

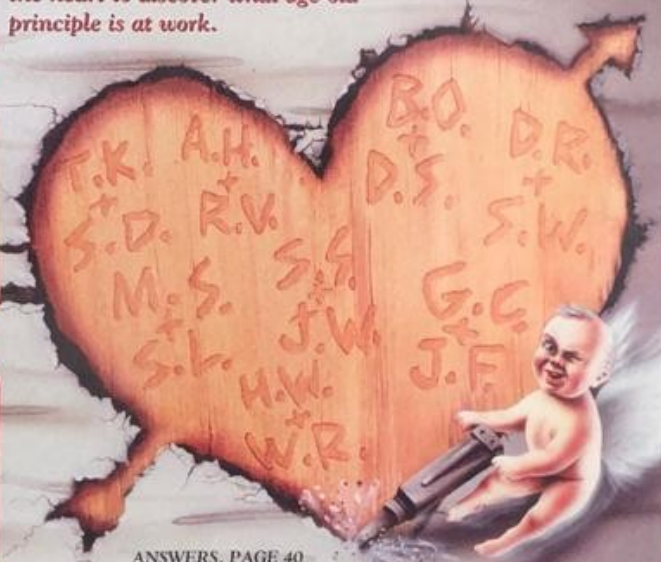
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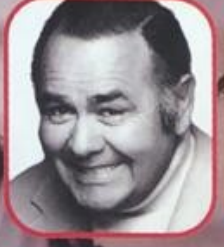
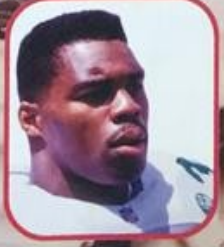


odd couples

It's love that usually determines how romances start, but this Valentine's Day there's a different kind of attraction bringing couples together. Match these famous people to their initials in the heart to discover what age-old principle is at work.



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WILD CARDS

NUMBER PLAY FOUR BY FOUR

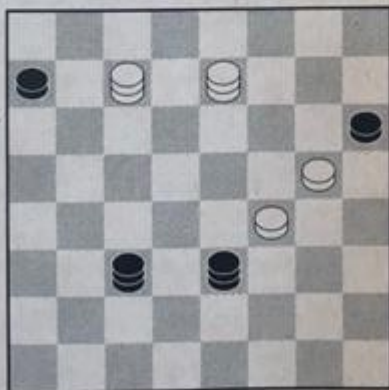
In the addition problem below, most of the digits have been replaced by letters. Can you replace each letter with a different digit to make the sum correct? Note: The 1's and 6's that appear in the sum have not been replaced by letters, so no letter can represent those numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 F O U R \\
 F O U R \\
 F O U R \\
 + F O U R \\
 \hline
 1 5 1 6
 \end{array}$$

—Rodolfo Kurchan

CHECKERS WIPEOUT

White is moving up the board in the diagramed checkers position below. It's White's turn. What moves will guarantee victory?



Standard checkers rules apply: If a jump is possible, it must be taken. If two jumps are possible, either may be taken, even if one is a multiple jump and the other isn't. Crowning a king ends a turn. Only kings may move backward. The game is won either by capturing all of the opponent's pieces or by leaving your opponent unable to move.

—John R. Gibson

TEASERS HEADLESS HOMOPHONES

How many different letters of the alphabet can be removed from the beginning of words to leave new words with the same pronunciation? For example, EERIE – E = ERIE. Capitalized words, however, aren't allowed. Using only common words, we thought of answers for seven different letters. How about you?

—Al Greengold & Richard Lederer

IN OTHER WORDS AFRIKAANS 101

You don't need to know Afrikaans to take this test. Just match the 15 Afrikaans words (1–15) with their English translations (a–o), and see if you aren't surprised at just how much Afrikaans you know.

1. *blokkiesraaisel*
2. *ensovoorts*
3. *hond*
4. *goudmyn*
5. *jagluiperd*
6. *klomp*
7. *lemoen*
8. *mens*
9. *onkoste*
10. *oogbol*
11. *selfmoord*
12. *skaars*
13. *stam*
14. *tapper*
15. *vorm*

- a. and so forth
- b. bartender
- c. cheetah
- d. crossword puzzle
- e. crowd
- f. dog
- g. expenses
- h. eyeball
- i. gold mine
- j. human being
- k. orange
- l. rare
- m. shape
- n. suicide
- o. tree trunk

—Ruth Freedman