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Help raise PTSD awareness

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There are currently about 12 million people in the United States with PTSD.

Even though PTSD treatments work, most people who have PTSD don't get the help they need. June was PTSD Awareness Month, but "every month" is PTSD Awareness Month, because the need never ends. Help spread the word that PTSD treatment works. Everyone with PTSD—whether they are Veterans or civilian survivors of sexual assault, serious accidents, natural disasters, or other traumatic events—needs to know that effective treatments can reduce symptoms and lead to a better quality of life.

Who develops PTSD?

Anyone can develop PTSD at any age. Some factors can increase the chance that someone will have PTSD, many of which are not under that person's control. For example, having a very intense or long-lasting traumatic event or getting injured during the event can make it more likely that a person will develop PTSD. PTSD is also more common after certain types of trauma, like combat and sexual assault.

Personal factors - like previous traumatic exposure, age and gender - can affect whether a person will develop PTSD.

What happens after the traumatic event is also important. Stress can make PTSD more likely, while social support can make it less likely.

What are the symptoms of PTSD?

PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not appear until months or years later. They also may come and go over many years.

If the symptoms last longer than four weeks, cause you great distress, or interfere with your work or home life, you might have PTSD.

There are four types of PTSD symptoms. To be diagnosed with PTSD, you need to have each

8 WAYS TO MANAGE PTSD SYMPTOMS

	GET TREATMENT PTSD Treatment works! Compare options with the PTSD Treatment Decision Aid: www.ptsd.va.gov/decisionaid/	
	PRACTICE MINDFULNESS Reduce stress and improve well-being with Mindfulness Coach: www.ptsd.va.gov/mobile/mindfulnesscoach_app.asp	
	LIMIT ALCOHOL USE Get support and cut back on drinking. Try VetChange: www.ptsd.va.gov/mobile/VetChange_app.asp	
	IMPROVE YOUR SLEEP Get better quality sleep and tools to get your sleep back on track with Insomnia Coach: www.ptsd.va.gov/mobile/insomnia_coach.asp	
	BUILD COPING SKILLS Learn about and manage symptoms that often occur after trauma with PTSD Coach: www.ptsd.va.gov/mobile/ptsdcoach_app.asp	
	PLAN SOMETHING ENJOYABLE Find and schedule activities that can help improve your mood with PTSD Coach Online tools: www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/ptsdcoachonline	
	CONTROL ANGER Manage your temper and get support with the AIMS online program: www.veterantraining.va.gov/aims	
	HEAR FROM VETERANS Watch and read real stories of life with PTSD from Veterans who have been there: www.ptsd.va.gov/aboutface/	

type. That said, everyone experiences symptoms in their own way.

1. Reliving the event (also called re-experiencing symptoms). Memories of the traumatic event can come back at any time. They can feel very real and scary. For example:

- You may have nightmares.
- You may feel like you are going through the event again. This is called a flashback.
- You may see, hear or smell something that causes you to relive the event. This is called a trauma reminder, cue or trigger. News reports, seeing an accident, or hearing fireworks are examples of trauma reminders.

2. Avoiding things that remind you of the event. You may try to avoid situations or people remind you of the trauma event. You may even avoid talking or thinking about the event. For example:

- You may avoid crowds because they feel dangerous.
- You may avoid driving

if you were in a car accident or if your military convoy was bombed.

- If you were in an earthquake, you may avoid watching movies about earthquakes.
- You may keep very busy or avoid getting help so you don't have to think or talk about the event.

3. Having more negative thoughts and feelings than before the event. The way you think about yourself and others may become more negative because of the trauma. For example:

- You may feel numb—unable to have positive or loving feelings toward other people—and lose interest in things you used to enjoy.
- You may forget about parts of the traumatic event or not be able to talk about them.
- You may think the world is completely dangerous, and no one can be trusted.
- You may feel guilt or shame about the event.

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'Allyship Through Representation' AFGE webinar offers tips on getting involved

By DON MONCRIEF
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"Something like" 67 bills. Sixty-seven pieces of legislation that is "anti-trans". That was the number Mae apGovannon, AFGE's PRIDE Constituency Group Chair, came up with when "he/they" researched that particular arena recently.

"And the fact of the matter is," apGovannon said, "that those of us who are living this struggle are not necessarily going to change hearts and minds. What we need is for our allies to stand up for us.

"Because people really, frankly, are more likely to listen to people who are perceived to be more like them."

To that end, AFGE held a webinar June 26, "Allyship Through Representation." Jarel Sanders, the AFL-CIO's PRIDE at Work Co-President was the main speaker. He offered a few points as a start. One, join in your union's PRIDE caucus. "That's a great first step," Sanders said. "Obviously this group is hyper-specific to your sector and it's going to be able to talk through what it's like to be a federal queer worker.

"Especially considering everything happening fed-

erally. Specifically, with the AFGE contracts. It's coming together to talk about how these all interact with queer folks specifically is a great first step."

Second, you could start a chapter, he said, or join one that's already active. "Or, you could just become an 'at-large' member if you want to care about, as an organization, making sure we have more members or understand a little bit more about us as a whole and what we're doing.

"So much can happen when we come together as queer folks to help solve a lot of these problems in local areas. And we at the AFL-CIO, like the National folks, are here to support that. We have folks

in National who work behind scenes with lobbying and working with folks like on a really big scale.

"These rights can happen locally, too. A PRIDE at work chapter is a great place to get that in."

Sanders continued: "There tends to be ... You know queer folks tend to gather together. At my chapter we had a bakery that just happened to hire a staff of queer people and when there were issues happening there, we connected them with a union to help organize them as a shop to help deal with these workplace issues by having them join a union and form a CBA. "These hyper sensitive

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PRIDE At Work

Mission

We seek full equality without restrictions or barriers for LGBTQIA+ individuals in our workplaces, unions, and communities, creating a Labor Movement that cherishes diversity, promotes inclusion, encourages openness, and ensures safety & dignity. We do this through education, alliances, and building solidarity across our large and diverse communities.

Organizing in the spirit of "An Injury to One is An Injury to All", we oppose all forms of bias and discrimination on the job, in our unions, and in the public square based on sex, gender identity and expression, race, sexual orientation, veteran status, national or ethnic origin.

LOCAL SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT

Robins Air Force Base and AFGE Local 987

Installment 5: Join us each issue as we do a refresher/reminder of the rights BUEs have under the Local Supplement Agreement.

Article 5

Annual & Sick Leave Call-In Procedures

5.1 In the interest of clarifying the Call-In Procedures and reducing conflict the parties agree to the following procedures. Employees may leave a voicemail if the supervisor is not immediately available. If both parties have the capability / availability, employees may further use text or email to contact the immediate supervisor or designee. It is understood the MLA procedures govern response times and approval.

Article 6

Bargaining Unit Medical Professionals Nurses / Dental Hygienists

6.1 This article is specific to bargaining unit Professional Nurses, Dental Hygienists, License Practical Nurses, and Nursing Assistant. In addition, all articles of the Master Labor Agreement, Local Supplement Agreement (LSA), Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) and civilian personnel instructions apply.

6.2 The parties agree Nurses are not required to wear uniforms. If this

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changes and uniforms become a requirement the parties recognize the obligation to bargain procedures and appropriate arrangements prior to implementation. Nurses will adhere to Dress and Appearance Guidelines as specified in accordance with applicable regulations, policies, and command level agreements.

6.3 The parties recognize the Agency provides scrubs to Dental Hygienists at no cost to the employee. If this changes, the parties recognize the obligation to bargain procedures and appropriate arrangements prior to implementation. The agency provides scrubs to dental hygienists due to the nature of their duties, direct interaction with patients where they may be exposed to bodily fluids. The Agency will provide other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required for the employee to

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Mark your calendar: **Membership meeting**, July 17 at 5 p.m., in Union Hall, located at 1764 Watson Blvd.

Constant vigilance: Anti-terrorism efforts protect Robins AFB

By **JERRY FOLTZ**
78th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

In an era marked by evolving and ever increasing security threats, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, remains committed to protecting its personnel, assets and missions through robust anti-terrorism measures.

A dedicated team of anti-terrorism response professionals works behind the scenes to implement security measures and fosters a culture of vigilance across the base, aligned with Air Force policy and national directives.

This culture is enforced through a collaborative team led by members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations. This team integrates and augments with various specialists, including intelligence analysts, civil engineers, firefighters, communications specialists and operations personnel to deter, detect, and defend against any and all incursions.

Anti-terrorism response personnel are responsible for a multifaceted approach to security. Their duties include conducting random anti-terrorism measures, which involve unpredictable security actions designed to deter and detect potential threats. These measures range from increased ID card checks and vehicle inspections at entry control points, to scheduled and random military working dog sweeps of facilities and patrols of high-traffic areas.

