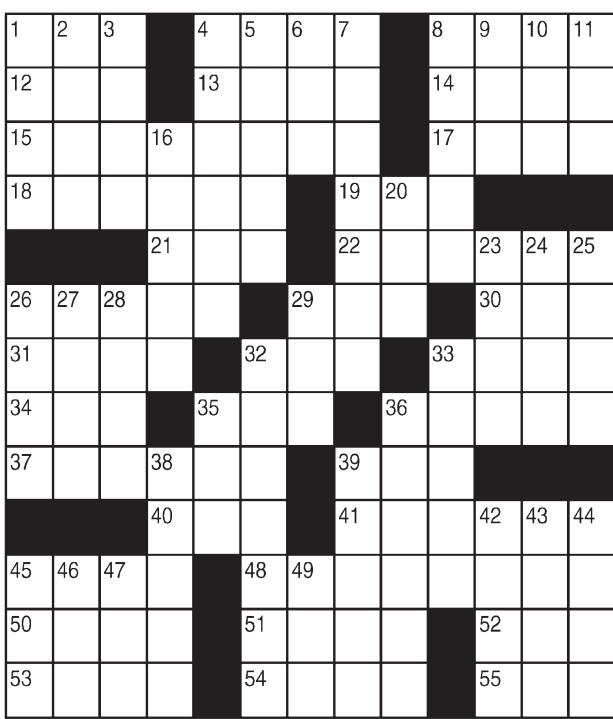


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Poke
- 4 Beach stuff
- 8 Part of the foot?
- 12 Supplement, with "out"
- 13 From the start
- 14 In the vicinity
- 15 Congratulatory slap
- 17 Oodles
- 18 Open
- 19 Meadow
- 21 G.I.'s dinner, for short
- 22 Showing cleavage
- 26 Computer acronym
- 29 Stein or Stiller
- 30 Life time?
- 31 Swiss capital
- 32 Staff
- 33 Oven
- 34 Swelled head
- 35 "Explain, please"
- 36 — Major (Sirius' constellation)
- 37 Restrained
- 39 Evergreen type
- 40 Trawler need
- 41 Tips over
- 45 Ontario neighbor
- 48 Gary Cooper movie



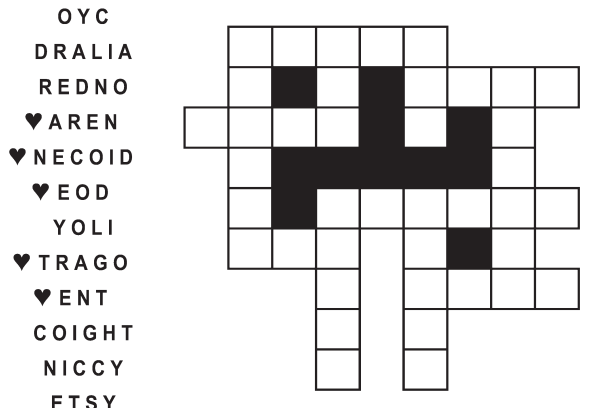
- 50 Tab
- 51 Small grimace
- 52 Stickum
- 53 Weevil's target
- 54 Litigant
- 55 Sphere
- 7 Lived
- 8 Post-vow relative
- 9 Ultramodernist
- 10 House pet
- 11 Day fractions (Abbr.)
- 16 Surround
- 20 Many millenia
- 23 First son
- 24 Aptly named fruit?
- 25 Sawbucks
- 26 23-Down's victim
- 27 Lily variety
- 28 Boast
- 29 Tarzan's son
- 32 Beats
- 33 Singer Akers
- 35 Infinitesimal
- 36 Written code
- 38 Dead ringer?
- 39 Bach piece, often
- 42 Nixed, at NASA
- 43 Entrance
- 44 Uppity sort
- 45 Recede
- 46 Carnival city
- 47 Ailing
- 49 Debtor's letters

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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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by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

X I B U E P Z P V D B M M T P N F P O F

X I P E S B X T G V O O Z Q J D U V S F T

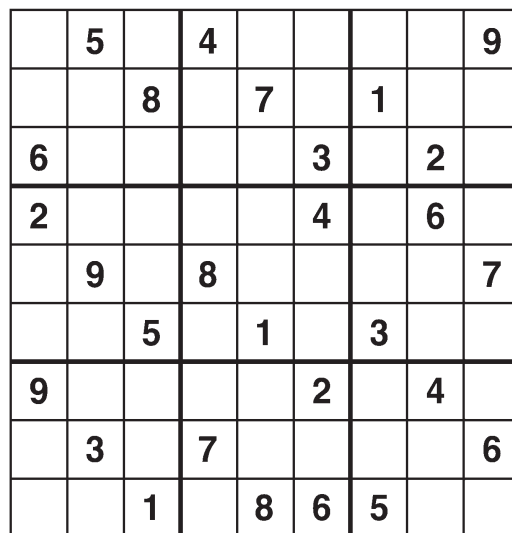
P G B V U P N P C J M F T ?

B D B S - U P P O J T U .

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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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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

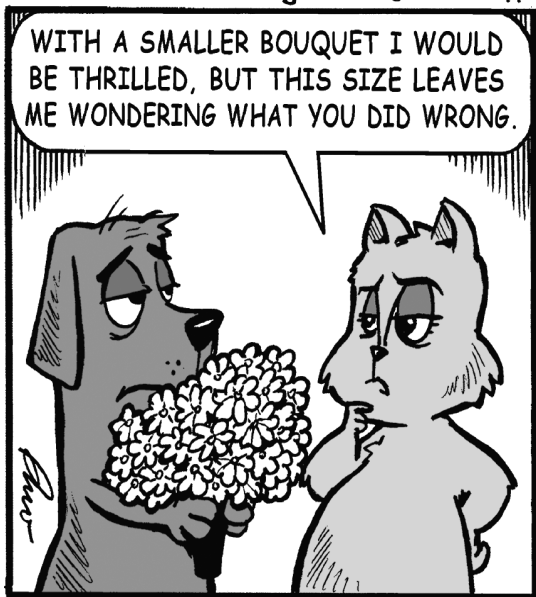


Differences: 1. Headset is missing. 2. Soda can is missing. 3. Hair is shorter. 4. Collar is missing. 5. House is missing. 6. Thermos is smaller. 7. Hair is shorter. 8. Soda can is missing. 9. Hair is shorter.

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by Dave T. Phipps



MAGIC MAZE ● — HAM

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

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

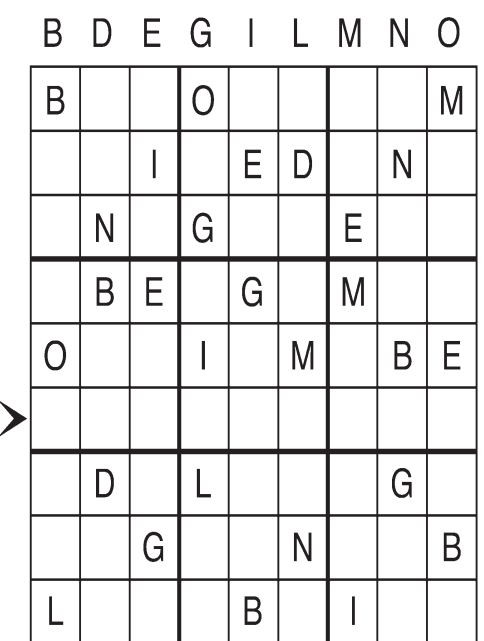
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|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| Boiled | Cured | Radio | Stuffed |
| Bone-in | Devised | Smithfield | Virginia |
| Canned | Glazed | Smoked | Yule |
| Country | Picnic | Spiced | |

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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. Mr. Fudd | ___ M ___ | Church senior | ___ D ___ |
| 2. Ocean vacation | C ___ | Black-and-blue mark | B ___ |
| 3. Once a day | ___ L ___ | Creamery | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Hemingway's big fish | ___ A ___ | Authorian magician | ___ E ___ |
| 5. Mend a tire | ___ A ___ | Throw a baseball | ___ I ___ |
| 6. Greasy dirt | ___ M ___ | Complain | ___ P ___ |
| 7. Stay behind | ___ M ___ | Hire a lawyer | ___ T ___ |
| 8. Olympic prize | ___ D ___ | Copper or gold | ___ T ___ |
| 9. Firearm | ___ L ___ | Moving engine part | ___ N ___ |
| 10. Oscar or Emmy | ___ D ___ | Cognizant | ___ E ___ |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by mid-month to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through mid-month. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

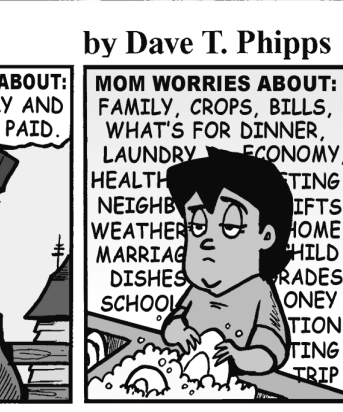
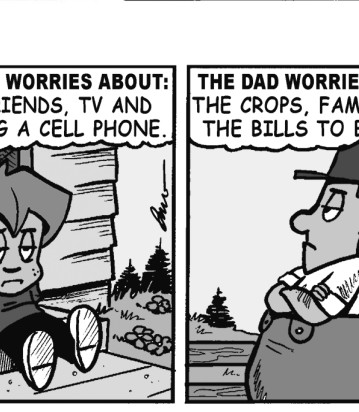
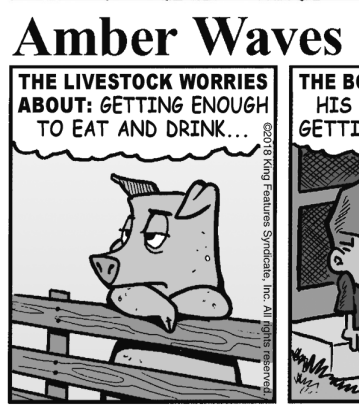
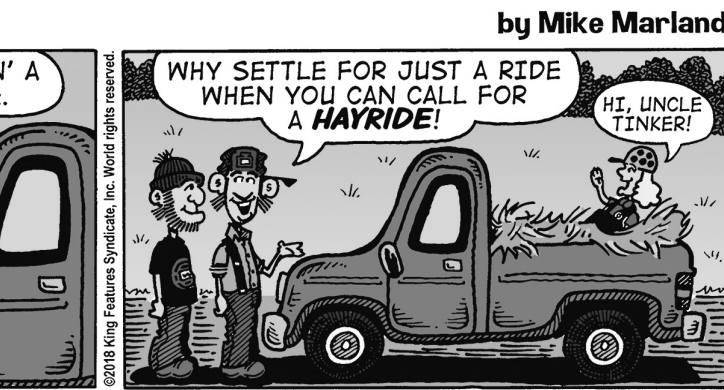
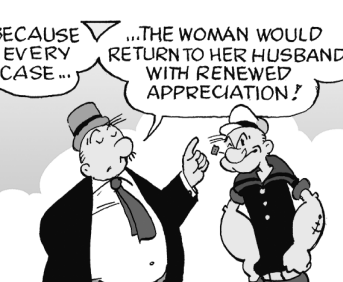
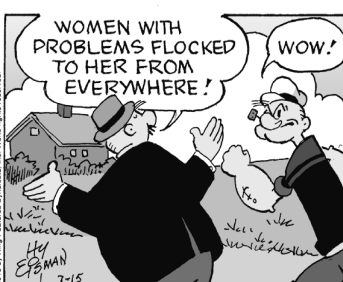
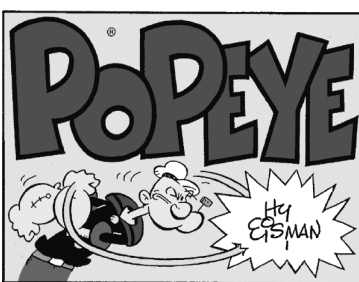
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

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by Jeff Pickering

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