

# Daily Delight

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## National Social Security Day

August 14 marks the day the U.S. Social Security Act was signed into law in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This system was created by the federal government in response to the financial crisis and the global economic downturn known as the Great Depression, which began in the late 1920s.

The Social Security Act aimed to provide support for those in need, including the elderly, people with disabilities, orphaned children, and others requiring assistance. In 1937, the system began collecting taxes and distributing benefits. Today, more than 65 million people receive benefits through Social Security, and for many, it remains their primary source of income.



## Today in History



In 1951, “A Place in the Sun” premiered in Los Angeles. The movie was a film adaptation of Theodore Dreiser’s “An American Tragedy,” starred Elizabeth Taylor and Shelley Winters, and was directed by George Stevens. It won six Academy Awards, including Best Director.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Echo Parakeet

The bright-green echo parakeet (*Psittacula eques echo*) is native to Mauritius and faced near extinction by the 1980s due to habitat destruction and invasive predators. Conservation efforts, including treating nests and a captive breeding program starting in 1993, have successfully increased their population to over 750. Once listed as Critically Endangered, the IUCN Red List now classifies them as “Vulnerable,” indicating a positive trend in their numbers and ongoing conservation efforts.

## TRIVIA

Which disease did Stephen Hawking suffer from?

- A** ALS
- B** Lupus
- C** Multiple sclerosis
- D** Pancreatic cancer

## TODAY'S FUNNY

I had a date last night,  
and it was perfect...

*Tomorrow, I'll have a fig.*

## TODAY'S WISDOM

*“My definition of a friend is somebody who adores you even though they know the things you're most ashamed of.”*

*- Jodie Foster*

# WORD SEARCH

## WE THE PEOPLE



Constitution

Citizen

Document

Independence

Madison

Washington

Rights

Government

Balances

Resident

Checks

Philadelphia

# 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.

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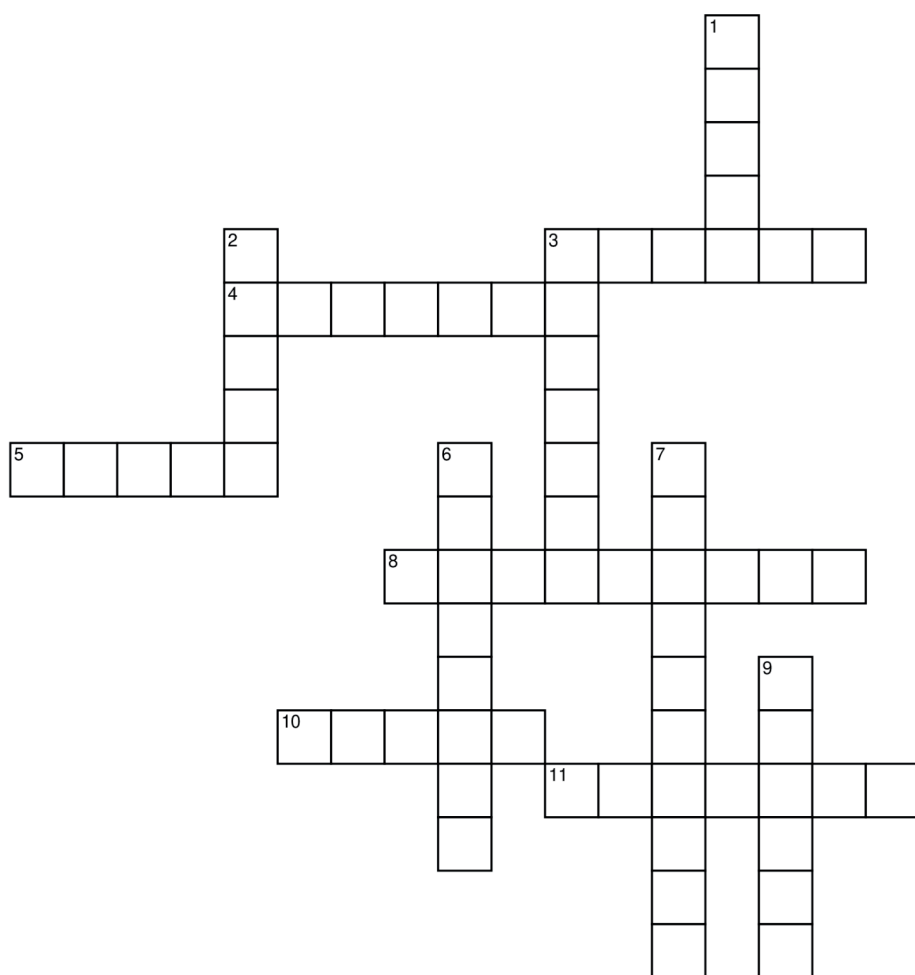
## Helpful Tip:

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.



