



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. BLT ingredient | ___ C ___ | Industrialist | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Traveler's inn | ___ O ___ | Shelf | ___ E ___ |
| 3. Implant | ___ S ___ | Turn inside out | ___ V ___ |
| 4. Tent user | C ___ | Monkey with | T ___ |
| 5. Welcome | ___ E ___ | Super-duper | ___ A ___ |
| 6. Nocturnal | N ___ | Vision | S ___ |
| 7. Petition | ___ L | Seem to be | ___ R |
| 8. 1000 | ___ D | Civil War general | ___ T |
| 9. Adobe | ___ C | Invigorating | ___ S |
| 10. Strategy | ___ Y | Law enforcement | ___ E |

MINI SUDOKU

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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.

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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!

- Arrange
GATES
- Toil
GUDDER
- Happy
HIBELT
- Danger
NEECAM

TODAY'S WORD

"My father is going to showing some of the games he played as a boy — so no _____"

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across**
- 1 Heed an "applause" sign
- 5 Salon treatment that goes to the dogs?
- 6 Pass-the-baton race
- 8 Specialized mag
- 9 "Take ____" ("Your audience awaits")

1	2	3	4	
5				
6				7
	8			
	9			

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- Down**
- 1 Life-saving skill, for short
- 2 Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight" fame

- 3 Go off-script
- 4 Yuja Wang's instrument
- 7 Tree with flexible wood

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country's highest mountain is called Ben Nevis?
3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
4. TELEVISION: What beer brand appears in "The Simpsons" animated TV show?
5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
6. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the condition known as pilo-erection?
7. MOVIES: Which city was the setting for the movie "The Sting"?
8. MATH: How many yards are in a mile?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen"?



1. Who wrote and released "Sunglasses at Night"?
2. Which female is named in the first verse of "Crocodile Rock"?
3. Who wrote and released "Tequila Sunrise"?
4. Name the singer who had a hit with "Time in a Bottle" after his death.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "It's like having a dream where nobody has a heart, It's like having it all and watching it fall apart."



What do you think of that new diner on the moon?
Food was good, but there really wasn't much atmosphere.

Why did the dinosaur cross the road? Because the chicken wasn't born yet.

Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon? Because she will "let it go, let it go."

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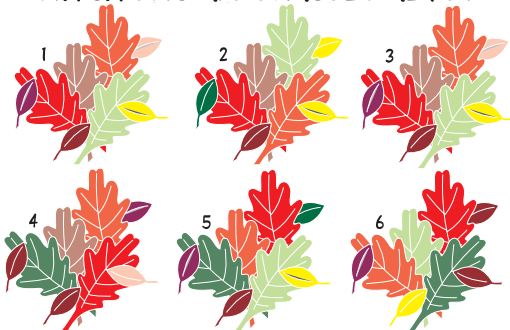
THE CITY OF FLORENCE'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The July 12, 1918, edition of the Florence Times described in detail the planned pageant that would be staged less than a month later. The wedding of the spirit of the water and the spirit of the air, based upon a Native American legend and written by Elizabeth (Kirkman) O'Neal, formed the basis for the pageant already in rehearsal and directed by Miss Cora Bell Moore of New York to celebrate the City of Florence's centennial. The script for the entire pageant was written by Susan (Kirkman) O'Neal – the sister of Elizabeth – and was staged on August 8 and 9 in the natural amphitheater on the campus of the State Normal College [now the University of North Alabama] – at least a dozen years before there was a human-made amphitheater in that very same spot. The pageant boasted ten (10) scenes, beginning with the period before the arrival of white people and concluding with the completion of the air nitrate plants where “the power from the shoals is to be used to extract nitrogen from the air for the purpose of overcoming the spirit of evil.” Each of the scenes was managed and directed by members of the pageant committee who represented prominent Florence families at the time; among them were such names as these: Ashcraft, Brock, Campbell, Gilbert, Glenn, Milner and Southall. The pageant concluded each evening with a ball, at which the players, in costume, took a prominent part. It was a happy, proud two days for the citizens of Florence, Alabama, for sure.

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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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: L equals T

H LERSQRCF HJYRMSM PI
IMSCXE HMLVPMO VHDOSJ
RCLP H FHDDSMW HCJ XMRSJ
“FRQS YS HDD WPNM YPCSL!”

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BIBLE TRIVIA

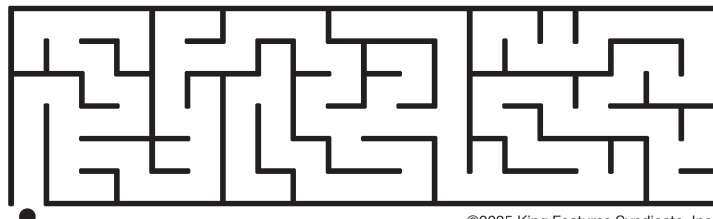
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nathan (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Though Paul was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, where was he brought up? *Jerusalem, Shiloh, Jericho, Damascus*
3. What 8-year-old boy served as king of Jerusalem for 100 days? *Shamgar, Jehoiachin, Adino, Sisera*
4. From John 5, who stirred up the water at the pool of Bethesda? *Priest, Angel, Wind, Jesus*
5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as found in Genesis 35? *Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah*
6. From Judges 1, who fed 70 kings at his table? *Benaiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Adoni-bezek, Mephibosheth*



1. FootJoy is a leading brand of shoes, gloves and apparel made for what sport?
2. What Racing Hall of Fame jockey from Puerto Rico won eight U.S. Triple Crown series races from 1974-85?
3. What caused umpire Bill Haller to eject Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver from a game versus the Minnesota Twins on Aug. 2, 1969?
4. How many touchdowns did Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander score in the first half of a 48-23 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 29, 2002?
5. What NBA expansion team had a 7-44 record before finally winning its first road game at the Atlanta Hawks on Feb. 8, 1975?
6. What two brothers, both rookie pitchers, started against each other in a 1986 game between the Philadelphia Phillies and the Chicago Cubs?
7. Butch van Breda Kolff was the head coach of which NBA team that lost the NBA Finals in consecutive seasons from 1968-69?

Kids' Maze

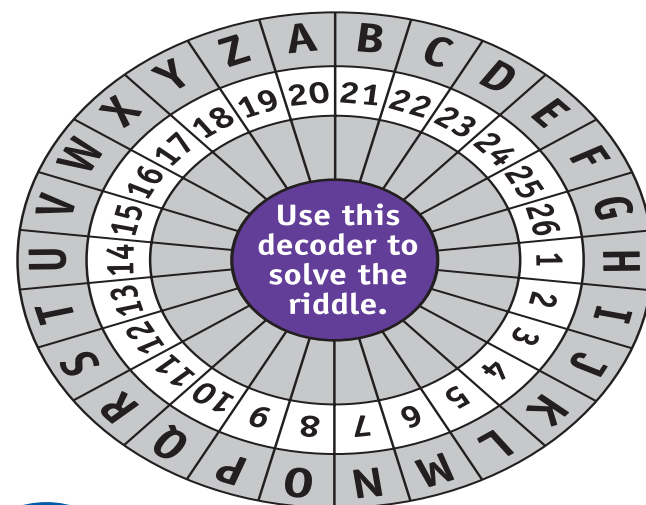


Brain Zone!

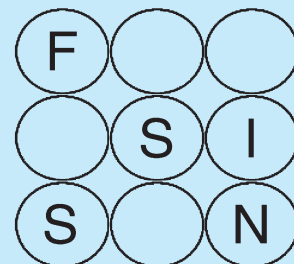
SECRET CODE

What is smaller than a gnat's mouth?

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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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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.

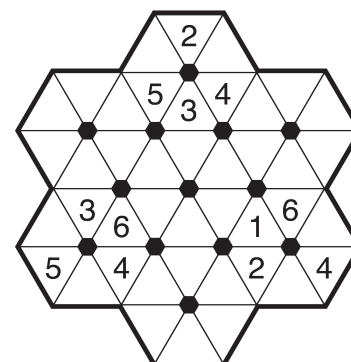
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SNOWFLAKES

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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Brain Zone! ANSWERS



Answers

1. Corey Hart, in 1984. Legend says the song was created when the album was being recorded in a studio where the air conditioning vents were right above the control room. Personnel wore sunglasses to protect their eyes from the draft.
2. "Susie," in the 1972 song by Elton John. Two years later John was sued by the songwriter who had created "Speedy Gonzales" for having used the same chords as the 1961 song.
3. The Eagles, in 1973. It went to No. 64 on the Hot 100 chart.
4. Jim Croce, in 1973.
5. "Into the Night," by Benny Mar-dones, in 1980. According to Mar-dones, the song was inspired by his attempts to help a local poor family by giving their teens odd jobs to make a few dollars after their father abandoned them.

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Word Spiral Answer
FEMINISTS

Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bacon, Baron | 6. Night, Sight |
| 2. Lodge, Ledge | 7. Appeal, Appear |
| 3. Insert, Invert | 8. Grand, Grant |
| 4. Camper, Tamper | 9. Brick, Brisk |
| 5. Greet, Great | 10. Policy, Police |

— MINI SUDOKU —

Answer

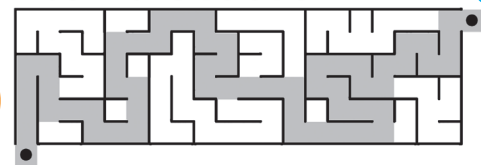
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6	3	4	2	5	1
5	2	1	6	3	4



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Kids' Maze Solution



Answers

1. Nephology.
2. Scotland, 4,413 feet high.
3. Global Positioning System.
4. Duff.
5. 1970.
6. Goosebumps.
7. Chicago.
8. 1,760.
9. A kit.
10. Gordon Ramsay.

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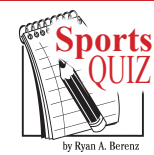


What is smaller than a gnat's mouth?

A gnat's dinner

Answer

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



4. Five (four rushing, one receiving).
5. The New Orleans Jazz.
6. Mike (Phillies) and Greg (Cubs) Maddux.
7. The Los Angeles Lakers.

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CryptoQuip answer

A thieving admirer of French artwork walked into a gallery and cried "Give me all your Monet!"

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Stage; 2. Drudge;
3. Blithe; 4. Menace

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