

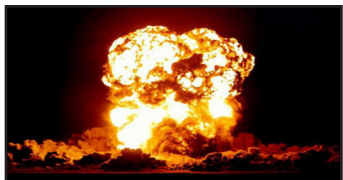
Unsolvable Sudoku Destroys Nation

By Jeremy Hoodaman

In one of the largest blunders in recent history, the New York Times printed a Sudoku puzzle that was impossible to solve in its September 16th paper. The disaster caused immeasurable amounts of damage, as enraged civilians destroy everything in their path. "THE SIX! IT DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE!" Local Cathy Griffin was heard yelling from atop her roof, shaking a pitchfork at the sky. "THE SIX SHOULD GO HERE, BUT I NEED THE FIVE THERE. AND IF I PUT IT HERE, I HAVE TWO SIXES IN THE SAME COLUMN! I CAN'T LIVE THIS WAY ANYMORE!" Cathy was later seen smashing local store windows and throwing cats into trees. "I DENOUNCE MY COUNTRY! I DENOUNCE MY RELIGION! I DENOUNCE MY FAMILY NAME!" screamed Ted Gaffigan, a prominent Chicago realtor, as he drove his BMW M3 into Lake Michigan.

Many of the nation's airports have been shut down, as the volatile passengers refuse to get off the planes until they fill in all 81 squares. Hospitals have been unable to accommodate a surge of mentally unstable patients who are flooding the hospital. "They refuse to eat or drink, and they babble on about numbers and columns and boxes," reports nurse Jenny Lake from Highland Park Hospital. "The sight of an eraser drives them insane". Civilians living in large cities are advised to stay within their homes, as the iPhones of fuming businessmen rain down from the windows of tall buildings.

President Obama issued a somber address to the nation this morning, taking note that "...this catastrophe is the worst puzzle-related incident we've encountered since those dark, dark weeks of the Crossword Epidemic of '98". President Obama has also signed off on Congress' unanimous decision to declare war against Japan, whose "death puzzles" are singlehandedly responsible for the demise of our once-beautiful country.



Really Cool Hipster Talks About: Parties

Parties aren't easy. For some, the schmoozing and socializing comes naturally, but for you, being in a room with more than a dozen people leaves you quivering in the fetal position. Don't worry; you're not the only one. Many are overwhelmed by the talking, dancing and body contact that your grandmother would definitely not approve of, unless she's one of those cool grandmothers, but I digress.

Parties can be weird and awkward. If you don't watch your step, you'll end up on the couch talking to six guys you've never met about how you disagree with the marshmallow to cereal ratio in a box of Lucky Charms. But with some practice and patience, you'll be as cool as a cucumber... whatever that means.

First off, make sure you don't arrive exactly on time. You're most likely not going to get a tardy slip. Don't worry too much about what clothes you show up in, because in the dark most guys look the same anyway. By the way, that mayonnaise-stained shirt you think is really comfortable might not fair so well under the black light.

All those movies you've ever seen... Those people are actors. Reality and



Judd Apatow movies are two separate things. High school is not like Mean Girls. If you come to a Halloween party dressed as a horrible-looking witch, your night will be less successful than Shaq's rap career. And for the record, being a mathlete and kissing Aaron Samuels is like dividing by zero-- impossible.

But not everyone will be able to have fun at parties- there are specific roles that must be played. Of course, we have the couple of dudes stuck to the walls like they're in a police line-up. We have the texters, who have other

people they'd rather talk to than the hundreds within a ten-foot radius of them. And who could forget the kid nervously zipping and unzipping his sweatshirt because he doesn't know what to do with his hands? What, you want to be the guy who whispers, "You have a kind smile" into girls' ears and gets away with it? Sorry, you must have missed auditions.

Yeah, the music is kind of loud. And no, we're not going to play the "Cha Cha Slide". Let's just keep on listening to Lil Wayne while yelling too loudly about how hard last week's math test was. This is forever night!

That Nightmare I Used to Have— It's Back



Chorus Concerts Now Auto-Tuned



Freshman Lost Looking for Z Hall



New Study Links Poor Diet and Exercise with Obesity

By George Minkowski



CLEVELAND CLINIC— It's common knowledge that obesity is never your own fault. Maybe it runs in the family, or maybe you are just big-boned, but one thing is for sure, it's not your fault.

New research from the Cleveland Clinic suggests that this is not entirely true. They believe that many obese Americans are so because of their own behaviors. This paradigm shifting assertion is leaving many Americans flabbergasted.

Chuck McAlister is one of these obese Americans. We had an opportunity to sit down and talk with him at an IHOP this past week. "This is ridiculous on so many levels," McAlister says. "First off, I'm out of syrup. That's just unacceptable. Also, the reason I'm overweight is obviously because my allergy medication causes me to gain weight."

Still, the researchers behind this study would maintain that Mr. McAlister is fat because he eats more than any man should and the last time he exercised was when the fire alarm went off at an Old Country Buffet and he was forced to power-walk to the door. "We understand that this is not what most American's want to hear," Dr. Philip Gookin of the Cleveland Clinic says. "But there is no denying

the evidence; people who are constantly eating tend to be more overweight than those who eat healthy and exercise. Poor diet and little to no exercise will most likely result in obesity. No longer can we blame our fatness on 'evolution.' We must recognize that having a slice of chocolate cake for a snack is a more reasonable explanation for obesity than a shirt just fitting you awkwardly."

With this new information, scientists are now trying to find a way to prevent or treat obesity. They are abandoning mainstream weight loss strategies such as "weight loss belts" and "yoga." Now they are focusing on what people are putting into their face-holes and how many hours a day they spend staring at glowing rectangles.

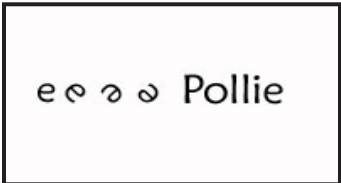
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THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve both cryptograms then find Jake Lazarus. The first person to find him with the correct answers will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

QUOTE "No. Nobody is sitting here. And to be honest, we'd like to keep it that way. Just kidding. Sit down... jerk."

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: SPACE INVADERS, YOUR FULL OF BOLOGNA, CORPORATE DOWNSIZING, DOWN RIGHT STUPID

INFOGRAPHIC

Why didn't we see the new Harry Potter movie?



CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Congratulations to last week's winner:

It was a tie! Laurie Polisky and

"P VOPAX VOCV MU ERFOV VE UCV CZZ ERS HSEWPTPEAT AEM, TE VOCV MU TOCA'V OCWU TE JRLO VE LCSSN." LOSPTVEHOUS SEQPA **HINT: A=N**

"QU SUBRTSM. BTIC TO BUU NPCJTUZO BU LVOBC." XZQQVR **HINT: Q=D**

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." John Donne

SUDOKU

Level: Yes we can!

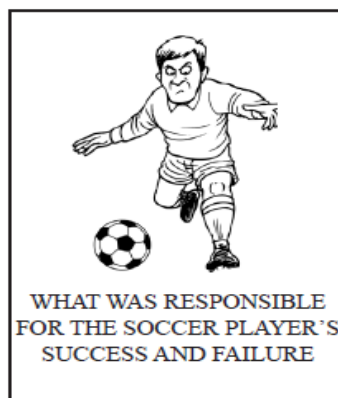
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Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



FAECH

LIPOT

EXTORV

WEBOTS

Last issue's answers: RAVEN, ALIVE, SOFTLY, ADROIT (Yes, it's a real word. It means skilful, dexterous, or deft) What they said about the attentive elephant: HE WAS ALL EARS.

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