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The World Puzzle Federation is an association of legal bodies with an interest in puzzles. Only one member per country can belong to the WPF. The WPF follows the Olympic standard in what constitutes a country. Information on present members and criteria for membership can be found in the members section on pages 26-28 of this issue.

Goals of the World Puzzle Federation are:

- to provide the means for an international exchange of puzzle ideas
- to stimulate innovations in the field of puzzles
- to supervise the annual World Puzzle Championship (WPC) and other puzzle activities
- to foster friendship among puzzle enthusiasts world-wide

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Editorial

This past year, several important things happened from a puzzler's point of view. First, certainly the WPC in Opatija, Croatia. Several pages in this issue cover it, and many of its outstanding puzzles are included. A short behind-the-scenes story is written by organizer Valter Kvalic, who did such a good job that he was elected mayor of Krsan, probably a community full of puzzle lovers...!

The WPF has become very much expanded this year. We welcome eight new members, who are introduced on pages 2-3, bringing the total number of members to 30!

Other important puzzle-related news is the worldwide craze for sudoku. During the past year, you've probably been involved with sudoku in one way or the other. The enthusiasm shown by the public for this "new" puzzle has probably been the wildest in the UK: on pages 16-17 you can see some of the newspaper headlines and a write-up by Tim Preston.

Will Shortz created a nice crossword trivia quiz which appears on pages 26-27.

To wind up with a personal note: this will be the last newsletter edited by me. I have done it for five years now, high time for someone else to have a fresh go at it. The same applies to our designer Ivo van IJendoorn who did a perfect job all these years, spending many hours of his spare time at a fee way below his regular fee, while holding down a regular day job.

It will be interesting to see in what way production in a different country will influence the contents, design and printing of the newsletter.

Good puzzling!

Peter Ritmeester

Editor and WPF General Secretary

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Illustration: Phil Argent

New Members

In the past year, the WPF received applications from no fewer than 8 countries not yet represented. All were approved by the board. Below is information each one sent to introduce themselves to the WPF. Plus a few words on a change in Turkey. All contact information is on pages 26-28 of this issue. We extend a warm welcome to all the new members!

AUSTRIA

DeBerners
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DeBerners Werbung & Grafik GmbH
Mr. Michael Riemann, Organisation WPF events

DeBerners is an advertisement company supporting the formation of an Austrian team at the WPC in Eger.

BRAZIL

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Ediouro Publicações
Mr. Hegel Braga, Operations Director

Ediouro Publicações is a large publisher in Brazil. Coquetel is one of the companies of the Ediouro Group and responsible for the puzzles. We publish more than 66 titles monthly. We hope to be able to host a Championship in Brazil in the near future.

ESTONIA

KUMA

As Kuma
Mr. Jaanus Laidna, editor-in-chief crossword magazines

As Kuma publishes altogether 13 different crossword magazines in three different languages - Estonian, Latvian and Russian - and is by far the biggest publisher of crossword magazines in Estonia.

ITALY

nonzero

Nonzero s.r.l.
Riccardo Albini, Editor of "LogicArt" magazine

Nonzero publishes a magazine with mostly paint-by-number puzzles and variations, and a magazine with sudoku.

MALAYSIA

iMINDgination Sdn Bhd
Mr. Low Kong Lok, Director

iMINDgination is formed specifically to organize a national level Puzzle Championship in Malaysia, and in the near future perhaps the World Puzzle Championship.

iMINDgination is involved in the promotion of puzzles and puzzle-related items to various organizations and companies in Malaysia. We have approached many education organizations, the National Science Centre, the media and of course, Malaysian Mensa. Malaysian Mensa will support all iMINDgination activities. I am currently the Vice Chairman of Malaysian Mensa. My partner, Mr. Lee, is also a Mensa member and he is the Editorial Advisor to Triple-M, the newsletter of Malaysian Mensa. We both have been Mensa members since the late 1980's.

PHILIPPINES

Mathematics Trainers' Guild, Philippines
Dr. Simon L. Chua, president

We are a non-profit mathematics organization which is composed of voluntary mathematics teachers and trainers across the country. Our organization aims to provide quality mathematics education and training in the country. We participated at different international math competitions and correspondence math contests.



Puzzlers from Serbia & Montenegro. See page 23 for their colleagues from Uruguay.

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO



Savez zagonetaca Srbije (SZS)
Mr. Zoran Radisavljevic, President

SZS is a young association of Serbian puzzlers. Our aim is to popularize all kind of puzzles and to prepare our members for competitions of puzzlers.

Most of our puzzlers are members of MENSA and work with logical puzzles. Others are experts in traditional enigmas like crosswords, anagrams, rebuses, etc. In next period SZS will organize a qualifying test for a national team and some other competitions (Internet cup for anagrammatists, scrabble tournaments, etc.).

TURKEY



Türkiye Beyin Takımı
("Brain Team of Turkey")

Several of the former and current WPC competitors from Turkey have initiated the Istanbul Puzzle Association, which now represents the WPF in Turkey. Its target is to establish a puzzle federation in Turkey in 2007. Mr. Nevzat Erkmen, Honorary President of the organization recently, at the age of 74, transferred his rights to represent WPF to this initiative.

Mr. Erkmen is a former manager for Coca Cola, and in 1983 he established his own publishing and puzzle company. Besides running this company, he did a lot more, for instance translating James Joyce's "Ulysses" into Turkish, which won him many awards, and which he called his "biggest puzzle ever."

Thanks to Mr. Nevzat Erkmen, Turkey has been represented from the very first WPC in New York in 1992. Mr. Erkmen says this is how organizer Will Shortz learned about his existence: "Some Croatians started the thing in 1991. They wrote to Hürriyet newspaper about their plans, and the editors of the paper gave me their letter of invitation. We were to meet in Zagreb in 1992 to prepare our thesis regarding a discussion with Mr. Samaranché of the Olympics Committee about the rules as they could be applied to puzzlers. Actually, Mr. Samaranché invited us to the Barcelona games as a pre-testing of such a new step. And a giant step that would be!

But then fighting started. Luckily, Will got the list of members from the Croatians, and he invited us all to New York City. Will also helped me by writing to the Turkish Ministry of Culture so that I could form a team and take them to the event. Unforgettable things!

A new international era of friendship started for me at Washington Square in 1992 where Helene Hovanec registered us into NYU's dormitories. I had already spent about 7 years in that school. Söz Yayın's puzzle publishing prospered with all that new material."

In 1998, Mr. Erkmen organized a successful WPC in Istanbul, sponsored by Coca Cola, of course.

About the future he says, "I think we must find a way to enter school curriculums, starting with pre-school years. Forming children's teams (07-12 & 12 and over) of four, and visiting each other internationally. Another dream of mine is to see you all again at another WPC in my home town of Izmir."

URUGUAY

Grupo Ingenio Uruguay
Ms. Débora Savioffi, Board Director



See pages 22-23 ■



At the Irish Ambassadors' Residence before dinner. Standing: Ambassador Mr. Murat Ersavci, Curator of James Joyce Museum Arminta Wallace, Mr. Robert Nicholson, Sitting: Ms. Zeynep Ersavci, James Joyce translator Nevzat Erkmen, president Mrs. Nicholson. Dublin 1998

The 13th World Puzzle Championship in Croatia 2004

In September 2002, the World Puzzle Federation voted for Croatia to host the 13th WPC. We went to Oulu determined to make a good presentation of Croatia as the future host, and we were very happy to succeed. Our publisher Novi List supported the entire project by securing funds to make the upcoming event successful.

So we had two years' time to prepare everything properly. However, the first year we really did not do much, except to make the reservation in the hotel Ambassador at Opatija, where the event was scheduled to take place. In October 2003, two members of our organizing committee, Pero Galogaza and myself, attended the 12th WPC in Arnhem as members of the Croatian team. This time we carefully observed all the aspects of the event, which were really splendid.

When we returned home, we knew ex-

As always, a lot of hard work is being done behind the scenes as the scores have to be posted as soon as possible.



actly what our goal was: to maintain the high organizational standards set by Arnhem. Of course, we could not simply imitate our Dutch hosts; every country should offer something special that would remain as a pleasant remembrance for every participant.

PREPARATIONS

Alfredo Ivankov was appointed to be in charge of puzzles. He contacted all the puzzlers in Croatia who were able to produce quality puzzles for the championship. I was in charge of communications with all federations worldwide. There were hundreds and hundreds of e-mail messages that were exchanged in the last few months before the event with team captains, individual competitors, sponsors, guests, etc. Alas, everything did not go our way. We expected some more teams to participate, mostly from our neighboring states, but of those, only Bosnia and Herzegovina were finally able to attend.

“the manager of the hotel confessed that he couldn't remember having such a large group of guests causing no trouble to the hotel”

We visited the hotel Ambassador about two months before the championship, and what we saw convinced us that we would have a great event. The whole setting, the personnel and all the technical facilities were even better than we had expected. The hotel was experienced with all kinds of international conferences, happenings and events, so all our requests did not take them by surprise.

We knew that having no airport with regular service in the vicinity of Opatija was a costly disadvantage for many teams. Zagreb airport was the most convenient

for us and for the participants as well. Part of the American team was able to make a better deal arriving at Trieste and we agreed to pick them up there, which caused us some headaches, but eventually we met them at Trieste with private cars in order to reduce the costs.

Finally, on October 12th most of the participants arrived at Opatija. The weather was fine, and for the next day we planned an excursion. Initially, it was supposed to consist of a boat trip to the island of Krk, but the weather forecast wasn't favorable, and we did not want to be remembered for seasickness! So we made a last minute change. Instead of Krk, we visited the city of Porec and the old town of Motovun on the Istria peninsula. Weather was perfect, and I hope that everyone enjoyed the trip. We were very lucky with the weather, because the next day was rainy, and it remained unstable through the week.

THE COMPETITION

The first part of the competition began soon after we returned from the excursion, with explanations of the puzzles. Since the instruction booklet was e-mailed one week before the championship, there were not too many questions.

Puzzles proved to be quite fair, and

the playoffs. A system designed by Alfredo Ivankov honored the previous achievements in the best way. However, Niels Roest of The Netherlands again proved to be the champion of playoffs, winning first place for the second time, although he was only in ninth place going into the playoffs. The playoffs were full of suspense, and I believe that the audience enjoyed the tense competition.

Valter walking down the aisle just after he started a new round of tough puzzles.



there were not many complaints. As usual, two full days of competition and assembly of the WPF absorbed most of the time of participants, although there was enough time to chat with puzzlers from all over the world. The whole event had nationwide media attention. All national and local radio and TV stations broadcast news about the event in prime time, while several important newspapers covered the story with articles about the WPC and interviews with organizers, participants and guests.

Saturday morning was the day of

After the traditional but informal soccer game, the victory ceremony and farewell dinner took place in the nearby hotel Kvarner. On a windy Sunday morning it was time to part. The US team left by car before dawn for Trieste, while all others embarked on buses to Zagreb.

After everybody left, the manager of the hotel confessed that he couldn't remember having such a large group of guests causing no trouble to the hotel, and having practically no complaints to the hotel staff. Another puzzle, isn't it. ■



13th WORLD PUZZLE CHAMPIONSHIP
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U Opatiji, 10. - 12. listopada 2004.
www.wpc2004.com

Puzzles from the 13th World Puzzle Championship '04 in Opatija

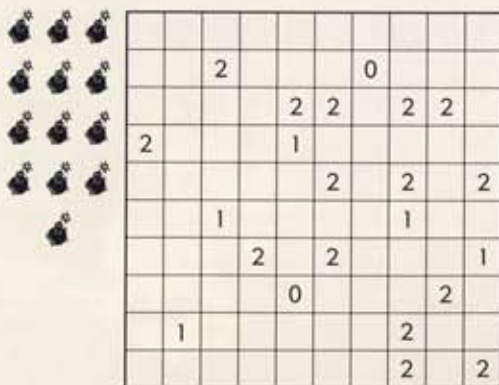
Here are some puzzles that were solved by the competitors at the 13th WPC 2004 in Opatija. The introductions that accompany the puzzles are the original, unedited ones.

Part 1

The competition began with a set of 13 standard puzzles. Since it was the 13th championship, we tried (with some success) to include the number 13 in some puzzles to mark the whole competition. Solving time: 91 minutes.

MINESWEEPER

There are 13 mines hidden in the diagram. The figures in the diagram indicate the number of mines that can be found on the squares immediately adjacent to that square, horizontally, vertically or diagonally. There is a maximum of one mine per square. Squares with a figure do not contain mines.

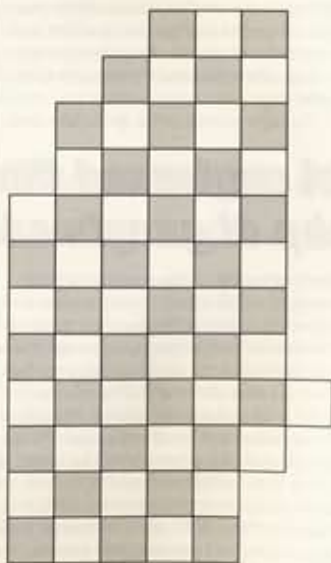


Part 2

This was a team event. The group consisted of 13 puzzles of different types (visual, logical and mathematical). Solving time: 39 minutes.

CHESS BOARD

Cut the shape in two pieces along the sides of the squares. As a result you will have two shapes, which connected together will form a chess board (8x8).

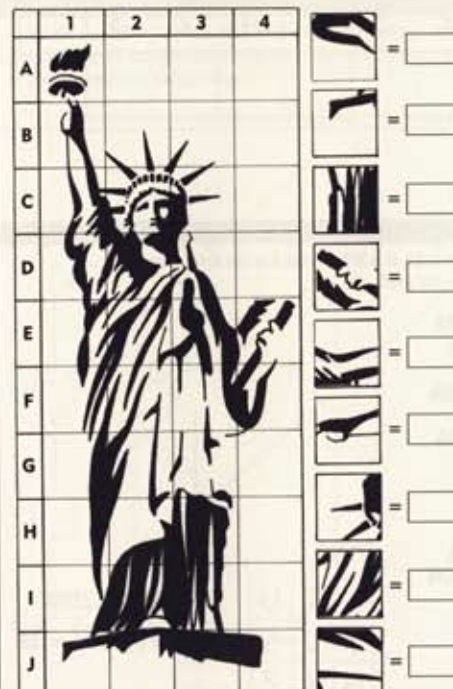


Part 3

This group consisted of 4 connected puzzles. In order to solve a puzzle, the competitor required solutions of the previous puzzles. Solving time: 26 minutes.

STATUE OF LIBERTY

Find the coordinates of all nine fragments on the large picture. The fragments can be rotated.



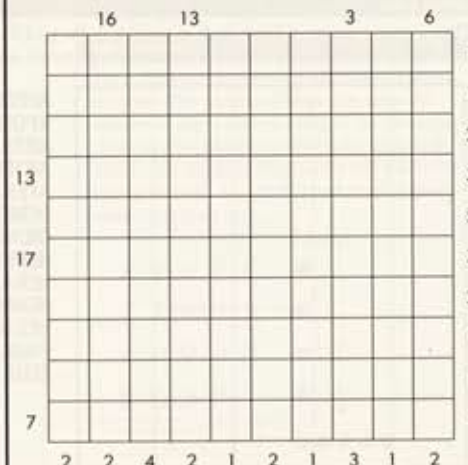
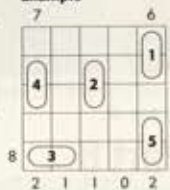
Part 4

This set of puzzles was composed from 12 puzzles that were already introduced on previous championships; the 13th was the choice of the Croatian team. Solving time: 91 minutes.

ARCHIPELAGO

The grid represents a sea with 10 (un)inhabited islands (size 1x3) which are (un)inhabited by a different number of inhabitants (from 0 to 9). The numbers right and below indicate the number of islands in the corresponding row (or column) and the numbers left and above indicate the number of inhabitants on the island(s) in the corresponding row or column. Find the position of the islands and their respective number of inhabitants. The islands do not touch each other, not even diagonally.

Example



Part 5

This part consisted of 13 mathematical problems. To solve the 13th problem, some solutions from the previous 12 problems were needed. Solving time: 39 minutes.

Part 6

Team competition. From the parts competitors had to compose pictures of 3 x 3 squares. Solving time: 52 minutes.

Part 7

This set consisted of 13 puzzles: 6 pentominoes, 6 darts, and one that included solutions from the previous 12 puzzles: Solving time: 91 minutes.



Former champion Wei-Hwa Huang during the play-off.

Part 8

This set included 3 optimizers. Solving time: 39 minutes.

GREEK GODS

Place as many names of Greek Gods as possible in the grid. Points = $2 \times (L \times W)$, where L is the total number of letters of inserted gods, and W is the number of unused cells in the grid.

- AFRODITA
- APOLON
- ARES
- ARTEMIDA
- ATENA
- DEMETRA
- DIONIZ
- HEFEST
- HERA
- HERMO
- HESTIJA
- POSEJDON
- ZEUS

Example

	T	U
A	E	S
N	R	Z

ARES, ATENA, ZEUS

$P = 2 \times (13+1) = 28$

BLACK ARROWS

Paint nine arrows in black, eight of them being in different directions. Arrows can be of two shapes and different sizes (see picture), but the top of the arrow is always rectangular and defines the direction of the arrow. The numbers next to the diagram indicate how many painted arrows are in the respective row or column. Painted arrows do not touch each other, not even in one point.

Example

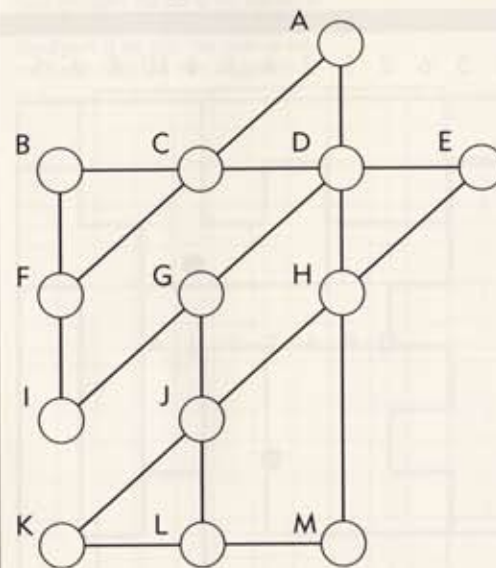
	↓	↓	↘	
→	4	5	3	←
↖	5	1	0	↗
↙	5	3	1	←
	↑	↖	↗	

	1	4	1	3	2	2
	5	4	4	4	5	5
	3	2	1	3	2	5
	1	3	1	2	4	4
	3	1	2	3	3	4
	2	3	1	4	2	3



ALWAYS THE SAME SUM

Place the numbers 1-13 into the circles. The sum of the numbers connected with straight lines is always the same. The number in circle K must be higher than 4.



Part 9

Team competition with 13 mathematical puzzles; the 13th puzzle has something in common with the previous 12. Solving time: 26 minutes.

Part 10

Set of 13 masterminds (6 with numbers, 6 with letters, and 1 with both numbers and letters). Solving time: 39 minutes.

MASTERMIND

Try to find out the correct position of the digits or letters. The number of black dots show the number of digits (letters) being at the correct position and the number of white dots show how many other digits (letters) are correct, but in the wrong position. A digit (0-9) and letter cannot occur more than once.

X 5 A 7 C	●
C 7 W 9 X	●○
1 P 9 A 3	●○○
5 C 3 P 1	●○○○
□□□□□	●●●●●

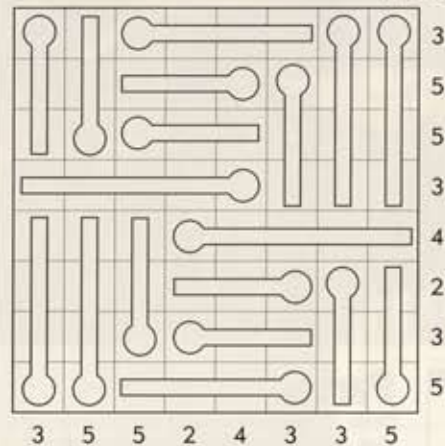
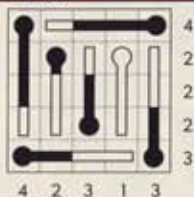
Part 11

Set of 13 new logical puzzles. Solving time: 91 minutes.

THERMOMETERS

Thermometers are neatly secured in a box, with mercury (if any) located in the thicker parts. The numbers outside the grid indicate the number of parts of the thermometers being filled with mercury in respective row or column. Find the levels in the thermometers, keeping in mind that mercury can reach only up to the gridlines.

Example



Part 12

Manipulative puzzle in which the teams had to place 52 playing cards in 7 x 7 squares to meet certain requirements regarding value and color of cards. The solution was the three cards that did not fit into the square. Solving time: 26 minutes.

Part 13 (play-off)

For the play-offs qualified 13 competitors. The best competitor after the first 12 parts went directly to the semifinals.

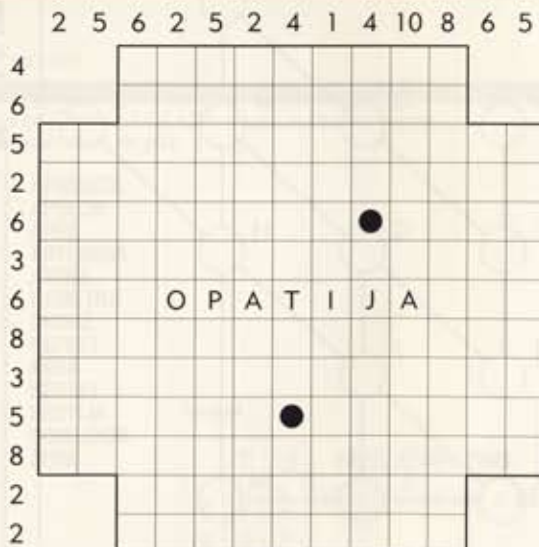
Quarterfinals

In the quarterfinals there were 4 groups of 3 competitors each, and they solved 4 puzzles. The winners of the groups and the best second-seeded qualified for the semifinals. Solving time: 13 minutes.

JOIN THE CIRCLES

Join both circles by a single continuous line while observing these conditions:

- The line must be only drawn through the centres of the squares horizontally and vertically.
- The line can make a straight angle within a square
- No square can be re-entered
- The line must not cross squares with letters
- The peripheral numbers mark how many squares in the particular column or row the line occupies, including two squares with angles.



Semifinals

In the semifinals two groups of 3 competitors each solved 3 puzzles. Winners and best second-seeded qualified for the finals. Solving time: 13 minutes.

Presentation of the finalists right before the play-off round.

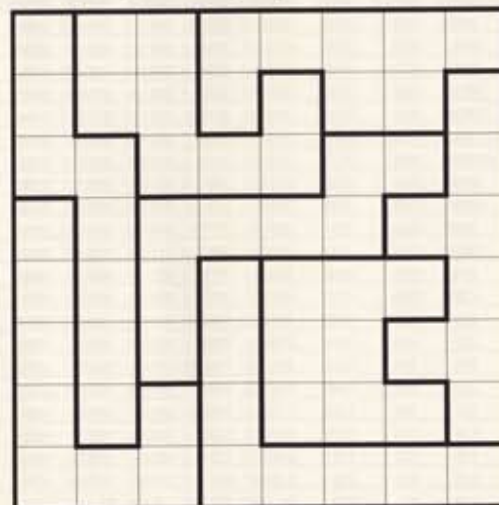


Finals

In the finals there were 6 puzzles: Solving time 26 minutes. ■

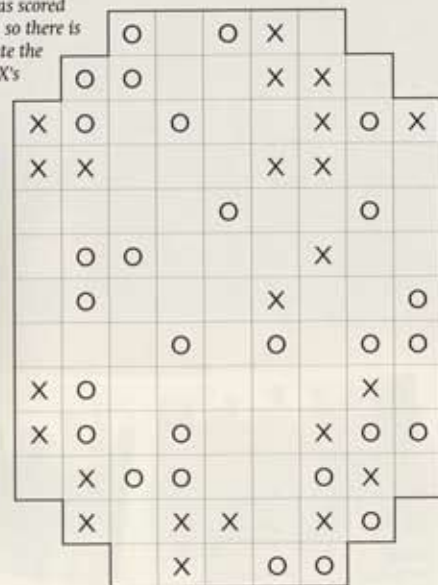
STAR BATTLE

Place two stars, the size of one square, in each column, each row and each black-edged part of the grid. The stars do not touch each other, not even diagonally.



NOT FOUR IN A ROW

A game of four in a row is played between two players. Four in a row means four connected X's or O's horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Normally, when a player has "four in a row", the game ends. Not this time: the players continue playing until the grid is full. That means that there must be one X more than O's or vice versa. In this game none of the players has scored "four in a row", so there is no winner. Locate the positions of all X's and O's in the grid.



THE TOP 3 left to right: Ulrich Voigt (2nd, Germany), Niels Roest (1st, Netherlands), Roger Barkan (3rd, USA)

THE WINNING TEAM FROM THE USA left to right: Joe DeVicentis, Jonathan Rivet, Roger Barkan, Nick Baxter (captain) and Wei-Hwa Huang



TEAM PHOTOS AND RESULTS



Poland
 Left to right, front: Marek Pemszko (captain).
 Rear: Jacek Szczep (guest), Pawel Kwiatkowski (guest - UN team), Marcin Krasuski, Michal Karwanoski, Tomek Krajewski, Michal Bony



Belgium
 Left to right: Philippe Niederkorn, Bart Leemans, Wouter Sissons, Sébastien Leroy, Guy Van Hooveid (team captain)



Bosnia Herzegovina
 Left to right: David Durbegovic, Semirudin Muminovic, Dragan Tolomanoski, Adrian Spahic



Canada
 Left to right: Derek Kisman, David Savitt, John Wolmiller (captain), Byron Calver, and Gary Sherman



Croatia
 Left to right: Pero Galogaca (team captain), Sandra Relic-Tomas, Dalibor Grljar, Andrej Ivanikov and Goran Vodopija



Czech Republic
 Left to right, front: Robert Babylon, Zdenek Vodicka (UN-team). Rear: Michal Rieder (guest), Jana Tylova, Vitěslav Koudelka (captain), Petr Nipovim, Petr Vejchoda

TEAM RESULTS

RANK	COUNTRY	PART 1	PART 2	PART 3	TOTAL	PART 4	TOTAL	PART 5	PART 6	TOTAL	PART 7	TOTAL	PART 8	PART 9	TOTAL
1	USA	468	800	290	1558	416	1974	328	200	2502	355	2857	364	368	3589
2	GER	587	740	250	1577	355	1932	294	120	2346	410	2756	342	488	3586
3	HUN	503	700	160	1363	311	1674	325	170	2169	415	2584	303	428	3315
4	NED	490	800	170	1460	397	1857	275	160	2292	380	2672	354	376	3402
5	CAN	396	588	200	1184	364	1548	273	120	1941	300	2241	303	580	3124
6	JAP	459	708	140	1307	289	1596	264	180	2040	310	2350	294	448	3092
7	CZE	441	800	180	1421	290	1711	306	160	2177	335	2512	288	388	3188
8	BEL	520	648	150	1318	342	1660	270	160	2090	270	2360	331	388	3079
9	ROM	352	700	140	1192	290	1482	288	160	1930	300	2230	294	388	2912
10	CRO	314	660	90	1064	317	1381	246	160	1787	320	2107	316	236	2659
11	FRA	315	740	80	1135	250	1385	317	140	1842	240	2082	311	268	2661
12	GBR	312	520	210	1042	244	1286	234	160	1680	190	1870	322	408	2600
13	POL	359	580	140	1079	255	1334	228	160	1722	295	2017	286	288	2571
14	TUR	230	640	140	1010	213	1223	282	140	1645	195	1840	362	248	2450
15	RUS	334	552	170	1056	176	1232	252	160	1644	275	1919	326	348	2583
16	SVK	375	308	150	833	282	1115	210	190	1515	225	1740	273	368	2381
17	UN-B	257	360	190	807	206	1013	312	140	1465	195	1660	245	428	2333
18	UN-R	287	440	70	797	171	968	132	165	1265	170	1435	255	308	1998
19	FIN	251	420	100	771	176	947	138	120	1205	190	1395	294	152	1841
20	UN-A	189	348	120	657	184	841	120	160	1121	200	1321	232	268	1821
21	BIH	145	160	70	375	122	497	138	120	755	125	880	226	228	1334
22	IND	169	280	50	499	110	609	114	40	763	95	858	218	80	1156

PLAY-OFF RESULTS

PART 10	TOTAL	PART 11	PART 12	TOTAL
251	3840	615	26	4481
269	3855	537	0	4392
243	3558	745	0	4303
234	3636	463	0	4099
210	3334	577	104	4015
174	3266	657	0	3923
228	3416	468	0	3884
203	3282	403	0	3685
156	3068	370	26	3464
240	2899	438	78	3415
228	2899	485	0	3374
144	2744	410	0	3154
186	2757	380	0	3137
174	2624	358	26	3008
150	2743	265	0	3008
204	2585	368	26	2979
132	2465	380	0	2845
90	2088	243	26	2357
132	1973	220	0	2193
102	1923	180	0	2103
90	1424	190	0	1614
84	1240	240	26	1506

RANK	COMPETITOR	TEAM	QF	SF	F
1	NIELS ROEST	NED	C3	B3	5
2	ULRICH VOIGT	GER	-	B3	4
3	ROGER BARKAN	USA	B2	A3	3
4	ZOLTAN HORWATH	HUN	C2	A2	-
5	MICHAEL LEY	GER	A2	A1	-
6	SEBASTIEN LEROY	BEL	D3	B1	-
7	WEI-HWA HUANG	USA	D2	-	-
8	BYRON CALVER	CAN	B2	-	-
9	ŠTEFAN GAŠPÁR	SVK	A2	-	-
10	PAL MADARASSY	HUN	B2	-	-
11	LASZLO OSVALT	UN-B	C2	-	-
12	JUN ITO	JAP	D1	-	-
13	RICK UPPELSCHOTEN	NED	A1	-	-



USA
 Left to right: Jonathan Pined, Joe DeVicentis, Nancy Schuster (Newsletter Copy Editor), Will Shortz (WPF Chairman), Helene Hovnaric (guest), Stanley Newman (guest), Roger Barkan, Wei-Hwa Huang, Nick Baxter (captain)

TEAM PHOTOS AND RESULTS

UK

Left to right: Nick Gardner, Mel Lewis (guest), Alan O'Donnell, Tim Preston (guest), Chris Dickson (captain), David McNeill and Nick Deiler

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Left to right: Peter Hudák, Štefan Galpár, Milan Chudý, Tere Štepanovic Roka (captain), Ján Farkas

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Germany

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India

Left to right: Prateek Agrawal, Rajesh Kumar, Hendrik Herdeman (captain), Rajib Borah, Aditya Uttarwar

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The Netherlands

Front row, left to right: Hans Emebeak (captain), Rick Uppelschoten. Back row: Tim Pieters, Niels Roest, Jan Beelen

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

RANK	COMPETITOR	TEAM	PT 1	PT 3	TOTAL	PT 4	TOTAL	PT 5	TOTAL	PT 7	TOTAL	PT 8	TOTAL	PT 10	TOTAL	PT 11	TOTAL
1	Ulrich Voigt	GER	200	100	300	92	392	72	464	135	599	95	694	190	794	240	1034
2	Michael Ley	GER	200	100	300	104	404	78	482	130	612	75	687	91	778	152	930
3	Zoltán Horváth	HUN	200	20	220	86	306	78	384	140	524	68	592	72	664	255	919
4	Roger Barban	USA	120	100	220	141	361	100	461	110	571	94	665	95	760	135	895
5	Wei-Hwa Huang	USA	136	100	236	138	374	72	446	85	531	100	631	54	685	205	890
6	Byron Caher	CAN	175	60	235	124	359	72	431	105	536	55	591	64	655	187	842
7	Sébastien Leroy	BEL	200	60	260	135	395	72	467	95	562	64	626	83	709	108	817
8	Stefan Galpár	SVK	136	20	156	136	292	78	370	65	435	71	506	79	585	190	775
9	Niels Roest	NET	165	60	225	120	345	78	423	105	528	91	619	72	691	93	784
10	Pál Madarassy	HUN	136	20	156	96	252	78	330	115	445	85	520	54	574	200	774
11	Jun Ito	JAP	145	20	165	75	240	78	318	85	403	97	500	54	554	180	734
12	Rick Uppelschoten	NET	154	20	174	85	259	95	354	120	474	95	569	60	629	115	745
13	Laszlo Dövényi	HUN	171	100	271	86	357	78	435	85	520	48	568	175	743		
14	Tim Pieters	NET	99	60	159	114	273	72	345	85	430	66	496	48	544	170	714
15	Derek Korman	CAN	95	60	155	121	276	78	354	90	444	80	524	48	572	160	732
16	Jani Työvä	CZE	112	60	172	97	269	78	347	100	447	77	524	72	596	130	726
17	Goran Vodopija	CRO	97	10	107	92	199	78	277	110	387	99	486	72	558	138	696
18	Maho Yokota	JAP	106	60	166	103	269	78	347	75	422	82	504	42	546	147	693
19	Joe DeVicentis	USA	100	20	120	71	201	78	279	85	364	90	454	48	502	170	672
20	Robert Bateman	CZE	78	60	138	93	231	72	303	75	378	90	468	72	540	125	665
21	Zoltán Németh	HUN	79	100	179	79	258	91	349	95	444	81	525	30	555	125	680
22	Tamas Csizmazsi	HUN	88	20	108	96	204	78	282	83	365	54	419	165	584	95	679
23	Michael Bory	IND	105	30	135	112	247	72	319	85	404	78	482	66	548	90	638
24	László Barna Bernat	HUN	115	60	175	102	277	78	355	85	440	76	516	48	564	90	654
25	Dainuke Dabov	JAP	140	20	160	68	228	36	264	60	324	72	396	54	450	190	640
26	J.C. Novelli	FRA	120	10	130	60	190	83	273	100	373	69	442	66	508	125	633
27	Jonathan Rivet	USA	112	60	172	66	238	78	316	75	391	80	471	54	525	105	630
28	Bart Leemans	BEL	126	30	156	88	244	72	316	55	371	98	469	60	529	100	629
29	Petr Nepevny	CZE	154	30	184	55	239	78	317	90	407	61	468	48	516	110	626
30	Andrey Bogdanov	RUS	126	100	226	60	286	72	358	65	423	72	495	60	555	20	575
31	David McNeill	GBR	86	100	186	59	245	72	317	55	372	77	449	54	503	115	618
32	Tomasz Kralawski	POL	77	60	137	76	213	72	285	75	360	70	430	54	484	130	614
33	Marie Piatel	FRA	81	20	101	73	174	78	252	50	302	83	385	54	439	170	609
34	Alexandru Szoke	ROM	100	60	160	60	220	72	292	90	382	78	460	42	502	95	597
35	David Sirett	CAN	81	50	131	55	186	78	264	55	319	78	397	60	457	130	587
36	Kamer Ayanakyan	TUR	62	30	92	72	164	72	236	65	301	91	392	78	470	110	580
37	Pavel Kozlovsky	URS	72	60	132	101	233	78	311	65	376	91	467	42	509	60	569
38	Cihan Altay	TUR	89	30	119	63	182	78	260	40	300	96	396	30	426	135	561
39	Sandra Rele-Tomas	CRO	81	30	111	71	182	48	230	60	290	66	356	66	422	135	557
40	Wouter Simon	BEL	99	30	129	72	201	48	249	65	314	87	401	36	437	115	552
41	Georgios Papadimitriou	GER	73	30	103	81	184	78	262	55	317	91	408	36	444	105	549
42	Delbor Griban	CRO	73	30	103	90	193	48	241	60	301	93	394	42	436	110	546
43	Nicholas Deiler	GBR	64	20	84	62	146	78	224	60	284	78	362	48	410	135	545
44	Marian Kraus	GER	114	20	134	78	212	66	278	90	368	81	449	42	491	40	531
45	Michal Kawanski	POL	127	20	147	37	184	66	250	80	330	48	378	42	420	105	525

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46	Petr Velichko	CZE	97	20	117	45	162	78	240	70	310	30	340	36	376	100	476	
47	Nicholas Gardner	GBR	60	60	120	46	166	210	48	258	45	303	80	383	24	407	105	512
48	Takuya Sakachi	JAP	58	30	88	43	131	72	203	80	283	63	346	24	370	140	510	
49	Pierre Dehornoy	FRA	42	30	72	68	140	78	218	50	268	77	345	66	411	95	506	
50	Jan Beelen	NET	72	30	102	77	179	30	209	20	229	62	291	54	345	85	430	
51	Andreas Bokota	ROM	73	10	83	85	168	60	228	50	278	73	351	30	381	110	491	
52	Philippe Niederhorn	BEL	95	30	125	47	172	78	250	55	305	82	387	24	411	80	491	
53	Andrey boikov	CRO	63	20	83	64	147	72	219	80	299	56	355	60	415	55	470	
54	Juha Hyöönen	FIN	60	30	90	80	170	36	206	70	276	94	370	36	406	105	481	
55	Sébastien Beres	FRA	72	20	92	49	141	78	219	40	259	82	341	42	383	95	478	
56	Zoltán Endy	HUN	60	30	90	58	148	78	226	65	291	75	366	30	396	70	466	
57	Deyan Bazardov	ROM	97	30	127	76	203	72	275	65	340	49	389	42	431	35	466	
58	Andreas Bokota	ROM	64	10	74	43	117	78	195	75	270	72	342	36	378	85	463	
59	Peter Hudák	SVK	38	30	68	32	100	66	166	50	216	72	288	66	354	40	404	
60	Olga Leoniyeva	RUS	75	20	95	60	155	78	233	65	298	77	375	42	417	35	452	
61	Ivan Grishchenko	RUS	70	30	100	36	136	72	208	60	268	74	342	30	372	50	422	
62	Milan Chudý	SVK	75	60	135	65	200	30	230	55	285	50	335	24	359	36	395	
63	Metin Orsel	TUR	67	30	97	36	133	78	211	45	256	90	346	30	376	35	411	
64	István Prezensky	HUN	102	20	122	61	183	42	225	55	280	47	327	48	375	55	430	
65	Guy Van Hoovort	NET	49	30	79	38	117	78	195	45	240	55	295	47	342	35	377	
66	Alexey Oleshov	RUS	57	20	77	20	97	30	127	85	212	83	295	18	313	110	423	
67	Dara Sherman	CAN	45	30	75	64	139	30	169	50	219	61	280	36	316	100	416	
68	Ján Farkas	SVK	66	30	96	49	145	36	181	55	236	71	307	36	343	65	408	
69	Alan O'Donnell	GBR	76	30	106	59	165	36	201	30	231	87	318	18	336	55	391	
70	Lisa Sarakontu	FIN	77	30	107	33	140	24	164	50	214	74	288	30	318	65	383	
71	Hüseyin Kayabasi	TUR	12	20	32	42	84	54	138	45	183	85	268	36	304	78	382	
72	Dragan Tolomanovski	BIH	65	20	85	27	112	60	172	30	202	69	271	36	307	75	382	
73	Zafar Say	IND	62	30	92	58	150	18	168	65	233	54	287	42	329	50	379	
74	Lorincz Emeric	HUN	95	20	115	14	129	36	165	30	195	88	283	18	301	75	376	
75	Andrei Nicusan	ROM																

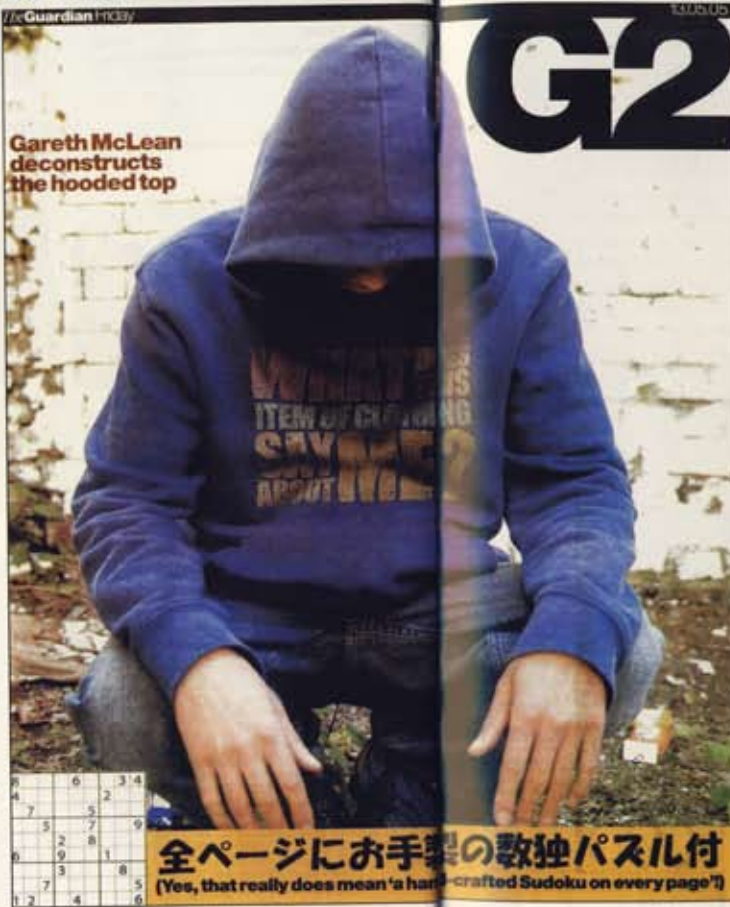
The Sudoku Craze

I was dining at a restaurant near London in January, when a woman at a nearby table leaned across and asked "Are you responsible for those bloody Sudoku puzzles? They're keeping my husband awake all night. What's it all about?"

In the United Kingdom, a massive new audience had materialized suddenly for this unassuming puzzle. The pace of its ascent left us a little breathless. So how did it happen?

On a trip to Tokyo in 1997, Sudoku came to the attention of a puzzle enthusiast called Wayne Gould. He devised a computer program to generate them and, last autumn, he visited The Times to sell Sudoku!

Features editor Michael Harvey went down personally to escort Mr. Gould from the premises, but surprisingly soon found himself absorbed in solving a puzzle. Within days, Sudoku had appeared in The Times, The Daily Mail, and The Daily Telegraph. The Independent began to publish three puzzles. As a spoof, The Guardian printed a Sudoku on every page. (By the way, the only national newspaper not to feature a Sudoku is The Financial Times, whose readers, according to its editor, know nothing about numbers.) But the newspapers didn't just publish Sudoku, they also talked about the puzzle, endlessly. Sudoku had become the new Rubik's Cube. There was a welter of publicity. Under the headline, Sudoku Wars, The Independent explained how this puzzle had gripped us:



"...it is preoccupying the newspapers, from red-top tabloid to the top of the market ... there is an excitement and passion about all of this which seemed absent from the general election and royal wedding coverage..."

Wherever you travel in the UK, you will find people solving Sudoku. There have been national contests, a large number of best-selling books, magazines; interactive puzzles on the internet, phones, and TV; even a dedicated TV

game show. For dedicated puzzlers, it's hard to understand; after all, the majority of number puzzles continue to have small audiences.

The unprecedented level of publicity is the main reason for the success of Sudoku, but let's give the puzzle some credit. It looks difficult, but the rules are brief and easy to understand. Persuaded by the hype to have a go, people are delighted to discover they can solve Sudoku. And this is the key - the feelgo-

od factor that lies at the heart of most things we enjoy - and particularly puzzles. It might even explain why the gentleman at dinner preferred to spend his nights solving Sudoku, but it would have taken a braver man than me to say so.

It is hard to say how long this level of enthusiasm will last, but the puzzle is definitely here to stay. Let's hope that, through Sudoku, we can introduce a new audience to the wider world of puzzles. ■

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Sudoku at the WPC

No need to explain to puzzle professionals and world class solvers how sudoku work. But surprisingly some magazines still wrongfully label sudoku as a Japanese puzzle or a Japanese invention. Long before, already in 1979, they were published for a wide audience in the US by Dell magazines. And when looking at variations, you may even go back as early as the magical squares in China around 2800 BC.

		5			3
		4			
			1		6
6	2				
			2		
4			6		

NUMBER PLACE (WPC 1999, Hungary)

As with present sudoku, numbers may be repeated along the diagonals.

	8	5						
1		3						
			4				9	
2				9	3			5
	7					1		
4			8	1				2
	1				5			
						7		3
						2	4	

MAGIC SQUARE (WPC 1997, Croatia)

Numbers may be repeated along the diagonals.

4			2					
	3				6			8
		7				4		
							7	1
	5			2	9		6	
			1					
8							5	9
	7	3						
	2		5		1			3

There have been sudoku at the WPC's too, in the early 1990's. Not just plain sudoku, but variations as well, which shows again that puzzle publishers should really pay attention to what is going on at these WPC's. The sudoku published here were published before in books covering the WPC's of 1997 (Koprivnica, Croatia) and 1999 (Budapest, Hungary). ■

Report

on the 6th general assembly of the world puzzle federation

Opatija, Croatia, October 14-15, 2004

The meeting was called to order by chairman Will Shortz (USA) on October 14 at 15:10. Other board members present were Peter Ritmeester, general secretary (Netherlands); Rob Geensen, treasurer (Netherlands); Vitezslav Koudelka (Czech Republic); and Hüsnü Sincar (Turkey).

The WPF member countries present were Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States. Also attending were representatives from nonmember countries Canada and Romania. Member countries Argentina and Korea were absent. The meeting was held in two sessions over two days.

Will opened the meeting by welcoming the participants. The delegates introduced themselves and identified the organizations they represent.

The minutes of the 5th General Assembly of the WPF (Arnhem, the Netherlands), as printed in the World Puzzle Newsletter #9 (pages 16-19), were approved.

REPORTS

a) Valter discussed the 2004 World Puzzle Championship. He said 23 or 24 countries were participating and that the event's sponsorship by Google had been very helpful. Other sponsors were Conceptis (Israel), Nikoli, and G-Mode (both Japanese). The financial assistance from these companies helped reduce the participation fees for several countries, who might not otherwise have been able to attend. He also announced that the host of the WPC, Feniks magazine, would not profit financially from the event.

Valter reported that Jaime and Lea

Poniachik of Argentina had previewed the 2004 WPC puzzles, and most of their suggestions had been adopted. The Poniachiks had approved both the fairness and diversity of the puzzles.

b) Peter reported that two new members, Estonia and Brazil, had been approved by the board for WPF membership; also, a Mensa organization in Thailand has expressed interest in joining.

c) Rob handed out a report on the WPF finances. He mentioned that the printing cost of the latest newsletter and the design cost for the past two newsletters were not yet reflected in the report.

MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2004-05

On behalf of the board, Rob proposed that the WPF membership fee for 2004-05 be 250 euros. As in the past, members from wealthier countries are encouraged to pay more. However, there will be no exceptions made with a lowered amount. The motion passed 13-0.

PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP

Stan Newman (USA) discussed plans for three separate brochures to promote the WPC and the WPF.

The first brochure would be designed to attract new countries to the WPC. It would contain general information on the WPC, photos from past championships, testimonials from first-time contestants, and sample puzzles. It would include the address of the WPF website, where readers would find more information, photos, and puzzles. The WPF site, in turn, would include links to other sites with WPF-style puzzles.

The second brochure would be for

prospective WPF members. It would explain the benefits of membership. It would name the major publishing companies that are currently members, with a list of their magazines and circulation, as well as other organizations that belong to the WPF.

The third brochure would be for prospective WPF sponsors, especially multinational companies dealing with intellectual products and services. It would explain the benefits of membership as well as the worthiness of the WPF for charitable donations. It would also contain quotes from major companies currently involved in the WPF and WPC, like Google, Bertelsmann, etc.

For the third brochure, Stan said the WPF will need to decide how much money to ask for. Will said the purpose of corporate sponsorship would be to provide money for more countries to participate, especially those that cannot afford to do so without assistance.

Mel Lewis (United Kingdom) said the WPF needs to decide what benefits sponsorship includes – for example, advertising in the WPF newsletter.



Next year, a refreshing walk in the mountains is one of the options in Borovec, Bulgaria

PUZZLERS' SURVEY

Johannes Susen (Germany) handed out detailed results of a survey of the 2003 WPC competitors, asking their opinions of the 2003 WPC puzzles. Unfortunately, only 12 contestants had responded, limiting the usefulness of the report. Nevertheless, the report was excellently presented, and his work was applauded.

Stan Newman (USA) and Will Shortz recommended that the next time we conduct a survey, it should be handed out at the event in order to get the highest possible return rate. Gyorgy Istvan (Hungary) said he would prepare a survey of the 2004 competitors to be distributed and collected while everyone was in Opatija. Vitezslav said it was important to know the nationality of the responders in order to evaluate their responses.

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

On behalf of the committee formed in 2003 to study ways of incorporating crossword puzzles into the WPF's activities, Tim Preston (United Kingdom) reported on their discussions.

First, it was felt crosswords cannot be incorporated into the WPC itself, because crosswords are not language- and culture-neutral.

Can a crossword competition be a separate event at the WPC? The committee

felt there was not enough time to do so, and even if there were, there was still the problem of what language the crosswords should be done in. Contestants from countries that do not use the Roman alphabet would be at a particular disadvantage at solving Western-style puzzles. (Gyorgy, however, plans to conduct an international crossword construction marathon in conjunction with next year's WPC.)

Can crosswords be used to promote the WPC and/or attract sponsors? The committee felt that crossword enthusiasts and WPC contestants were largely different groups, and the use of crosswords to attract sponsors would be too misleading.

NEWSLETTER MATTERS

Vitezslav objected to an article on Google's sponsorship of the U.S. team in the 2003 WPF newsletter as being too promotional of the company. Peter explained that the editorial content of the newsletter consists of what he, the editor, considers newsworthy and of interest to members. He considered a team sponsorship by a major, admired international company like Google to be of interest to members, and the story of how that sponsorship came about to be useful, possibly, to other teams. He also said editorial material and advertising in the newsletter were completely independent.

Gyorgy said he would like WPC sponsors to be mentioned in the newsletter. Rob said he thought it would be O.K. to mention WPC sponsors in articles reporting on the event.

Gyorgy proposed that a WPC organizer be allowed to submit an article for the WPF newsletter and not have it be edited. The proposal was not further discussed for lack of support from another member.

WPC PUZZLES

Stan said it was important for the WPC to include some easy puzzles and some familiar puzzle types in order to broaden the appeal of the event. Also, he said, these are the puzzles that are most useful for reprinting in members' publications.

Rob Geensen commended the 1999 Hungarian WPC for having three levels of difficulty for each puzzle variety.

Tim proposed setting up a committee to study the inclusion of more easy puzzles in the WPC. The volunteers were Tim, Stan, Rob, and Hendrik Hardeman (India). They will report back next year.

PUZZLERS' RATINGS

Hüsni proposed the establishment of an international puzzlers' rating system, similar to the ones used in chess, Scrabble, and other games. It would incorporate the results from WPC's, national puzzle championships, and other WPC-related competitions. The matter was discussed, but no action was taken.

COMPETITIVE WPC SPONSORS

Will raised the issue that a Japanese company (Nikoli) that is competitive with the official Japanese member of the WPF (Sekaibunka) was a sponsor of the 2004 WPC, and no one had informed Sekaibunka.

While Nikoli's financial assistance for the event was greatly appreciated, Will said it was unfair to Sekaibunka, because Sekaibunka had conducted a national puzzle championship to select the Japanese team and had gone to considerable effort and expense to send the team to Croatia. He said it wasn't right for Nikoli to benefit from its association with the event without Sekaibunka's approval.

Yumiko Doi (Japan), of Sekaibunka, said she welcomed her colleagues from Nikoli, whom she described as friendly rivals. She proposed, though, that in the future, a WPF member should be informed in advance of any competitor from its country sponsoring a WPC, and the member should have the right to veto that participation. The proposal was approved 8-2.

SITE SELECTION FOR THE 2006 WPC

Deyan Razsdov (Bulgaria) presented an invitation for the 2006 WPC to be held in Borovec, Bulgaria. It would be organized by Rossy Alexieva, Deyan, and Mensa-Bulgaria, with the collaboration of a large group of Bulgarian puzzlemakers. Borovec is a mountain resort town about an hour north of Sofia. The event would be held in a luxury hotel. The WPC would include sightseeing in Sofia.

Marek Penszko (Poland) withdrew his planned offer to host the 2006 WPC in Poland, in light of the invitation from Bulgaria.

Borovec, Bulgaria, was selected as the 2006 WPC site by unanimous vote.

Hüsni asked what would happen if a future WPC host turned out not to be able to fulfill its duties. Will said that the WPF board would step in in the emergency and, in consultation with the members, choose a replacement site.

Hendrik discussed the possibility of a

2007 WPC in India, and received much support and encouragement.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Three people – Gyorgy Istvan (Hungary), Valter Kvalic (Croatia), and Will Shortz (USA) – were nominated to fill the two open positions on the WPF board. Each spoke for five minutes about himself and his hopes for the organization and the WPC.

The election was conducted in two separate, secret ballots. The winner of the first ballot would be elected for one board position. Then a second ballot would be held among the runners-up to elect the person for the second position.

The results of the first ballot were: Will, 8 votes; Valter, 3; Gyorgy, 1. The results of the second vote were: Valter, 7; Gyorgy, 5.

Thus, Will Shortz and Valter Kvalic were elected. Rob Geensen, retiring from the board, was applauded for his long service to the WPF. Gyorgy was thanked for both his efforts on behalf of the WPF and for hosting the 2005 WPC.

STATEMENT FROM THE 2004 WPC ORGANIZERS

Gyorgy presented information on the 2005 WPC, to be held in Miskolc, Hungary [note: later moved to Eger]. In addition to the WPC, the organizers would hold an informal crossword contest for two evenings. They also hoped to stage a 24-hour crossword marathon immediately before or after the WPC. The price for attending the WPC would be no higher than that for 2004.

CLOSING

The members thanked Valter and his colleagues for a fine and well-planned WPC. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on October 15 at 12:10. ■

Borovec is a small town in a vivid mountain range.



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PUZZLING URUGUAY

Starting this year, the WPF is being represented in Uruguay too, by the Grupo Ingenio Uruguay (GIU, Group of Uruguay Talent). An interesting aspect of the GIU is that it preserves the inheritance of the old Uruguayan Society of Enigmography, which was founded in 1912. I'd like to tell you something about these two organizations, and present a few sample pages from 1936.

GRUPO INGENIO URUGUAY

The Group of Uruguay Talent was formally created in 2001, for the purpose of "learning to think more and better." It was created by people who share a strong urge to sharpen their wits, through activities and amusing exercises such as talent games, practical challenges, logic situations, lateral thinking, and so forth.

An important permanent department of GIU has been formed in different locations of the Thinking Clubs, directed personally by the teacher Debora Saviotti, with over a hundred people eager to learn to think logically, while enjoying themselves playing and facing challenges to their talents.

The GIU has made international trips, held conferences and events, and published interesting articles on the subject. It has rescued the inheritance of the old Uruguayan Society of Enigmography, which was officially founded in 1936 but that informally went back to the 19th century.

The GIU is planning to hold a national contest, probably to be shown on public TV, in order to form its World Championship team.

URUGUAYAN SOCIETY OF ENIGMOGRAPHY

The pages shown here are from a collection of dozens of monthly newsletters published between 1931 and 1943 by the Uruguayan Society of Enigmography. Enigmographic activity in Uruguay began in the late 19th century; different groups of friends with common interests formed clubs in several cities of the country.

An organization called the "Asociación Ingenuosa del Uruguay" (Uruguayan Talent Society) began in 1927, which later became the "Asociación Uruguaya de Enigmografía (AUDE)" (Uruguayan Society of Enigmography) on September 26, 1931. Because of that, September 26 is the commemorative day of Uruguayan enigmography.

Every year the Uruguayan Society of Enigmography organized two national tournaments (the Winter Tournament and the Summer Tournament), from which two contestants became the winners of the year. The Society had frequent contact with European enigmographs, mainly from Italy and Romania. The golden age of the Society was between 1935 and 1940. Sometime in 1945 their activities ceased. In those years and



An institution devoted to the Art of the Enigma and its noble followers.

Juan I. Morales, intelligent colleague from Durazno (an Uruguayan province), winner at the Summer Tournament.



COMPRIMIDO COMBINADO (Combined compressed, see picture at the bottom left of a black lady beside a package on a table.) The solution to the enigma is: *Un amor en Italia* (a love in Italy). The way to the solution is to interpret the drawing as "a black woman" (which means "una morenita") "wraps" a package (which means "la"). So the description of the drawing is "Una morenita lia", and those are the same letters in the same order in the phrase "Un amor en Italia".

ENIGMA (at the right side, middle). It has a description of something. The task is to guess what it means. The description is:
UNIDAS POR LA CINTURA
HAY DOS HERMANAS QUE MUESTRAN
UN SOLO CUERPO, DOS BRAZOS
Y ALGO COMBADAS LAS PIERNAS.
LOS DEDOS, POR AMBOS OJOS,
LES METE QUIEN LAS GOBIERNA
Y ENTONCES ELLAS DESTROZAN
CUANTO ENTRE SUS BRAZOS CIERRAN"
(Note that the description is a poem)

The translation goes something like this:
"JOINED BY THE WAIST
THERE ARE TWO SISTERS THAT SHOW
ONLY ONE BODY, TWO ARMS
AND THEIR LEGS A BIT BENT,
THROUGH THEIR EYES, THE FINGERS
SQUEEZE IN WHO GOVERN THEM
AND THEN THEY SMASH
ALL THAT COMES BETWEEN THEIR ARMS"



up to 1950 or 1955, Uruguay was called the Switzerland of America. One peso had more value than one dollar. We received immigrants from all Europe, mostly from Spain, Italy, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia. You can say we were a rich country in those years.

Mr. Juan Morales (alias Lord Nelson, see photo) was the society's vice-president, and collected and sorted all the printed material for over 60 years, standing by as many of his mates one after the other fell away (he is now 92 years old).

Because of an item about Grupo Ingenio Uruguay that appeared in a local newspaper, Juan Morales contacted us, and that is how we learned about the Uruguayan Society of Enigmography.

He was a bit disappointed about people's lack of interest in becoming smarter and learning how to think better, and insisted - literally begged us - to inherit this material and somehow continue the original goal of the Society.

The photo on this page shows a group of mates of the Uruguayan Society of Enigmography commemorating their day on September 26, 1938. The other photos show some of the enigmas (puzzles) of that time.

Practically all the puzzles were lin-

guistic. They liked to play with words, looking for double meanings in names and situations. The activity of the Grupo Ingenio Uruguay is closer to the WPF than to the Uruguayan Society of Enigmography, but we try to cover both kinds of puzzles.

We appreciate and value being accepted as a member of WPF, and we are looking forward not only to join but to add to the richness of both cultures. ■

Puzzlers from Uruguay: some of the assistants at the party of the Enigmographic brotherhood, commemorating September 26th, the AUDE's founding day.



CROSSWORD CALL MY BLUFF

Below are 12 unusual facts about crossword puzzles around the world, and their history. The only problem is that some of them aren't true – they're products of my imagination. Can you separate fact from fiction? I originally presented this game at the 15th Festival de Mots Croisés in Is-sur-Tille, France, on May 22. Out of the several hundred people who played, the best score reported was 10 correct guesses of 12. The lowest score was 3. The average was about 7.

1 The world's first book of crossword puzzles, which was published in the United States in 1924, was a #1 national best-seller. It was also the first book ever published by Simon and Schuster, which is today one of the country's largest publishing houses.

A sure winner?



2 Yale University defeated Harvard in an American intercollegiate crossword tournament in 1925. The team from Harvard stumbled on the final clue: "a slight convex curve in the shaft of a column."

3 Princess Margaret of England won a crossword contest in "Country Life" magazine in 1954. At first the editors thought the entry was a hoax. A call to Buckingham Palace, though, confirmed that the princess had indeed submitted the solution.

4 In 1955 the national parliament of India unanimously banned most crossword competitions in that country. The government's Home Minister declared before a cheering house: "This crossword menace has assumed nearly appalling proportions."

5 Former president Bill Clinton is an avid crossword solver. Sometimes he does as many as five puzzles a day. While being interviewed for a magazine in 1992, he completed a medium-level crossword in 6 minutes 54 seconds.

6 The world's largest crossword was unveiled earlier this year by a couple in southern Russia. It took



them seven years to make. It has more than 64,000 words – none of them repeated in the entire grid.

7 A 17-year-old boy won the Italian crossword championship last year. He was the youngest winner in the event's history. He defeated 162 other solvers, including four former national champions, to win the tournament's gold cup.

8 In 1977 an air crash occurred over Zagreb, Croatia, because of a crossword. A British pilot, who was absorbed in solving a puzzle, wrongly flew into restricted air space and hit another plane.

9 In Israel, the Across answers in a crossword are entered in the grid from right to left.

10 In Poland, only singular nouns of the first case are permitted in crosswords. No plurals, no verbs, no adjectives – no words of any other type are allowed.



An avid Crossword solver?

11 Advertisers pay the Chicago Tribune, one of the leading newspapers in the United States, to have their commercial names and slogans put in its crossword. It is believed that the newspaper earned almost a million dollars last year from doing this.

12 In 1997, a young lawyer in New York City proposed to his girlfriend through the New York Times crossword. A message in that day's puzzle, seen by millions of people, invited her to marry him. She said yes. ■



Full membership

The World Puzzle Federation is an association of legal bodies with an interest in puzzles. Only one member per country can belong to the WPF. The WPF follows the Olympic standard in what constitutes a country.

Below are the countries represented in the WPF and information on the legal bodies representing those countries. Most countries are represented by national puzzle federations, puzzle clubs or leading publishers of puzzle magazines.

Individual membership

Individuals can become individual members which entitles them to a subscription to this Newsletter and to participating in the World Puzzle Championship (WPC) if:

- their country is not yet represented there, and if
- there are not more than four individual members from that country. In case there are more than four individual members from a country that is not yet a WPF member, the board of the WPF will decide who will participate.

Criteria for membership and the membership fee

Following is the relevant section from the WPF's Rules and Regulations. See also www.worldpuzzle.org/wpf/regulations.htm

2. Membership

- 2-1 The minimum annual membership fee will be 500 euros. Exceptions can be made by the board.
- 2-2 The benefits of membership include:
- Right to use the WPF logo;
 - Right to joining WPF puzzles (beginning in 2000) in the member's home country, including those from WPC's and qualifying tournaments of other WPF members;
 - Right to send a team to the World Puzzle Championship;
 - Right to vote on WPF matters during a general assembly.
- 2-3 The criteria for WPF membership are:
- Conducting open, national qualifying tournaments to select members of a WPC team;
 - Promoting and publicizing these tournaments;
 - Encouraging quality and innovation in puzzling;
 - Representing the interests of the WPF in the member's country. Membership can be possible without meeting these criteria, but only as long as there are no applicants from the same country meeting all these criteria.
- 2-4 If a country is already represented in the WPF and a second group would also like to represent that country, the board will first encourage the two groups to work together. If that is not possible, then the second group should apply for membership in writing, explaining why it would be a better representative for the country than the existing member. The board should study the proposal and make a decision, carefully considering the criteria outlined above.
- 2-5 The WPF will follow International Olympic Committee criteria in deciding which countries are eligible to be admitted to membership and to compete in the WPC.
- 2-6 Personal memberships will also be available to individuals. The fee will be 50 euros/year. The benefits of personal membership include:
- Subscription to the WPF newsletter;
 - Right to visit all parts of the WPF website and to participate in online activities;
 - Right to participate in the WPC if the person's country is not already represented by a national team.

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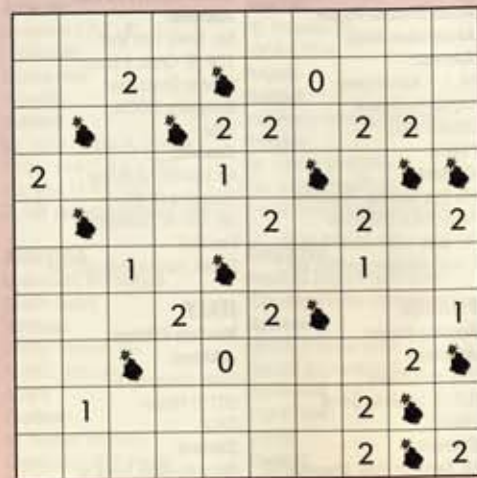
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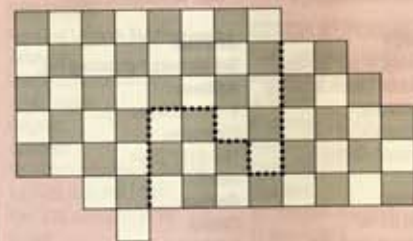
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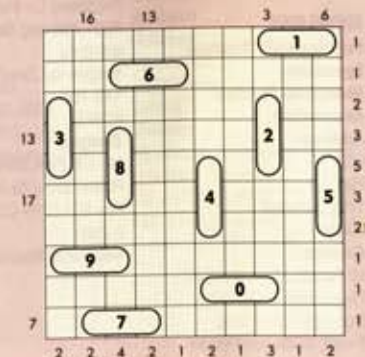
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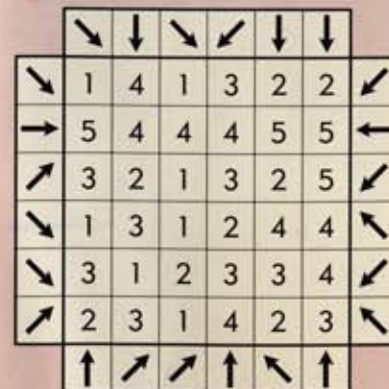
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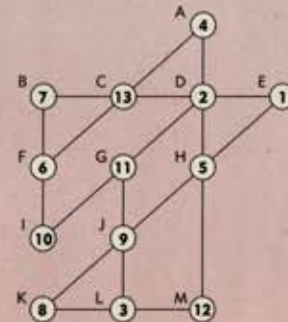
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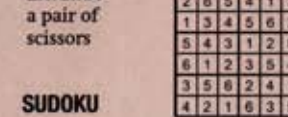
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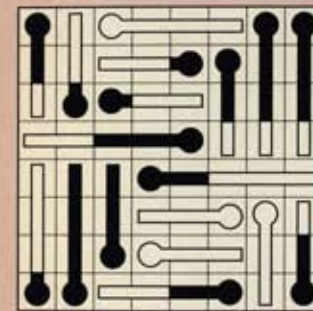
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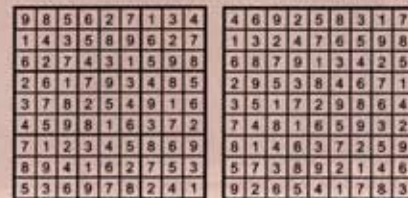
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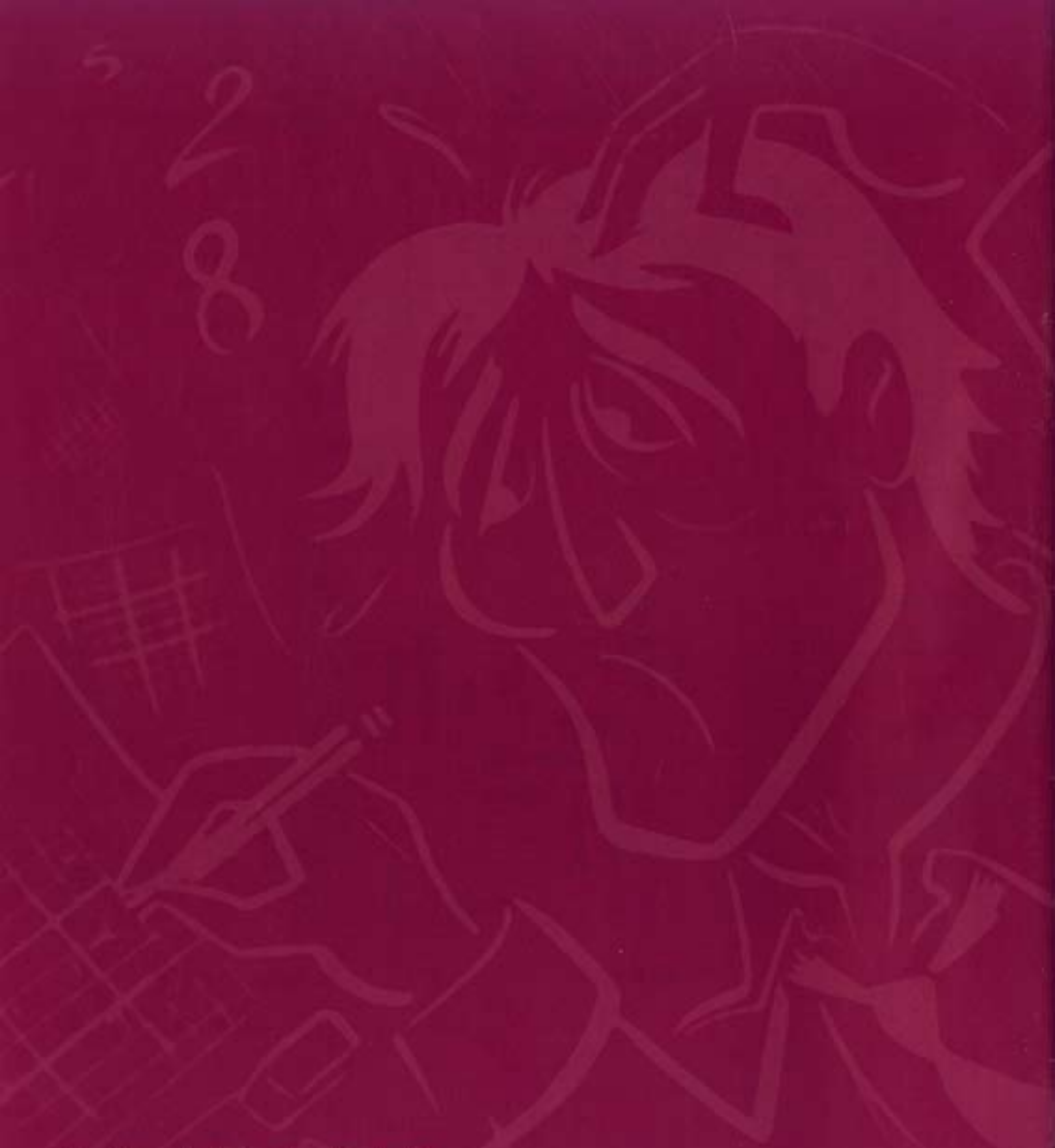
All the statements are true except #7 and #11.

#1 – Simon and Schuster is still publishing crossword books in the original series. Volume #245 appeared in August.
#5 – The interview was for Games magazine. A photo and report on this, along with the puzzle Clinton solved, appeared in the October 1992 issue.

#7 – A 20-year-old won the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in 2005, the youngest champion in the event's history.
#12 – Eight years after their engagement and marriage, the couple have two children and are still happily together.

SUDOKU



A stylized, monochromatic illustration in shades of purple and red. It depicts a person's face, possibly a puzzle enthusiast, with puzzle pieces integrated into the hair and background. Numbers like 5, 2, and 8 are scattered around the top left. The overall theme is puzzles and logic.

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