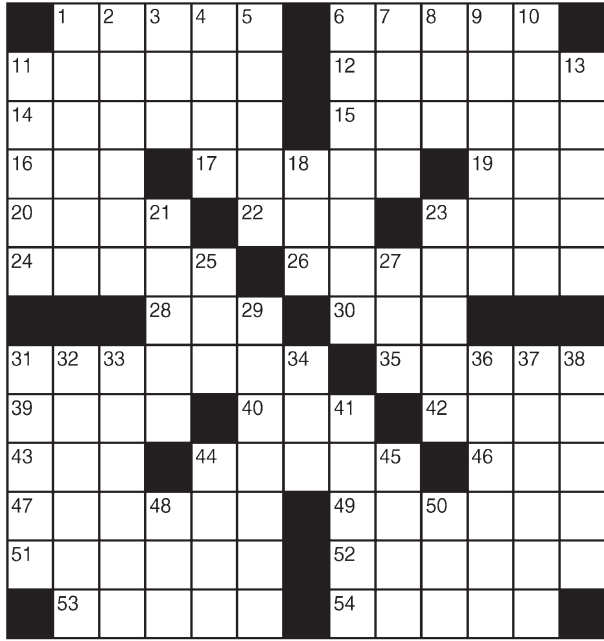


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 A great amount
- 6 Construction piece
- 11 "Evangeline" setting
- 12 Housefly larva
- 14 Street less traveled
- 15 Past
- 16 Salt Lake athlete
- 17 He hit 61 in '61
- 19 Scooted
- 20 Afterward
- 22 Three-man vessel?
- 23 Lose color
- 24 Helvetica lack
- 26 Most goose-bump-inducing
- 28 NOW goal
- 30 Slight touch
- 31 Run off (with)
- 35 "Loves me (not)" factor
- 39 "The Amazing —"
- 40 Bother
- 42 Post-bout garb
- 43 Whatever number
- 44 So far
- 46 Sheepish remark



- 47 News-writer's name
- 49 Circumvent
- 51 Lens cleaning solution
- 52 Culmination
- 53 Water nymph
- 54 Philippine knives
- 6 Drank up
- 7 Serenades
- 8 Early bird
- 9 Olden meeting places
- 10 Units
- 11 Touches
- 13 Fundamental belief
- 18 Wish undone
- 21 Family member
- 23 Thread
- 25 To and —
- 27 Knock
- 29 Pastis
- 31 Speedy steeds
- 32 East Indian
- 33 Charybdis' partner
- 34 Desiccate
- 36 Trinidad and —
- 37 Humiliates
- 38 Flat paper?
- 41 Skewered entree
- 44 "— Karenina"
- 45 Proof-reader's nightmare
- 48 Mid-afternoon hour
- 50 Campaign pro

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MAGIC MAZE • BEER

V G C Y U Q M I E A W T P L I
 E B X U Q N J G D Z W T Q N K
 H D A X U P R G P M J G D A X
 V S Q N K I A A F D A X V Y T
 Q O M J P C H R E F C A L Y W
 U R P N S A L D L S J L H L F
 D B Z X G N T E T O E V F L T
 R Q O M U K R N T B R E K A M
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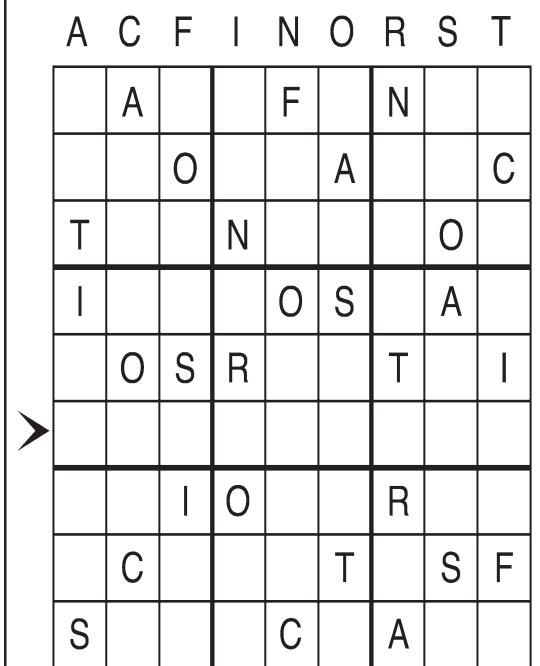
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Barrel | Cheese | Hall | Nuts |
| Belly | Fest | House | On tap |
| Bottle | Garden | Maker | Parlor |
| Can | Glass | Mugs | |

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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.



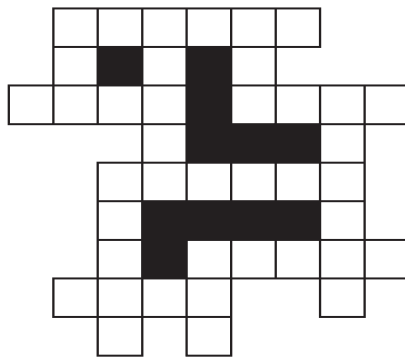
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ ENT
- YENLIC
- ♥ REFBI
- RAWM
- NIBHED
- ♥ ARB
- ♥ NAUT
- BELON
- ♥ EWN
- LIFCRO
- RHOUM
- ♥ ERFE



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 T V S G F S T U I J O L U I F T F B

X B T G S J F O E M Z ? C F D B V T F J U H B W F

U I F N B C J H X B W F.

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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. Breakfast meat | ___ C ___ | Nobleman | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Future groom | ___ I ___ | Monet's land | ___ R ___ |
| 3. Gasoline additive | ___ N ___ | Musical interval | ___ V ___ |
| 4. Graph | ___ R ___ | Mantra | ___ N ___ |
| 5. Second of two | ___ A ___ | Cat's brood | ___ I ___ |
| 6. Take pleasure in | ___ J ___ | Emissary | ___ V ___ |
| 7. Harsh | S ___ | Patriotic silversmith | R ___ |
| 8. Clay block | ___ C ___ | The very edge | ___ N ___ |
| 9. Bench or stool | ___ R ___ | Shackle | ___ N ___ |
| 10. Park employee | ___ A ___ | Horseshoes score | ___ I ___ |

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Never mind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter and leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Gemini heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So go ahead and make those plans with that special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.

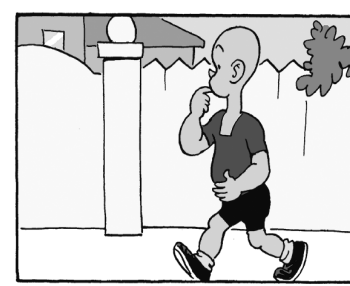
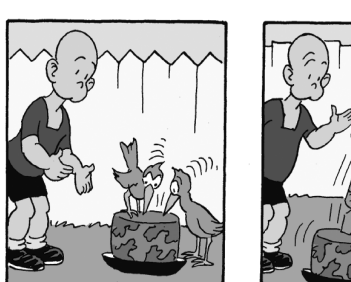
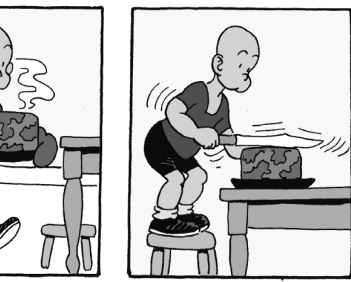
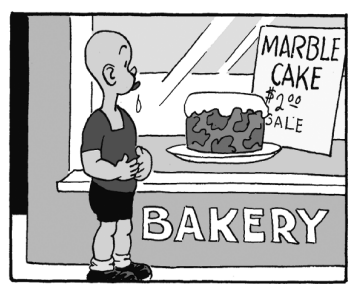
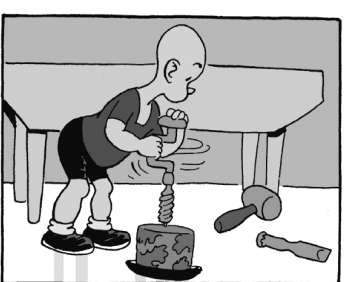
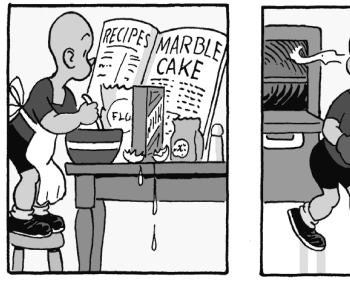
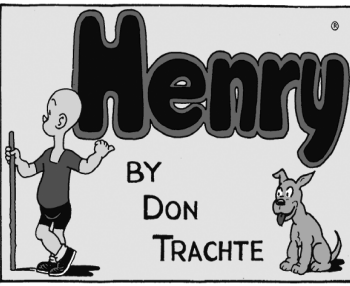
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self. Spending your time with others nurtures them.

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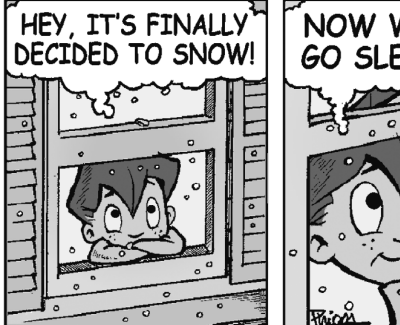
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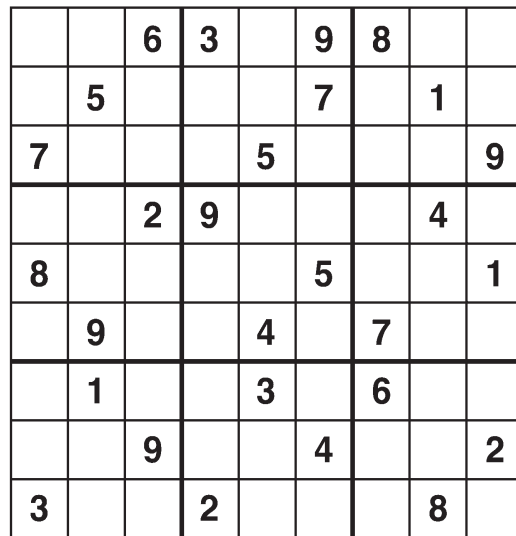
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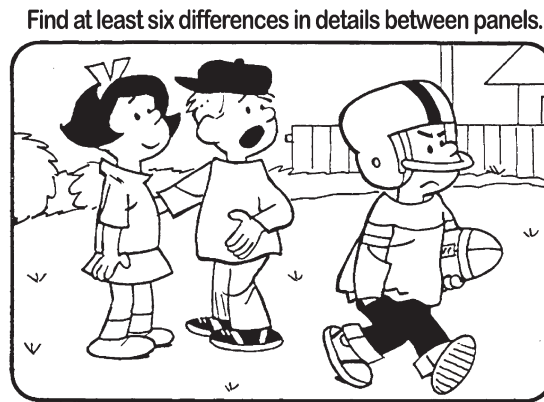
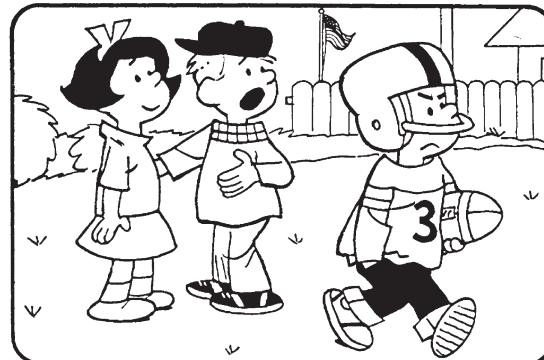
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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