

Daily Delight

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National Alligator Day

It's time to honor one of the oldest living species on Earth - the alligator - on National Alligator Day, May 29th! It is estimated that alligators have been around for 200 million years, and they are some of the most fascinating creatures in nature.

Despite their fearsome appearance and reputation, alligators are crucial to the good health and proper balance of a wetland ecosystem. Alligators are the “crowd control” of those ecosystems. They control the populations of smaller reptiles, mammals, fish, and amphibians by preying on them. This helps maintain a balance in the ecological system, which in turn benefits other species living in the area. So take time today to learn more about incredible animals, and we'll see you later, alligator!



Today in History



In 1886, American pharmacist John Pemberton began to advertise his patented medicine, Coca-Cola, in Atlanta. The soft drink was originally intended as a substitute for morphine. Coca-Cola was an exciting new drink at the start, serving about nine drinks per day in its 1st year.

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DID YOU KNOW?

McFerrin's One-Hit Wonder

Bobby McFerrin isn't just a pop singer; his career is rooted in eclectic music influenced by jazz, folk, and classical styles. Surprisingly, his lullaby "Don't Worry, Be Happy" became a #1 hit in 1988 and won the Grammy for Song of the Year. The a cappella track features only his vocalizations and whistling, promoting a positive outlook despite adversity. However, McFerrin has grown tired of the song, stating he has performed it millions of times.

TRIVIA

Who hit number 1 in 1950 with his version of the song "Mona Lisa"?

- A** Perry Como
- B** Mario Lanza
- C** Dean Martin
- D** Nat King Cole

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A thesaurus.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."

- Marie Curie

WORD SEARCH

OH CHOCOLATE!

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

PRESTAT
INDULGENT
TREAT
GIFT

CHOCOLATIERS
TRUFFLES
CHOCOLATE
COCOA
PETRUCCELLI

GANACHE
ESCOFFIER
ROLLED
SWEETS

SUDOKU

How To Play:

Each 9x9 box is comprised of 9 smaller 3x3 boxes. Each of these smaller boxes must be filled in with numbers from 1-9. Each row and column of the larger 9x9 box should not have any numbers repeated.

1	3	7	5					
		4	3		7	5	8	6
			2	9	4	3		
		3		7	9			5
		5					1	
9	6	2		5	3			
			4	8	6		3	
7	8					4		
			7				6	9

	2	4		3	1	5		
	9				7			
7						4	9	3
3		6	2					
	5					1	4	
			1		6		2	9
			8	7				
2	7	5		4			3	
	4					9	7	

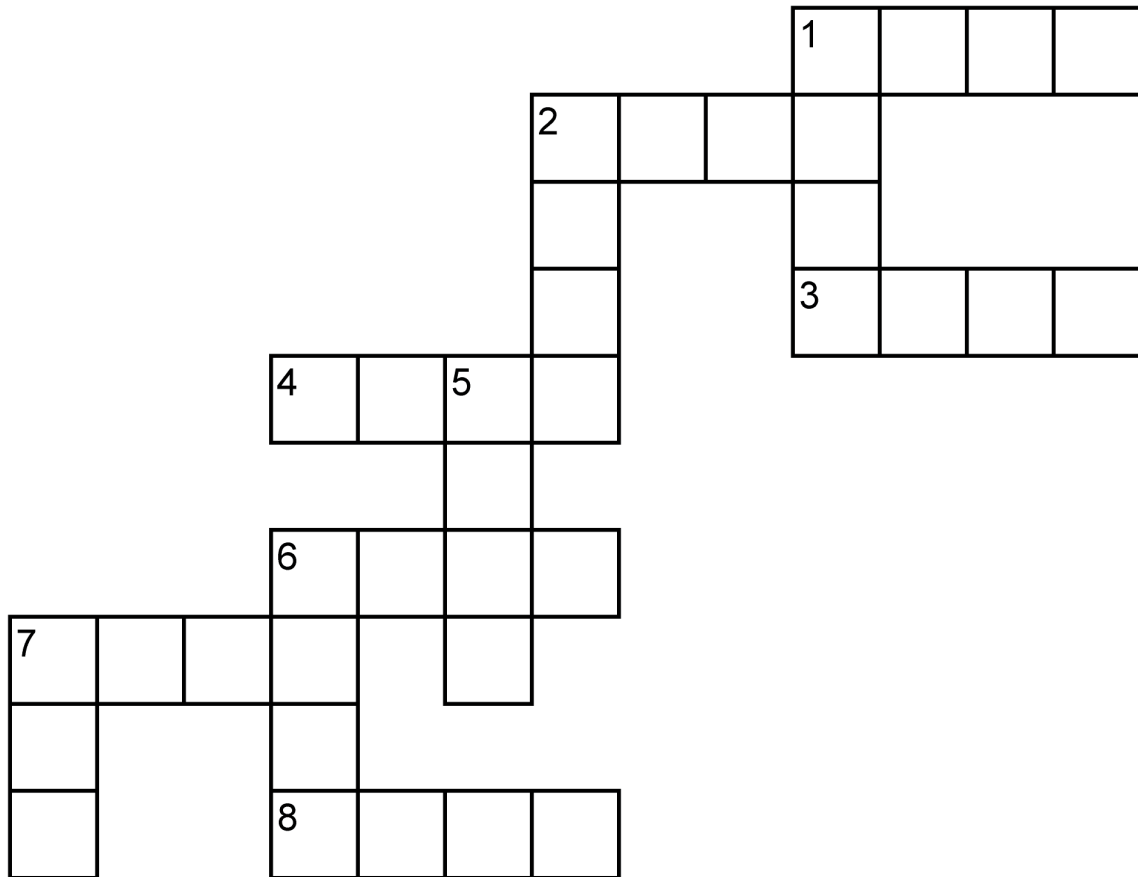
Helpful Tip:

If you get stuck, try asking yourself "Where can I place number X in this row or column?" Scan to see if the number is already in that row, column, or box.

WORD JUMBLE

Every answer uses only the letters in the word:

FLOWERBED



Down

1. Ebb's opposite
2. Daring
5. Coral habitat
6. Red meat
7. Plunder

Across

1. Bend or crease
2. Cereal vessel
3. To solder
4. Pledge
6. Stout or ale
7. Caftan
8. To give food

CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The correlating number for 3 of the letters has been provided as a starting point. Find the numbers in the puzzle and write the assigned letter. Single letters and word length are all hints. Be sure to keep track of what numbers are used for each letter to decode the message!

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

13 14

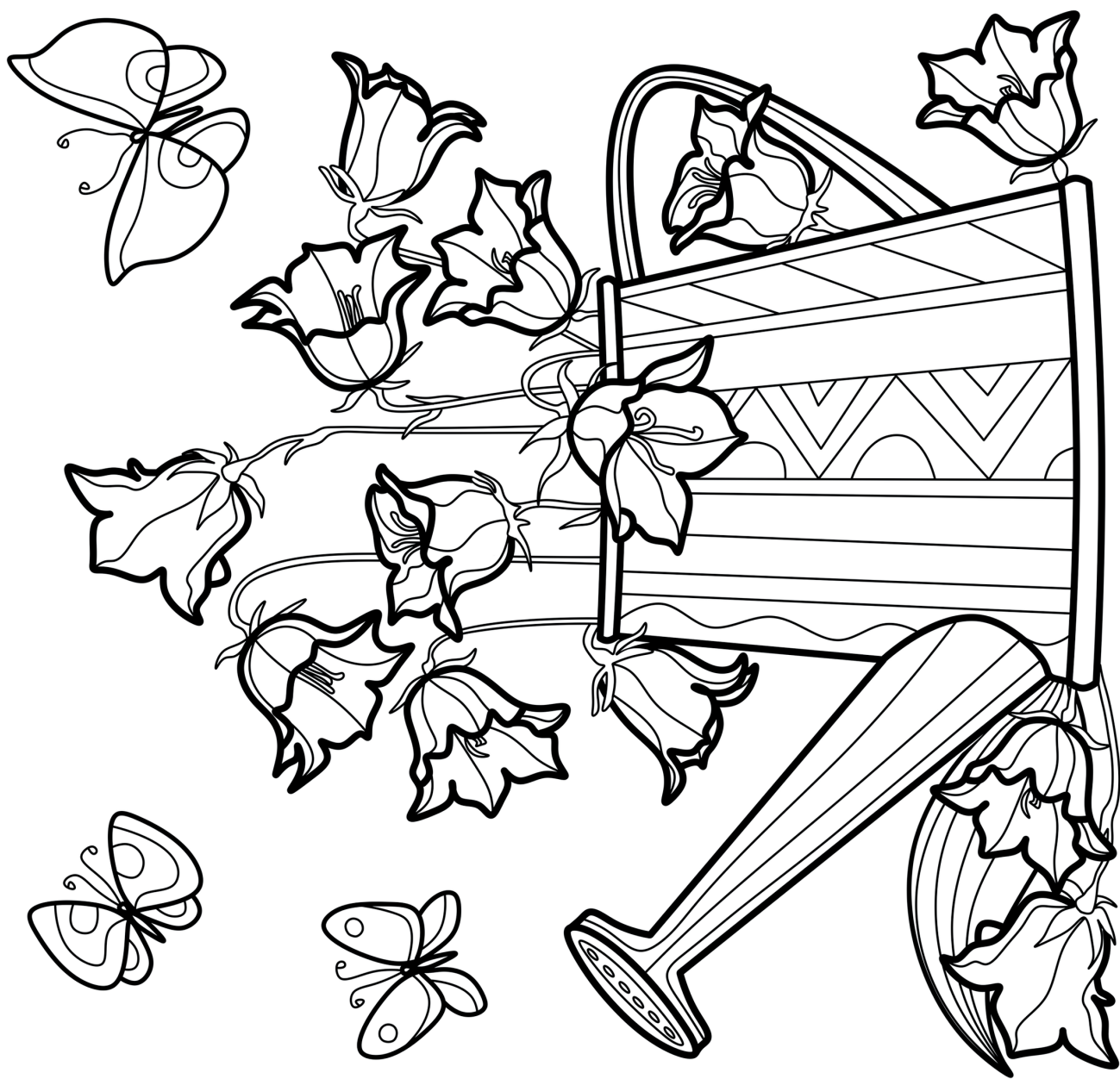
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & , & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 13 & 4 & & 25 & 3 & 13 & & 14 & 22 & 7 & 13 & 22 & 7 & 17 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

