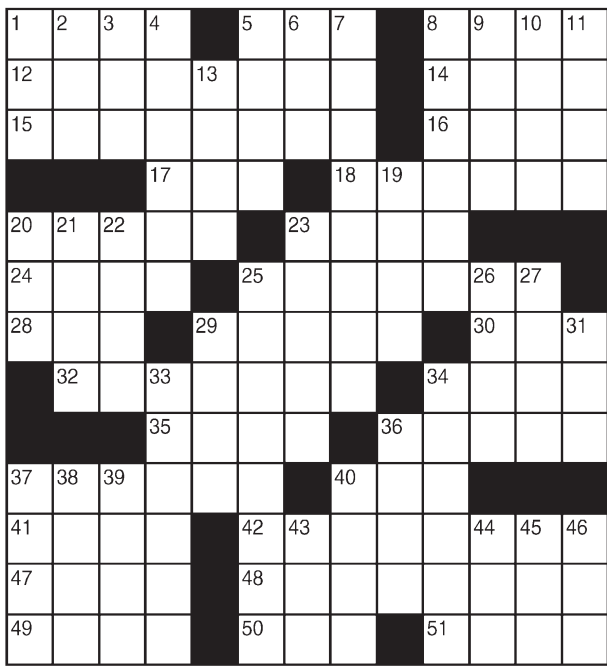


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Poi base
- 5 State of matter
- 8 Cauldron concoction
- 12 Start
- 14 Unusual
- 15 Minimum score on a golf course
- 16 One
- 17 Lamprey, e.g.
- 18 Invigorants
- 20 Hurricane, for one
- 23 Ill will
- 24 Cronos
- 25 Straightest path
- 28 Blunder
- 29 Gladiatorial venue
- 30 Work measure
- 32 Harbor city
- 34 React in horror
- 35 Chest muscles, for short
- 36 "For — sake!"
- 37 Man's hat style
- 40 — Lanka
- 41 Quite enthusiastic
- 42 "South Pacific" song with lyrics in



- |                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| French princess  | short                             |
| 47 Lion's pride? | 10 Idle of Monty                  |
| 48 GOP symbol    | 33 Orbital high point             |
| 49 Lip           | 34 Oriental entertainer/companion |
| 50 Stitch        | 36 Get ready                      |
| 51 War god       | 37 Notoriety                      |
|                  | 38 "Zounds!"                      |
|                  | 39 Money of Vietnam               |
|                  | 40 Bouillabaisse, e.g.            |
|                  | 43 — de- France                   |
|                  | 44 Scratch                        |
|                  | 45 Individual                     |
|                  | 46 "— Impossible"                 |

**DOWN**

- 1 Cravat
- 2 Blackbird
- 3 Tractor-trailer
- 4 "Do unto — ..."
- 5 Highlander
- 6 Dined
- 7 Aware
- 8 Southeast Asian
- 9 Hindu

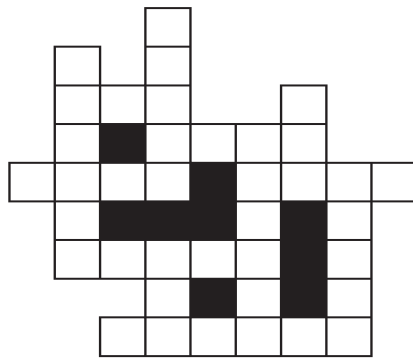
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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

- ♥ OWH
- DYASEW
- DOONC
- ♥ ARWE
- DOAHEL
- ♥ ELA
- ♥ OCLO
- ♥ YERDA
- ♥ NWA
- DRISDO
- ♥ WYDRO
- ♥ EDSO



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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X I Z E J E U I F I P S T F H P U P

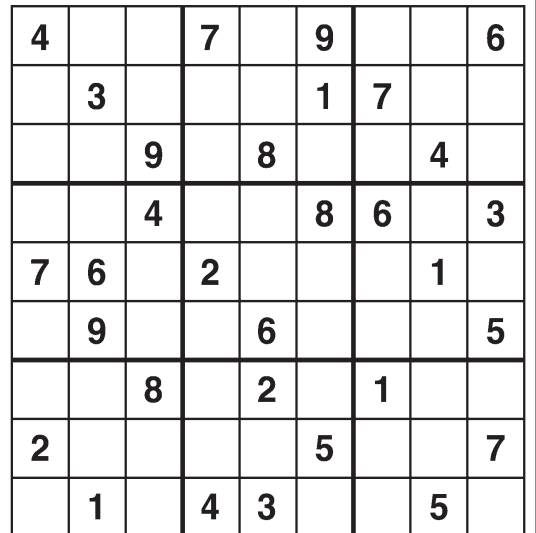
U I F E P D U P S ? C F D B V T F J U

I B E I B Z G F W F S .

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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.

