



John Luttman's Joke of the Week

A. Because it soots him.

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

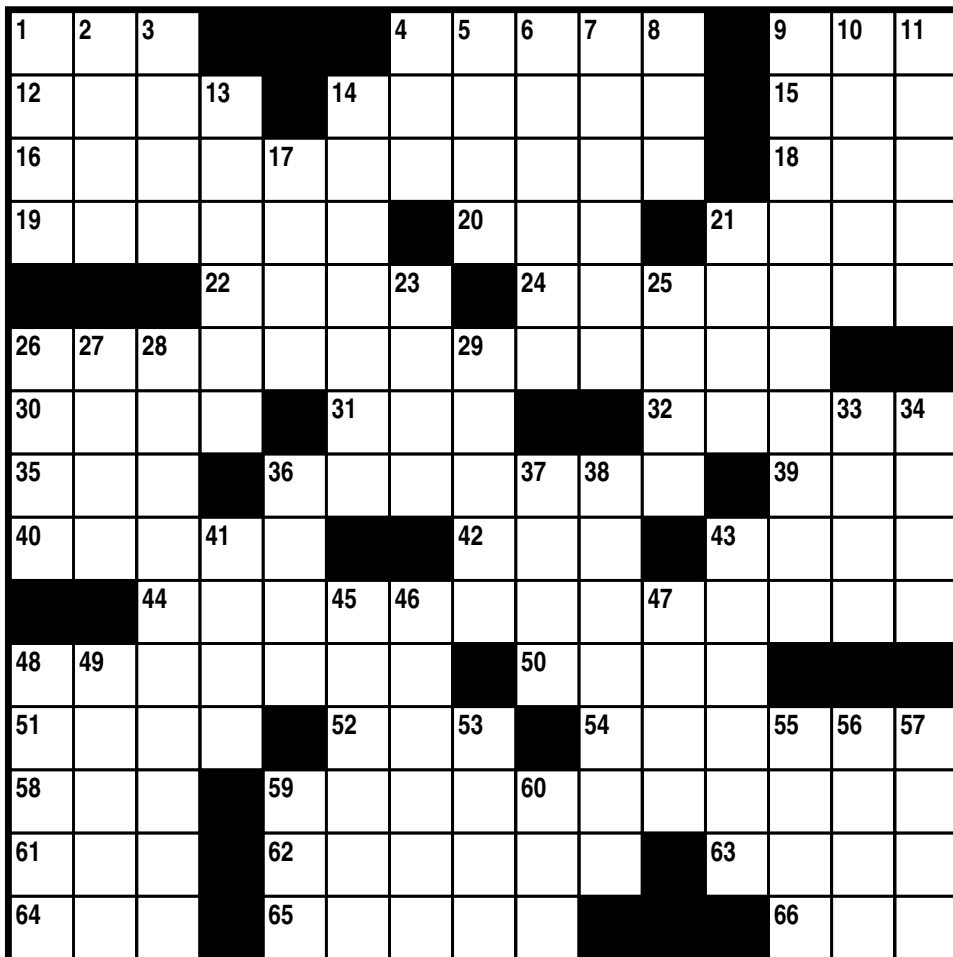
ACROSS

- 1 Anti-smoking org.
- 4 Tel Aviv native
- 9 NHS term
- 12 Gender abbr.
- 14 Like fingernails
- 15 Sawbuck fraction
- 16 Good reason to visit Nantucket
- 18 City NW of Jerusalem
- 19 Tapioca plant
- 20 Certain IRA
- 21 "For goodness ___!"
- 22 Jack salmon
- 24 Whence Waldheim
- 26 Broccoli rabbe
- 30 Shading
- 31 ___ nutshell
- 32 Fiery horses
- 35 Arista rival
- 36 Nantucket cocktail party offering
- 39 "Mr. Basketball" Holman
- 40 Between Bess and Jackie
- 42 Bring up the rear
- 43 Prefix with nautical
- 44 Temporary electrical connector
- 48 Shredder's Studio supply
- 50 Suffix for system

DOWN

- 1 Like some radios
- 2 Mother of Hermes
- 3 Part of the NHA
- 4 Synfuel (Abbr.)
- 5 Some are spec.
- 6 Chiffonier
- 7 Madhya Pradesh city
- 8 Yodeler's perch
- 9 Alternative energy source
- 10 Gourmet mushroom
- 11 Cherubini opera
- 13 Chewing gum ingredient
- 14 Boot out of office, say

