

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

St. Valentine's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1537. In England.

Feb. 14th is actually the day that St. Valentine, a priest in the 3rd century, was executed. Some say, he was killed for marrying Roman soldiers.

Before his death, St. Valentine sent an affectionate note to his jailers beautiful daughter, the first valentine.

Cupid is the symbol of Valentine's day. Cupid is the son of Venus, the Roman god of love & beauty.

Approximately 220,000 proposals of marriage are made each year on Valentine's Day.

In the US, approximately 110 million roses will be bought and delivered within a 3 day period surrounding Valentine's Day.

More than 35 million heart shaped boxes of candy will be sold for Valentine's Day.

At least 9 million people buy their pets valentines

PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

George Washington was a really popular liquor distributor selling spirits made in his own distillery at Mount Vernon.

Ulysses S. Grant was given a \$20.00 speeding ticket for driving his horse and buggy too fast.

Pres. John Quincy Adams often went skinny dipping early in the morning in the Potomac River.

Pres. Johnson was a tailor and only wore suits he had made himself.

James Garfield was the first president to talk on a phone
Martin Van Buren was the first president to be a US citizen. All previous presidents had been born British subjects.

The first presidential jogger was Theodore Roosevelt.
President James Madison was 5'4" and 100 lbs.

President O Bama collects Spiderman comic books.
Abe Lincoln had failed as a businessman, a storekeeper, and a farmer. He also failed five attempts to gain public office.

Harry Truman woke at 5 AM each morning to practice the piano.

In 1872, Virginia Woodhull became the first woman to run for US president.

Jimmy Carter was the first president born in a hospital. As a student, he studied nuclear physics at Annapolis. Carter was also a speed reader reading 2,000 words a minute.

George W. Bush was a pilot in the Natl. Guard for 5 years.

Rutherford B. Hayes banned liquor from the White House. His wife became known as "Lemonade Lucy".

Thomas Jefferson was the first president to shake hands with guests. Before then, guests bowed.

At inauguration, George Washington had one tooth. He sometimes wore dentures made of human teeth, animal teeth, or ivory... never wood.

William Taft was the first president to own a car.

Harry Truman popularized the saying, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen".

Gerald Ford was once a fashion model for magazines.

Lyndon Johnson rejected his official portrait painting.

Ulysses S. Grant smoked 20 cigars a day, probably causing the throat cancer that killed him.

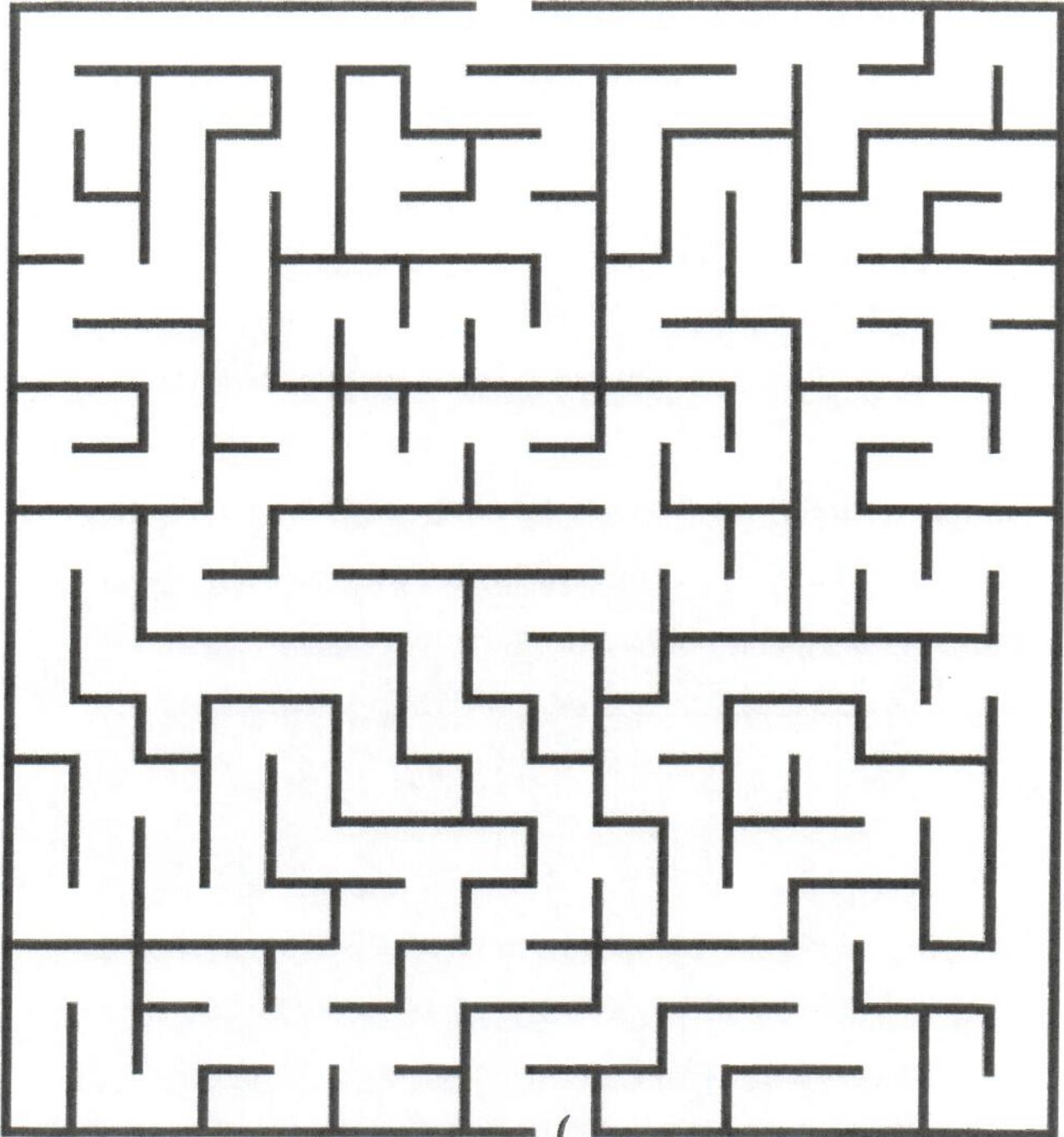
George Washington was a popular ballroom dancer

Andrew Jackson fought up to 100 duels and was shot multiple times.

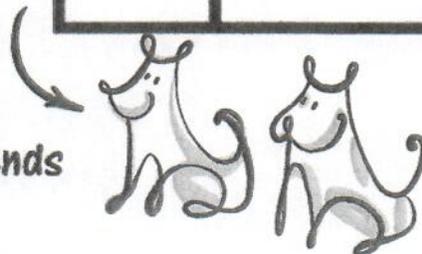
Eight presidents died while in office



Fido & His Friends



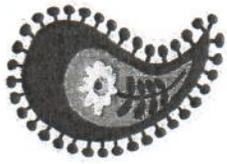
Help Fido find his way to his friends



WHAT ABOUT THAT GROUND HOG ?

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Mammals leaving hibernation was one such sign and seeing such an animal could soothe a worried mind. Any hibernating mammal would do. In eastern Europe, Feb. 2nd was known as the "Day of the Bear". If the weather was nice the bear would stay outside and spring would be early. In France, people looked for the first marmot and the people of England watched for the arrival of the hedgehog. German folks watched for the badger to emerge and also noted another reason to celebrate Feb. 2nd. The sun had made enough progress that supper could now be eaten before dark!



That's a Lot!



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Look for the following words associated with a large amount. They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.

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| ■ ABUNDANT | ■ HERD | ■ VAST |
| ■ ASSORTMENT | ■ IMMEASURABLE | ■ VOLUMES |
| ■ BOATLOAD | ■ INFINITE | |
| ■ BOUNDLESS | ■ LIMITLESS | |
| ■ CLUSTERS | ■ MULTITUDE | |
| ■ CROWD | ■ NUMEROUS | |
| ■ DOZENS | ■ PLENTY | |
| ■ DROVES | ■ SEVERAL | |



WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Women's Heart Week | Feb. 1-7 |
| Pride in Food Service Week | Feb. 3-7 |
| Have a Heart for a Chained Dog Week | Feb. 7-14 |
| National Marriage Week | Feb. 7-14 |
| Love Makes the World go Round Week | Feb. 8-14 |
| International Flirting Week | Feb. 9-15 |
| Jell-O Week | Feb. 9-15 |
| Natl. Second-hand Wardrobe Week | Feb. 9-15 |
| Westminster Dog Show | Feb. 10-11 |
| World Agricultural Expo Week | Feb. 11-13 |
| Date (fruit) Week | Feb. 14-23 |
| Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week | Feb. 16-22 |
| Random Acts of Kindness Week | Feb. 16-22 |
| Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering | Feb. 21-22 |
| National Justice for Animals Week | Feb. 23-29 |
| Lent begins | Feb. 26 |

FEBRUARY WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

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| Women's Heart Week | Feb. 1-7 |
| National Marriage Week | Feb. 7-14 |
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| Westminster Dog Show | Feb. 10-11 |
| American Camp Week | Feb. 11-14 |
| Date (fruit) Week | Feb. 12-21 |
| World Irish Dancing Week | Feb. 13-20 |
| International Flirting Week | Feb. 14-20 |
| Jell-O Week | Feb. 14-20 |
| Natl. Second Hand Wardrobe Wk. | Feb. 14-20 |
| Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week | Feb. 15-20 |
| Lent | Feb. 17 ... |
| Natl. Justice for Animals Week | Feb. 21-27 |
| National Pasty Week | Feb. 28... |

DAILY CELEBRATIONS

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------|
| Barber Day | | Feb. 1 |
| Candy Making Day |  | Feb. 1 |
| Groundhog Day | | Feb. 2 |
| Popcorn Day | | Feb. 2 |
| Super Bowl Day | | Feb. 2 |
| Feed the Birds Day | | Feb. 3 |
| World Cancer Day | | Feb. 4 |
| Weatherman Day | | Feb. 5 |
| Canadian Maple Syrup Day | | Feb. 6 |
| Bubblegum Day | | Feb. 6 |
| Wear Red Day | | Feb. 7 |
| Opera Day | Feb. 8 | |
| National Pizza Day | Feb. 9 | |
| Get Out your Guitar Day | Feb. 11 | |
| Lincoln's Birthday | Feb. 12 | |
| Paul Bunyan Day | Feb. 12 | |
| World Radio Day | Feb. 13 | |
| Ferris Wheel Day | Feb. 14 | |
| Valentine's Day | Feb. 14 | |

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| No One Eats Alone Day | Feb. 14 |
| Annoy Your Boss Day | Feb. 15 |
| National Gum Drop Day | Feb. 15 |
| World Whale day | Feb. 15 |
| National Almond Day | Feb. 16 |
| Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day | Feb. 18 |
| National Drink Wine day | Feb. 18 |
| Best Friends Day | Feb. 19 |
| National Caregivers Day | Feb. 21 |
| George Washington's Birthday | Feb. 22 |
| Tootsie Roll Day | Feb. 23 |
| National Cupcake Day | Feb. 24 |
| National Dance Day | Feb. 24 |
| Ash Wednesday | Feb. 26 |
| World Pistachio Day | Feb. 26 |
| World Polar Bear Day | Feb. 27 |
| National Tooth Fairy Day | Feb 28 |
| US Snowshoe Day | Feb. 28 |
| Intl. Tongue Twister Day | Feb. 29 |
| Superman's Birthday | Feb. 29 |



COOKING TERMS



Look for the following words associated with cooking. They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.

SCRAMBLE

POUR

FRY

MELT

MIX

DRIZZLE

TENDERIZE

MOLD

PINCH

THICKEN

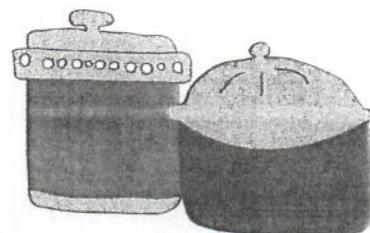
LAYER

BRAISE

BROIL

SEASON

PUREE



FEBRUARY THROUGH HISTORY

| DATE | YEAR | EVENT |
|------|------|--|
| 1 | 2002 | Space shuttle Columbia exploded on landing |
| 2 | 1848 | U.S. acquired lands for CA, TX, WY, CO, AZ, & NM |
| 2 | 1925 | Sears Roebuck opens first store |
| 2 | 1964 | G.I. Joe hits the toy stores |
| 2 | 1949 | First 45 RPM record released |
| 3 | 1931 | Crash of Wall Street |
| 3 | 1870 | Right to vote given to all US citizens |
| 3 | 1913 | Congress given power to collect income taxes |
| 4 | 1959 | Barbie Doll invented |
| 4 | 1938 | Snow White & Seven Dwarfs movie released |
| 5 | 1922 | Reader's Digest first published |
| 6 | 1943 | Frank Sinatra makes singing debut |
| 7 | 1964 | Beatles arrive in the U.S. |
| 8 | 1910 | Boy Scouts of American founded |
| 12 | 1999 | Impeachment trial of Pres. Clinton ended |
| 13 | 1635 | First tax payer supported public school opens |

- 14 1849 First ever photograph of a President taken
- 14 1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago
- 15 1933 US Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor
- 15 1933 Assassination attempt on Pres. Roosevelt. The shot was deflected and killed Chicago mayor instead
- 16 1968 First use of 911 system
- 18 1937 Dirt storms hit five states
- 19 1942 Internment of Japanese-Americans began
- 20 1962 John Glen became 1st American in orbit
- 21 1972 President Nixon visited China
- 22 1819 Woolworths opens first store
- 23 1991 Desert Storm ground offensive began
- 23 1942 First attack on US soil during WWII. A Japanese sub Shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, CA
- 27 1950 US President limited to two terms
- 27 1991 Desert Storm, the 100 Hour War, ended
- 28 1944 NATO conducted first combat action in its 45 yr.

History

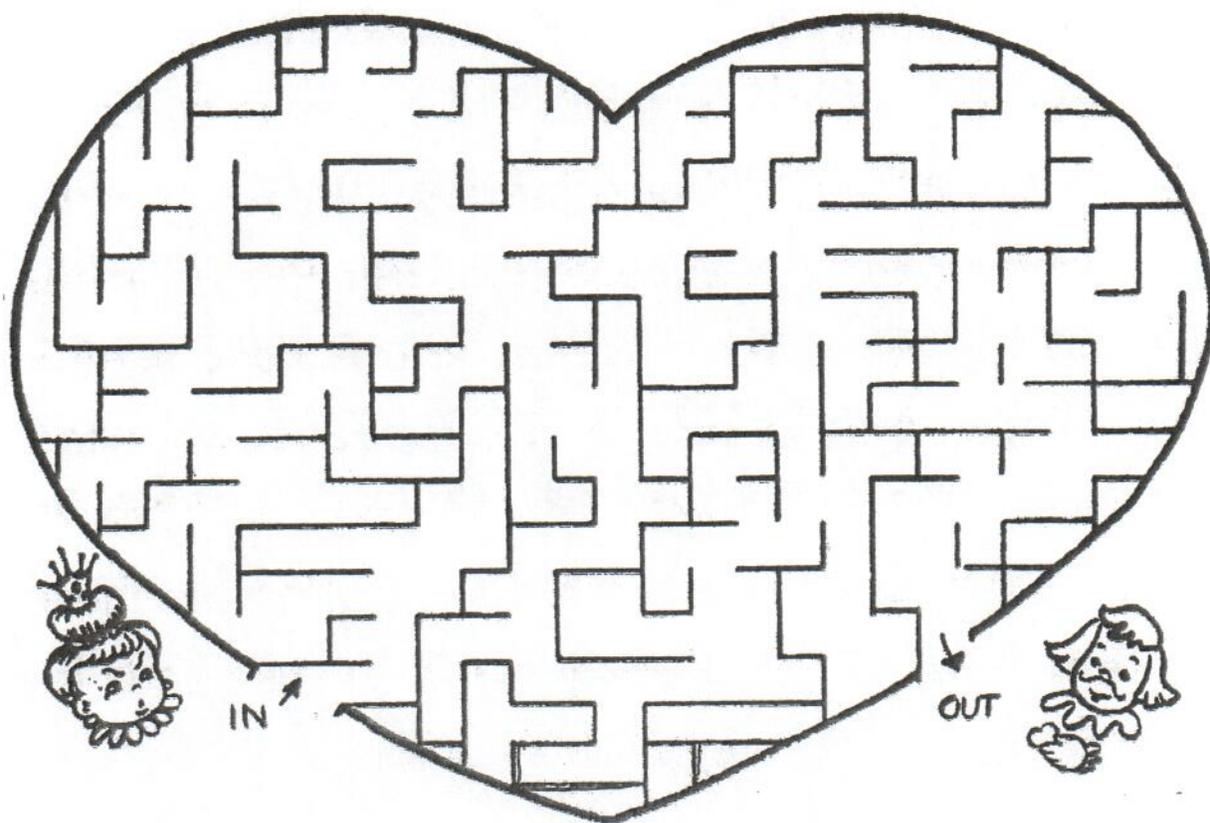
MARDI GRAS, FEB. 16TH

Mardi Gras is a time of carnival celebrations, parades, street dancing, and night long music and eating. Revelers dress in brightly colored costumes that employ the use of elaborate feathers and beads, face painting and ceramic face masks.

This year, Mardi Gras is Feb. 16th. It is the last day of light heartedness before the more somber period of lent. Because people use this day to get in their last best eating and partying, it is known as Fat Tuesday. It is traditional to eat pancakes in order to use up the eggs, milk, and butter that may not be used again until after Easter. A party cake is also made for the same reason and it is decorated with the colors of Mardi Gras, purple, green, and yellow. Traditionally there is an item hidden in the cake and whomever finds it will have good luck throughout the year.

Mardi Gras is celebrated widely in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and is a legal holiday in Louisiana.

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!



BE MINE

FEBRUARY WORD SCRAMBLE

1. rShot _____
2. loudCs _____
3. nelaVniet _____
4. tonhinWasg _____
5. sarethH _____
6. caPnakes _____
7. noLciIn _____
8. nouGrdgoh _____
9. dRe _____
10. tingfirD _____
11. pidCu _____
12. cly doaRs _____
13. nibCa revFe _____
14. neLt _____

Answers on the last page

Answers to word scramble

1. Short

2. Clouds

3. Valentine

"If kisses were raindrops

4. Washington

I'd send you a shower.

5. Hearts

If hugs were seconds

6. Pancakes

I'd send you hours.

7. Lincoln

If smiles were water

8. Groundhog

I'd send you the sea,

9. Red

And if love were a person

10. Drifting

I'd send you me. "

11. Cupid

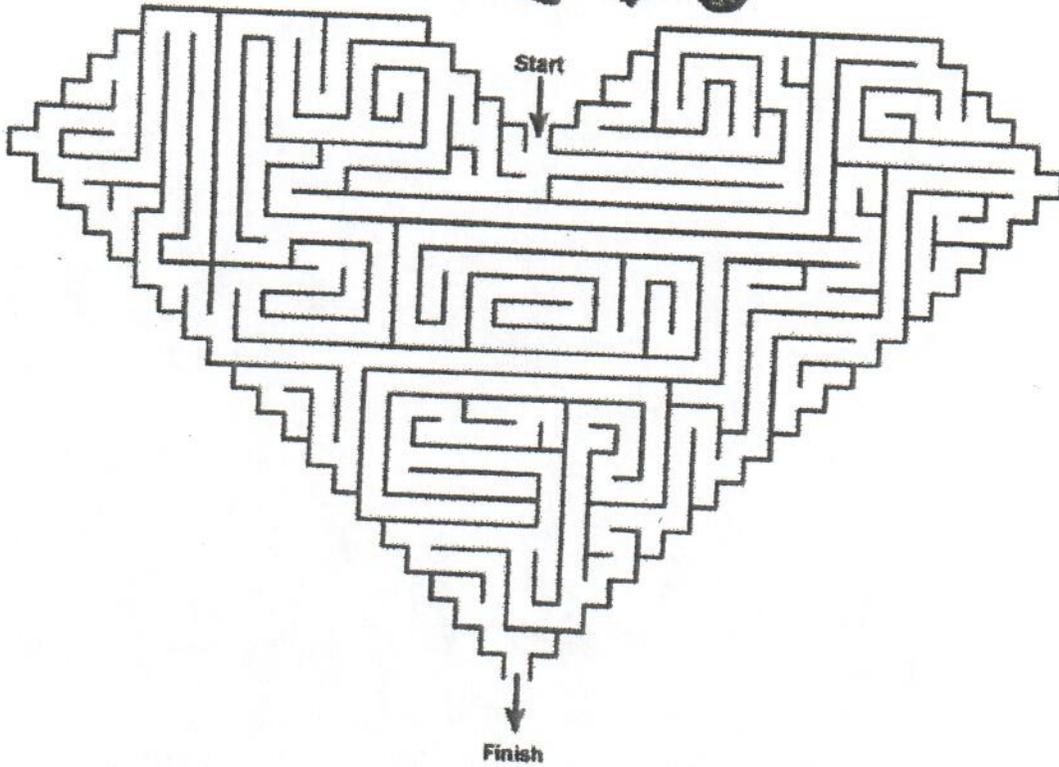
12. Icy Roads

13. Cabin Fever

14. Lent



FEBRUARY



Valentine's Day Word Scramble

1. dancy _____
2. loonsbal _____
3. fectaaofin _____
4. burche _____
5. colachote _____
6. lerfows _____
7. thear _____
8. skis _____
9. ramocne _____
10. soer _____
11. omep _____
12. voel _____

Answers to word scramble;

1. candy
2. balloons
3. affection
4. cherub
5. chocolate
6. flowers
7. heart
8. kiss
9. romance
10. rose
11. poem
12. love

If apples were pears

And peaches were plums

And the rose had a different name

If tigers were bears

And fingers were thumbs

I'd love you just the same

Happy Valentine's Day !

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE



VELO

RHAET

MOANECR

LTACHECOO

LPECUO

PUCID

WOB NDA RRAWO

DER SROES

TWEES

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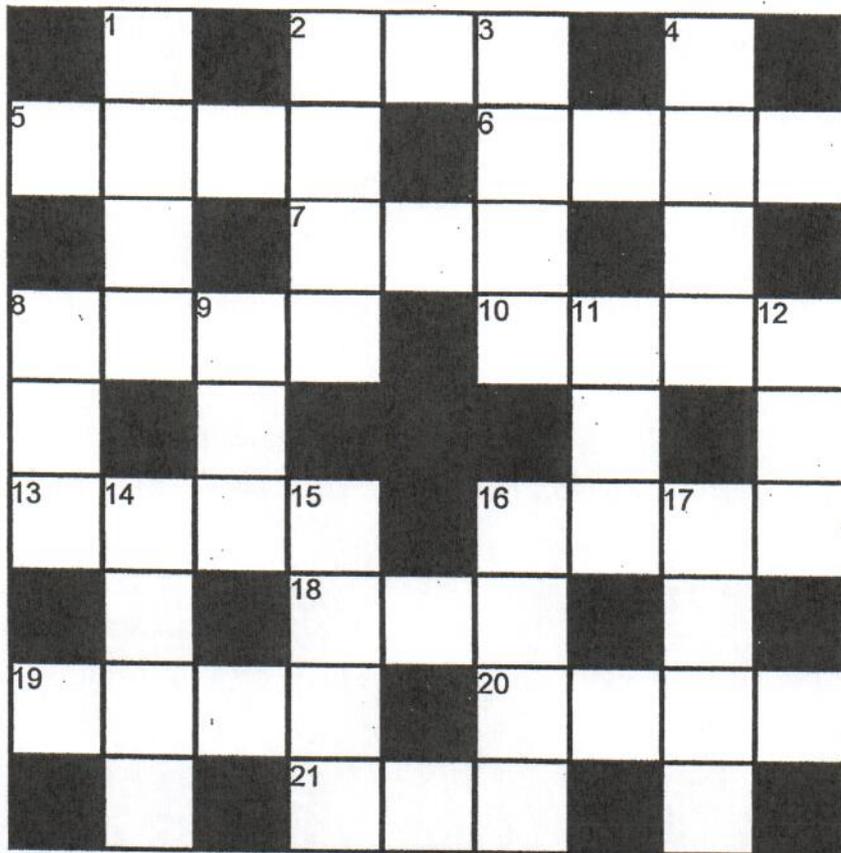
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BRUFRAYE

X O X O X O X O



Across

- 2. Helium or neon
- 5. Bloodsucking insect
- 6. Watch
- 7. Roman 3
- 8. Cold annoyance
- 10. Segment
- 13. One and the other
- 16. Yearn for
- 18. Big clumsy man
- 19. Crust on healing wound
- 20. Partly open
- 21. Rowing need

Down

- 1. Blueprint
- 2. Canter or gallop
- 3. Stumble
- 4. Quartet
- 8. Weep
- 9. Fall mo.
- 11. Rainbow shape
- 12. Deuce; even score
- 14. Cry of pain
- 15. Wanderer
- 16. Off in the distance
- 17. Above the neck

Answers to word scramble;

LOVE

HEART

ROMANCE

CHOCOLATE

COUPLE

CUPID

BOW AND ARROW

RED ROSES

SWEET

CANDY

VALENTINE

BE MIONE

FLOWERS

FEBRUARY

Crossword puzzle answers;

Across;

Down;

2. gas

1. plan

5. flea

2. gait

6. look

3. slip

7. iii

4. four

8. snot

8. sob

10. part

9. Oct.

13. both

11. arc

16. ache

12. tie

18. oaf

14. ouch

19. scab

15. hobo

20. ajar

16. afar

21. oar

17. head

FEBRUARY IS WOMEN INVENTORS MONTH

The first home to be heated entirely by solar energy was developed by Maria Telkes in 1947.

Non-reflecting glass, used in picture frames, microscopes glasses, and more was invented by Katherine Blodgett in 1935

The closed circuit TV system used in home security systems and military applications was invented by Marie Brown.

Kevlar, a product stronger than steel and able to stop a bullet was invented by Stephanie Kwalik.

Nancy Johnson invented the hand-crank ice cream freezer in 1843.

Elizabeth Magie invented the Monopoly game in 1904.

Tabitha Birbbett invented the circular saw and machine cut nails.

Josephine Cochrane invented the first commercially successful dishwasher.

Heddy Lamar invented a radio signaling device that led to developments in communications and cell phones.

