Daily Delight

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 17 • 2026

Wright Brothers Day

On this day in 1903, the Wright brothers changed the world when they completed the first successful flight in a mechanically propelled airplane. The historic moment saw Orville and Wilbur Wright make two flights each from level ground into a glacial headwind blowing at 27 miles per hour. These short flights advanced aviation immensely and led to the state-of-the-art airplanes we have today. The Wright Flyer was the first aircraft to be patented in the United States, but certainly not the last.

Each year on this day, the president makes an annual proclamation inviting Americans to observe Wright Brothers Day with activities and ceremonies in honor of two brothers. Happy Wright Brothers Day, and thank you, Wright Brothers, for helping change the way the world travels!



Today in History

In 1932, the St. Louis Cardinals traded Jim Bottomley to the Cincinnati Reds after he helped lead the team to 4 National League pennants and two World Series titles. He was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee and to the Cardinals Hall of Fame.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Grandmaster of Soul

Did you know that, beyond his musical genius, Ray Charles was a passionate and skilled chess player? To play without sight, he used a special board with raised squares and pegged pieces that fit into holes, allowing him to feel the entire layout. He played frequently while on tour and was known for his sharp strategic mind, often surprising and handily defeating his sighted opponents. It was a beloved hobby that showcased his incredible intellect beyond the piano keys.

TRIVIA

What is a Cumulonimbus?

A Dust storm

B Kind of tropical storm

C Cloud

D Atmospheric layer

TODAY'S FUNNY

Why do melons have lavish weddings?

Because they cantaloupe.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree:
the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."
- Burton Hillis

WORD SEARCH

He Called Them By Name

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X A M V G I S O J Y L T A R X I K F
G I A F L Y R E G Z Y J S U S Z F T
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Y P W L L I R L R X X P Y J U F D K
C S P F M T M W J U G U J C L S U U
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Dancer	Dasher	Comet
Cupid	Donner	Blitzen
Prancer	Vixen	Rudolph
Fly	Land	Magic

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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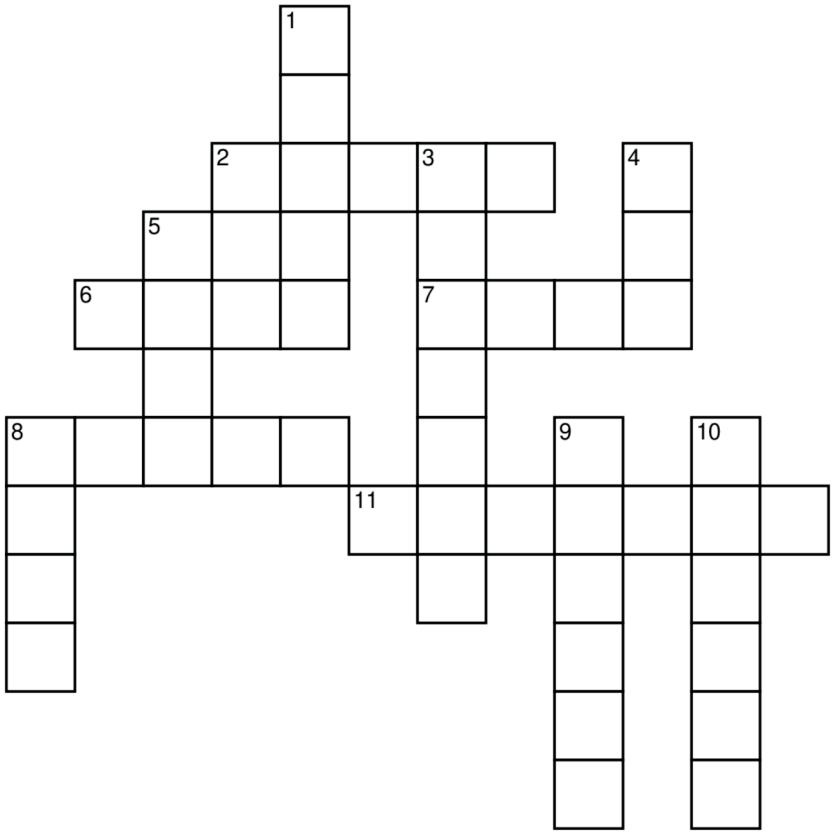
	9			2	1			
		2						

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.

CROSSWORD

Words with Multiple Meanings



Across

[2] Formulate a plot
[6] Romantic Outing
[7] Symbol of love
[8] Pause
[11] Formally promised

Down

[1] Lifting machine
[3] Present-day
[4] Draw in a contest
[5] Ocean Movement
[8] Tree Covering
[9] Docking area
[10] Mail item

SPOTLIGHT TRIVIA

12 Days of Christmas

1. On the fourth day of Christmas, what is given?

   A. Gold rings
   B. French hens
   C. Calling birds
   D. Turtle doves

2. The song was written in the 1500s in England as a catechism song to help learn their faith as a memory aid. True or False?

   A. TRUE
   B. FALSE

3. On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine

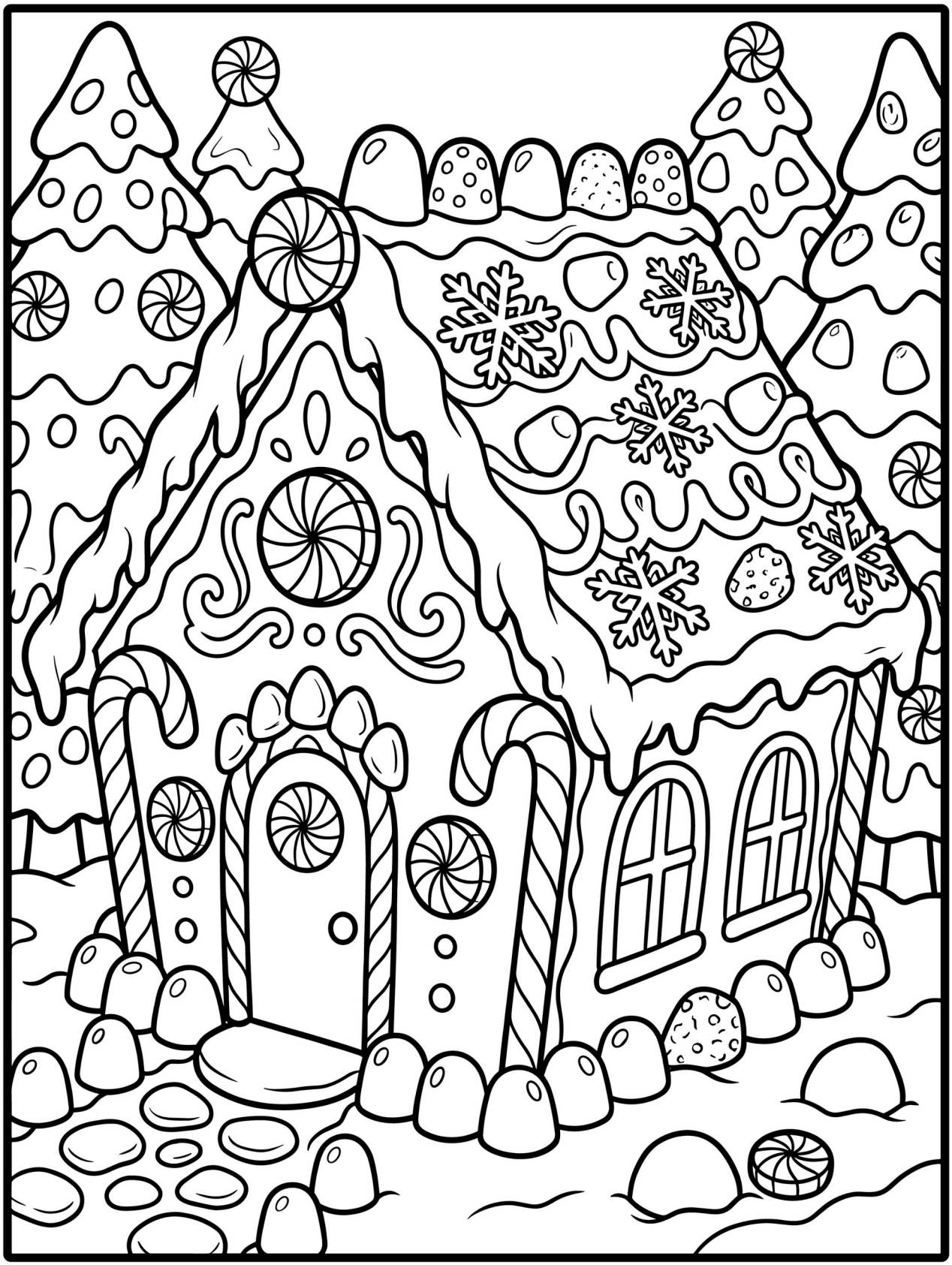
   A. Ladies dancing
   B. Dogs barking
   C. Birds flying
   D. Singers singing

4. When the twelve days of Christmas were over, ‘my true love' sent me approximately 78 things. True or False?

   A. TRUE
   B. FALSE

5. The twelve days of Christmas are traditionally celebrated on which dates?

   A. Dec. 19 - 31
   B. Dec. 13 - 25
   C. Jan 1 - 13
   D. Dec. 25 - Jan. 5



SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: C

Cumulonimbus is a dense, towering vertical cloud that typically forms from water vapor condensing in the lower troposphere, building upward as powerful, buoyant air currents carry it.

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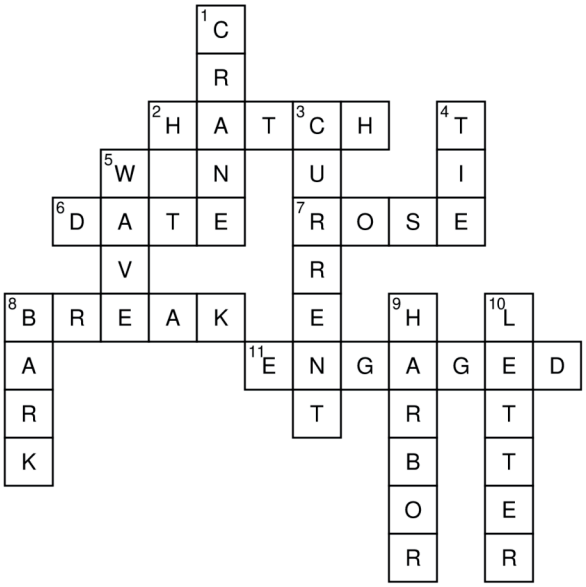

Spotlight Trivia:

1. C - Calling birds
2. B - False
3. A - Ladies dancing
4. B - False
5. D - Dec. 25 - Jan. 5