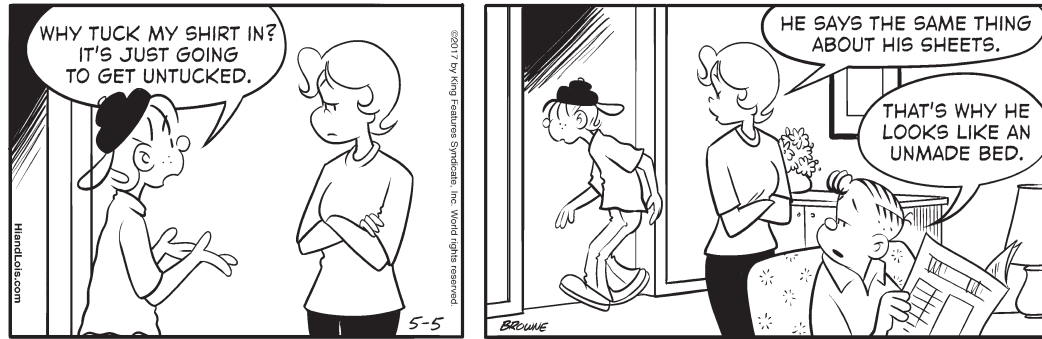


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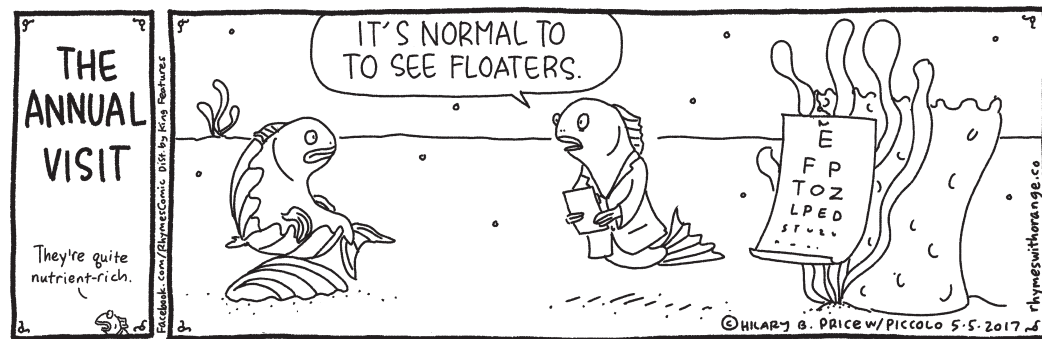
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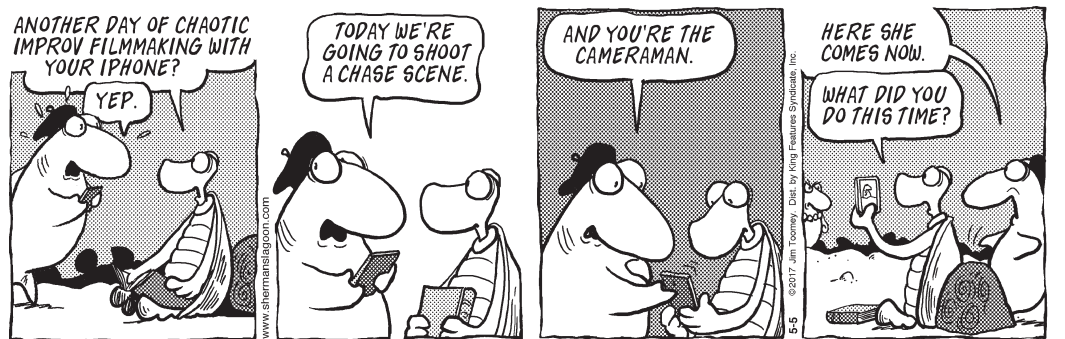
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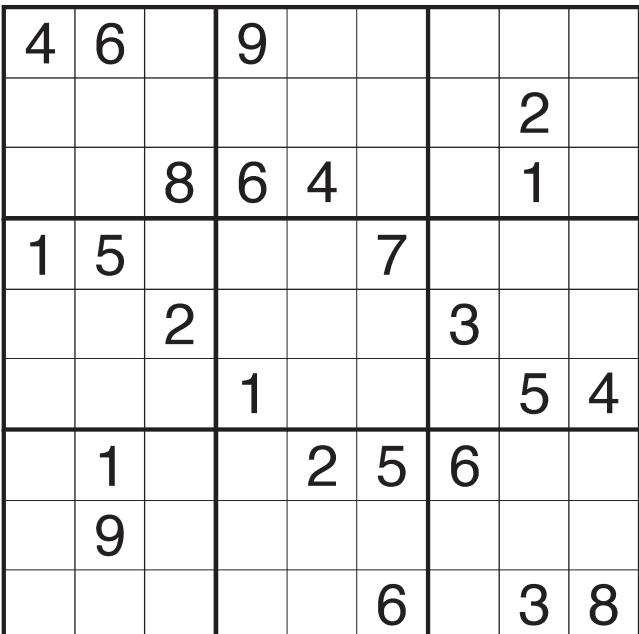


Sherman's Lagoon



Sudoku

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/05

Dear Annie

**Turn That Down!**  
Dear Annie: On a recent out-of-town excursion to do some shopping and planning for a new bathroom installation, we found ourselves in a very annoying predicament.

We stopped for lunch at a very nice restaurant, only to be assaulted by loud music the second we walked in. Thankfully, the waitress honored our request and did turn it down so we could enjoy a nice leisurely lunch.

Then it was on to the big-box store for a major purchase -- only to be assaulted once again by extremely loud music the minute we stepped inside. Needless to say, the measurements and planning were extremely difficult, as it was hard to think because of the noise. An employee there said it was beyond his control and that there was nothing that could be done. We walked out. That store lost a nice sale because of this.

This never used to be a problem. Can't retailers think and play quiet background music or none at all? Most people have things on their minds when shopping. Maybe someone reading this letter will "get" it. Noise pollution is not healthy indoors, for sure. -- Nancy

Dear Nancy: I hear you loud and clear. When I walk into a store or restaurant and the music is blasting, I tend to turn right back around. And we're not alone. In a study by consumer marketing blog Triggerpulling, loud music shortened the average consumer's shopping time. Though I have no practical advice to give (short of perhaps keeping some earplugs handy in your purse), I'm printing this as a plea to retailers and restaurateurs alike: Please, keep it down.

Dear Annie: I am a faithful reader of the column and felt compelled to write in because I can really relate to "Deep in Dishes," whose roommate isn't cleaning up after herself in the kitchen.

I shared an apartment with two dear friends during college. Two of us were "clean freaks" and did our dishes daily. Our third, just like the roommate "Deep in Dishes" wrote about, left hers for days, forgot they were hers and then refused to do them. Plates, frying pans with stuck-on food, etc. -- they'd sit in the sink for days.

Please tell "Deep in Dishes" to put anything left unwashed overnight by "Wendy" in a small plastic tub and leave it on her bed. The kitchen will be clean, and Wendy won't be able to deny they are hers. And if she leaves them in the sink again without washing them, they should reappear on her bed the next day. Worked like a charm for us.

By the way, 30 years later, we are still close friends and laugh about this! -- Debbie H.

Dear Debbie: I hear so many stories about how living together has caused falling-outs and ruined friendships. It's refreshing to hear from someone who didn't let roommate problems sink a great friendship.