# MINI CROSSWORD

## Quirky Words



### Across

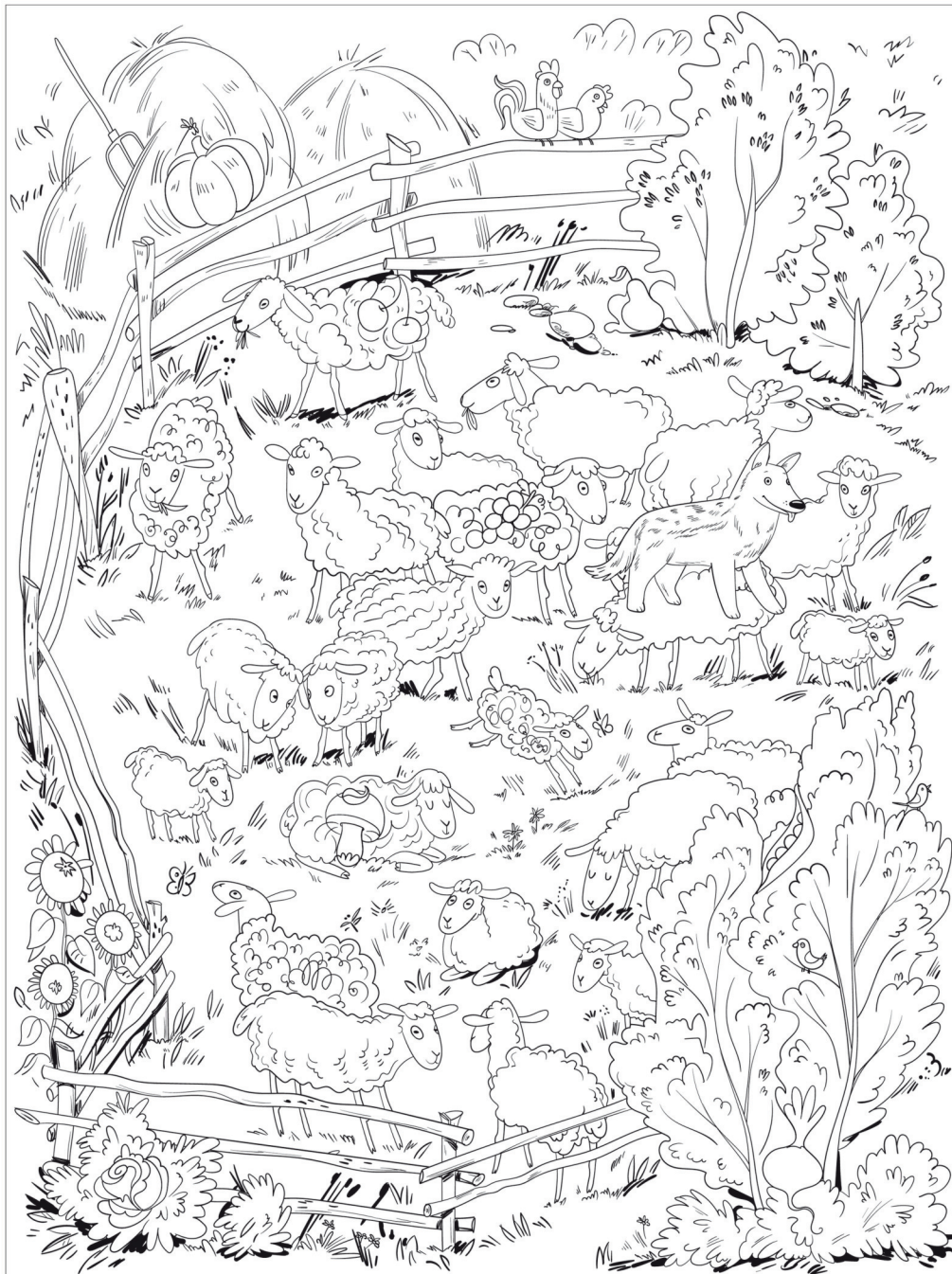
- [3] Giving you the creeps
- [4] March to a different drum
- [5] Lost one's marbles
- [8] Off-the-wall individual
- [10] Spooky
- [11] Sutherland in Kelly's Heroes

