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(54) **CROSSWORDSEARCH PUZZLE GAME**

(57) **ABSTRACT**

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The CrossWordSearch puzzle game is a novel, exciting, interesting, and challenging mystery puzzle game. Cross-WordSearch comprises a single version and a multiple version of the word puzzle game. The single version includes a standard crossword puzzle game including a standard crossword puzzle game with a Hidden Words puzzle game and a Hidden Words Word Find puzzle game. It is the object of this version to solve the crossword puzzle, solve the Hidden Words; then, find and circle the Hidden Words in the crossword puzzle solution. The multiple version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game includes two or more single CrossWordSearch puzzles and a separate Word Search component that includes an Ultimate Word Search Diagram; an Ultimate Hidden Word puzzle game; and, an Ultimate Hidden Word Word Find puzzle game. It is the object of this version to solve the Hidden Words from each single version CrossWordSearch puzzle game; transfer the Hidden Words to the Ultimate Word Search Grid in a predetermined order; solve the Ultimate Hidden Word; then find and circle the Ultimate Hidden Word(s) in the Ultimate Word Search Diagram. The participant will feel elated with successfully completing all elements of the CrossWord-Search puzzle game.

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Game 1

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Across

1. Wood

6. Russia

10. Scraps

14. Cream filled cookies

16. Dainty

17. Outstanding example of its kind

18. Char

19. A temple

20. Tray

22. Elan

24. Caustic

26. 500 sheets

27. Of milk whey

29. Graver

33. Tarboosh

34. Hence

35. Egyptian deity

37. Alias Atef

41. Three-toed sloth

42. Conserves

44. Expend

46. Boors

48. Egyptian deity

49. From a great distance

50. Assoc. deg. in app. science

62. Bath oil

64. Collaborator

58. Dir. Mira

59. Fruit drink

60. Hindu calendar month

62. German soldier of WWI

66. Chinese association

68. Simpleton

70. Cogwheels

71. Receptacle

72. Simple

73. Hinder

74. High-pitched cry

76. Dasheen

76. Granite like

Down

1. Gangs

2. Region

3. Ring

4. Fins

6. Admiration

6. Greenwich Mean Time

7. Mop

8. Scorches

9. Substitute

10. Cancelled

11. Domain

12. Tucker

13. Sword

21. Hindu princesses

23. Minerals

26. Tables

28. Submachine gun

29. Denounce

30. Buckeye State

31. Crave

32. Focus

36. Assault

38. Tussock

39. Monarch of Russia prior to 1917

40. Ethereal

43. Branch of orthodox Islam

46. Consumed

47. Capital of Yemen

49. Most ethereal

51. Herb

53. Vassals

54. Cake

55. Love

56. Nephritic

67. Bothered

61. Student who studies excessively

63. Int'l org. created in 1949

64. Fe

65. Spot

67. Bunco

69. Reports to a board of directors

Clues To Hidden Words

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2. What is the nickname of the Baltimore NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the nickname of the Tennessee NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is the nickname of the Tennessee NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

