Daily Delight

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International Day of Veterinary Medicine

Animals, especially family pets, are among the most treasured parts of our human lives. Almost everyone seems to share a soft spot for them, so there must be skilled people out there who are trained to keep them healthy and happy. On the International Day of Veterinary Medicine, we honor all those who dedicate their careers to healing and protecting the animals of the world. Veterinarians never stop learning so they can stay up to date with the latest ways to treat animals. They also help keep pet owners informed so people can make the best choices for their animal companions. Show your veterinarian some gratitude today, or take a little time to read up on the newest developments in veterinary medicine.



Today in History

In 2013, Mike Ditka's #89 jersey was retired by the Chicago Bears. He coached the Bears for 11 years and the New Orleans Saints for 3. Ditka was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988 as the first tight end to receive the honor.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Astronomical Building Blocks

Recent James Webb Space Telescope observations reveal that planet formation is an urgent race against time. Violent stellar winds and outflows from infant stars clear away surrounding protoplanetary disks far faster than older models predicted. This leaves massive gas giants like Jupiter with a remarkably narrow cosmic window to pull themselves together before their building blocks scatter, while sharp infrared scans show supersonic jets erupting much sooner during stellar infancy than expected.

TRIVIA

Which country is home to more natural lakes than the rest of the world combined?

A Finland

B Russia

C Canada

D United States

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg"?

Because every play has a cast.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."
- John Milton, Paradise Lost (1667)

WORD SEARCH

Eggnog

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V P E R R R P C V A P C I L X A D Q
K A T Z O Q D E S H F J W E B G K F
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Bourbon	Cinnamon	Cocktail
Cream	Drink	Festive
Holiday	Milk	Nutmeg
Rum	Yolks	Sugar

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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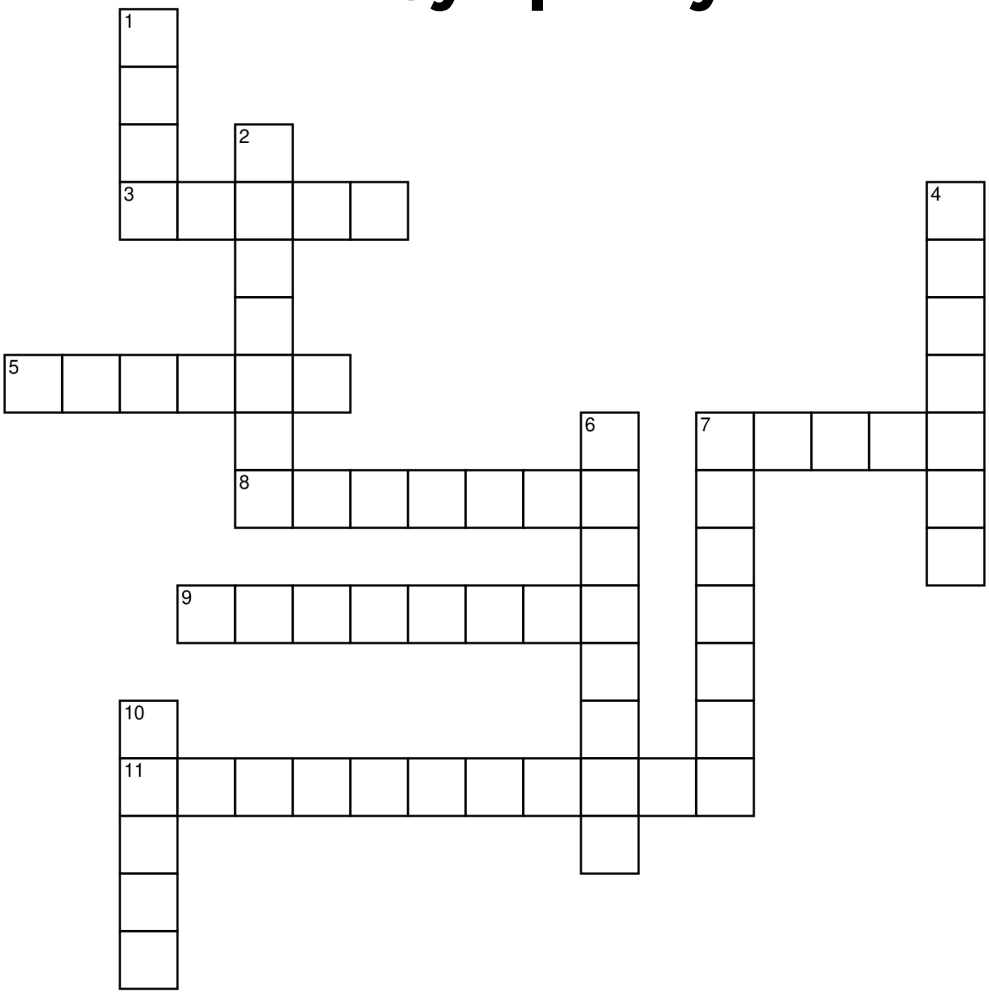
Helpful Tip:

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

The Symphony



Across

[3] Brass wind musical instruments

[5] Renowned classical composer

[7] Written music notation

[8] A skilled music conductor

[9] People watching a performance

[11] Tools used to make music

Down

[1] Famous German composer

[2] List of performance pieces

[4] A live music performance

[6] A section of a composition

[7] Guitars and Harps have these

[10] A large keyboard instrument

Conversation Starters

Use the following conversation prompts to start a discussion with friends or family! You may also use the provided lines to answer the questions on your own if you prefer.

What is an unexpected skill, past job, or surprising adventure from your life that people here might never guess just by looking at you?

"What is a simple daily ritual or small comfort that you consistently look forward to right now?"

"What is the most practical piece of wisdom you've picked up about navigating big life changes or starting fresh in a new environment?"



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

Canada has an estimated 879,000+ natural lakes covering about 9% of its total surface, accounting for over 60% of all natural lakes on Earth.

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