



**Answers
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Brain Zone!

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. First born | ___ L ___ _ _ _ | Most peculiar | ___ D ___ _ _ |
| 2. City of Light | ___ _ _ I _ | Hair divisions | ___ _ _ T _ |
| 3. Texas capital | A _ _ _ _ _ | Actor Hoffman | D _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Tent dweller | ___ M ___ _ _ | Friendly ghost | ___ S ___ _ |
| 5. Fake | ___ H ___ _ _ | Spring bloom | ___ E ___ _ _ |
| 6. Win, ____, or show | ___ L ___ _ _ | Cease fire | ___ E ___ _ _ |
| 7. Whiten with bleach | ___ L ___ _ _ | Twig | ___ R ___ _ _ |
| 8. Like an empty page | ___ A _ _ _ | Eye movement | ___ I ___ _ _ |
| 9. Lion's group | ___ _ _ D _ | First-class | ___ _ _ M _ |
| 10. Coast | ___ _ _ _ E | Brief | ___ _ _ _ T |

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Titular woman in a 1979 Fleetwood Mac song
- 5 Stop by
- 6 Endorse online
- 7 Ham's device
- 8 Ran, as colors in the wash

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6				
7				
8				

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Down

- 1 Durable rug fiber
- 2 Theatrical whisper

- 3 Opposite of flexible
- 4 ___ extra cost (free of charge)
- 5 Sink or swim



1. Name the singer-songwriter who first released "Reason to Believe."
2. Paul McCartney wrote the theme song for which James Bond film?
3. Who wrote and released "Stand By Me"?
4. What was REO Speedwagon's first big hit?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "When I think about those nights in Montreal, I get the sweet thoughts of you and me."



"I'm feeling fine now — however, my _____ took a turn for the worse!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Amuse: L I C K E T
- Forever: W A S L A Y
- Guide: T E R S E
- Shade: R U M B A

TODAY'S WORD



1. GEOGRAPHY: The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
3. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
4. HISTORY: What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
5. LITERATURE: In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
6. TELEVISION: Where is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state borders two oceans?
10. MUSIC: What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

Answers

1. Iraq

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Swift-Running Streams Abound

Interestingly, the 1912 yearbook compiled by the students and staff of the State Normal School [now the University of North Alabama] boldly bears this title on the front cover: State Normal College and the City of Florence, Alabama. Throughout the volume, there are the usual photographs and credentials of the faculty members, photographs and names of individual students, etc. But there is also a great deal of information about the City of Florence, along with accompanying photographs. One such entry is entitled "Swift-Running Streams Abound." With that intriguing caption, the long paragraph makes such observations as these: (1) "Florence is surrounded on every side by beautiful streams of water. On the south the mighty Tennessee sweeps by in silent majesty to join the great Mississippi on her flow to the

BIBLE TRIVIA

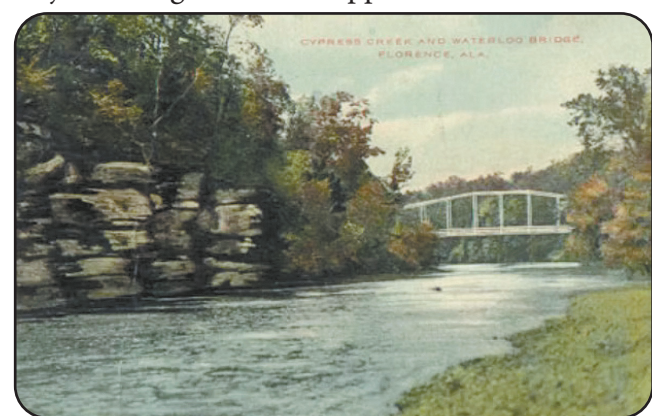
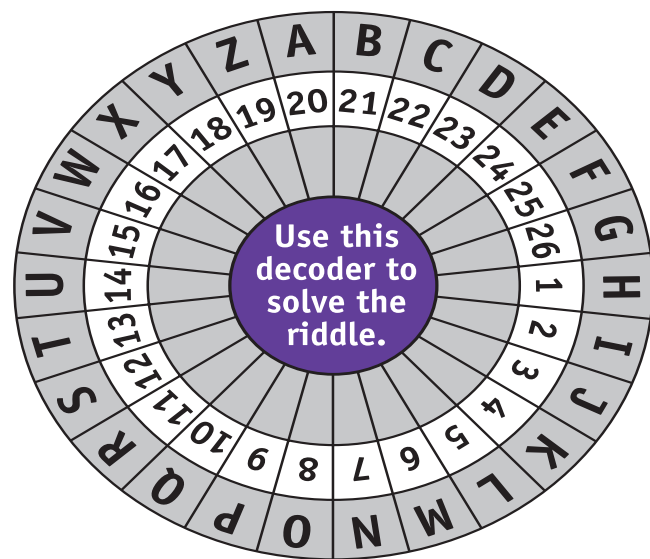
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. To keep Adam and Eve away after the Fall, what did God place around the Tree of Life? *Smoking pits, Deep moat, Cherubim with flaming swords, Walking vipers*
3. In 2 Samuel 12, God gave Solomon what additional name? *David, Amos, Jedidiah, Joab*
4. What type of water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? *Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean*
5. From John 10, to what type of animals are Christians compared? *Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents*
6. Which of these was a type of food? *Yoke, Manna, Prodigal, Mina*

SECRET CODE

How does a mother beetle carry her young?

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Gulf." (2) "On the west, Cypress Creek, the 'Little Rhine,' runs its placid course through hills and woodland as it flows into the Tennessee below the City." (See accompanying vintage photograph of Cypress Creek.) It also includes the same romantic language to describe Shoals Creek on the east and Cox's Creek on the north. The somewhat unusual yearbook could easily have been used by the local Chamber of Commerce in 1912 and thereafter to promote the many great attributes of the City of Florence - one of which was certainly the College itself - and perhaps it did.

- Billy Warren, City Historian (brwarren@florenceal.org)



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Introduced in 1990, the PGA Tour Player of the Year award trophy is named in honor of what golf great?
2. The Balmy Beach Beachers, winners of Grey Cup championships in 1927 and 1930, were a Canadian rugby football team located in what city?
3. In the original Trivial Pursuit board game, what color was used to represent the Sports & Leisure category of questions?
4. The phrase "get through to tea" - meaning persevere until the afternoon break - originated in what sport?
5. What Ohio stadium was home to the University of Akron Zips football team from 1940 to 2008?
6. Who scored the gold medal-winning goal for the U.S. Men's Hockey Team in their 2-1 overtime victory over Canada at the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympics?
7. What member of the Los Angeles Lakers, nicknamed "Swaggy P," had his look of bewilderment inspire an internet meme in 2014?

Answers

1. Jack Nicklaus.
2. Toronto.
3. Orange.

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

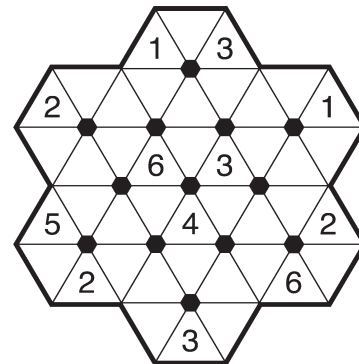
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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CryptoQuip

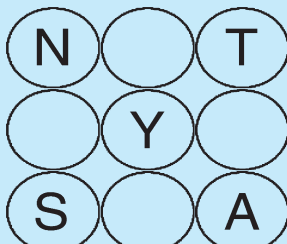
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals P

TUT ZVM WUSR WSTPKWFZK
EDU ZMUKPW NOWD WSAD ZW
GRSPNOV, JPRRUENOV ZVM
ZRGZAUKP: FSVZ FSKVPK.

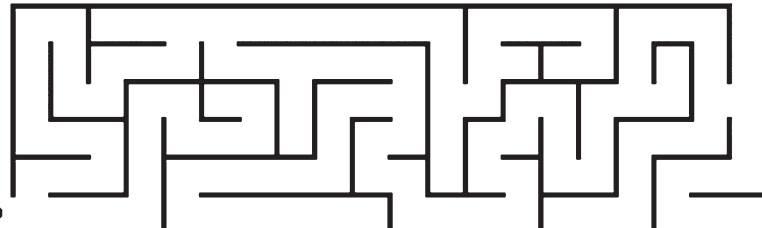
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WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.
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Kids' Maze



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Brain Zone! ANSWERS



Answers

1. Tim Hardin, in 1965. Since then, the song has been widely covered, including by Rod Stewart, Bobby Darin and Marianne Faithfull. The song was included on the soundtrack for the film "Wonder Boys" in 2000.
2. "Live and Let Die," in 1973.
3. Ben E. King, in 1961. King's chart-topper has been covered at least 500 times. It was used in the soundtrack of the film of the same name in 1986 and was included in the list of 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.
4. "Keep on Loving You," in 1980.
5. "I Just Wanna Stop," by Gino Vannelli, in 1978. The song was Vannelli's biggest hit, topping the charts in Canada. He got his first break when he ran after Herb Alpert across an L.A. parking lot to give him a demo tape.

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Word Spiral Answer
SANCTUARY

Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Oldest, Oddest | 6. Place, Peace |
| 2. Paris, Parts | 7. Blanch, Branch |
| 3. Austin, Dustin | 8. Blank, Blink |
| 4. Camper, Casper | 9. Pride, Prime |
| 5. Phony, Peony | 10. Shore, Short |

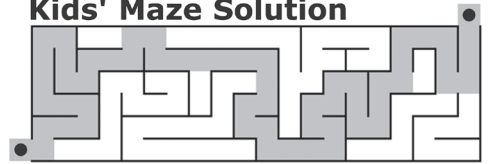


ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Cherubim with flaming swords, 3) Jedidiah, 4) Living, 5) Sheep, 6) Manna

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Kids' Maze Solution



1. Iraq.
2. The Star of Life.
3. "The Beast" to the kids and Hercules to his owner.
4. Columbia.
5. Homeric Greek.
6. Cicely, Alaska.
7. A mob.
8. Autotomy.
9. Alaska: Pacific and Arctic Oceans
10. "Tim McGraw."

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CryptoQuip answer

Pop and soul superstar who adores fish such as bluefin, yellowfin and albacore: Tuna Turner.

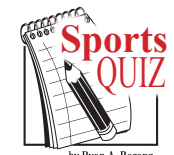
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SECRET CODE

How does a mother beetle carry her young?

In a Baby Buggy

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Tickle; 2. Always
3. Steer; 4. Umbra
Today's Word
WALLET



by Ryan A. Berenz

Answers

1. Jack Nicklaus.
2. Toronto.
3. Orange.
4. Cricket.
5. The Rubber Bowl.
6. Jack Hughes.
7. Nick Young.

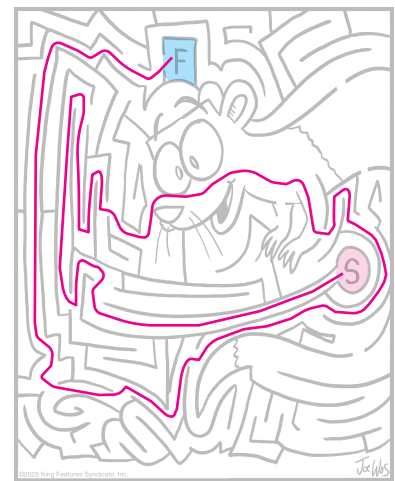
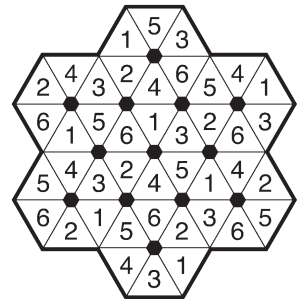
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Micro Crossword Answer

	S	A	R	A
V	I	S	I	T
E	S	I	G	N
R	A	D	I	O
B	L	E	D	

SNOWFLAKES

solution



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