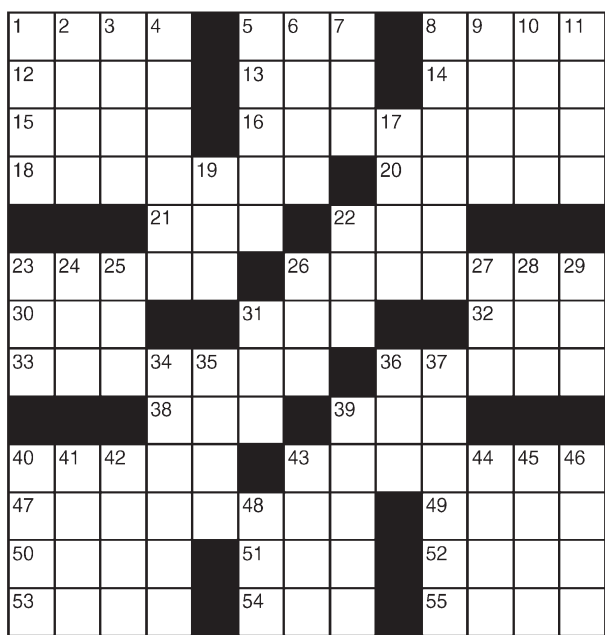


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Edible seaweed
- 5 More (Sp.)
- 8 Opposed to
- 12 Finished
- 13 Inventor Whitney
- 14 Ring out
- 15 Actress Campbell
- 16 Turtle shell, e.g.
- 18 Look of pain
- 20 Photo-copier name
- 21 Greek vowel
- 22 Meadow
- 23 "Blue — Shoes"
- 26 Late "60 Minutes" correspondent
- 30 "Born in the —"
- 31 "The Simpsons" network
- 32 Payable
- 33 Designer Gianni
- 36 Eye color
- 38 Pipe material, for short
- 39 Solidify
- 40 Weird
- 43 Countertop, e.g.
- 47 Hot rodders' competition



- 49 Back
- 50 Division word
- 51 — de deux
- 52 Therefore
- 53 Examination
- 54 Explosive letters
- 55 "Handsome is as hand some —"

DOWN

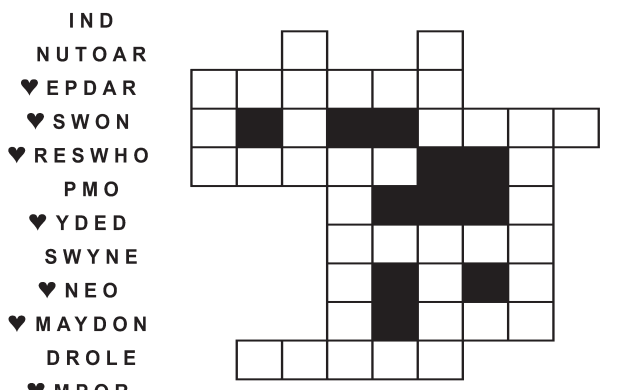
- 1 "King —"
- 2 Always
- 3 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 4 Undergrad course of study
- 5 Muhammad's birthplace
- 6 Wings
- 7 Knight's address
- 8 Go to a higher court
- 9 Approach
- 10 Mexican entree
- 11 Holly
- 17 Figure-skating leap
- 19 Consumed
- 22 Remiss
- 23 Minivan alternative
- 24 Work with
- 25 Listener
- 26 Trouble
- 27 Wood-shaping tool
- 28 Pool stick
- 29 Moray, for one
- 31 Media watchdog org.
- 34 Tap
- 35 State with confidence
- 36 That girl
- 37 Batman's butler
- 39 Visitor
- 40 Fix a manuscript
- 41 Sea eagle
- 42 "Phooey!"
- 43 Read cursorily
- 44 Plane-related
- 45 Zoo structure
- 46 Love god
- 48 Suitable

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED



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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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 on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

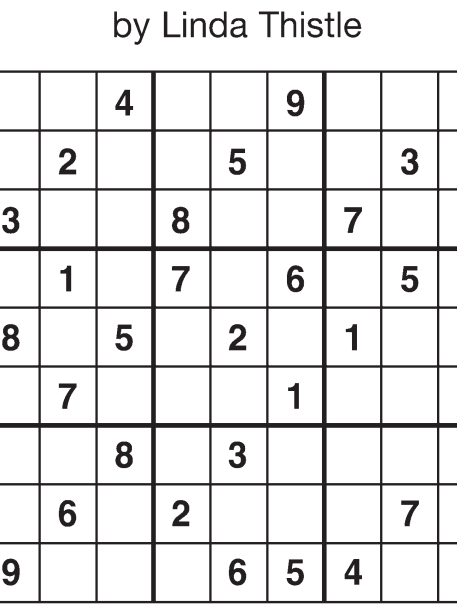
WHAT MEDICINE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A SICK HORSE?

- | | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| CROWNS | SWORN | SPARSE | PEARS |
| PERIOD | PRIDE | LAMEST | MALES |
| USABLE | BALES | WISEST | STEWS |
| BEGGAR | BARGE | PHRASE | SHAPE |
| HATPIN | PAINT | SERVER | VERSE |
| | | FURIES | FRIES |
| | | PRESET | STEER |

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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.