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FIG. 1

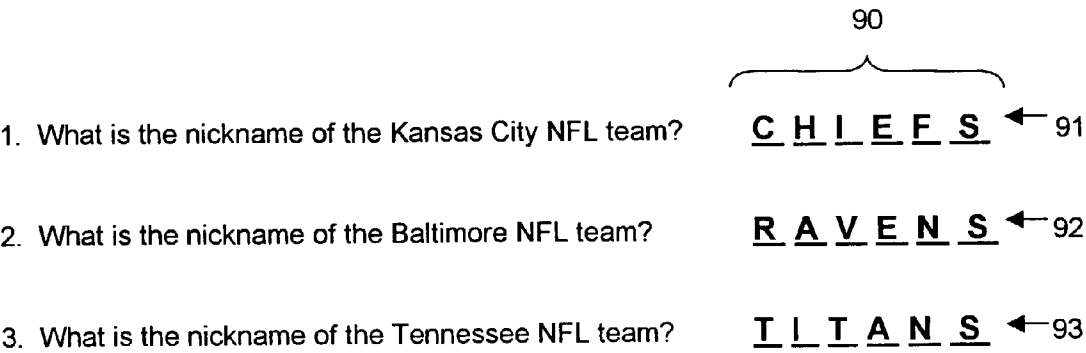


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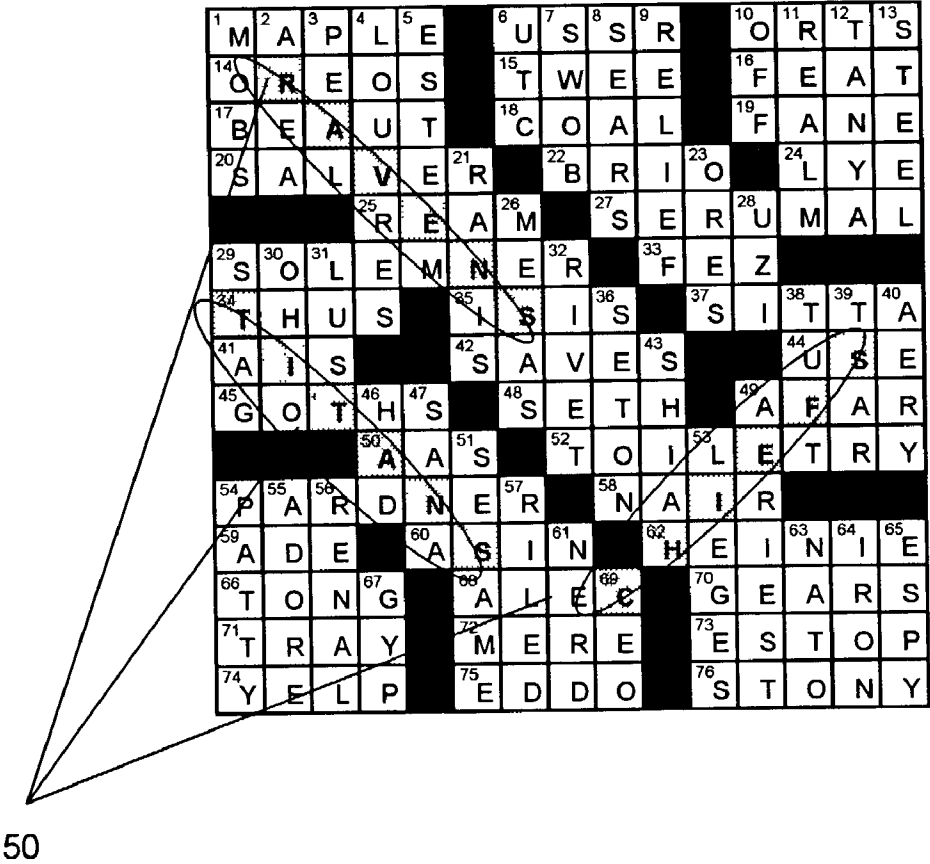


FIG. 3

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Game 2

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Across

1. Cycle

5. Small computer system interface

9. Leaf beet

14. A poetic name for Ireland

15. Swank

16. Sound

17. Doubtful

19. Marsh plant

20. Resolution

21. \_\_\_\_ Hefner

23. Low-down

25. Corteges

29. Adenoidal

31. Shelter

33. Force

36. Collaborator

38. Decease

39. Gesture

40. Greenwich Mean Time

41. Inflammation

44. Seventh heaven

46. Current

47. Witty remark

49. Forest trees growing in a region

51. A "B" vitamin

54. Regrettably

56. Impassive

58. Eagerly desirous

Down

1. Sanctuary

2. Chains

3. Cubicle

4. Knit

5. Despises

6. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

7. Hyperbolic sine.

8. Seizure

9. Teller

10. Tinge

11. Sum

12. Equipage

13. Female deer

18. Punishable

22. POW camp

24. Vessel

26. Cheapness

27. Tedium

28. Instruction to retain deleted text

30. Any of several species of small lemurs

32. Foot soldiers of the Dark Lord

33. 15th of March

34. Coins

35. \_\_\_\_ Dish

37. City in southeastern South Korea

39. Bombax ceiba

42. Soft-finned fish

43. Desolates

44. Cries plaintively

45. Clubmoss

48. Talker

50. Orients

52. Whitish tropical fruit

53. More courteous

55. A sharp blow

57. Nick

58. Genetic information

59. Bully

60. Contraction of I have

61. King Cole

63. Housemaid in India

Clues To Hidden Words

30 { 1. What is the nickname of the Cleveland NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the nickname of the New York NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the nickname of the Philadelphia NFL team? \_\_\_\_\_

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FIG. 4

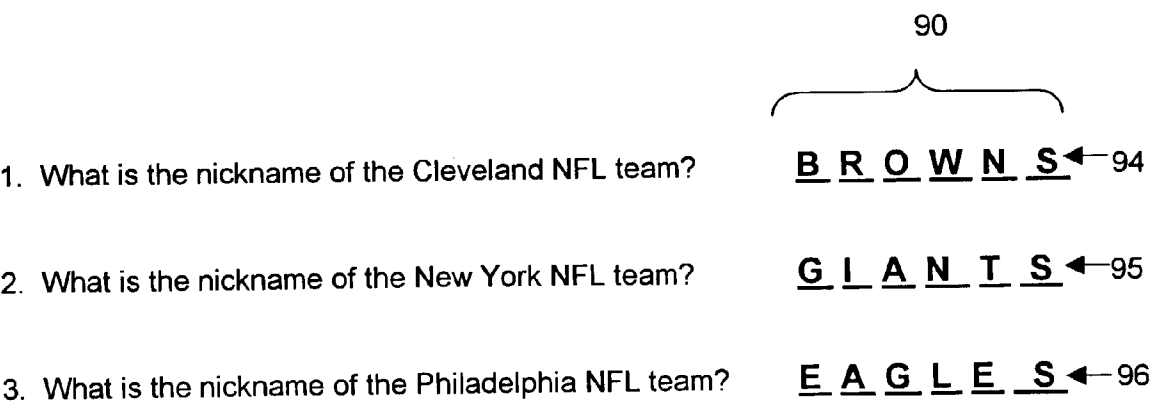


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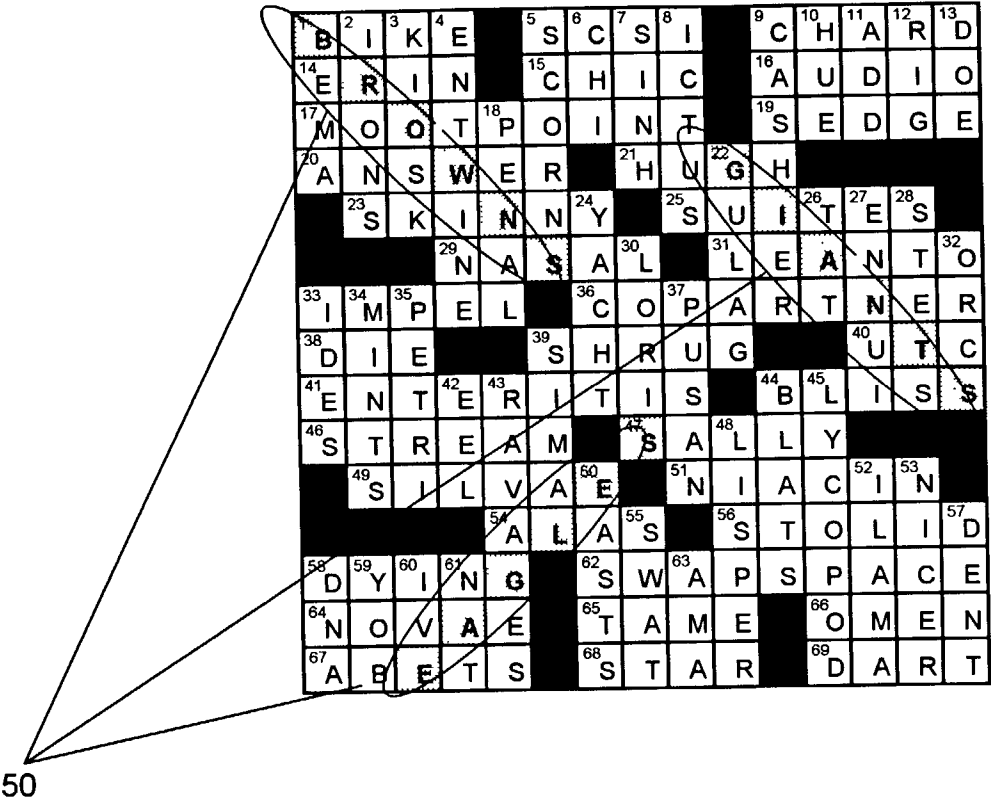


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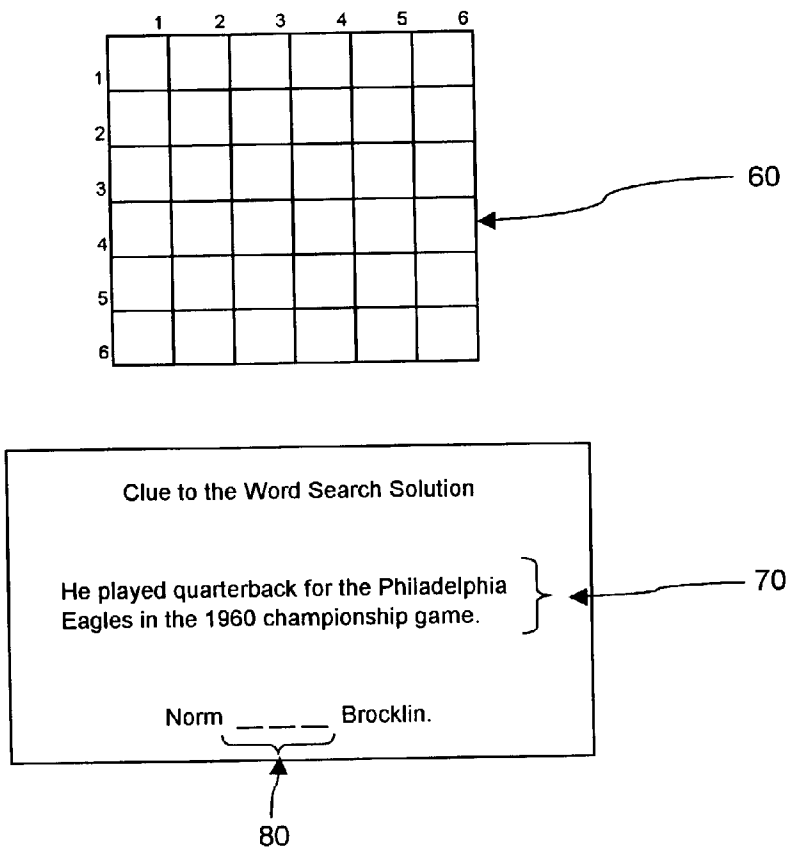


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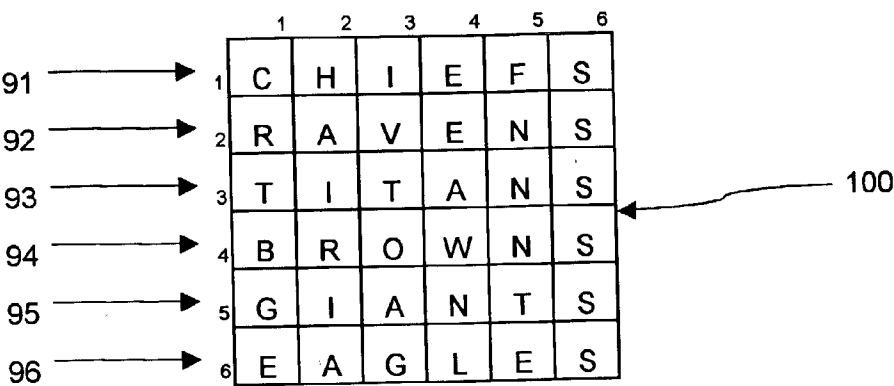


FIG. 8

He played quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1960 championship game.

Norm **V A N** Brocklin.



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FIG. 9

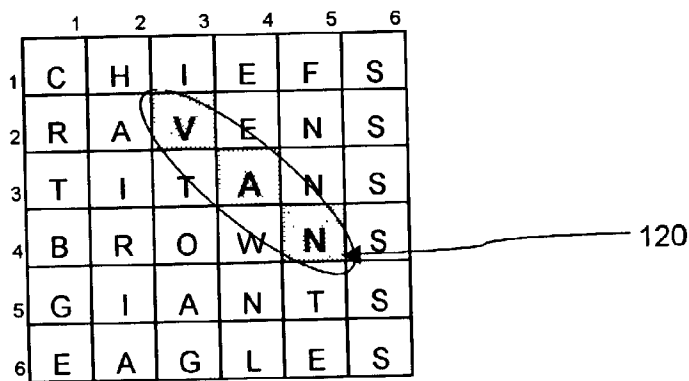


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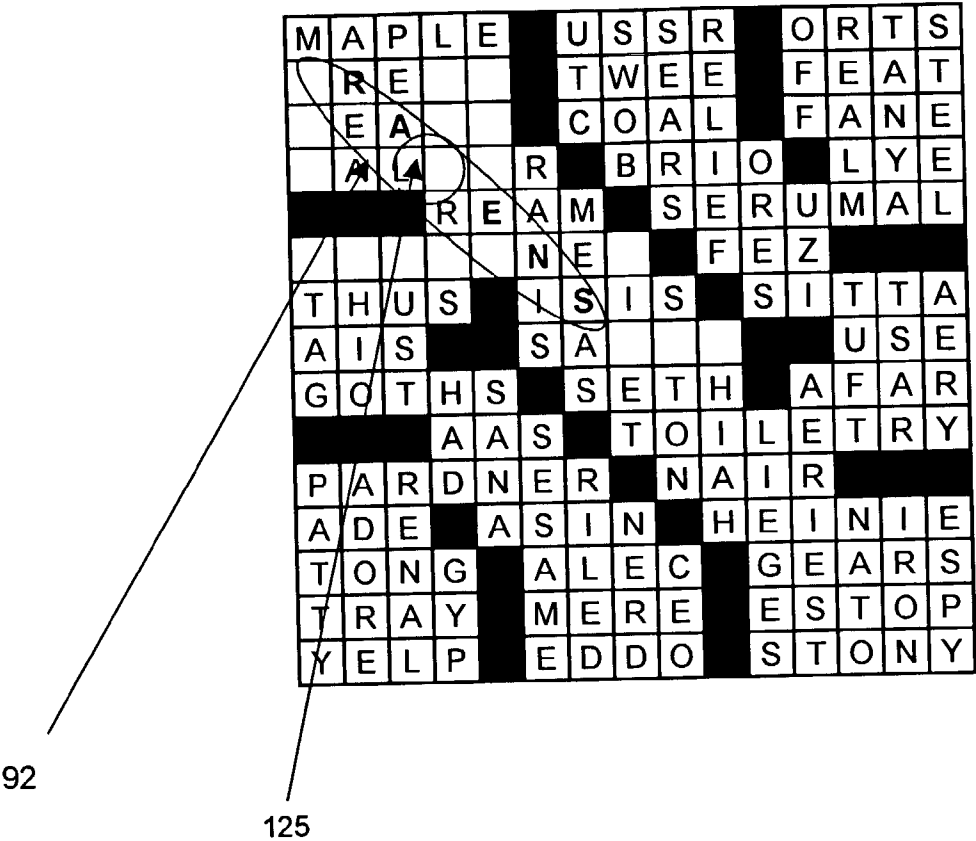


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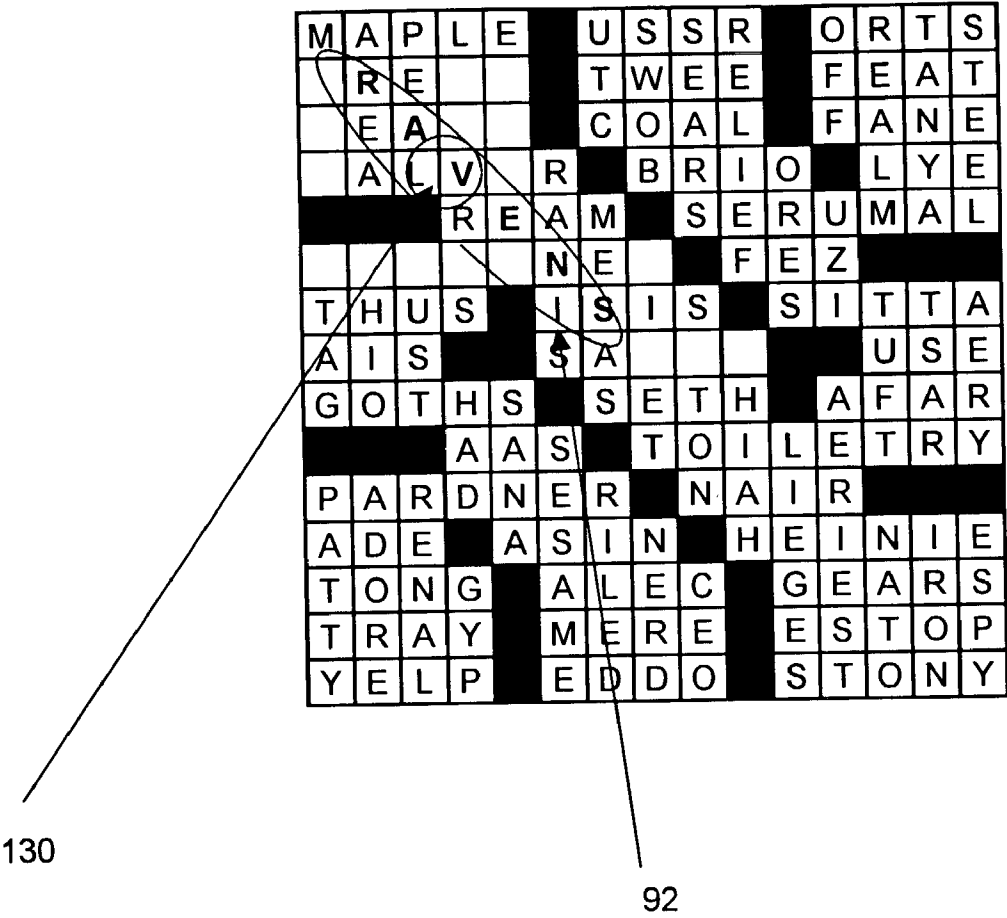


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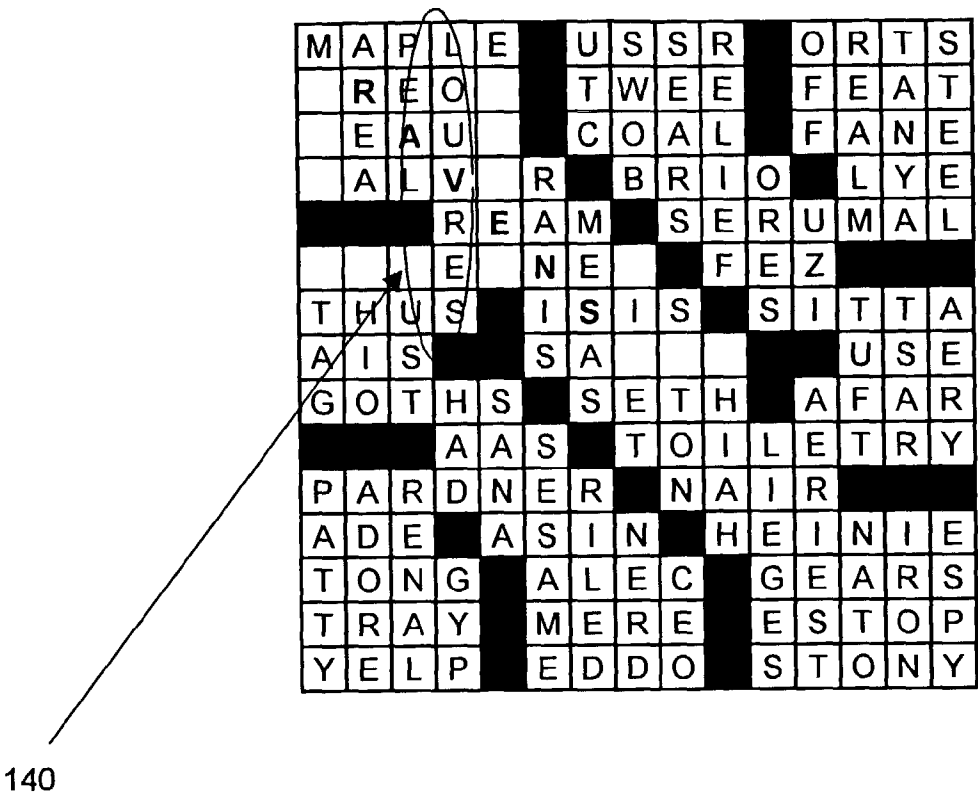


FIG. 13



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FIG. 14

- 1. What is the nickname of the Kansas City NFL team?
- 2. What is the nickname of the Baltimore NFL team?
- 3. What is the nickname of the Tennessee NFL team?

C H I E F S

R A V E N S

— — — — — ← 160

FIG. 15





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FIG. 16

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	C	H	I	E	F	S
2	R	A	V	E	N	S
3						
4	B	R	O	W	N	S
5	G	I	A	N	T	S
6	E	A	G	L	E	S

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FIG. 17

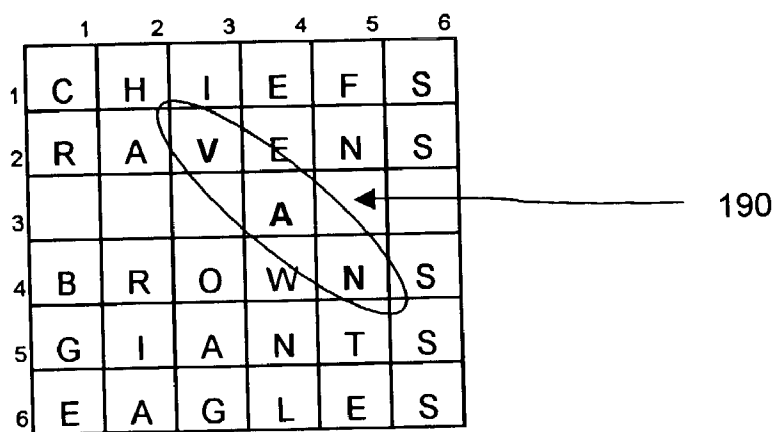


FIG. 18

## CROSSWORDSEARCH PUZZLE GAME

### BACKGROUND OF THE APPLICATION

[0001] This invention relates to games and puzzles in general; and, in particular, to a new puzzle game that combines the elements of a standard crossword puzzle component; an unconventional word find component; and, a standard word search component.

[0002] Crossword puzzles, Word Find puzzles and Word Search puzzles are all wellpuzzle known puzzle games throughout the world as forms of entertainment and education. All three types of puzzles come in a wide variety of complexity and degrees of difficulty and almost every individual can find a puzzle suited to their level of skill and intelligence.

[0003] However, none of these inventions have combined the crossword puzzle game with a word find puzzle game and a word search puzzle game as I have and will demonstrate in the specification.

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention involves a novel puzzle game that is more entertaining and challenging than a standard crossword puzzle game; or, a standard word find puzzle game; or, a standard word search game. My invention is the ultimate word puzzle game called CrossWordSearch and combines all of the above elements into one game.

[0005] The CrossWordSearch puzzle game comprises a single version and a multiple version of the game. The single version includes a standard crossword puzzle game including a crossword grid section and an across and down clues section; a Hidden Words clues section including spaces for placement of letters of the Hidden Words; and, a word find section for locating the Hidden Words in a diagonal direction in the crossword puzzle solution. It is the object of this version to solve the crossword puzzle, solve the Hidden Words; then, find and circle the Hidden Words in the crossword puzzle solution

[0006] The multiple version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle includes two or more single versions as well as a separate Word Search component. The word search component includes an Ultimate Word Search Grid section; an Ultimate Hidden Word(s) clue(s) section including spaces for letters of the Ultimate Hidden Word(s); and, a find the Ultimate Hidden Word(s) section. It is the object of the multiple version to create an Ultimate Word Search Diagram by transferring the letters of the Hidden Words from each of the single version games to the Ultimate Word Search Grid in a predetermined order; solve the Ultimate Hidden Word(s); then, find and circle the Ultimate Hidden Word(s) in a diagonal direction in the Word Search Diagram. The participant will feel elated with successfully completing all elements of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] These drawings and other features, aspects, and advantages of the present invention will become better understood with regard to the following description, appended claims, and accompanied drawings. FIGS. 1 thru 6 relate to two examples of the single version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game; FIGS. 7 thru 10 relate to the

multiple version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game; and, FIGS. 11 thru 18 relate to various strategies for the single and multiple versions of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game, where:

[0008] FIG. 1 is a view of a single CrossWordSearch puzzle version for Game 1 prior to solution including the standard crossword puzzle grid, standard clues for solving the across and down words and the Hidden Words clues including spaces to the right of the clues for the letters of the Hidden Words.

[0009] FIG. 2 is a view of the Hidden Words clues and the letters of the Hidden Words in the spaces to the right of the clues for Game 1.

[0010] FIG. 3 is a view of the single version solution for Game 1 showing the fully completed crossword puzzle and the circled Hidden Words found in a diagonal manner in a straight line.

[0011] FIG. 4 is a view of a single CrossWordSearch puzzle version for Game 2 prior to solution including the standard crossword puzzle grid, standard clues for solving the across and down words and the Hidden Words clues including spaces to the right of the clues for the letters of the Hidden Words.

[0012] FIG. 5 is a view of the Hidden Words clues and the letters of the Hidden Words in the spaces to the right of the clues for Game 2.

[0013] FIG. 6 is a view of the single version solution for Game 2 showing the fully completed crossword puzzle and the circled Hidden Words found in a diagonal manner in a straight line.

[0014] FIG. 7 is a view of a multiple CrossWordSearch puzzle version prior to solution including an Ultimate Word Search Grid and the Ultimate Hidden Word clue including spaces for each letter of the f Ultimate Hidden Word.

[0015] FIG. 8 is a view of the Ultimate Word Search Diagram showing all the squares filled in with letters from the Hidden Words taken from Games 1 and 2 of the single version of CrossWordSearch.

[0016] FIG. 9 is a view of the Ultimate Hidden Word clue and the letters of the Ultimate Hidden Word filled in the spaces provided.

[0017] FIG. 10 is a view of the circled Ultimate Hidden Word within the Ultimate Word Search Diagram.

[0018] FIG. 11 is a view of a partially completed crossword puzzle showing the location of a Hidden Word with a letter missing.

[0019] FIG. 12 is a view of a partially completed crossword puzzle showing the location of a Hidden Word after the missing letter has been filled in the appropriate blank square.

[0020] FIG. 13 is a view of a partially completed crossword puzzle showing the location of a Hidden Word and an additional solved across word resulting from the hint provided by the insertion of the missing letter of the Hidden Word.

[0021] FIG. 14 is a view of a partially completed crossword puzzle showing the location of a Hidden Word and an

additional solved down word resulting from the hint provided by the insertion of the missing letter of the Hidden Word.

[0022] FIG. 15 is a view of clues to Hidden Words in which one of the Hidden Words is not yet solved.

[0023] FIG. 16 is a view of a partially completed crossword puzzle in which the identity of the unsolved Hidden Word was solved by looking at the completed part of the crossword puzzle.

[0024] FIG. 17 is a view of a partially completed Ultimate Word Search Diagram in which one of the single version Hidden Words is missing.

[0025] FIG. 18 is a view of the circled Ultimate Hidden Word within the partially completed Ultimate Word Search Diagram.

[0026] FIG. 19 is a Glossary of terms relevant to the description of the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0027] Referring to FIGS. 1 through 18, is an example of the single and multiple versions of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game constructed in accordance with the principles of the invention. As illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 4, the single version of the CrossWordSearch begins with a crossword puzzle grid section 10 in which blank squares represent spaces for letters to form words in an across and down format and black squares to represent divisions between words. In addition, there is a crossword clues section 20 for both across and down clues.

[0028] The single version of the present invention also includes a Hidden Words clues section that includes clues 30 and spaces to the right of the clues 40 for placement of the correct letters of the Hidden Words. As illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 5, the spaces 90 in the Hidden Words clues section are filled in with the correct letters of the Hidden Words. The object of the single version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game is to solve the crossword puzzle; solve the Hidden Words, then find and circle the Hidden Words in the crossword puzzle solution. As seen in FIGS. 3 and 6, the fully completed crossword puzzle includes the circled 50 Hidden Words found in a diagonal direction in a straight line. It is important to note that Hidden Words will always be found in either an ascending or descending diagonal direction and always in a straight line. This version is called the single CrossWordSearch puzzle game.

[0029] The preferred version of this invention includes two or more single CrossWordSearch puzzles and a Word Search component. As seen in FIG. 7., the Word Search component includes an Ultimate Word Search Grid section 60; and, an Ultimate Hidden Word clue section 70 including spaces 80 for placement of the correct letters of the Ultimate Hidden Word. The object of this version is to create an Ultimate Word Search Diagram, solve the Ultimate Hidden Word, then, find and circle the Ultimate Hidden Word in the Ultimate Word Search Diagram. The Ultimate Word Search Diagram is created by filling in the blank squares of the Ultimate Word Search Grid with the letters of the Hidden Words from the single version games in a predetermined order. As seen in FIG. 8, the Ultimate Word Search Diagram 100 was created by placing the letters of the Hidden Words 91 and 92 and 93 as seen in FIG. 2, and 94 and 95 and 96 as seen in FIG. 5 in chronological order with one Hidden

Word in each row. As illustrated in FIG. 9, the spaces 110 for letters to the Ultimate Hidden Word are filled in. As seen in FIG. 10, the location of the Ultimate Final Hidden Word 120 is circled in the Ultimate Word Search Diagram. It is important to note that the Ultimate Hidden Word will always be found in either an ascending or descending diagonal direction and always in a straight line. This version is called the multiple CrossWordSearch puzzle game.

[0030] There can be many variations to the single and/or multiple versions of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game. One variation of the single version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game might include more or less Hidden Words than described in the single version. For example, in the single version as seen in FIGS. 3 and 6, three 50 Hidden Words were used. More or fewer Hidden Words could have been used.

[0031] Another variation of the single version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game may include different crossword grid sizes that could influence the number of Hidden Words used. For example, FIGS. 1 and 4 illustrate the most popular crossword grid size of 15×15 (225 squares), but other popular crossword grid sizes could be used such as 17×17 (289 squares), 19×19 (361 squares), 21×21 (441 squares) and 23×23 (529 squares). If a 23×23 (529 squares) crossword grid size is used instead of the preferred crossword grid size of 15×15 (225 squares), there would be more than double the number of squares used creating more squares available for additional Hidden Words.

[0032] A variation of the multiple CrossWordSearch puzzle game might include more than the two single version games as seen in FIGS. 1 & 4. With more single version games, there would be more Hidden Words, thereby increasing the size of the Ultimate Word Search Grid. The larger the Ultimate Word Search Grid, the greater the potential for more Ultimate Hidden Words. For example, six single version puzzle games could be used for the multiple version instead of two puzzles as used in the preferred version; and, each of the six puzzles could include four Hidden Words instead of the three Hidden Words used in the preferred version. If each of the Hidden Words was six letters in length, the Ultimate Word Search Grid size would be 144 squares (6 puzzles times 4 Hidden Words per puzzle times 6 letters in each Hidden Word) instead of the 36 squares in the preferred version (2 puzzles times 3 Hidden Words per puzzle times 6 letters in each Hidden Word). This would result in placing two Hidden Words in each row with a total of 12 rows.

[0033] Several related strategies could be utilized to solve the single or multiple version of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game. Based upon the degree of difficulty of the crossword puzzle component of the single version, the participant may not be able to solve all of the crossword puzzle without help.

[0034] One strategy might include solving as much of the crossword puzzle as possible; solving all of the related Hidden Words; then, attempting to locate one or more of the Hidden Words in the partially completed crossword puzzle. As seen in FIG. 2, a Hidden Word 92 has been solved and the correct letters placed in the spaces to the right of the clue. The object of this strategy is to find the Hidden Word in the partially completed crossword puzzle for the purpose of aiding in the solution of the crossword puzzle. Next, the participant would examine the partially solved crossword puzzle by looking for a pattern in either an ascending or descending diagonal direction in a straight line that might

provide clues as to the location of the Hidden Word(s). As seen in **FIG. 11**, most of the letters of the Hidden Word **92** are filled in from solving the across and down clues in the partially completed crossword puzzle and one letter **125** of the Hidden Word is missing. In **FIG. 12**, the missing letter **130** of the Hidden Word has been inserted in the blank space. The missing letter inserted in the crossword grid has now created sufficient clues to solve an additional across word **140** as seen in **FIG. 13** and an additional down word **150** as seen in **FIG. 14**. Finding the location of other Hidden Words and inserting other missing letters may provide even more clues to solving other across and down words in the crossword puzzle.

**[0035]** The present invention, in either the single or multiple version, also allows for solving one or more of the Hidden Words that could not be solved from the Hidden Word clues alone. This strategy includes solving as much of the crossword puzzle as possible then solving as many of the Hidden Words as possible. The object of this strategy is to find any unsolved Hidden Words by examining the partially completed crossword puzzle. Sometimes looking at the partially completed crossword puzzle may provide sufficient hints to solve the remaining unsolved Hidden Words. For example, in **FIG. 15** one of the Hidden Words **160** has not yet been solved. By looking at the partially completed crossword puzzle, as seen in **FIG. 16**, the Hidden Word **170** can be solved because there are sufficient across and down words filled in the crossword puzzle. This strategy provides an additional benefit of completing some of the crossword puzzle in circumstances where the Ultimate Word Search Diagram cannot be created because the participant is not yet able to solve some or all of the Hidden Words.

**[0036]** Also, in the preferred version of the multiple CrossWordSearch puzzle game, another strategy might include solving all of the Hidden Words; then, creating the Ultimate Word Search Diagram without completing any portion of any of the crossword puzzle(s). The participant may simply solve the Hidden Words for each single version game by placing the correct letters in the spaces to the right of the Hidden Words clues; then, transferring the letters from the Hidden Words to the Ultimate Word Search Grid in a predetermined order. At this point the participant may be able to solve and find the Ultimate Hidden Word(s).

**[0037]** Another strategy might include creating as much of the Ultimate Word Search Diagram as possible, solving the Ultimate Hidden Word then finding and circling the Ultimate Hidden Word in the Ultimate Word Search Diagram. This can be accomplished by first solving as many of the Hidden Words as possible; then, transferring the Hidden Words in a predetermined order, as seen in **FIG. 17**, to the partially completed **180** Ultimate Word Search Diagram. The object of this strategy is to solve and find the Ultimate Hidden Word without knowing all single version Hidden Words. For example, in **FIG. 18**, one of the Hidden Words is unsolved and missing from the Ultimate Word Search Diagram; however, the Ultimate Word Search Diagram was sufficiently complete to be able to find and circle the **190** Ultimate Hidden Word.

**[0038]** The intention of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game is to provide a novel, exciting, interesting, and challenging mystery puzzle game to be played in a simple or complex manner. An advantage of the CrossWordSearch puzzle game is that it provides an integrated framework offering the participant a wide array of options that range from a simple

single version to a complex multiple version. In the simple single version, coordination between solving the crossword puzzle and solving for the Hidden Words helps to fill-in additional across and down words; solve any remaining Hidden Words that could not be solved from the clues alone; and, helps find Hidden Words in the crossword puzzle. Likewise, in the complex multiple version, coordination between solving the single version Hidden Words and solving the Ultimate Hidden Words helps to create the Ultimate Word Search Diagram and find the Ultimate Hidden Word(s) in the Ultimate Word Search Diagram.

**[0039]** Although the CrossWordSearch puzzle game has been described in considerable detail and with reference to certain preferred versions, other versions are possible. For example, it is clear that any number of crossword puzzles and/or grid sizes could be used. In addition, any number of Hidden Words could be used which would influence the size of the Ultimate Word Search Diagram as well as the number of Ultimate Hidden Words. This invention is, therefore, claimed in any of its forms or modifications within the proper scope of the appended claims appropriately interpreted in accordance with the doctrine of equivalents.

What I claim as my invention is an integrated word puzzle game that combines the following elements:

1. A single CrossWordSearch puzzle game comprising a:

- (A) Standard crossword puzzle game with a standard crossword grid section that includes blank squares for letters to across and down words and black squares to separate words;
- (B) Standard crossword puzzle clue section for the across and down words;
- (C) Hidden Words clue section found directly beneath the standard crossword puzzle game and includes spaces to the right of the clues for placement of each letter of the Hidden Words;
- (D) Word find section for circling the Hidden Words found in an ascending or descending diagonal direction in a straight line within the crossword puzzle solution.

2. The puzzle of claim 1, where two or more single CrossWordSearch puzzle games are used along with a separate Word Search component, the combination called the multiple CrossWordSearch puzzle game, further combining an:

- (A) Ultimate Word Search Grid section which includes blank squares for letters of Hidden Words from each single CrossWordSearch puzzle game;
- (B) Ultimate Hidden Word clue section including spaces to place the letters of the Ultimate Hidden Word;
- (C) Ultimate Word Search Diagram which is simply an Ultimate Word Search Grid with letters of the Hidden Words in place of the blank squares, transferred from each single CrossWordSearch puzzle game in a predetermined order;
- (D) Word find section for circling the Ultimate Hidden Word found in an ascending or descending diagonal direction in a straight line within the Ultimate Word Search Diagram.

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