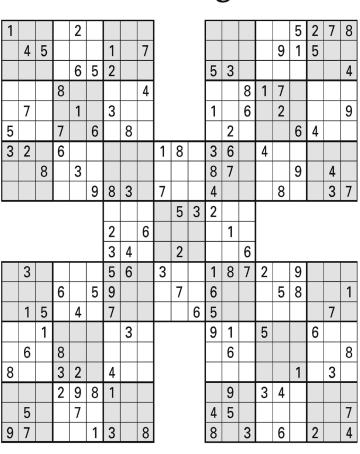
PUZZLES

SUDOKU High Fives



HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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ACROSS

Sound quality

19 Like counting your

chickens before

they've hatched

Come to terms with

"Good golly!" across

Cloaklike garment

Hardly a right-minded

NCAA rival of Duke

To which one might

respond. "Salud!"

Superlative suffix

Seattle: abbr.

Reason for an

Quaint photos

Archie's pal at

Dry as a bone

Riverdale

Fighting

Sprang

Old hand

Juxury SUV

73 Freestyle, e.g.

France

IHOP order

R rating?

Gobble

45

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62

Summer setting in

McGregor who played Obi-Wan Kenobi

Cuban or Zuckerberg?

Largest species of the

genus Leopardus

More ready to go

Show stopper?

Pure and simple

Part of the eve where

vision is sharpest

Maker of the MDX

Needing certain ink

for a color printer?

Epitome of laziness

Harbor city of NW

Went to court, say

It may be right under

your nose, informally

Fixture behind the bar

20 Going great guns,

as business

the pond

Nosh

29

Close enough

Goes around

individual?

West African capita

Fixture on a ski-lodge

WORKSPACE: 2÷ CHALLENGING outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner. 2 The numbers within the heavily 7 2 8 9 5 Puzzle Answers P 4 2 1 5 3 7 ε ħ L 5 2 9 1 2 3 2 1 4 6 5 L ε Þ 9 1 2 2 2 7 ε 7

l had a daydream about this show recen RISSEE Connected episodes Clue: Group for justice GUALEE Clue: Sgt. Saunders battle BMAOTC Clue: More than 500 actors auditioned for the lead roles on this show, which aired on NBC WTKONER for two years. Answer THE Answers to 12/30/18 Jumbles: LURCH TRACTOR BONANZA WARTIME Answer: "The Show" won 25 Emmy Awards and was ranked #16 on TV Guides" 5'0 Greatests Shows of All Imme "(in 2002). CONTRIBUTION CAROL BURNETT All Rights Reserved.

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Leaving cruise control switch on does no harm

Dear Car Talk: There are times when I discover that my cruise control is "on" but not engaged. Is driving like that doing any damage, Michael

such as lowering my gas mileage? No. It's like having a lamp plugged in, but not turning it on. It's a safety system, Michael.

Most cars have a "master" cruisecontrol switch. Until you set that switch to "on," you cannot engage the cruise control and use it to set the car's speed.

They want to prevent you from accidentally hitting the "set" button on cruise control while you're driving, and then panicking when the car keeps going after you take your foot off the gas. Or, even worse, they don't want you to hit "resume" when you're going 45 mph in traffic, and have the car zoom back to 70 mph - where you last had the cruise control set. So they make you use two switches. Kind of like the guys in the missile silos in the Cheyenne Mountain Complex.

To use cruise control, the first switch you need to activate is the master switch. Once that's turned on, you'll probably see a green or orange cruise-control light on the dashboard. Only then can you use the steering-wheel controls (on most cars) to set your speed.

By the way, for years now Mercedes has been putting its cruise-control switch on a stalk that comes out the left side of the steering column. We always thought that was a bad design, because it's pretty easy to hit it by accident when you're using the turn-signal stalk. In fact, we've done that when testing Mercedes cars. And it required an immediate change of pants.

As you can imagine, Michael, a safety "on/off" switch is even more important in a car with an ergonomic issue like that. Although we wish they'd just put the controls on the steering wheel, like most other automakers now do. But to answer your question, you're not doing any harm to the engine or to your mileage by leaving the master switch "on." You're just taking the first of two steps in activating cruise control.

Dear Car Talk: I have a rustedout heat shield on my 2003 Honda Accord. I took my car in to get an estimate, and initially was told it would cost \$319. I agreed, and set a date to bring my car in when the parts arrived. The day I took my car in, the person at the counter said that their mechanic went home sick and that they think they gave me a wrong estimate. I told them to call me when they had the correct information.

The next morning they called and said they ordered the bottom part for the heat shield, and that



BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

was in the estimate, but they still needed to order the top part of the shield, which was not in the estimate. With the extra part and an additional half hour of labor, the new cost would be \$490. Before I get it fixed, do I need to replace the heat shield? And is nearly \$500 the right price? That's a lot more than the original estimate.

We do recommend that you replace the heat shield, Liz. Just not with these guys.

The reason the heat shield is there is to keep your car from either catching fire or setting something else on fire if your catalytic converter overheats. Catalytic converters run very hot, even when they're working properly. But if, for instance, one of your fuel injectors failed and started pouring gasoline into a cylinder, some of that gasoline would combust in the converter, which would then get so hot that it would literally glow.

And it certainly could be hot enough to set your car's carpet on fire. Which might sound like a good thing, Liz, given the smell you probably have in this 15-year-old car. But the fire likely won't stop at the carpet. A red-hot converter could also set fire to something underneath the car, like some grass or leaves you park over. Or it could ignite a piece of cardboard in your garage and burn your house down. So we do recommend you replace it. But not at the shop that wants to charge you \$490. That's way too much.

The parts, which are just pieces of sheet metal and a few bolts, should cost about \$160 from a Honda parts department. And the job takes about an hour of labor. That means you should pay some where between \$250 and \$300 to have this done. So you might save half by shopping around, Liz.

I also don't like that your shop didn't call you to tell you their mechanic went home sick. That's not very considerate. What if you took time off work to bring your car in? Or missed Oprah?

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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'NO DUH!'

By Luke Vaughn / Edited by Will Shortz

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- Only European capital
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- Impetus behind a paternity test?
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113 Opposite

Homeland Security

- 14 Finisher of cakes

- 56 Dog or cat transporter 58 Often-smoked cheese 59 First lady

Buy one circus ani-

mal, get one circus

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(Dr. Seuss' real name)

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animal free?

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Female in a pen

Cowboys' home

It's more than a

warning: abbr.

In front of, old-style

Street handout, maybe

View from la plage

City between Albany

2017 World Series

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and Rochester

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and fortune? Some SAT study Kind of alcohol

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(1990s platinum

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Worker at a hosp.

Waterloo's home

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Rules, informally

Quavering sounds

Rating somebody?

The Supreme Court

and the Muses

sacred text

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101 Barbara and Jenna

105 Exams for future J.D.s

109 Traveling from coast

to coast, maybe

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

Your passionate approach to maintaining and upholding your beliefs and integrity will result in a change of feelings, friendships and direction. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay

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focused on what needs to be accomplished instead of wasting time getting angry at something or someone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communicating or attending a trade show or conference will help you discover some-

thing you enjoy doing that can also help pay the bills. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sharing responsibilities will bring you closer to

someone special. Make plans for the

future to improve your lifestyle and

vour relationship. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make suggestions that include loved ones. Planning a day of fun or relaxing and discussing upcoming events will give you

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have more options than you realize. Pick up as much information as possible online or go directly to an expert for suggestions.

something to look forward to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need a break. Gather with like-

minded people and have some good old-fashioned fun. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rest will do you a world of good. Don't let anyone bait you into an argument or pressure you

to do something you don't want to do. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Prepare for the future. Travel that is linked to business or educational pursuits should

be considered and researched. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Simplicity and moderation will be the keys if you want to avoid making a mistake. Spend more time taking care of yourself,

your personal finances and your home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of matters concerning important relationships. Emotions will surface, causing you to make a rash move that can dis-

rupt an important relationship. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get into a fitness routine that is sustainable. Find something you enjoy doing that will

keep you in shape and looking great. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share with someone you have collaborated with in the past to come up with an idea that will

consume themselves. And many of them

tell Miss Manners that they are not thrilled

to accept an invitation only to find that it is

as you worded it, an invitation to contribute

Dear Miss Manners: I co-hosted a busi-

about 50 of our customers. The invitees wore

traditional office attire, as did I. The invitations

To my dismay, my male co-host arrived

ness function, an "appreciation dinner" for

in a tuxedo. I know this was obviously

improper, but as my co-host is also my

superior, I had no idea how to handle the

situation. While I realized he looked like a

boob, my concern was what to say when

asked by several guests, "Oh, am I under-

In most instances, this was said with a

laugh, so I didn't know if they were sharing

the joke, or if they were truly uncomfortable

Is there something I could have said? I

in thinking that they had underdressed.

encourage a new beginning.

By Eugenia Last

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

Year's party for my close circle of friends. vear. But as I was cleaning up, it occurred to me that most everything I bought for the party was still here

wine, beer, mixers, garnishes and desserts, and invited quests to bring one appetizer and any other beverage they might prefer. Most brought their own wine, some brought their own desserts, and some brought several things.

in the way of wine, beer and desserts remained untouched. I can't help but think of the unnecessary expense — something I dislike along with excess. So, am I being too unrealistic expecting people to follow what I thought were clear instructions?

the host's privilege of controlling the menu. the way to do so is to provide all the refreshments. It is not by ordering take-out from your guests, as if this were a cooperative party that you had all agreed upon giving together. Miss Manners realizes that such

where other hosts complain that guests

But you should realize that to solicit

to the larder.

did not specify dress.

dressed? Is this black tie?'

know my superior thought himself quite the dandy, so I know it will happen again next vear. All I had to offer them was a rather lame, "You look just great! Can I get you something to drink?" Dear Gentle Reader: Try as she will, Miss Manners can think of no way you can rescue

someone who is determined to dress improperly: "Oh, it's just that his New Year's Eve party went on rather long and he didn't have time to change"?

Address your etiquette questions to Miss Manners at her website, www.missmanners com: to her email, dearmissmanners@gmail com; or through postal mail to Miss Manners Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St. Kansas City, MO 64106.

Dear Miss Manners: Liust hosted a New

First, let me say that we had a fabulous time, and it was the perfect way to ring in the new

The invitation stated that I would provide

Therefore, there was way too much food

left over, and most of what I had provided Dear Gentle Reader: If you want to assert

demands are often made. It has gotten to

often show up with unrequested food and insist upon it being served, thus sabotaging the host's efforts. (Miss Manners advises them to accept these offerings as presents for their future use, and whisk them out of sight.)

offerings is to cede control. People will then bring what they find easiest or they want to