

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Take our crossword challenge before reading this issue. Then come back and fill in any blanks. The starred clues refer to the 50 states (see pp. 8-12).

ACROSS

- 1 Foot of a canine
- 4 "Begone, fly!"
- *8 Texas: the Lone __ State
- 10 Rude name for a "countrified" person
- *11 The Prairie State (postal abbr.)
- 12 President Lincoln's nickname: Honest __
- 14 Per person (abbr.)
- 15 Story about a person's life, for short
- *16 Massachusetts: the __ State
- *17 The Badger State's capital
- *19 North Carolina: the __ Heel State
- 20 Chinese-food condiment: __ sauce
- *21 The smallest state, in area (postal abbr.)
- *22 The Hawkeye State's capital: __ Moines
- 23 California's time zone (abbr.)
- 25 Interested in
- *27 The Buckeye State
- *29 Harrisburg is its capital (abbr.).
- 30 Tiny insect

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PUZZLE SOLUTION IS IN YOUR TEACHER'S EDITION.

DOWN

- 1 Pounds per square inch (abbr.)
- *2 Ocean bordering North Carolina (abbr.)
- *3 The Evergreen State (postal abbr.)
- 4 Pronoun for a woman or girl
- *5 Its capital is Honolulu (postal abbr.).
- *6 The __ State: 21 Across
- 7 Slangy way to say "all right"
- 9 Sneak attack
- *13 Idaho's capital
- 15 A solid piece or block, as of chocolate or gold
- 16 A man, earlier in life
- *17 The Pine Tree State
- 18 Not great, not terrible; somewhere in between
- 19 A journey or sojourn
- 22 Donald's nickname
- 23 Number needed to use an ATM (abbr.)
- 24 Young child
- *26 The Volunteer State (postal abbr.)
- 28 Short laughter sound

SUDOKU

Do you sudoku? This addictive puzzle from Japan has become hugely popular in the U.S. If you aren't already a fan, here's how to play:

The puzzle grid is divided into 9 large squares, each of which is divided into 9 small squares. Each row and each column also has 9 squares. Your goal is to write a number from 1 to 9 in each square. Each digit can be used only once per row, column, and square.

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		4			3	9		
2		1						
8				2		6	4	

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