

Daily Delight

SATURDAY • JULY 5 • 2025

Mechanical Pencil Day

Which is better: a mechanical pencil or a regular pencil? On July 5th each year, the answer is mechanical because it's Mechanical Pencil Day! The first mechanical pencil was developed by Sampson Mordan and John Isaac Hawkins in 1822, and since the lead never needed sharpening, lots of companies jumped on the bandwagon. Since their invention, mechanical pencils now come in three types: ratchet-based, clutch-based, or screw-based, and can be made of plastic, metal, or wood.

To truthfully answer the original question of which is better, mechanical pencils never need sharpening and last a long time. In fact, today's mechanical pencils have enough graphite to write 45,000 words. Who actually had time to sit down and figure that out?



Today in History



In 1986, after restoration, Nancy Reagan hosted the reopening of the Statue of Liberty by cutting a red, white, and blue ribbon. She initially worked as a Hollywood actress in the 1940s and 1950s. Reagan is better known as the First Lady of the United States from 1981 to 1989.

senior **living**
activity assistant
powered by **spectrio**



DID YOU KNOW?

Fungi in Medicine

Fungi, often seen as delicacies or hazards, play a crucial role in medicine. The most famous is penicillin, discovered accidentally by Alexander Fleming in 1928. After returning to his lab, he found mold on a petri dish of Staphylococcus bacteria, which inhibited bacterial growth. This discovery led to the creation of the first antibiotic, marking a significant medical breakthrough of the 20th century and human history.

TRIVIA

Haupia pie is a traditional dessert from which state?

A Montana

B Alaska

C Oregon

D Hawaii

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you call a chicken who marches to the beat of her own drum?

Eggcentric

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Some people want it to happen,
some wish it would happen,
others make it happen."
- Michael Jordan*

WORD SEARCH

THE U.K.

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

Bagpipes

Celtic

Ireland

Kilts

Parades

Romans

Perth

Plaid

Leeds

Leech

Standrews

Patterns

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

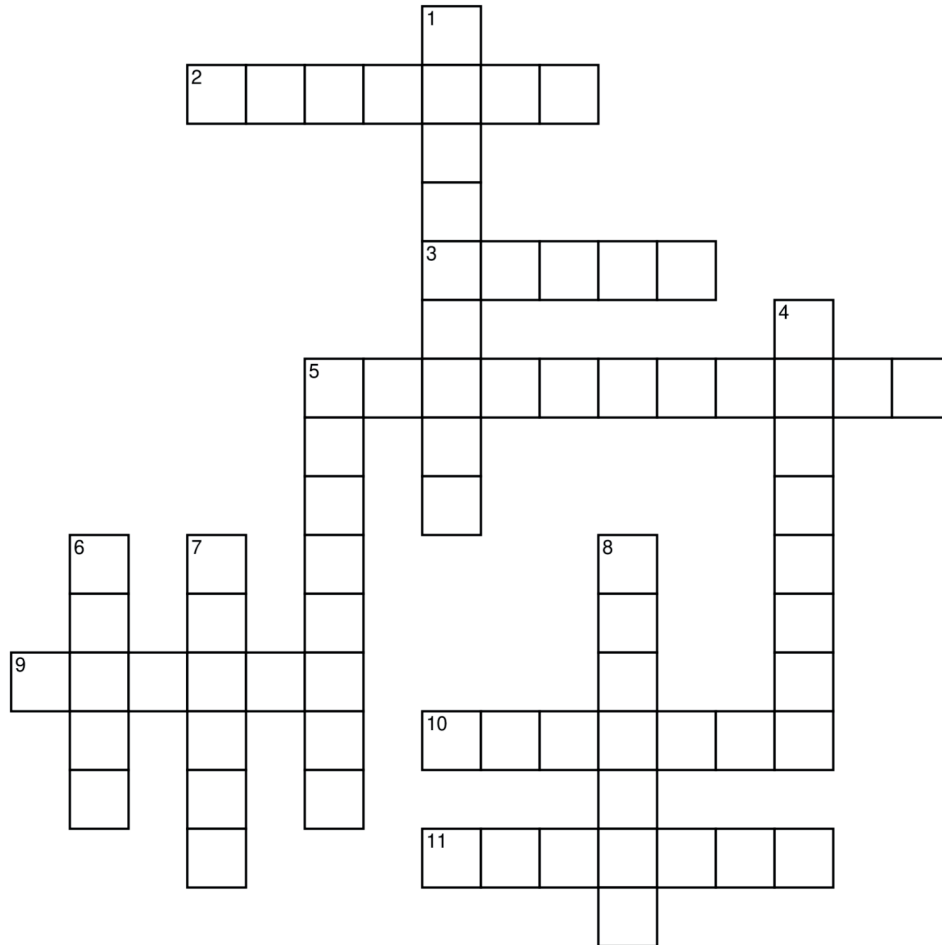
6				3	2			
				7		9	6	
5	2		8		9	3		4
3	4	6		1				
				4	8			3
	8					4	1	
	6	2		9	4			5
			6					8
9						1		

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.

MINI CROSSWORD

U.S. Travel Destinations



Across

- [2] City on Lake Michigan
- [3] Gamblers' mecca
- [5] Old Faithful's park
- [9] Luau locale
- [10] Magic town
- [11] Where Starbucks started

Down

- [1] Home of the Grand Ole Opry
- [4] Four Corners state neighbor
- [5] _____ Sam
- [6] Dolphins' home
- [7] "The Last Frontier"
- [8] Home of the Braves

Test Your Knowledge

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

In 1972, as a goodwill gesture during talks between the United States and China, what special gift did China send to the U.S.?

- A. Cherry Trees
- B. Fireworks
- C. Giant Pandas

In her 1976 best seller, humorist Erma Bombeck declared "The Grass is Greener _____?"

- A. Over the Septic Tank
- B. Over the Fence
- C. Over the Lawn

Solve the math problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ \times 52 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 89 \\ + 64 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 189 \\ - 42 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 98 \\ \div 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Which model appeared in the controversial Calvin Klein TV commercials in the 1980s?



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

Haupia Pie is a widely popular pie found in Hawaii. It can have many different variations, like a sweet potato haupia pie, but the most popular is probably the chocolate haupia pie recipe.

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

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

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

[illegible]

Answer:
C. Giant Panda

Answer:
A. Over the
Septic Tank

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ \times 52 \\ \hline 312 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 89 \\ + 64 \\ \hline 153 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 189 \\ - 42 \\ \hline 147 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 98 \\ \div 4 \\ \hline 24.5 \end{array}$$

Answer: Brooke Shields, who was only 15 when the commercials were filmed.