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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. Recluse | H _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Translucent | _ _ _ _ _ R |
| 3. Detonate | _ L _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Wisconsin's animal | _ _ D _ _ _ |
| 5. Bullwinkle | _ _ O _ _ _ |
| 6. Georgia's fruit | _ _ A _ _ _ |
| 7. Thirsty fabric | _ E _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Slapstick, e.g. | _ _ _ _ _ D _ |
| 9. Closet accessory | _ A _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Ditch | T _ _ _ _ _ |

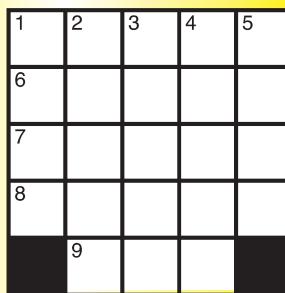
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| Sesame Street frog | K _ _ _ _ _ |
| Luster | _ _ _ _ _ N |
| Monster | _ E _ _ _ _ |
| Grocery store worker | _ _ G _ _ _ |
| Rat's smaller cousin | _ _ U _ _ _ |
| Roost | _ _ R _ _ _ |
| Linger | _ A _ _ _ _ |
| Attractive | _ _ _ _ _ L _ |
| Appetite | _ U _ _ _ _ |
| Parisian language | F _ _ _ _ _ |

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Fragrant flower or its color
6 Grammy-winning "Same Ole Love" singer Baker
7 Take things the wrong way?
8 Bridge guardian of folklore
9 Low digit



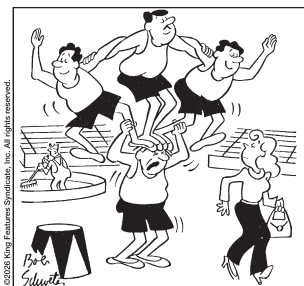
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Down

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1 With 5-Down, bartender's late-night shout | 3 Use, as a fainting couch |
| 2 Emcee's spiel | 4 "___ of Two Cities" |
| | 5 See 1-Down |



- Which singer provided the sound track for the 1989 movie "When Harry Met Sally"?
- Which duo wrote and released "So Sad"?
- What was the name of the camp in Allan Sherman's "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!"?
- What was the name of the bridge in "Ode to Billie Joe"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "You drove me, nearly drove me out of my head, While you never shed a tear, Remember, I remember all that you said."



"For gosh sakes, don't forget to bring back some _____!"

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!

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|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Mull | ENDROP | Shine | SHIPLO | Bore | CREEPI | Deli | MAILAS |
|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|

TODAY'S WORD



- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Invisible Man"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
- ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
- ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
- GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

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O'NEAL BRIDGE: A BRIEF HISTORY

Tennessee River Bridge at Florence, Sheffield and Tusculum, Ala.



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With the current overhaul of the O'Neal Bridge affecting a huge portion of residents in both Lauderdale and Colbert Counties (see accompanying image), it seems quite appropriate to record a brief history of that vital link. The late Richard Sheridan, an esteemed local historian, penned a summary in a local publication in April, 2010. In it, he states that construction of the bridge was underway for 18 months [not as long as the current overhaul is projected to require] before it opened as a toll bridge to the public on October 26, 1939. The construction materials list included 600 tons of reinforced steel, 3,000 tons of structural steel, 10,000 barrels of cement, 3,500 tons of sand and 7,000 tons of gravel. The bridge cost \$1,000,000 – equivalent to \$15.4 million today. The bridge is named for father-and-son Governors of Alabama, Edward A. O'Neal and Emmet O'Neal, who had lived directly north of the bridge on upper North Court Street. A state bond issue paid the indebtedness, eliminating the toll on September 18, 1940 – not quite a full year following its opening as a toll bridge. Prior to this great bridge, vehicles could cross the river only via the lower level of the Old Railroad Bridge and the roadway across Wilson Dam.

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lot (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which king wanted to see miracles when the arrested Jesus was before him? *Pilate, Shishak, Herod, Solomon*
3. From Judges 3, who was the left-handed Benjamite who killed Eglon? *Geshem, Agag, Ehud, Joram*
4. How many beasts rising out of the sea did Daniel have a dream about? *4, 7, 13, 20*
5. From Judges 1:6, which king had his thumbs and toes cut off? *David, Adoni-Bezek, Josiah, Herod*
6. Whose biblical name meant "messenger"? *Aaron, Moses, Samuel, Malachi*

Sports QUIZ

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Which Brooklyn Dodgers catcher suffered a broken neck and paralysis in a 1958 auto accident that ended his Hall of Fame career?
2. In 2012, Australia's Rhein Gibson set a Guinness World Record for the lowest 18-hole round of golf with what score?
3. Which team selected UC Berkeley quarterback Steve Bartkowski with the first overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft?
4. In 1939, Australian tennis player Adrian Quist developed which athletic shoe that is still in production?
5. Who has two NBA record streaks - 157 (2014-16) and 268 (2018-23) - of regular-season games with a 3-point shot made?
6. Toni Sailer, who swept all three alpine skiing events at the 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympics, competed for which country?
7. Name the IndyCar driver who won the inaugural editions of the Java House Grand Prix of Arlington in Texas and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix in Washington, D.C., in 2026?

