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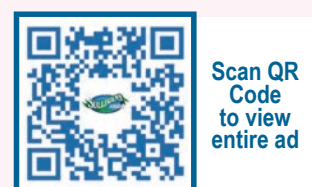
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Level: Intermediate

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!

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



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WORDS

- ADORE
- AFFECTION
- BELOVED
- BOYFRIEND
- CANDY
- CHAMPAGNE
- CHERUB
- CHOCOLATE
- CUPID
- DATE
- FLOWERS
- GIFTS
- GIRLFRIEND
- HEARTS
- HUG
- KISS
- LOVE
- MOVIE
- POEM
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE

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

CLUES ACROSS

1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
4. Norse god of thunder
8. Russian industrial city
10. What's good for the ___
11. Round-ish shape
12. Baltimore MLBer
13. French modernist painter
15. Burned with water
16. Intestinal issue
17. Take the lead
18. Prove oneself worthy
21. None
22. Tax collector
23. Swiss river
24. Gymnast Raisman
25. Baby's dining accessory
26. Canadian beer distributor
27. Iconic American tourist destination
34. More expansive
35. Alert
36. Popular boots Doc ___
37. Showings
38. Conclusion
39. Share a common boundary
40. Shooting sport
41. Popular side dish
42. Global energy firm
43. Chronicles (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of bomb
2. Polynesian island country
3. Heavenly body
4. Hard workers
5. Covered
6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder

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7. Plant of the grass family
9. Island person of the Bering Sea
10. Storehouse
12. Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
14. A pituitary hormone
15. Female sibling
17. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
19. Empowering
20. Space station
23. Disorder
24. State of fuss
25. Footwear for babies
26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
27. Doves
28. Affirmative
29. Male parent
30. Utter obscenities
31. Type of verse
32. Unpleasant person
33. One who settles down
34. Founder of source-based history
36. A way to snarl

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = R)

- A. 23 14 3 18 16**
Clue: Greetings
- B. 3 9 16 20 16**
Clue: Popular flowers
- C. 3 9 19 14 24 23 20**
Clue: Strong feeling of attraction
- D. 17 20 10 3 4 14 3 5**
Clue: Second month

Answers: A. cards B. roses C. romance D. February

Riddle me this...

Riddle: What has branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves?



Answer: A bank.

One man's opinion

Contributing to worthwhile causes

Like most of you, Jenny and I try to contribute to worthwhile organizations. We try very hard to be wise with our dollars.

Unquestionably, Tunnel -To -Towers (T2T) has become my favorite. Formed shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, by Frank Siller, it honors the sacrifice of his brother FDNY firefighter, Stephen Siller, who gave his life to save others on 9-11.

The foundation also operates the "Let Us Do



By **JIM SACIA**
Former State Representative

Good Village," a 100-home area in Land O'Lakes, Florida, explicitly for veterans, first responders, and their families.

Over 95% of their income goes directly to

the cause. Their request is a commitment of \$11 per month and they pay off mortgages nationwide for the families of fallen first responders and Gold Star Families with young children. Their 95% commitment makes them number one in my book.

One organization I absolutely will not

contribute to is the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Your local shelters are the ones that desperately need your help and those donations are spent on their animals. My absolute favorite is Friends Forever in Freeport.

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Causes (Continued from page 3)

ASPCA is hammering the airways, begging for your contribution by tearing your heart out with pictures of starving, shivering animals. Sadly, very little donation money actually gets to the real cause. My skin crawls every time the ad comes on TV, and it is there a lot. For the past two months, they have been begging that they must have 3,000 new donors in the next 30 days. Thankfully, CBS News investigated them in 2021 and exposed them for the frauds that they are. That very commercial, with new photos, has been around for over a decade. Since the ad's inception in 2007, ASPCA revenues tripled from \$85 million to over \$300 million per year. ASPCA is not affiliated with local SPCAs.

There is a belief out there that ASPCA contributes to local SPCAs. It is simply not true. Some token grants, which had been applied for from ASPCA have been granted to local SPCAs. I stress "TOKEN" amounts. Since 2008, according to the CBS investigation, ASPCA has raised more than \$2 billion dollars for animal welfare. In that time, it has spent \$146 million, or about 7%, of the total raised in grants to local welfare groups. In that same period, they spent nearly \$421 million in fundraising. Yes, those heart-wrenching ads that we all see.

The ASPCA CEO Matt Bershadker is paid just shy

of \$1 million dollars per year. That was in 2019. Of course, his staff assures us that his salary is reasonable compensation consistent with IRS regulations.

No one questions the legality. Donors want to believe that their donations truly benefit those starving freezing animals. There is strong belief that your wonderful contributions of \$19 a month are fattening their larders.

Fund your local shelter(s) instead, and donate all you can. They truly need it and will greatly appreciate it.

Jim Sacia, who resides in Pecatonica with his wife Jenny, is a former

Republican member of the Illinois House of Representatives, serving the 89th district from January 2003 to October 2013. Sacia's professional experience includes serving on the Board of Directors of the German American Bank, working as Chief Executive Officer of NITE Equipment Inc., a police officer in River Falls, Wis., and Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He served as a Lieutenant in the Wisconsin Army National Guard from 1965 to 1969. He has also published his memoir, "Not in My Wildest Dreams: Memoirs of a Veteran FBI Agent."



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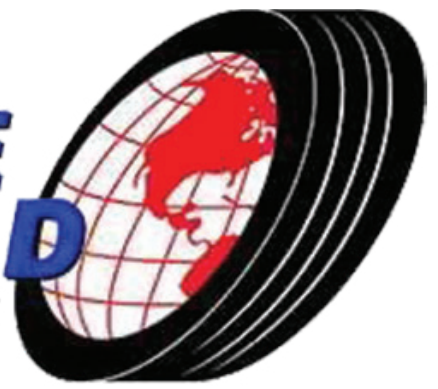
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