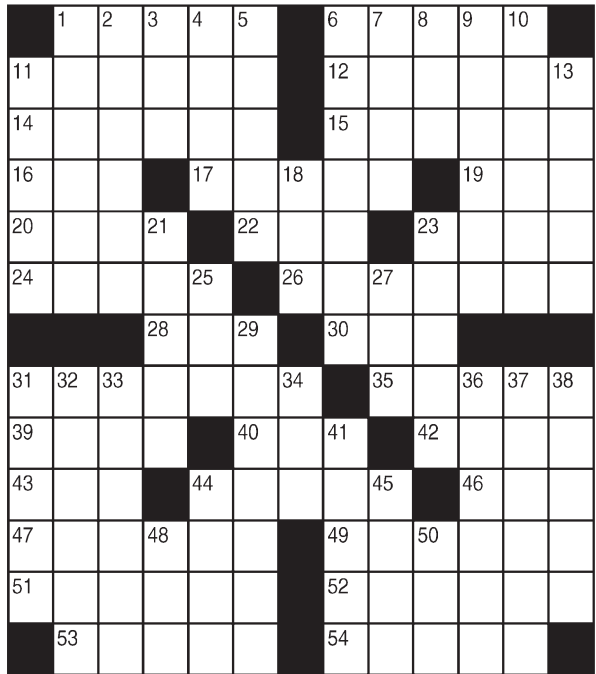


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pays attention
- 6 Starts the betting
- 11 50-50 chance
- 12 Lamentation
- 14 More fashionable
- 15 Be unsteady
- 16 Wanted poster abbr.
- 17 Shy
- 19 Teeny
- 20 Bulb measure
- 22 Group of whales
- 23 Dimensions
- 24 Do some fleecing
- 26 Sought the America's Cup
- 28 Existed
- 30 Privy
- 31 Fetching person?
- 35 Analyze grammar
- 39 Actress Ball
- 40 URL ending
- 42 Actor Neeson
- 43 Rhyming tribute
- 44 "Star Wars"



- 5 Parsley
- 6 Individual serving
- 7 Kind of pin
- 8 Rowing hero
- 9 Place for an ace?
- 10 Desolate
- 11 Anna of "Scary Movie"
- 12 Contes-tant
- 13 Parsley
- 14 Best
- 15 Trudge along
- 16 Stop fasting
- 17 Fool
- 18 Cold
- 19 evidence
- 20 Melts
- 21 Trapped
- 22 Possibly will
- 23 Lion's shade
- 24 Sandbar
- 25 Tatter
- 26 Filch
- 27 Locks
- 28 Political alliances
- 29 Friml or Bing
- 30 Summer quencher
- 31 Sinbad's flier
- 32 Revolting person?
- 33 With logic
- 34 Abrasive powder
- 35 Syrup source
- 36 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 37 Any time now
- 38 Thrice, in Rx's
- 39 Stick with a kick

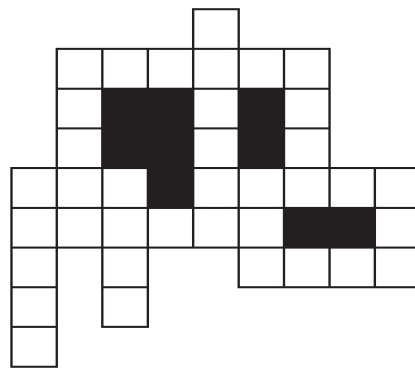
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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

- ♥ TSI
- HOWNRT
- WAQUS
- ♥ NESD
- ♥ HASPOT
- ♥ AWS
- ♥ SSTS
- UPIAL
- ♥ NSU
- ATUNIQ
- ♥ NEWDI
- NARW

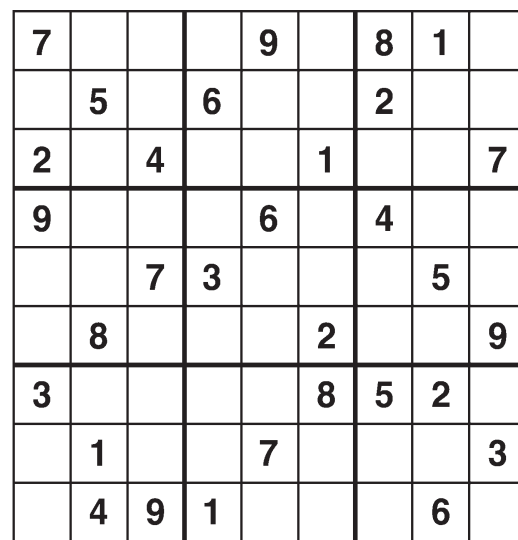


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter in the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT WOULD YOU GET IF YOU CROSSED A PATRIOT WITH A CURLY-HAIRED DOG?

- | | | | |
|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| SWEATY | ___ WASTE | DIPPER | ___ PRIDE |
| INSEAM | ___ MINES | QUOTES | ___ QUEST |
| REWIND | ___ WIRED | ORACLE | ___ CLEAR |
| KNIVES | ___ VINES | MISLED | ___ MILES |
| SIMPLE | ___ LIMPS | BRIDAL | ___ BRAID |
| CREASE | ___ SCARE | TEAMED | ___ MATED |

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

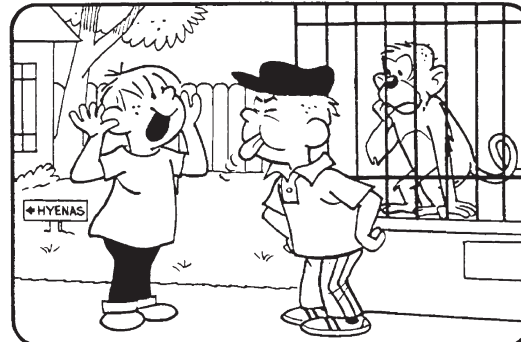
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Postage sticker | ___ A ___ | Baffle | ___ U ___ |
| 2. Wanted placard | ___ O ___ | Irk | ___ E ___ |
| 3. Take to the altar | ___ A ___ | Jolly | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Red gem | ___ T ___ | Harvest | ___ R ___ |
| 5. Goddess of love | V ___ | Cafe lists | M ___ |
| 6. Aim | ___ O ___ | Work with canvas | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Prettiness | ___ U ___ | Ned or Warren | ___ T ___ |
| 8. Stringed instrument | ___ O ___ | Jail rooms | ___ S ___ |
| 9. Center | M ___ | Brainteaser | R ___ |
| 10. Harbinger of Spring | ___ B ___ | Violinist's "cake" | ___ S ___ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
Cap is reversed; 5. Stripe is missing; 6. Tail is moved; 4. Differences: 1. Sign is missing; 2. Fence is missing; 3. Shirt is different.

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MAGIC MAZE

ON THE SURFACE



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

- | | | | |
|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Dry fly | Moonwalk | Sheen | Water bug |
| Floater | Polish | Ships | Waves |
| Glaze | Ripples | Skin | Wax |
| Lily | Scum | Tarnish | |

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Letter Box

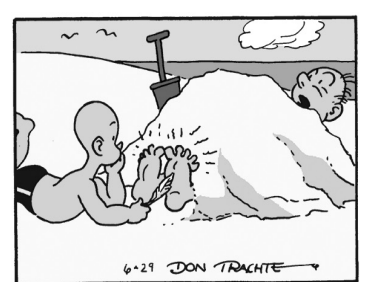
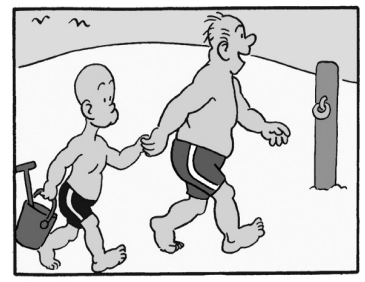
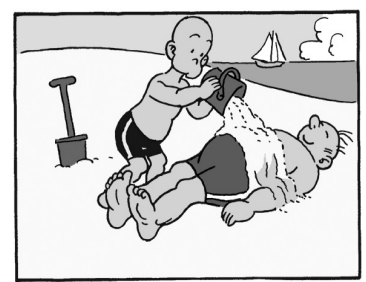
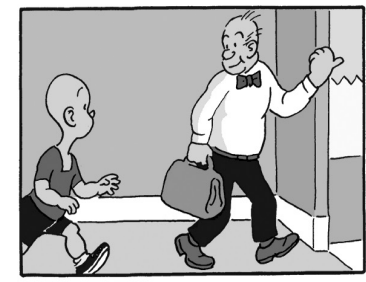
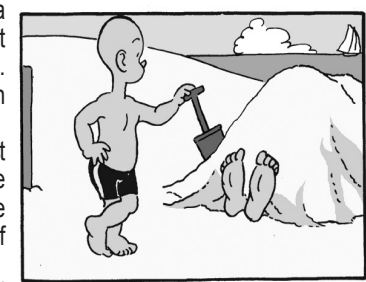
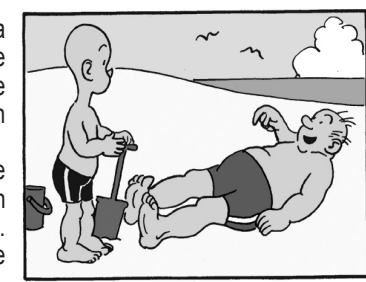
by Linda Thistle

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.

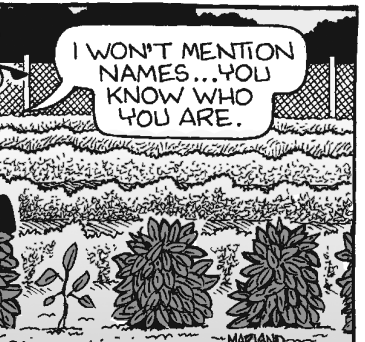


Salome's Stars

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.
- BORN THIS WEEK** You have a gift for making everyone you know – or even just met – feel important and welcome in your life.



R.F.D.



Amber Waves



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering