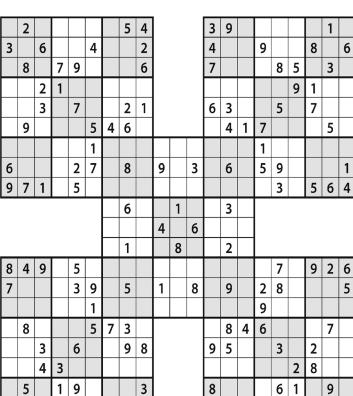
PUZZLES

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.

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12X 2÷ 2÷ CHALLENGING **RULES** outlined boxes, called cages, must Each row and each column must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the targe numbers in the top-left corners. 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 1 6 5 2 1 7 7 8 1 3 4 5 7 ε 9 1 3 4 2 5 ħ L ε L 9 S b E 7

E by David L. Hoyt She's always made a good impression on me. Clue: Food Network subject NRNEDI PHYLIPA Clue: How Richie lived TRNUFEO Clue: "WOF" wealth Clue: This person's first TV appearance was in a 1997 bank commercial. LIMMNAA Clue: Knight role Then arrange the circled letters to form the answer, as suggested by the above cartool and clue.

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Jumbles: ISLAND COUPLE VAMPIRE ANATOMY Answers to 2/7/21 Answer: This person hosted the second episode of "SNL" in 1975 and went on to host it three more times.

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No. 0207

Turbo charger issue may be last straw for Buick owner

Dear Car Talk: We have a 2013 Buick Encore that has had a lot of problems throughout the years. Thankfully, our warranty paid for it. Then, about four months after our extended warranty expired, we were told we had to replace the turbo charger BY RAY MAGLIOZZI at a cost of \$2,700. The car had

be a somewhat early adopter. only 46,000 miles on it. But, on the other hand, lots We contacted our represenmore electric cars are comtative at Buick to see if they

would help with the cost. He said he would get back to us in a few days. After a week, I called again and was promised another call back. This went on for a month and he never called back. Finally, he called to tell us the only thing Buick would do for us was give us \$1,500 toward a new Buick if we bought it within a year. After all the problems we ing either car. had with this Buick, that's not going to happen.

My question is how common is it for a turbo charger to go out, let alone at 46,000 miles? Thank you. — Jeff

Not common. In the early days of turbos, it was not uncommon to have a turbo seize up after 75.000 miles or so. Turbos weren't well cooled back then, and oil would get caked onto the hot turbo and cause its bearings to fail.

But that problem was solved many years ago. Oils are far better, turbos are better and it's pretty common for a turbo to last the life of the engine now. So you're well within your rights to be disappointed in the performance of your Buick, Jeff.

Dear Car Talk: We are thinking about trading in our 2015 Taurus for a small SUV because we - and our friends - are finding it harder and harder to get in and out of the car, which is pretty low to the ground. We're in our 70s. We are considering either a

2021 Escape Plug-In Hybrid or the electric Mustang SUV. My first car was a 1953 Ford and this will probably be my last car, so I want it to be another Ford. 95% of our driving will be within the range to get us back home without a recharge. My concern with the allelectric is finding recharging

distance. At our age, 300 miles is a long distance. What would you recommend? — Ken First of all, good for both of you for wanting your next car to be environmentally friendly. It can be a tough call whether

to go all-electric now. You'd still

stations when traveling a long



ing, and coming soon. They're more environmentally friendly, cheaper to own and maintain, and often quicker and quieter I'm going to assume you've driven both the Mustang Mach

E and the Escape Plug-In Hybrid and find both of them easy enough to get in and out of. And that you'd feel comfortable driv-

The advantage of the plug-in hybrid is that you'll get many of the benefits of an EV, without any risk of running out of electricity. The Escape Plug-In Hybrid gets an impressive 37 miles of all electric range before its gasoline engine takes over. That's enough for many people to do a full day's worth of driving (37 miles a day is more than 13,000 miles a year). And, the fact is, there are places to plug in at shopping areas and parking garages now.

The plug-in hybrid also has a gasoline engine to back you up, so your total range is about 500 miles. That's plenty for those long trips, too. So you can think of that as a "starter EV." The Mustang Mach E is completely electric, and the longest-range version gets between 250 and 300 miles on a full charge. That would be way more than enough for most of your day to day driving. But would make the 300-mile trips a little more challenging.

If you want to see what longer trips would look like, Ford has put together what it calls the FordPass Charging Network It's mostly made up of charging stations by Electrify America and Greenlots but allows you to have one account to cover all those chargers. If you go to https://tinyurl.com/y2qja39v you can map out any prospective trip. The map will show you charging stations that are available along the way. That'll give you an idea of how widespread charging stations are now.

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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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

An aggressive approach to using your skills to advance will pay off. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Your conviction and discipline will be difficult to match when competing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't try to get by on hearsay. Once you verify information, you'll recognize what's available and how you can make the most of an opportunity. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Evaluate your relationships with others. Getting along with the people you live with

can be difficult if stubbornness prevails. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your best foot forward, and make a difference. Volunteer and make someone's day, or offer

praise to someone you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Savor the moment, and don't be afraid to take a unique approach to life, love and your search for happiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stop strugaling. You either feel for someone or you don't. Make a decision, and do whatever you need to do. Take advantage of an opportunity to do what makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of scenery or plans will lift your spirits. It's time to try to use your imagination and try something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need to do something engaging. Start a conversation with someone you love, and a plan you both can look forward to will unfold. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't

ce anything or anyone for granted to complaints, and make suggestions that will improve your situation at home or help someone you care about move along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by what someone does or says. Stick to what you know, and you'll overcome any hurdle you face.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a point to recognize what someone does for you, and respond with something that shows your gratitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll make it difficult for anyone to outmaneuver you. High energy well spent will lead to your continued success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Push for what you want. Don't let what others do or say make you retreat. A confident, informative approach will make what you want clear to anyone who tries to challenge you.

By Eugenia Last

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

Dear Miss Manners: We have a household member who has very bad manners. He lies around on the couch all day, expects us to provide all his meals and has never even offered to help with the

He also has atrocious hygiene habits, resulting in horrible breath. He tracks in dirt and leaves from the vard. We don't even try to plant flowers or grow a garden because he ruins any landscaping he sees

Sometimes, when I am ready to turn in for the night, I will find him asleep in my bed! I will have to actually wake him up and ask him to get out of my bed so I can go to sleep. Worst of all, he regularly wakes up my husband in the middle of the night just to announce that he needs to use the restroom. This happens almost every We love him very much, but we just

don't know how to address these issues. I swear, if he pees on another bush during a family walk, I just might lose it. Dear Gentle Reader: Does he happen

to be your pet? Or your son? He doesn't sound all that lovable to Miss Manners, but then, she is not his parent. Your choices are:

1. Engage in some overdue training. Lose it.

You will notice that the former would have the least serious consequences.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband's sister became a first-time grandmother when her son and his wife welcomed their first child. The new mom and dad

Many relatives signed up for the album, but they are now all complaining about the many emails, arriving multiple times during the day, saying that new photos have been uploaded. Anticipating all these email notices. I never signed up Now my sister-in-law is wondering why I have not joined the photo album

Yes, a new grandchild is wonderful, but not when the whole family is bombarded with photos ad nauseam.

The family wants to know: Is there a tactful way to inform my sister-in-law that most relatives have no interest in this? Or do we all suffer and wait it out for the new parents to slack off with the photo-taking, like most parents eventually do?

would not really become nauseous by looking at pictures of a new baby relative. And you don't even have to look at them. Miss Manners presumes that you have a delete key. There are times — engagements, as well

Dear Gentle Reader: Come, now. You

as births — when a fond family indulges such foolishness, knowing that it won't last. You could sort all those emails into a

file, telling yourself — and, if necessary, the proud parents — that you want to examine them at leisure. That time might even come, as an alternative to playing solitaire

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

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: B A M I N G P O P F A D D I E T S U B E R S O I L N Y T

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 - Rigged card game
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invitations to everyone to join and view

Address your etiquette questions to Miss

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