

Daily Delight

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National Religious Freedom Day

National Religious Freedom Day commemorates the day the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was signed on January 16, 1786. Thomas Jefferson's landmark statute became the basis for Congressman Fisher Ames' establishment clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. In the United States, people of different faiths have equal rights to practice their religion or to not practice at all. The phrase "religious freedom" has become politicized and often misused in recent years, not just in the United States, but globally. So rather than using the day to defend one's own beliefs and, especially, to denigrate others, this is a moment to gain understanding, knowledge, and respect for different belief systems without feeling threatened by them.



Today in History



In 1991, Wilson Pickett and Tina Turner were among the inductees into the 6th Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Over the course of her career, Turner won 8 Grammy Awards. She received Kennedy Center honors in 2005 and a lifetime Grammy in 2018. Pickett recorded more than 50 songs.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Swim of a Lifetime

In 2006, Veljko Rogošić set a record for the world's longest swim by swimming 139 miles along the coast from Grado, Italy, to Riccione. At 65 years old, he completed this incredible journey wearing only swimming trunks and goggles in 50 hours. This remarkable achievement earned him a place in the Guinness World Records.

TRIVIA

Which mathematician is known for her work on the Analytical Engine and is often considered the first computer programmer?

- A** Ada Lovelace
- B** Marie Currie
- C** Grace Hopper
- D** Rosalind Franklin

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you do if someone tells you that you don't have the right to impersonate a flamingo?

You put your foot down.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

WORD SEARCH

Spread It Out



Butter

Jam

Honey

Cream Cheese

Hummus

Guacamole

Mayonnaise

Frosting

Sauce

Mulch

Paint

Glue

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.

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

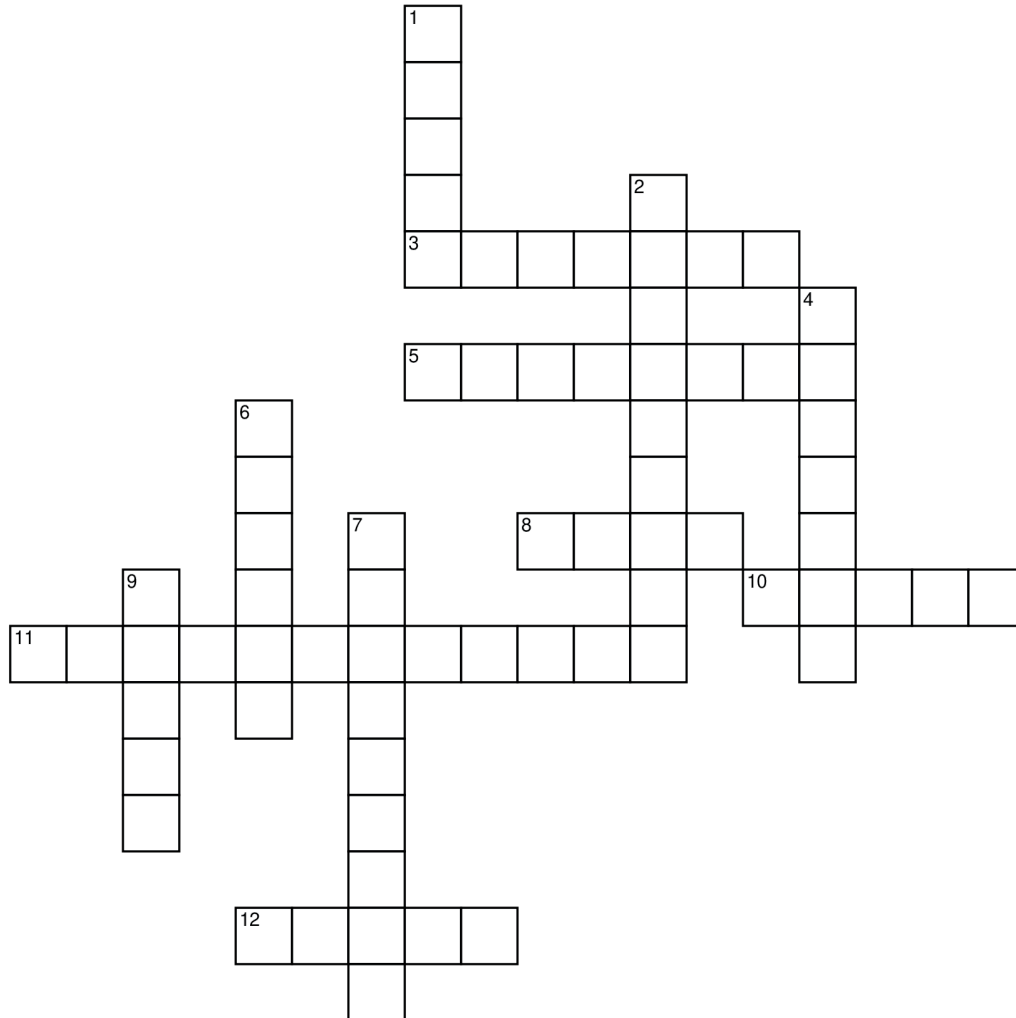
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			1	8			3	
		6		4				
				6	2	8	5	7
	5							3
	6		8	7				4
7		1			9			
3	9		5		6			

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.

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Types of Weather



Across

- [3] "The Wizard of Oz" event
- [5] Normal on a southern day
- [8] Kind of globe
- [10] Like a London night
- [11] Naturally, it's a disturbance
- [12] Blowy

Down

- [1] Poet who wrote "The Road Not Taken"
- [2] Makes camels shut their nostrils
- [4] Cyclonic storm at sea
- [6] Cumulus, cirrus and stratus
- [7] One-eyed giant
- [9] Bright & cheery

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!

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

25 18

$$\overline{11} \quad \overline{14} \quad \overline{1} \qquad \overline{3} \quad \overline{26} \qquad \overline{11} \quad \overline{25} \qquad \overline{3} \quad \overline{26} \quad \overline{26} \quad \overline{15} \quad \overline{1}$$

4 6 13 3 25 10 4 9 1 18

13 11 7 7 1 18 3 6 12 4 15

$$\overline{10} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{25} \quad \overline{7} \qquad \overline{13} \quad \overline{3} \quad \overline{25} \quad \overline{10}, \quad \overline{3} \quad \overline{7}$$
$$\overline{10} \quad \overline{4} \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{26} \quad \overline{25} \quad \overline{7} \quad \overline{13} \quad \overline{11} \quad \overline{7} \quad \overline{7} \quad \overline{1} \quad \overline{18}$$



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: A.

At just 12, Lovelace envisioned a flying machine by studying birds.

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

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
11 16 5 10 1 6 14 22 3 24 8 19 13

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
25 4 17 21 18 26 7 15 9 2 23 12 20

A G E I S A N I S S U E
11 14 1 3 26 11 25 3 26 26 15 1

O F M I N D O V E R
4 6 13 3 25 10 4 9 1 18

M A T T E R . I F Y O U
13 11 7 7 1 18 3 6 12 4 15

D O N ' T M I N D , I T
10 4 25 7 13 3 25 10 3 7

D O E S N ' T M A T T E R .
10 4 1 26 25 7 13 11 7 7 1 18

A quote from Mark Twain

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

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