“Most of the spot checks could be anything from doing 100% ID checks, making sure all the fire signatures are valid, and checking for unattended or suspicious packages in parking lots, dumpsters and near vending machines,” said Staff Sgt. Ryan Cutler, 78th Security Forces Squadron electronic security systems noncommissioned officer in charge.

In addition to proactive measures, ATR personnel play a crucial role in coordinating responses to security incidents. Working closely with the Base Defense Operations Center, Security Forces and other agencies ensure swift and effective



Staff Sgt. Ryan Cutler, 78th Security Forces Squadron electronic security systems noncommissioned officer in charge, conducts vehicle inspections at Robins Air Force Base June 3 as part of the installation’s random anti-terrorism measures, otherwise known as RAM. During the RAM, Cutler maintained constant vigilance, proactively searching for suspicious packages and unusual activity to safeguard Team Robins members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jerry Foltz)

action in the event of a gate runner, suspicious package or other security concern. This coordinated response includes establishing communication channels with local law enforcement and emergency services, if needed. This response planning incorporates the Incident Command System to manage incidents by defining clear roles and responsibilities and facilitating communication and coordination among different teams and agencies, which also mirrors what is utilized outside the installation in case the base needs to partner with civilian, city, state or other federal agencies.

The 78th Air Base Wing Command Post is a crucial

component of Robins AFB’s incident management, serving as a central hub for alerting, directing, executing, and reporting during emergencies for effective management.

Additionally, ATR personnel are responsible for implementing security procedures according to Force Protection conditions, which dictate the security posture of the base based on current threat levels. As the FPCON increases from Normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie or Delta, so do security measures, including personnel, patrols, vehicle checks and scrutiny of those requesting base access. This aligns with the Air Force’s risk management approach.

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472nd ECS activates; 18th ACCS deactivates

By **Airman 1st Class EMMA FUNDERBURK**
319th Reconnaissance Wing

The 18th Airborne Command and Control Squadron deactivated during a ceremony June 16, 2025. The activation of the 472nd Electronic Combat Squadron immediately followed, signifying a key step in the Air Force’s modernization efforts for future warfighting.

During the ceremony, Col. Brandon Cieloha, 319th Operations Group commander, exchanged guidons with Lt. Col. Richard Elmore, 472nd ECS commander, symbolizing the deactivation of the 18th ACCS and activation of the 472nd ECS.

The 18th ACCS was activated as a geographically separated unit under the 319th Reconnaissance Wing Feb. 22, 2023. Their mission was to manage the E-11A Battlefield Airborne Communication Node, a communications and relay gateway system that enables theater-wide communication and data link extension capabilities.

“The 18th ACCS started small, there were maybe a handful of us and now we are comprised of 150 formal training, operations, maintenance, cyber and support personnel,” said Elmore. “With the developments and achievements of our squadron and personnel, the redesignation as 472nd ECS was inevitable to continue the E-11A BACN mission while also assuming new mission sets.”



Col. Brandon Cieloha, 319th Operations Group commander, receives the guidon from Lt. Col. Richard Elmore, 18th Airborne Command and Control Squadron commander, during the 18th ACCS deactivation ceremony at Robins Air Force Base June 16. The passing of the guidon to the presiding officer symbolizes the deactivation of the 18th ACCS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Emma Funderburk)

The redesignation is a part of the Air Force’s Combined Joint All Domain Command and Control initiatives. The 472nd ECS will be co-located with the 461st Air Control Wing, 950th Spectrum Warfare Group and 116th ACW once Robins AFB’s Battle Management Combined Operations Complex is constructed. The BMCOC will serve as a CONUS theater-agnostic, long-range kill chain integrated targeting cell.

It will connect legacy command and control agencies and joint multi-domain affecters.

“Designations will change, missions will evolve, but the one constant truth through it all is you, our airmen, the men and women who make our missions happen every day,” said Cieloha. “Your dedication is the reason we are able to forge new mission sets and hold our longstanding partnerships.”

Online shopping scams still have an impact

Online purchase scams are the fourth riskiest scam type targeting consumers, according to the 2024 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. July is military consumer month, so BBB shares some tips for all consumers on recognizing and avoiding online shopping scams.

The most reported scam type to BBB Scam Tracker in 2024 was online purchase scams, making up 30.3% of all scams. More than 87% of those who reported being targeted by online purchase scams lost money.

The good news is that there are simple steps you can take to help reduce your risk of online fraud. You can learn why online purchase scams are a major concern, how to spot and avoid scams, and where to find help and more information

Online shopping tips:

● **If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.** Don’t shop on price alone. Searching for a low price is why people reported losing money. Many scammers offer deals that seem too good to pass up; however, they may lose money to a counterfeit product or may not even get the product.

● **Beware of phony sellers.** Double-check to make sure the website of the seller is safe. Check the URL for errors and misspellings and never click on a suspicious link. Does the website have accessible contact information? Read online reviews about the company or website



Kelvin Collins

and see what others say.

● **Don’t pay with gift cards!** If someone asks you to pay for something with a gift card, like a Google Play or iTunes card, it’s likely a scam. No real business or government agency will ever insist you pay them with a gift card. Anyone who

demands to be paid with a gift card should raise a red flag.

● **Know the seller.** If the seller or website seems sketchy, it is wise to avoid it. Instead, buy directly from the source (brand, manufacturer, team, etc.) or through an established shop or authorized reseller.

● **Protect yourself.** When buying or selling on a site that protects buyers and sellers, take advantage of them. If a buyer or seller tries to persuade you to go outside the site’s usual process or payment methods, that’s a big red flag.

If an online scam has targeted you or you wish to learn about common scams in your community, check out the BBB’s Scam Tracker to file a report or read about others’ experiences. For more tips, visit BBB’s online shopping hub and our consumer HQ on BBB.org. You can also go to BBB.org/ScamTracker to report a scam and learn more about other risky scams in our scam news feed.

Medal of Honor spotlight

Army 2nd Lt. John Butts

By **KATIE LANGE**
DoD News

After Allied troops landed in France in 1944, Army 2nd Lt. John Edward Butts and his unit faced heavy fighting as they tried to seize the continent back from German occupation.

Butts gave his life so his fellow soldiers could accomplish that mission. For his sacrifice, he received a posthumous Medal of Honor.

Butts was born Aug. 8, 1922, in Medina, New York, to Jerry and Anna Butts. He had four brothers, all of whom served in World War II.

In his youth, Butts joined the Boy Scouts and became both a patrol leader and a member of its bugle corps. He eventually grew to be almost 6 feet tall and played football at Medina High School.

On Oct. 12, 1939, Butts enlisted in the New York National Guard. A 1945 article in the New York newspaper The Buffalo News stated that he left high school during his senior year to do so but was able to complete his studies while serving and received his diploma in 1942.

Butts was called up to active duty in October 1940. After training at Fort Ord, California, he was stationed in Hawaii before attending officer candidate school.

In November 1942, at age 19, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant, making him one of the youngest offi-



Photo courtesy defense.gov
Army 2nd Lt. John Butts

cers in the Army’s ground forces at the time.

Butts was assigned to the 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, and was eventually sent with his unit to fight in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

In October 1943, the division shipped to England to prepare for the invasion of Normandy, France.

On June 11, 1944, five days after the D-Day invasion, the regiment landed on Utah Beach and quickly moved inland to continue the push into German-occupied territory.

Butts was seriously injured three days later, then again, June 16, while leading an attack to set up a bridgehead across the Douve River. Both times, he refused medical attention and remained with his platoon.

A week later, the platoon was near the commune of Flotttemanville-Hague when Butts led an assault on a tactically important hillside.

The area was heavily defended by German tanks, antitank guns, pillboxes and machine gun nests, as well as concentrated artillery and mortar fire.

Just as the platoon began to attack, Butts was critically injured by machine-gun fire. However, he still rallied his men and directed a squad to approach the Germans from the flank.

Butts then went by himself to assault the enemy from the front, drawing the enemy’s fire away from the squad.

Butts was struck again by gunfire, this time in the stomach, but “by grim determination and sheer courage,” according to his Medal of Honor citation, he continued to crawl forward. He got within 10 yards of the enemy when he was hit a third time and died.

Butts’ sacrifice enabled his platoon to take the enemy’s strongpoint. It was a major factor in his battalion’s ability to achieve mission success.

On Aug. 29, 1945, Butts’ parents received the Medal of Honor on their son’s behalf from Army Brig. Gen. Ralph K. Robertson during a ceremony at the Medina Armory, where Butts first enlisted.

Butts was initially buried in Normandy, but his remains were brought back to the U.S. in 1948. He was reinterred at St. Mary’s Cemetery in his hometown.

Butts’ legacy is not forgotten. In 1957, an airfield at Fort Carson, Colorado, was renamed the Butts Army Airfield in his honor.

A year later, a street was named for him at Fort Benning, Georgia. A park and a monument in Medina were also dedicated to him in 1980.

Butts’ Medal of Honor and his other service medals are on display at the public library in his hometown.

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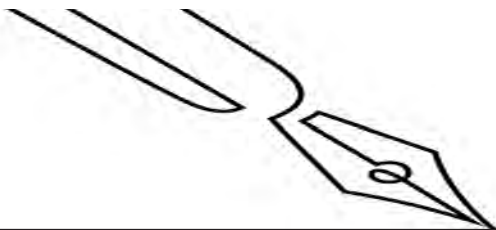
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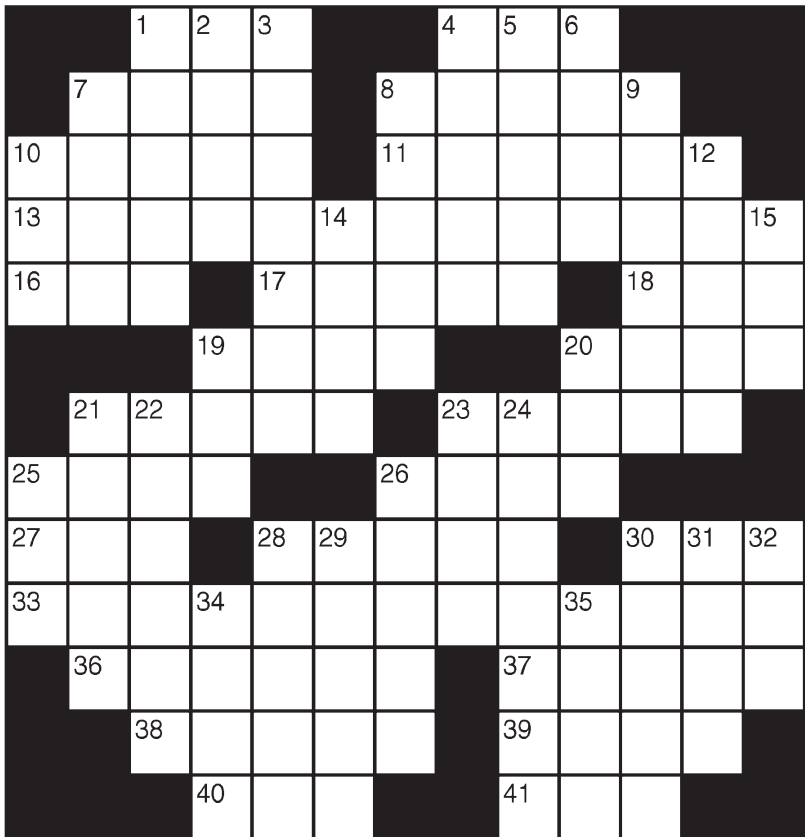


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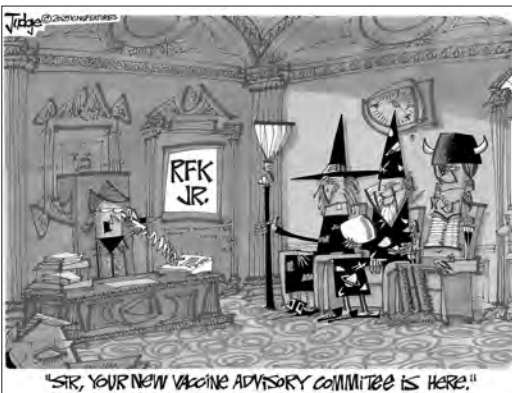
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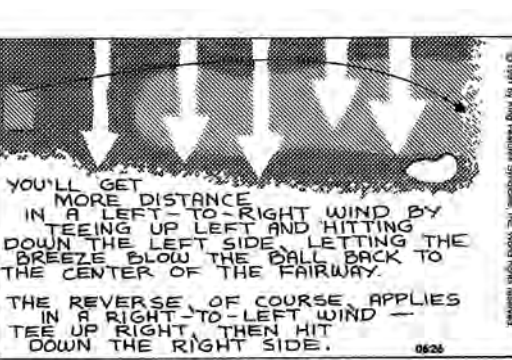
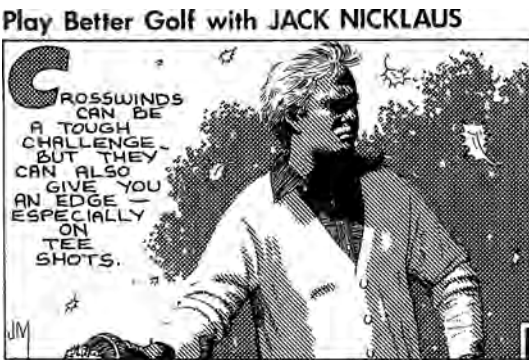
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6 H.H. Munro's pen name
7 Dull pain
8 Sailing vessel
9 Judge's decision
10 Hooting bird
12 Blueprints
14 Kimono ties
15 — -cone
19 Levy
20 Busy insect
21 Lounges
22 Mecca residents
23 Sci-fi's Skywalker
24 By the beach
25 "Westworld" aier
26 Wan
28 Back of a 45 record
29 Book of maps
30 Church leader
31 Begged
32 Leb. neighbor
34 Visa rival, briefly
35 Inventor's inspiration



SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!
Think
PONIE
Lament
GIVERE
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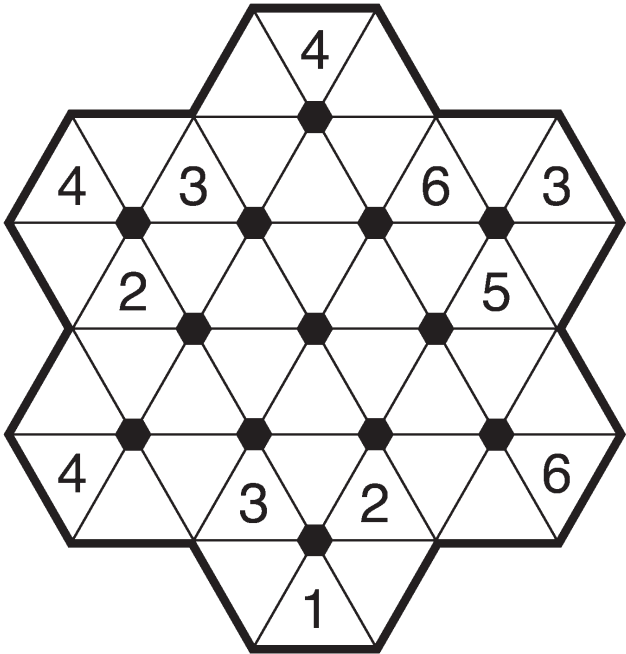
SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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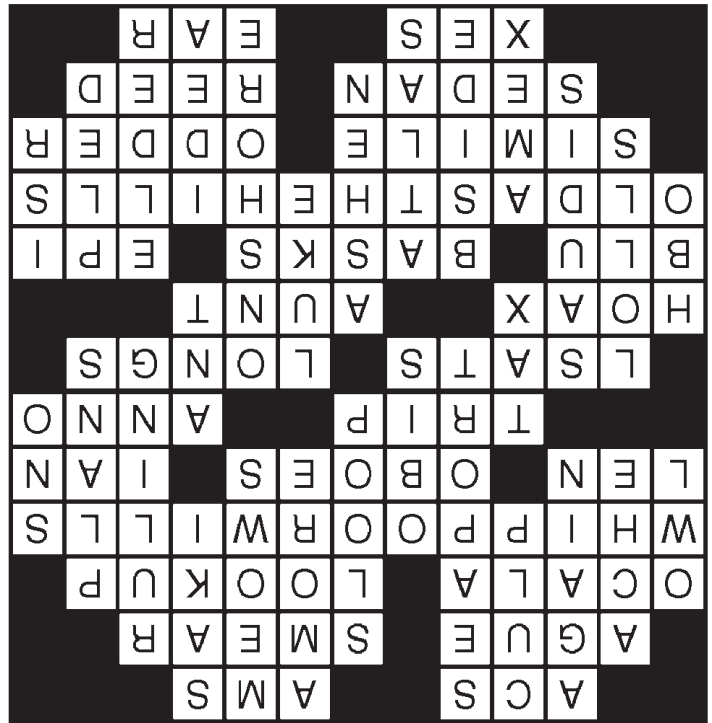
Americanisms



"It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise."
— Mark Twain

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

	4	9	8			7		1
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

fun

Amber Waves

ALL, RIGHT RUNT, I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR LIPPY ATTITUDE. TELL YA HOW IT'S GONNA BE.

YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME YOUR DESSERTS AND START DOING ALL MY HOMEWORK.

MARVIN, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BEAT ME UP, BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING...

UH, WHY AM I MEETING YOUR CLASSMATE'S DAD AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

boom boom boom

C'MON, LARRY... LIGHT THE FUSE ALREADY!

SHUT IT, PAUL! IT'S NOT EASY WORKING THIS LIGHTER WITHOUT ANY FINGERS!

FIRECRACKER SHRIMP

OOH, AHH OOH, AHH

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

YA GONNA FINISH THAT, MAW ?

GEEZ, PAW, BACK OFF !!

I AIN'T EVEN SET DOWN YET !!

JEST ONE MORE SIGN THAT TH' WORLD'S GOIN' T'HECK IN A HANDBASKET !!

NUTHIN' MATTERS ENNYMORE !! YA DON'T LIKE SUMPIN', YA JEST TOSS IT TO TH' SIDE !!

TRADITION BE DANGED, IT'S A DADBURN FREE-FER-ALL NOW !!

DON'T'CHA THINK YO'RE BEIN' A BIT DRAMATIC, PAW ?

NO !!

SATIDAY NIGHT LEFTOVERS AIN'T SUNDAY DINNER !!

GIT OVER IT, PAW !!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILLROLLAND

I JUSK KINT BLIEVES IT.

I KINT BLIEVES BRUTUS WOULD WELINKLY WALKS I NT A FIGHT WOT HE KNOWS HE'LL GET BUSKED UP IN.

THAT'S SPOSED TBE OUR THING.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART II

AT LONG LAST, BRUTUS IS SET TO WRESTLE MACCHI MACHISMO. EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS MACCHI IS USING HIM, BRUTUS STILL WANTS TO MAKE MACCHI LOOK GOOD SO HIS NEPHEW HARDTACK HAS SOMEONE TO BELIEVE IN.

HEY, THANKS-FER HELPIN' ME. I WAS THINKIN' FER THE MATCH WE COULD--

I ALREADY KNOW THIS IS A GIFT ON YOUR PART AND YOU PLAN ON TRYING TO INJURE ME. LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH.

EVEN THOUGH YA KNEW I'D DOUBLE-CROSS YA, YA SHOWED UFFER VER NEPHEW?

PROBABLY 'CUZ I'M (NOT A SUCKER)!

POW!

I'WOW, I'VE NEVER CARED BOUT ANYONE THAT MUCH.

MACCHI IS REALLY BEATIN' THE STUFFIN' OUTTA SUTURB.

I KNOW I DON'T LIKE SUTURB, BUT HE'S NOT EVEN FIGHTING BACK.

[THIS IS REALLY DEPRESSING.

LEAVE IT TO BRUTUS TO NOT EVEN BE GOOD AT LOSING.

?!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

YOU SHOULD INVEST ALL YOUR MONEY IN CHICKEN BROTH.

WHY?

IT WILL MAKE YOU A BOUILLIONAIRE

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

LOOK! I GOT A NEW BALL

I'D SURE HATE TO LOSE MY NEW BALL

WRITE YOUR NAME ON IT

GOOD IDEA

I'M SURE GLAD MY NAME WAS ON IT

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DAISY BOATS AND TRAILERS

“And it's being offered with this alternative fuel option!”

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		-		=	5		
+		+		+				
	+		-		=	3		
÷		+		-				
	+		×	6	=	54		
=		=						
5		22		5				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

PFO
ARMCLE
♥ERLFI
♥IRTO
LEWUFO
ALM
♥HWTE
♥APRCE
♥TPA
AFENIC
OMPT E
♥MPLA

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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answer

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5 22 5

= = =

6 8 + 1

= 54

- + ÷

3 4 - 5 + 2

+ + +

5 7 - 9 + 3

answers

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals N

FHCBXCHN TYCJHF MCN MSMCA-
JMFNH MFAYTA XRB'T MC
MGARBFYAL BC M WHNYAMAYSH
WHARBN: LBJM BCB.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

PICNIC AREA

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cap is open. 2. Hair ribbon is moved. 3. Thumb is wider. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Tree trunk is wider.

