

PUZZLES

SUDOKU High Fives

Five 3x3 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.

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.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

Grids for the previous puzzle solution, showing the completed numbers in each of the five 3x3 grids.

KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY KenKen puzzle grid with numbers and mathematical operations like 7+, 2, 2-, 3+, 3-, 4+, 2÷, 4, 6x.

CHALLENGING KenKen puzzle grid with numbers and mathematical operations like 1-, 2÷, 1-, 2-, 120x, 10+, 3, 5-, 2, 5-, 3÷, 1-, 1, 3-, 4-, 2÷, 10+, 7+, 4.

RULES: 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. 2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

Puzzle Answers: A grid showing the solutions for the Easy and Challenging puzzles.

TV JUMBLE by David L. Hoyt

TV Jumble puzzle with clues: DIBSERG (Johnston's Nash), LANERTC (Comedy), CILEPAS (Gibbs' agent status), GRYNEAM (Willis' 'West' birthplace). Includes a cartoon illustration of a woman watching TV.

Warped rotors give this pony the shakes



BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Car Talk: My 2008 Mustang GT shakes at around 60-65 mph when braking. The Hurst 5-speed stick shakes as well. When this is happening, the steering wheel moves from side to side. I've had the alignment checked and the tires balanced and rotated, and the brake wear looks even. Sometimes, when braking at slower speeds, the steering wheel will shake. Is there anything I can look for? — Peter

You can look for the average price of two front brake rotors for a 2008 Mustang GT, Peter. And make sure you have at least that much in your checking account. This is a classic case of warped disc rotors. The disc rotor is a key part of the brake system. The rotor is attached to the wheel, and when you step on the brake, you squeeze that rotor from both sides with the brake pads. If the rotor is warped, every time that high spot comes around, it pushes back on the brake pads.

When the warp is mild, you can feel it as a pulsing of the brake pedal. When it's more severe, it can make the steering wheel or even the whole car shake when you brake.

Frankly, I'm kind of disappointed in your mechanic, Peter. This is something so obvious that even my late brother could've diagnosed it if he woke him up from his nap under one of the cars in the shop.

So, I'd ask some friends if they can recommend a mechanic they really like. Explain that the steering wheel shakes when you brake from high speed. If he says right away "it's probably disc rotors," you've found your new mechanic.

Dear Car Talk: I have a 2017 Acadia. When the car is shifted into park, the dashboard shows a warning that the car is not in park! It says I can't turn off the car until the car is in park, even though it's in park.

If I leave the car like that, all the electrical stuff stays on and my battery will die. To get the car to shut off, I have to move the shifter back and forth from drive to park a number of times, until the car finally registers that it's in park. Once it took over 20 times of doing that to get the car to shut off. When this happens, the car is not in park and seems to be in gear or at least in neutral because it will roll.

I contacted GMC and they said they were aware of this problem as it is showing up on vehicles from 2016 through 2018. They say their technicians are still working on it. My local GMC dealer is going to try to research the problem as well. I understand there's even a class-action suit against GMC for continuing to

sell the Acadia with this known problem.

Bottom line: The car says it's in park, but the engine won't shut off. I am concerned that someday I will not be able to shut it off at all. Any ideas? — John

Yes, it's a bad shifter assembly, John. GMC has recently issued a Technical Service Bulletin for this problem. If you go back to your dealer, they should now know how to fix it. If you originally complained about the problem while your car was under warranty, GMC should fix it for free. If you're out of warranty, it'll probably cost you \$250- \$300.

But even if you have to pay for it out of pocket, you should get it fixed. The last thing you want is for the car to roll away with your mother-in-law strapped into the back seat. Well, I guess that depends on how you feel about your mother-in-law. And your Acadia.

If you do shell out your own money, definitely hang on to your receipt. Should GMC eventually be forced to issue a recall for this problem, they'll have to reimburse you.

The key question is whether the car is able to roll away — as you say yours is. If that's true, this is a serious safety issue, and GMC will be forced to recall the vehicles.

If you're mistaken, and it's "just" a problem where you can't turn off the vehicle and your battery dies, that'll frost your shorts, but it may not fall under the safety purview of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In either case, get it fixed right away. Then lodge a complaint with NHTSA (www.nhtsa.gov — "report a problem"). If your Acadia really can roll away when this problem occurs, be sure to tell NHTSA that. That's crucial information. If NHTSA gets enough complaints, they can open an investigation, which is what can lead to a safety recall.

You can also check back at www.nhtsa.gov from time to time and search your car under "Recalls" to see if any action has been taken.

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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WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

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By Brendan Emmett Quigley / Edited by Will Shortz

- CROSS
1 Thieves often go by them
8 Do well
14 Rhyme scheme of "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
18 A little
19 Didn't strictly follow one's diet, say
20 The Princess of Power, in cartoons
21 KIND words?
23 Steadfast
24 Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Zoë
25 Ranking 50th among all states, say
26 Simon & Garfunkel song about emotional detachment
28 Home to the Triple-A Aces
29 Sports org. based in Indianapolis
30 Porridge ingredients
33 Wife of Jared Kushner
34 Craft measured in cubits
35 HAS words?
38 Retreat
39 Need for a restricted area
40 Needs for some touring bands
41 Data for auto aficionados
43 Tributary of the Missouri
45 Title in the House of Saud
47 Stand in a boardroom
49 English counties
50 Modern-day flood
52 Along with
55 Path finder
56 Leaves 'em rolling in the aisles
57 Read between the lines
58 Sábado or domingo
59 Goose Island products
60 BIG words?
62 Of no relevance
63 Wartime stat
64 Bring up to date, say

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

- 65 Sign up for
66 Watt-second
67 The nouveau riche
69 Stink
70 "I \_\_\_\_\_" (what the Latin "veto" means)
71 Energy
72 Latin word on a dollar bill
73 Ways of looking at things
74 Spanish meat
76 Teacups at an amusement park, e.g.
78 Ones who can't change large bills?
81 \_\_\_\_\_ Zion Church
82 ROOT words?
84 A brace
87 Ink
90 Render null and void
91 Some early-January curbside pickups
92 \_\_\_\_\_ Nebula, part of the constellation Taurus
93 Port on many laptops
95 Doesn't really know
97 Noted Scottish exports
98 Moses' father-in-law
99 SAFE words?
103 Ticklish area
104 Just imagine
105 Military excursions
106 Spheres
107 Like some credit cards
108 Sees coming
14 Now, in Nogales
15 BAD words?
16 What Polly wants
17 1990s war locale
19 Bank posting
20 Macedonian, e.g.
22 Howard \_\_\_\_\_, "The Fountainhead" protagonist
27 "Cool" sum
29 Pest control targets
31 Motrin competitor
32 Bolshevik's foe
35 Unceasing critic
36 Mate's affirmative
37 Employs as
39 Whitties (down)
41 Belgian river to the North Sea
42 Fish that can swim backward
43 Queen Elizabeth's husband
44 LAST words?
46 Cause of a paper jam
48 Gobsnacked
49 Old SeaWorld attraction
50 Colonial merchant Samuel after whom a famous island is named
51 Chief
52 Theme of many heavy metal songs
53 Some fish sauces
54 Full
56 Transparent, informally
57 Mad about
60 Bit of dinner impoliteness

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

It's important to have a plan and to know what you want before you start making changes to your life. Be careful when dealing with personal finances, joint ventures and matters that could affect your reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for an opening, and step into the spotlight. Plan something special with someone you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Breathe deeply and take time to look at every aspect of a situation. Having a handle on the facts will help you cut to the chase.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Personal matters can be addressed. Open up talks regarding plans that will affect your home and family. Building strong relationships is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Listen carefully, especially when dealing with emotional matters. Getting along with friends and relatives will help keep the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Personal gains are within reach. Get involved in endeavors that interest you and look promising.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set high standards. Traveling, communicating and socializing with people you don't get to see often enough will be rejuvenating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of your responsibilities, and keep moving forward. Plan to do your own thing, and don't let anyone ruin your day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change will turn out better than anticipated if you are relaxed and consider the best way to make the most out of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep busy. The more active you are, the less likely you'll be tempted by someone pressuring you into something you shouldn't do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't share secrets. A change at home will turn out in your favor if you are rational and refuse to let emotions take over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep busy doing things that calm your nerves and help you make positive changes personally, emotionally and financially.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take it easy. If you overdo it, you will face insult or injury. Focus on making personal changes to the way you handle your money, health or joint ventures.

By Eugenia Last

MISS MANNERS

By Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin

Dear Miss Manners: Apparently I am unclear about funeral etiquette and the acceptable behavior around a deathbed. I was present as my mom passed away. She was 98 and died in her home in bed.

I observed a custom I was unfamiliar with. As a family member walked in, there was a look, a hand motion and a sentence that made clear that their related expenses should be covered by the dying woman or her estate.

I'm sure similar conversations were had while I was not present. This happened before my mom was actually dead; she lay dying in the next room. Other similar conversations followed her passing.

My friends were unhelpful in clarifying the matter. All I got from them was a jaw-dropping, incredulous look, and a "Huh?? ... They did what??? Oh dear Lord, I've never heard of such a thing."

The trust company thought that typical estate procedures would prevent a payout. Apparently, spending a few hundred dollars on attorney fees can get someone a few dollars that were going to come their way anyway.

It has been a month, and I have remained silent, at first because I was speechless, and now under the premise of "least said, soonest mended."

Dear Gentle Reader: Because it is difficult to convey speechlessness in print, Miss Manners can only echo your friends' reactions — except that, unfortunately, she has heard of similar things.

Greed is not a custom; it is a vice. Its only relationship to etiquette is to violate its principles and forms. Your only response to such demands should be to continue to be speechless.

Dear Miss Manners: If you will, please tell me the correct way to eat cooked shrimp. I have always eaten them while holding onto the tail, then disposing of the tail. Is this OK?

Dear Gentle Reader: There is such a thing as a seafood fork. In the absence of one, Miss Manners agrees that you have no choice but to grab the situation by the tail (which should have been shelled in the kitchen, but rarely is).

Dear Miss Manners: I have two nieces and a nephew who are each getting married within a short period of time. The first two had modest local weddings. The third is having a much more glamorous destination wedding.

I want to keep all things equal and not play favorites, but should I give him more in a gift because his wedding is costing him more?

Dear Gentle Reader: If you believe that wedding guests are obliged to reflect the bridal couple's finances, surely it would be kinder to give more to those who could afford only the more modest wedding. But Miss Manners allows no such consideration, one way or the other. A wedding present should be something you think will please the couple and that you can afford.

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