Daily Delight

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National Ding-A-Ling Day

If you feel a little nutty today, you are in good company. It is National Ding-A-Ling Day, the designated time for oddballs, goofballs, and wildcards to let loose and embrace the chaos. You might encounter them anywhere: stuck in traffic, strolling down the sidewalk, working in the next cubicle, or even sharing your living room.

You might even feel tempted to join the madness yourself, and today that is perfectly fine. Just make sure to limit your foolishness to a single day. If acting like a ding-a-ling is not quite your speed, you can always volunteer to ring a bell for the Salvation Army instead. Just stick to actual bells and avoid ringing anyone else's!



Today in History

In 1900, the poem “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was set to music and became the anthem of the NAACP. It was written by James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother J. Rosamond. James was a writer, a civil rights activist, and the first African American to pass the bar in Florida.

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DID YOU KNOW?

His and Her Coats

Did you know that approximately 80% of orange cats are likely to be male? In feline genetics, certain fur colors are strongly linked to sex. A male cat needs only one "orange" gene to be ginger, making a whopping 80% of them male. The opposite is true for calico cats, as their tricolor pattern requires two X chromosomes. This genetic rule means that the vast majority of calicos are female, with a male calico being an extremely rare 1-in-3,000 anomaly.

TRIVIA

What is a group of bunnies called?

A Fluffle

B Hoard

C Blessing

D Stampede

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

Nacho cheese.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"I had to deny knowledge in order to make room for faith"
- Immanuel Kant

WORD SEARCH

Chocolate Covered

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

Ants
Almonds
Bacon
Cashews
Cherries
Crickets
Donuts
Oreos
Peanuts
Pecans
Raisins
Strawberries

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.

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

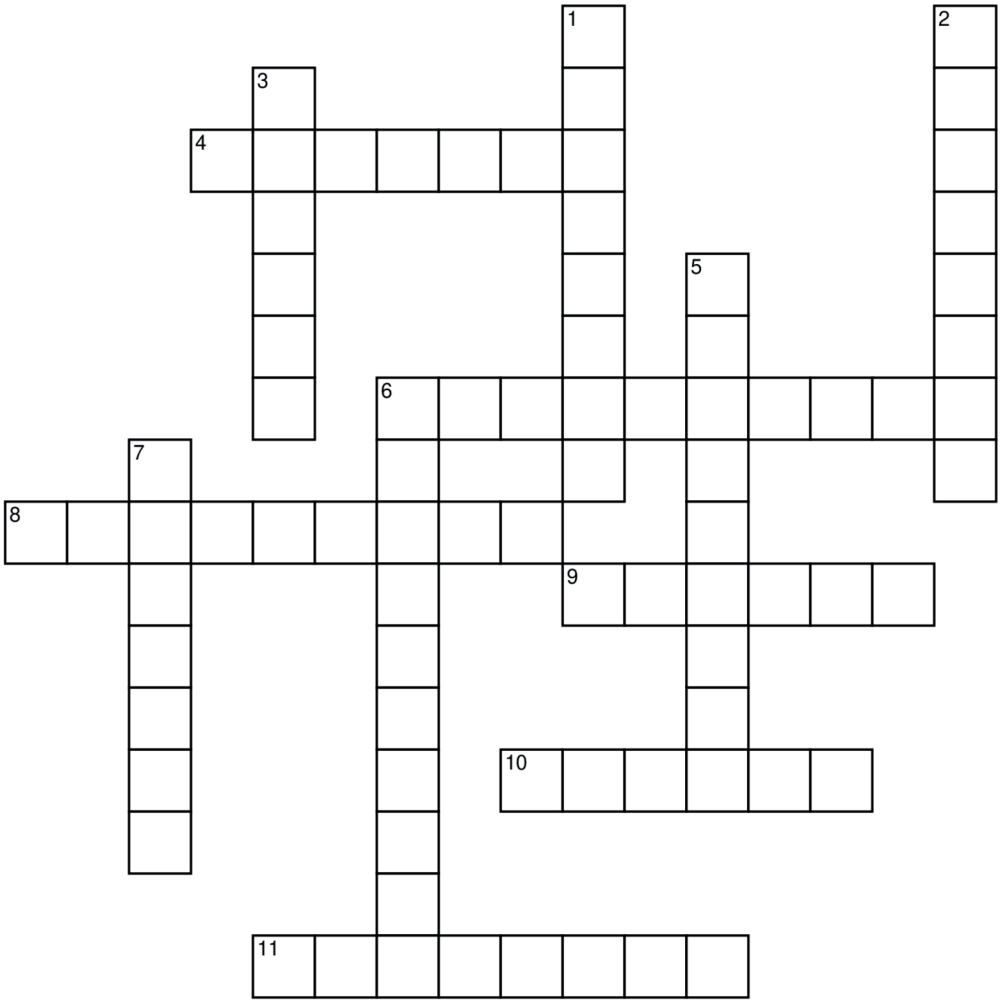
	6	8		5	9		2	1
					3	7		
		9			2		8	5
8	2		3	6		1		9
			7	9	4			2
9		6			1			
1					8		7	
2			9	3		4	1	
6	8				7		5	

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

Aviation



Across

[4] Flying Amelia
[6] Airship disaster
[8] Plane spinner
[9] Maker of the 747
[10] Eccentric Aviator
[11] Flight area

Down

[1] Elevation
[2] Aircraft's central structure
[3] Where planes "park"
[5] He flew the "Spirit"
[6] Vertical takeoff aircraft
[7] Pilot's place

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
												18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	1					7						

18 23 19 17 22 22 11 7 21 15

22 21 13 11 17 12 1 12 21 1 12.

11 16 11 24 23 7 21 18 11 21

1 20 11 12 21 7, 21 7

18 17 13 11 15 18 11 14 24 23.



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: A

A group of bunnies is called a fluffle, yes you read that right.

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

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

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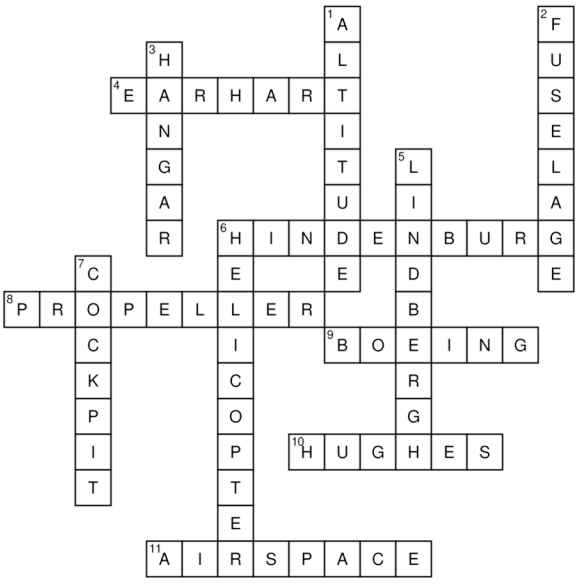

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
17	5	14	3	11	9	25	4	21	8	13	22	18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
12	1	20	26	24	15	7	2	16	19	10	23	6

M Y W A L L E T I S
18 23 19 17 22 22 11 7 21 15

L I K E A N O N I O N.
22 21 13 11 17 12 1 12 21 1 12

E V E R Y T I M E I
11 16 11 24 23 7 21 18 11 21

O P E N I T, I T
1 20 11 12 21 7 21 7

M A K E S M E C R Y.
18 17 13 11 15 18 11 14 24 23