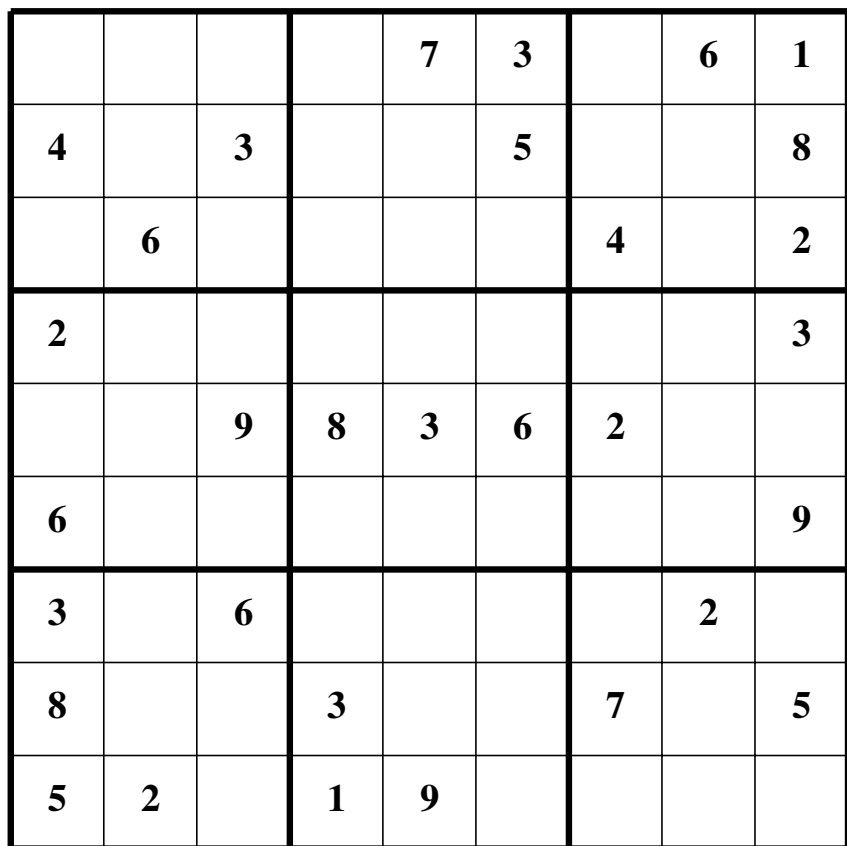
- 17 Number of Scheherezade's tales
- 21 Hullabaloo
- 23 Choreographer White
- 25 Easy
- 26 Order form column heading
- 27 Tony Musante cop show
- 28 George Orwell setting
- 29 Indian hand drum
- 33 Italian seaport
- 34 Bit of sign language?
- 36 Briton or Gaul
- 37 "Star Trek" android
- 38 Exuberant cry from a first-time scalloper
- 41 French archipelago
- 43 Point the finger at
- 45 Had poison ivy
- 46 Italian ice cream
- 47 You can get one at The Golden Basket
- 48 Interpret
- 49 Disney mermaid
- 53 Old orchard spray
- 55 Bypass
- 56 Home of the shamrock
- 57 Position
- 59 Fight org.
- 60 Clanton Gang leader



PUZZLE BY SAM BELLOTTO JR.

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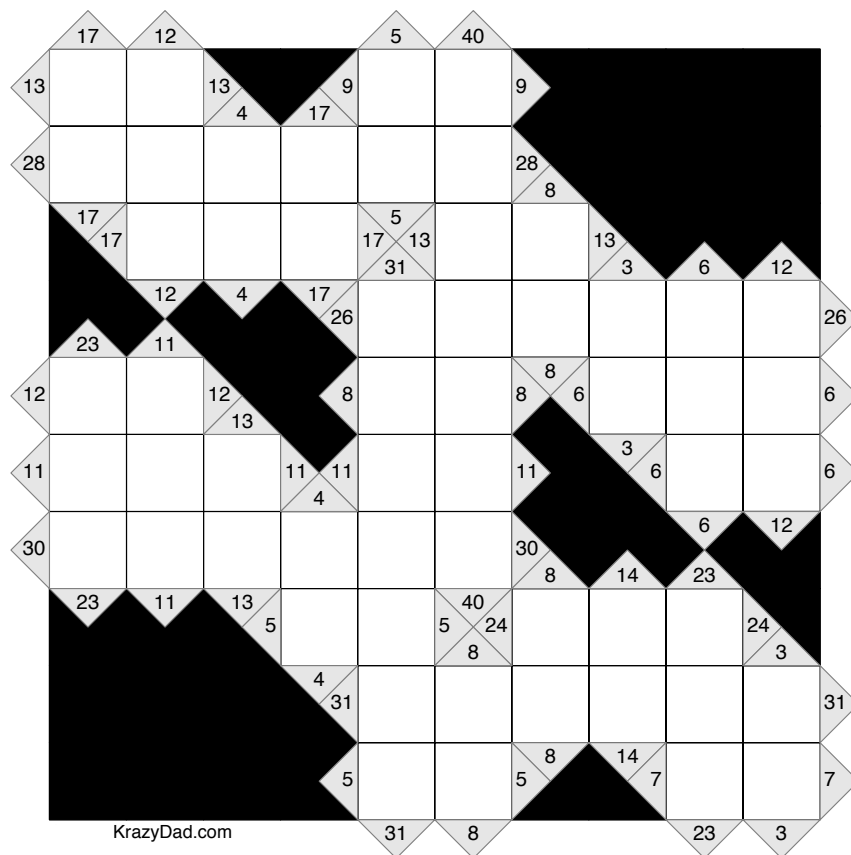
THE INDEPENDENT SUDOKU



PUZZLE BY OPENSKY

Sudoku is a Japanese logic puzzle that consists of a 9-by-9 grid with some of the 81 squares filled in with numbers. Your challenge is to fill in the rest. There's only one simple, but often maddening, rule: The numbers 1 through 9 must appear only once in each of the grid's nine rows, nine columns, and nine 3-by-3 blocks. Proper sudokus have only one solution, meaning they can always be solved by logic. Don't place a number unless you have determined it is the only number that can go in that square. Trial and error guessing is hard work unless there are only a few squares remaining to solve.

THE INDEPENDENT KAKURO



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Kakuro puzzles are like a cross between a crossword and a Sudoku puzzle. Instead of letters, each block contains the digits 1 through 9. The same digit will never repeat within a word. If you add the digits in a word, the sum will be the number shown in the clue. Clues are shown on the left and right sides of "across" words, and on the top and bottom sides of "down" words

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