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SUDOKU High Fives

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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.





by David L. Hoyt Clue: Type of ending LAINFE Clue: Hobson's version TIDNIEO Clue: This sitcom, which aired for seven seasons, was the No. 2 show on SEMNNAW Crue: Cronkite, for example TV two years in a row. Then arrange the circled letters to form the answer, as suggested by the above cartoon and clue Answer Answers to 11/15/20 Jumbles: CHEERS MAKEUP TONIGHT ROMANCE Answer: This actor won the Fresh Faces of Iowa modeling contes in 1997. ASHTON KUTCHER © 2020 Tilbune Content Agency, LLC, All Rights Reserved You can e-mail David L. Hoyt at DLHoyt@aol.com.

Antelope Valley Press, Sunday, November 22, 2020 D3 Why is my Toyota Tacoma humming at night?

Dear Car Talk: Sometimes when I go into my garage late at night, I can hear a humming noise coming from my 2005 Tacoma. It sounds like a small electric motor running. What is it and will it eventually run down the battery? — Randall

What you're hearing is the evaporative emissions pump. In the old days, fuel systems were vented directly to the outside air. Every gas cap had a hole in it to let the gasoline vapors escape. But that was a huge cause of smog. So fuel systems were redesigned and sealed to trap gasoline vapors. Inside a sealed system, we now capture gas vapors in a charcoal canister and then reintroduce and combust them when the car starts up again.

What you're hearing is a pump that pressurizes your fuel storage system (the tank, filler neck, gas cap, evaporative canister) in order to test it, and make sure it's sealed. As long as the system holds its pressure, the computer concludes that everything is fine, and it stands down.

But if the system can't hold pressure — if the pump has to come on too often or for too long — then the computer assumes there's a leak from which gasoline vapors are escaping, and it will turn on your check engine light.

So if your check engine light hasn't come on, there's nothing to worry about yet, Randall. If it HAS come on, first check to be sure your gas cap is on tightly and correctly. That's the single most common source of a fuel system pressure leak. And if that doesn't turn the light off in short order, you've bought yourself a trip to the mechanic.

Either way, stop sneaking up on your truck like that in the garage, Randall. Give it a little privacy at night, eh?

Dear Car Talk: | drive a supercharged 1994 Buick Park Avenue Ultra with 123,000 miles. The horn quit working, and I took it to a Buick dealer who ran a diagnostic test.

Their test didn't show why the horn had quit working. They thought it might possibly be a short circuit. They offered to do a more extensive test for \$375 but would not guarantee that they could find the problem.

I did not take them up on their offer. They suggested that I try to find a Mom and Pop car shop that would do the



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diagnostic work more cheaply. No luck so far. Do you have any idea why the horn quit working? Jerry

I do, Jerry, but I'll have to charge you \$375 before I tell you

Actually, no. I don't know. I'm guessing the dealership ran the simplest tests. They probably started by checking the fuse and horn relay. Those take about two minutes each. Then they energized your horns (there are two of them, which is what creates that obnoxious, dissonant musical note) and found that the horns themselves worked fine when properly energized.

Then, they probably tested the wires that attach to the horns and discovered that there was no power arriving there. That means that the problem is somewhere between your palm and those final horn wires.

That's how we would have started, too, And the truth is, at that point, the work starts getting a lot more time-consuming, which is why they lost interest.

If I were working on your car, the next thing I'd check is the horn pad on your steering wheel, given the age of your Buick. Checking that requires removing the horn pad, which contains the driver's airbag. Once you remove the horn pad, you can jump the horn wires and see if that makes the horn blow. If it does, then you need a new horn pad.

If jumping the wires doesn't sound the horn, then you've got a wiring issue — somewhere downstream of those two wires and upstream of the horns themselves — and that could easily run into several hours of labor and, therefore, hundreds of dollars to track down.

Alternatively, if you're ready to accept that this car has officially entered heapdom, you could bypass your current setup and have a shop install a new horn button somewhere that's easy for you to reach on the dashboard.

Good luck, Jerry.

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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Step away from conflict and unpredictable situations. Concentrate on getting your life and goals in order, and rid yourself of past regrets and situations that hold you hostage. Take the initiative to turn negatives

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A new beginning, a change of scenery or expanding your interests, knowledge and skills will lead to a brighter future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Anger is a waste of time. Put your energy to better use and do something that will improve your life. not cause uncertainty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Discuss your plans with someone you love, and make changes that will encourage you to live the life that brings you peace and happiness. It's up to you to set goals.



into positives and to live life your way ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Approach situations realistically. When dealing with loved ones, be receptive and offer positive support. Consider what you can do to get up and moving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You've got what it takes to bring about a positive change. Discuss your plans with someone you love, and together you can change the way you do things and how you live.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful what you share with others. Someone will use information against you to discredit your ability to pursue something you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss your plans with someone you love, and a change to the way you live will unfold. Love is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do something energetic. Focus on self-improvement, discipline and building confidence.

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

Dear Miss Manners: I became fast friends and drinking buddies with an (essentially) married couple and the wife's business partner and close friend, a married man. They helped me through some hard times. although I don't hang out with them much anymore.

The wife, Arlene, and the partner, Josh were often together because of their work, and she considers him like a brother. I've been single for years, and Josh apparently developed a crush on me. I've never had similar feelings, in spite of enjoying his personality - besides, he's married. He also has serious weight issues, and I would consider both him and Arlene heavy drinkers

But Arlene consistently mentioned how she thought Josh just needed a "good woman" to get him out of his marriage. She has flat-out told me numerous times she thinks he went on such-and-such diet hoping to date me.

I made it clear to her from Day 1 that I won't engage with someone who is married happily or not — and that I don't have those feelings towards Josh.

Fast-forward to a long-overdue, socially distanced dinner with Arlene, where she mentioned that she really thinks Josh and I would be great together. I lost my patience and point-blank said, "I will never be romantically attracted to Josh.'

She looked like I'd just stolen her beloved cat. How can I dissuade these continuous comments, and what is the correct way to respond?

Dear Gentle Reader: One way to respond is to understand that someone who for whatever strange reason — has no respect for either your wishes or your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A physical outlet will calm your nerves. Don't let anyone meddle in your affairs. It's best to verify information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your plan to the next level. Update skills and follow trends. You owe it to yourself to bring about change that benefits you personally and professionally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look out for your interests, and handle and protect your lifestyle from anyone trying to disrupt what you've worked to achieve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your imagination, take control and develop a plan that will bring about positive change physically, emotionally and financially.

By Eugenia Last

principles is not your friend. Then if Arlene chooses to pout, you need not attempt to mollify her.

If, for whatever strange reasons of vour own, vou want to continue the relationship, Miss Manners suggests putting the matter before Josh. As he has apparently not made direct overtures to you, you are free to treat him as another victim of Arlene's delusion.

"I suppose Arlene must mean well," you can tell him, "but she is embarrassing us both by trying to promote an adulterous relationship between us. Under any circumstances, a romance between us will always be out of the question, although I hope we will remain friends. She doesn't listen to me, so please tell her that you don't want her pestering me on your supposed behalf."

Dear Miss Manners: We had been invited to a wedding this fall. Due to the pandemic, a small ceremony will still take place; however, the celebration will be postponed. (No date set as I write this.)

When is it appropriate to give a wedding gift? At the time of the ceremony, which we will not attend, or at the celebration?

Dear Gentle Reader: Now. You were invited, presumably to be reinvited when possible, and the couple, whom Miss Manners assumes you want to please, is getting married. That is the reason for giving a wedding present — not as admission to the wedding

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