

Daily Delight

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Mel Brooks' Birthday

Today, legendary writer, actor, producer, director, and all-around funnyman Mel Brooks has a birthday! The great mind behind "The Producers," "Young Frankenstein," "Blazing Saddles," and "Space Balls" is a member of the illustrious EGOT club, an entertainer who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. Only a handful of people have won the competitive EGOT, the "grand slam" of show business. In addition to Mel Brooks, other EGOT winners include Rita Moreno, Mike Nichols, and Audrey Hepburn.

Brooks also has a very distinctive star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. When he cemented his handprints into the concrete on the walk, he added a prosthetic finger, so his handprints reflect eleven fingers, in typical goofy Brooks fashion.



Today in History



In 1928, Louis Armstrong made the 78th recording of "West End Blues". Also known as "Satchmo," he remains one of the most famous and influential jazz musicians. Armstrong was inducted into the Downbeat Jazz Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, among others.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Historic Road Adventure

On May 23, 1903, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson and mechanic Sewall Crocker embarked on the first U.S. cross-country road trip, spurred by a \$50 wager to travel from San Francisco to New York in under 90 days. Averaging only 71 miles daily through rough terrain and encountering numerous challenges, they completed the journey in 63 days, arriving in New York on July 26, 1903, greeted by cheering crowds.

TRIVIA

84% of US wine production is in which state?

A Washington

B California

C Florida

D New York

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why does the mushroom always get invited to pizza parties?

Because he's a fungi!

TODAY'S WISDOM

"We come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."

- Sam Keen

WORD SEARCH

PEN PAL

T R O O D E O U A D M T W S
U J O O V F O U N T A I N E
T O I I O O B W P O T U D P
B T B A L L P O I N T T D B
W D B W U B O L E T T E R K
Z O F W R A L I O D L N S R
I W J T R I N O I B T S C B
T N L D U E T V A N E I R Z
Q T K Q V U L I R I D L I C
I T P N P O L L N R L O B E
B L O B L E B O S G U A B P
A C A P R I N B F B E U L A
N J P U J B C P N V L Z E V
L T L U B T E T T O L L I K

BALLPOINT
CONVENIENT
FOUNTAIN
INK
JOT DOWN

LETTER
NOTES
PEN
QUILL

RELIABLE
SCRIBBLE
UTENSIL
WRITING

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.

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

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4	3	2						8
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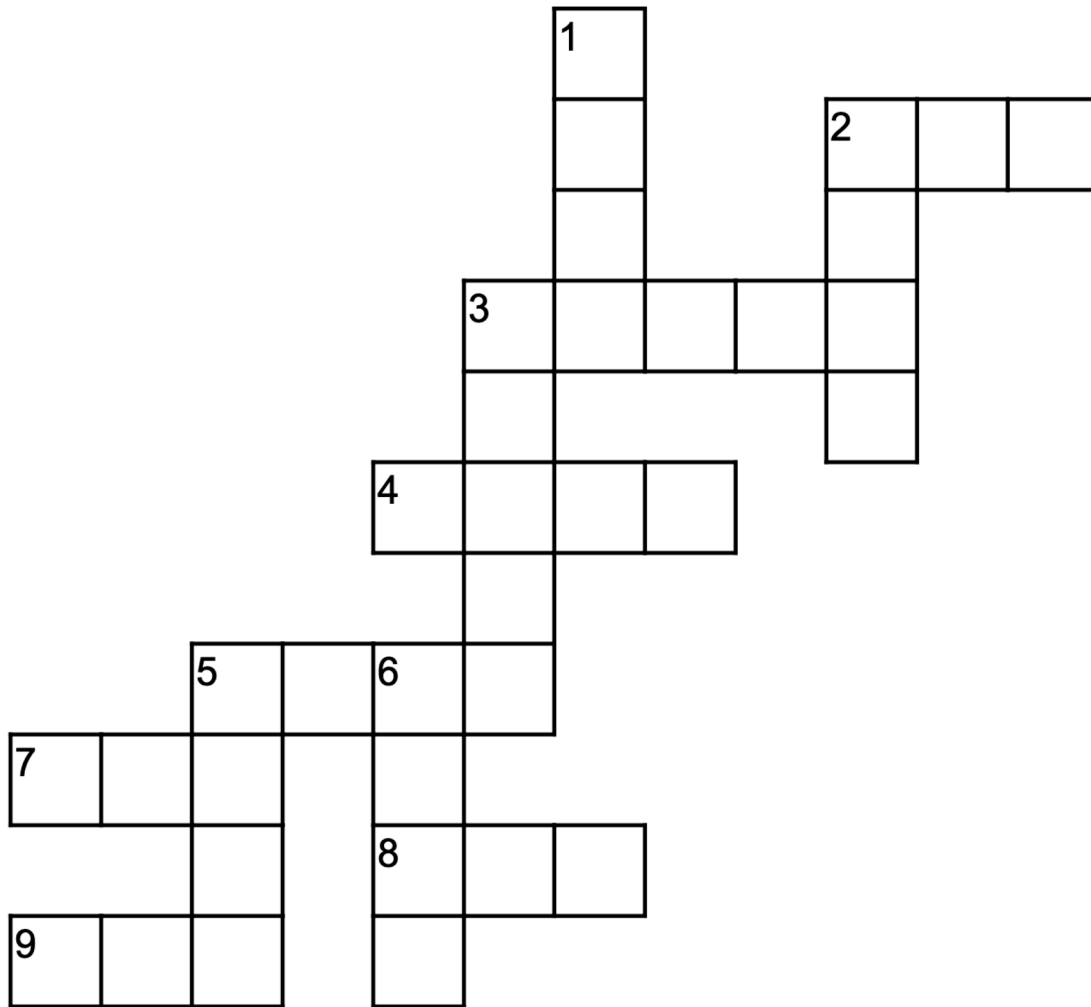
Helpful Tip:

