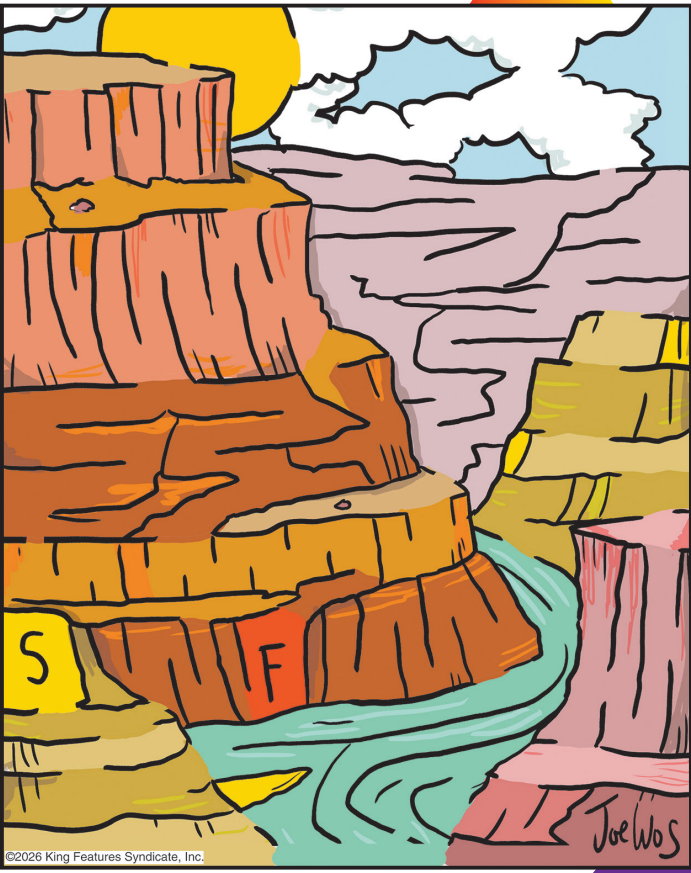




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Answers on Page 3

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.

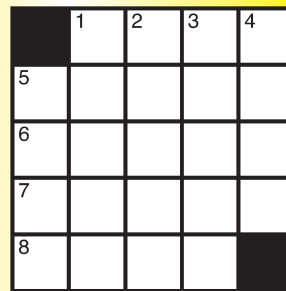
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|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Poker hand | F _ _ _ _ _ | Redden in the face | B _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Unmarried | S _ _ _ _ _ | Socialize | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Talisman | _ _ _ _ M | Graph | _ _ _ _ T |
| 4. Sell abroad | _ _ _ O _ | Specialist | _ _ _ E _ |
| 5. Goliath, e.g. | _ I _ _ _ | Civil War general | _ R _ _ _ |
| 6. Actress Elizabeth | _ _ Y _ _ | Clothes maker | _ _ I _ _ |
| 7. Arms and legs | _ _ _ _ S | Caribbean dance | _ _ _ _ O |
| 8. President Johnson | _ Y _ _ _ | Thames city | _ O _ _ _ |
| 9. Round map | _ _ _ B _ | Hand warmer | _ _ _ V _ |
| 10. Pebble | S _ _ _ _ | Make amends | A _ _ _ _ |

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- Some lighters or pens
- Curved image in Amazon's logo
- Dutch cheese city
- Vacant, as a flat
- Log choppers



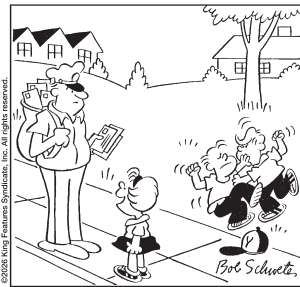
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Down

- "Cheer" leader?
- Bloviator's boast
- Writes software
- Smack a baseball
- Oaxaca water



- How many Grammy awards did the Beatles receive?
- Name the artist who released "Any Day Now" in 1962.
- Who wrote and released "It's Your Thing"?
- Which doo-wop group had their up-tempo "Unchained Melody" used in the film "Goodfellas"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Left a good job in the city, Workin' for the man every night and day, And I never lost one minute of sleepin', Worryin' 'bout the way things might have been."



"No, they're not playing cops and robbers — they're playing baseball players and —————."

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!

Restore	PRARIE	_____
Virtue	REMIT	_____
Rancor	RUGGED	_____
Tether	SHALE	_____

TODAY'S WORD _____

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: When did Labor Day become a federal holiday?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hop from side to side but can't walk forward or backward?
- MOVIES: What is the only international (non-English) movie to date that has won the Best Picture Oscar?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "alibi" mean in English?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which country is known for the soup called pho?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest bay in the world?
- MUSIC: What 1996 song by Los del Rio became an international dance phenomenon?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?
- SCIENCE: How many times does the average human blink per minute?
- TELEVISION: What is SpongeBob's pet named in the animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants"?

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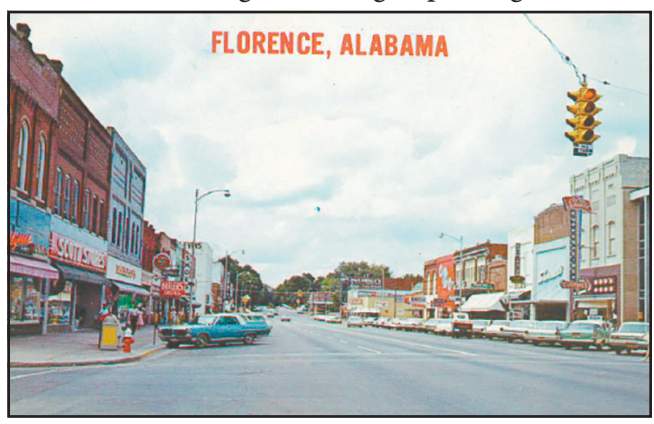
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW



The Vision (And Wisdom) Of Florence's Planners

As many – perhaps most – local citizens know, the grand City of Florence was designed in 1818 by three gentlemen, each of whom brought his specific skills to the table: John Coffee, Hunter Peel and Ferdinand Sannoner. The results of their visionary, collaborative work remain today as testament to their intelligent decisions. Take, for example, the width of downtown streets. Some are 90 feet wide; others are as much as 115 feet wide. How many towns of Florence's vintage can boast of a Court Street wide enough for angle parking on both



sides, with enough space remaining for two-way traffic? (See accompanying period photograph.) Then, consider the fact that the planners set aside two entire City blocks for future schools to be built, and, eventually there were schools on the sites: one, Florence Female Synodical College, was built on Seminary Street where the Justice John McKinley building (aka the U.S. Post Office) is located today; the other was at the eastern terminus of College Street where, in 1891, Robert M. Patton School opened. The genius of the planners continued with the establishment of a Courthouse Square (the site of the City-County Government building today) and the devotion of a full City block for a "Public Walk" – now Wilson Park. In the hands of profiteers instead of serious planners, the dedicated spaces noted above could easily have been divided into plots and sold as money-makers. Therefore, it is altogether appropriate to praise the foresight and dedication of these caring men: John Coffee, Hunter Peel and Ferdinand Sannoner!

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

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.

OZH VQGDO DOHX OW MHO
UZCO KWJ UCSO QD OW MHO
GQP WV UZCO KWJ PWS'O.
– XCJEW IWHEZW

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

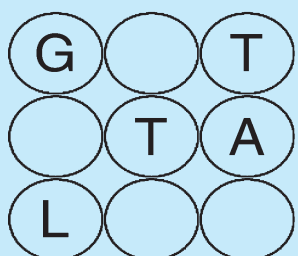
1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 27:3, a stone is heavy and the sand weighty, but whose wrath is heavier than them both? *Fool's, Beggar's, God's, Wind's*
3. In the King James translation there are more than how many references to gems and precious stones? *100, 500, 1,700, 2,200*
4. From 2 Samuel 14, how many shekels did Absalom's hair weigh after he cut it off? *2, 10, 50, 200*
5. Where did Jesus attend a wedding where the wine was exhausted? *Sardis, Antioch of Syria, Joppa, Cana of Galilee*
6. In Mark 6:9, Jesus tells his disciples not to put on two ...? *Sandals, Coats, Headdresses, Girdles*



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 1981, which world-famous athlete talked a man out of jumping from the ninth-floor fire escape of a Los Angeles office building?
2. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who has his No. 00 retired by the Boston Celtics.
3. The Tartan Army is the name given to supporters of which nation's soccer team?
4. Which team, made up of Caribbean nation-states, won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 1975 and 1979?
5. In 2018, Brazilian surfer Maya Gabeira set a Guinness World Record for the largest wave surfed by a female. How high was the wave's face height from trough to crest?
6. In January 1974, which team snapped the UCLA Bruins men's basketball team's 88-game winning streak?
7. Who scored more points in the 1970 NBA All-Star Game: Tom Van Arsdale (East) or his identical twin brother Dick (West)?

