

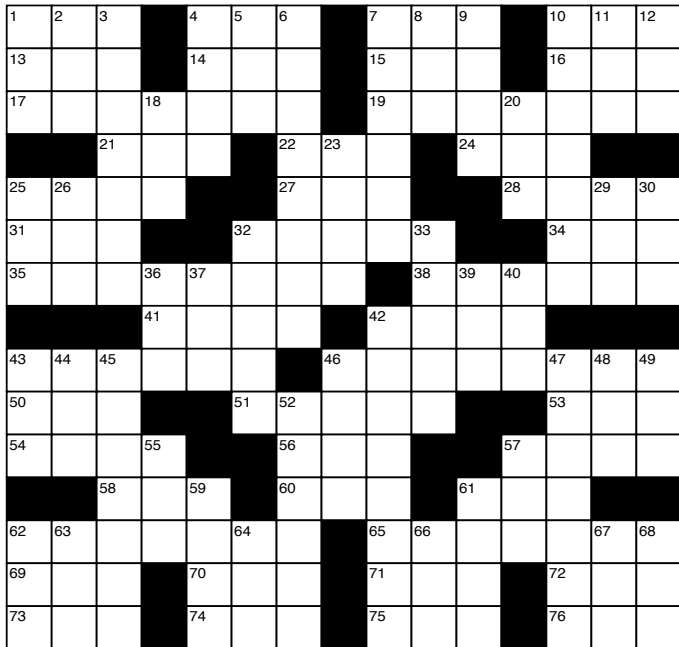
THE FUN KORNER

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CROSSWORD

Happy Days

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ACROSS

- 1 Gumshoe
- 4 Cry of surprise
- 7 Pecan
- 10 Traipse
- 13 Give-rest connector
- 14 Landau in "Exodus"
- 15 Employ
- 16 MacGraw
- 17 Sim character
- 19 Light sources
- 21 Swiss river
- 22 Bro
- 24 Comp. key
- 25 Festive entrees
- 27 interjection, var.
- 28 Part
- 31 Dir.
- 32 Bellyache
- 34 Affix
- 35 Festive occasions
- 38 Not cheers...
- 41 Sailors
- 42 Father

DOWN

- 1 "___ the season!"
- 2 List ender
- 3 Festive Confection
- 4 Aroma
- 5 Grab it all
- 6 Really elates
- 7 Cores
- 8 You are here, abbr.
- 9 Oversee
- 10 Horse strides
- 11 Pub offering
- 12 Put down
- 18 Western Hemisphere org.
- 20 ___ Spiegel
- 23 Congers
- 25 Hebrew letter
- 26 12 74A
- 29 Mendacity
- 30 Printer measures
- 32 Jokers
- 33 Tot
- 36 Lance ___
- 37 Duryea
- 39 Wrath
- 40 Place
- 42 Midwest newspaper
- 43 Droop
- 44 Self
- 45 Art of food preparation
- 46 Tale
- 47 Turkish inn
- 48 Pop
- 49 Ogle
- 52 Festive offerings
- 55 Vegetable
- 57 Ryan
- 59 ___ Ant
- 61 Black
- 62 Sopping
- 63 Dawn Chong
- 64 Have, scot.
- 66 Peak
- 67 ___ Speedwagon
- 68 My Gal ___

DOWN

- 1 "___ the season!"

Solutions to the Puzzles on this page will be provided in the next Edition of the Back Country Messenger.

Solutions To Last Month's Puzzles

- 1. If you had a 5-gallon jar and a 3-gallon jar, and an unlimited access to water, how would you measure exactly 4 gallons? Fill the 5-gallon jar and pour the water into the 3-gallon jar. Now empty the 3-gallon jar. From the 5-gallon jar, pour the 2 remaining gallons into the 3-gallon jar. Refill the 5-gallon jar and fill in the 3-gallon jar (with 1 gallon). What's left in the 5-gallon jar is four gallons!
- 2. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you. Throw the ball straight up in the air
- 3. A Petri dish hosts a healthy