Brain Zone!



MINI SUDOKU

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way: that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

		3	5		
		5		3	
	3			6	
					2
3					6
1	6			5	

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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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.

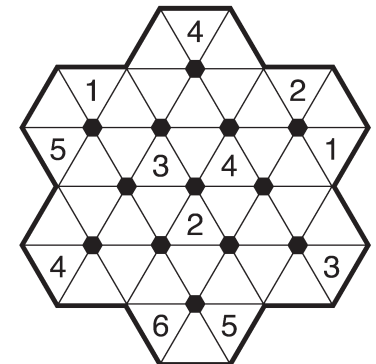
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SNOWFLAKES

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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CryptoQuote

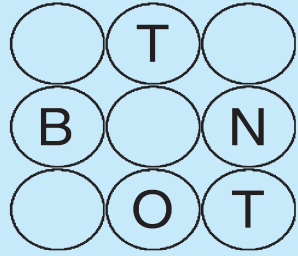
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

DVQBNGIOR GBSV B ABM IP
GIJWETL QGV DIRQ QOXQG
ET QGV JVBRQ RNBZV.
— IORIT RZIQQ ZBOW

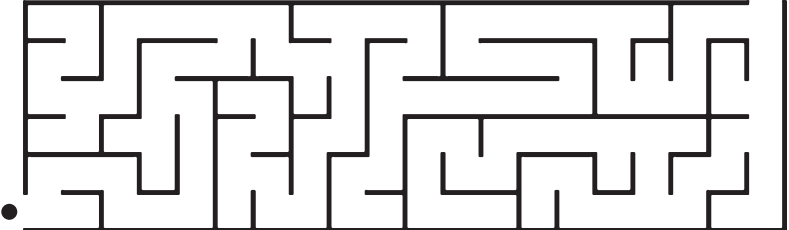
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WORD SPIRAL



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. Harry Connick Jr. He covered big band standards such as "Love Is Here to Stay" and "Stompin' at the Savoy." The soundtrack climbed the Traditional Jazz chart to reach No. 1 while Connick netted a Grammy for Best Jazz Male Vocal Performance.
2. The Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song has been covered by several others over the years, including Emmylou Harris and Connie Smith.
3. Camp Granada, in 1963. It won a Grammy and was added to the United States National Recording Registry.
4. Tallahatchie Bridge.
5. "Cry Me a River," by Julie London, in 1955. London's version was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2001. Others have released covers, including Joe Cocker and Michael Bublé.

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Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hermit, Kermit | 6. Peach, Perch |
| 2. Sheer, Sheen | 7. Terry, Tarry |
| 3. Blast, Beast | 8. Comedy, Comely |
| 4. Badger, Bagger | 9. Hanger, Hunger |
| 5. Moose, Mouse | 10. Trench, French |



ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Herod, 3) Ehud, 4) Four, 5) Adoni-Bezek, 6) Malachi

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CryptoQuip answer

What might you assume is the favorite chocolate candy of cave-dwelling dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.



1. H.G. Wells.
2. Istanbul, Turkey.
3. 687 Earth days.
4. Ursula.
5. 120 days.
6. 2,001.
7. Orange, green and purple.
8. "Arrested Development."
9. A smack.
10. 64.

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1. Roy Campanella.
2. 55 (16 under par).
3. The Atlanta Falcons.
4. The Dunlop Volley.
5. Stephen Curry, Golden State Warriors.
6. Austria.
7. Kyle Kirkwood.

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Micro Crossword Answer

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T	R	O	L	L
	O	N	E	

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

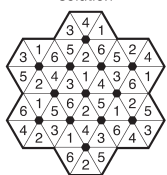
1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

Today's Word ASPIRINS

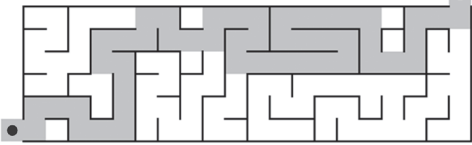
Word Spiral Answer TOMBSTONE

SNOWFLAKES

solution



Kids' Maze Solution



MINI SUDOKU

Answer

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

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