

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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!

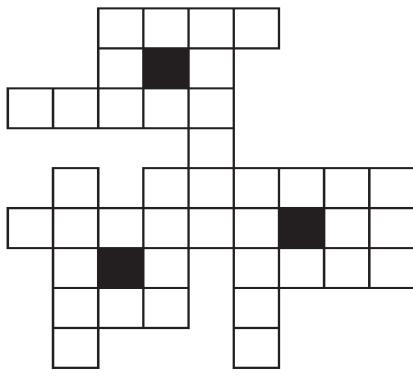
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FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- UCT
♥ CERPIE
♥ DRACE
♥ SPSA
FECDEA
♥ WLO
TUEL
♥ DESIL
♥ DSO
♥ CRESPA
NOFLE
DWRE



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

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 DO YOU CALL SNOWMEN THAT DON'T TELL THE TRUTH?

LESSER	___	REELS	FATHER	___	EARTH
BENSON	___	BONES	CARHOP	___	PORCH
HOARSE	___	HARES	TALKER	___	LATER
NEWEST	___	TEENS	PRESTO	___	SPORT
			DASHES	___	SHADE

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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. Financier	___ N ___	Carnival announcer	___ R ___
2. Drew or Reagan	___ C ___	McPhee or Poppins	___ N ___
3. Concord	___ E ___	Georgia fruit	___ H ___
4. Acquire knowledge	L ___ Y ___	Long for	___
5. More secure	___ I ___	Old MacDonald, e.g.	___ A ___
6. Drawn from the tap	___ A ___	Wander aimlessly	___ I ___
7. Card game for four	___ H ___	Watchband locale	___ R ___
8. Inglenook	___ H ___	Hale	___ Y ___
9. Waist garment	___ S ___	Trumpet's kin	___ N ___
10. Ladle	___ P ___	Become light-headed	___ W ___

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King Crossword

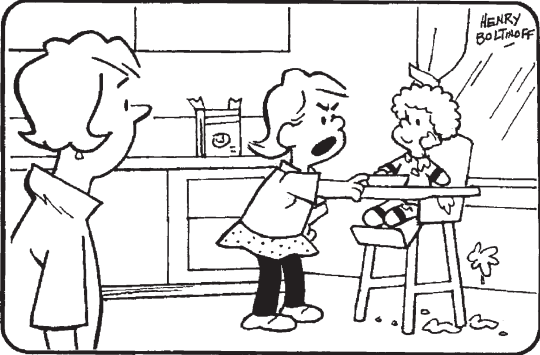
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- look
10 Shrek, for one
11 Jailer's jan-
glers
17 Jacob's
brother
19 Plaything
22 Carton
23 Apprehend
24 Japanese
sash
25 Witty one
26 Coquettish
27 Scot's hat
28 Deli bread
29 Longing
31 To and —
Damon
35 Forum gar-
ment
36 Second per-
son
37 Intertwine
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40 Soap brand
41 Advantage
42 Drill
43 Front of a
ship
44 Snare
45 Irritate
46 New Haven
campus
48 Pair

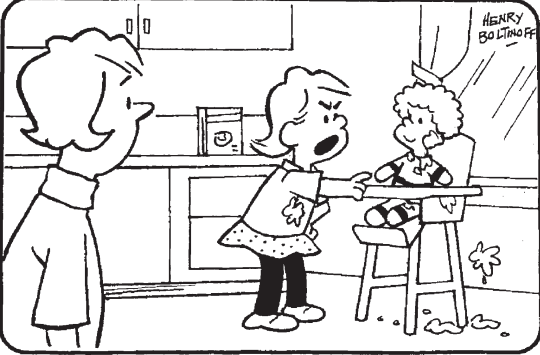
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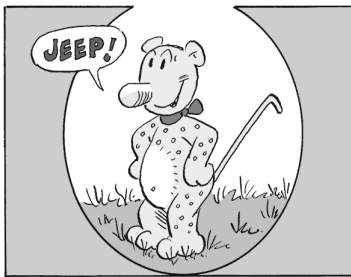
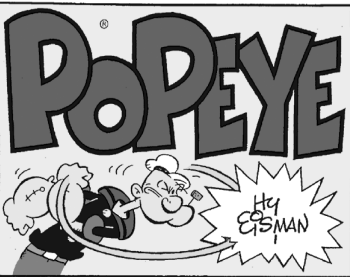
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earring is missing. 2. Doll's collar is different. 3. Mom's dish is missing. 4. Cabinet handles are added. 5. Mom's shirt is stained. 6. Girl's shirt is stained.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships — family, friends, colleagues — that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of adventure that inspires others to follow your lead.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MAGIC MAZE • FOUND BY DIGGING

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: HEAD OF A SKELETON

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|------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| Arrowheads | Chambers | Gold | Rings |
| Artifacts | Coins | Money | Time capsule |
| Bones | Diamonds | Mummy | Treasure |
| Buttons | Fossils | Pottery | |

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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	E	I	L	N	O	P	T	V
	I			A			L		
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	T	E	O	I	P				
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		N		L			A		
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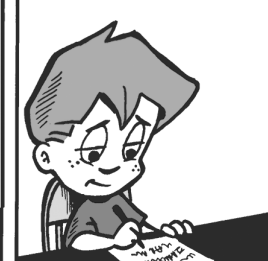
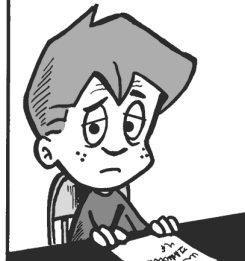
Amber Waves

DEAR SANTA, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW GREAT I'VE BEEN THIS YEAR...

YOU KNOW, SANTA DOES KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE.

...ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'VE BEEN PRETTY GOOD, IF YOU'RE GRADING ON A CURVE.

AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT SHE SAID.



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering