) for Two
10. Boogie Nights (knights)
11. Broadcast News (gnus)
12. Pale (pail) Rider

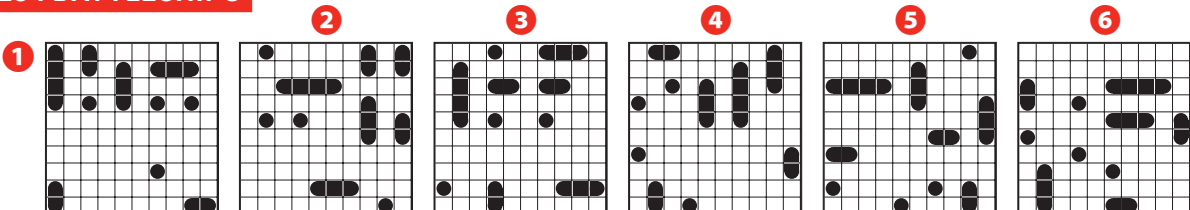
16 I BOXING MATCH

- I. NORTHWEST
- II. NEUTRAL
- III. AMPHIBIAN
- IV. SYMBOLIC
- V. VERBATIM
- VI. KETTLEDRUM
- VII. EMBEZZLE
- VIII. CONJECTURE
- IX. BEQUEATH
- X. FEROCITY
- XI. PSEUDONYM
- XII. WAXWING

18 I PENCIL POINTERS 2

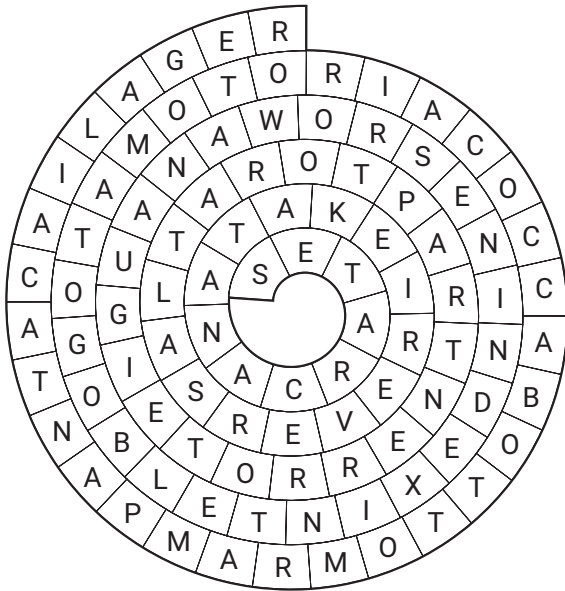


23 I BATTLESHIPS

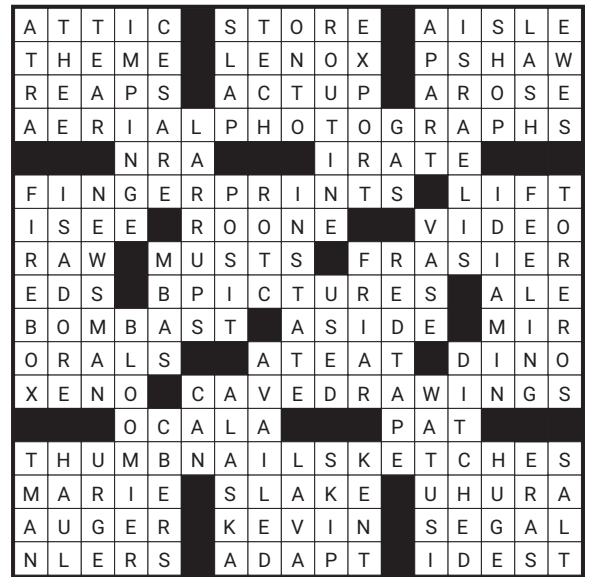


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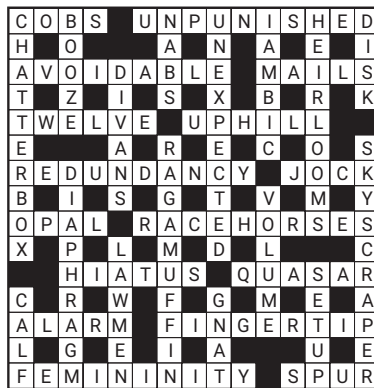
19 | THE SPIRAL



21 | BUT IS IT ART?



28 | CODE CROSSWORDS



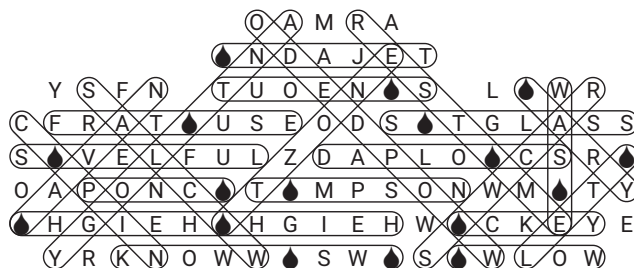
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For each address, colors of the house's trim, door, and siding are as follows:

- #101, Wedgwood, rose, charcoal
#103, caramel, green, gold
#105, mustard, melon, peach
#107, salmon, brown, sand
#109, black, teal, cream
#111, gray, yellow, barn red

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15 | APRIL SHOWERS



**The uncircled
letters spell:**
MAYFLOWER

14 | SEVENS AND EIGHTS STARTING HINT

The first entry across is PAGAN GOD.

29 | CROSS PURPOSES



ANSWERS

WILD CARDS

26 RUMINATIONS

All are anagrams of countries: Laos, China, Yemen, Iceland, Italy, Mali, Spain, Nepal, Peru, Iran, Israel, and Eritrea.

26 CONCERT OUT ON THE DECK

The theme is playing cards; all of the artists and bands who recorded the songs have a playing card in their name:

1. King Harvest
2. Sixpence None the Richer
3. Queen
4. Seven Mary Three
5. The Four Tops
6. Ace of Base
7. Nine Inch Nails
8. Michael Jackson
9. Maroon 5
10. Ten Years After
11. U2
12. Three Dog Night

26 WHERE WERE YOU IN '62?

- 1-g (Pakistan—it was still a part of Pakistan often referred to as East Pakistan)
- 2-d (Dahomey)
- 3-a (Bechuanaland)
- 4-l (Upper Volta)
- 5-k (Arab Republic)
- 6-e (Ethiopia—it was formed from Ethiopia)
- 7-b (Burma)
- 8-h (South West Africa)
- 9-c (Ceylon)
- 10-j (Tanganyika)
- 11-i (Spanish Sahara)
- 12-f (Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland)

26 WHAT'S THAT FROM?

1. "There's no crying in baseball." (*A League of Their Own*)
2. "Go ahead, make my day." (*Sudden Impact*)
3. "I love the smell of napalm in the morning." (*Apocalypse Now*)
4. "Is it safe?" (*Marathon Man*)
5. "You can't handle the truth!" (*A Few Good Men*)
6. "We rob banks." (*Bonnie and Clyde*)
7. "Nobody puts Baby in a corner." (*Dirty Dancing*)
8. "If you build it, he will come." (*Field of Dreams*)
9. "Show me the money!" (Jerry Maguire)
10. "There's no place like home." (*The Wizard of Oz*)
11. "The stuff that dreams are made of." (*The Maltese Falcon*)
12. "A boy's best friend is his mother." (*Psycho*)

26 AUNT HILDEGARDE

Aunt Hildegard likes words beginning with some sort of pronoun (YOUng, SHerry, etc.)

27 CALLING DR. DOLITTLE

1. Spurred on
2. Homeowner
3. Smoothie
4. Microwave
5. Disembark
6. Scarface
7. Kumbaya
8. Feeble attempt
9. Clown
10. Neighborhood
11. Bamboo shoot
12. Tattoo ink
13. Homecooked
14. Chow line

27 SEEING DOUBLE

1. Oliver Stone / Olivia Wilde
2. Tom Selleck / Dom DeLuise
3. Lyndon Johnson / Landon Donovan
4. Jimmy Carter / Jerry Garcia
5. Tina Louise / Lisa Leslie

27 MISSING LINKS

E	N	T	E	R	T	A	I	N
N				A				U
D		D		M		C	A	T
O	V	E	R	S	E	A	S	
R	A	C	E			N		B
S	T	E	M		S	I	L	O
I		A	I	M		N		N
N	E	S	T		M	E	N	U
G		E	S	P	Y			S

6. Jack Lemmon / John Lennon
7. Bruce Dern / Bruno Mars
8. Owen Wilson / Gwen Verdon
9. Salma Hayek / Helen Hayes
10. Lewis Carroll / Boris Karloff

30 I 500 RUMMY

A	S	P	H	A	L	T		N	U	C	L	E	A	R	
9	10	J	Q	K	K	K	69	6	6	6	6	J	Q	K	54
B	E	N	E	A	T	H		N	U	C	L	E	U	S	
4	5	6	Q	Q	Q	Q	55	6	6	6	6	7	8	9	48
B	E	N	E	F	I	T		O	C	T	A	G	O	N	
4	5	6	7	5	5	5	37	10	J	Q	K	2	2	2	46
C	H	E	A	P	E	N		P	R	E	T	Z	E	L	
6	7	8	9	7	7	7	51	8	8	8	10	J	Q	K	64
C	H	E	E	T	A	H		P	R	O	C	U	R	E	
6	7	8	Q	Q	Q	Q	61	8	9	10	J	8	8	8	61
E	X	H	A	U	S	T		S	C	R	A	T	C	H	
3	3	3	3	8	9	10	39	9	9	9	9	5	6	7	54
G	E	N	U	I	N	E		T	R	A	C	H	E	A	
2	3	4	A	A	A	A	13	K	K	K	6	7	8	9	60
L	A	T	E	R	A	L		U	N	C	L	A	S	P	
K	K	K	A	2	3	4	40	6	6	6	6	9	10	J	53
N	E	U	T	R	A	L		U	N	C	L	E	A	R	
6	7	8	K	K	K	K	61	6	6	6	6	J	Q	K	54
N	O	S	T	R	I	L									
10	10	10	10	4	5	6	55								

Total Score: **975**

ANSWERS

33 | CRYPTIC CLASSROOM #6: CONTAINERS

ACROSS

1. Paintings (ain't + pings)
5. NSFW (SF + NW)
6. Argo (ago + R)
7. Sir (Sr. + I)
8. Exit (XI + ET)
10. Rand (N + rad)
11. Nay (a + NY)
12. Iago (lo + Ag)
13. Vial (I + Val)
14. Shrubbery (rubber + shy)

DOWN

1. Pandemics (Dem + panics)
2. Infringer (infer + ring)
3. Narrative (native + arr.)
4. Swordplay (splay + word)
6. Air (AR + I)
9. Tao (TO + A)

40 | CELEBRITY SPLICES

1. Sara Gilbert
2. Melissa McCarthy
3. Randall Park
4. Kieran Culkin
5. Andie MacDowell
6. Queen Latifah
7. Sandra Oh
8. Issa Rae
9. Kenan Thompson
10. Jason Sudeikis
11. Regé-Jean Page
12. Oscar Isaac
13. Selena Gomez
14. Bridget Moynahan
15. Gillian Anderson
16. Angela Bassett
17. Peter Sarsgaard
18. Keegan-Michael Key
19. James Spader
20. LL Cool J
21. Dulé Hill
22. Brian Tee
23. Winona Ryder
24. Reese Witherspoon
25. Kate Winslet
26. Jennifer Coolidge

42 | THE MURDER GAME

The murderer is Jerome Robbins. Each of the other surviving players brought back a photographic clue indicating the number on the envelope that player was given at the beginning of the game. #1, Leonard Bernstein, one pistol; #3, Tony Perkins, three album covers; #5, Tony Shaffer, five-pointed star; #7, you, seven Scrabble tiles; #9, Mary Ann Madden, nine chessmen; #10, Roddy McDowall, 10 holes on the telephone dial. Since the designated murderer was not given a clue to find, he or she had to return with a clue taken from one of the three victims. Robbins was given envelope #8 but returned with a photograph of four people—a clue indicating #4 (Peter Shaffer). The only way he could have gotten it was over Shaffer's dead body.

32 | ONE, TWO, THREE

S	HO	LEM		T	H	EC	LUB		GA	S	P	S
C	M	ON		EST	EL	L	E		RA	IM	EN	T
RIM	E	S		F	L	O	JO		G	IV	E	R
MA	J	O	R	LE	A	GUE	B	AS	EB	ALL	T	EAM
G	AME	L	A	W				W	AND	E	R	ER
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31 | HELTER-SKELTER

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38 | WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Game 8

22. Qa3+ wins the a pawn while attacking Black's bishop

Game 9

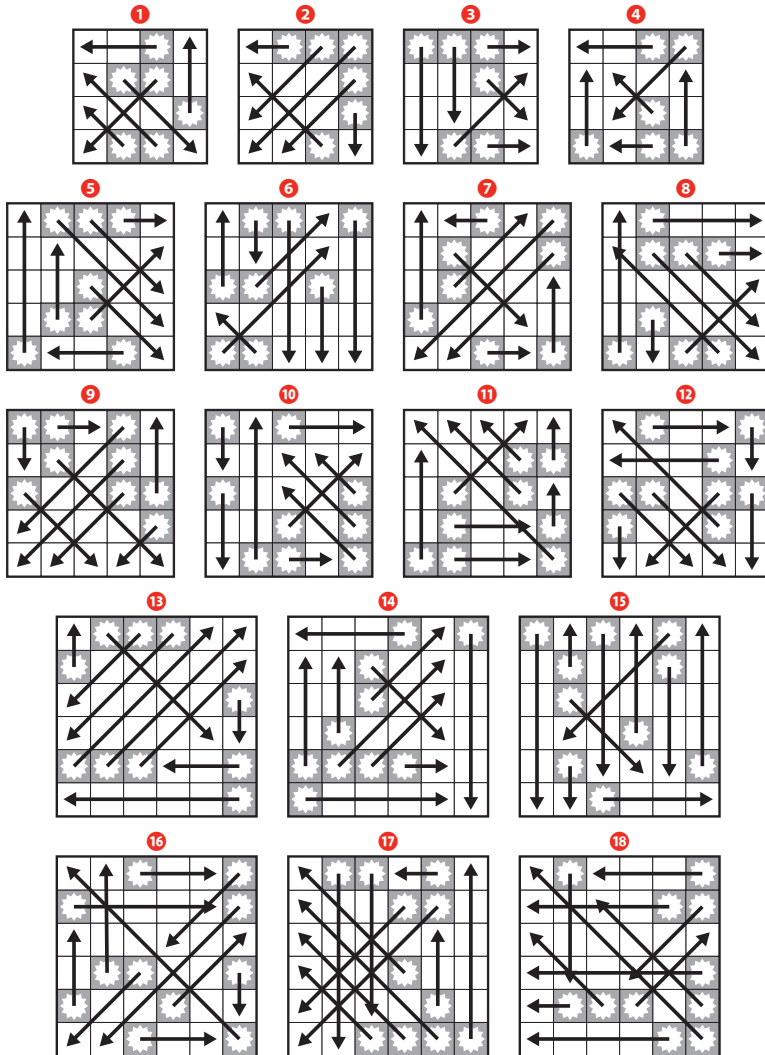
27. ...c6 traps the White bishop, which will soon be captured by a rook

Game 11

23. ...dxe3, and after 24. gxf4, Qxg4+ 25. Kf1, Qh3+, 26. Kg1, Nf5, Black had a winning attack against the White king

ANSWERS

49 | FLASHLIGHTS



60 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

ACROSS: 1. Barrettes (bar + street), 6. Plant (plan + T), 9. Legal (lag + el), 10. Calendars (land races), 11. Beatifies (beautifies – u), 12. Hands (ruth AND Sue), 13. Ados (soda), 14. Remnants (Ms. Tanner), 19. Dreamers (reads REM), 20. Etna (EsToNiAn), 23. Clove (c + love), 25. Available (a + Vail + Abe + L), 26. Retaining (in granite), 27. Moola (a loom), 28. Basic (two meanings), 29. Tennessee (sen. + tense + e)

DOWN: 1. Billboard (Bill bored), 2. Rigmarole (rig + ma + role), 3. Eclair (a relic), 4. Tactic (coverT ACT I Chose), 5. Salesmen (nameless), 6. Penchant (chant + pen), 7. Again (a + gain), 8. Tasks (T.S. + ask), 15. Notebooks (no OKs + to be), 16. Stalemate (ale + M + state), 17. Amnesiac (main case), 18. Organist (trio sang), 21. Margin (Marin + g), 22. Flambé (blame + f), 23. Carob (carbo), 24. Oaths (Athos)

51 | DOUBLE CROSS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| A. TARTUFFE | N. USHER |
| B. ISAAC | O. SALLY FORTH |
| C. NAURU | P. NEW KID IN TOWN |
| D. AUBURN | Q. OFFING |
| E. FLUKE | R. THE DOW JONES |
| F. ECOLOGY | S. LUGUBRIOUS |
| G. YALE UNIVERSITY | T. ILLEGAL |
| H. GOODNIGHT MOON | U. KHAN ACADEMY |
| I. OCCUPY | V. EUROPOP |
| J. ROTOR | W. TULSA |
| K. GRAFT | X. HENRIK IBSEN |
| L. ELIOT | Y. ALIAS |
| M. ORIGAMI | Z. THROWAWAY |

Posing for a successful glamour portrait is very simple...Be yourself. When you look into the lens, imagine you are looking at a dear friend, but not a friend who would laugh at you for jutting out your chin while arching your back against a fake wall. – Tina Fey, “(Amazing) Gorgeous, Not Like That” (from *Bossypants*)

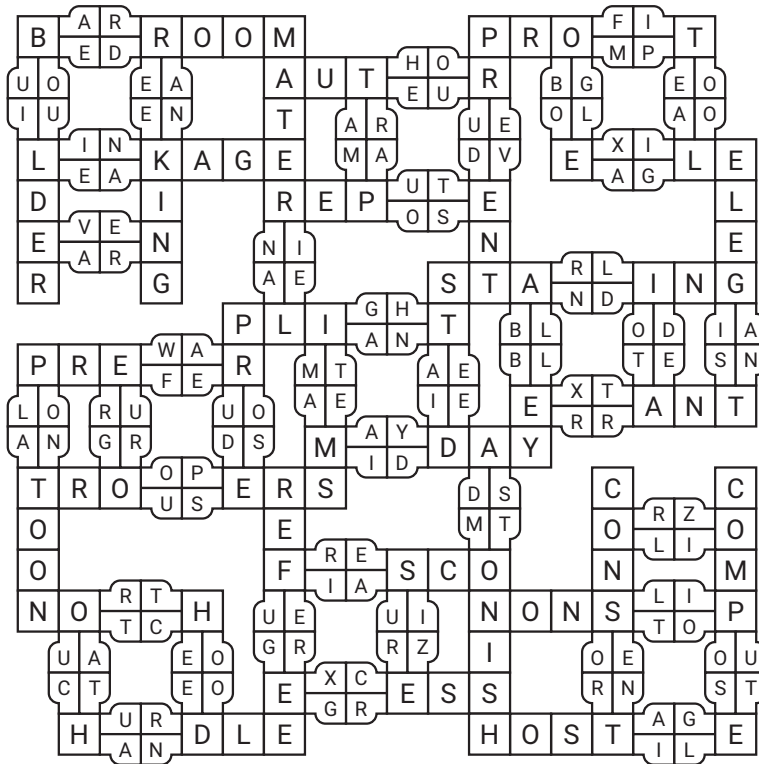
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ANSWERS

50 | SPLIT DECISIONS



52 | SPORTING CIRCLES



64 | SKYSCRAPER SUDOKU

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ANSWERS

54 | DOMINOES

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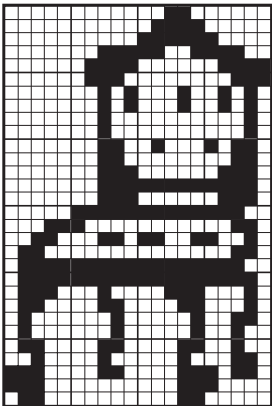
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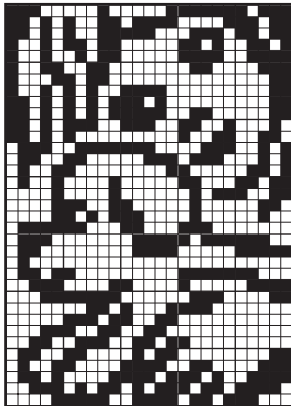
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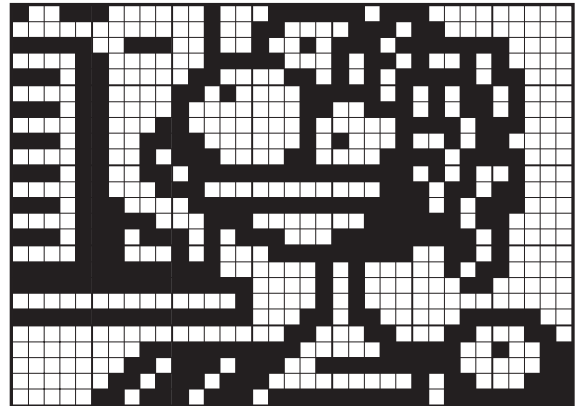
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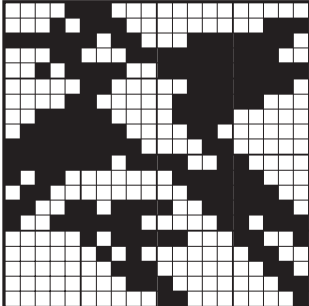
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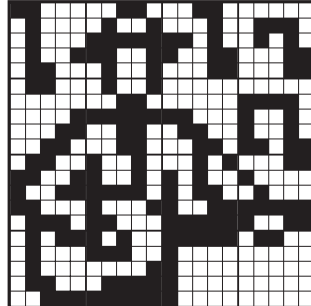
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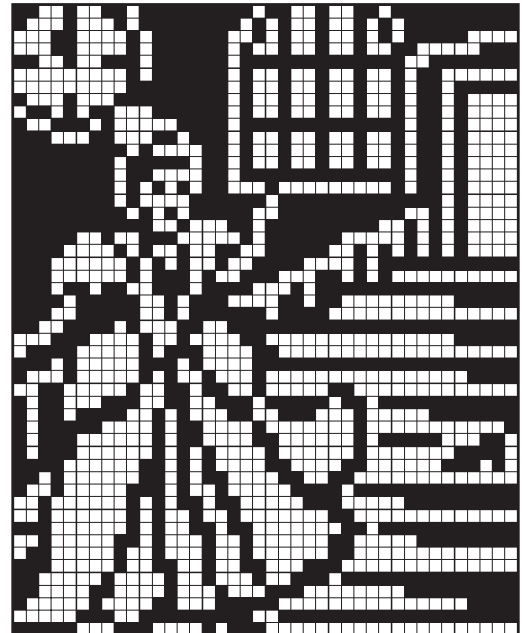
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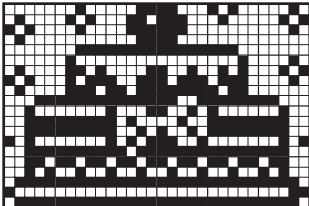
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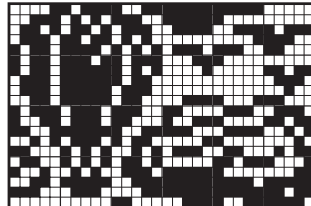
8. CINDERELLA



6. CAKE



7. BALLOON



ANSWERS

61 I CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2

ACROSS: 1. Gentlemanlike (me taking Ellen), 9. Last straw (la + St. + St. + raw), 10. Carob (c. + a + rob), 11. Shadow (sow + had), 12. Garnered (red + anger), 14. Regrets (egret + thunderShowers), 15. Grimace (grim + ace), 17. Bramble (b + ramble), 18. Everest (ever + est), 19. Stablest (tables + st.), 21. Marine (airmen), 24. Learn (Lear + n), 25. Eradicate (ERA + dictate - t), 26. Kleptomaniacs (animals pocket, & lit.)

DOWN: 1. Gales (legs + a), 2. Nostalgia (lost again), 3. Lose one's balance (pun), 4. Mart (tram), 5. Newfangled (N + E + W + fang + led), 6. Inconsideration (in + con + side + ration), 7. Error (jERRY fORd), 8. Obedient (bed + i.e. + on + T), 13. Assessment (sets Mensa's), 14. Robustly (your BLTs), 16. Americana (AAA 'n' crime), 20. Alack (a + lack), 22. Evens (seven), 23. Palm (two meanings)

62 I DEAR BOBBY

F	R	I	E	D	T	A	L	E	S	E
L	E	S	S	E	A	T	O	U	T	O
A	B	L	A	C	K	A	D	M	A	N
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C	O	L	D	M	A	E	R	L	Z	K
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C	D	E	R	F	U	L	A	T	O	P
S	E	A	S	O	N	F	R	E	T	S

ACROSS:

1. Fried dough (died 'fro), 5. Talese (E + tales), 9. Less (charLES Schulz), 10. Eat out (E + a + tout), 11. Blackjack (two meanings), 12. Adman (Adam + n), 13. Koala (kola + a), 14. Epicenters (Epic + enters), 16. Compound interest (Deter consumption), 19. Breadths (breaths + D), 20. Flea (flee), 21. Races (scare), 22. Bacon (A + con + B), 24. Cold (cod + l), 26. Mae (MA + e), 28. Market economies (One emirate mocks), 30. Pitied (p + l + tied), 32. Woman (WoOs My AuNt), 34. Fleet (two meanings), 35. Rural (R + Ural), 36. Wonderful (w + flounder), 37. Atop (potATO Pancakes), 38. Season (Sean + so), 39. Frets (fresh - h + t)

DOWN:

1. Flak (flack), 2. Rebook (or Kobe), 3. Islamic (ll + C + slam), 4. Decants (ten cads), 6. Lodi (Idol), 7. Starbucks (bars stuck), 8. Eons (napolEON Strutt), 12. Apes (greaSEPAint), 15. Eel (Lee), 16. Circe (circle - L), 17. Iced (first letters), 18. Tanks (stank, moving s), 20. Farm (far + M), 22. Beowulf (woe + flub), 23. Climate change (chemical agent), 25. Let (athLETes), 26. Moet (Moe + T), 27. Zealot (Lao-Tze), 29. Tilde (edit + L), 30. PFCs (f + PCs), 31. Cashiers (two meanings), 33. Naps (span)

63 I AND ONE TO GROW ON

S	M	E	L	T	S	B	R	E	W	E	D
P	O	R	T	H	O	L	E	N	I	L	E
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T	R	U	S	T	Y	A	S	I	D	E	S

ACROSS:

1. Melts (Mets + L), 5. Rewed (we + red), 10. Pothole (the pool, & lit.), 11. Nil (vaNILLa), 12. Cocas (Coca's), 14. Ash (two meanings), 15. Poplar (p + polar), 16. Ledge (L + edge), 17. Rue (two meanings), 18. See (two meanings), 19. Beets (beats), 21. Coper (comiC OPERa), 24. Ala (a + L.A.), 27. Log (L + go), 29. Smile (limes), 30. Martin (martini - i), 32. Ups (UPS), 34. Greed (G + reed), 35. Sea (nauSEA), 36. Airline (Iran + lie), 37. Rusty (two meanings), 38. Aides (ideas)

DOWN:

1. Sew (so), 2. Moral (m + or + Al), 3. Easer (as + beer - b), 4. Though (thorough - or), 5. Looper (or Pole), 6. Raps (spar), 7. Ensue (Sue + men - m), 8. Ell (el + L), 9. Decease (Dec. + ease), 13. Pot (top), 16. Palmist (pal + mist), 19. Betray (by rate), 20. Riders (sir + red), 22. Ore (fOREsts), 23. Peals (peels), 25. Lipid (p,i + lid), 26. Aline (alien), 28. Sigh (Hg + is), 31. Per (preacher - reach), 33. Hes (e + H.S.)

ANSWERS

66 I FAMILY REUNIONS

FAMILY ONE

Music genres

1. Rap
2. Pop
3. Folk
4. Metal
5. Dance
6. Latin
7. Blues
8. World
9. New Age
10. Country

FAMILY TWO

Five-letter mammals

1. Horse
2. Whale
3. Zebra
4. Dingo
5. Sloth
6. Camel
7. Mouse
8. Panda
9. Lemur
10. Sheep

FAMILY THREE

"Flying" followers

1. Fish
2. Start
3. Blind
4. Carpet
5. Saucer
6. Colors
7. Machine
8. Squirrel
9. Buttress
10. Dutchman

FAMILY FOUR

Acronyms

1. PIN
2. AWOL
3. YOLO
4. ASAP
5. SWAT
6. SCUBA
7. RADAR
8. LASER
9. SCOTUS
10. CAPTCHA

67 I WHITEOUT!

B	L	A	Z	E	R	S	G	E
O	L	S	W	E	A	T	S	L
X	Y	O	B	I	S	N	T	O
E	E	G	O	T	N	A	R	T
R	L	O	O	M	A	P	I	S
S	N	L	T	S	E	V	N	P
U	E	C	A	P	J	R	G	M
I	H	A	T	R	I	K	S	U
T	A	O	C	I	T	T	E	P

Common theme: Items of clothing

1. Bloomers
1. Blazers
1. Boxers
2. G String
3. Sweats
4. Boot
5. Tie
6. Pants
7. Stole
8. Suit
9. Vest
10. Clog
10. Cap
11. Jeans
12. Hat
12. Henley
13. Skirt
14. Petticoat
14. Pumps

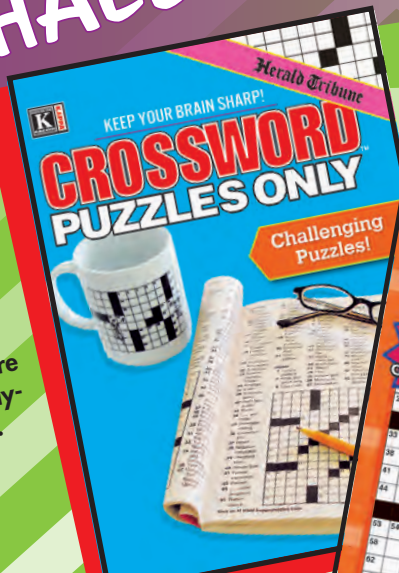
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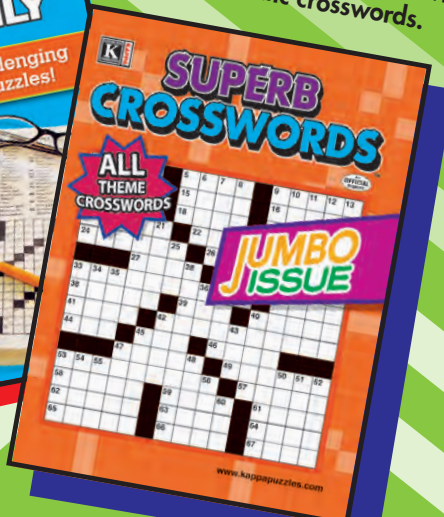
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