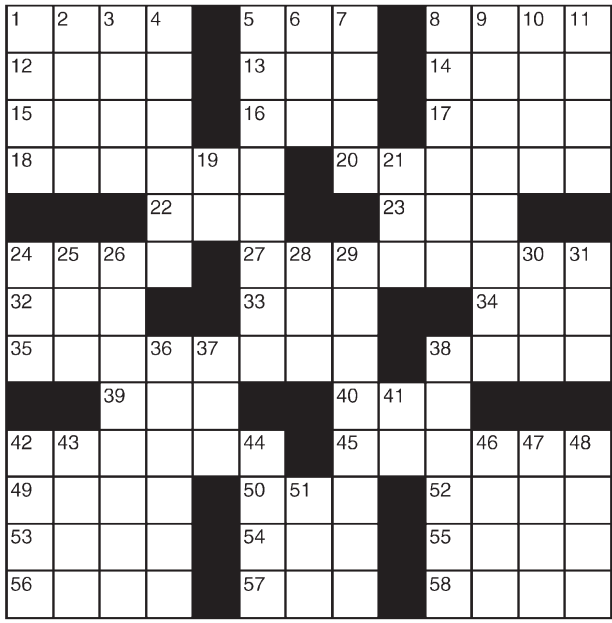


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Use an old phone
- 5 Poorly lit
- 8 Atomizer output
- 12 "— Karenina"
- 13 Anger
- 14 Golden Rule word
- 15 Fleet from far away
- 16 Cistern
- 17 Gulf War missile
- 18 Dwarf plant
- 20 Self-defense martial art
- 22 Egos' counterparts
- 23 Decks in the ring
- 24 Fashion
- 27 Listing alphabetically
- 32 Leave dumb-struck
- 33 Individual
- 34 Tic-tac-toe win
- 35 Couch potato's place
- 38 Heal, as a broken bone
- 39 Charged particle
- 40 Midafternoon, on a sundial
- 42 Not celebrat-



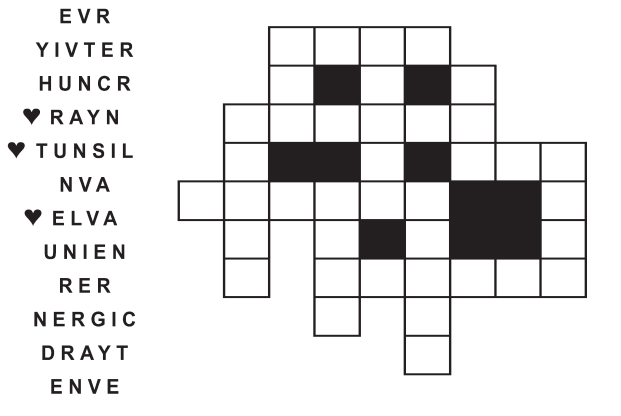
- ed, as a hero
- 45 Had a stogie
- 49 Reason for a tarp
- 50 — Baba
- 52 Mediocre
- 53 "It shouldn't happen to —"
- 54 Ultramoder-nist
- 55 "Star Trek II" villain
- 56 Highway section
- 57 Martini ingredient
- 58 Pivot
- 4 Timmy's pet
- 5 Math function
- 6 A Gershwin
- 7 Transcending (Pref.)
- 8 Tundra creature
- 9 Cut
- 10 Poker variety
- 11 — list (agenda)
- 19 Commercial
- 21 White House nickname
- 24 Scratch
- 25 Have debts
- 26 Choice
- 28 Away from SSW
- 29 Scorn
- 30 "There's — in team"
- 31 Obtained
- 36 Lizard's locale?
- 37 Hostel
- 38 Newsstands
- 41 "— Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter"
- 42 Caspian feeder
- 43 Zilch, in Xochimilco
- 44 Jets or Sharks
- 46 1980s-90s German chancellor
- 47 Birthright barterer
- 48 Finished
- 51 Wahine's gift

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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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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH — HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **How is Santa's beard like a Christmas tree?**

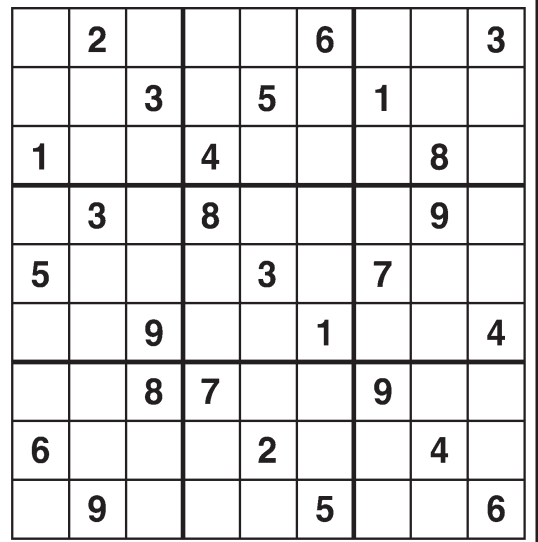
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C	I	S	U	M	T	H	E	E	S
Y	W	D	B	O	W	O	N	S	H
F	I	R	E	P	L	A	C	E	O
U	S	T	P	R	C	L	A	H	P
N	H	I	N	Y	O	R	O	E	S
E	E	D	D	G	T	E	T	V	M
S	S	N	S	H	R	I	L	M	E
M	A	I	N	S	T	S	E	U	G
C	A	R	O	L	E	R	S	G	Y

Riddle answer: _____

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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.

