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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, KERN COUNTY!

By Andrea Rose &
Kern County Family Magazine

As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs of 2024, we look forward to the possibilities that 2025 may bring.

But first, we're making our lists and checking them twice as we prepare for the merry month of December. Hopefully, it will be full of family, friends and festivities!

We are thankful for our wonderful advertisers, readers and Kern County families and we hope you enjoy this season and find comfort and joy in all you do.

We also hope you'll take a moment to spend some quality time with your family and our annual holiday activity book. It's chock full of puzzles and games—and a song or two!

Put those screens down, gather 'round and make a moment!

*We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous
New Year – from our Kern County Family to yours!*



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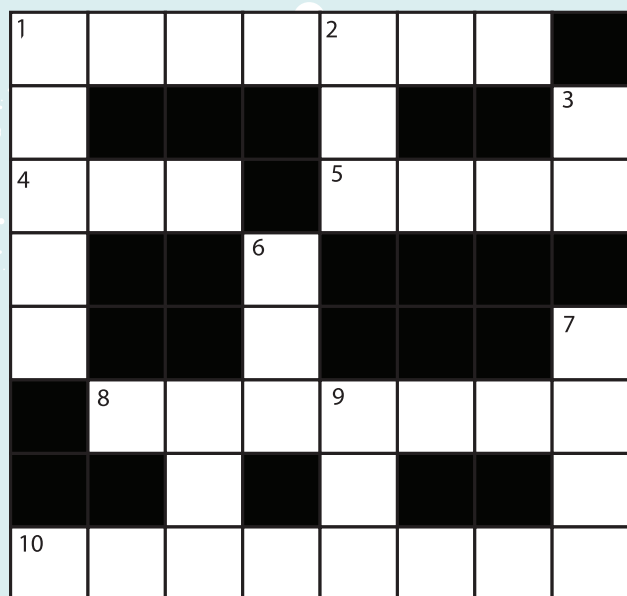
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Dried grapes
4. Residue after burning
5. A type of fish
8. Italian dessert
10. Starchy foods

DOWN

1. Holiday dinner
2. Incorporated (abbr.)
3. Not down
6. Cooking tool
7. Filled desserts
9. Negative clause

Answers under Joy to the World Lyrics

DECK THE HALLS

It's hard to hear "Deck the Halls" and not immediately be overcome by the festive nature of the holiday season. The lyrics to "Deck the Halls" were written by the Scottish musician Thomas Oliphant in 1862. However, the Welsh melody that is part of the song can be traced to the 16th century and a song called "Nos Galan." That song is not about Christmas, but rather New Year's Eve.

"Deck the Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Fill the meadcup, drain the barrel,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Troul the ancient Christmas carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the flowing bowl before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I sing of beauty's treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Laughing, quaffing all together,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

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KID-FRIENDLY HOT HOLIDAY PUNCH

Family gatherings bring warm memories during the holidays, but it can still be chilly outside. Snowy scenes and freezing temperatures are common in late December. As it gets colder, families can cozy up with a warm "Hot Holiday Punch" from Lines+Angles.

16 cups water, divided

5 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen, plus extra for garnish

2 1/2 cups granulated sugar

1/2 cup red hots cinnamon candies

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

12 whole cloves

3 cinnamon sticks

1 lemon, sliced

Cheesecloth

1. In a large saucepan, set over medium-high heat, bring 1 quart of water and cranberries to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 to 10 minutes or until the cranberries begin to pop. Drain, reserving liquid and cranberries. Put cranberries through a fine mesh strainer or food mill. Set aside.

2. In a Dutch oven or large pot, combine sugar, red-hots, lemon juice, cranberry liquid and cranberry pulp, and remaining 3 quarts of water.

3. Place cloves and cinnamon sticks in a double thickness of cheesecloth. Tie with string to form a bag; add to pan with the punch. Bring to a boil; stir until sugar and candies are dissolved. Discard spice bag. Strain juice through a fine mesh strainer. Serve hot with lemon slices and cranberries.

Makes 14 servings

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

Total time: 35 minutes

Difficulty: Easy



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



We're just peeking in to say,
Hope you have a great holiday.
May it be happy, healthy and bright,
Making each day a sheer delight.
We're sharing words of gratitude too,
For we wouldn't be here
without all of you!

Thanks and best wishes to all of our fine customers and friends!



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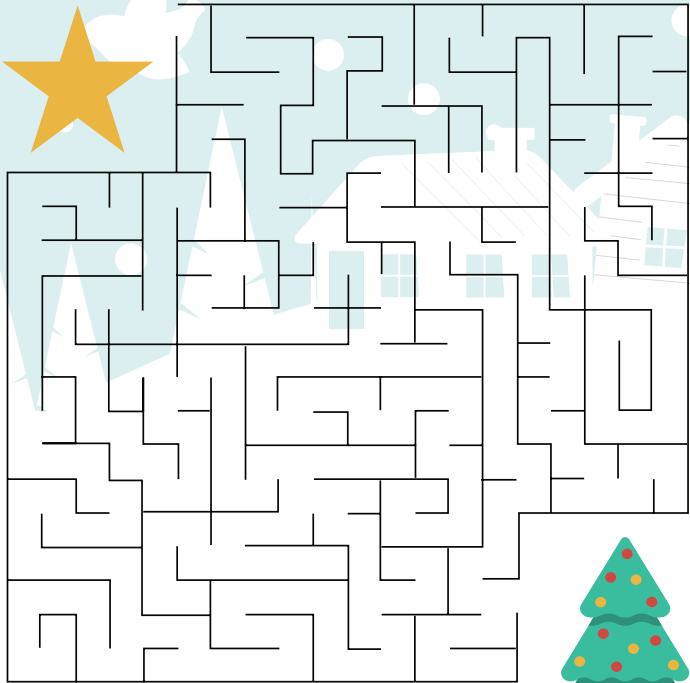
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Level: Beginner

Answers on next page

HOLIDAY MAZE

Help the star reach the Christmas tree!





HAPPY
HANUKKAH

*Wishing You a Joyful &
Prosperous New Year*

Ira and Carole Cohen

JOY TO THE WORLD

Lyrics written in 1719 by Isaac Watts
Music "Antioch" by George Frideric Handel

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven,
and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love
Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
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And Heaven, and Heaven, and
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ACTIVITY ANSWERS

Word Search

Holiday Kid's Corner Sudoku

Holiday Kid's Corner CROSSWORD

1. Roast 2. Inc 3. Up 6. Pan 7. Pies 9. Not
Down
Across
Answers:
1. Roast 2. Inc 3. Up 4. Ash 5. Camp 6. Cannoli 10. Potatoes

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 Let all their songs employ
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 plains

Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

 A colorful illustration of a Christmas scene. On the left is a green Christmas tree decorated with various ornaments and a red star on top. At its base are several wrapped gifts in different colors. To the right of the tree, a cat wearing a red and white polka-dot Santa hat looks towards the right. In the foreground, a man with a red Santa hat, purple-rimmed glasses, and a red shirt is smiling. A brown dog is perched on his shoulder, also wearing a small green and white hat. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflakes.

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a bright blue button-down shirt and a dark tie, is smiling and leaning on a wooden podium. In the top right corner, there is a circular seal that reads "2018 FAVORITE" with "SPECIALTY" and "SERVICES" written around the bottom edge. The seal has a red and blue design with the word "FAVORITE" in large, bold letters.

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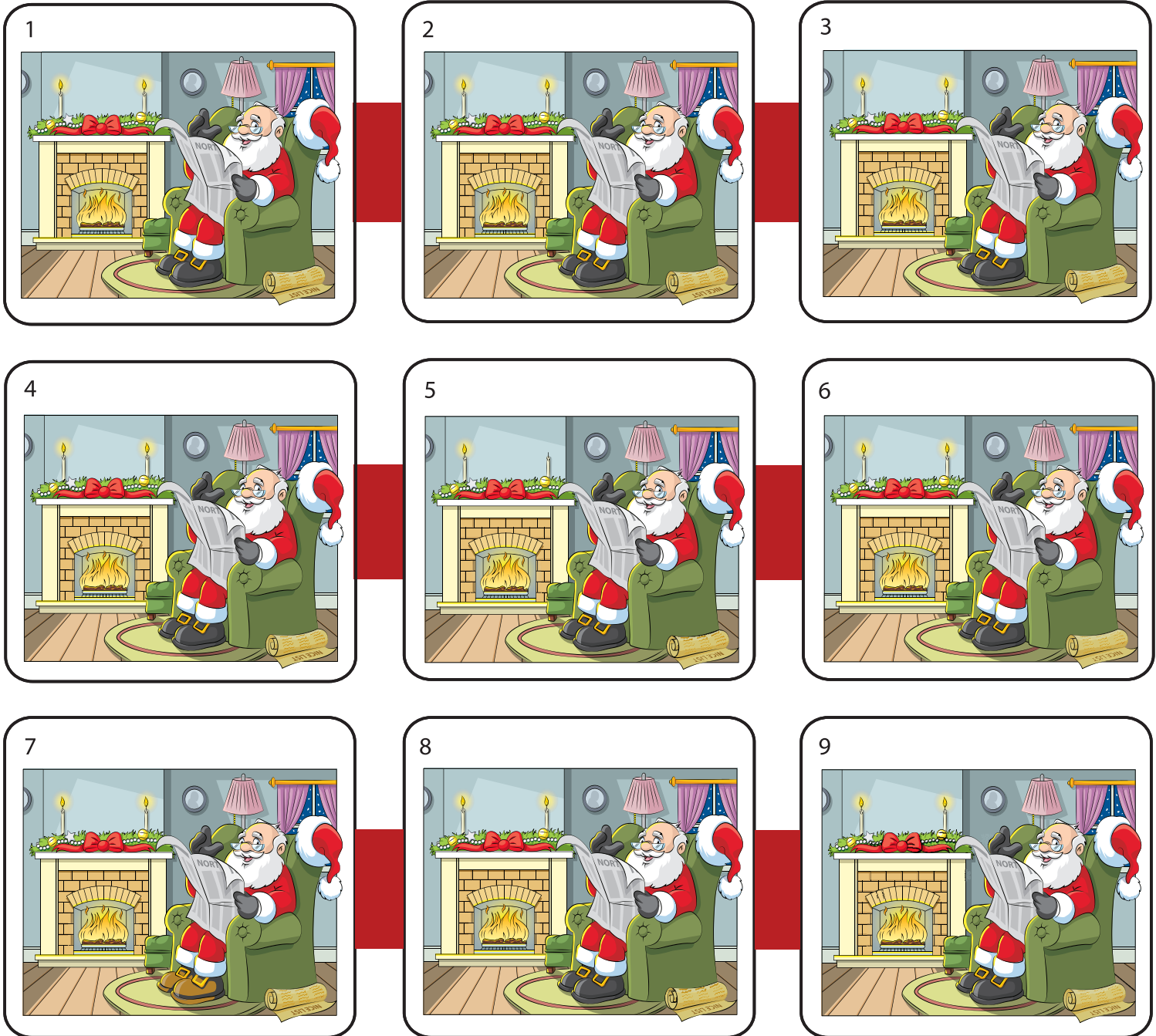


"Matthew 1:21; "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

to THE WORLD

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Three of these nine pictures are different. Can you find the differences?



Answers:
Top row: Picture 3, Missing "Nice List"
Middle row: Picture 5, Missing candle flame
Bottom row: Picture 7, Shoes are different color



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JINGLE BELLS

The popular Christmas carol "Jingle Bells" has an interesting history that remains a topic of debate even now. Written by New England native James Lord Pierpont, "Jingle Bells" was never intended to be a Christmas song, and in fact does not even mention Christmas or any other holiday.

Lyrics written by James Lord Pierpont
Lyrics courtesy of Digital Music News

"Jingle Bells"

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way

Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight! Oh,

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side,

The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upstot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to Season

AOREMHN

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Answer: Menorah

ANWNMSO

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Answer: Snowman



Sweet Tidings To you

**We hope your holidays are a treat with
these Homemade Snickerdoodle Cookies**

1 Cup Soft Shortening – Butter Flavored
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2 Eggs
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2 Tsp. Cream of Tartar 1 Tsp Baking Soda
1/2 Tsp Salt
2 Tbsp Cinnamon
2 Tbsp Sugar



Directions:

Stir together Sifted flour, Cream of tartar, Baking soda, Salt
Mix the wet ingredients with the dry ingredients slowly. Mix well.
Refrigerate the combined dough for 1 hour.
Roll into 1-1.5" balls.
Roll the balls in the cinnamon and sugar and coat well.
Place balls 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet (or use silicone baking mat).
Bake until lightly browned, but still soft.
375 Degrees for about 7 minutes
Pull cookies out of oven – let sit 3-5 minutes before transferring them to a cookie sheet.

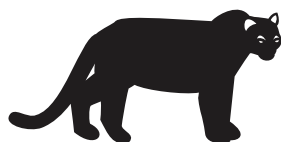
Eat and enjoy! Makes about 3-4 dozen 2" cookies



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desert tortoise

fox

black bear

mountain lion

snake

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

BLADES
BUMPS
BUNDLE
CHILL

CLIMB

COASTING
DOWNHILL
FAST
FRIENDS

HILL

LAUGHTER
MOMENTUM
MOUNTAIN
ROPES

SLED

SNOWY
SPEED
STEER
THRILLS

TOBOGGAN

TRACKS
TRAIL
TRAVEL
ZOOM

Answers under

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