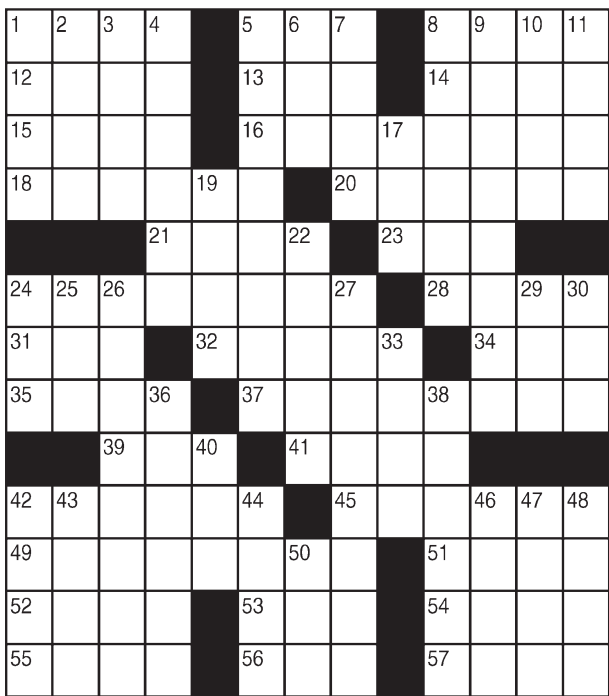


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Circle portions
- 5 Owned
- 8 Open slightly
- 12 Milne bear
- 13 Eggs
- 14 Rage
- 15 Rewrite, maybe
- 16 What "old soldiers" do
- 18 Take out of context?
- 20 Inbox fillers
- 21 Santa's bagful
- 23 -- -tac-toe
- 24 All-American dessert
- 28 Use an old phone
- 31 Allow
- 32 "No man is an island" writer John
- 34 Brewery product
- 35 Item on stage
- 37 What George Washington couldn't do
- 39 Central
- 41 Sagacious
- 42 Ranking
- 45 In truth
- 49 Ultra-formal
- 51 Neighborhood
- 52 Top-rated
- 53 Coffee vessel
- 54 Shade of blue



**DOWN**

- 1 Mimicked
- 2 Took the bus
- 3 Slinky's shape
- 4 Jewish village
- 5 Treat container for 12-
- 6 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 7 Host
- 8 Scared
- 9 Re our legal system
- 10 Seed covering
- 11 Deli loaves
- 17 911 responder (Abbr.)
- 19 Three- -- sloth
- 22 Tendon
- 24 Matterhorn, for one
- 25 Apiece
- 26 Type of food poisoning
- 27 Peps up
- 29 Boxing legend
- 30 CSA VIP
- 33 Otherwise
- 36 -- against (opposing)
- 38 Infuse with CO2
- 40 Payable
- 42 Mop the deck
- 43 Hammer wielder of myth
- 44 Theatergoer's souvenir
- 46 Enrages
- 47 Tilt
- 48 Connecticut campus
- 50 A Gershwin

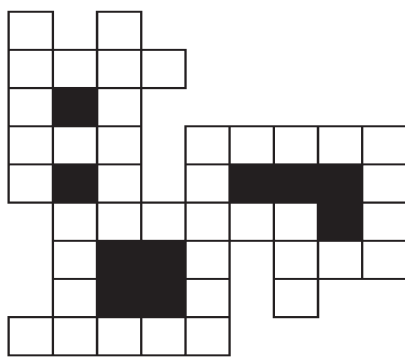
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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- MIA
- ♥ SHELSA
- SULHB
- ♥ TABE
- LABMEC
- SID
- MHRA
- AMLIC
- ♥ AMT
- ♥ SEARIB
- ♥ TEASH
- ♥ ESLA



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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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

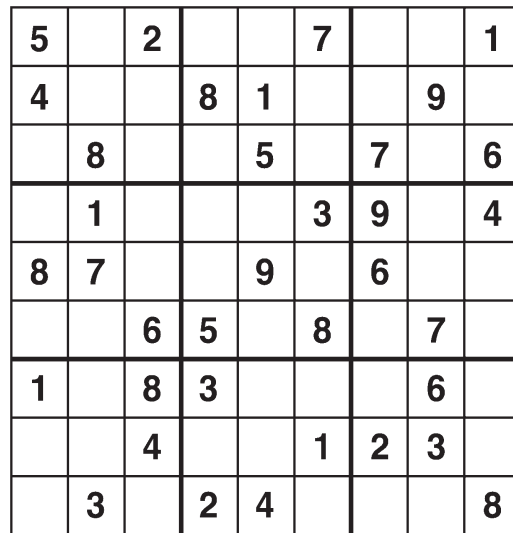
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

### WHAT CAN YOU BUY FROM THE DOLLAR STORE?

- |        |     |       |        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| BREATH | ___ | HATER | TAYLOR | ___ | ROYAL |
| GUARDS | ___ | GRADS | SACHET | ___ | CHATS |
| CHARMS | ___ | MARSH | LENNIE | ___ | LINEN |
| RISKED | ___ | RIDES | SORBET | ___ | ROBES |
|        |     |       | SHINED | ___ | DINES |

# 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!

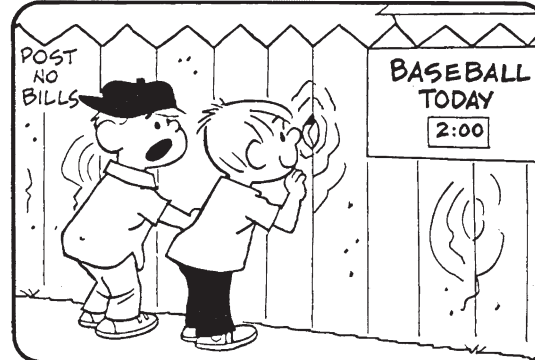
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



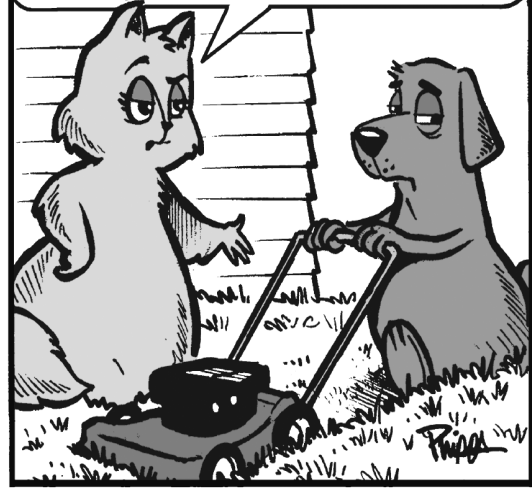
Differences: 1. Fence top is different. 2. Sign emblem is missing. 3. Cap is missing. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Soda can is missing. 6. Sign is different. 7. Sign is missing. 8. Sign is missing. 9. Sign is missing.

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# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THE NEIGHBOR CALLED. HE SAID THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT SINCE YOUR IN-LAWS ARE HERE, YOU COULD DO HIS YARD LATER.



# MAGIC MAZE • PIECE OF CAKE

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

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

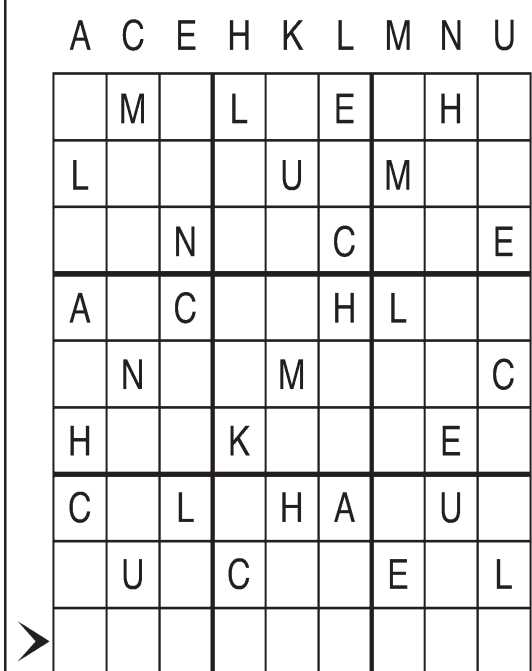
- |              |              |          |           |
|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Breeze       | Duck soup    | No sweat | Slam-dunk |
| Cakewalk     | Easy         | Picnic   | Snap      |
| Child's play | Effortless   | Pushover | Walkover  |
| Cinch        | Mickey Mouse | Simple   |           |

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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.

- |                      |           |                |           |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Hold responsible  | ___ M ___ | Knife's edge   | ___ D ___ |
| 2. Bowling score     | ___ K ___ | Zebra's mark   | ___ P ___ |
| 3. German river      | ___ I ___ | Swiss river    | ___ O ___ |
| 4. Excuse            | R ___     | Spring or Fall | S ___     |
| 5. Milk container    | ___ R ___ | Ohio city      | ___ N ___ |
| 6. Skirt fold        | ___ T ___ | Beg            | ___ D ___ |
| 7. Spiritual request | ___ R ___ | Actor          | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Ms. Degeneres     | E ___     | Actor Woody    | A ___     |
| 9. Out of date       | ___ A ___ | Shoulder wrap  | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Irish greenery   | ___ O ___ | Shrewd         | ___ E ___ |

# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening; otherwise, you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send to you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

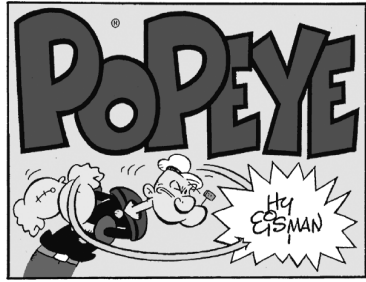
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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# R.F.D. by Mike Marland



# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# The Spats

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