

# Individual Responsibility

It doesn't take long when listening to the news or surfing the various social media to tell that we are in an upside down world. The news isn't the news, it is personal commentary from a slant that fits whoever is telling the story. It is O.K. to lie, fabricate a story, or just plain old make up a story if it is about someone you don't like or they don't stand for what you do. Politicians, as well as many others, say whatever they want to say whether it is true or not without any significant consequences. It seems like they believe everyone is stupid except for them. We live in a world today where nobody is accountable for any of their actions. The bottom line is they are victims and someone else is to blame. What we need more of is people who know how to think, and have a good memory. I personally listen when others speak, and I remember what they say.

It has been a privilege for me to have the opportunity to



JUST A THOUGHT  
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write an article every week for the News Herald. I have had the freedom to write about anything I choose. It has never been my intention to try and brain wash you, or get you to come over to my way of thinking. I have no hidden agenda with my writing. I have two basic goals. First, I want to try and provoke you to think. There are not a lot of people who think for themselves anymore. They let someone else do that for them and fall in line. If they hear it on the news or social media, it must be true. The Lord gave us a mind, and He

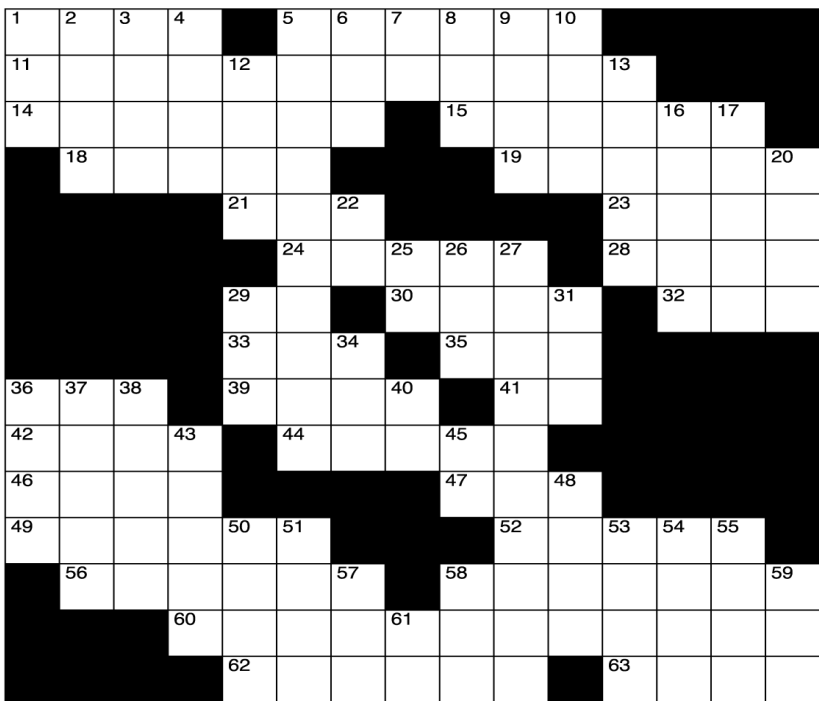
expects us to use it. The second thing I want you to see is how amazing the Lord is. My life would be in shambles if it weren't for Christ and His transforming work in my life. Now, please understand, I have a long way to go, but He is still working on me. I am still a work in progress. I want to bring glory and honor to my Lord in all I say and do. The bottom line is, I am nothing without Him.

Have you ever wondered why people don't want to take individual responsibility for their actions? Now, they are willing to take credit for something someone else has accomplished, but their shortcomings are always somebody else's fault. Today's world believes if we can make someone else look bad and ruin their life, it will inevitably make me look better. Case in point, when Bret Cavannah was nominated for the Supreme Court, he was literally sliced and diced by people who didn't want him there. After it was all

said and done, and he was appointed, it was said, "We couldn't block him from getting in, but we ruined his life." Now, please understand me, I am not a political writer, but I was literally embarrassed that anyone could treat someone that badly. How can Americans turn on each other in this manner and ever hope to have unity? It has always been

my goal to bring uplifting thoughts to whoever reads my articles. I really don't care if you are a Republican, Democrat, or any other organization you might represent. Beginning with myself, I want to see Christians act like a Christian and talk like a Christian. Our Heavenly Father cannot be pleased with the way our nation is going. It was founded upon reli-

gious principles and religious freedom, but somewhere along the line we have jumped the track. Paul said in I Corinthians 13:8, "Love never fails." We may disagree on lots of issues, but I want you to know I love you. I only want God's best for each and every one of you. Let's exemplify the love of Christ, and our world will be a better place.



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty

5. Preserve a dead body

11. Gratitude

14. The act of coming together again

15. More cushy

18. Visionaries

19. Fish-eating bird

21. Indicates near

23. NY Mets legend Tommie

24. Icelandic poems

28. Pop

29. Hammer is one

30. Senses of self-esteem

32. Trigraph

33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing

36. Driver's licenses and passports

39. Snakelike fishes

41. Military flyers

42. Raincoats

44. Type of community

46. Feature of worm's anatomy

47. In the center

49. Laid back

52. Jewelled headdress

56. In slow tempo

58. \_\_ Falls

60. Saying things again

62. Periods in history

63. Hyphen

## CLUES DOWN

1. Body part

2. Mimics

3. Expel or eject

4. Sea eagle

5. Subdivision of cenospecies

6. Dialect of Chinese

7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"

8. Consumed

9. Chinese dynasty

10. NFL great Randy

12. Ireland

13. Palm trees

16. Fungal disease

17. Willis and Jerry are two

20. Affirmative!

22. Potato state

25. "The First State"

26. A way to develop

27. Associations
29. Woman (French)

31. Sunscreen rating

34. Brew

36. Mosque prayer leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Jr.'s father

43. Scad genus

45. Morning

48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)

50. Double curve

51. Small thin bunch

53. Worn by exposure to the weather

54. Mars crater

55. Humanities

57. Of the ears

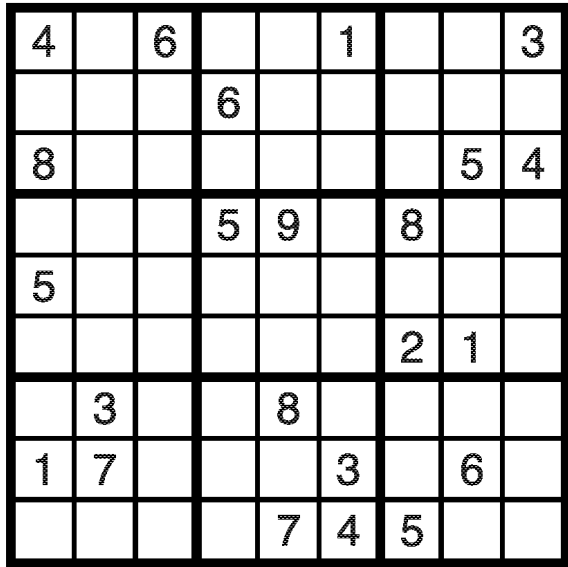
58. "To the \_\_ degree"

59. Residue

61. It keeps you cool

Answers to puzzle on Page 12

# SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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