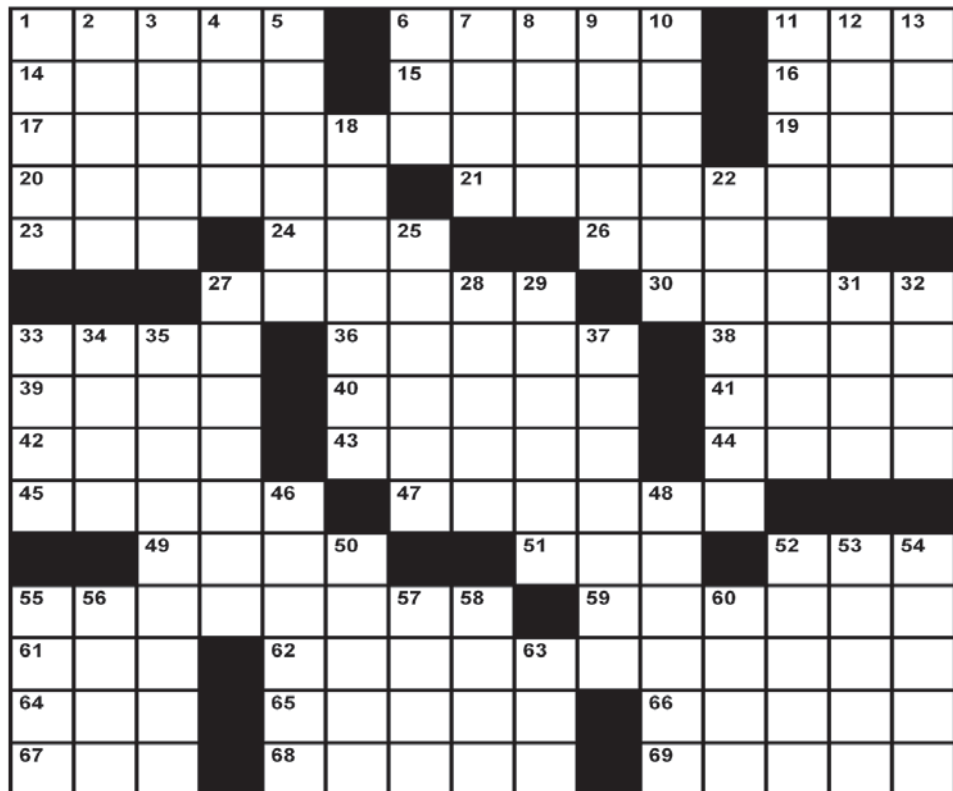


1/16 WHO DO WE APPRECIATE? By Gail Dennis



Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Puts away, as luggage
 - 6 Forelimb bones
 - 11 Do one's damndest
 - 14 "Filthy" dough
 - 15 Speaks like the Lord?
 - 16 Go quickly
 - 17 Learned (wised up)
 - 19 Holiday for a holiday?
 - 20 Tip precariously
 - 21 Away from the shore (Var.)
 - 23 At all times, in verse
 - 24 "Modern Family" name
 - 26 Musical time-out
 - 27 Incisor neighbor
 - 30 What limericks do
 - 33 Arizona flattop
 - 36 Cutting from the payroll
 - 38 Autocrat of yore
 - 39 Way out
 - 40 "Beats me," slangily
 - 41 Latvia's largest city
 - 42 Mideast's Strip
 - 43 More fitting
 - 44 On what the Earth turns
 - 45 Coldwater fish
- DOWN**
- 1 Roofing material
 - 2 One-on-one student
 - 3 Fall shade
 - 4 An order of the court
 - 5 Nero was his 2-Down
 - 6 Mil. entertainment group
 - 7 Lawrence of Scandinavia
 - 8 Short evening?
 - 9 Engaged in combat
 - 10 Spring fall
 - 11 Three dozen
- ORANGE COAT**
- 12 Orange coat
 - 13 Desires
 - 18 Southern Spanish city
 - 22 Smoker's need
 - 25 Snafus
 - 27 Andorran's tongue
 - 28 Beethoven's final symphony
 - 29 The Supreme Court, for one
 - 31 Bethlehem trio
 - 32 History chapters
 - 33 Actresses Tilly and Ryan
 - 34 It's bigger than a test
 - 35 Like some dresses or shoes
 - 37 Sister monsters of mythology
- MORE HACKNEYED**
- 46 More hackneyed
 - 48 Depressed urban area
 - 50 Shorthand taker, for short
 - 52 Got up
 - 53 Mickey Mouse's pet pooch
 - 54 Combustible funeral structures
 - 55 Shortened form of a wd.
 - 56 Bridges or Geste
 - 57 Prefix with "Chinese" or "European"
 - 58 Newspaper section
 - 60 Quite some way
 - 63 Classifieds, e.g.

