

Daily Delight

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National Iris Day

Long, graceful stems and delicate, iridescent petals in a rainbow of colors are a sure sign of Spring. It's no wonder the gorgeous iris has its own day to shine on National Iris Day, May 8th. The name 'iris' comes from the Greek word for 'rainbow,' and it's believed that Iris was the messenger of the gods - a rainbow link between sea and sky. The iris holds a particular place of honor in Belgium, where May 8th is quite significant. It is a symbolic day for the victory over the Nazis in World War II.

In addition, Iris Day takes place on the same day as the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, who is considered to be a patron saint of the city of Brussels, the capital of Belgium.



Today in History



In 1961, astronaut Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr. received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal in Washington. The first American to travel into space, he was the Chief of the Astronaut Office from 1963 to 1969 and was promoted to the rank of rear admiral in 1971.

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DID YOU KNOW? Kelly and Hitchcock

Between 1950 and 1952, Grace Kelly auditioned for a role in a New York City-based drama called *Taxi* (1953). Although she was not chosen for the part, her screen test eventually caught the attention of celebrated director John Ford, who recommended her for a role in his high-profile adventure film *Mogambo* (1953). Additionally, Alfred Hitchcock was also impressed with her performance in the *Taxi* screen test and offered her a leading role in *Dial M for Murder* (1954).

TRIVIA

Which sport was broadcast in the very first radio sports transmission?

A Basketball

B Boxing

C Football

D Baseball

TODAY'S FUNNY

My wife told me to stop speaking in numbers.

But I didn't 1 2.

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."
- Andy Rooney*

WORD SEARCH

Sports



Baseball

Archery

Soccer

Football

Tennis

Basketball

Volleyball

Running

Track

Field

Figure Skating

Cheerleading

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.

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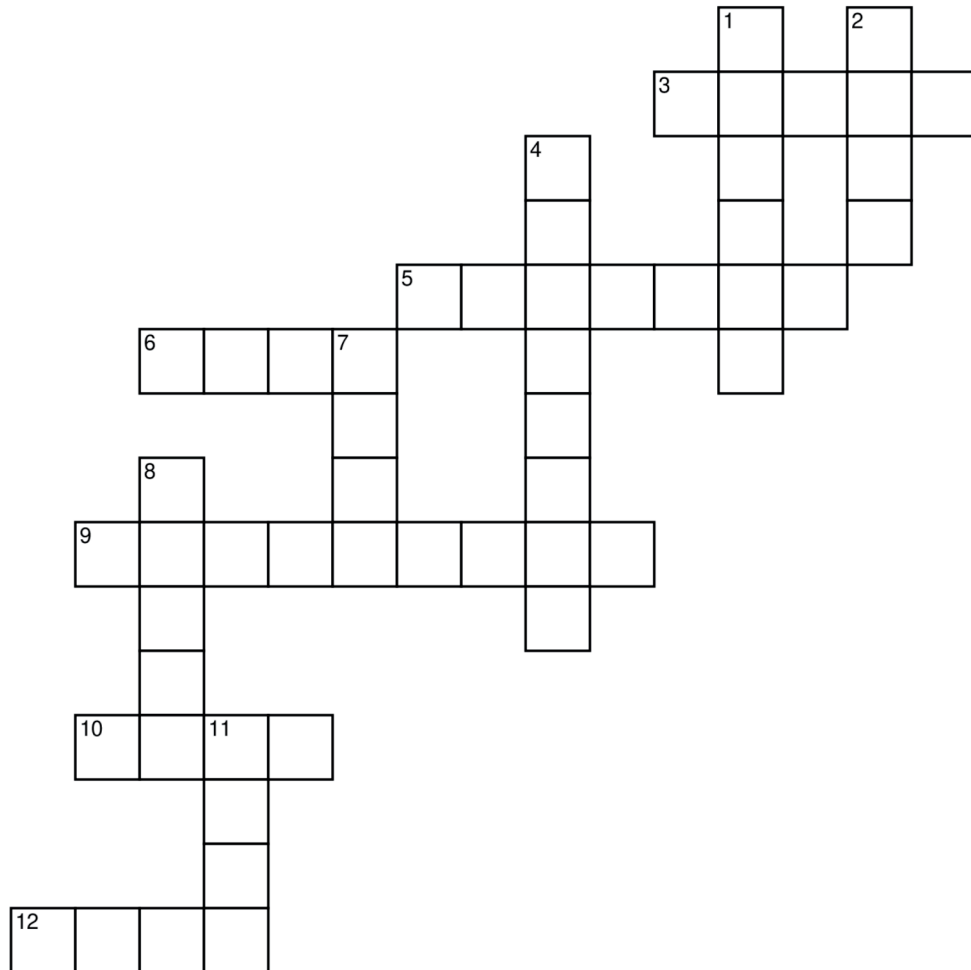
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	8			5	3	6		
					4	8		
	5		1	7		9		2

