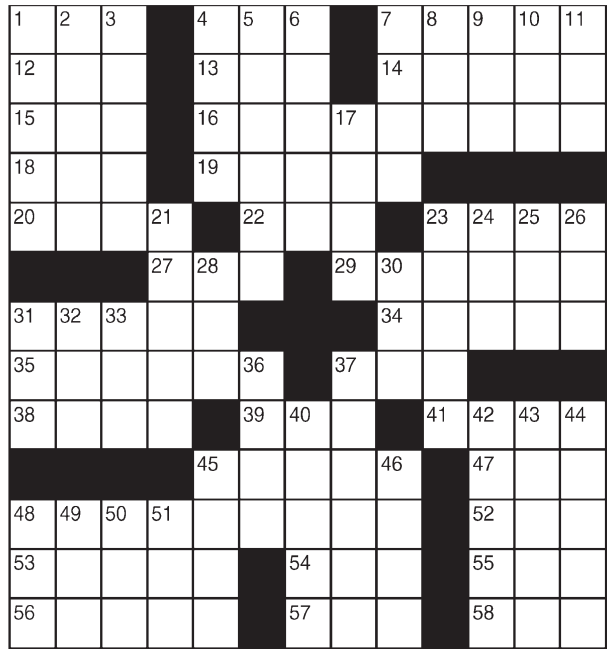


# King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 That guy
  - 4 Autumnal abbr.
  - 7 Colorful parrot
  - 12 Big bother
  - 13 Winter ailment
  - 14 Foolish
  - 15 Crossword-page abbr.
  - 16 What a trigger triggers
  - 18 Discoverer's cry
  - 19 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" writer Betty
  - 20 Inmates
  - 22 Mandela's old org.
  - 23 Pop
  - 27 Illumination unit
  - 29 Quaint fashion accessory
  - 31 Urge
  - 34 Put back to 0
  - 35 Kegler's target
  - 37 Meadow
  - 38 Hint
  - 39 — glance
  - 41 Handle
  - 45 Duck
  - 47 Mimic
  - 48 Certain



- 21 fastener
- 22 Opposite of "trans-"
- 23 Pelvis-related
- 24 Tokyo's old name
- 25 Trench
- 26 Choppers
- 27 "— Kapital"
- 28 Type squares!
- DOWN**
- 1 Destruction
- 2 Baking potato
- 3 Nitwit
- 4 Kills, gangster-style
- 5 Culmination
- 6 Shroud city
- 7 Ho Chi —
- 8 Director Lee
- 9 Upper limit
- 10 Blackbird
- 11 Cyst
- 17 Pruritus
- 21 Ski run
- 23 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 24 Chances, for short
- 25 Conk out
- 26 Pismire
- 28 Half of bi-
- 30 Exist
- 31 "Yada yada yada"
- 32 Solidify
- 33 Wildebeest
- 36 Almost black
- 37 Pretentious
- 40 Recorded
- 42 Mother-of-pearl
- 43 Poppy product
- 44 Defeats
- 45 Leave a good impression
- 46 Grandson of Eve
- 48 Perch
- 49 Draft pick?
- 50 "A pox upon thee!"
- 51 Nosh

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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

**ETY**

HETCAD  
HOLST  
♥ ISRA  
♥ CASNET  
YST  
HANT  
♥ SARTO  
♥ AET  
♥ CRENAT  
♥ RAYST  
ERYA

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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3 Letters  
HIS  
HIT

4 Letters  
HINT  
HISS  
THIN

5 Letters  
HILLY  
HINGE  
HIPPO  
HIRES  
SUSHI  
WHICH

6 Letters  
CHISEL  
ORCHID  
RESHIP  
SHIELD  
SOPHIE  
THIRTY  
URCHIN

7 Letters  
HIMSELF  
HITCHED  
WHISPER  
WHISTLE

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 3 |   | 7 |   | 8 |   |   |
|   |   | 6 |   | 5 |   | 1 |   |   |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |
|   | 2 |   |   | 4 |   |   | 3 |   |
|   |   | 8 | 7 |   |   | 9 |   |   |
| 1 |   |   |   | 8 | 6 |   |   | 5 |
|   | 6 |   |   |   | 2 |   | 4 |   |
|   |   | 9 |   | 3 |   |   | 2 | 1 |
| 3 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 6 |   |   |

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!

