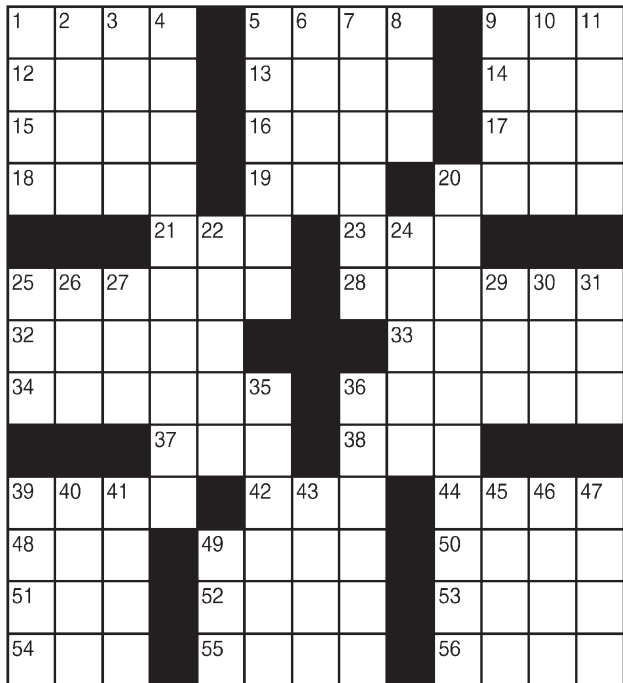


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Old clothes
- 5 Chantilly, for one
- 9 Wicked
- 12 Persian Gulf nation
- 13 History chapters
- 14 Wish otherwise
- 15 Options list
- 16 Shopping area
- 17 Raw rock
- 18 Long story
- 19 Japanese sash
- 20 Trade
- 21 Operate
- 23 Barrister's abbr.
- 25 Tools for duels
- 28 Poinsettia family
- 32 Downright
- 33 Wouldn't shut up
- 34 Trojan War hero
- 36 Siesta cover
- 37 Whatever amount
- 38 Victory sign
- 39 Put something over on
- 42 Shelter
- 44 Arp's style
- 48 Likely



- 49 Elliptical
- 50 Physical
- 51 Dog's doc
- 52 Rapid
- 53 Choir voice
- 54 Tokyo's old name
- 55 Start the pot emblem
- 56 Welsh
- 5 Slot machine losers
- 6 Spirited horse
- 7 Tooth decay
- 8 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 9 Forehead
- 10 Emanation
- 11 Profound
- 20 Roosevelt program
- 22 City-related
- 24 Binge
- 25 Health resort
- 26 Hearty brew
- 27 Burger holder
- 29 Genetic abbr.
- 30 Red-staters' org.
- 31 Away from WSW
- 35 Forest-related
- 36 Slim and trim
- 39 Most popular, for short
- 40 Pundit's column
- 41 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 43 Sunrise site
- 45 Wheelbase terminus
- 46 Birth certificate info
- 47 Uncontrolled
- 49 Son-gun link

DOWN

- 1 Optician's selection
- 2 Vicinity
- 3 Jets or Sharks
- 4 One of a daily trio

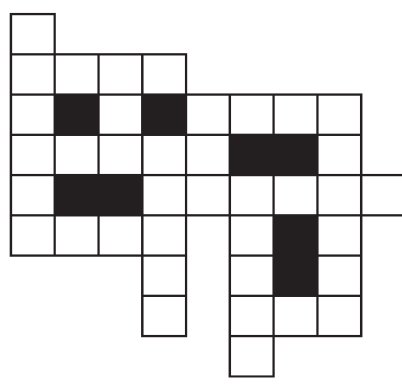
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- EGE
- ♥ NEWRIT
- BUTOR
- GLOO
- ♥ ARTSLA
- ♥ ONW
- ♥ AGTO
- ♥ NOGRW
- ♥ UBR
- ♥ AIRNET
- ♥ GREAN
- ♥ NWSE



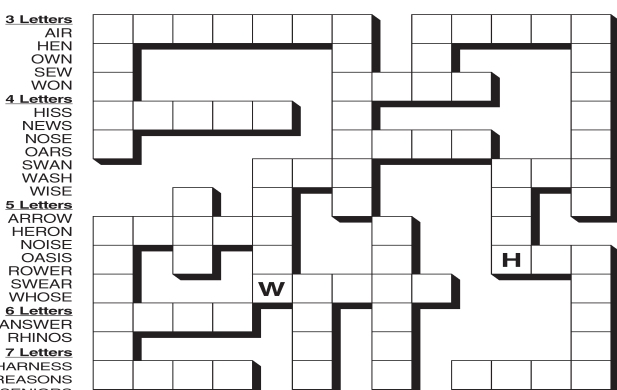
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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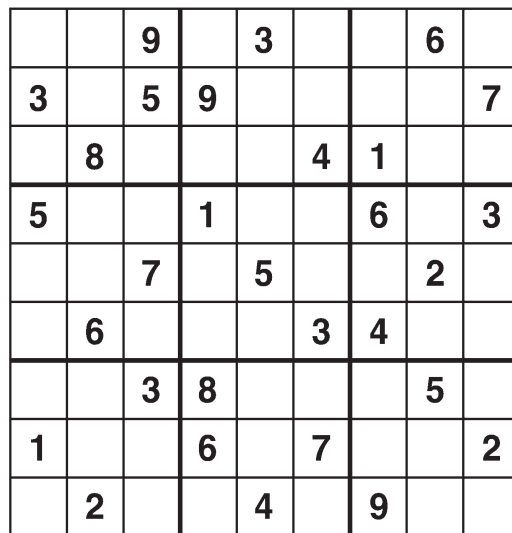
CRISSCROSS - RAIN SHOWERS*
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



*All words are formed from the letters in RAIN SHOWERS

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!