*SHROVETIDE

Shrovetide is the pre-lenten season. It is the Christian preparation time before lent. Shrovetide begins Sunday, Feb. 14 and culminates Tues., Feb. 16th. During this time it is customary for Christians to consider the sacrifices they will make for lent. It is also an opportunity for a round of merry making before lent begins. Shrove Tues., Feb 16th is also known as Fat Tues., Pancake Day, or Mardi Gras.

*CANDLEMAS

Candlemas is a day that celebrates the purification of the Virgin Mary and the presentation of Jesus at the temple 40 days after His birth. The church's candles for the coming year are blessed and last year's palms are burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. "If Candlemas day be fair and bright, winter will have another fight. If Candlemas day bring cold and rain, winter will not come again."

TONGUE TWISTER DAY, FEB. 29

Read these tongue twisters once but then try to say them four times quickly. Have fun !

How can a clam cram in a clean cream can ?

Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks & sticks

Santa's short suit shrunk

Six sleek swans swam swiftly southwards

Pirate's private property

Rudder valve reversals

Tie twine to three tree twigs

Three short sword sheaths

Green glass globes glow greenly

Seven slick slimy snakes slowly sliding southward

Fresh French fried fly fritters

Gig whip, gig whip, whip

Busy buzzing bumblebees

Which wrist watch is the Swiss wrist watch

As one black bug bled blue-black blood the other
black bug bled blue.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Adopt a Rescued rabbit Month

Barley Month

Fabulous Florida Strawberry Month

Library Lovers Month

Love the Bus Month

National Bird Feeding Month

National Hot Breakfast Month

National Women Inventors Month

Spunky Old Broads Month

Sweet Potato Month

Bake for Family Fun Month

Marijuana Awareness Month

National Cherry Month

Relationship Wellness Month

National African-American Month

National Weddings Month



CELEBRATE HIPPOS; FEB. 15TH

The hippopotamus is the world's third largest land animal, behind the elephant and the rhino. An adult female hippo weighs between 2,810 to 3,310 pounds. A male can weigh up to 4,000 pounds! A hippo can run up to 20 mph and has canine teeth that reach 20 inches long

Hippos sunburn easily so they spend their days in the water or rolling in mud. They leave the water in the evenings to graze, eating over 100 pounds of food every day. One male hippo presides over 5 to 30 females and young. By the way, baby hippos are born in the water.

Hippos are the most dangerous animals in Africa. They are highly aggressive and unpredictable and account for nearly 3,000 human deaths a year !

A bill was presented to the American congress in 1910 to allow the importation of hippos to the bayous of Louisiana. It was hoped the hippos would rid the bayou of invasive water plants and solve America's meat crisis. Pres. T. Roosevelt supported the bill but it did not pass.

Scientists have proven that hippos have been a hunted animal for over 5,000 years. Today their numbers are threatened by loss of habitat and poaching for meat and ivory.

WHAT ABOUT THAT GROUND HOG ?

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The Pennsylvania Dutch brought German traditions to America but there were no badgers in the eastern US. There was however a large ground squirrel (or in this case, underground!) known as a Whistle Pig, a Woodchuck, or a Ground Hog.

The first recorded reference to a ground Hog Day was made in 1841. The tradition spread across the US but the most famous ground hog is still Punxsutawney Phil who lives in Pennsylvania. (His accuracy of predicting an early spring is at 39%)

There are other famous ground hogs as well;

Balzac Billy the "Prairie Prognosticator" in Alberta

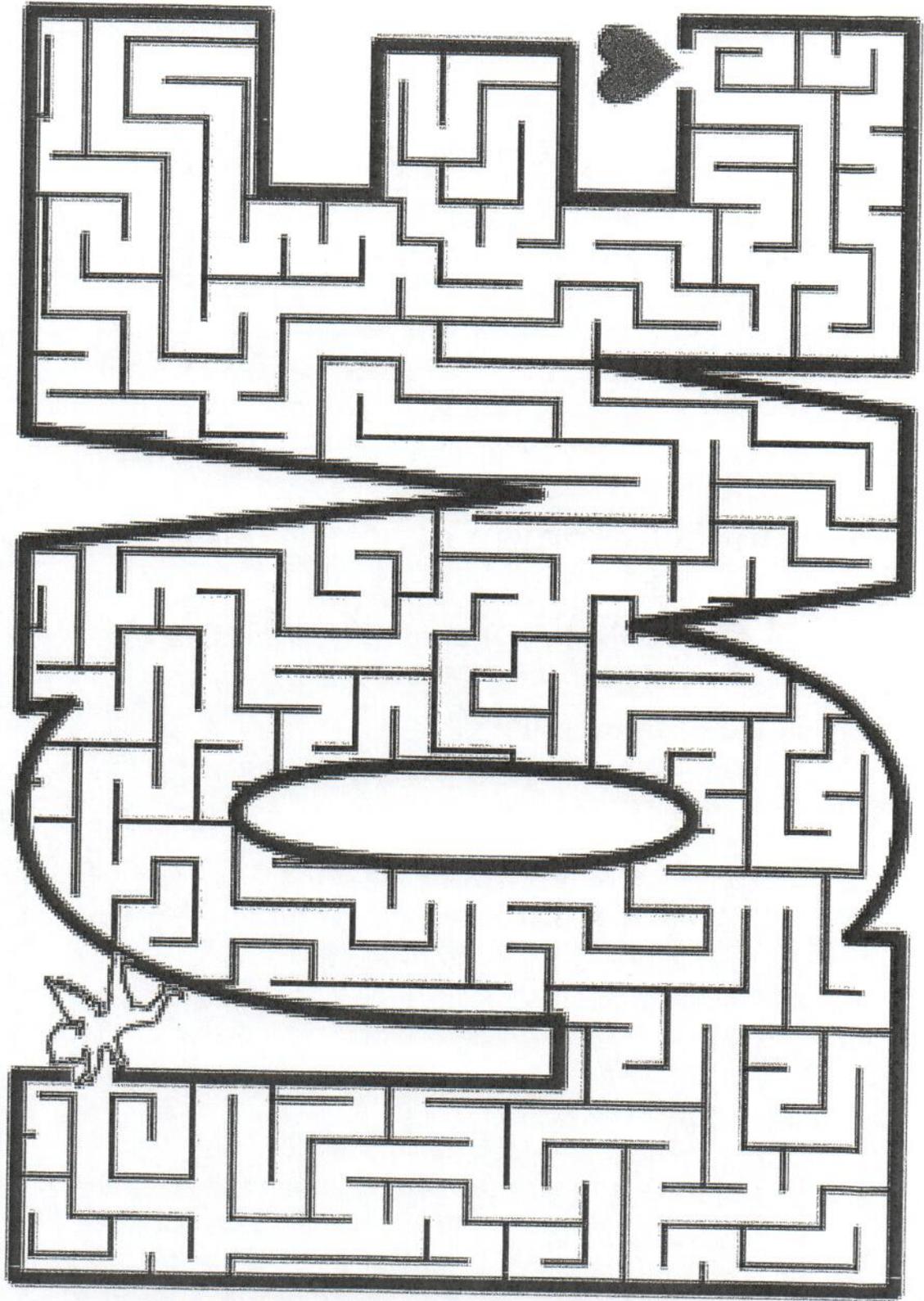
Buckeye Chuck from Marion, Ohio

Gen. Beauregard Lee in Yellow River, Georgia

Smith Lake Jake from Birmingham, Alabama

Staten Island Chuck in NYC

Sir Walter Wally from North Carolina



Thoughts for Those suffering
February's Log Cabin Fever

February's weather is no more depressing than January..... or March, for that matter.

February is short! So far it has never gone beyond 29 days.

Some of our best Presidents were born in February, Washington, Reagan, Lincoln, and Quayle.... OK, maybe not Quayle but he thought about it.

February is not the reason people are poor. That would be the credit card bills from Christmas that just came due.

Nobody celebrates President's Day, with egg nog, pizza, beer, and chips so there's no reason to gain weight in February.

Q; What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day ?

A: Forget-Me-Nuts

PRESIDENT'S DAY
3rd Monday of February

DID YOU KNOW....

President Obama collects Spiderman and Conan the Barbarian comics.

Eight presidents have been left handed, including President Obama.

Grover Cleveland had six dogs, a cat, a bobcat, a goose, a donkey, two lion cubs, an antelope, and a wallaby. For a short time he also had a pygmy hippo named Billy.

William Howard Taft was the last president to have a presidential cow at the White House to provide milk, cream, and butter.

Abraham Lincoln's presidential victory was announced via pony express.

Thomas Jefferson conceived of the Lewis & Clark expedition. They brought a grizzly bear cub back as a gift & it lived at the White House for a short time.

February Wordsearch

Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, President's Day, etc.

Try to find **all 24** words on this board.

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

CANDLES

CANDY

CARDS

CHOCOLATE

CRUSH

CUDDLE

CUPID

DANCING

DINNER

FEBRUARY

GROUNDHOGDAY

HEART

HUGS

KISSES

LOVE

PINK

PRESIDENTSDAY

RED

ROMANCE

ROSES

SMOOCH

SWEETIE

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VALENTINE

Find 10 busy beavers!



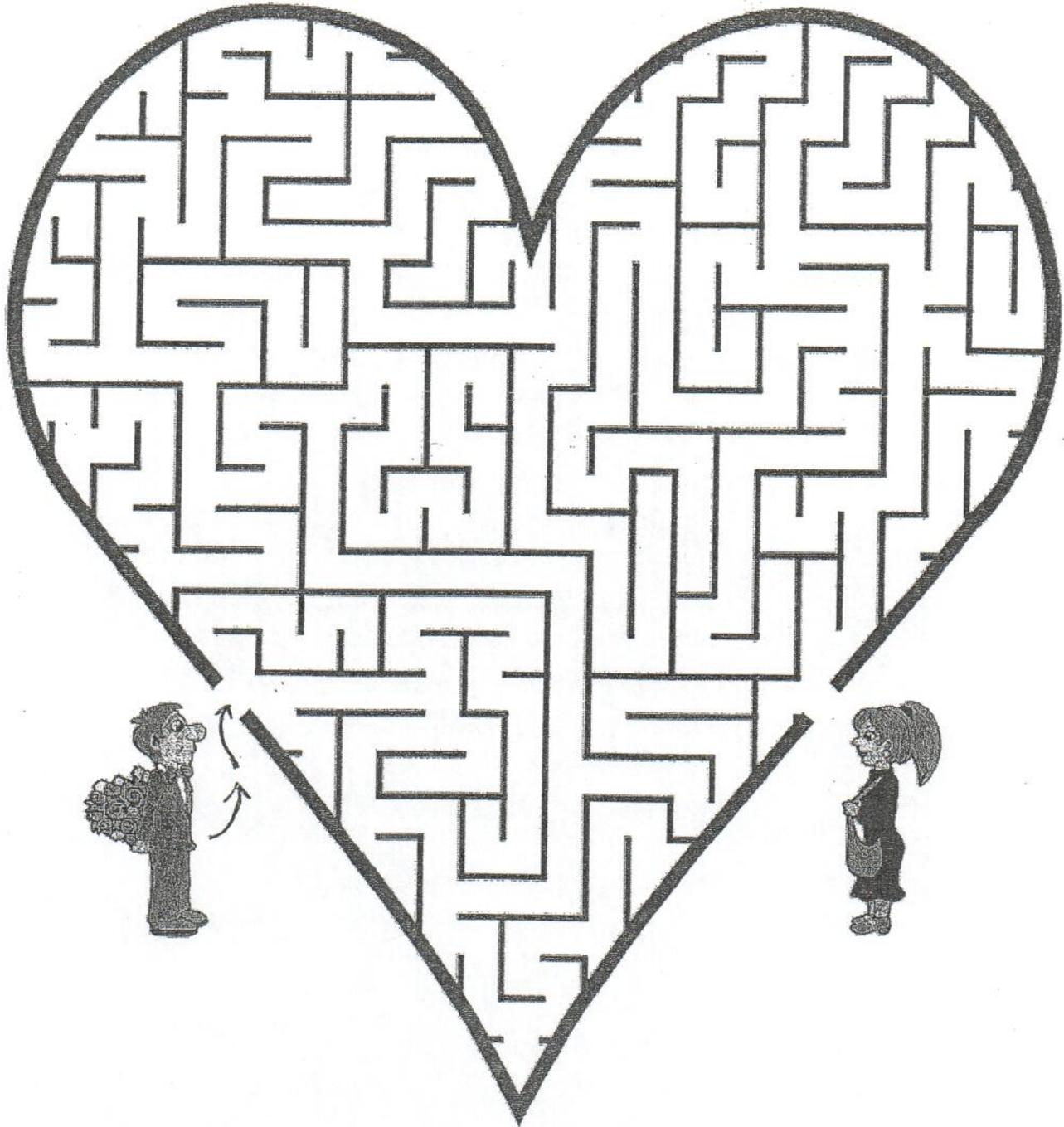
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Valentine's Day

B F J I E Z B D F S Q K Y W K
T H O U G H T F U L I A V H R
R E D U E M C F G N D W U I W
S Q I A R G Z E D S R Z H T D
U Y R D N T Z N E M E C N E X
K T J I R D E N U D W H C B P
A M V W J S I E N A O O E L M
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ARROW
CARD
CARING
CHOCOLATE
CUPID
FEBRUARY
FLOWER
FOURTEENTH
GIVING
HEART

HUG
KINDNESS
PINK
RED
ROSE
THOUGHTFUL
VALENTINE' S DAY
WHITE



SO, IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentines have been popular since the middle ages, when lovers said or sang their valentines. The first known written valentine was probably sent by St. Valentine himself. He was smitten with his jailer's daughter and sent her a love letter before his execution.

The oldest valentine still in existence was made in 1415 by a Frenchman. He sent it to his wife as he was being held prisoner in the Tower of London.

Paper valentines became popular in England in the early 1800s when they began to be assembled in factories. The early valentines were black and white pictures painted by hand by factory workers. Fancy ones were made with real ribbon and lace.

In early 1900s the Norcross Company of the US began to manufacture valentines. With the exception of Christmas, Americans exchange more cards on valentine's day than any other time of year. 62% of all consumer Americans plan to spend at least \$100.00 on valentine gifts this year.

Who was Saint Valentine? Read on.....

St. Valentine was a Roman priest. During his time, Rome was at constant war and the emperor of Rome declared that no young people should marry (because unmarried young men made better soldiers than married men).

Contrary to Roman law, Father Valentine secretly married young couples. He was found out, arrested, and thrown in prison.

A group of men were to decide Valentine's fate. One of the men had a blind daughter. Father Valentine prayed fervently for her and she was healed. As a result, the girl's father became a Christian. Even this however, could not forestall Valentine's fate. He was sentenced to a triple execution; beating, stoning, and finally decapitation. The day before his death, Feb. 14th, Father Valentine sent a note to the young girl he had healed. He signed it "Your Valentine".

St. Valentine's story is not one of lacy hearts and boxes of chocolates but it is a story of love and marriage.

During his time, a period of war, cruel emperors, and polygamy, St. Valentine believed in the sanctity of one man and one woman united in love. Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

Words of Endearment Word Search Puzzle

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WORDS OF ENDEARMENT WORD LIST

ANGEL

BABY

BUTTERCUP

DARLING

DEAR

DOLL

HONEY

HONEYBUNCH

HOT STUFF

LAMB CHOP

LOVE

MUFFIN

PEACH

POOKIE

PUMPKIN

SCHNOOKUMS

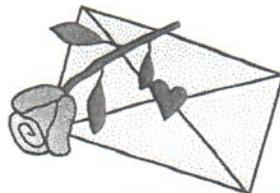
SUGAR

SWEET CHEEKS

SWEET PEA

SWEETHEART

Be My Valentine



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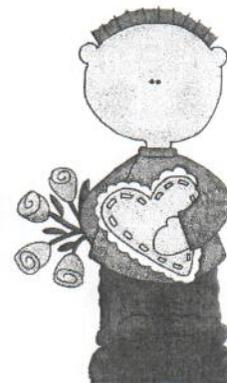
Look for words related to Valentine's Day They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.



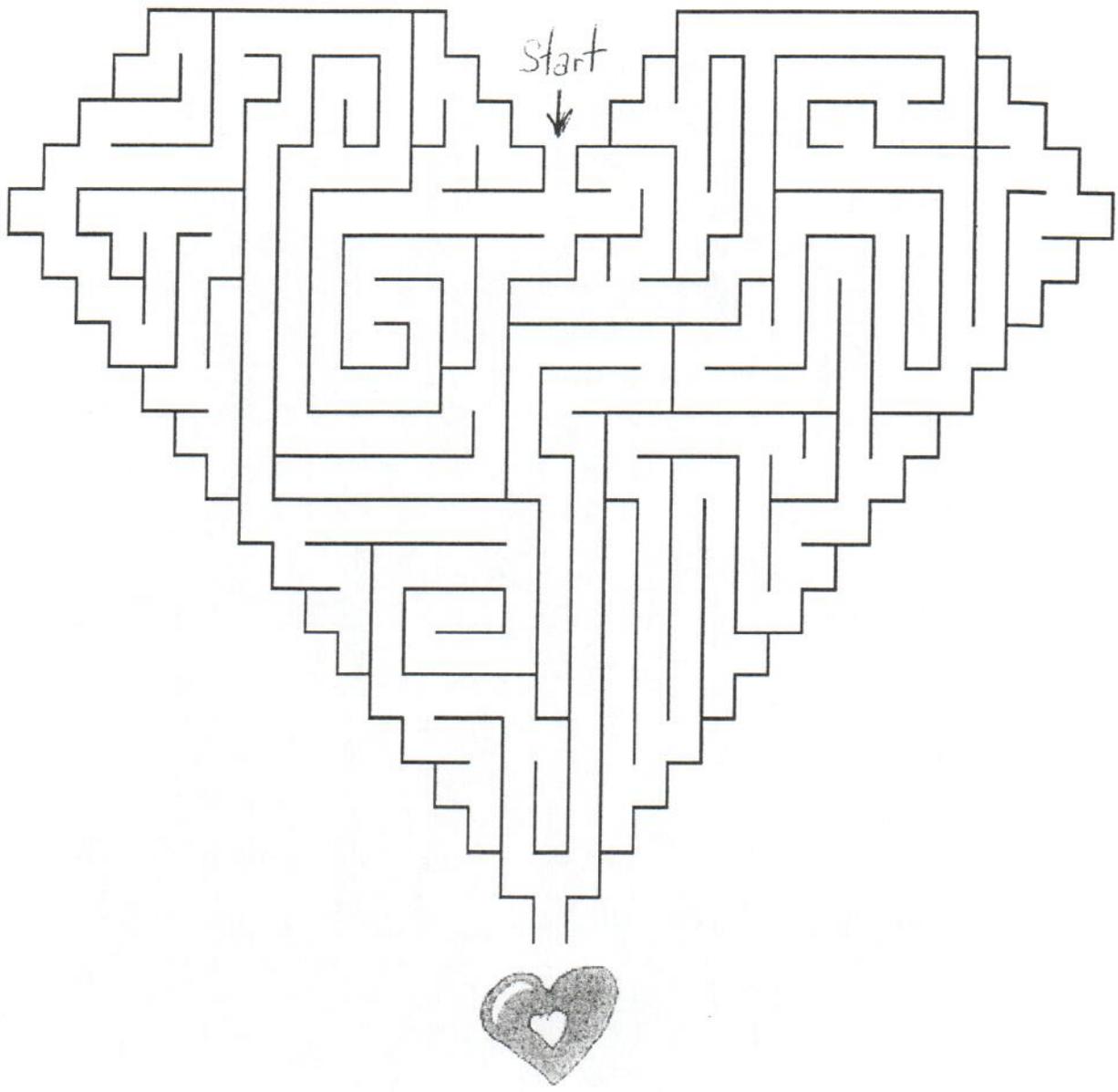
- ADORE
- AFFECTION
- CARD
- CHERUB
- CHOCOLATE
- COURTSHIP
- DEVOTION
- ENVELOPE
- FLOWERS



- INFATUATION
- LOVE
- PINK
- SMITTEN
- SWEETHEART
- SWEETS
- SWOON



Valentine's Day Maze



FEBRUARY WORD SCRAMBLE

Put the letters in order to spell words you might hear in February.

SUGH

RAEHT

DAYCN

VEOL

TIESEEW

ONEHY

COCHOTALE

SEORS

SERIRCHE

MEARC FUPF

NELAVENIT

Answers to word scramble;

HUGS

SWEETIE

CHERRIES

HEART

HONEY

CREAM PUFF

CANDY

CHOCOLATE

VALENTINE

LOVE

ROSES

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

The Supreme Court met for the first time,
Feb.1, 1790

Mexico gave New Mexico and California to
the U.S., Feb. 2, 1848

The Confederate States of America
organized Feb. 4, 1861

The Boy Scouts of America were
incorporated in Feb. of 1910

Amendment 16 to the U.S. constitution was
passed authorizing income tax, Feb., 1913

The Yalta Conference began in Feb. of 1945

John Glenn became the first American to
orbit the earth, Feb. 20, 1962

FEBRUARY 16
SHROVE TUESDAY also known as
FAT TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also called Fat Tuesday, being a day to indulge before special treats are given up for lent.

In Ireland and throughout the British Isles, this is also known as Pancake Day. Here families abstain from eggs and all dairy products during lent so they had to be used up before Ash Wednesday. This was done by making pancakes.

Drink was also given up for lent so many a man spent Tuesday evening, and night, at the local pub. In many countries, Shrove Tuesday is a day of revelrie and carnivals.

INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR DAY

FEBRUARY 27TH

Polar bears are marine mammals that live exclusively in the Arctic. They are the largest land carnivores in the world. Males reach 8 to 9 feet tall and can weigh in at 700 to 1,320 pounds. They have 2 inch claws, brutish strength, and are aggressive. The female polar bear ranges from 6 to 7 feet tall and 200 to 700 pounds. Only the breeding female polar bear hibernates. She may give birth to 1 or 2 cubs each weighing one pound and measuring one foot.

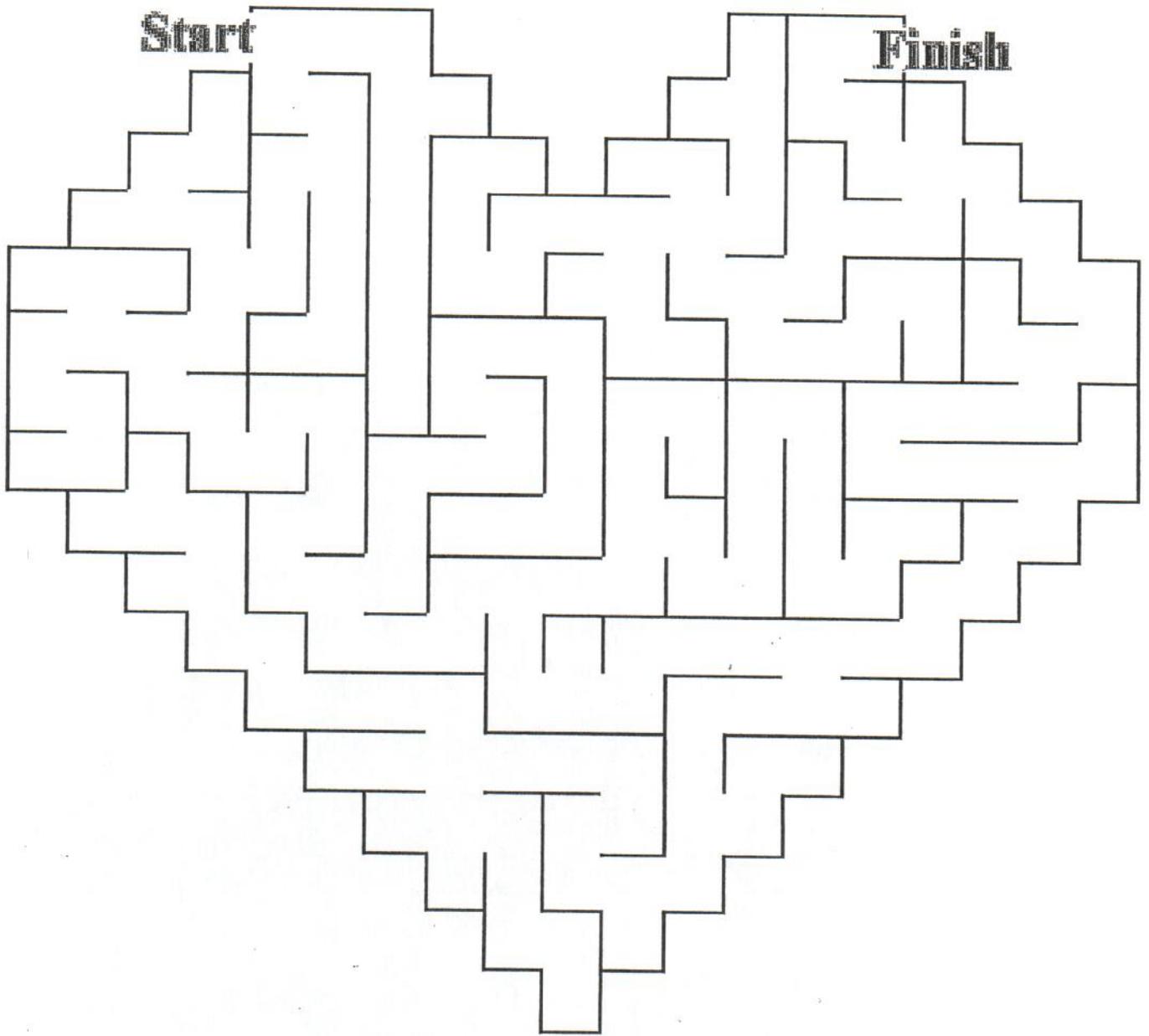
Polar bears are powerful swimmers and have been seen 200 miles off shore in the open ocean. Their main source of food is seals which they “still hunt”, sitting at an open hole in the ice, waiting for the seal to come up for air. Polar bears have also hunted walruses and beluga whales but in the

summer will eat flowers, leaves, berries, birds eggs and small water creatures such as crabs.

Polar bears have thick white fur but their skin is black to absorb the heat. They have a thick layer of blubber that helps keep them warm and helps them float. They can run up to 18 mph but for short distances only as they quickly over heat.

Polar bears have no natural enemies but they are disappearing as the ice sheet melts away due to global warming. Since they need the ice sheets for hunting, less ice means many bears are dying of starvation.

In the 1960s the bears numbered only about 10,000. They have since been placed on a protected species list and numbers increased to approximately 25,000. Polar bears are still considered a threatened species due to the continuing loss of habitat.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S

DAY!