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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Brain Zone!



MINI SUDOKU

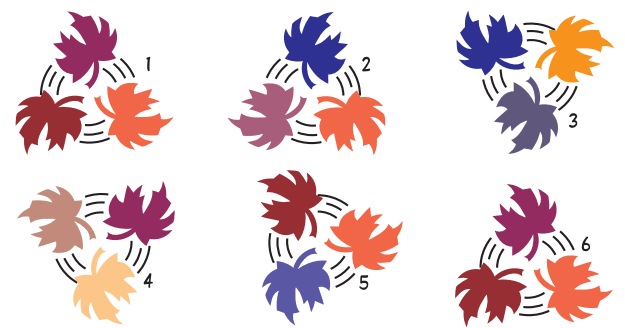
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way: that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

	1			6	
2				4	5
	5	1			
			5		
		2	6		

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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.

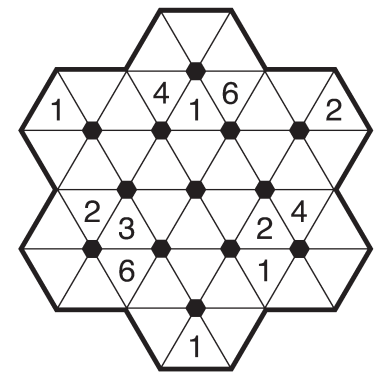
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7		84		72				
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SNOWFLAKES

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.

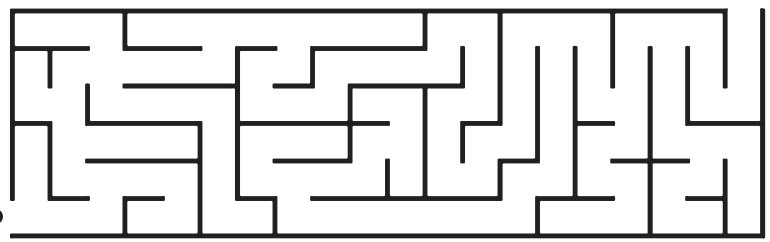


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze



Brain Zone! ANSWERS



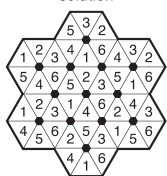
Answers

1. Out of 28 nominations, they received eight Grammys. The first was for "A Hard Day's Night" in 1965. The most recent was for "Now and Then" in 2025, where they took a 1970s demo and finished it.
2. Chuck Jackson. Several artists released covers of the Burt Bacharach song, including Elvis Presley and Percy Sledge, but it was Jackson's version that was used in the 2014 film "Inherent Vice."
3. The Isley Brothers, in 1969. They won a Grammy for Best R&B Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group.
4. Vito & the Salutations.
5. "Proud Mary," by Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1968. The Proud Mary was a ship officially named the Mary Elizabeth, working out of Memphis.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Flush, Blush | 6. Taylor, Tailor |
| 2. Single, Mingle | 7. Limbs, Limbo |
| 3. Charm, Chart | 8. Lyndon, London |
| 4. Export, Expert | 9. Globe, Glove |
| 5. Giant, Grant | 10. Stone, Atone |

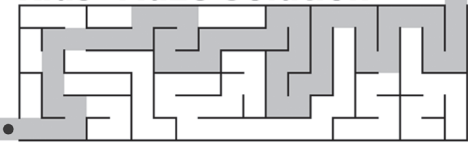


ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Fool's, 3) 1,700, 4) 200, 5) Cana of Galilee, 6) Coats

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Kids' Maze Solution



Trivia answers

1. 1894.
2. Kangaroo.
3. "Parasite," 2019.
4. "Elsewhere."
5. Vietnam.
6. Bay of Bengal.
7. "Macarena."
8. George Washington.
9. 15 to 20 times.
10. Gary.

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1. Muhammad Ali.
2. Robert Parish.
3. Scotland.
4. The West Indies Windies.
5. 68 feet (20.72 meters).
6. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish.
7. Dick, with eight points (Tom had five points).

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Micro Crossword

Answer



MINI SUDOKU

Answer

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

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Repair; 2. Merit
3. Grudge; 4. Leash

Today's Word

UMPIRES

Word Spiral Answer TAILLIGHT



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