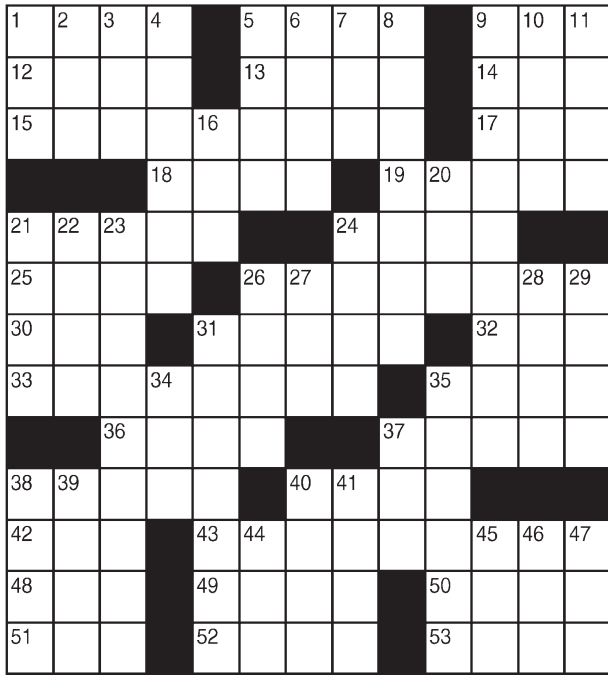


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Muse's instrument
- 5 Renders speechless
- 9 Obtain
- 12 Billions of years
- 13 Future stallion
- 14 Multipurpose truck
- 15 Avocado dip
- 17 Top card
- 18 Singles
- 19 Gordon and Ginsburg
- 21 Mad
- 24 It begins at 40
- 25 Toe woe
- 26 Zigzagged on skis



- 30 Eggs
- 31 Actress Witherspoon
- 32 Past
- 33 Clothing
- 35 Story line
- 36 "— She Sweet?"
- 37 Instant
- 38 From then on
- 40 Icelandic epic
- 42 Industrious insect
- 43 Port city of Ecuador
- 48 Eisenhower
- 49 Being, to Brutus
- 50 — Major

- 51 Caustic solution
  - 52 "— of Our Lives"
  - 53 Shade trees
- DOWN**
- 1 Lower limb
  - 2 Thee
  - 3 Genetic letters
  - 4 Accompany to a party
  - 5 Pinnacle
  - 6 Courts
  - 7 Right angle
  - 8 Germ-free
  - 9 Central

- 10 Leave an impression
- 11 Golf gadgets
- 16 Whatever
- 20 Aliens' craft
- 21 Enthusiastic, plus
- 22 PBS science show
- 23 Insure
- 24 Glasgow girl
- 26 Transmitted
- 27 Allow
- 28 Hollywood clasher
- 29 "... — protest too much"
- 31 Went back on an agreement

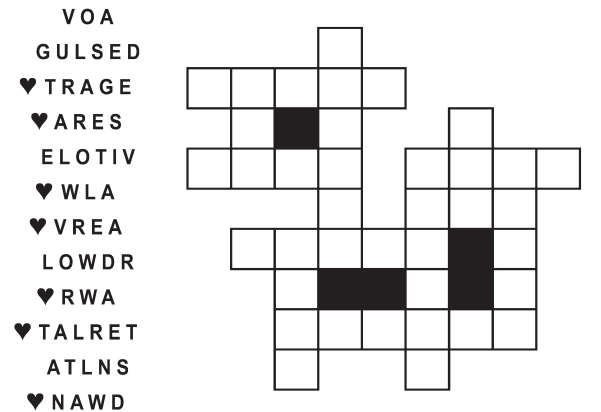
- 34 Karaoke need, for short
- 35 Award for a dentist?
- 37 Med. approval org.
- 38 Take to the seas
- 39 Black
- 40 Simple
- 41 Coloring agents
- 44 Can. neighbor
- 45 Web address
- 46 Doctrine
- 47 — Vegas

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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



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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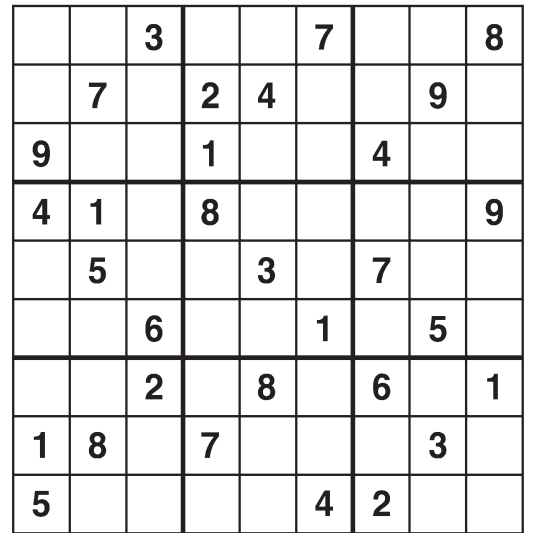
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T V J U B G U F S D I S J T U N B T ? J O U I F

D M B V T - F U .

