Almost a year since the previous newsletter, but I hope it was worth the wait :-)!

This time some Halloween-themed puzzles: a pumpkin Suguru and a cool themed crossword by Phil Fraas.

Also, from today there’s a discount on the “Best Brain Exercise” puzzle book, now only $9.95 instead of $12.95! Find the book on Amazon (if you’re still seeing the old price, please check back a bit later).

The Best Brain Exercise book has six different types of puzzles (Sudoku, Futoshiki, Thermo Sudoku, Calcudoku, Killer Sudoku, and Logic Puzzles) with an explanation and solving tips for each. There are 150 puzzles, half easy, half medium, all in large type, and all solutions included.

The Pumpkin Suguru

- the cages of size 5 must have the numbers 1 through 5
- the cage of size 3 must have the numbers 1, 2, and 3
- a number cannot border itself: not horizontally, vertically, nor diagonally
The Halloween Crossword

Across
1. Small amount, smidgen
4. Electric light sources
9. Tree that is a source of sugar
14. Anger
15. Mideast leaders
16. Perpendicular to the keel
17. Large but spooky body of water on the U.S.-Canada border?
19. D.E.A. agents, slangily
20. Not "fer"
21. 1960s war zone, for short
22. Low singing voice
23. Polynesian country
25. Psychological thriller film about a phantom who turns up missing?
29. Back (a political candidate)
31. "___ you kidding?"
32. Code-cracking org.: Init.
33. ___ Speedwagon
34. Engine speed initials
35. Back talk
36. Spirits who appear before (and scare) elephants, lions, and such?
41. Days of ___ (past times)
42. I love: Lat.
43. Scooby-___ (cartoon dog)
44. Pilot’s announcement, briefly
45. "Aladdin” prince
46. Rugs
50. Lunch serving to a sorceress?
53. Concur
55. Refinable rock
57. Galway Bay island group
58. Tiny spot
60. Wraith’s Facebook message?
62. Mountain ridge
63. Papas’ singing partners
64. King: Port.
65. Tablelands
66. Slightly ahead

Down
1. Enlarge, as the pupil of the eye
2. It united with Castile in the 15th Century to form Spain
3. "Have a heart!"
4. Confederate general
5. Prayer ender
6. Optical illusion
7. Top-quality (from the Italian)
8. 157.5 degrees from N: Init.
9. Run, superintendent
10. Embarrass
11. Dramatis ______ (characters in a play)
13. Dash lengths
18. Stuff (oneself) greedily
22. Type of onion or shorts
24. Type of map or code
26. California wine valley
27. Cold War foe: Init.
28. Laddie’s love
30. Natives of Mogadishu
34. Fraternity letter
35. Makeshift expedient
36. Parting words
37. Minute amount
38. Eminent people (from the Spanish)
39. Give off, as light
40. Nick’s wife in "The Thin Man"
45. Responds to the alarm clock
46. Google web browser
47. Mistakes
48. Gives a hard time to
49. Submitted by mail
51. Obiter _____ (judge’s incidental remarks)
52. "Over There” composer
56. Son of Isaac
58. "Casablanca” pianist
59. Ante-
60. "Frankenfood” initials
61. Recipe amount: Abbr.
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