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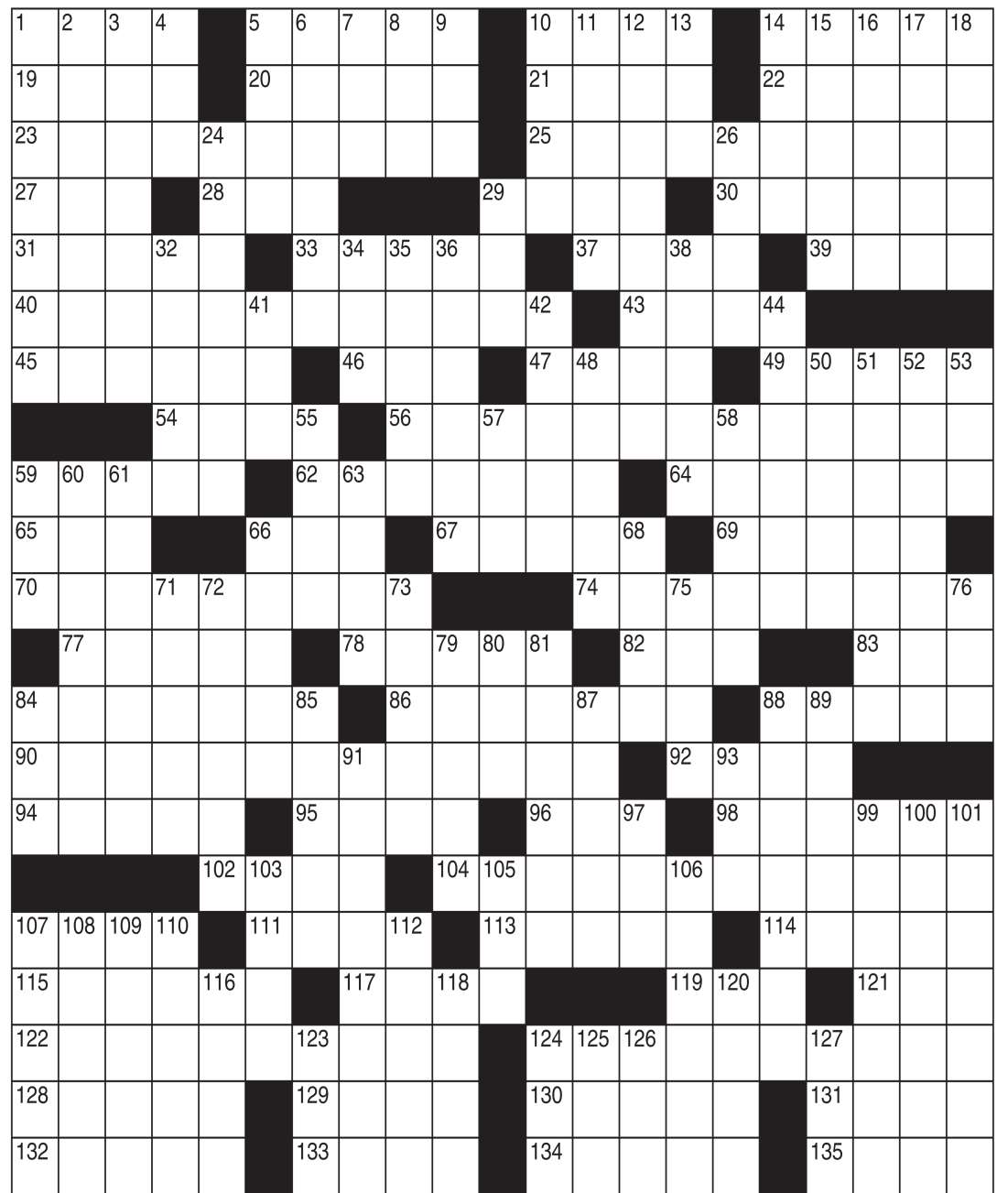
Crossword

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

NATURALLY SWEET MELANGE

- ACROSS
- 1 Temporarily trendy things
  - 5 Huge chasm
  - 10 Nile serpents
  - 14 Navajo neighbors
  - 19 "Oh, gotcha"
  - 20 Flip (out)
  - 21 Mets' old home
  - 22 Blue color of the clear 9-Down
  - 23 Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling?
  - 25 Having the same figure as Sheriff Wyatt?
  - 27 Verb suffix in London
  - 28 Vast age
  - 29 Average golf scores
  - 30 Kindhearted
  - 31 Clutch, e.g.
  - 33 Sets of two
  - 37 Gyro holder
  - 39 "Fish Magic" painter Paul
  - 40 Drink you can only get by contacting someone by beeper?
  - 43 See 8-Down
  - 45 Her cow was notorious
  - 46 Bite slightly
  - 47 Q-V linkup
  - 49 Designer Schiaparelli and others
  - 54 Jethro — (rock band)
  - 56 Strong Dutch gin that's inexpensive?
  - 59 "The gloves are off!"
  - 62 Like alfresco events
  - 64 Obedient dogs, maybe
  - 65 Rival of HBO
  - 66 Male bud
  - 67 Bert's bud
  - 69 14th-century Russian ruler
  - 70 Golf club for extremely long shots?
  - 74 Unit for measuring the force of some PC picture files?
  - 77 "I pass," in cards
  - 78 Cantina cooking pots
  - 82 Chast of cartoons
  - 83 The sun, e.g.
  - 84 Negatively charged, as an atom
  - 86 Banned diet-drug combo
  - 88 Major alarm
  - 90 Pie topping that originated in Edison's lab?
  - 92 Base for poi
  - 94 Lung, for one
  - 95 Mail, e.g.
  - 96 Lacerate
  - 98 Taking the middle out of
  - 102 Santa — (some hot winds)
  - 104 Surrounded by a spicy Indian condiment?
  - 107 Grungy sort
  - 111 Fierce whale
  - 113 Tatum with an Oscar



- 114 Post office gizmo
- 115 Sushi condiment
- 117 Like hand-me-downs
- 119 Altar vow
- 121 Vitamin no.
- 122 Gusto shown by a wild Asian ass?
- 124 Apt alternate title for this puzzle
- 128 Did a fall yard chore
- 129 "I concur!"
- 130 Circus site
- 131 Concept, in Soissons
- 132 Clock parts
- 133 Org. against dogfights
- 134 Shindig
- 135 Unhip type
- 14 Taunting cry
- 15 County in Missouri
- 16 Iris part
- 17 Dunne of old Hollywood
- 18 Bog plant
- 24 Trip during a kegger, say
- 26 Eye carefully
- 29 Chi-omega link
- 32 1954-77 treaty gp.
- 34 Over there, old-style
- 35 Wonderland visitor
- 36 Wife of Niles on "Frasier"
- 38 Feel
- 41 1995-2013 Arizona senator Jon
- 42 Free of fluid
- 44 Capital of Suisse
- 48 Bit of parsley
- 50 Onetime TV legal drama
- 51 Shelled out for
- 52 Deduced, not observed
- 53 Mil. draft inits.
- 55 British noble
- 57 Stirrup site
- 58 Big name in ketchup
- 59 Suffix with capital
- 60 Paint diluter
- 61 Going it alone
- 63 — stick
- 66 Obfuscate
- 68 St. Pat's isle
- 71 Virus in 2014 news
- 72 Ryder of "Black Swan"
- 73 Puckish
- 75 Courier, e.g.
- 76 "Grimm" network
- 79 — helping hand
- 80 Film director Lee
- 81 Goad
- 84 "Ti —" (Italian "I love you")
- 85 French film award
- 87 Poet Heinrich
- 88 Bragging about
- 89 Vena cava neighbor
- 91 Cry for help
- 93 Wilhelm's "Woe is me!"
- 97 Links org. since 1916
- 99 Trespass
- 100 Less well-off
- 101 Whirled
- 103 Film genre
- 105 In vogue, in the '60s
- 106 Customer
- 107 Fencing tool
- 108 Oahu porch
- 109 Port in Japan
- 110 Deli nosh
- 112 Good thing
- 116 Nap spots
- 118 Peak in Sicily
- 120 Attack time in WWII
- 123 Tase, e.g.
- 124 Road guide
- 125 Nest egg inits.
- 126 Reagan-era teen, e.g.
- 127 — Tin Tin

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