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:

SMACKEROO



Down

1. Like a Ponzi scheme
2. Twain, for one
3. Goal or touchdown
5. Conceals one's face
6. 3rd ____ From the Sun

Across

2. Cow call
3. Dirty campaign tactic
4. Soda in the South
5. Equine animal
7. German Nana
8. Rail unit
9. Wine barrel source

Test Your Knowledge

Solve the questions below to test your knowledge and give your brain a workout!

What South Asian country emerged in 1971 as a result of civil war and foreign invasion?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh

At the height of the Great Depression, what percentage of Americans were out of work?

- A. 24.9%
- B. 37.7%
- C. 58.2%

Solve the math problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 20 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 458 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \\ - 65 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

True or False?

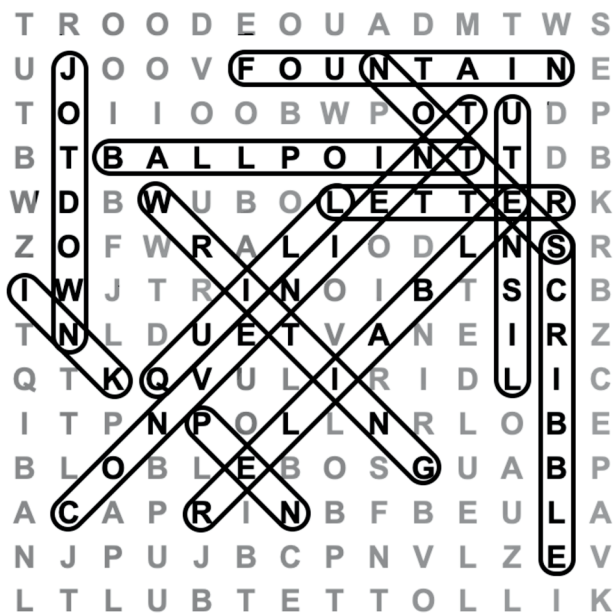
The Tennessee Valley Authority still exists today, and only serves/served people in the state of Tennessee?



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: B.

California is the largest wine producer in the United States, producing over 84% of all U.S. wine production.

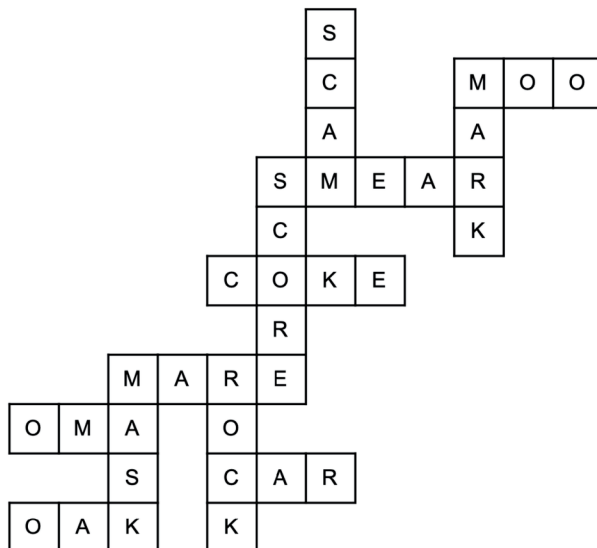


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8	2	3	9	5	1	6	7	4
5	4	9	6	2	7	8	1	3
2	9	8	4	7	3	1	5	6
6	3	1	2	8	5	4	9	7
4	7	5	1	9	6	2	3	8

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

Answer:
C. Bangladesh

Answer:
A. 24.9%



$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 20 \\ \hline 180 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 458 \\ \hline 466 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \\ - 65 \\ \hline 497 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

Answer:

True, the TVA still exists today, providing energy and environmental protection to the 10 million people in the Tennessee Valley.