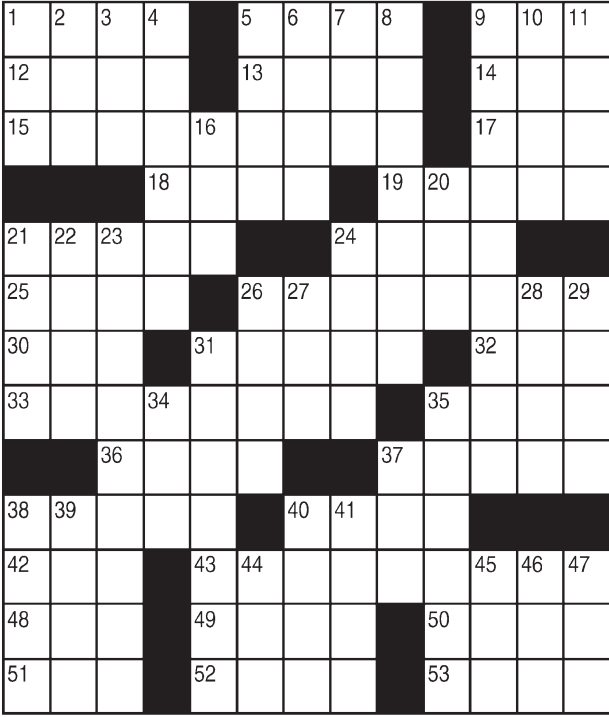


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel
- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Crime scene evidence
- 12 Lounge around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's river
- 21 Skiers' 7-Down
- 24 String instrument
- 25 Do as you're told
- 26 Old cars for new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat verb
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming venue
- 42 Alias abbr.
- 43 Secret or Sure
- 48 Crib



- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 — and void
- 29 Terrier variety
- 31 Former
- 34 Menagerie
- 35 Drilling apparatus
- 37 Also
- 38 Ali —
- 39 Related
- 40 Verse
- 41 Probability
- 44 Id counterpart
- 45 Exist
- 46 Negative prefix
- 47 Explosive stick
- 49 Elderly
- 50 Press
- 51 Pismire
- 52 May honorees
- 53 Kindly bloke
- 9 Leaves-dropper?
- 10 Proper subject, maybe
- 11 Heche or Hathaway
- 16 Born
- 20 Weeding implement
- 21 Privation
- 22 Reed instrument
- 23 Drying agent
- 24 Cisterns
- 26 Ankara resident

DOWN

- 1 Antiquated
- 2 "The Raven" writer
- 3 Sprite
- 4 Group of priests
- 5 Helper
- 6 Drench
- 7 Hostel
- 8 On both

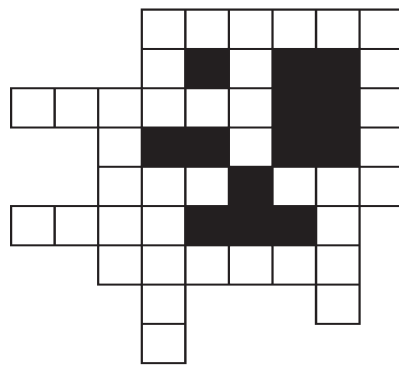
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ODM
- SAMPAL
- DRANO
- ENDE
- DRYEON
- SPI
- RASO
- DAMIE
- YAN
- MONOID
- OYMEN
- OSAD

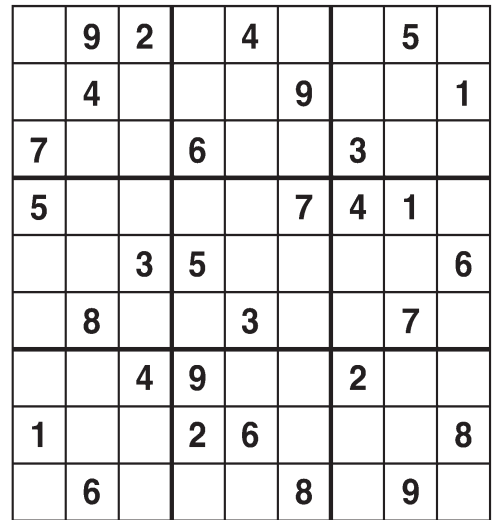


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

D S P T T B N P V T F B O E B T R V J E ?

B O F F L - U P Q V T .

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

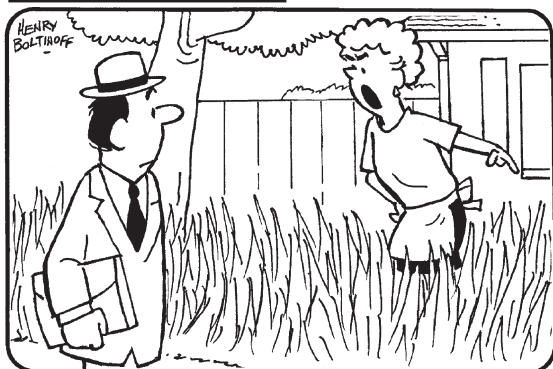
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Medieval fortress | ___ S ___ | Longhorn, e.g. | ___ T ___ |
| 2. Playground favorite | ___ W ___ | Bee bite | ___ T ___ |
| 3. Easter attire | B ___ | 14-line poem | S ___ |
| 4. Cologne's river | ___ I ___ | Lake Geneva's river | ___ O ___ |
| 5. Fry lightly | ___ T ___ | Gravy | ___ C ___ |
| 6. Inn guest | ___ O ___ | Accountant's book | ___ E ___ |
| 7. Salt measurement | ___ N ___ | Throw the baseball | ___ T ___ |
| 8. Belt location | ___ A ___ | Watch location | ___ R ___ |
| 9. ___ tots | ___ T ___ | Circus employee | ___ M ___ |
| 10. Tenor ___ Bocelli | ___ A ___ | Mr. Lloyd Webber | ___ W ___ |

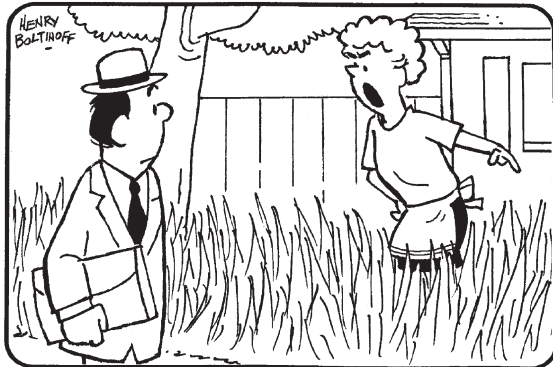
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bushes are missing; 2. Apron is different; 3. Earring is missing; 4. Window is smaller; 5. Man's nose is different; 6. Briefcase is larger.

MAGIC MAZE ● BODYBUILDERS

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

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

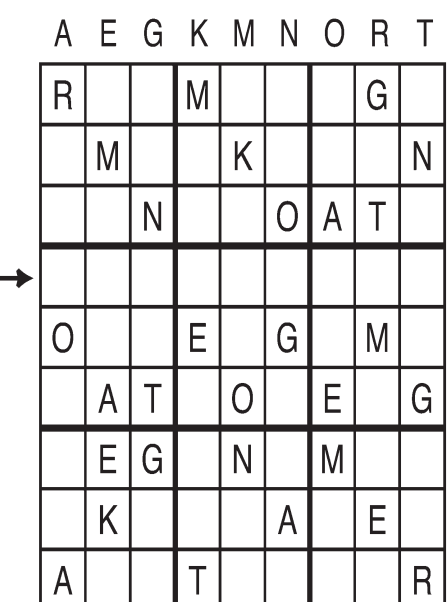
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|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| Atlas | Ferrigno | Piana | Wheeler |
| Atwood | Hargitay | Sandow | Wolf |
| Columbo | Nubret | Turk | Yang |
| Cutler | Paris | Warren | |

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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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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't gnash those pearly whites because you might have to delay your plans. This could give the Lucky Lamb a better perspective of what's been done, and what still needs doing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Scoring financial bull's-eyes is easy for the focused Bovine who knows the ins and outs of the marketplace. But even with your success record, caution is still the watchword.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Watch that tendency to over-romanticize a situation that should be given closer scrutiny. Better to be suspicious now and ask for an explanation, rather than face a sad surprise later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bruised self-confidence can make things difficult unless you accept the fact that you have what it takes. Ignore the critics and concentrate on believing in yourself. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations on what you've accomplished. But this is no time to curl up for some serious catnapping. Your rivals are probably already working on plans to overtake your lead.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your adventurous side wants to play a more dominant role this week, and you might want to oblige. Try to arrange for some get-away time with that special person.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking logical approaches to pesky workplace issues can help resolve even long-standing problems. A shift in policy might catch you by surprise. Be alert to signs of change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your kindness and compassion are exactly what are needed in dealing with an awkward situation in the early part of the week. Share the weekend fun with family.