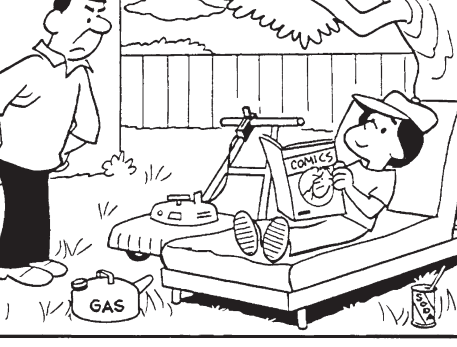
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Shelves are shorter; 2. Chair is smaller; 3. Gas can is missing; 4. Mower controls are missing; 5. Hat is shorter; 6. Soda can is missing.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



REVERSE MAGIC MAZE

SYLLABLES TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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

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

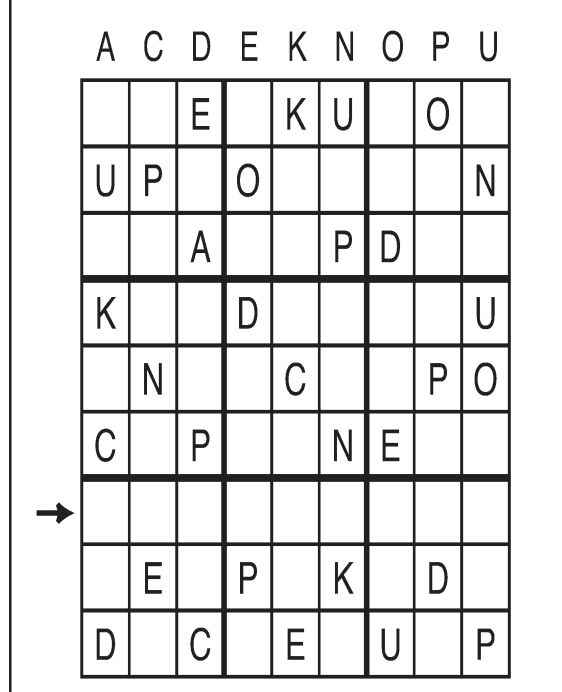
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|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Angle | Downturn | Layout | Sellout |
| Bookcase | German | Lookout | Workhouse |
| Breakout | Gunshot | Offhand | Zebra |
| Castoff | Label | Raining | |

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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.



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.

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Gorge | _____ Y _____ | Swiss state | _____ T _____ |
| 2. Railroad car | _____ R _____ | Aka Clemens | _____ W _____ |
| 3. Respectable | _____ _____ N _____ | Falseness | _____ I _____ |
| 4. Breezy | _____ I _____ | Peter Pan's gal pal | _____ E _____ |
| 5. Lucky number to some | _____ _____ N _____ | Lop off | _____ _____ R _____ |
| 6. To fish with a hook | _____ G _____ | Leg bracelet locale | _____ K _____ |
| 7. Confine in a pen | _____ C _____ | Anger | _____ R _____ |
| 8. Flat-bottomed boat | _____ R _____ | Cop's brooch | _____ D _____ |
| 9. Fork tine | _____ G _____ | Inclined | _____ _____ E _____ |
| 10. Group of geese | _____ A _____ | Chuckle | _____ I _____ |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

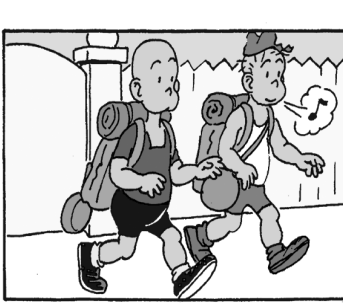
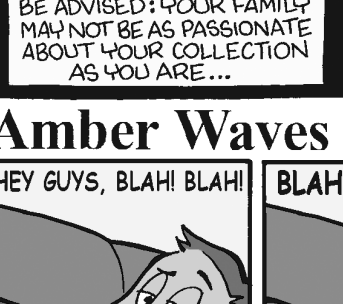
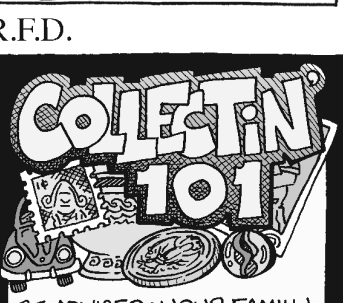
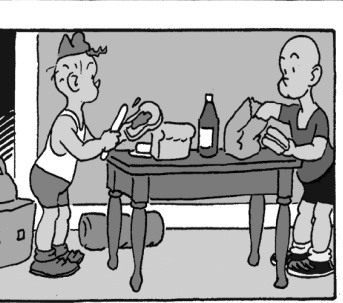
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in encouraging others to demand the best from themselves. You would be a fine sports coach, as well as an enlightened teacher.

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Henry

BY DON TRACHTE



Amber Waves



The Spats



by Dave T. Phipps