# 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.

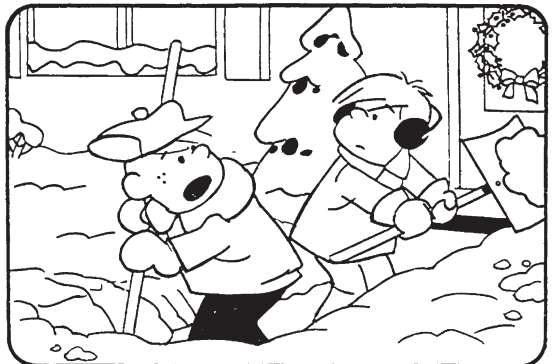
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

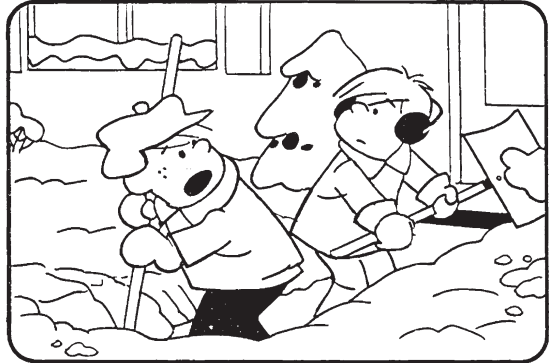
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L Z X W U S Q E O N L N J T R  
H E F F G N I C N A D O D T A  
C A V I Y T H G I N D I M E U  
W D V E R T S Q P N L T K F Q  
I H L A R E S O L U T I O N S  
F E P U C B W Z F O O D Y O S  
W O D R A B M O L A L A G C E  
V U S R E M A E R T S R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

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

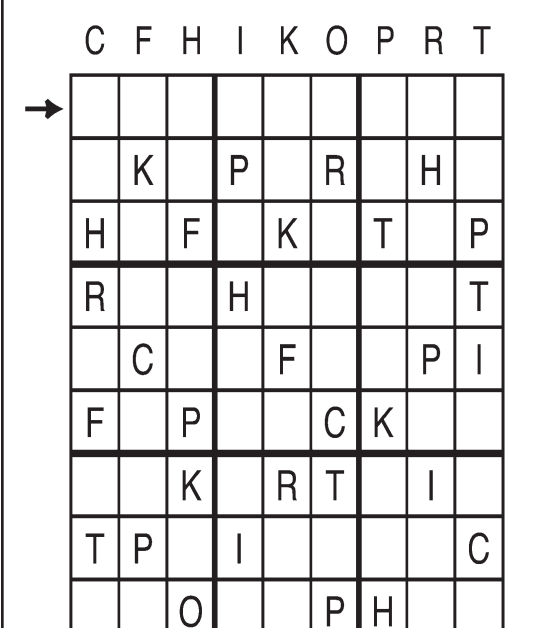
- Confetti
- Dancing
- Fireworks
- Food
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# Letter Box

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. Walk in a band — R — Fire stick — T —
- 2. Holiday shrub — O — Mountainous — I —
- 3. Royal realm E — Strike caller U —
- 4. Boxer Sonny — T — Portugal's port — B —
- 5. Bird bench — E — Veranda — O —
- 6. Serena's sis — U — Dryer exhausts — T —
- 7. Scare — R — Airplane journey — L —
- 8. Outlaw Jesse J — Domesticates T —
- 9. Harbor — A — Seagoing soldier — E —
- 10. Get some zzzzzz's — L — Use a broom — W —

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

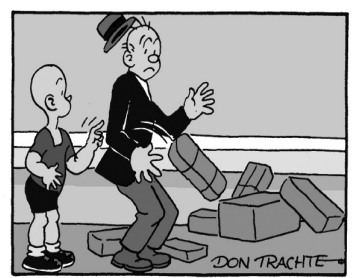
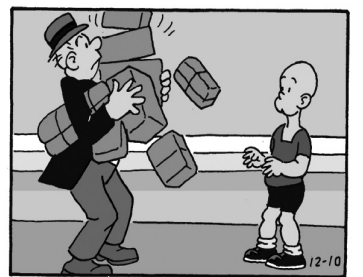
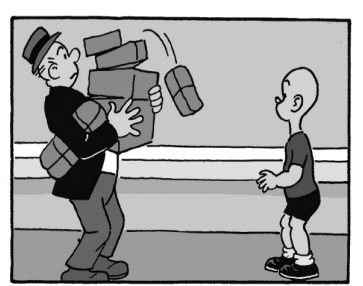
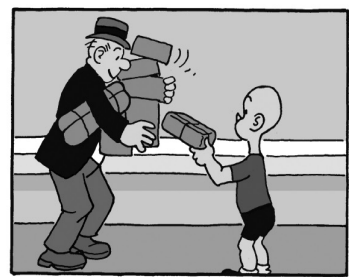
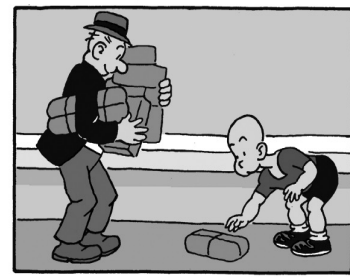
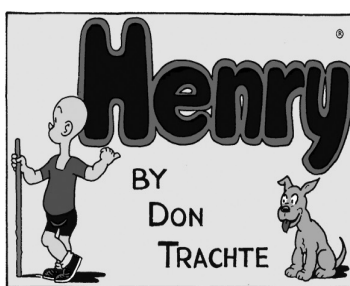
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

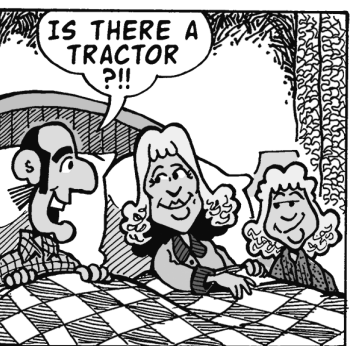
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.



# R.F.D.



# Amber Waves



# The Spats



# by Jeff Pickering