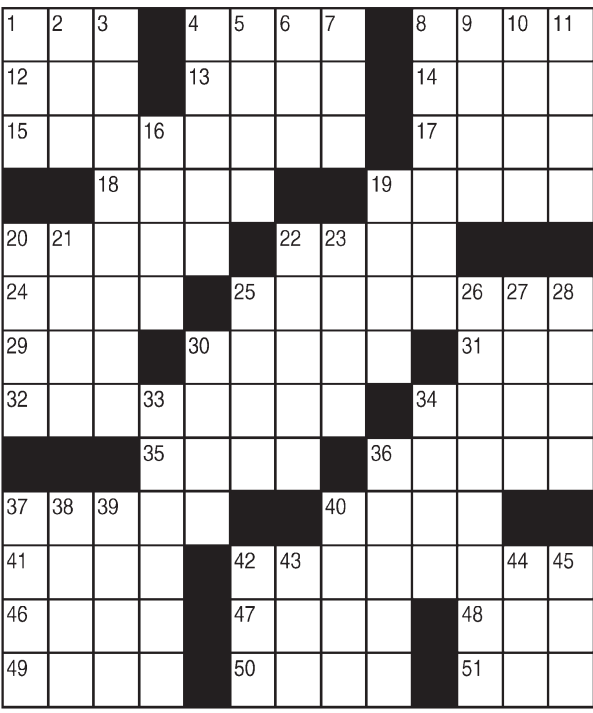


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Doctrine
- 4 Commotions
- 8 Mid-May honorees
- 12 Cattle call
- 13 "Arrivederci"
- 14 "So be it"
- 15 Wordplay specialists
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Locate
- 19 Piece of cheesecake?
- 20 Subsequently
- 22 Reedy
- 24 Concoct
- 25 Good news for bargain hunters
- 29 Bard's "always"
- 30 Unrefined
- 31 Id counterpart
- 32 Ruins
- 34 Touch
- 35 Cincinnati team
- 36 Gets up
- 37 — Valley (California ski resort)
- 40 Family member
- 41 Cather's "One of —"
- 42 Expensive seafood
- 46 Platter



- 7 "Mayday!"
- 8 Leatherneck
- 9 Mideast nation
- 10 Options list
- 11 Use scissors
- 16 Gush forth
- 19 Snapshots
- 20 Sleeping, per-haps
- 21 Release
- 22 Cafeteria stack
- 23 Greet the villain
- 25 Motivate
- 26 "— Dictionary"
- 27 Chills and fever
- 28 Deteriorates
- 30 Staff
- 33 In poor taste
- 34 "— She Sweet?"
- 36 Strategic tricks
- 37 Turfs
- 38 Resign
- 39 — Major
- 40 Competent
- 42 Illuminated
- 43 Rhyming tribute
- 44 Tear
- 45 Tofu base

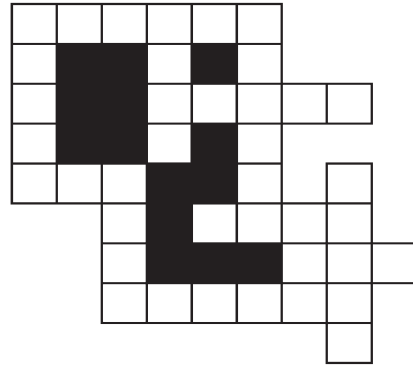
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FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- DAZ
- GRITUN
- ♥ DAMLE
- ♥ ETNA
- BAZEAL
- ♥ NBA
- UEBZ
- ♥ LADET
- ♥ NDE
- MADBAL
- ♥ GUBED
- ♥ DEAB

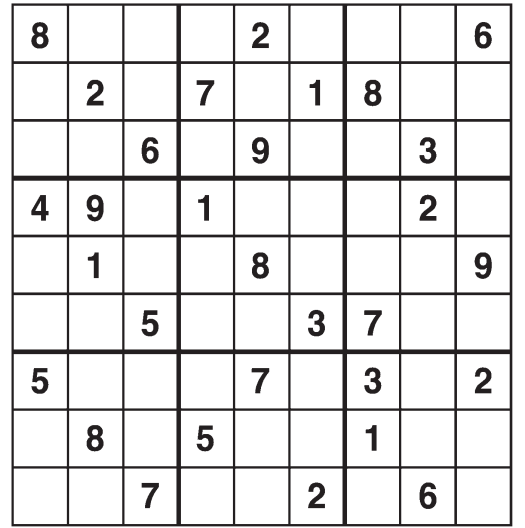


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

X I B U E P Z P V H F U X I F O Z P V D S P T T

D I S J T U N B T F W F X J U I U J F E - V Q S P Q F ?

U I F L O P U C F G P S F D I S J T U N B T.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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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.

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|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Pulsation | — — — — B | Toss | — — — — W |
| 2. Garment pouch | — O — — — | Fence style | — I — — — |
| 3. Brood of puppies | — I — — — | Last mentioned | — A — — — |
| 4. Two scores | — — — — Y | Talent | — — — — E |
| 5. 90 degree angle | R — — — — | Power | M — — — — |
| 6. Infer | — — — — E | Subtract | — — — — T |
| 7. Skin | — L — — — | Just picked | — R — — — |
| 8. Like an empty page | — — A — — | Eye movement | — — I — — |
| 9. Center | M — — — — | Enigma | R — — — — |
| 10. Collision | — — A — — | Infatuation | — — — — U |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

MAGIC MAZE • WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE — ?

H S Q N K I F T D A X V T Q O

M J H F C K A (D E S S E R T) Y

G W U R P N O L J P S H F D B

Z N X V T R Q O O O E M K I H

F D O B D N A R B R A C Z E Y

W V U S C I T Y T F S R Q N E

O N P O H S E E F F O C L I K

K I L E T I S B E W N D V L O

H O F E N I Z A G A M O N R J

R Y A D I L O H D C M A Z I X

W M V U S R Q O N M K J I A K

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: HUMOROUS ANECDOTE

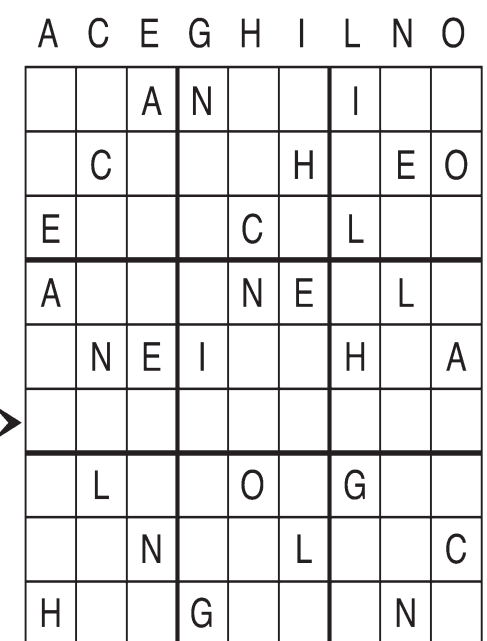
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| Car brand | Holiday | Pet | U.S. city |
| Coffee shop | Kind of book | Season | Website |
| Color | Magazine | Song | |

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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.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Handle a potentially awkward situation by warming up your confidence reserves and letting it radiate freely. Also, expect an old friend to contact you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not too early for the practical Bovine to begin planning possible changes for 2021. A recent contact can offer some interesting insights.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A request for an unusual favor should be carefully checked out. Also check the motives behind it. Your generosity should be respected, not exploited.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Party time beckons, but for some Moon Children, so do some workplace challenges. Deal with the second first, then you'll be free to enjoy the fun time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A warm response to an earlier request might be a positive indicator of what's ahead. Meanwhile, Cupid could pay a surprise visit to single Leos looking for love.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) How you respond to a proposed change in a project could affect your situation. Be prepared to show how well you would be able to deal with it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The revelation of a secret could cause some changes in how to deal with a workplace matter. It very likely also validates a position you have long held.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An attempt to get too personal could upset the very private Scorpio. Make it clear that there's a line no one crosses without your permission.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.

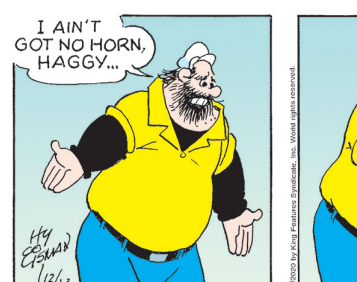
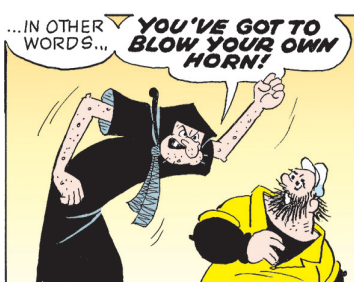
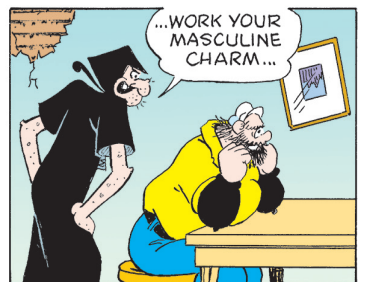
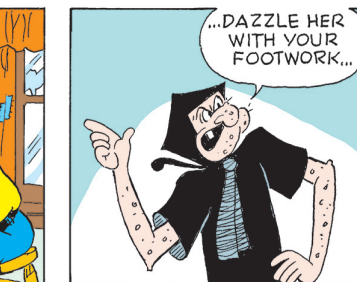
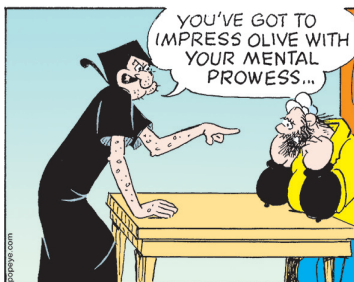
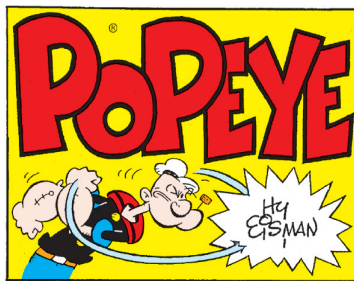
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to push people too hard to meet your ideas of what the holiday weekend's preparations should be. Best to make it a cooperative, not a coerced, effort.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might find that it was a fluke to try to use your sympathetic nature to get you to accept a situation you're not comfortable with. Good for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like challenges that are both mental and physical, and you enjoy always beating your personal best.

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WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU REALLY, REALLY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, JUNE?

JUST ONE THING?

JUST ONE THING.



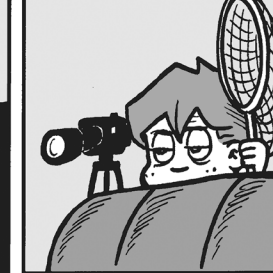
Amber Waves

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS....

AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE.

NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING.

NOT EVEN...UH...WELL...



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering