

Advent Pieces

In today's puzzle piece for the sudoku calendar, difference sudoku clues have been given. The instructions for this clue were given on day 1.

6	1	
2	7	2
3	8	
1	5	4
3	1	

4 Daphne's Santa's last day was 2 days after the last day of the person wearing the snow man sweater.

Bonus Puzzle

Today's bonus puzzle is Area 51. For each grid, create a single closed loop visiting some of the nodes without deadends or branching. Here's the short version of how the clues work:

Numbers without a circle are slitherlink-type clue, and give the number of adjacent borders that are part of the answer loop.

Numbers with circles are corral-type clues. They must only appear inside the answer loop, and give a count of how many cells are between it and the nearest piece of loop in the four cardinal directions, including the clue cell.

Aliens are always inside the answer loop. Cacti are always outside the answer loop.

Circles on nodes are masyu-type clues and must be visited by the answer loop. The answer loop flows through hollow clues straight, and must turn on the node before and/or after the clue. The answer loop turns 90 degrees on shaded clues, and must straight flow through the nodes before and after the clue.

