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by Sandor Weisz • May 9, 2017

Dear Petopia Pet Sitters-

My pets really love the Pintopia Press!
Please do the following:

- Read the front page to
     , my snake.
- Read the weather to
      , my cat.
- Read the sports to
     , my monkey.
- Do the jumble, then the crossword,
with      , my bat.
- Read the business news to
     , my gerbil.

Thanks!
-Peter

Final answer:



Return this sheet to G.C. once you have the final answer.

Welcome to Puzzled Pint! If you're joining us for the first time, please read our Puzzling Basics at puzzledpint.com/basics or by asking your organizer for a printout.

We encourage you to ask the hosts (a.k.a. Game Control) for hints as often as you'd like. Our goal is for you to have fun, not to be frustrated! Also, you are welcome to use the Internet to look up anything.

There are six puzzles in this set. The note to the left is your answer sheet for the first five. Write all five answers there, then solve the final puzzle. **Return this sheet to G.C. when you're finished.**

Send us love letters and ideas for improvement at puzzledpint.com/feedback.

Thanks, and we sincerely hope you enjoy your evening! — Game Control

TEAM NAME

TEAM SIZE

START TIME

END TIME

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: How much did your team spend tonight on food and drinks?

The Píntopía Press



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Lost Gemstones Yield Great Nuisance

The suspects may have split the loot up. Police expect them to connect again soon.

Police continue to ponder the mysterious disappearance of the six Hightower Gems. At first, suspicions were focused on the gardener, a fellow with a well-known penchant for carefully tended aquariums that are rife with places for tiny stones. Suspicion fell on Diana Hightower herself, after the gardener was proven to be elsewhere that night. Caught in a web of gambling debts, perhaps the lady of the house had robbed her own gems. According to Chief Det. Randall Emerson, Mrs. Hightower led the police on a high speed chase in the moonlight that terrified the entire neighborhood. She was also suspected of making weird etchings on a government building.

Commander Rudolph Hightower, heir to the Hightower estate is begging anyone with information about the

IMPORTANT MILESTONES

JANUARY

Jewels stolen. Gardener under suspicion.

MARCH

Shift in case leads to questioning of Mrs. Hightower.

APRIL

Car chase top headline on all news programs.

MAY

Weird initials carved in doorpost prompt investigation.

JUNE

Hightower travels back to ocean floor, case remains unsolved.

JULY

Case narrowed down to just two suspects.

case to come forward. He offered a sizeable reward for information leading to the successful recovery of the gems. After his press conference, the

weary Commander returned to his sub-marine, expressing hope that the mystery would be solved by the time he next surfaces.

In the wake of the police's inability to solve the case, Mayor Fitzgerald recently brought in Detective David Daverson, who is well known for solving the 2004 theft of a Monet. In the end, Det. Daverson unmasked a wide conspiracy that ran from the Kentucky Derby all the way to Bowling Green, and which took down the entire state legislature. As he drank almond milk, he waxed philosophical to us about the case: "Sometimes the objects just call to you, across space and time," he said. "My greatest hope is that it'll say 'He found the Hightower Gems' on my grave-stone.'" We pray he is right.



STAR



TAR



Word Games

★★★★★

JUMBLE

RUHSC
○ □ ♥ ◇ □

SOJREK
● ♥ □ ◇ ○ □

SWARPN
□ ○ ◇ □ □ ♥

SHTRAY
○ ◇ □ □ □ ♥

USHEO
♥ ○ □ ◇ □



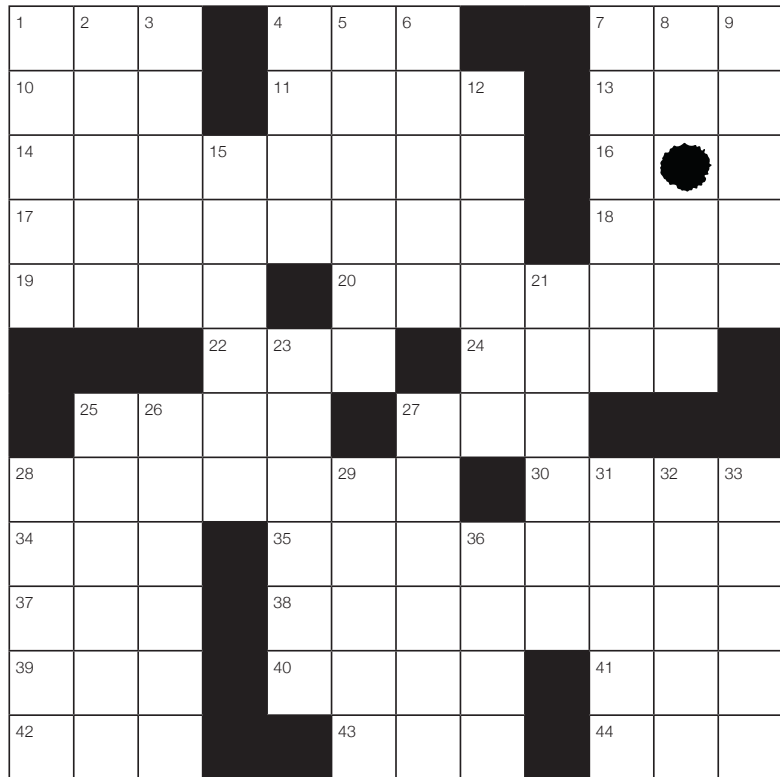
When they refused to
s~~wear~~ in on the bible, the
conjoined twins got another
option from the judge:

“○ ◇ ♥ ◇ ♥”

♥ ○ ♥ ○

♥ ◇ ◇ ○ ○ ◇

Illustration by Veronica Berns



Across

- 1 Laugh of derision
- 4 C.I.O.'s partner
- 7 Social org. with gym and Torah study
- 10 Knight or Dame honor in U.K.
- 11 Object of Kong's affection
- 13 Birthplace of Albert Einstein
- 14 Aquatic mammal
- 16 Gesture for "yes"
- 17 Without smell
- 18 Newark airport abbr.
- 19 Hawaii's state bird
- 20 Maxima and Sentra
- 22 Bouquet co.
- 24 Places for EKGs
- 25 First, second, or reverse
- 27 Madrid Mrs.
- 28 Mercedes in a Lorde song
- 30 Decomposes
- 34 Before, in poetry
- 35 Garnish for 6-Down
- 37 One may be animated
- 38 He played The Hulk
- 39 Buckeyes' university (abbr.)
- 40 At home, in Latin
- 41 Towel embroidery word
- 42 UPS alternative

43 Mazda minivan

44 A Poké~~mon~~ trainer

Down

- 1 "Come aboard!" (2 words)
- 2 □ □ □ □ □
- 3 Large wading bird
- 4 Term for military desertion
- 5 Buddy
- 6 Drink with vindaloo
- 7 Capital of Alaska
- 8 □ □ □ □ □
- 9 Naval officers (abbr.)
- 12 Private line?
- 15 Assembled in a factory, like a house
- 21 Egyptian beetle
- 23 Drew a shape with one's finger
- 25 □ □ □ □ □
- 26 Good-looker
- 27 □ □ □ □ □
- 28 Oath ender: "... so help — —."
- 29 Rebound, in billiards
- 31 Nebraska home of Berkshire Hathaway
- 32 Braxton and Collette
- 33 □ □ □ □ □
- 36 CLI x IV



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Mergers & Acquisitions

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Two different ways for a pair of companies to synergize.

SYMB.	COMPANY	PRICE
A	Agilent	\$263.11
ALL	Allstate	\$220.01
BBY	Best Buy	\$190.17
COH	Coach	\$129.08
DG	Dollar General	\$78.02
DO	Diamond Offshore Drilling	\$74.12
DOW	Dow Chemical	\$77.15
ED	Consolidated Edison	\$32.00
EL	Estee Lauder	\$298.00
ES	Eversource Energy	\$278.00
ESS	Essex Property Trust	\$272.04
FE	FirstEnergy Corp.	\$34.13
GE	General Electric	\$101.09
HAR	Harman Int'l	\$284.05
HON	Honeywell Int'l	\$186.05
IFF	Intl Flavors & Fragrances	\$187.11
K	Kellogg	\$36.17
KLAC	KLA-Tencor	\$24.20
M	Macy's	\$31.02
MA	Mastercard	\$69.02
MAS	Masco Corp.	\$43.04
MO	Altria Group	\$187.02
MS	Morgan Stanley	\$300.05
NEE	NextEra Energy Corp.	\$143.01
NUE	Nucor	\$231.08
O	Realty Income Corp.	\$43.09
R	Ryder System	\$68.17
SE	Spectra Energy	\$279.08
T	AT&T	\$202.04
V	Visa	\$125.03

Mastercard merges with company to make a better face disguise.

FirstEnergy Corp. acquires company in quest for tastier dessert.

Diamond Offshore Drilling merges with company who can help them build spherical roofs.

NextEra Energy Corp. acquires company and jumps into jewelry business.

Honeywell Int'l acquires company and does a do-si-do.

Harman Int'l merges with company to build a stronger set of straps for a horse.

Masco Corp. merges with company and makes every day Bring Your Droopy-Eared Dog To Work Day

Morgan Stanley acquires company and demands "Don't Lichen Us To Other Conglomerates."

Allstate acquires company to get in the booze game.

Spectra Energy acquires company to keep everyone secure.

Altria Group merges with company and together promises new two-wheeled vehicle.

AT&T merges with company to engineer a better striped housecat.

Estee Lauder acquires company in move to become The Dark Side.

General Electric merges with company and starts work on a microbe.

Nucor acquires company and together they'll help new mothers breastfeed.



STAR



TAR



The next day...



(Don't read until you've finished all the other puzzles!)

Peter-

Your pets are fed. You neglected to mention that you had a bird! She's a terror; she liked to fly around my head, and, uh, make her mark on the paper while I was reading it to all the other creatures.

So I put her in her square cage. Then I used the pages of the newspaper to line the bottom of the cage. I found a way to use all four newspaper pages to make perfect square, with a bullseye precisely in the middle! Now she has something to aim at. (It helped to cut off or fold in the white margins on the right side of each page. And I made sure to keep my glasses straight.)

With the help of the other pets, I was able to connect the dots and realize why she wasn't satisfied with what I was reading. She prefers a different kind of journalism.

Sincerely,

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