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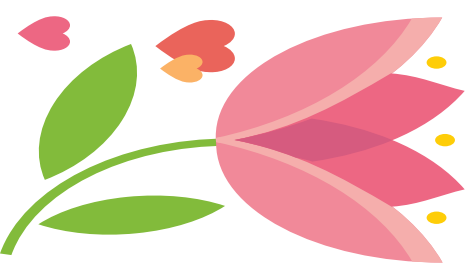
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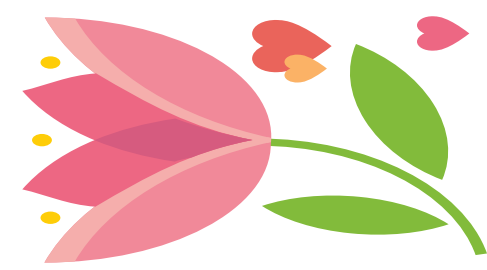
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Level: Advanced

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!

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

- BANANA SPLIT
- BROWNIE
- CHERRY
- CHOCOLATE SYRUP
- COLD
- CONE
- COOKIE DOUGH
- CUP
- FROZEN YOGURT
- GELATO
- HOT FUDGE
- ICE CREAM
- ICE MILK
- ICES
- MIXED
- NUTS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- REFRESHING
- SHERBET
- SORBET
- SPRINKLES
- SUNDAE
- WAFFLE
- WHIPPED CREAM

CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian city ___ Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Salt moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city

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4. Accuses
5. Corrie
6. Delivered a speech
7. Collection of sacred books
8. Theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legit
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. ___ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

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 Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to ice cream.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 12 = N)

A. 20 15 5 16 10 12

Clue: Cold and solid

B. 18 25 26 15 23

Clue: Twisted together

C. 8 5 19 19 26 12 17

Clue: Ice cream addition

D. 13 5 12 10

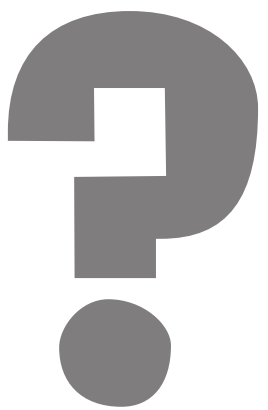
Clue: Ice cream holder

Answers: A. frozen B. swirl C. topping D. cone

Riddle me this...

Riddle: What can go through glass without breaking it?

Answer: Light.



— Puzzle answers on page 5 —

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MISC.: Longaberger Baskets, 150 pcs Glass - Blue Willow, Roseville, Autumn Leaf, Candlewick, Crystal bells, 2 sets Water Pitchers with glasses, Isabell Bloom, 8 Lg tubs of glass.
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HEIDI HELFAND

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Slices of life

Guard your thoughts

"A quiet mind makes way for the soul to speak." (– Me)
The mind is an abundant entity – spewing, spawning, spilling, speaking, squeaking, splaying, spraying, saying, replaying, spouting, sprouting, shouting, re-routing, doubting and outing our thoughts, often in ways that seem beyond our control.



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

Just today, I was about to run to the store, but thought about something I wanted to do beforehand. Then I rinsed out my coffee cup and my mind had already moved onto a whole new topic and I'd forgotten what task, exactly, I needed to do before leaving.

Perplexing. You might say my thoughts got away from me. It happens quite often. All the time, especially at night and in the wee hours of the morning.

I battle against it but it is a constant battle. It's almost as if my mind has a mind of its own. It's working against me – or maybe for me. Or with me. Or maybe a little of all three.

I'm guessing none of you reading this can relate to this phenomenon – written with a

wry sense of sarcasm. All of you, surely, are always and totally in control of every one of your thoughts. They are orderly and they make sense. You never think of pink cotton candy when you are supposed to be considering whether to put orange or yellow cheese sauce atop the green broccoli. Your thoughts are always on point. I wish I could say the same.

The mind is a curious thing. It is part of you, but it seems to operate on its own. The rest of your physical body doesn't operate under these terms. Your arms carry the grocery bags home from the store. When you have an itch on the tip of your nose, your fingers scratch that exact spot. Your legs walk, one foot in front of the other to get you from point A to point B.

But your mind? It wanders wherever it wants to go.

That's why awareness is so important. Your mind will tell you things that, in all honesty, it shouldn't. It will tell you people don't like you. Or that you aren't good enough, or nice enough or whatever enough. It will tell you to judge others for their ugly T-shirt or ugly hair or ugly car. It will lead you into places that are scary, threatening and dire. Your mind accentuates your faults. It dwells upon your weaknesses. It forces you into dark corners. Your mind will tell you things that are not true.

This doesn't always happen. But it can, and it often does when you least expect it. When you aren't aware. Your thoughts are valuable. They are precious. They are priceless. They can sway off course and go off track without your ever noticing. And they can affect you in the most significant of ways.

That is why it is important to guard them. To guard your thoughts. To protect them like they are a treasured possession, because they are.

You are your thoughts. It seems so simple, but

negative thoughts breed negative actions and negative feelings. Positive thoughts have the opposite effect. It may sound easy to choose positive thoughts. But remember, the mind has a mind of its own.

Choosing our thoughts is a minute-by-minute, moment-by-moment endeavor. It is never-ending. 24/7. Even in your sleep. But you know what? Thoughts can become habits. And habits become easier with time. Recognizing a negative thought is the first step into turning away from it and finding a positive one. The more you turn negative into positive, the more natural it will become. Say the positive out loud (even a whisper will do) if that makes it easier at first. Soon it won't take any thought at all.

Practice guarding your thoughts and soon that guard duty won't seem so intensive. Soon it will come naturally. Negativity is all around us, waiting to pounce and it may seem overwhelming at times. One of the most valuable possessions we have to fight against any negativity is our own thoughts. Guard yours like the treasure they are and you will find the peace within that has been waiting patiently.

Then your mind will only wonder one thing: What took me so long? Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Page 2 puzzle answers

PUZZLE 1

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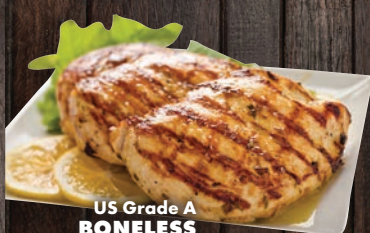
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