Daily Delight

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Crossword Puzzle Day

What is a nine-letter word for a type of puzzle that was created and published on this day in 1913? If you said “crossword,” you’re correct! Today is Crossword Puzzle Day, and it’s a celebration of the popular puzzle that took the world by storm over a hundred years ago! First published in the New York World newspaper, Arthur Wynne is credited with creating the modern crossword puzzle, which has become so popular over time that competitions are regularly held to see who is the fastest to complete them!

Crossword puzzles are great for one’s memory and mental health, as well as for learning new words and facts, so track one down and try to complete one today!



Today in History

In 1968, Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and William Anders were aboard Apollo 8, the first manned moon voyage. Borman was the commander of Apollo 8. The 3 astronauts orbited the moon ten times during the six-day mission. Borman became an executive at Eastern Airlines in 1970.

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DID YOU KNOW?

A Wiping Success

During a snowy New York streetcar ride, Mary Anderson noticed the driver struggling to see through the windshield. Her solution was a rubber blade controlled by a lever inside the vehicle. She patented the device in 1903, long before windshield wipers became standard automobile equipment. Anderson was also a businesswoman who managed property and agricultural ventures. Her simple observation helped make driving safer in bad weather.

TRIVIA

What rabbit appeared in many books in the 70s, as well as having a range of stationery and toys?

A Bugs Bunny

B Roger Rabbit

C Little Grey Rabbit

D Miffy

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why do seagulls fly over the ocean?

Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

- Bob Hope

WORD SEARCH

Christmas Decorations

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

Tree
Ornaments
Tinsel
Garlands
Nutcrackers
Snowman
Santas
Snow
Lights
Reindeer
Presents
Ribbon

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.

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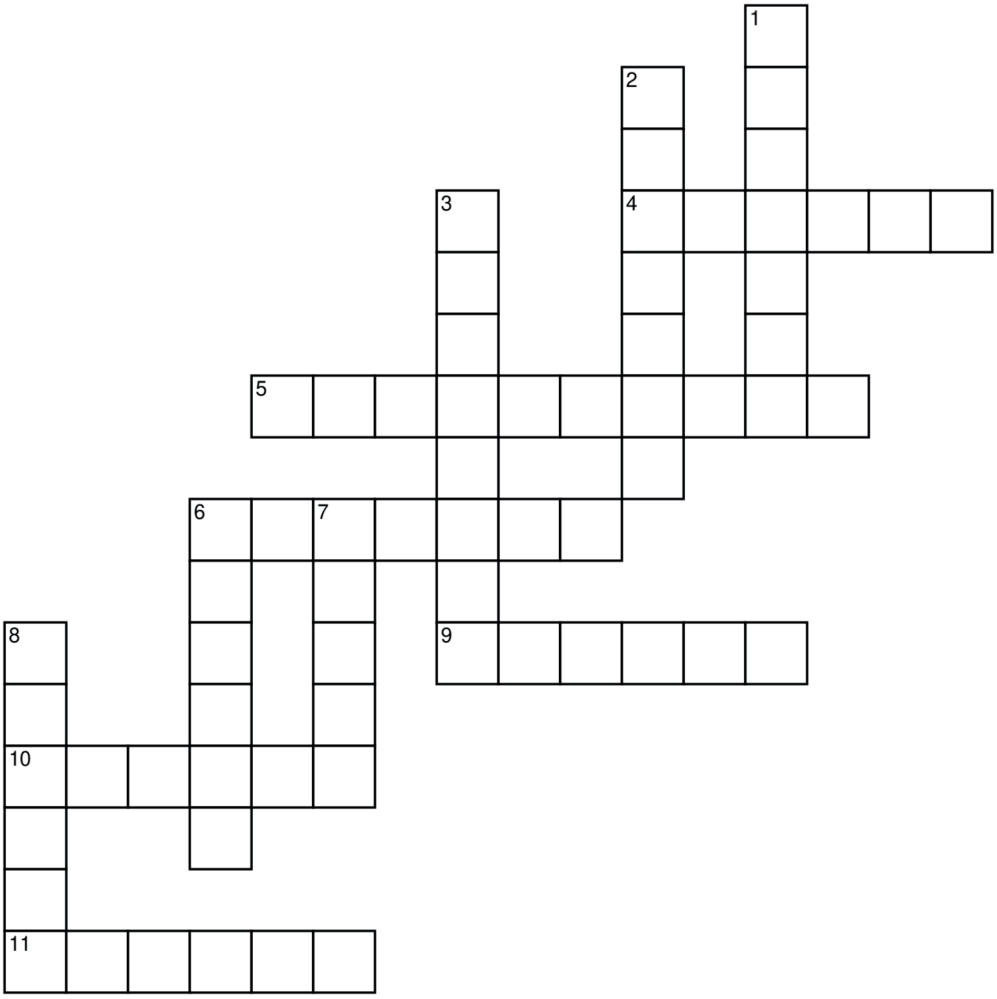
	6	4	2		8		1	9
	2	1	3		6			7
3	5			9	7	6		

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.

CROSSWORD

Things You Replace



Across

[4] Inner coverings
[5] Oral hygiene tool
[6] Energy source
[9] Cooking seasonings
[10] Window cleaners
[11] Bed coverings

Down

[1] Absorbent cleaners
[2] Purifiers
[3] Place for slumber
[6] Slowing mechanisms
[7] Vehicle's rollers
[8] Drying cloths

Test Your Knowledge

Solve the questions below to test your knowledge and give your brain a workout!

Who holds the record for most missed field goals in a regular-season game?

A. Shaquille O'Neal
B. LeBron James
C. Joe Fulks

What is the third phase of the moon?

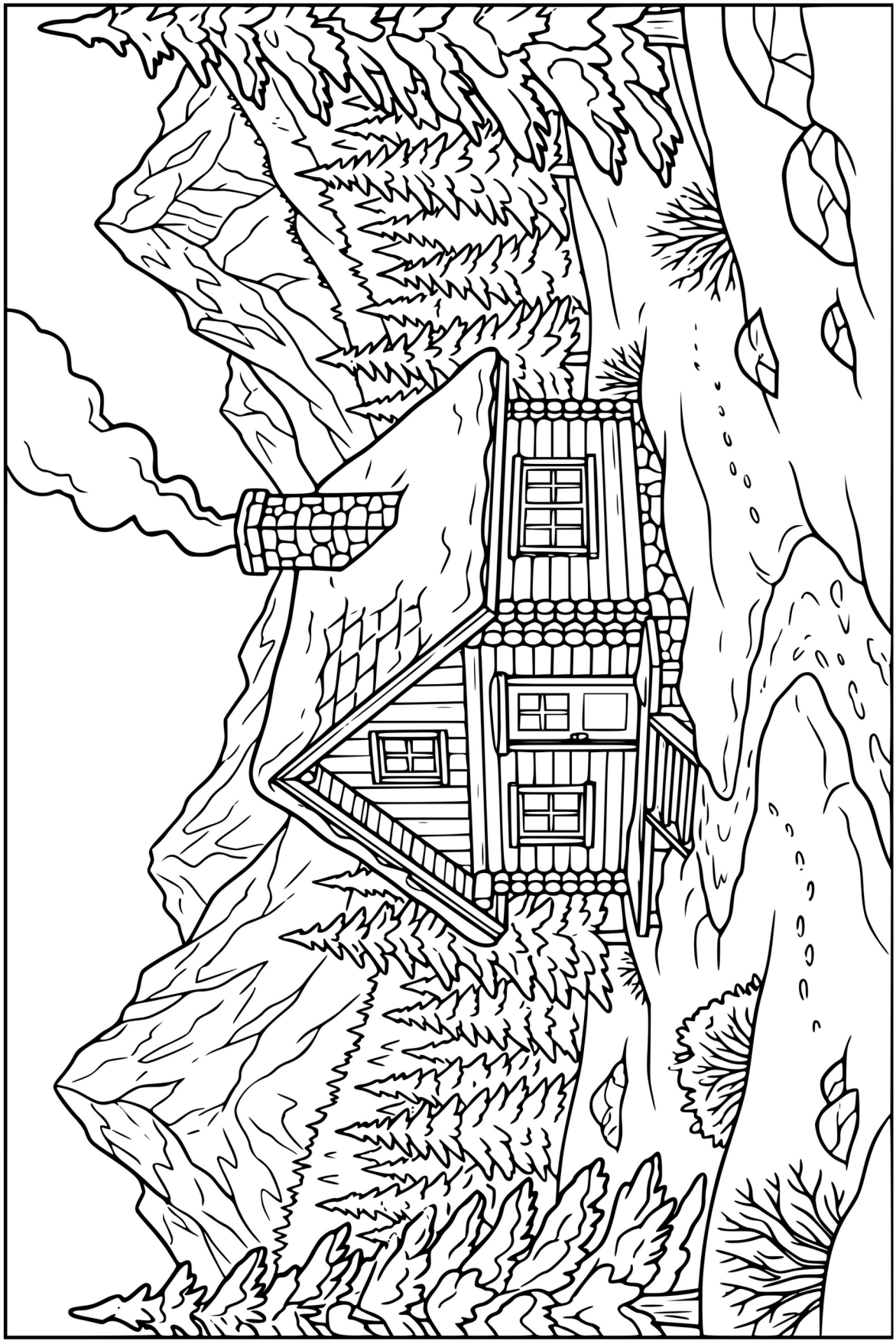
A. First-quarter
B. Full Moon
C. Waxing crescent

Solve the math problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times\ 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 64 \\ +\ 13 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 87 \\ -\ 63 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 256 \\ \div\ 32 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

What toy became a phenomenon during Christmas 1983?



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

Miffy was created in 1955 by Dutch author Dick Bruna, but was especially popular through the 60s and 70s.

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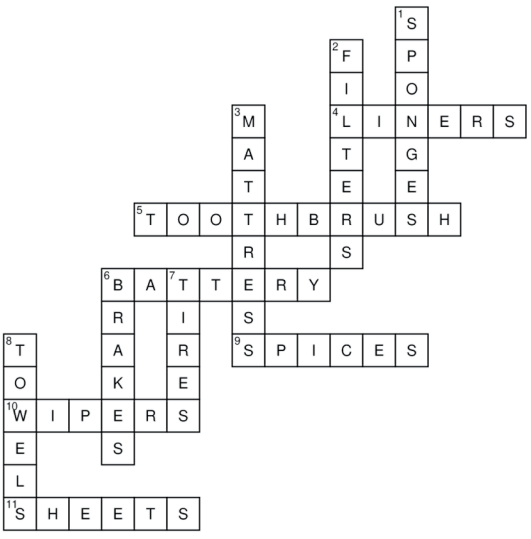

Answer:
A. Joe Fulks

Answer:
A. First-quarter

9
x 3
27

64
+ 13
77

87
- 63
24

256
÷ 32
8

Answer:
Cabbage Patch Kids.

There were stories of violence at locations selling the Cabbage Patch dolls, and people going to extreme lengths to acquire them.