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## The Alex Gow Super Puzzle Book

CROSSWORDS, WORDSEARCH, CODE CRACKER, SUDOKU & TRIVIA

A Brisbane Family Owned Company



### WE'VE BEEN HELPING QUEENSLAND FAMILIES SINCE 1840

Whilst the history of our business dates back to 1840 as the first ever funeral business in Queensland, it was not until 1909 when Alexander Gow acquired the remaining shares from his partner Walter S. Barrett, that the Alex Gow brand would become Queensland's first and oldest funeral business.



Four generations of the Gow family have worked in the business and today Alexander's grandson Alistair and his children continue the tradition of family ownership and the high standards set by their predecessors. We believe that by being family-owned we are able to give a more personal service and be more flexible to the individual needs of our clients.

We live for our business and everything we do reflects our on-going commitment to providing affordable, quality services to our community. With four locations across SE Queensland Alex Gow Funerals is close by to assist you and your family 24hrs a day.

It doesn't matter if your need is immediate or you're just thinking ahead, the wonderful staff at Alex Gow will be there to guide you through all the options. Call us anytime at all on 07 3851 7800.

We hope you enjoy our free puzzle book. It's a great opportunity to test your skill and knowledge and keep mentally active. It's also a lot of fun.

Alex Gow puzzle books are supplied free as part of our ongoing commitment to community service. The book is broken up into monthly sections and answers for each month will be published on our website.

### WIN A COLES \$100 GIFT CARD

When you visit the puzzle answers page on our website you can enter to go into our monthly draw to win a Coles \$100 gift card.

PLUS, you'll find bonus questions there giving you another opportunity to win! Full details on page 17

### **PLAYING SUDOKU**

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in:

- Each of the nine vertical columns
- Fach of the nine horizontal rows.
- Each of the nine 3 x 3 blocks

Remember no number can occur more than once in any row, column or 3x3 block.

### **PLAYING CROSSWORDS**

Crosswords are one of the greatest word association puzzles of all time. Our 15x15 crosswords are easy to do in one session or complete over time. Using the clues provided fill in the answers moving left to right and top to bottom. Work with a friend if you want as sometimes two heads are better than one when solving a crossword puzzle. The more puzzles you do, the more familiar you'll be with standard puzzle clues and answers.

### PLAYING WORDSEARCH

Find all the words listed hidden in the grid of letters. They can be found in straight lines up, down, forwards, backwards or even diagonally.

### **PLAYING CODE CRACKER**

Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet. Work out which number stands for which letter to complete the crossword. We've given you two letters to start. All words are from a dictionary and no proper nouns are used. All letters of the alphabet are not always used. When you have cracked the code fill in the answer in the boxes at the bottom.

### **PLAYING TRIVIA**

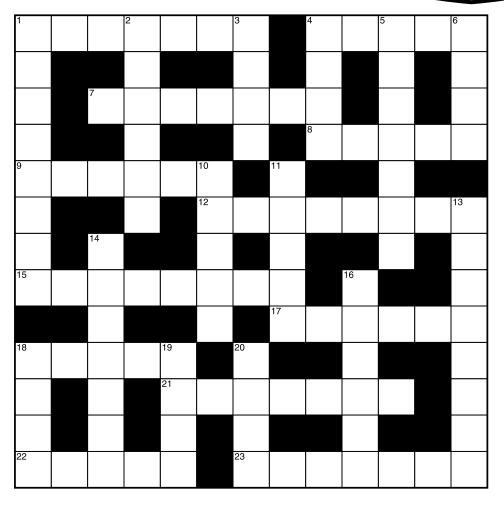
Trivia is a great way to test your memory for general knowledge and history. Simply write your answers beside the questions and check to see how many you got right. Great to do with friends or on your own.

### **COLOURING FOR ADULTS**

Like painting and craft, coloring offers a great source for focus and creativity. It has been shown to have stress-reducing benefits and helps with anxiety in people of all ages. It is a great fun social activity it also produces a similar calming effect on the brain to meditation.







### **ACROSS**

- 1. Unpredictable 21. Angrily
- 4. Thin candle
- 7. Laver
- 8. Oval nut
- 9. Romancing
- 12. Slaughterhouse
- 15. Cease developing
- 17. Hung in folds
- 18. Outside limits

### **DOWN**

22. Narrow elevation

23. Fatigue

- 1. Gives authority to
- 2. Gain
- 3. Lions & tigers
- 4. Short-term worker
- 5. South American cloaks
- 6. Riding strap
- 10. Carnivals
- 11. Sped 13. Noisiest

- 14. Rinsed throat
- 16. Mexican flower
- 18. Large pitcher
- 19. Extent
- 20. Front of head

## **Wordsearch** No: 61 Theme: AFRICAN ADVENTURE



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## Fun With Trivia 461 - 463

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What year did Albert Einstein die? **462.** 

Which is the largest planet in the solar system?

Sudoku No: 73 Level 1

**JANUARY** 

Code Cracker No: 61



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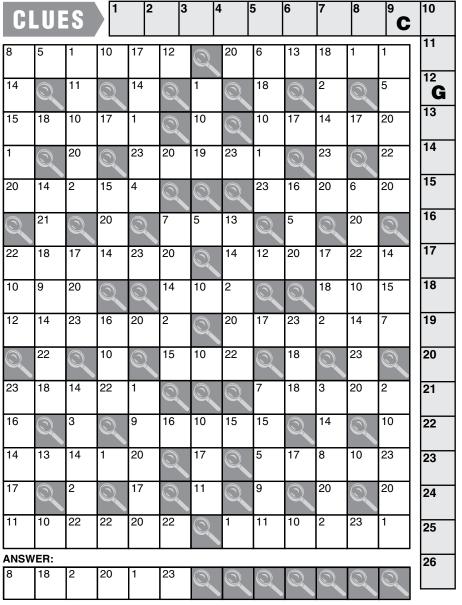
## Fun With Trivia 464 - 467

What are a group of Dolphins called?

What date was President John F Kennedy assassinated?

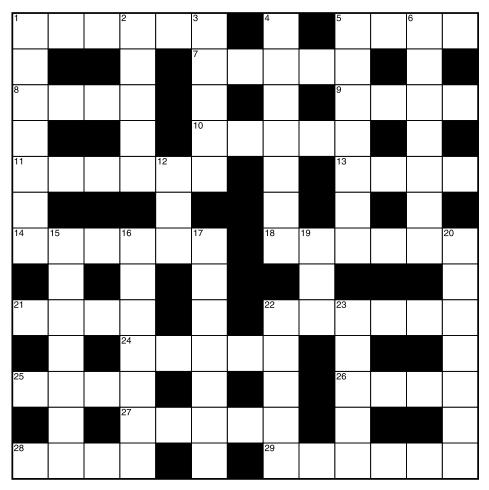
How many men have walked on the moon? 466.

Who has won the most Academy Awards? 467.



A B & D E F & H I J K L M N O P O R S T U V W X Y Z





### **ACROSS**

- 1. Tropical lizard
- 5. Footwear item
- 7. Put
- 8. Noisy
- 9. Slightly open
- 10. Australian gems
- 11. Cardboard box
- 13. Electrical resistance units
- 14. Inborn skill
- 18. Wish
- 21. Pigs

- 22. Surgeon
- 24. Under no circumstances
- 25. Temporary visitor
- document
- 26. Bowl
- 27. Infuriates
- 28. Sandal or boot
- 29. Saturated

- **DOWN**
- 2. Accounts check
- 3. Kitchen smock
- 4. Marched
- 5. Summer & winter
- 12. Possess
- 15. Eliminate

### 1. Illegal

- 6. Beguiling person

- 16. Entrap
- 17. Journeys

## **Wordsearch** No: 62 Theme: AFTERNOON SNACKS



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**BEVERAGE BREAD CAFETERIA DEVONSHIRE** EARL GREY **FRUITCAKE** LEMON CURD **MUFFINS** NAPKIN **PASTRIES PASTRY PIKELETS PLATE SANDWICHES SPOON SUGAR** 

## Fun With Trivia 468 - 470

What is the currency of Brazil? 468.

Who is known as the Father of the telephone? 469.

Which nail grows fastest? 470.

19. Self-image 20. Made from clay

23. Encrypted

22. Frock

Sudoku No: 74 Level 1

**JANUARY** 

Code Cracker No: 62



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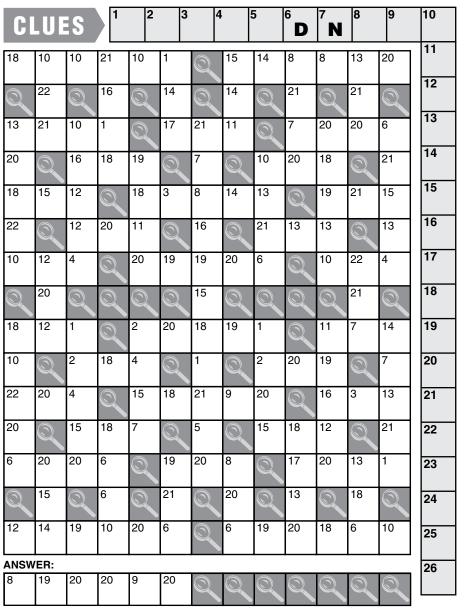
## Fun With Trivia 471 - 474

**471.** What temperature does water boil at?

**472.** Who discovered penicillin?

**473.** What Spanish artist said he would eat his wife when she died?

**474.** Who wrote Julius Caesar, Macbeth and Hamlet?



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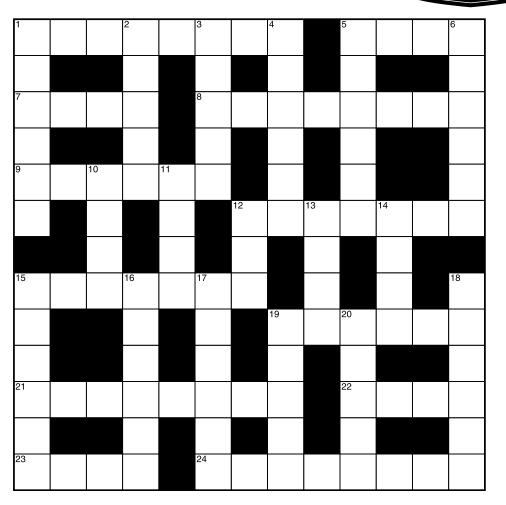


**Crossword** No: 206

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Proffered
- 5. lest
- 7. A long time
- 8. Remarkable events
- 9. Refreshment booths
- 12. Pursued stealthily
- 15. Bewildered
- 19. Sponged
- 21. Swiftest
- 22. Open mouth wide

### 23. Poultry products

24. Calming drug

- 1. Appreciation
- 2. Brushes (off)
- 3. Cavorts

**DOWN** 

- 4. Straight
- 5. Wild African canine
- 6. Eventuated
- 10. Was obliged to pay
- 11. Ship's spine
- 12. Lump of turf
- 13. Water

- 14. Door handle
- 15. Muslim temple

- 20. Prejudiced person

- 16. Dance nightclubs
- 17. Painters' tripods
- 18. Stick (to)
- 19. Loved excessively, ... on

### 12. Put at risk 14. Leer 16. Loading wharf

1. Performed

8. Either yes or no

7. Clamber

10. Strolling

17. Decreed

**ACROSS** 

- 20. Came (from)
- 23. Nude

12

24

### 24. Furthest limits 25. Malice

1. Respect

**DOWN** 

13

- 2. Flows away
- 3. Computer symbol

25

- 4. Palm fruits
- 5. Condensing
- 6. Jamaican music
- 9. Deserves
- 11. Perfectionists
- 13. Misjudge

### 15. Sanctuary

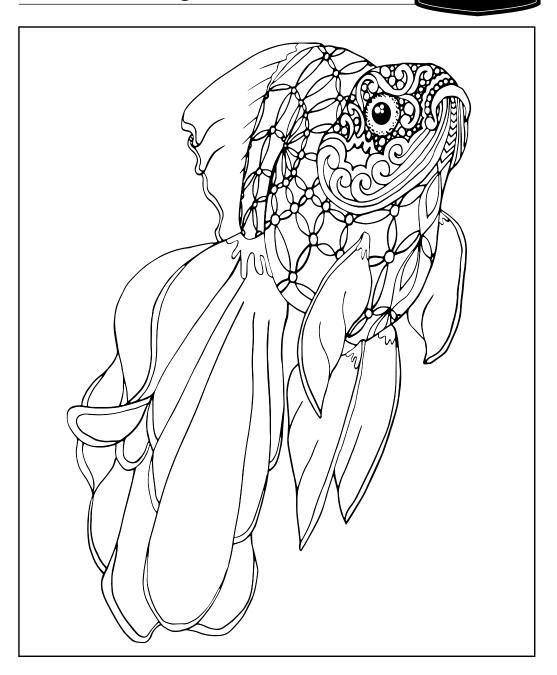
- 16. Speech extracts
- 18. Absent-minded scribble
- 19. Bee homes
- 21. Discontinued (project)
- 22. Moist

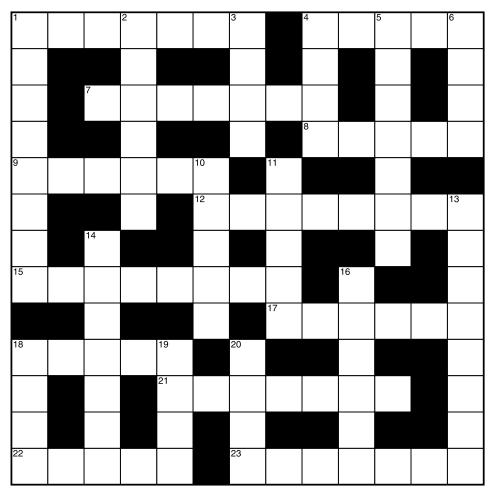


## **Adult colouring-in** No: 35

## **JANUARY**

## **Crossword** No: 207





### **ACROSS**

- 1. Nearby
- 4. Tremble
- 7. Predicament
- 8. Ups & ...
- 9. Expressions of pain

22. Stage of development

23. Fruit tree grove

- 12. Beseeched
- 15. Small grains
- 17. Nastier
- 18. Duck's call
- 21. Envision

### **DOWN**

- 1. Reclining casually
- 2. Zoo inmate
- 3. Tropical root vegetables
- 4. Rectangular courtyard
- 5. Uncomfortable (situation)
- 6. Scrapes by, ... out a living
- 10. Stupid
- 11. Twitch
- 13. Undressed
- 14. Mosquito-borne fever

## 16. Middle-age spread

- 18. Wisecrack
- 19. Flying toy
- 20. Ballroom dance, ... doble



## WIN a \$100 Coles Voucher

JANUARY

Find all the answers and solutions to our puzzles at www.alexgowfunerals.com.au and each month you can go in the draw to win a Coles Voucher valued at \$100



### It's so simple!

Once you have finished your January puzzles, simply log onto the website and click the **PUZZLE Answers & Solutions button**. Once you're on the puzzles page just click on January Answers & Solutions icon. Just by logging in you'll go into the draw to win a \$100 Coles shopping voucher and get access to all the puzzle answers for that month.

You'll also find 2 online bonus questions. Answer them correctly and you will receive an extra entry in the \$100 Coles voucher draw, It's all so easy, HINT: the answers to the bonus questions can be found on our website.

The same applies to February and March puzzle answers. Just click on the icon and all the answers will be there for you. Answers & Solutions will all be published on the 1st of each month and added to the website.

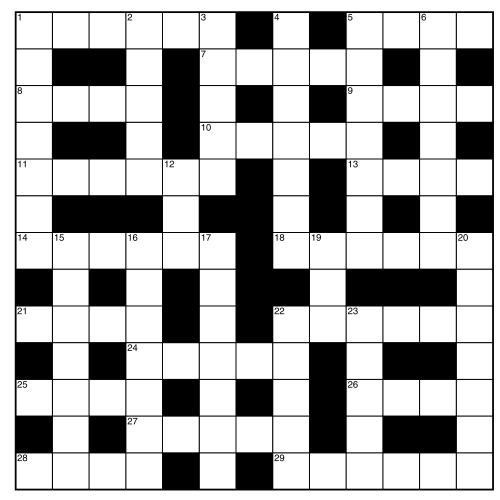
- January Answers & Solutions published on 1st January 2020
- February Answers & Solutions published on 1st February 2020
- March Answers & Solutions published on 1st March2020

Coles voucher winners will be drawn on the 7th day of month immediately following entry. Winners will be notified via email or phone based on nominated preference. Winners are drawn randomly by Alex Gow staff and all decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into. Winners agree to have their photo and image published to verify their win.

Do you need an extra Puzzle Book for a friend or relative? They can be downloaded or printed from the Puzzle Page on the website www.alexgowfunerals.com.au

## **Crossword** No: 208





### **ACROSS**

- 1. Made cat sound
- 5. Pounce
- 7. Sad poem
- 8. Arm or leg
- 9. Pleasant
- 10. Ancient remnant
- 11. Anomaly
- 13. Owl's cry
- 14. Brutal
- 18. Unassuming
- 21. Spur

### 22. Complied with

- 24. Become informed
- 25. Very short skirt
- 26. Tablet
- 27. Light push
- 28. Male red deer
- 29. Rudder handle

### **DOWN**

- 1. Bed headrests
- 2. Jewish scholar
- 3. Denounce
- 4. Recover (goods)
- 5. Hanged unlawfully
- 6. Mooring weights
- 12. Price ticket
- 15. Rescue by helicopter
- 16. Confounding
- 17. Enlarges
- 19. Globe

### 20. Walking infant

- 22. Beginning
- 23. Throw out







## It Makes Good Sense Advantages of Preplanning your funeral

## Ease the burden on your family

If your wishes are known when you die, they won't be faced with making difficult decisions at a trying time. But when planning with the Alex Gow Executor Funeral Plan there is also provision where you can leave permission for your family to change your wishes, should the need arise. This doesn't mean they have complete freedom to change everything, but it does show that you trust those you have left behind to carry out your wishes and at the same time fulfil their personal needs as they face your passing.

## Assume financial responsibility

Planning ahead enables you to make financial arrangements to cover your funeral costs. Even if you are leaving behind sufficient money, will your survivors be able to access it? Life insurance and superannuation payouts are quite often not available when it comes time to pay for funeral expenses. And unfortunately, with Funeral insurance there is no guarantee it will be used to pay for your funeral.

## Help your family to have the benefit of a meaningful funeral

A funeral is an important event for a grieving family. Psychologically, it enables the family to begin the healing process. Families benefit emotionally and socially by honouring the lives of their loved ones with a fitting ceremony and by giving them a proper send off.

## Why an Alex Gow Pre-arranged Funeral Local

- Alex Gow Funerals is a Brisbane family owned business with almost 180 years of experience looking after local families.
- Alex Gow Funerals recommends you place your investment in a Sureplan Funeral Bond, Sureplan Friendly Society is a Queensland company owned by its members since 1935 and therefore all members benefit from lower premiums and higher returns as all dividends are paid to the members, none are paid to third party shareholders.

## **Options**

- The unique flexibility of the Alex Gow Executor Funeral Plan gives you a wide choice of options so you can tailor your plan to suit your own individual requirements.
- You can invest up to \$13,250 in a funeral bond for each person and this is not subject to the Governments Income and Assets Tests. So, your pension entitlements are protected.

### **Flexible**

- No lock in contracts
- Once you have completed your Executor Funeral Plan you can change your details at any time.
- There are no financial penalties imposed should you move interstate or to an area where Alex Gow Funerals cannot carry out your Executor Plan funeral.

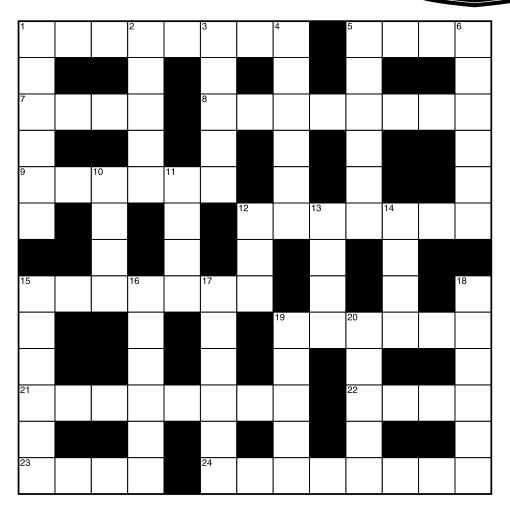
If you are looking to plan or pre-plan a funeral service, please call us on 3851 7800 to make an appointment to meet one of our staff in the comfort of your own home or, if you prefer, at one of our four conveniently located offices.



Pre-arranged Funerals

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. To the point
- 5. Expired
- 7. Large tooth
- 8. Questioner
- 9. Ogled, ... at 12. Referee's device
- 15. Line of hereditary rulers
- 19. Burglaries
- 21. Financial

### **DOWN**

- 1. Sweepstake
- 2. Enthusiastic
- 3. In front
- 4. Roofing grass
- 5. Floats on current
- 6. Ridicule
- 10. Uniform
- 11. Grain tips
- 12. Route

- 13. Skin irritation
- 14. Slight quarrel
- 15. Gloomy
- 16. For each one
- 17. Sums
- 18. Evaluate
- 19. Cooking herb
- 20. Terminated

Wordsearch No: 63 Theme: AIR TRAVEL



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## Fun With Trivia 475 - 477

475. What did the crocodile swallow in Peter Pan?

**476.** Which river passes through Madrid?

**477.** Which German city is famous for the perfume it produces?

22. Stupor

23. Decoy

24. Makes stable

**Sudoku** No: 75 Level 2

**FEBRUARY** 

Code Cracker No: 63



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## Fun With Trivia 478 - 481

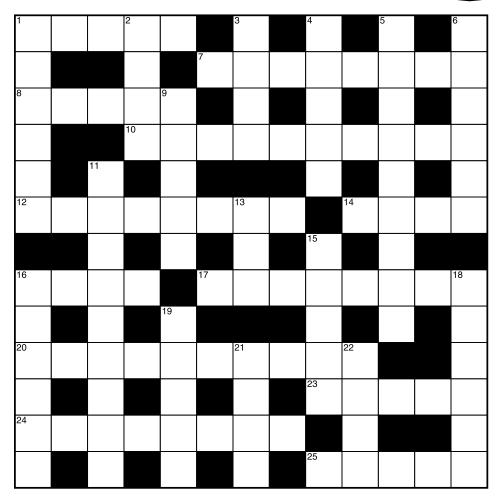
**478.** Who did Prince Rainier of Monaco marry?

**479.** When did the First World War start?

**480.** What did Joseph Priestley discover in 1774?

**481.** Where is the smallest bone in the body?

## **FEBRUARY**



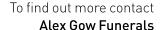
### ACROSS

- 1. Inquiry
- 7. Emotional eruption
- 8. Lowest female voices
- 10. Moderation
- 12. Disgraces
- 14. Be sullen
- 16. Resign
- 17. Clearly expressed
- 20. Overstate
- 23. Brown pigment

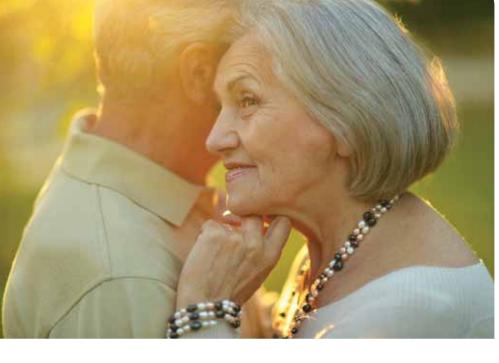
### **DOWN**

- 1. Fluid units
- 2. Unruly protest
- 3. Refuse heap
- 4. Terminate
- 5. Say correct way
- 6. Flash (of lightning)
- 9. Dingy
- 11. Drools
- 13. Negligent
- 15. Darts

- 16. Waits in line
- 18. Pinches (nose)
- 19. Once more
- 21. Fishing spool
- 22. Morays



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24. Cosmetic pencil

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## The Paradoxes of Mourning

The Dark Knight of the Soul

Part 2 of 3

Paradox 2: Mourners must make friends with the darkness before they can enter the light.

Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.



A paradox is a seemingly self-contradictory statement or situation that is in fact often true. The paradox of mourning we will consider together in this article might, at first glance, seem self-contradictory, but as I will reveal, it is actually a forgotten Truth with a capital T. It's a Truth we must rediscover because it is essential to understanding how mourners begin to heal in the aftermath of significant loss.

The International Dark-Sky Association is a nonprofit "fighting to preserve the night." Recognizing that human produced light creates "light pollution," which diminishes our view of the stars, disrupts our circadian rhythms and ecosystems, and wastes significant amounts of energy, the association seeks to reserve the use of artificial lighting at night to only what is truly necessary.

As you read about Paradox 2, I would like you to remember this mantra of "fighting to preserve the night." During our times of grief, we are also well served to fight to honor and preserve the sanctity and restorative powers of the dark night of the soul.

### The Dark Night of the Soul

One way in which we used to honour the need to make friends with the darkness of grief was to observe a period of mourning whose length and customs varied by era, religion and culture, as well as by a mourner's specific relationship to the deceased. During this time, mourners essentially withdrew from society. When they did venture out, they wore clothing that outwardly represented their internal reality.

Such mourning "rules" or customs were a way of acknowledging loss and honoring the need for a period of darkness. They were superficial signs of a deeply profound, spiritual crisis. In fact, a significant loss plunges you into what C.S. Lewis, Eckhart Tolle and various Christian mystics have called "the dark night of the soul."

After the death of someone loved, the dark night of the soul can be a long and very black night indeed. Families struggling after a significant loss of any kind are inhabiting that long, dark night. It is uncomfortable and scary. It hurts. Yet if they allow themselves to sit still in the blackness without trying to fight it, deny it or run away from it, they will find that it has something to teach them.

### The So-called Dark Emotions

Have you noticed that we tend to equate the dark with all things evil and bad, while light represents goodness and purity? Darkness is night, ghosts, caves, bats, devils and vampires. Darkness is also ignorance and void. And when we feel "dark" emotions, we mean that we feel sadness, emptiness, loss, depression, despair, shame and/or fear. Yes, the dark emotions are painful and challenging to experience. But are they really bad? No, they are not.

Feelings are not intrinsically good or bad, they simply are. They arise in us in response to what we are seeing, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling in any given moment. They also emanate more abstractly from our thoughts. Feelings are essentially the bodily response to the existential experience of living and being.

And so it is normal and natural for mourners to turn to the dark emotions of grief. They must acknowledge them and allow themselves to feel them. In fact, I often say that we must befriend our dark emotions. Befriending pain is hard. It's true that it is easier to avoid, repress or deny the pain of grief than it is to embrace it, yet it is in befriending our pain that we learn from it and unlock our capacity to be transformed by it.

Funeral directors can and do help by bearing witness to and normalising expressions of this pain. When funeral directors create a safe, unhurried atmosphere for families to encounter the dark emotions in their presence, they are letting them know that their behavior, crying, keening, expressing anger or anguish, etc, is normal and necessary.

### The Darkness of Liminal Space

Grief lives in liminal space. Limina is the Latin word for threshold, the space betwixt and between. Funeral directors help people who are in liminal space every day. They are unsettled. They are in limbo. Both their automatic daily routines and their core beliefs have been shaken, forcing them to reconsider who they are, why they're here and what life means.

Yes, it's uncomfortable being in liminal space, but that's where grief takes mourners. Without grief, they wouldn't go there. But it is only in liminal space that they can reconstruct their shattered worldviews and re-emerge as transformed people who are ready to live and love fully again.

### The Light of Empathy in the Darkness

Funeral directors can help families cope during the dark night of the soul by employing empathy. But first, it's important to understand the difference between sympathy and empathy.

When people are sympathetic to you, they are noticing and feeling concern for your circumstances, usually at a distance. They are "feeling sorry" for you. They are feeling "pity" for you. They may be offering a simple solution, platitude or distraction. Sympathy is "feeling for" someone else.

Empathy, on the other hand is about making an emotional connection. It is a more active process, one in which the listener tries to understand and feel your experience from the inside out. The listener is not judging you or your thoughts and feelings. She is not offering simple solutions. Instead, she is making herself vulnerable to your thoughts, feelings and circumstances by looking for connections to similar thoughts, feelings and circumstances inside her. She is being present and allowing herself to be taught by you. Empathy is "feeling with" someone else.

In the time of darkness for the grieving families, a funeral directors genuine empathy can be the candle they need to find their way through the early days of their grief.

### **Entering the Light**

Paradox 2 says that mourners must make friends with the darkness before they can enter the light. But what is the light? There really is no set destination on the journey through grief. The light of healing in grief is not exactly like the light at the end of a tunnel. Reconciliation is the goal, but it is not a fixed end point or perfect state of bliss. At least here on earth, bittersweet is as sweet as it gets.

The Chinese yin-yang symbol represents the duality of many experiences in life. The shape of the symbol is a perfect circle, in other words, a unified whole. But making up the circle are two comma shapes, one black (the yin) and one white (the yang). And within each comma shape is a dot of the opposite color.

The symbol is a visual reminder that everything comprises both darkness and light. Yet the darkness and the light are not opposing forces. Rather, they are complementary twins that only together form a whole. What's more, the drop of white in the black yin and the drop of black in the white yang remind us that nothing is purely dark or light, good or bad. Instead, life is made up of people, places, actions, things and experiences that are mixtures of both.

And so, as funeral directors help families create meaningful funeral experiences, they think of the light as the thoughts and feelings they want to project as possibilities for the mourners futures. While the time of the funeral is a natural and necessary time of darkness, be reassured that there is love and life in the months to come. A meaningful, elements-rich funeral also upholds hope, gratitude, joy, love and peace.

Dr. Alan Wolfelt is a respected author, educator, and consultant to hospices, hospitals, schools, universities, funeral homes and other community agencies.

His life's work of companioning those who grieve has lead him to advocate for the value of meaningful funeral experiences.

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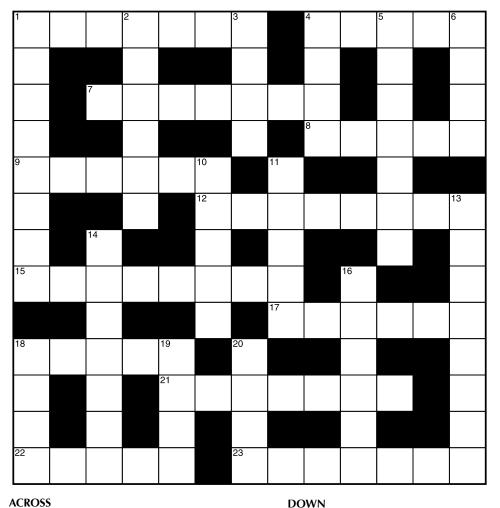


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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Worn by friction
- 4. Plucked string sound
- 7. Old-fashioned
- 8. Playing-card Jack
- 9. Wallop
- 12. Runaways
- 15. Scriptwriter's words
- 17. Combined forces, ... up
- 18. Give lessons
- 21. Saying yes to

- 22. This 24 hours
- 23. Carve
  - - 3. Twofold
      - - 4. Garment fold

1. Confessed

2. Aviator

- 5. Assumed identities
- 6. Heredity unit
- 10. Shrub fence
- 11. Eight-piece group
- 13. Set of symptoms
- 14. Quit (premises)

### 16. Mode

- 18. Clump of grass
- 19. Hallowed
- 20. Disabled

## **Wordsearch** No: 64 Theme: ALICE IN WONDERLAND



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## Fun With Trivia 482 - 484

**482.** Which is the only mammal that can't jump?

**483.** What does the roman numeral C represent?

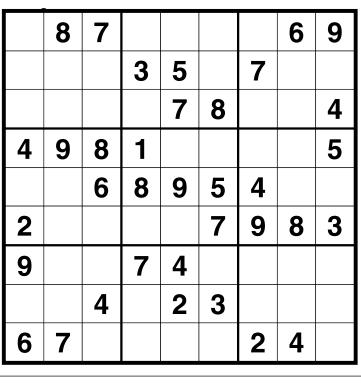
484. What nationality was Chopin?

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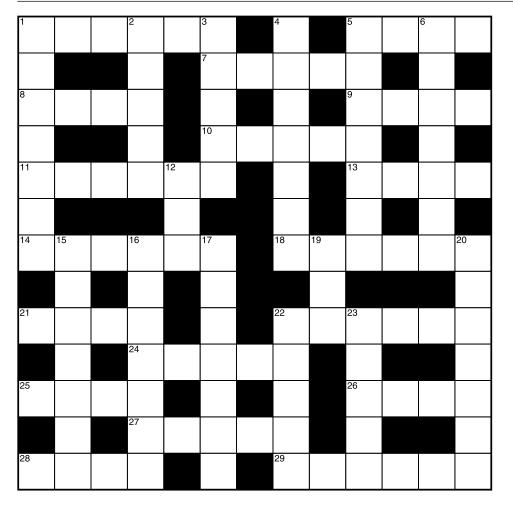
## Fun With Trivia 485 - 488

**485.** Who lived at 221B, Baker Street, London?

486. Where did Salvador Dali live?

**487.** Who painted the Mona Lisa?

**488.** How many dots are there on two dice?



### **ACROSS**

1. Spanish fleet

21. Unnatural sleep

24. Actress, ... Kelly

29. Moves furtively

28. Electricity supply network

22. Library user

25. Bully

26. Take nap

27. Happening

- 5. Draw in (air)
- 7. Stale
- 8. Dingy
- 9. In the area of
- 10. Volley of bullets
- 11. Crowd brawls
- 13. Have (to)
- 14. Caught in the act
- 18. Entangle

### **DOWN**

- 1. Stomach
- 2. Leisurely walk
- 3. Accumulate
- 4. Set apart
- 5. Like-meaning word
- 6. Meteor impact holes
- 12. Before (poetic)
- 15. One good turn deserves ...
- 16. Crowed
- 17. Formal arguments



19. Maiden name indicator

20. Horse restrainer

22. Hires out

23. Contributed

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### **ACROSS**

1. Absconders

23. Light sleeps 24. Laterally 5. Always

- 7. Tiny branch
- 8. Not scared
- 9. Dehydration symptom
- 12. Plods
- 15. Vulgar
- 19. More orderly
- 21. Very distressing
- 22. Loan

### **DOWN**

1. Gyrate

2. Hostility

3. Mature

4. Beard trimmer

5. Fetching task

6. FM receivers 10. Woes

11. Confident

12. Musical, ... Wizard Of Oz

13. Encourage

14. Squall

15. Life gas

16. Desert animals

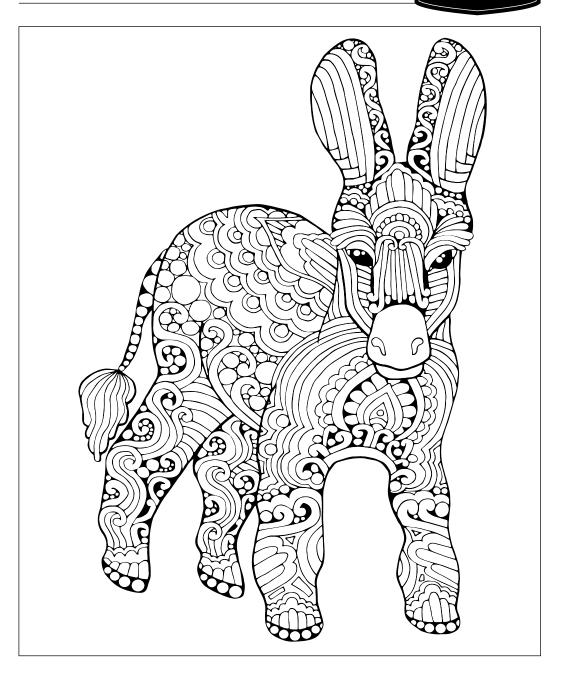
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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Balanced
- 7. Game fowl

23. Crave, ... for

24. Tarried

25. Sham

- 8. Rebuke
- 10. Blessed
- 12. Chewing
- 14. Office circular
- 16. Extended family
- 17. Protested
- 20. Pillaging

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## Wordsearch No: 65 Theme: ALTERNATIVE THERAPY

### **MARCH**

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## Fun With Trivia 489 - 491

**489.** What horoscope sign has a crab?

**490.** Where does the British Prime Minister live?

**491.** When did the Second World War end?

Sudoku No: 77 Level 3



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## Fun With Trivia 492 - 495

**492.** What are the first three words of the bible?

**493.** How many children has Queen Elizabeth the Second got?

**494.** By what other name is Siddhartha Gautama known?

**495.** What's the name of the famous big clock in London?

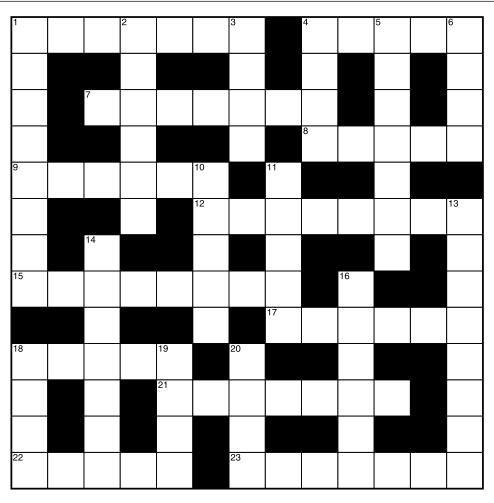
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**MARCH** 

## A R C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**Crossword** No: 215





### ACROSS

- 1. Pursuing closely
- 4. Hollywood prize, Academy ...
- 7. Grove of fruit trees
- 8. You will, we ...
- 9. Glows
- 12. Strolls aimlessly
- 15. Collar
- 17. Cried in pain
- 18. Burglary warning
- 21. Word jumble

### **DOWN**

22. Edition

23. Young hare

- 1. Snow sled
- 2. Lasso
- 3. Desired result
- 4. Support devices
- 5. Displayed
- 6. Unexciting
- 10. Spread
- 11. Rice field
- 13. Leafiest
- 14. Scratches (surface)

### 16. Gratify

- 18. Opposed to
- 19. Confusing network
- 20. Trip over

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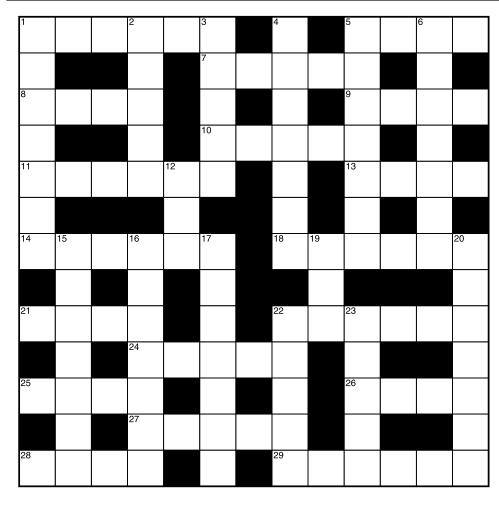
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### ACROSS

- 1. Detect
- 5. Prods sharply
- 7. Exaggeratedly masculine
- 8. Defined region
- 9. Seepage
- 10. Shine
- 11. Bee's liquid harvest
- 13. Single object
- 14. Carnivores, meat ...
- 18. Most painful
- 21. Cougar

- 22. Stood on hind legs
- 24. Terminate
- 25. Days of yore, the ...
- 26. Graceful bird
- 27. Clear
- 28. Refuse to admit
- 29. Wool clippers

### **DOWN**

- 1. Throat capsule
- 2. Skilful
- 3. Piece of glowing coal
- 4. Frozen water spikes
- 5. Merrier
- 6. Sportsmen's jackets
- 12. Ventilate
- 15. Flatter to excess
- 16. Precisely
- 17. Graze
- 19. Primary number

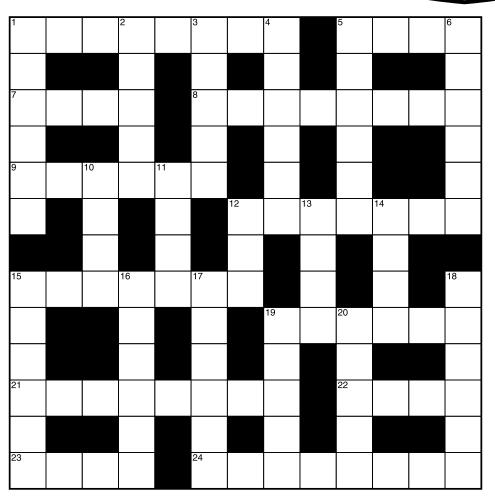
20. News

22. Splits apart

23. Supermarket lane



**MARCH** 



### **ACROSS**

- 1. Comes undone
- 5. Doing word
- 7. Feral
- 8. Envy
- 9. Public disturbance
- 12. Movie inspectors
- 15. Inflated ball
- 19. Tenderly
- 21. Rigidity
- 22. Plaintive howl

23. Fades

24. Obliterates

- 1. Remove cover from
- 2. Snake, puff ...
- 3. Like
- 4. Scant

**DOWN** 

- 5. Pansies
- 6. Purchasers
- 10. Duck or chicken
- 11. Too
- 12. Cheat
- 13. Memorandum

- 14. Leave out
- 15. Polished
  - 16. Peru beasts

  - 17. Displease
  - 18. Recurrent periods
  - 19. Fights for air
  - 20. Fresher

Sudoku No: 78 Level 3



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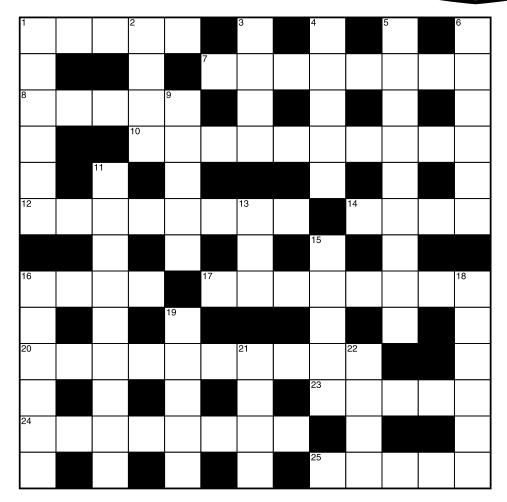
## Fun With Trivia 496 - 498

**496.** Where was Christopher Columbus born?

497. When did the American Civil War end?

**498.** What did the 7 dwarves do for a job?





### **ACROSS**

- 1. Opposite of rural 23. Brought under control
- 7. Daughter's child 24. Most fortunate
- 8. Common
- 10. Juveniles
- 12. Complete disorder
- 14. Rushed
- 16. Glass pots
- 17. Looking very
- undernourished
- 20. Significant

### **DOWN**

- Dethrones
- 3. Wide smile

- 5. Bone specialist
- 6. Unexpended
- 9. Hotel foyer
- 11. Male family head

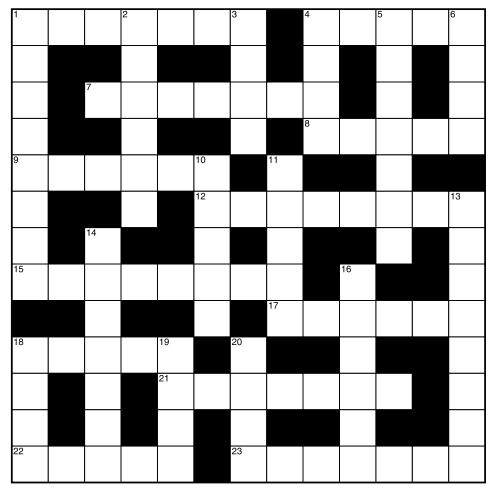
- 2. Not here

- 4. Grind (teeth) together

- 13. Large deer
- 15. Disobey (rules)

## **Crossword** No: 219





### **ACROSS**

- 1. Nutrient (pill)
- 4. End of war
- 7. Nervously restless
- 8. Wrap for head & shoulders
- 9. Remained
- 12. Leaves (sinking ship)
- 15. Regional speeches
- 17. Greatly pleased
- 18. Complete
- 21. Of the beach
- 22. Family adage
- 23. Deserved

### **DOWN**

- 1. Disappeared
- 2. Every time
- 3. Actor, ... Nolte
- 4. Settles account
- 5. Pilot
- 6. Fragrant type of tea, ... Grey
- 10. Move to music
- 11. Make happen
- 13. Followed secretly
- 14. Lowest British titled rank
- 16. Italian sausage
- 18. To ... it may concern

25. Sense of the absurd

16. Mixture

18. Indecently

19. Inflexible

22. Den

21. Deep wound

19. Resound

20. Pacify

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