DEAR ABBY

Three cats become a crowd in a one-bedroom apartment



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My girlfriend and I live together. We adopted a cat off the street. A few months later, the cat became pregnant and had four kittens. We ended up keeping two, and now we have three cats in a one-bedroom apartment.

I've tried being OK with it, but it's making me stressed and unhappy. The litter box must be constantly cleaned; they get into our food and pee on our furniture.

I've tried talking to my girlfriend about putting one or two of them up for adoption, but every time I raise the issue, she gets mad and dares me to get rid of them. I don't want her to resent me, but I also don't like living in the circumstances I'm living in. Please help. — **Surrounded By Cats**

Dear Surrounded: You and your girlfriend appear to be irresponsible pet owners. I hope you realize that if the stray cat you adopted had been spayed, this could have been avoided.

The litter box should be cleaned regularly and, because the cats belong to both of you, the responsibility should be shared. If the cats urinate on the furniture, it should be discussed with a veterinarian rather than disposing of them.

That said, you are not married to this woman. If you're not happy under the current conditions, perhaps it's time to consider moving.

Dear Abby: I really need your help. I'm 13 and I know I'm a little young, but there's a boy I have known for a while. We used to text all the time, and then we got into a fight. We both said rude things, and then after a while he started talking to me again and acting like he didn't care. In fact, he told me that. Then we stopped talking again and he blocked me on Instagram.

Well, this school year he came to my school, and he's very popular. He stares at me every day when we pass each other and once he said hi to me.

What I'm confused about is why does he keep unblocking me and blocking me on social media? Why is he doing everything he's done? I hope you can help. — **Blocked In Missouri**

Dear Blocked: The first time he blocked you, he probably did it to punish you for having hurt his feelings during the fight. Now he may be doing

it to get a rise out of you, or because for some reason he doesn't want you to be able to see what he's saying and doing.

The opposite of love isn't hate; it's indifference. Because he stares at you in the hallway, I suspect he still likes you. Don't chase him — just be patient and let this play out because it could be interesting.

Dear Abby: My niece got married and some of the gifts got separated from the gift cards. Individual cards were found apart from the gifts. So how do you thank the individuals who left gifts without knowing the gift they gave? — **Unsure In The West**

Dear Unsure: While it is preferable to mention the gift when thanking the giver, no rule states that you HAVE to do so. Your niece should start by writing thank-you notes for the gifts that have cards with them, and for those few (I HOPE few) that don't, the givers should be told how meaningful it was to have them present on the special day, and thanked for their generosity. Period.

P.S. A helpful hint to anyone sending a wedding or shower gift: Note on the gift card what has been sent (waffle iron, baby blanket, etc.).

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1916

Despite the zero degree weather of yesterday afternoon, over 600 men gathered at the Temple theater for the social hygiene meeting and not only was every seat taken but standing room was at a premium. It was the largest meeting of its kind ever held in eastern Oregon and, as one prominent resident afterwards remarked, "It did more good than any meeting held in the history of Pendleton." Men of every class and vocation were there, and the attentiveness of all during the two hours and more told of the impressive interest in the message delivered by Dr. W.D. McNary and Rev. J.E. Snyder, the two speakers. At the conclusion of the meeting probably 75 percent of those present handed in cards requesting literature upon the sex problems and many ordered books on the subject endorsed by the state society.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1966

A Pendleton woman lay bleeding in the front seat of her smashed car for over three hours this morning less than two yards off the busy Mission Highway and not one motorist

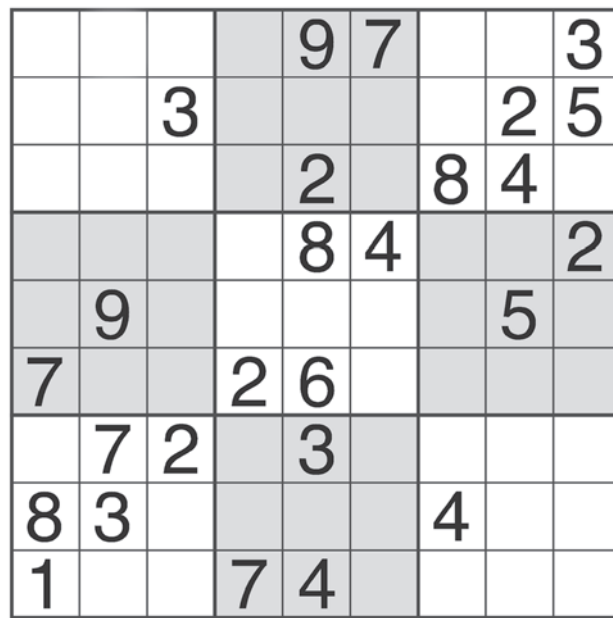
was curious enough to stop and investigate. It took a conductor in an eastbound Union Pacific freight train, perched high in the top of a caboose, to spot Dorothy M. Surles, 37, slumped over in the front seat. This occurred at 9:45 a.m., about three hours after school bus drivers said they noticed the wrecked car beside the highway on their morning runs. The Surles woman was taken to St. Anthony Hospital where she is being treated for possible serious injuries.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16-17, 1991

A convoy of 18-wheelers rolled away from Woodpecker Trucks of Pendleton Wednesday afternoon destined for Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, 30 miles west, the Umatilla Army Depot has increased its shipments of munitions sixfold since the Persian Gulf crisis began last August. Woody Clark, owner of Woodpecker Trucks, said a military division of the federal government purchased 14 tractors and 15 lowboy trailers, which are used in the transportation of heavy equipment. More have been ordered. The sale amounted to nearly \$1 million, and Clark said the government has contracted for another 25 tractors and trailers.

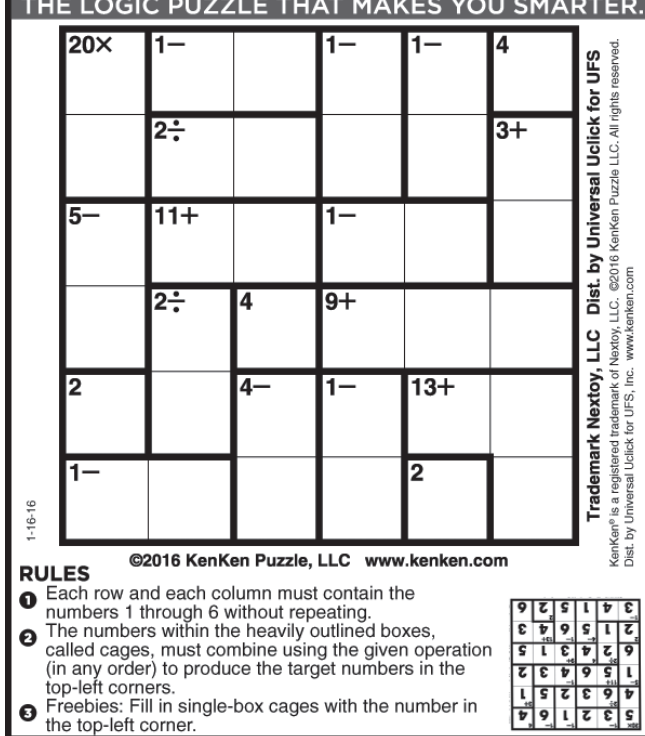
UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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KENKEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



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Find and Circle...

- Nine colors □□□□□□□□
- Four four-letter countries □□□□
- Three rodents □□□
- Two Scandinavian countries □□
- 24-hour time period □

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE: CRIMSON ORANGE SILVER YELLOW BLACK / GREEN PINK GRAY RED / CUBA PERU IRAN CHAD / HAMSTER MOUSE RAT / NORWAY SWEDEN / DAY

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 16th day of 2016. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Allied forces prevailed on Feb. 28, 1991.)

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression "Forty acres and a mule.")

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother, Elizabeth, and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas,

Nevada, while en route to California from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes. Classical music conductor Arturo Toscanini died in New York at age 89.

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

Today's Birthdays:

Author William Kennedy is 88. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 86. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 82. Hall of Fame auto racer A.J. Foyt is 81. Singer Barbara Lynn is 74. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 73. Singer Katherine Anderson Schaffner (The Marvelettes) is 72. Country singer Jim Stafford is 72. Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 69. Movie director John Carpenter is 68. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 66. Singer Sade is 57. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 54. Actor David Chokachi is 48. Actor-writer-director Josh Evans is 45. Actor Richard T. Jones is 44. Actress Josie Davis is 43. Model Kate Moss is 42. Country musician James Young (The Eli Young Band) is 36. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 35. Actress Renee Felice Smith (TV: "NCIS: Los Angeles") is 31. NFL quarterback Joe Flacco is 31. Actress Yvonne Zima is 27.

Thought for Today: "I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them." — E.V. Lucas, English writer and publisher (1868-1938).

7 Little Words®

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 verbal confusion (8)
- 2 easily confused (5)
- 3 wildly confused (7)
- 4 confused collection (7)
- 5 state of confusion (6)
- 6 confused (11)
- 7 "Land of Confusion" band (7)

SOLUTIONS

ZY RR OT GEN OP
OUN ES MAL MUD AGO
FA DED DIT DLE DUM
CHA APR IS BF IC

Today's Answers: 1. MALAPROP 2. DITZY 3. CHAOTIC 4. FARRAGO 5. MUDDLE 6. DUMBFOUNDED 7. GENESIS

PSWEDENMCUBA
RIRANYNORAT
ENNZVS OENU EK
TDOKBSIELGSY
SAPRMLLELNLAE
MHEIWR AAVROY
ACRZGARCGEAW
HCUVKOYKKDRZ

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