

Daily Delight

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National Johnny Appleseed Day

Sink your teeth into your favorite type of apple on September 26th for National Johnny Appleseed Day, which is Johnny Chapman's (aka Appleseed's) birthday. On this day, we honor the man who made apple and pear trees grow heavy with the bounty of their fruit across most of this country. The Massachusetts-born Chapman started traveling throughout the East and Midwest, bartering or planting his seeds and seedlings for free along with his wisdom. His broad-brimmed pasteboard hat kept the sun from his eyes wherever he went. Often shoeless, he traveled mostly on foot and sometimes by horseback or canoe. Whether you prefer McIntosh, Jonagold, Honeycrisp, or Cider, or just a good story about the old days, there are many ways to celebrate this tasty day.



Today in History



In 1973, Wilt Chamberlain signed with the ABA San Diego Conquistadors after playing for 14 years in the NBA. After playing for the Harlem Globetrotters for one year, he made his NBA debut with the Philadelphia/San Francisco Warriors in 1959, followed by the 76ers and the Lakers.

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DID YOU KNOW?

As Slow As Possible

The piece, called “As Slow As Possible” by the late US composer John Cage, won't finish until the year 2640. The next chord change is in 2 years. When something happens exceedingly rarely, we often say “once in a blue moon.” But we might as well say “once in a chord change on John Cage's Organ2/ASLSP”.

TRIVIA

To squelch a rumor about its safety, which great showman in 1884 led a parade of elephants across the Brooklyn Bridge?

- A** Theodore Roosevelt
- B** Rudolph Valentine
- C** Phineas Taylor Barnum
- D** Harry Houdini

TODAY'S FUNNY

My buddy likes to jog in place on the rug in his hall....

He's a carpet runner.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. And if things don't work out, just take another shot."
- Ziad K. Abdelnour

WORD SEARCH

Orbitally Speaking



Kuiper

Pluto

Observatory

Tombaugh

Atmosphere

Dwarf

Moons

Ninth

Orbit

Planet

Solar

System

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.

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

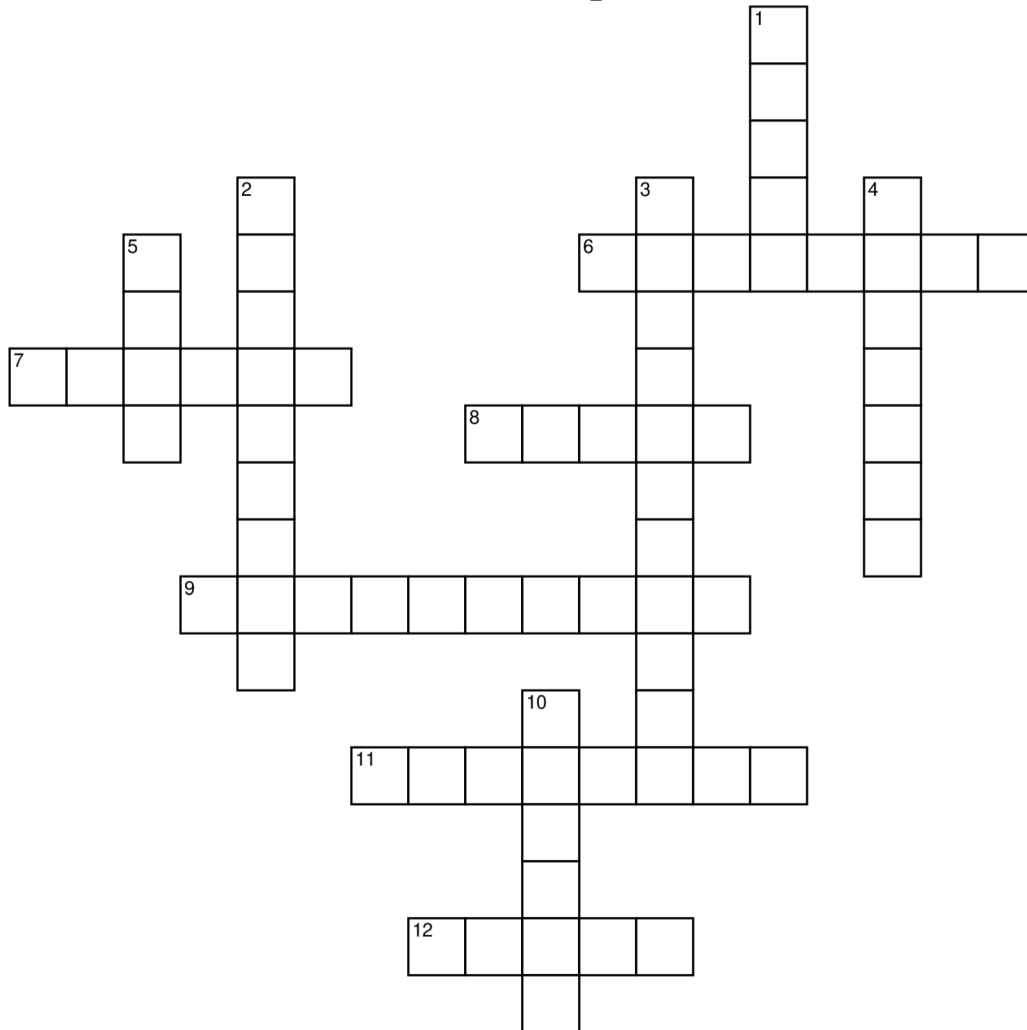
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				5		7		8
			3	4		6	5	9
	4	3				8	2	1
8	6		1	2	9	4	7	

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

Retro Recipes!



Across

- [6] Ketchup-topped dinner
- [7] Potatoes au _____
- [8] Wiggly dessert staple
- [9] small, fried, mixture of goodness
- [11] Marshmallow fruit salad
- [12] Gelatin is poured here

Down

- [1] Ring-shaped cake
- [2] Brown gravy steak patty
- [3] Party platter favorite
- [4] Oscar Mayer product
- [5] Canned meat classic
- [10] Layered English dessert

CRYPTOGRAM

Each number stands for a letter. The corresponding 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
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
—	—	—	—	—	—	9	4	—	—	—	—	—

11 26 4 1 15 18 16 9 26

21 16 4 14 20 13 4 16 ,

15 14 22 22 20 25 25 16 5 16 14 9 ,

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11 26 4 5 26 3 14 3 15 11 .



SOLUTIONS

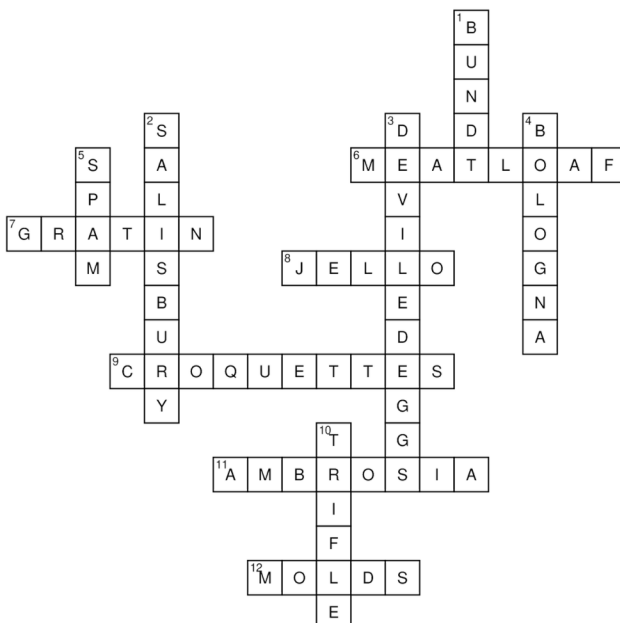
Trivia Answer: C

Phineas Taylor Barnum (1810-1891) was the consummate showman. When twelve deaths occurred on the Brooklyn Bridge due to a stampede the rumor caused, P.T. Barnum decided to put a stop to it.

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

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

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



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
15	21	24	22	16	25	23	1	20	12	6	10	2
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	26	17	13	5	7	9	4	18	3	8	11	19

YOU HAVE TO
 BE UNIQUE,
 AND DIFFERENT,
 AND SHINE IN
 YOUR OWN WAY.