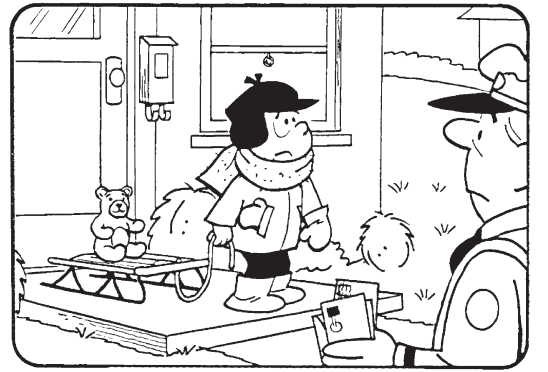
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

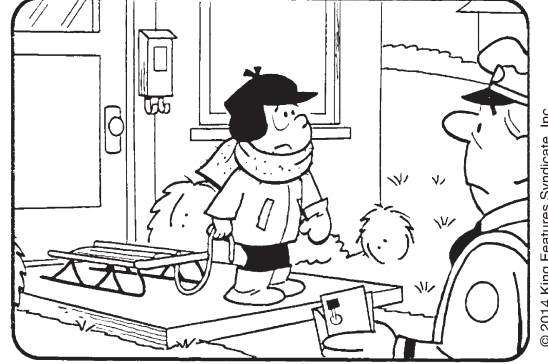
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



DIFFERENCES: 1. Doorknob is moved. 2. Teddy bear is missing. 3. Shade is missing. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Letter is missing. 6. Cap peak is smaller.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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

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

- Air bag
- Anchor
- Arrester
- Chain
- Collar
- Fastener
- Handcuffs
- Hobble
- Leash
- Lock
- Muzzle
- Shackle
- Sling
- Tether
- Tie down

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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.

A	C	D	E	H	O	R	V	Y
D	O	A	R	V				
		C	O	E	A			
O			H	A	C			
		E		O	D			
		Y	C					E
	A	D	Y			H		
C				D	R			
		R	C	E		V		

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. Charles or William | ___ I ___ | Frolic | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Nose around | ___ N ___ | One-masted boat | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Mission | Q ___ | Visitor | G ___ |
| 4. Young female horse | ___ I ___ | Foolishness | ___ O ___ |
| 5. Property | ___ T ___ | Genuinely | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Group of livestock | ___ T ___ | Palace | ___ S ___ |
| 7. Skirt fold | ___ T ___ | Beg | ___ D ___ |
| 8. Code inventor | ___ R ___ | Mickey or Minnie | ___ U ___ |
| 9. Far-reaching | ___ R ___ | Pituitary or thyroid | ___ L ___ |
| 10. Unassuming | H ___ | Fall and roll | T ___ |

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

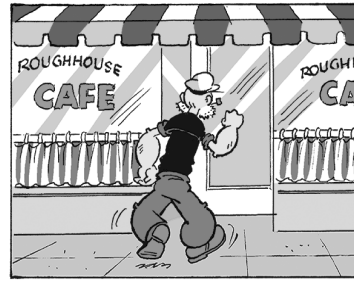
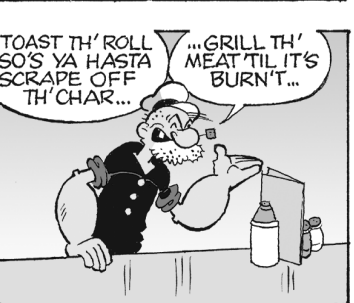
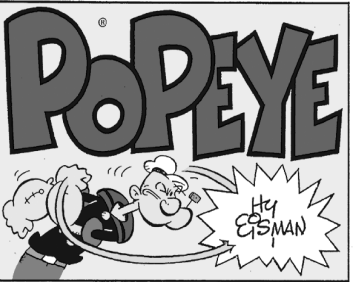
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

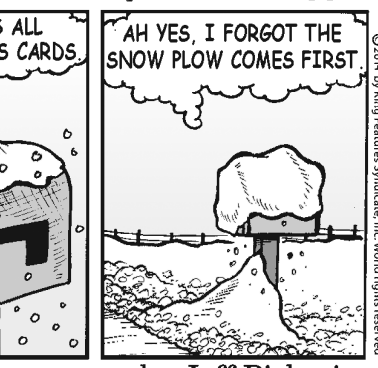
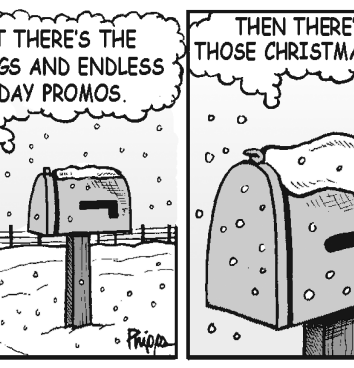
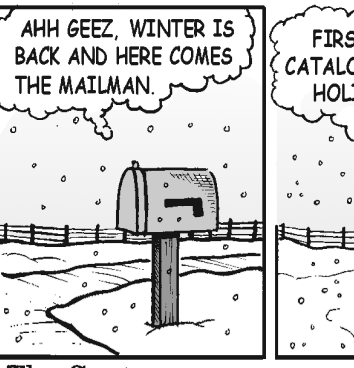
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.



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