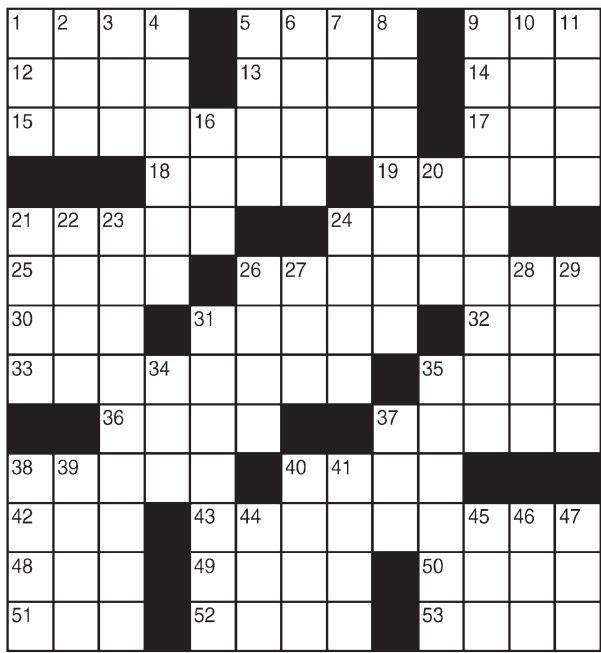


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hospital section
- 5 Nitwit
- 9 "How I Met Your Mother" network
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Sandwich cookie
- 14 Matterhorn, for one
- 15 Soft yellow cheese
- 17 Scratch
- 18 "— in Boots"
- 19 Driver for hire
- 21 Took a curved path
- 24 "Oops"
- 25 Reddish horse
- 26 Hinged (on)
- 30 Doctrine
- 31 Autumn tools
- 32 Rage
- 33 Left the flight
- 35 Homeless youngster
- 36 Staffer
- 37 Thin in tone
- 38 Suspect's excuse
- 40 Verve
- 42 Plead
- 43 Ventura Freeway city
- 48 Prohibit
- 49 Related (to)



- 50 Watched
 - 51 Reply (Abbr.)
 - 10 Spill the beans
 - 31 Extreme
 - 34 Canadian pol. party
 - 35 Having a stronger bouquet, maybe
 - 37 Pitch
 - 38 "Mamma Mia" group
 - 39 Tilt
 - 40 Eastern potato
 - 41 Cry from the crow's-nest
 - 44 Alias (Abbr.)
 - 45 Caustic solution
 - 46 Meadow
 - 47 Peculiar
- DOWN**
- 1 Service-woman
 - 2 — Khan
 - 3 Pirates' potable
 - 4 Dig further
 - 5 Moves up and down
 - 6 Raw rocks
 - 7 "— the fields we go"
 - 8 Messes up
 - 9 Phnom Penh resident
 - 20 Landers or Curry
 - 21 Desert-like
 - 22 American Beauty, e.g.
 - 23 Runs for office
 - 24 Newspaper pg.
 - 26 Hamlet, for one
 - 27 — out a living
 - 28 Ireland
 - 29 Challenge

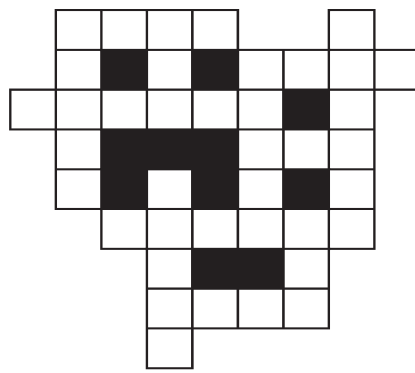
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

- OCY
- KIDBNO
- LAKUC
- YPOL
- WRAYLE
- ♥NEO
- CEKD
- PYVRI
- ♥RKI
- NAYNCO
- ♥REDPA
- ♥EILV

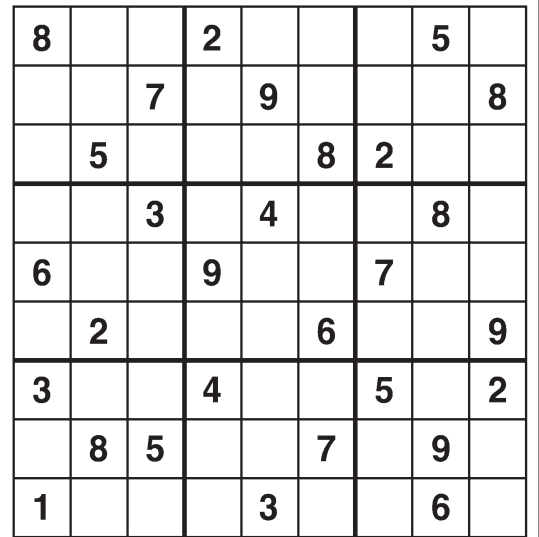


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

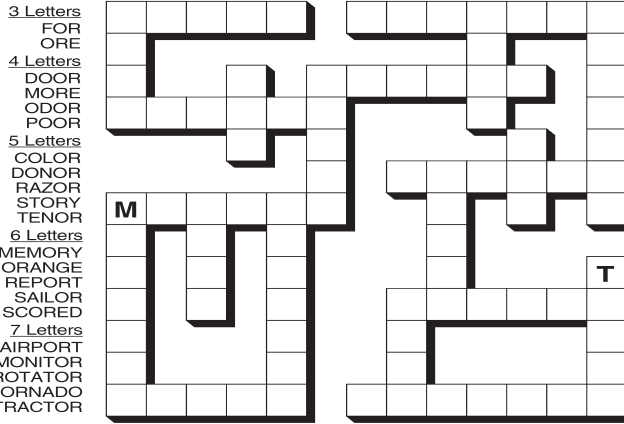
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS — "OR" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.com

