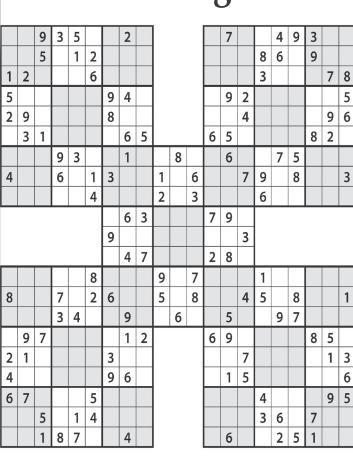
SUDOKU High Fives



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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WORKSPACE: 2÷ 12X CHALLENGING 10× 12X **RULES** Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. outlined boxes, called cages, mus combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with

I'm not surprised how well she's **FYLIMA** Keatons' connection REDVISR | Clue: Louie sent them out Clue: "Street Food" pan STLIKEL Clue: By the time this actress turned 30, she'd already had leading roles SIFHANO on two TV shows. Then arrange the circled letters to form the answer, as suggested by the above cartoor and clue.

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Answers to 2/14/21 Jumbles: DINNER HAPPILY FORTUNE MAILMAN Answer: This person's first TV appearance was in a 1997 bank You can e-mail David L. Hoyt at DLHoyt@aol.com.

Soft ride, towing capacity don't always go hand in hand

Dear Car Talk: I bought a barely-used 2009 Nissan Frontier Pro4X Crew Cab in 2010. It was the best money Lever spent. It now has 77K miles, and I plan to keep it until I can't drive anymore.

My question: Is there anything I can do to make the ride softer, yet still keep the towing capacity at a little over 6,000 pounds? — Carl

Unfortunately, there's not a heck of a lot you can do.

In order to have a towing capacity of some 6,000 pounds, the truck has to have heavyduty springs. And those springs are what give your truck that Conestoga wagon ride that you've come to know and not really love.

The only possible area for improvement is your tires. First, make sure they're not overinflated. Overinflated tires will definitely add more bounce to the ride, and that's the last thing you want. Don't underinflate them either but go to the low end of the recommended pressure range, especially when you're not towing anything.

And when it's time for new tires, look at something like the Continental Terrain Contact A/T, which gets a pretty good rating for comfort, along with everything else. And that won't reduce your towing capacity, as long as the tires carry the ratings your truck requires.

Dear Car Talk: You recently had a column about roadside emission test stations. I live in an area where our cars are required to be tested every two years to renew license plates. The testing stations here are mostly along interstate highways, and I drive by them frequently. I seriously doubt with thousands of cars going by and with the wind blowing that they are able to test emissions and somehow determine which car the exhaust came from. I recently received my notice

and am required to take my car to a testing facility and pay \$25 for the privilege. The whole deal is nothing more than a revenue source for the state and does nothing to take polluters off the road. -Ed I can tell you're a skeptic, Ed.

But I think your information is a little bit out of date. You're thinking of the old days when your emissions were

checked by sticking a probe up

the tailpipe. Kind of like taking a

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

kid's temperature. The mechanic would insert a metal probe with a hose on it in the tailpipe, and it would suck exhaust gasses into the analyzer. That would tell us how much carbon monoxide and unburned hydrocarbons vou were putting out.

But that's not how it's done anymore. Now, the vast majority of emissions tests are done by tapping into the car's computer directly. We have a device that we plug into the car's diagnostic port, and it gives us readings from the car's own internal sensors. It tells us, for instance, the composition of the exhaust before it goes through your catalytic converter, and after it goes through. And from that, we can tell whether the converter is doing its job.

We can also tell if, for instance, there are too many unburned hydrocarbons going into your converter, which means the problem is in the engine, not the emissions equipment. And because it's all measured deep inside the exhaust system, nothing nearby will affect the reading, not a car idling in the next bay, not a passing FedEx truck, not even my brother puffing on one of his 25-cent stogies.

Now, there may still be places in the country where they use a probe. Emissions testing requirements are determined by the states, in order to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air rules and collect their fair share of federal highway funds. But since the computer diagnostic method is quicker, easier, more accurate and provides more useful diagnostic information, I'd be surprised if there are many emissions probes still being used out there.

So we can accurately determine whether individual cars are polluting more than they should That means we can require that those cars be fixed.

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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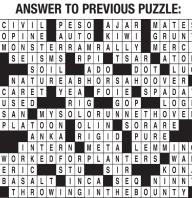
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 Keep your feelings to yourself. How you

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display your affections and thoughts will have an impact on your reputation this year. Be a good listener, and you will accumulate information.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Research will reveal information that will help initiate a positive lifestyle change. Once you head down a path that feels comfortable, you will excel quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pay attention to what you do, not what others are doing. If you let upset take over, it will stop you from achieving your goal

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at the cost involved and the logistics of what you want to pursue before you take action. It's best to get things right the first time. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Test

your beliefs, and you will question what you are doing with your life. Take a walk down memory lane, and you'll verify what you want to achieve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Call in favors. You'll discover who you can count on and who you are better off leaving behind. Opportunity is within reach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Study your plan, make adjustments and take action. The changes you make based on the information you discover will encourage you to keep up with trends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your thirst for knowledge will grow. What you discover will spark your imagination, giving rise to improvements. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Consider the possibilities. A unique idea will prompt you to invest more time and effort into someone you want to pursue. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Don't give someone the wrong impression. Be honest about how you feel and what your intentions are, or when the truth unfolds, vou'll end up looking bad

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Getting upset with someone who doesn't pitch in will not help you achieve what you set out to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Explore new possibilities, make friends, and refuse to let anyone stand between you and

your happiness PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Whether you give yourself a makeover or you make your surroundings comfy, the result will brighten your day.

support you against people who have no

that friend and use the matching set for

picnics, when it won't matter.

and gave him my sympathy.

business criticizing your hospitality. Thank

Dear Miss Manners: My husband has

a close friend, Burt, whom he has known

since high school and who is part of our

Burt's mother had died, and my husband

later, we saw him at a brunch. I told him

that I had known his mother from church

In our conversation, I asked how old she

had been. He snapped at me, saying some-

called him with condolences. A week or so

social circle. Last year, we learned that

By Eugenia Last

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

Dear Miss Manners: I come from a large family, consisting of my parents and eight siblings. We moved frequently as I was growing up, our possessions packed up and shipped over a dozen times.

Money was never overly abundant, and though my mother loved to set a nice dinner table for us all, she quickly gave up on having any matching tableware. Instead. she used whatever was available, interesting and affordable. As time went on, no two pieces ever matched, and I came to think of this as eclectic and charming. Now that I'm grown, I've continued my

mother's custom of mixing things up, as it brings back fond memories of my family and my youth. My tableware is all different designs and makes, and I even use jelly jars as juice glasses in my kitchen. The problem is that when guests come

for dinner, many seem perplexed with my non-matching table items, and will tell me where I can purchase matching sets cheaply. I politely tell them that things are exactly as I want them to be, and that money is not the issue. Rarely does it sink in. A friend sent me a full matching set of

tableware, thinking that she was doing me a favor. If I return it, it will hurt her feelings, yet if I use it, my constructed collection of mismatched items will be disrupted. What should I do to make her happy, yet continue using the items that I'm so fond of?

Dear Gentle Reader: Your friends must be unaware of a put-down once used by silver." Mixed patterns are a sign of having

snobs: "the sort of people who buy their inherited it instead. Never mind that your tableware was bought and that it may not be silver; Miss

Manners was just reaching for a way to

thing like. "I don't see how that's relevant." I was embarrassed and wondered if I had made a faux pas or been insensitive. However, the next day, the obituary was in the newspaper, and her age was plainly stated immediately after her name.

Was I wrong or rude to ask Burt his late mother's age? I was not intending to pry. In my experience, that's a common question when someone dies

Dear Gentle Reader: But not when the lady is alive. Miss Manners deplores the notion that it is shameful to age, but recognizes that unfortunately, many people have internalized it. Burt could still have been reacting to

what his mother would have said if he told her age. Instead of snapping, he could have told you, "She wouldn't want me to tell.

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