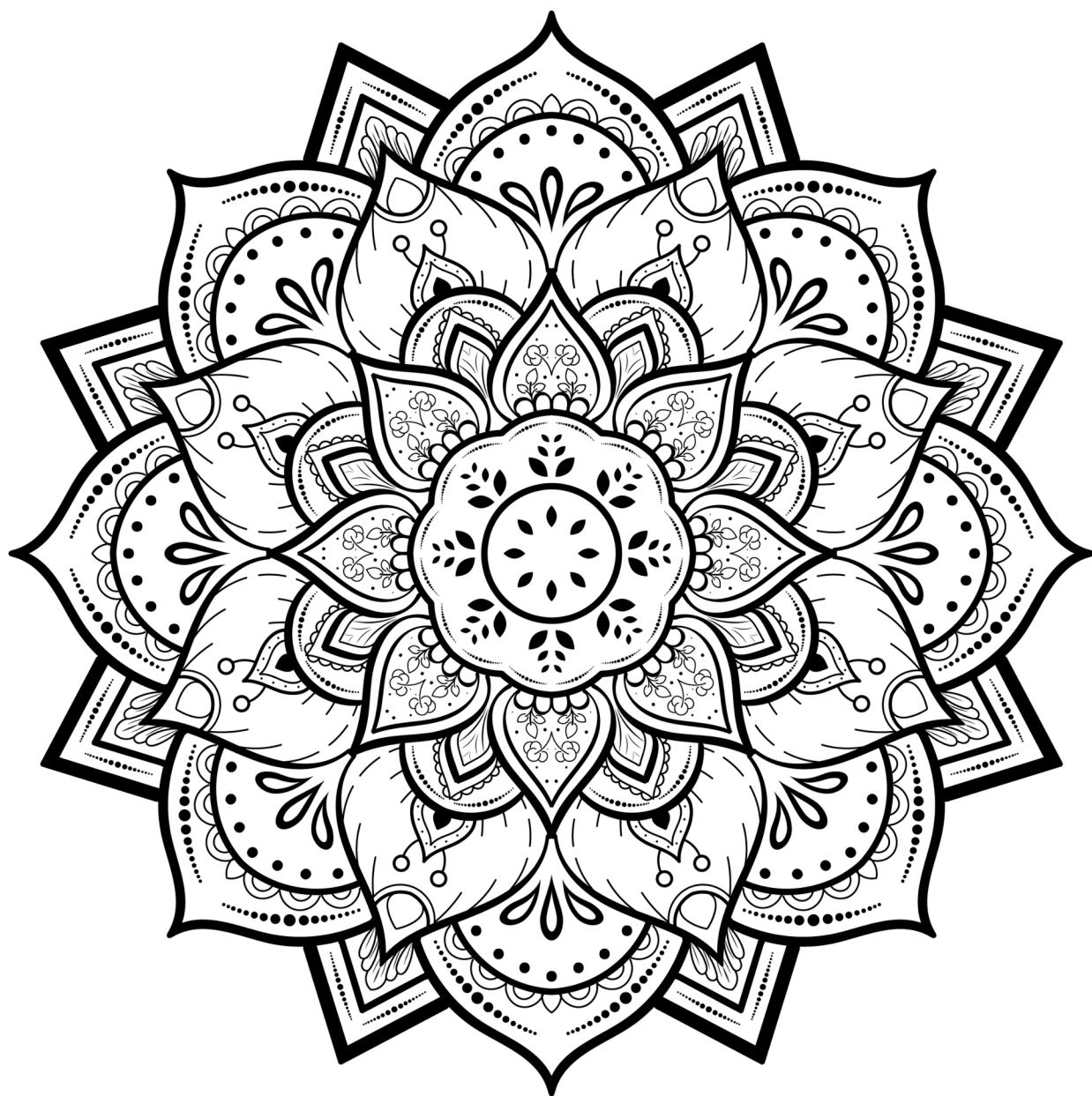
### Down

- [1] Big-nosed Muppet
- [2] Silly or wacky
- [3] \_\_\_\_\_ Bedfellows (1965 film)
- [6] Strange or weird
- [7] Unconventional
- [9] Having a vintage feel

# SEEK AND FIND

Find the hidden objects in the picture.







# SOLUTIONS

## Trivia Answer: A

While in graduate school, at age 21, Dr. Hawking was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly referred to in the U.S. as Lou Gehrig's disease.

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