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Tent dweller | ___ M ___ | Friendly ghost | ___ S ___ |
| 2. Leathery | ___ G ___ | Feel | ___ C ___ |
| 3. Airplane garage | ___ A ___ | Clothes wire | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Used a broom | ___ W ___ | Got some zzzzzzzs | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Take a break | P ___ | Origin | C ___ |
| 6. Stick your nose in | ___ E ___ | Center | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Give permission | ___ W ___ | Mixture of metals | ___ O ___ |
| 8. German river | ___ I ___ | French river | ___ S ___ |
| 9. Provide evidence | ___ V ___ | Writing style | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Fancy tableware | S ___ | Wendell Holmes | ___ S ___ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: Sign is missing; 2. Backpack compartment is missing; 3. Shirt is shorter; 4. Cap is different; 5. Can is missing; 6. Hot dog is missing; 7. Hat is missing; 8. Cap is missing; 9. Hat dog is missing; 10. Hat dog is missing.

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MAGIC MAZE • FAIR WORDS

B Q E O M J H F C A Y W S U R
P N L R J H F D B Z X K E V X
T R F A I R G R O U N D I Q A
O M K E N A L R I A F L R I F
H F D B Z Y F W B V T E I R R
Q O N L K N E R W Y R I A F I
I H F D G N I R I A F F F C A
Y A W R I A F T N O M R I A F
A Z X W F V U S R Q V I O N N
M K J F E L A T Y R I A F I U
H F A E S S E N R I A F S D F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

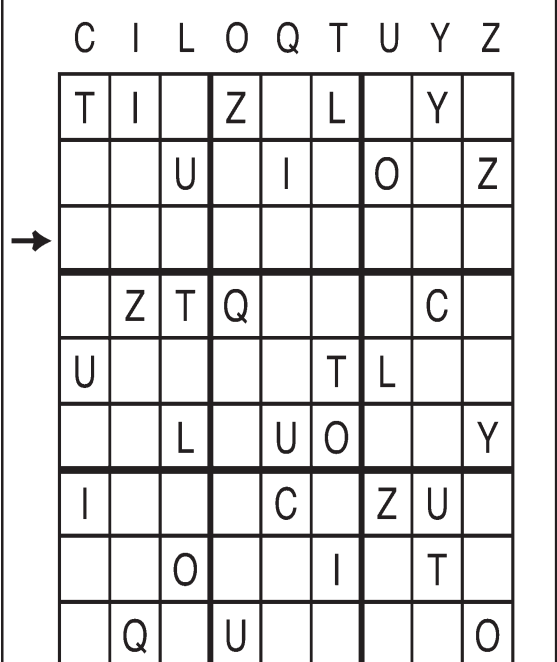
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|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Affair | Fairground | Fairmont | Funfair |
| Fairbanks | Fairies | Fairness | Savoir-faire |
| Fairfax | Fairing | Fairytales | Unfair |
| Fairfield | Fairlane | Fairywren | |

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Letter Box

by Linda Thistle

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters through the end of the week. Then begin shifting your focus to more-artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have to do a lot of work through midweek. Devote the rest of the week to checking your holiday plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. Later in the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with the problems before they get too far out of hand.

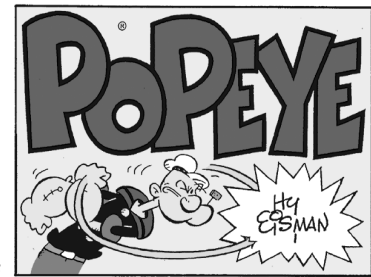
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use that sage Sagittarius tact to decline the "offer," so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

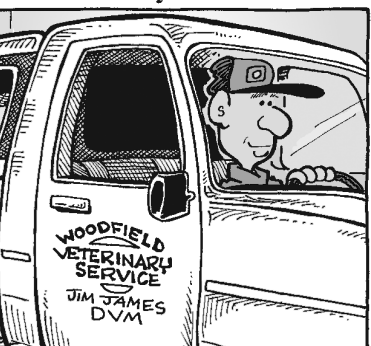
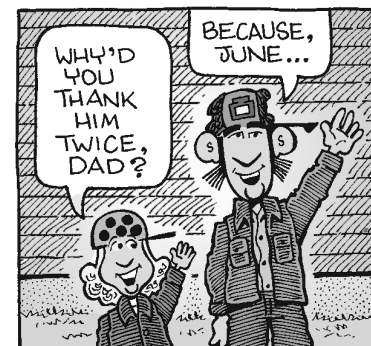
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for settlement of an old loan could create some pre-holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

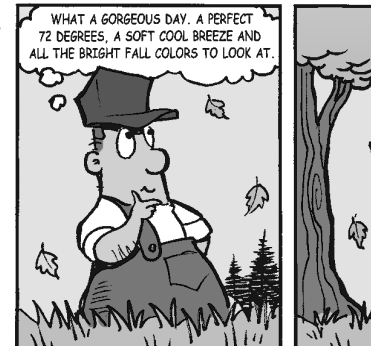


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