

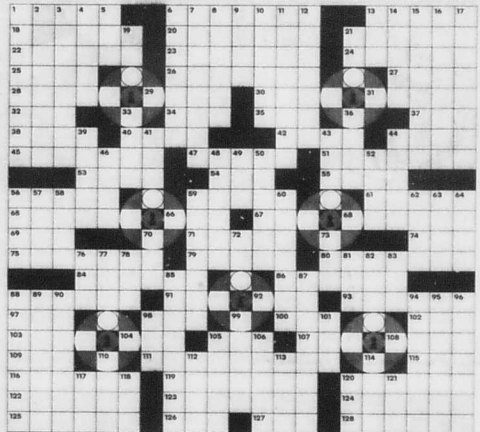
# NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

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GET CRACKING  
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Michael Schlossberg, of Bend, Ore., is a doctor specializing in internal medicine. This is his 11th crossword for the paper, and his fifth Sunday.  
Note: Standing between you and the score of a lifetime are the seven locks of this safe. After completing the puzzle, rotate each disk 90 degrees, 180 degrees or 270 degrees to the only other position that forms four valid crossword answers. The new letters in the 12 o'clock (circle) positions will spell out an appropriate exclamation.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Staff symbol  
6 Items on the backs of some Jeeps  
10 Test pilot's attire  
18 Bedridden  
20 Creditor, in legalese  
21 Champion boxer  
22 Once or twice  
23 Like Mary Shelley when she wrote "Frankenstein"  
24 Marketing expenditure  
25 Bearing  
26 Natural source of rubber  
27 County that's home to the White Cliffs of Dover  
28 Unimpressed  
29 Sheet under a tent  
30 Sharp pain  
31 Major vessel  
32 Chinese \_\_\_\_ (bonsai choice)  
34 Rhyme for "away" in "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"  
35 Agouti, Dordogne  
36 Beaubien's org. in "Everything Everywhere All at Once"  
37 No. on a résumé  
38 Ewes' gunds  
40 "Invisible hand" subj.
- DOWN**
- 42 Quattro e quattro  
44 President during the Mexican-American War  
45 Ice-cream shop employee, e.g.  
47 Shakespearean misanthrope  
51 Small Southwestern birds of prey  
53 "The Harlequin's Carnival" painter  
54 Nickname for a British relative  
55 Brouhahas  
56 Buds  
59 Ben who starred in Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen"  
61 Role for Michelle Williams in "The Fabelmans"  
65 Wordle player's pride  
66 "Who, me?"  
67 Partner ship?  
68 Belief  
69 "\_\_\_\_ magic!"  
71 Title pig of kids' TV  
74 Schmeat topper  
75 Annoying bot  
79 They have the Guinness distinction of Longest Running Fan Club for a Group  
80 Work like the devil?  
84 "Who, me?" response  
86 Pixy Stix containers  
88 Carpentry vice  
91 \_\_\_\_ service  
92 Percival of legend, for one  
93 Mystical Buddhist text
- ACROSS**
- 97 Minecraft material  
98 Cooper's tool  
100 Folder flip  
102 End of a sports movie, often  
103 Advance  
104 Block (up)  
105 Some four-year degs.  
106 Letters that sound out a sentence  
108 First-rate  
109 Playful hit  
110 Letters that sound out a sentence  
111 Speculative fiction subgenre that envisions a sustainable-energy future  
113 Limited number  
118 Bitter-tasting salad ingredient  
119 Fun facts  
120 Sophisticated  
122 Farm machine of "Stephen"  
124 Area 51 sighting  
125 "Com, you'll love it!"  
126 "And \_\_\_\_"  
127 Celebration in late January or early February  
128 Tweaks
- DOWN**
- 8 Like beach towns in the winter  
9 Canines subject  
10 Tennis great known as "The Punisher"  
11 Former name of the electron  
12 Ignore, as a shortcoming  
13 Application fig.  
14 Casino rival  
15 Shore hazard  
16 "That much is obvious"  
17 Speeches with an 18-minute limit  
19 Channel with on-air fund-raising  
21 Mole, e.g.  
23 Tumor  
26 Shout at an auction  
29 1916 battle site, with "the"  
41 Boast  
43 Blue-green  
44 Hypothesis  
46 City on the Arno  
48 Taking the place (of)  
49 "Here's looking at you, kid?"  
50 Like old audiobooks  
52 Why some app users check their notifications constantly, for short  
56 Several CBS dramas  
57 Link letters  
58 \_\_\_\_ Mayor  
59 Classroom surprise  
60 Passage of a planet across a star, e.g.  
62 Noted export of Portugal



- 63 Common field-trip destinations  
64 "Need You Tonight" band, 1987  
70 Blubber  
72 Stew tidbit  
73 E.M.T.'s technique  
76 One-named singer on 1998's "Ghetto Supastar"  
77 Distracted Boyfriend, e.g.  
78 One of Eleven's powers on "Stranger Things"  
81 \_\_\_\_ milk  
82 Gift on the seventh day of Christmas  
83 Mr. Burns supposedly received the second one ever on "The Simpsons"; Abc.  
85 What Tom and Daisy embody in "The Great Gatsby"  
87 Gift for an aspiring conductor  
88 Last name in late-night  
89 O' Blue Eyes, e.g.  
90 Quadrantal occurrence  
94 District attorney turned Batman foe  
95 Ethylene gas, to farmers  
96 Key components  
99 Ginormous  
101 \_\_\_\_ ehoy  
106 Throw in the towel  
108 Didn't save  
110 Appliance that may self-clean  
112 Renaissance instrument  
113 \_\_\_\_ Reader  
114 Kind of tradition  
117 N.Y.S.E. debut  
118 Afore  
120 Letters on the Saturn V rocket  
121 Protester's word

## KENKEN MATH PUZZLE

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

7+	3-	12x	2-
3+	1-		
5	2÷	2÷	3+
4-	1-	16+	
	2-	5+	
3÷		3÷	

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**RULES**

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

## MATH CHALLENGER

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.  
• Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right.  
• Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom.  
• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

**Today's Challenge**

Time **4** Minutes  
**24** Seconds

Your Working  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes  
Seconds \_\_\_\_\_

		5				22
	4					17
9						28
					2	16
27	22	22	17	21		

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**KIDTOWN**

During operations in France in the First World War, the U.S. Army Signal Corps used 600 carrier pigeons to deliver important messages.

In 1918, on his 12th mission, a carrier pigeon called Cher Ami was badly wounded in flight, but still managed to deliver a message that led to the rescue of 194 stranded U.S. soldiers.

For his heroic service, Cher Ami was awarded the French Croix de Guerre medal.

During the Second World War, more than 250,000 carrier pigeons were used to carry secret coded messages by the Allies. They were in the National Pigeon Service. Thirty-two birds—including the U.S. Army Pigeon Service's G.I. Joe—were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The U.K.'s highest bravery award for animals!

There are places called Pigeon in a number of states, including Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Look through today's paper and see if you can find another place that shares its name with a bird, such as Eagle Rock, Turkey or the Canary Islands.

In the 1600s and 1700s, many in the medical profession had bizarre beliefs about the healing powers of pigeons. It was thought that holding a plucked pigeon against a plague sore could draw out the poison. Some thought that severe illnesses might be cured by holding a dead pigeon ... or some pigeon dung ... to a patient's feet!

It was even believed that a dead pigeon placed on a head was a remedy for a case of the flu!

The following birds all begin with the letter "P." We've taken out all the consonants and left just the vowels. Replace the missing consonants from the list below, and the seven remaining letters, when put in the correct order, will spell out the name of another bird beginning with "P."

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