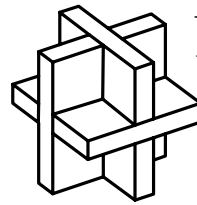


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Guest Constructors revisit the Adalogical Ænigmas

No. 24: Mr Michael Tang revisits Ænigma #36



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Gentle solver,

This our twenty-fourth *Ænigmatic Addendum* is contributed by the talented Mr Michael Tang, originally of Minnesota but now a student of mathematics at M.I.T. Mr Tang has also had his logical conundra published at gmpuzzles.com and in the competition booklet at the United States Puzzle Championship. One may find much more of his work at www.mstang.xyz/blog.

My original ænigma was inspired by the sense of comfort and *cosiness* lent us by the walls of our homes, but I fear that, in our Present Circumstances, those selfsame walls might now have become rather *too* familiar to many of us, as I feel certain you understand.

In the grid below, Mr Tang and I desire that you will draw a single *loop* by connecting horizontally or vertically adjacent dots. That loop must neither cross nor even touch itself, and it must *enclose* all of the squares containing circled numbers. Each such number specifies *exactly* how many squares can be seen from that spot, horizontally and vertically, *including* the square containing the number, up to the boundary of the loop.

Once you've completed your loop, you can move on to finding the final answer to this ænigma. Consider only the letters in squares that are *outside* the loop: within each row, they appear as one or more *runs* of consecutive such squares. Reading left-to-right, top-to-bottom, advance each such letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the *width* of its containing run. The result will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

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Example

Clue:
"ILLNESS" OF
A SHUT-IN

Answer:
CABIN FEVER

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