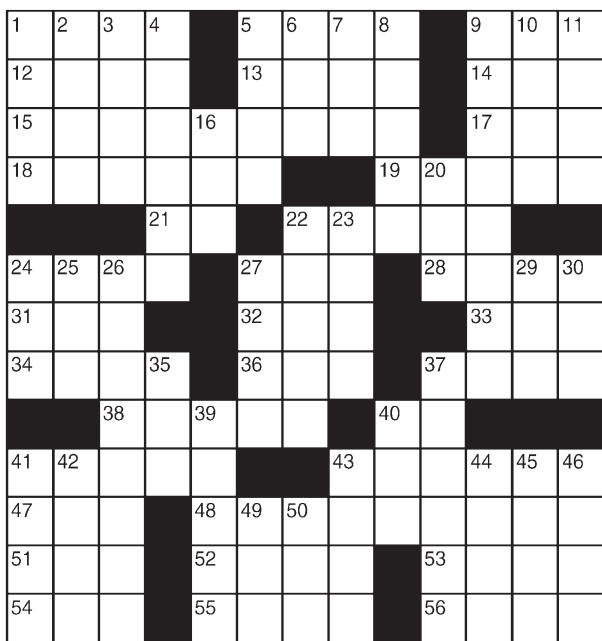


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Information, informally
- 5 Genie's home
- 9 Commercials
- 12 "Once — a time ..."
- 13 Sheltered
- 14 Once around the track
- 15 Helen Reddy hit
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Charlie Brown's dog
- 19 Fire residue
- 21 Yours truly
- 22 Accordion rendition, often
- 24 Amorphous mass
- 27 Lingerie item
- 28 Concept
- 31 Edge
- 32 Decay
- 33 Have
- 34 Newspaper pg.
- 36 Fool
- 37 On in years
- 38 Euphoric
- 40 Hosp. staffer
- 41 Memorable mission
- 43 Oriental temple
- 47 Off-tattooed word



- 48 "Chicago" Oscar winner
- 51 Eggs
- 52 History chapters
- 53 Hold sway
- 54 Barbie's companion
- 55 Adjoining
- 56 Largest of the seven
- 7 Kitten's comment
- 8 Punishment-related
- 9 Pack leader, maybe
- 10 Appointment
- 11 Resorts
- 16 Gorilla
- 20 Take to the slopes
- 22 Common-place
- 23 Feedbag fill
- 24 Bud
- 25 Back talk
- 26 1971 Heston film, with "The"
- 27 Actor Pitt
- 29 Ram's mate
- 30 In addition
- 35 Poorly lit
- 37 Goat hair made into wool
- 39 Twelve
- 40 British rule in India
- 41 Uncontrolled
- 42 Lyricist's subject, often
- 43 History
- 44 Responsibility
- 45 Sandwich shop
- 46 On the briny
- 49 Before
- 50 Wage earner's payment

DOWN

- 1 Clothing
- 2 Admitting clients
- 3 Horse-play?
- 4 Bury
- 5 "My Fair —"
- 6 Carte lead-in

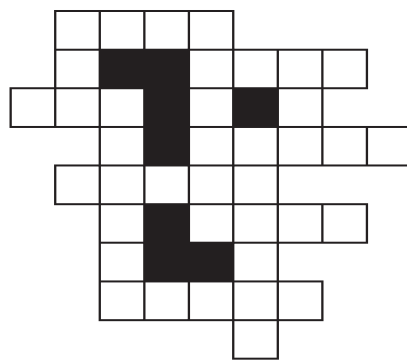
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ EEW
- CYPISH
- IXONT
- ♥ NECA
- CRITOE
- INX
- ♥ NEHW
- DEYSE
- XEA
- MALEEN
- HEREC
- ♥ EPNA



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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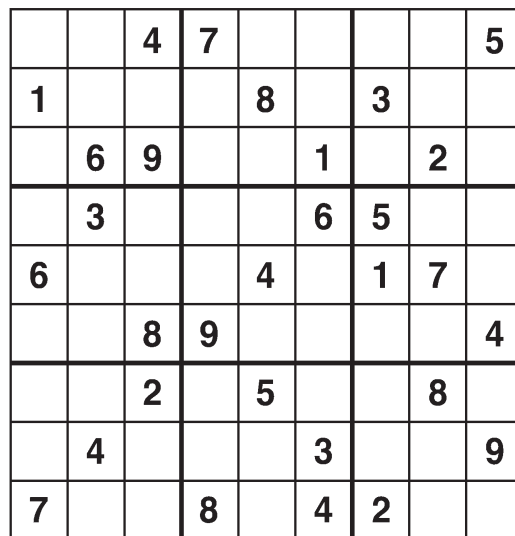
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I B E U P I B W F I J T U J O T F M T U B L F O P V U

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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.



