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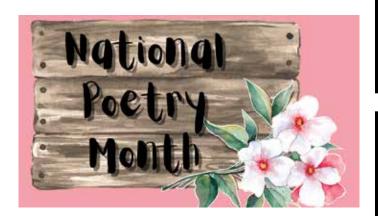
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There are a couple insuranceproducts in the State of New Jersey that will help you in such a scenario. I would like to speak about two of those products, Cancer Policies and Heart Policies. If you are diagnosed by a doctor with any internal cancer or malignant melanoma or experience a heart attack or stroke, these policies will provide you with the payment you contracted for if your policy is in good standing. In other words, if you are paying for a \$10,000.00 Heart Policy and you have a stroke — the person you designate as beneficiary will need to fax your diagnosis and your payout will arrive within days, sometimes hours. The same is true for a heart attack. There are also lesser payouts for heart-related surgeries in these policies, but it will depend on the policy you choose.

Cancer Policies cover all internal cancers, which most cancer is, and malignant melanoma. More curable skin cancers such as basil cell carcinoma will not be covered. The same process is followed, you or your beneficiary will fax the diagnosis, and the payment will be processed for you.

Are these types of policies right for you? Well, first know it will cost you less then cable to each month, it is more like a subscription to a specific network or phone application. In other words, it is not extremely expensive. Second, you need to think about how ready you are for a serious diagnosis (cancer) or if something happens suddenly you are not prepared for it, such as a heart attack or stroke and the aftermath. We need to look at our history and our immediate families' history to give us an idea of what we may be instore for ourselves in the future. Lastly, it is your comfort level. Some of us believe that being prepared for the unknown as best we can prepare will offer some comfort as we journey through our lives. When it comes down to it – it is up to you.

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# **UDOKU**

#### **ANSWERS ON PAGE 12**

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Sudoku requires no calculation or arithmetic skills. It is essentially a game of placing numbers in squares, using very simple rules of logic and deduction.

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Every Sudoku games begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

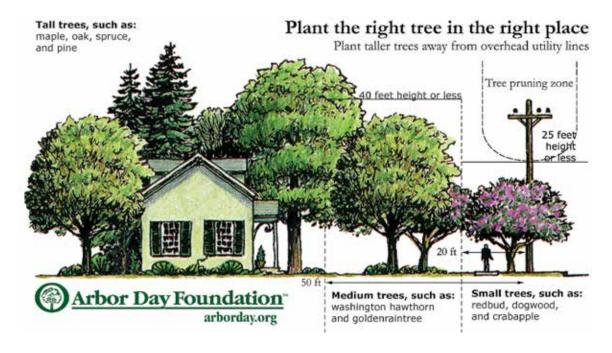
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- 2. Handle with Care Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.
- 3. Digging a Proper Hole Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.
- 4. Planting Depth The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the topmost roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.
- Filling the Hole Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.
- 6. Mulch Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more tree-planting tips and information, visit arborday.org.





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- Colours range from white to light pink, but can also come in green, yellow & dark pink

# PEACH BLOSSOM



- Similar shape to the cherry blossom but without the dent in the middle
- Colours range from light pink to light purple









# Duck









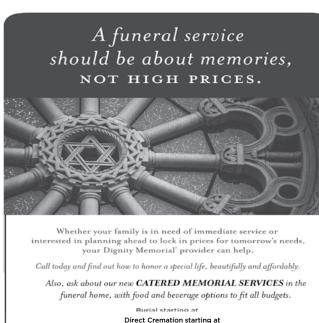












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	<u>ACROSS</u>
1	Possible problems, with buts
4	Polo field?
10	Rastafarian topper
13	Dead language test
14	Neither here nor there
15	Author Levin
16	Fair-haired boy
18	Kitten's cry
19	See
20	First rate
22	Florida National Forest
23	Lummoxes
25	Amazes
28	Ego
29	Arab League member
30	Form
31	Island
32	Fergie's ex
33	Old Glory
39	Humorous entertainment
40	Shiba, barks in Japan
41	Amorphous creature
42	Blows it
43	"Lovely" Beatles girl
47	mortals
48	Grps. of execs.
49	Unexpected extra

50

Medically worse

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	52	Imposes
	53	Where villains are written off?
	55	Conductive solution
	58	Help
	59	More touchy
	60	Cashew, e.g.
	61	Data units
	62	Open follower to gain access
	63	Pennies: Abbr.
		<u>Down</u>
	1	Emcees' lines
	2	Rip off
	3	"Under Siege" actor Steven
	4	Like The Citadel, now
	5	The cruelest month
	6	Scrabble bonus square: Abbr.
	7	Occur
	8	Maples
	9	Abominable Snowman
	10	Sci-fi periodical distortion
	11	Add up to
	12	Big mouth
	14	Drag racing org.
	17	A little lower
	21	Muslim messiah
	23	"Absolutely!"
	24	Forty-niner's quest
	26	Duel tool
	27	Runs up
	29	"Sure, why not?"
	30	Ratio of audio gold to dross?
	32	"Do you bite your thumb, sir?"
	32	(Romeo and Juliet)
	33	Rip-off
	34	<del>-</del>
	35	Heavy reading Cheyenne, e.g.
	36	Riot
	37	
	38	Sat. churchgoers Oldies, shrunk a little
	42	
		Exit
	43	Stir up
	44	Harmonized
	45	"For shame!"
	46	Holdings
	48	Ruckus
	49	Churl
	51	" go!"
	52	Priceless?
	53	Popular cooking spray
	54	The EU's lending institution
	56	Rune I e

Tiny Dickens character

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Runs Ls

# Puzzle Solutions

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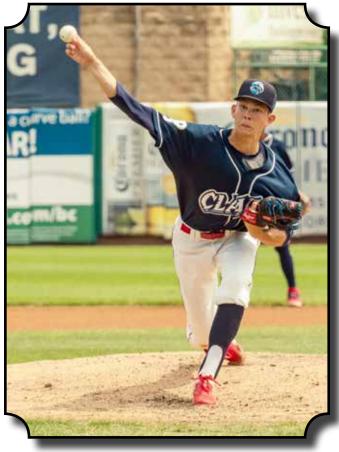
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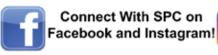
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