23 3 5 6 7 13 15 25 3 10 15 7 18

$$\overline{18} \quad \overline{3} \quad \overline{14} \quad \overline{25}, \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{13} \quad \overline{4}$$

14 22 7 13 22 7 17 23 3 5 6 7 13

24 2 10 15 5 8 2 6 2 1 25



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D.

"Mona Lisa" is a popular song written by Ray Evans and Jay Livingston for the Paramount Pictures film Captain Carey, U.S.A. (1949). The cover version by Nat King Cole spent five weeks at number one on the Billboard singles chart in 1950.

1	3	7	5	6	8	2	9	4
2	9	4	3	1	7	5	8	6
6	5	8	2	9	4	3	7	1
4	1	3	8	7	9	6	2	5
8	7	5	6	4	2	9	1	3
9	6	2	1	5	3	7	4	8
5	2	9	4	8	6	1	3	7
7	8	6	9	3	1	4	5	2
3	4	1	7	2	5	8	6	9

8	2	4	9	3	1	5	6	7
5	9	3	4	6	7	2	1	8
7	6	1	5	2	8	4	9	3
3	1	6	2	9	4	7	8	5
9	5	2	7	8	3	1	4	6
4	8	7	1	5	6	3	2	9
1	3	9	8	7	2	6	5	4
2	7	5	6	4	9	8	3	1
6	4	8	3	1	5	9	7	2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
2	24	10	18	7	12	6	22	1	21	15	9	16

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
25	3	8	11	17	4	13	5	19	14	20	23	26

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{I}{1} & \frac{T}{13} & \frac{S}{4} \\ \frac{N}{25} & \frac{O}{3} & \frac{T}{13} \\ \frac{W}{14} & \frac{H}{22} & \frac{E}{7} & \frac{T}{13} & \frac{H}{22} & \frac{E}{7} & \frac{R}{17} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Y} & \text{O} & \text{U} \\ \hline 23 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{G} & \text{E} & \text{T} \\ \hline 6 & 7 & 13 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{K} & \text{N} & \text{O} & \text{C} & \text{K} & \text{E} & \text{D} \\ \hline 15 & 25 & 3 & 10 & 15 & 7 & 18 \end{array}$$
$$\frac{D}{18} \frac{O}{3} \frac{W}{14} \frac{N}{25}, \quad \frac{I}{1} \frac{T}{13} \frac{S}{4}$$

$\frac{W}{14} \frac{H}{22} \frac{E}{7} \frac{T}{13} \frac{H}{22} \frac{E}{7} \frac{R}{17}$
 $\frac{Y}{23} \frac{O}{3} \frac{U}{5}$
 $\frac{G}{6} \frac{E}{7} \frac{T}{13}$

$$\frac{B}{24} \quad \frac{A}{2} \quad \frac{C}{10} \quad \frac{K}{15} \quad \frac{U}{5} \quad \frac{P}{8} \quad \frac{A}{2} \quad \frac{G}{6} \quad \frac{A}{2} \quad \frac{I}{1} \quad \frac{N}{25}.$$

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

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				B	O	W	L	
				O			O	
				L			W	E
							L	D
			W	O	R	D		
				E				
			B	E	E	R		
R	O	B	E		F			
O			E					
B			F	E	E	D		