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I GOT A TEXT FROM BOB FORWARDED FROM JANE ABOUT A FACEBOOK POST BY TED... AT THIS POINT IT WOULD JUST BE EASIER TO GET NEW FRIENDS.



CHARACTERS FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL

MAGIC MAZE

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

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

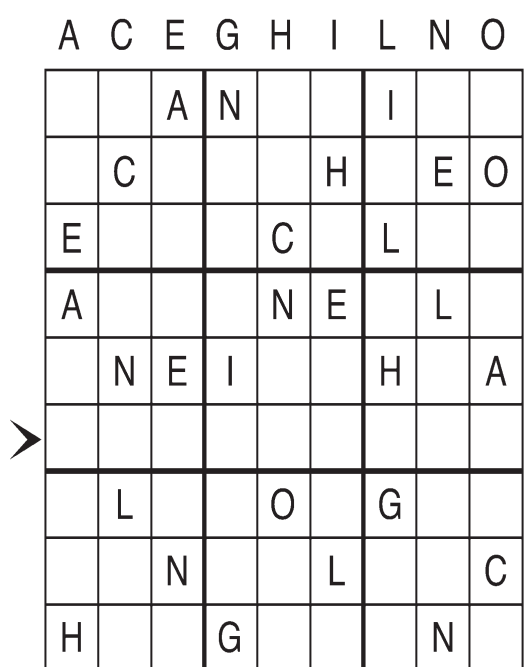
- Belinda
- Belle
- Betsy
- Bob Cratchit
- Charlie
- Elizabeth
- Fan
- Fezziwig
- Fred
- Ghost
- Marley
- Martha
- Mr. Topper
- Scrooge
- Wilkins

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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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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. One thousand dollars | ___ R ___ | Pituitary, e.g. | ___ L ___ |
| 2. Snowball season | ___ T ___ | Victor | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Seem | ___ R ___ | Earnest request | ___ L ___ |
| 4. Georgia's fruit | ___ E ___ | Pilfer | ___ O ___ |
| 5. Pulsate | ___ B ___ | Toss | ___ W ___ |
| 6. Financier | ___ N ___ | Carnival announcer | ___ R ___ |
| 7. Immigrant's island | ___ L ___ | King of rock 'n' roll | ___ V ___ |
| 8. Popeye's profession | S ___ | Clothes maker | T ___ |
| 9. Hermit | ___ N ___ | Also-ran | ___ S ___ |
| 10. Child care provider | ___ N ___ | Kerrigan or Reagan | ___ C ___ |

Salome's Stars

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 2011. 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.

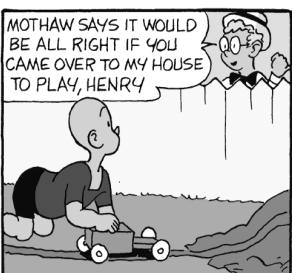
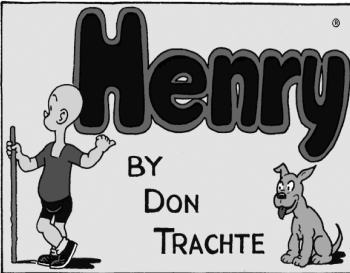
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.

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.

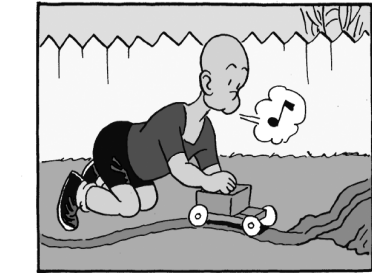
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.

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.

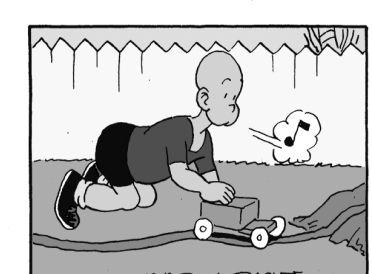
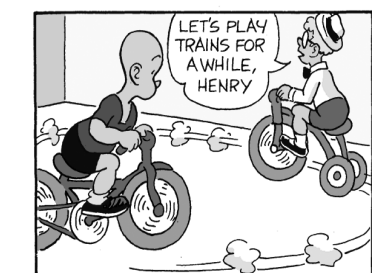
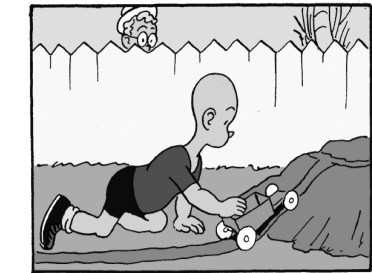
BORN THIS WEEK: You like challenges that are both mental and physical, and you enjoy always beating your personal best.



R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



by Dave T. Phipps



Amber Waves



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering