

# LOVE CONNECTION

## Groundhog Day Edition

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Our puzzle for February combines Groundhog Day and Valentine’s Day in a Groundhog Day edition of the old tv show Love Connection, here hosted by Wood-Chuck Woolery. Contestant Alice and bachelor Bill go on three dates of increasing enjoyment/quality. The puzzle mechanic is a play on a Printer’s Devilry puzzle, where solvers must find certain hidden words/strings within the text. The extra element here is that the missing part of the string is clued by one of the images on the final page. An example is the line “Marco lived encased in ice” where the letters “o lived en” plus the image of the “gar” inserted and respaced make “Olive Garden”. The solved answer grid is shown below.

|                                | 1                  | 2                  | 3                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| What did he wear?              | LEISURE SUIT<br>11 | COVERALLS<br>9     | CARDIGAN<br>5            |
| What car did he drive?         | FORD PINTO<br>1    | KIA SORENTO<br>18  | TESLA MODEL S<br>6       |
| What song was playing?         | BAD ROMANCE<br>15  | ALEJANDRO<br>4     | POKER FACE<br>14         |
| Where did they eat dinner?     | WENDY’S<br>12      | OLIVE GARDEN<br>21 | THE CAPITAL GRILLE<br>17 |
| What movie did they watch?     | CATWOMAN<br>8      | MEMENTO<br>19      | AVATAR<br>13             |
| What board game did they play? | CANDY LAND<br>7    | STRATEGO<br>10     | GLOOMHAVEN<br>20         |
| What dessert did they eat?     | CHOCOLATES<br>2    | GATEAU<br>16       | CANNOLI<br>3             |

P H I L C O N N O R S W A K E U P S O N G  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Taken in order as above, the indicated letters spell out “Phil Connor’s Wake-Up Song” which, based on the movie Groundhog Day, clues the song “I Got You Babe” by Sonny & Cher and the next puzzle was hidden inside of this cd.

In addition, for the Meta Puzzle, there are letters hidden in the hearts in the graphic at the top of each page. Combining these together, reading left to right, these spell out **MOUSIER**.