

Daily Delight

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National Battery Day

From watches and cell phones to smoke detectors and cars, batteries are everywhere and vital to the many electronic devices we depend on every day. I mean, really, where would we be if it weren't for batteries—other than getting up off the couch a lot more to change the channel? In use since the 19th century, batteries were first created by Italian scientist Alessandro Volta. In 1800, he layered silver and zinc, separated by paper dipped in salt or acid, to form the "voltaic pile," which generated current and paved the way for William Cruickshank to mass-produce batteries in 1802. Available in various shapes, sizes, and capacities, the batteries of today are extremely versatile. On National Battery Day, take a moment to appreciate these mini powerhouses that help power our world.



Today in History



In 1978, Honolulu, Hawaii hosted the 1st Ironman Triathlon, which included a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run. The single-day endurance event had a \$3 entry fee and consisted of 15 men, including US Navy officer John Collins, who organized the event.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Birthplace of Indoor Sports

Massachusetts is the birthplace of both basketball and volleyball and is home to the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Volleyball Hall of Fame. William Morgan invented volleyball in 1895 and was influenced by Naismith who created basketball. Both men wanted indoor games to combat the winter weather. Volleyball was originally called Mintonette, but was renamed to volleyball.

TRIVIA

In which city is the world's largest marathon held?

- A** New York City
- B** Tokyo, Japan
- C** London, England
- D** Berlin, Germany

TODAY'S FUNNY

How many tennis players does it take to change a light bulb?

None, because they all say, "what do you mean it was out, it was in!"

TODAY'S WISDOM

"I don't want to just go to the playoffs, I don't want to go to the playoffs and win the first round, second round, and not win the whole thing because it's bittersweet."

- Allen Iverson

WORD SEARCH

Begins With F



Fabric

Failure

Fantasy

Faucet

Feather

Festival

Fifty

Figure

Fjord

Floats

Floors

Flowers

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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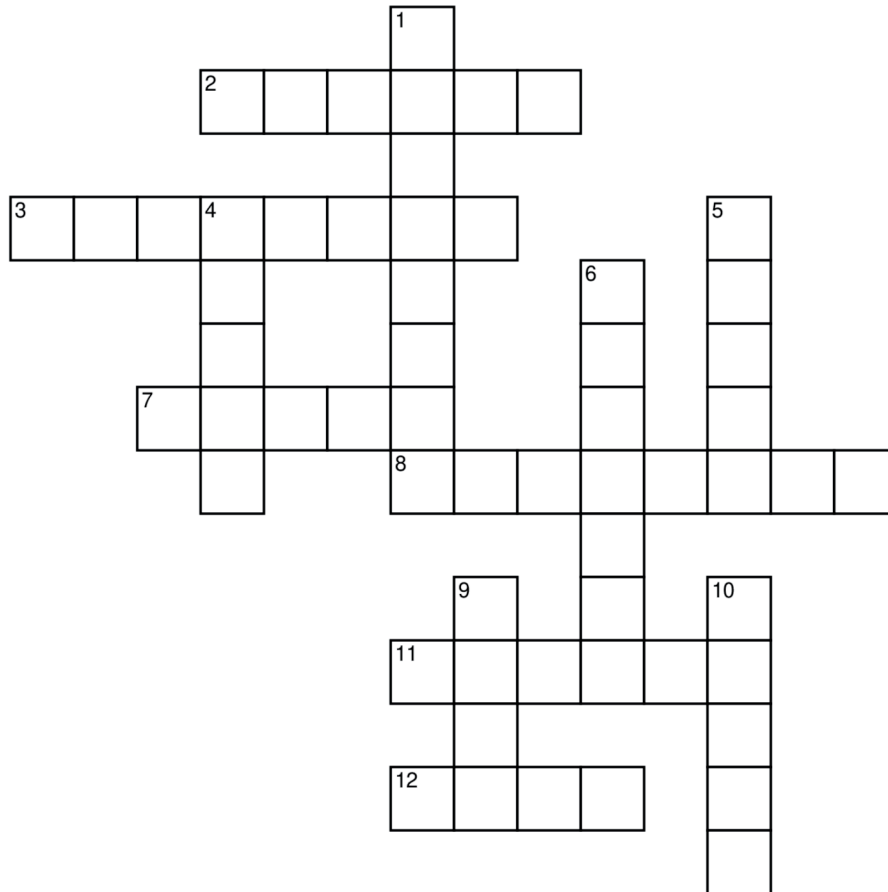
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Helpful Tip:

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

Musical Instruments



Across

- [2] Cello's higher relative
- [3] Piano or computer
- [7] Reedless woodwind
- [8] Slide brass instrument
- [11] B.B. King's Lucille, for one
- [12] Instrument of the angels