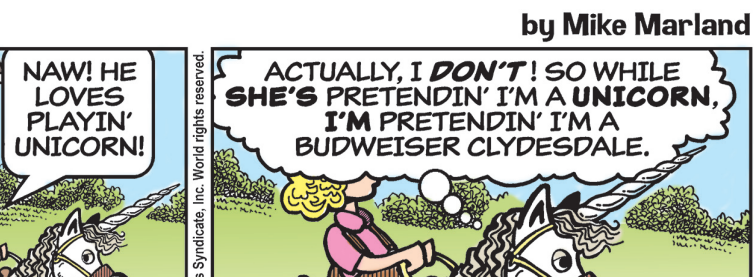
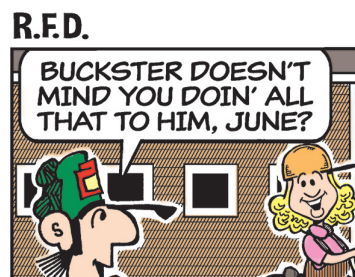
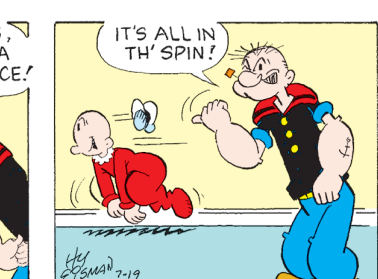
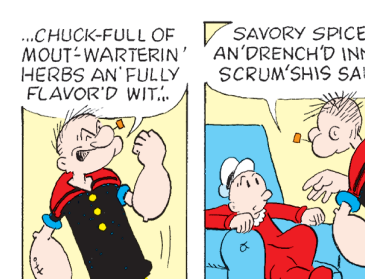
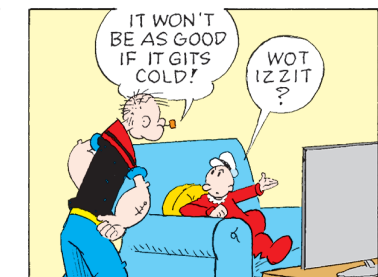
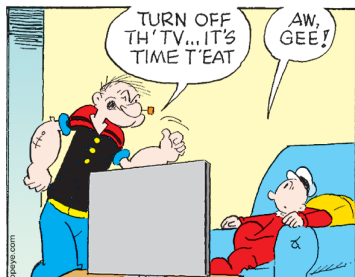
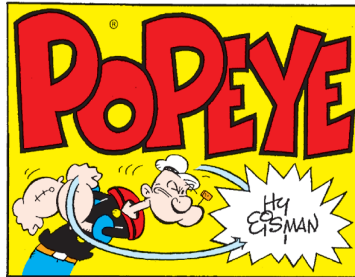
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keeping your focus straight and true is a good way of getting your points across. Save any variations for a later time. The musical arts are important this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reject advice to cut corners in reaching your goal. Better to take a little more time to do the job as you promised. You'll gain new respect for your honesty and integrity.

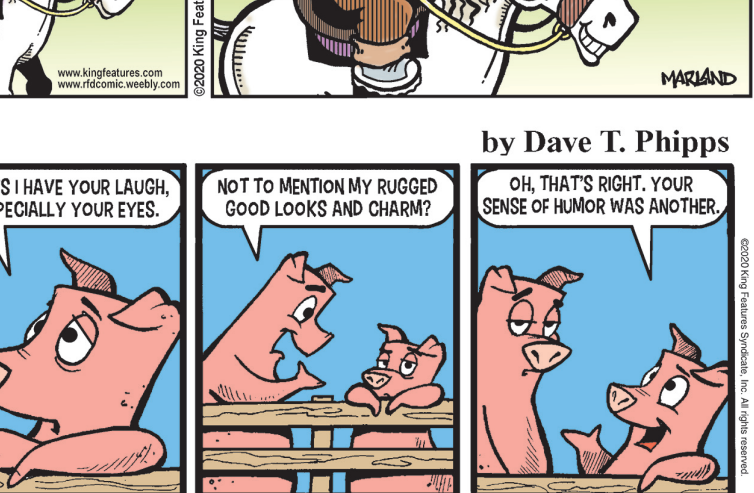
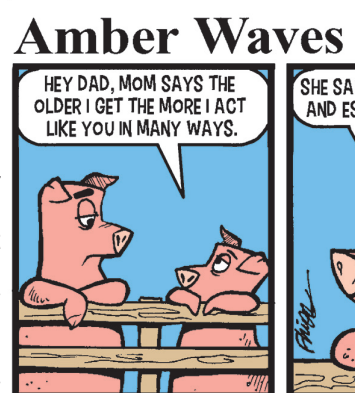
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't allow a troublesome situation to grow so big that it will be increasingly difficult to deal with. The sooner you speak up, the sooner everyone will be able to benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Confronting someone who is making a lot of mistakes could be the kindest thing you can do both for that person and for anyone who could be adversely affected by the errors.

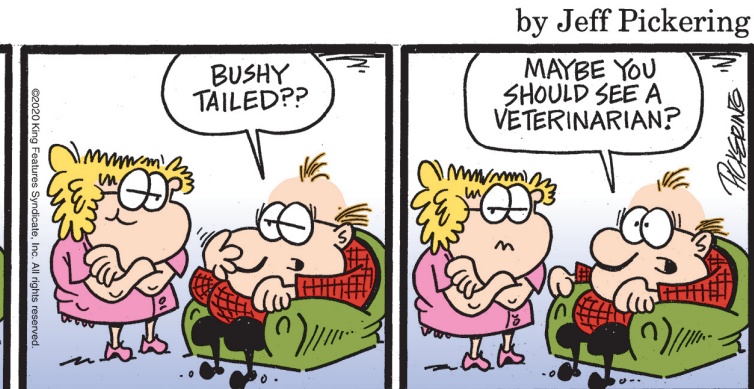
BORN THIS WEEK: You absolutely glow when you see beautiful things, and everyone around you is warmed by your light.



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Amber Waves



The Spats



by Dave T. Phipps

by Jeff Pickering