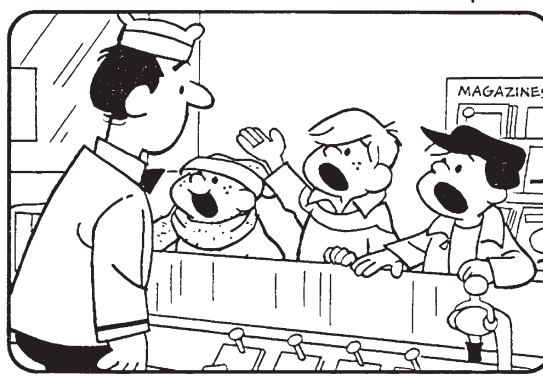
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



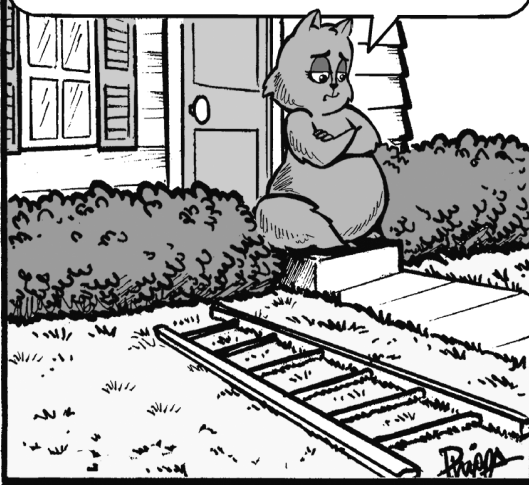
Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Scoop is missing. 3. Light is missing. 4. Headset is missing. 5. Straw holder is missing. 6. Rack is missing. 7. Light is missing. 8. Headset is missing. 9. Cap is different. 10. Scoop is missing. 11. Light is missing. 12. Headset is missing.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

DIDN'T THE CHIROPRACTOR TELL YOU TO MAYBE HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THIS YEAR?



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

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

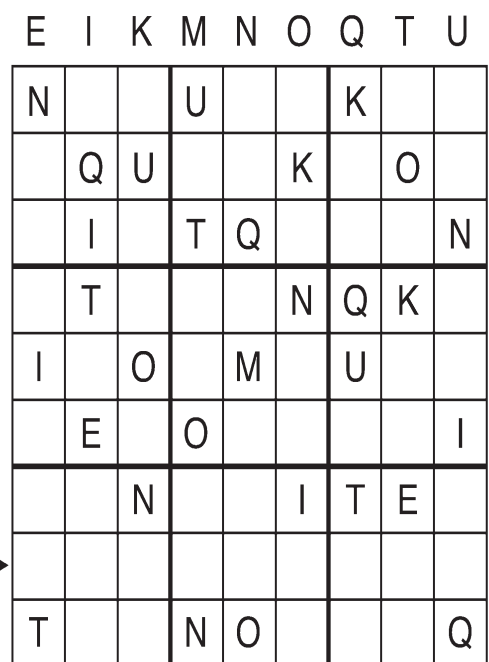
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|--------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| Banana | Crescent | Hockey stick | Rocker |
| Beaks | Cutlass | Hook | Scythe |
| Bow | Gooseneck | Letter "s" | Tusks |
| Claws | Harp | Ribs | |

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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. \$1,000 | — R — — — | Pituary, e.g. | — L — — — |
| 2. Pantry | — — — D — — | Greater in size | — — — G — — |
| 3. Get to the bottom of | — O — — — | Lotion | — A — — — |
| 4. Elizabeth's chair | — — — — E | Crowd | — — — — G |
| 5. Equidistant | M — — — — | Conundrum | R — — — — |
| 6. "Nevermore" orator | — — — — N | Bolero composer | — — — — L |
| 7. Frightened | — C — — — | Gawked | — T — — — |
| 8. Apprehensive | — — N — — | Brief and to the point | — — R — — |
| 9. Affix | — — — — H | Ambush | — — — — K |
| 10. Pencil tip | — O — — — | Use an art brush | — A — — — |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of facts you're currently not aware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the weekend, the Lions' Dens become a purrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

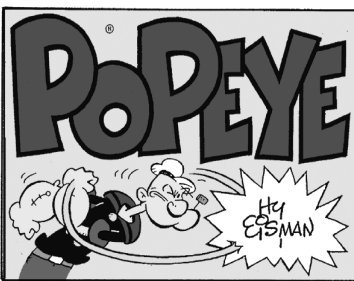
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel or painting you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievement is great. But watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

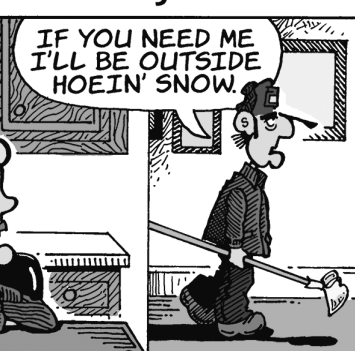
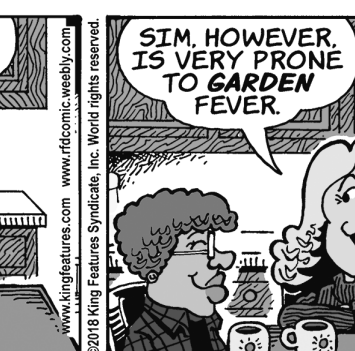
BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice, along with your leadership qualities, help you protect the rights of others.

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