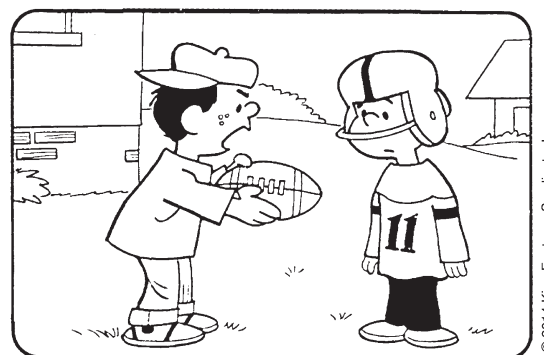
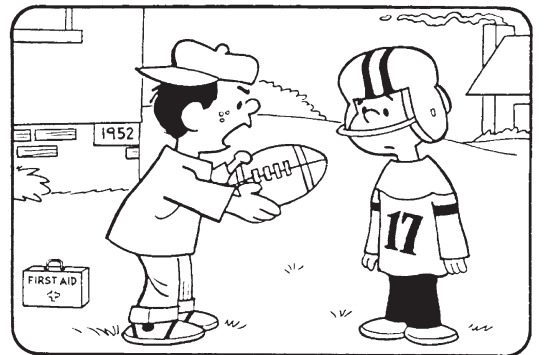
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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.

# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# MAGIC MAZE • CAKE

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

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

- |            |         |       |       |
|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Box        | Knife   | Race  | Stand |
| Decorating | Mix     | Sale  | Tins  |
| Decoration | Number  | Shop  | Walk  |
| Flour      | Of soap | Slice |       |

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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. Ohio city        | — K — — —   | Chef's garment             | — P — — —   |
| 2. Mr. Fudd         | — — M — —   | Senior                     | — — D — —   |
| 3. Center           | — I — — —   | Mix-up                     | — U — — —   |
| 4. Trade            | B — — — —   | 39 <sup>th</sup> president | C — — — —   |
| 5. Wine vessel      | — — — E — — | Pie shell                  | — — — S — — |
| 6. Burst of fire    | — L — — —   | Picture holder             | — R — — —   |
| 7. Novice           | R — — — —   | Oreo or gingersnap         | C — — — —   |
| 8. Twirler's stick  | — — T — —   | Nobleman                   | — — R — —   |
| 9. Jacques' country | — R — — —   | Engaged man                | — I — — —   |
| 10. Hot pepper      | — — — — I   | Put on ice                 | — — — — L   |

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A changing situation calls for a change in plans. Although you might prefer the schedule you had already worked up, you could do better by agreeing to make the needed adjustments.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) That once seemingly rock-solid proposition you favored might be hiding some serious flaws. Take time to check it more carefully and question anything that seems out of kilter.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Finish up those lingering tasks so that you can then arrange to spend some time in quiet reflection. This will go a long way in restoring both your physical and spiritual energies.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A family situation could heat up and boil over unless you deal with it as soon as possible. Try to persuade other family members to work with you to help cool things down.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Cheer up, Kitty Cat! That low feeling will begin to ebb by midweek, and you should be back in the social swirl in time for the weekend. A long-postponed deal could be starting up again.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Going too fast and too far on too little knowledge could be risky. Best to slow down and check for any gaps in your information. It's what you don't know that could hurt you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Trying to make peace among quarreling family members, friends or colleagues can be tough. Expect some resistance, maybe even some expressions of resentment. But stay with it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Changing your mind doesn't have to be a problem once you realize that you might have good and sufficient cause to do so. Make your explanations clear and complete. Good luck.

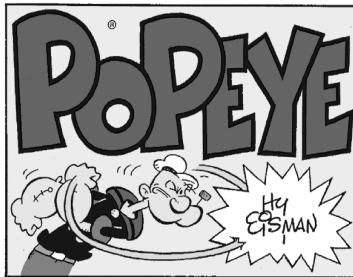
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unkept promise can be irksome and easily raise the Archer's ire. But instead of getting into a confrontation, take time to check why someone you relied on came up short.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A new workplace distraction creates an unnecessary delay. The sooner you deal with it, the better for all concerned. A personal matter also should be attended to as soon as possible.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Once again, the Aquarian's gift for applying both practical and creative methods to resolve a situation makes all the difference. Personal relationships thrive during the weekend.

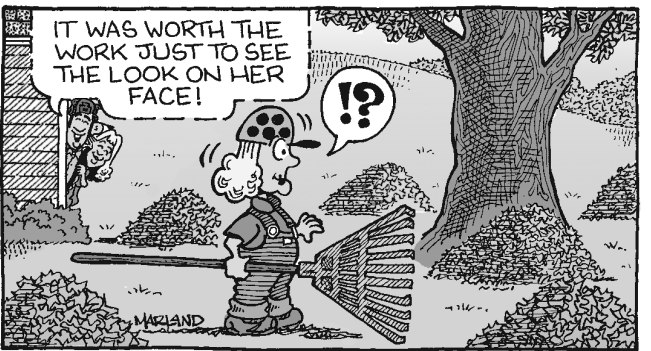
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A relationship appears to be losing its once-strong appeal for reasons that might be different from what you think. An open and honest talk could lead to some surprising revelations.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your life is bound by your belief that character counts more than anything else.



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

