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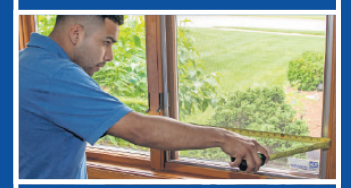
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Level: Intermediate

SUDOKU

Fun by the Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test! **Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LYME DISEASE WORD SEARCH

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

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- BITE
- BLACK-LEGGED
- BULLSEYE
- DEER
- DIAGNOSTIC
- DOG
- FEVER
- HOST
- ILLNESS
- INFECTION
- JOINTS
- LYME DISEASE
- NYMPH
- PAIN
- PARASITE
- PATHOGEN
- PREVENTION
- RASH
- RESPONSE
- SPIROCHETE
- SPREAD
- STIFFNESS
- SYMPTOMS
- TICK

CLUES ACROSS

1. Island nation
7. Platforms
13. Project plan
14. French fishing port
16. South Dakota
17. Oakland's baseball team
19. Military policeman
20. Ornamental stone
22. Garland
23. Process that produces ammonia
25. Mousses
26. Music notation "dal ___"
28. Fail to win
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Not near
31. Some cars still need it
33. Lizard genus
34. An idiot (Brit.)
36. Postponed
38. African country
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. In a way, traveled
43. Ukraine's capital
44. Appropriate
45. Dash
47. Twitch
48. Swiss river
51. Data file with computer animations
53. City in S. Korea
55. Particular region
56. They have eyes and noses
58. Tear
59. Large Madagascar lemur
60. Not out
61. Ornamental saddle covering
64. A driver's license is one
65. Latin term for charity
67. Rechristens
69. Objects from an earlier time
70. Hindu male religious teachers

CLUES DOWN

1. Used as a weapon
2. Yukon Territory
3. Makes a map of

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4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
5. Unnilhexium
6. Merchant
7. Playing the field
8. Folk singer DiFranco
9. Something to scratch
10. Mexican agave
11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
12. Session
13. North American people
15. Ranches
18. Electroencephalograph
21. A type of compound
24. Avenue
26. High schoolers' test
27. A type of meal
30. Gradually disappeared
32. Ancient Frankish law code

35. Popular pickup truck
37. Buzzing insect
38. Deal illegally
39. Lying in the same plane
42. Obstruct
43. Related
46. Challenge aggressively
47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
49. Bird's nests
50. Forays
52. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
54. Title of respect
55. One-time name of Vietnam
57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
59. Private school in New York
62. Political action committee
63. A way to fashion
66. Email reply
68. "The Great Lake State"

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Lyme disease.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 8 = L)

A. 16 22 13 24 9 25

Clue: Biting insect or organism

B. 5 8 8 23 22 26 26

Clue: Causes one to be sick

C. 6 8 9 9 11

Clue: Flows through the body

D. 6 12 13 24 22 25 5 12

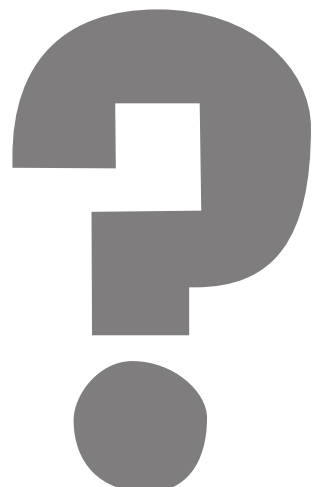
Clue: Microorganisms that can cause disease

Answers: A. vector B. illness C. blood D. bacteria

Riddle me this...

Riddle: What needs to be destroyed before it can be used?

Answer: An egg.



Puzzle answers on page 3!

Slices of life

The devil is in the details

You never know how things are going to hit you. Recently, I read something that hit me. It was posted on a social media site for widow(er)s, and started with one, rather simple, but heart-breaking sentence: "I put his underwear in the

garbage this morning." Reading that sentence resonated with me; I can relate because I've been there, quite literally. If you haven't, and I hope you haven't, just imagine. Just imagine. Putting his (or her) underwear into the garbage, because they are

no longer needed and there is nowhere else for them to go. Because, quite simply, the person who wore those underwear has died. No one wants to wear a dead person's underwear. Just imagine. That is death. That is widowhood.



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Still I think the whole underwear thing is so illustrative of grief in general. We think of grief as this big bad "thing." Something huge – because it is. It is beyond huge. But grief is also underwear and socks. It is his toothbrush and comb. It is his driver's license. His nail clippers. His chapstick. His car keys. The photos he kept in his wallet. It is ordering new checks because it's no longer correct for his name to be on the old ones. It is changing the utility bills and life insurance beneficiaries. It is all the things you never wanted to think about, much less do. From the outside, throwing the underwear into the garbage sounds easy. It sounds logical. It makes sense. But it is hard as hell. It is

gut-wrenching. They were his and you don't want his essence to end. You don't want to throw any of that into the garbage, because it feels so wrong on so many levels. It feels like a waste – that even a small part of his life was a waste feels defeating and deafening – a crushing blow. Even now, three years later, the reality of it all brings with it the silence of nothingness – something that simply was not supposed to be. Except it is. And nothing will ever change that. So, my friends, you find yourself throwing underwear into the garbage. You struggle with the driver's license and photos from the wallet and can't bring yourself to throw them away (yet), so they sit

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Page 2 puzzle answers

PUZZLE 1

4	7	2	1	8	5	3	6	9
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PUZZLE 2

3	7	6	9	1	2	4	8	5
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