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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Daily Activities



Across

- [3] Pinball e.g.
- [5] Apparel
- [6] Tie
- [9] Time for pancakes
- [10] Current events
- [12] Chatter

Down

- [1] Rousing words
- [2] Hit the books
- [4] Movement
- [7] Stroll
- [8] Tee off
- [11] Labor

CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The correlating number for 3 of the letters have 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

— 1 — — — 12 — — — — — 15 — — — — —

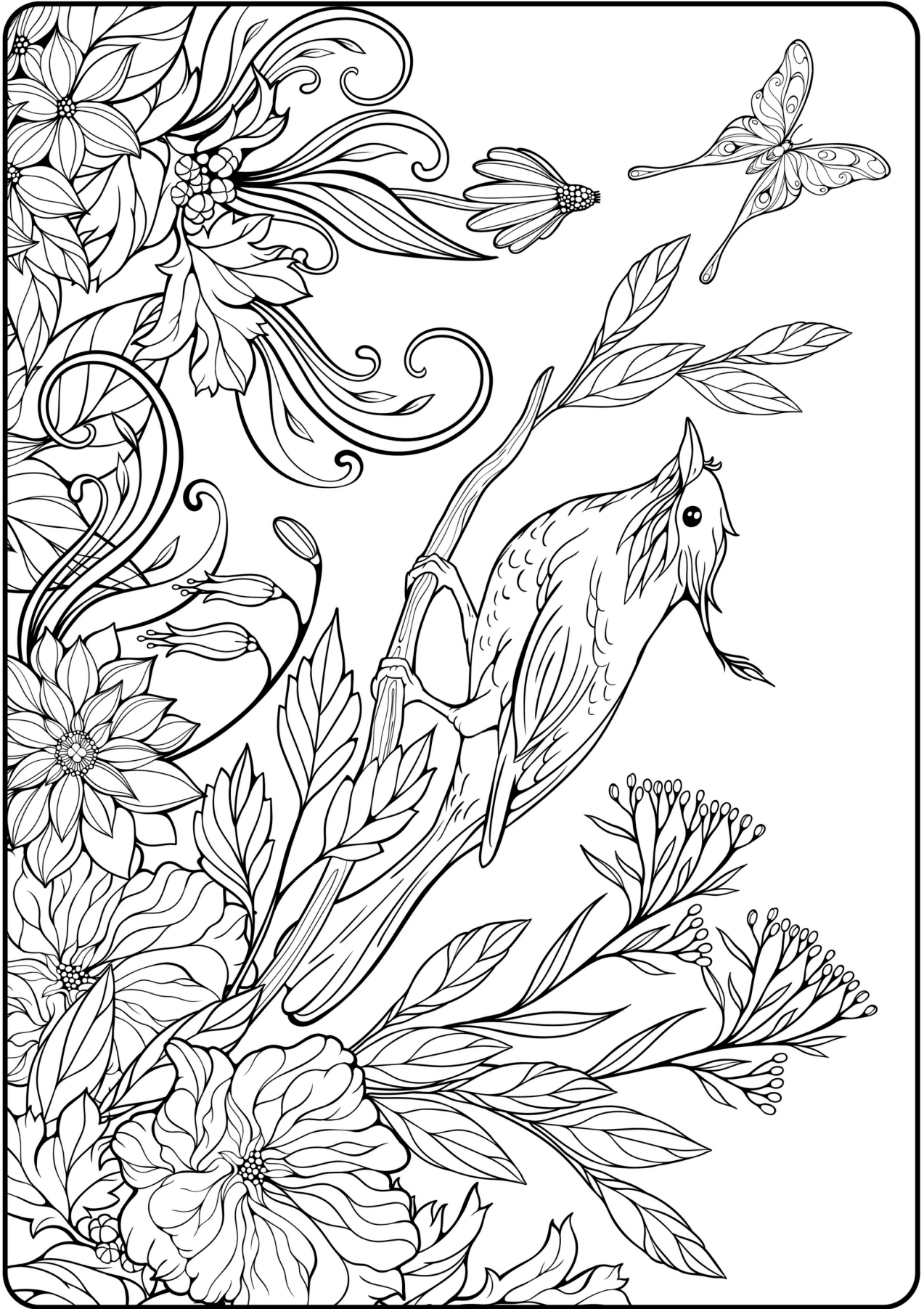
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SOLUTIONS

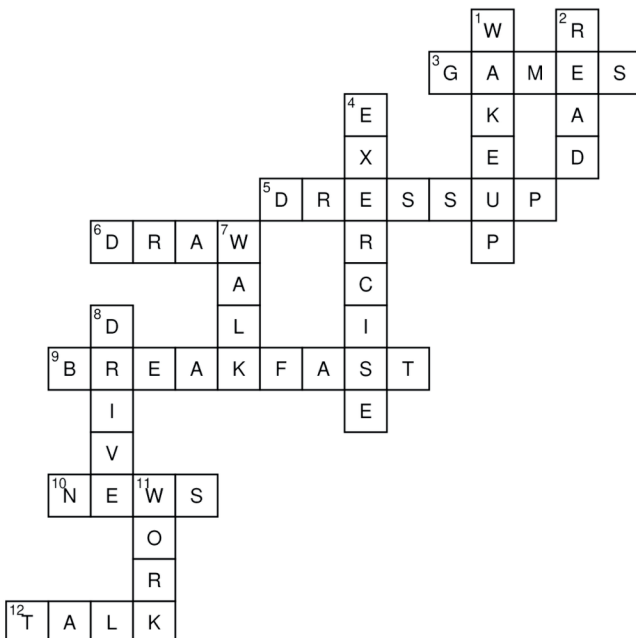
Trivia Answer: B.

On 11 April 1921, station KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA broadcast a 10-round, no-decision boxing match between Dundee and Ray at Pittsburgh's Motor Square Garden.

N A L A F M Y V A R C H E R Y D Q B
 T B X V C I U E E V R P B B P F C R
 X A G O L T G C P O I D M P X F H F
 R W N E S G C U V L X Q V C D C E R
 Y U S S X O X R R L K B C M G Y E B
 V J N F S B B A S E B A L L I R R I
 Q Z W N F I X P C Y S P J A H J L B
 J N V X I M H L Z B J K J E E Y E A
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4	8	2	9	5	3	6	7	1
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 3 11 19 6 17 13 22 4 16 21 9 8 24

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 26 1 7 18 12 20 14 5 2 15 10 23 25

Y O U R M I N D I S A
 23 1 5 12 24 16 26 6 16 20 3

G A R D E N . Y O U R
 22 3 12 6 17 26 23 1 5 12

T H O U G H T S A R E
 14 4 1 5 22 4 14 20 3 12 17

T H E S E E D S . G R O W
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F L O W E R S O R W E E D S .
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