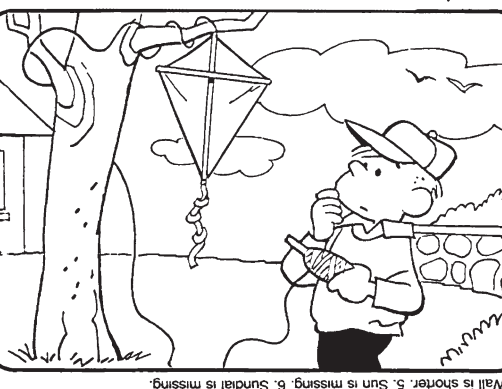
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# MAGIC MAZE

COMPANIES IN THE DOW 30

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

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

- |             |        |            |           |
|-------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| Alcoa       | DuPont | McDonald's | Travelers |
| AT&T        | IBM    | Merck      | Verizon   |
| Boeing      | Intel  | Microsoft  | Wal-Mart  |
| Caterpillar | Kraft  | Pfizer     |           |

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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.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | I | L | M | N | O | S | T | U |
| S |   |   |   | M | L |   |   |   |
|   | T |   | L |   |   | O |   |   |
|   |   | O |   | U | T |   | C |   |
|   | O |   |   | C |   | I |   |   |
|   |   | M | S |   |   |   | O |   |
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|   | M |   | C |   | S |   | L |   |
| U | T |   |   |   | N |   | M |   |

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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. Billfold          | W _ _ _ _ | Baryshnikov's dance | B _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Prank             | _ _ P _ _ | Provide food        | _ _ T _ _ |
| 3. Country           | _ _ A _ _ | Idea                | _ _ O _ _ |
| 4. Reader's          | _ _ G _ _ | Part from           | _ _ V _ _ |
| 5. Thames or Seine   | _ _ _ _ R | Rosie's target      | _ _ _ _ T |
| 6. Hair stylist      | _ _ A _ _ | Carpet style        | _ _ E _ _ |
| 7. Pasture growth    | _ _ A _ _ | Twelve dozen        | _ _ O _ _ |
| 8. Throw a horseshoe | _ _ I _ _ | Repair torn jeans   | _ _ A _ _ |
| 9. Nest or Warren    | _ _ _ T _ | and the Beast       | _ _ _ U _ |
| 10. Shady alcove     | _ _ B _ _ | Knight's gear       | _ _ _ M _ |

# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new facts emerging that could put another slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Tauran no-nonsense approach.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind that surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when confronted with your true feelings.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. A workplace matter is close to a resolution.

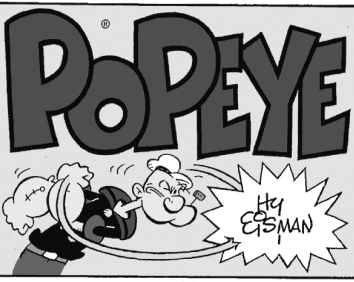
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. That's OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move.

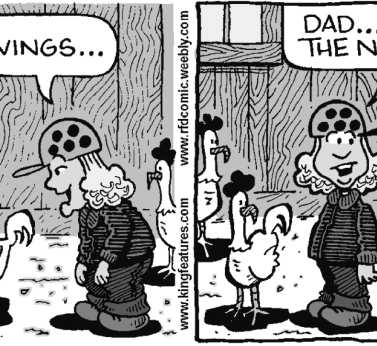
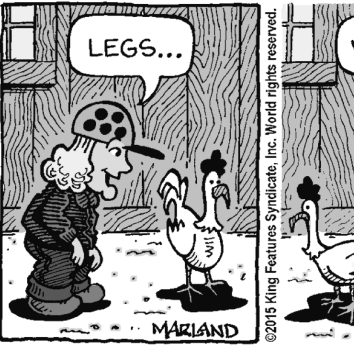
**BORN THIS WEEK:** While you prefer to tread your own path, you'll go out of your way to help someone in need.

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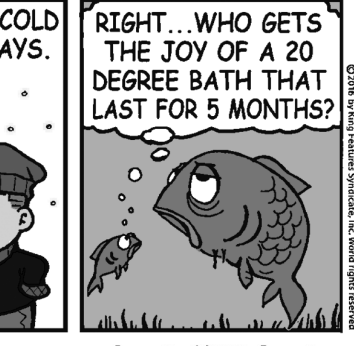
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