

# Weird Relatives

by Alison Weisman

Everybody has weird, strange relatives. My great uncle is the strangest person I've ever met! He is a hermit and is very paranoid.

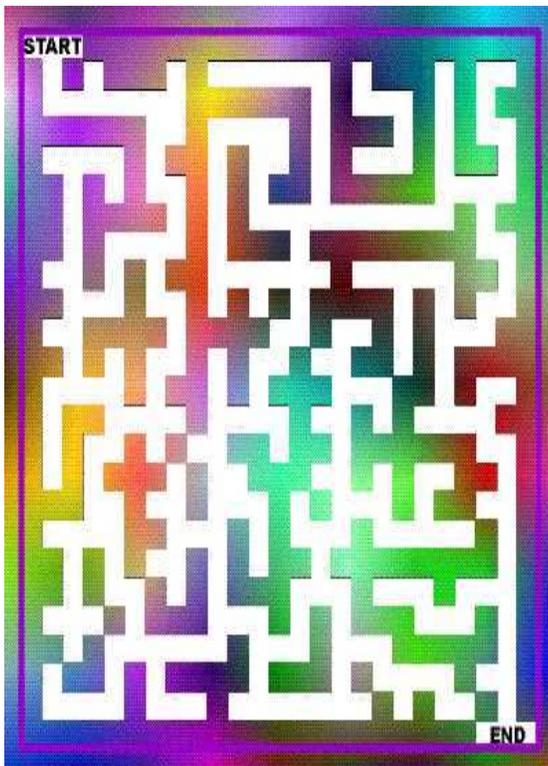
Uncle Fred lives in a basement, which he made into a bar for himself. He tries to grow his own food so he doesn't have to go out. Uncle Fred also brews his own drinks and has a giant keg connected to his refrigerator. He makes millions of things, like his own compost bin, a fountain in his backyard, and he used to be a big weight lifter so he made his own exercise machines. Uncle Fred has even made treadmills and different weight-lifting and pulling devices.

If anybody tries to go into his house he has a homemade alarm system with an orange light bulb that turns on in his basement.

Uncle Fred also knows how to be a kid. He built his own tunnel with a secret door. If you go through the door you will see all the drinks he has made because he stores them in the secret door. If you don't go through the door and continue into the tunnel instead, you will reach his bedroom where he keeps lockers and other odd things. The weirdest thing about him though is what his bed is. He sleeps in a coffin!!!

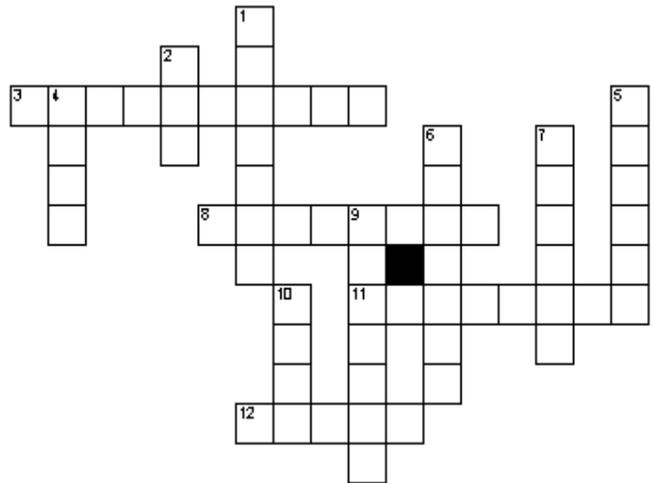
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Found by Kristina Morris at  
<http://www.uspto.gov/go/kids/maze01.jpg>



## Bartram Cross Word Puzzle

by Jenna Badanowski



### Across

3. New English teacher
8. Principal
11. The Bolles \_\_\_\_\_, the school's mascot.
12. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ works in the cafeteria

### Down

1. P.E. teacher and dean
2. Newest building on campus
4. His name sounds like a type of music
5. Name of our school
6. Officer Mango
7. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is in room K126 and he used to work in Saudi Arabia.
9. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ works in the office.
10. Head maintenance person

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