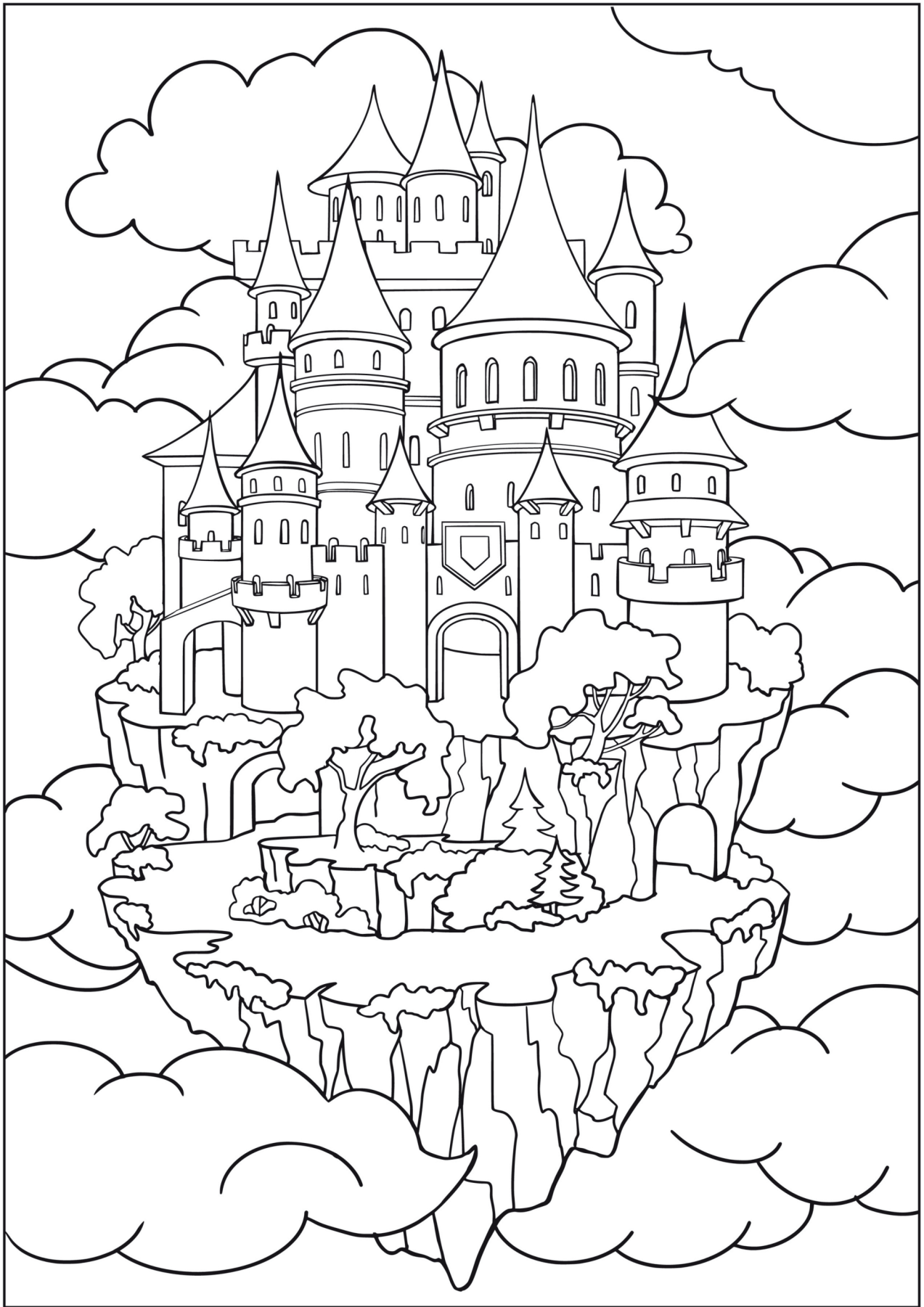
Down

- [1] Goodman's instrument
- [4] Boot camp "alarm clock"
- [5] Pablo Casals' instrument
- [6] Louis Armstrong's instrument
- [9] Heavy marching-band instrument
- [10] Congas and bongos

SPOTLIGHT TRIVIA

Folklore & Legends

1. Which legendary character fell asleep for 20 years after drinking moonshine in the woods?
A. Jack Norworth
B. Ichabod Crane
C. Rip Van Winkle
D. Francis Scott Key
 2. Which frontiersman was famous for wearing a coonskin hat and is said to be able to stare down a bear?
A. Roy Rogers
B. Jesse James
C. Butch Cassidy
D. Davy Crockett
 3. Which legendary baseball player is from a poem where he ultimately strikes out?
A. Mighty Casey
B. Jackie Robinson
C. The Great Bambino
D. Yogi Berra
 4. Which mythical creature can best be described as a rabbit with antelope horns?
A. Jackalope
B. Centaur
C. Griffin
D. Narwhal
 5. Which cowboy legend was accompanied by a Native American named Tonto and would exclaim, "Hi-Yo Silver and away!"
A. Mighty Mouse
B. Zorro
C. The Lone Ranger
D. The Three Musketeers
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SOLUTIONS

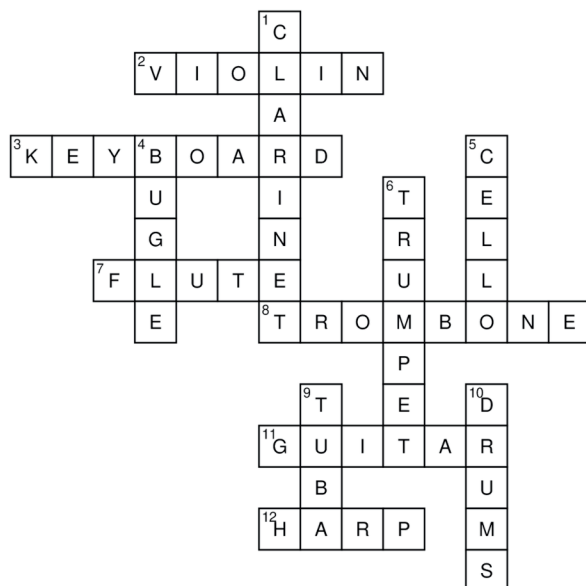
Trivia Answer: A.

The New York City Marathon is the premier event of New York Road Runners. More than 1.2 million people have finished the race since its first running in 1970.

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Spotlight Trivia:

1. C. Rip Van Winkle
2. D. Davy Crockett
3. A. Mighty Casey
4. A. Jackalope
5. C. The Lone Ranger