

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 PC alternative
- 4 Like omelet-tes or quiche
- 8 Secondhand
- 12 Have bills
- 13 Color quality
- 14 "The Thin Man" heroine
- 15 Hotel person- nel
- 17 Cole Porter's "Let's —"
- 18 Willingly
- 19 From then on
- 20 Jousting garb
- 22 Hunk of soap
- 24 Slender
- 25 Starving
- 29 Encountered
- 30 Bullwinkle's foe

- 31 Greek vowel
- 32 Ran through, in a sense
- 34 Unclear image
- 35 Black
- 36 Exhausted
- 37 Fragment
- 40 Mediocre
- 41 Actress Gilpin
- 42 Noble
- 46 "— go brag!"
- 47 Sandwich treat
- 48 Science room
- 49 Rugged rock

**DOWN**

- 1 Horde
- 2 Shock and —
- 3 Pen pal?
- 4 Old number?
- 5 Blunder
- 6 Economist's stat
- 7 "Of course"
- 8 Victoria's component
- 9 Any time now
- 10 Idle or
- 11 Social engagement
- 16 Friend of Dorothy
- 19 Vail gear
- 20 Charitable donations
- 21 Stench
- 22 Mariah or Drew
- 23 In the thick of
- 25 Place setting
- 26 Squalid site
- 27 Needle holder
- 28 "Phooey"
- 30 Flex
- 33 Electrician's job
- 34 Spill the beans
- 36 Apportion
- 37 Blueprint detail
- 38 Frau's mate
- 39 Met melody
- 40 Huffed and puffed
- 42 Triumphed
- 43 Before
- 44 Scoundrel
- 45 Leno's employer

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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- TIZ**
- ♥ HATSOP
  - ♥ OSGTU
  - ♥ AMTO
  - GUMMAN
  - ♥ NPI
  - GAPN
  - ZIPAZ
  - ♥ MGU
  - ♥ SPONAR
  - PEMOT
  - ♥ ANSP

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

**CRISSCROSS — GINGERBREAD HOUSE\***  
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters: ERA, RED
- 4 Letters: DEAR, EGGS, GRAB, GRIN, IDEA, NOSE, SONG
- 5 Letters: BIRDS, DINER, EAGER, GREEN, RADIO
- 6 Letters: EPASER, GINGER, NEARER
- 7 Letters: DEGREES, NOURISH, SURGEON
- 8 Letters: REHEARSE, REINDEER

\*All words are formed from the letters in GINGERBREAD HOUSE

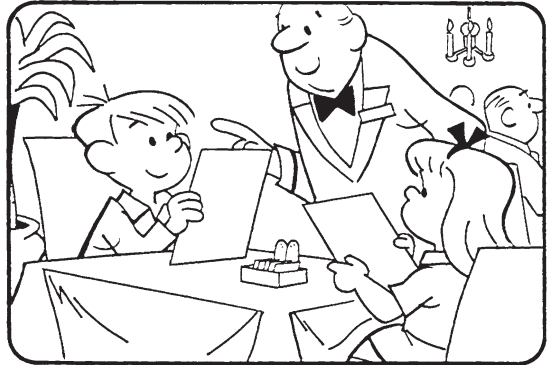
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

LET ME GET THIS RIGHT. IF I KEEP THIS UP I WON'T REACH 60 AND YOUR ADVICE IS TO REDUCE STRESS?



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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. Squabble           | — I — — — | Financial sponsor  | — A — — — |
| 2. Band member        | — — — T — | Accidental success | — — — K — |
| 3. 4 quarts           | — — — — N | Fast trot          | — — — — P |
| 4. Tally              | — — — O — | Frighten           | — — — A — |
| 5. Dog lead           | — — — — H | Smallest amount    | — — — — T |
| 6. Wobble, like jello | — — — G — | Catchy ad tune     | — — — N — |
| 7. Tempest            | — — — — M | Tale               | — — — — Y |
| 8. Hotel boarder      | G — — — — | Prolonged search   | Q — — — — |
| 9. Wrist jewelry      | — A — — — | Broom-Hilda, e.g.  | — I — — — |
| 10. Every bit of      | — — — — R | Lure               | — — — — C |

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# MAGIC MAZE • FITS IN A THIMBLE

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

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

- |         |             |                |          |
|---------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| A pea   | Corn kernel | Grains of rice | Staple   |
| A tack  | Crumb       | Grains of sand | Teardrop |
| Ant     | Diamond     | Ladybug        | Tic Tac  |
| BB shot | Fingertip   | M&M            |          |

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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.

A E I L N O P T V

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P		V	E		

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job — and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

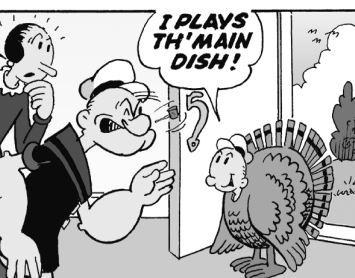
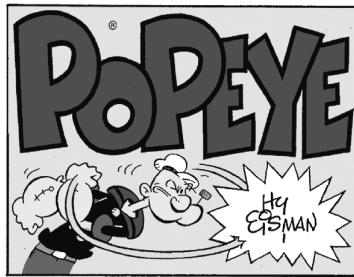
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

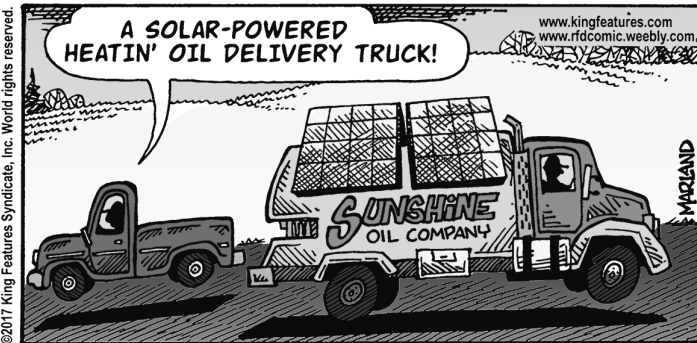
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.



# R.F.D.



# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