- colony of bacteria. Once a minute every bacterium divides into two. The colony was founded by a single cell at noon. At exactly 12:43 (43 minutes later) the Petri dish was half full. At what time will the dish be full? 12:44
- 4. If you are in a dark room with a candle, a wood stove and a gas lamp. You only have one match, so what do you light first? The match
- 5. Can you create a sentence that contains the word 'and' five times in a row, i.e. with no other word between each 'and'? I paid a sign-painter to paint a sign for Campo that said "Campo - History and Fun." However, they made a huge error. The spaces between

- "Campo" and "And" and "And" and "Fun" weren't the same so the sign looked weird.
- 6. Name an ancient invention, which is still used in some parts of the world today, which allows people to see through walls. The window
- 7. Lighter than what I am made of, more of me is hidden than is seen. What am I? An iceberg.
- 8. There is a common English word that is nine letters long. Each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word - from nine letters right down to a single letter. What is the original word, and what are the words that it becomes after removing one letter at a time?

- The base word is Startling - starting - staring - string - sting - sing - sin - in - I
- 9. What 7 letter word becomes longer when the third letter is removed? Lounger
- 10. Two men are served identical drinks at the bar. One lives, but the other dies. Why? Poisoned ice cubes in the drinks: one man drinks slowly, giving them time to melt, but the other man drinks fast and doesn't get much of the poison.
- Here are the characters...what are the TV titles?
David Vincent - The Invaders
Mike Nelson - Sea Hunt
Sue Ann Niven - Mary Tyler Moore Show

PUZZLES

Brain Busters

Christmas Trivia

- 1. What are the names of Santa's reindeer?
- 2. When was "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens published?
- 3. Where did the line "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" come from?
- 4. Who came up with the idea of kissing under the mistletoe?
- 5. What exactly is Frankincense?
- 6. Who was the first President to decorate a Christmas tree?
- 7. What was the last state to declare Christmas a legal holiday (1907, there's a "Bah, Humbug" for you)
- 8. Who first depicted Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer and when was it (Within a decade)?
- 9. Exactly where did the word "Christmas" originate?
- 10. When did "Rudolph" come into being?

"It's a Wonderful Life" is one of my favorite movies. Here are some trivia questions about the movie.

- 1. Who directed it?
- 2. What was the name of the town that the story takes place?
- 3. Who played Clarence,

- George's guardian angel?
- 4. What Muppet characters were named after two of the characters in the movie (or so it's said)?
- 5. When does an angel get its wings?
- 6. Whom did George save from drowning?
- 7. What happened to George because of it?
- 8. How many Academy Awards did the film win?
- 9. How much money was "lost"?
- 10. What did George always wish whenever he entered the drug store?

And finally...

The 2009 Merriam-Webster's Words of the Year list (based on actual user lookups to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary and Online Thesaurus)

- 1. Admonish
- 2. Emaciated
- 3. Empathy
- 4. Furlough
- 5. Inaugurate
- 6. Nugatory
- 7. Pandemic
- 8. Philanderer
- 9. Repose
- 10. Rogue

Solution to Last Month's Crossword

Count On Us!

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Solution:

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E	S	T	O		G	E	A	R		I	S	E	R	E

- Joyce Davenport - Hill Street Blues
- Alex Reiger - Taxi
- Rollin Hand - Mission: Impossible
- Alexander Waverly - Man from U.N.C.L.E.
- Alexander Mundy - It Takes a Thief
- Harry T. Stone - Night Court
- Jennifer Marlowe - WKRP in Cincinnati
- Super Challenger!
- What were the character names of the Skipper and the Professor on Gilligan's Island? Skipper Jonas Grumby; Professor - Roy Hinkley
- And finally...
Top 250 movies as voted by

- the Internet Movie Database users (10 being best) (I'm sure not on the same wavelength!)
- 1. 9.1 The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
- 2. 9.1 The Godfather (1972)
- 3. 9.0 The Godfather: Part II (1974)
- 4. 8.9 Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo. (The Good, The Bad, The Ugly) (1966)
- 5. 8.9 Pulp Fiction (1994)
- 6. 8.9 Schindler's List (1993)
- 7. 8.8 12 Angry Men (1957)
- 8. 8.8 One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)
- 9. 8.8 The Dark Knight (2008)
- 10. 8.8 Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980)
- 11. 8.8 Casablanca (1942)