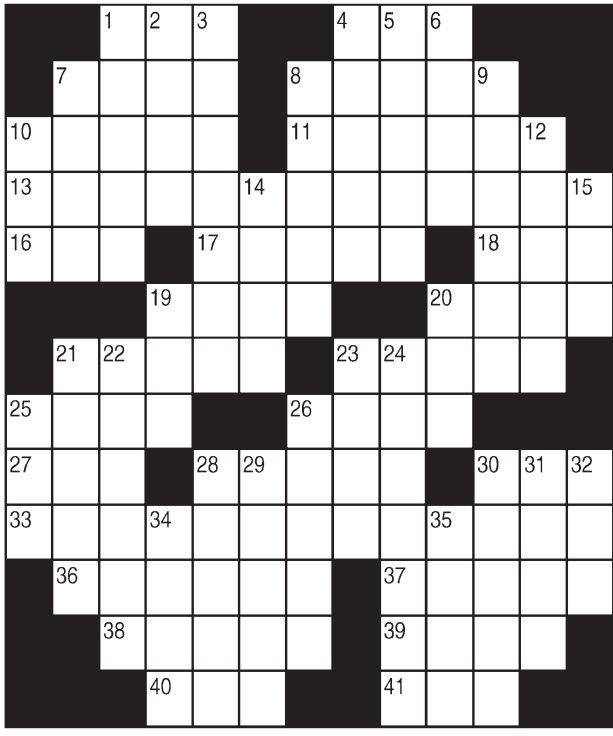


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 — -relief
- 4 "Conan" network
- 7 Easter flower
- 8 Baby's ailment
- 10 Traffic cone
- 11 Moon mission name
- 13 Shakespeare's best-known query
- 16 "I'll take that as —"
- 17 Carolers' tunes
- 18 Vast expanse
- 19 Coloring agents
- 20 For fear that
- 21 Corporations
- 23 Paperhanger's need
- 25 Scrawny
- 26 Dull sound of impact
- 27 Performance
- 28 Show smug satisfaction
- 30 Pi follower
- 33 TLC make-over series
- 36 Abrade
- 37 Film
- 38 Shocking weapon
- 39 State
- 40 High deg.



- 41 Aviv lead-in
  - 9 candy
  - hip-hop parlance
  - 10 Storage area
  - 24 Bake sale org.
  - Self-service diner
  - 25 Pussy foot?
  - 26 Carrier
  - 28 Grind the teeth
  - 29 Ran easily
  - 30 Make merry
  - 31 Barber's concern
  - 32 Raw rock
  - 34 Snare
  - 35 Worked on a loom
- DOWN**
- 1 "The Hobbit" hero
  - 2 Lotion additive
  - 3 Thesaurus entry
  - 4 "Fiddler on the Roof" star
  - 5 Rorschach pictures
  - 6 Riverbed deposit
  - 7 Rhone city
  - 8 Christmas
  - 12 Not just plump
  - 14 Shad delicacies
  - 15 Chow down
  - 19 Parched
  - 20 "Acid"
  - 21 Botanist for whom a reddish-purple flower is named
  - 22 Unbroken
  - 23 Excellent, in

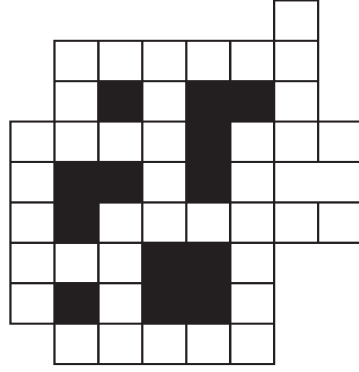
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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- IVA
- VENCXO
- EASIN
- GEAD
- ♥LANGIE
- XSE
- IGNA
- GUNED
- OGC
- EGONIS
- EAVGA
- LEAX



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

## 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:

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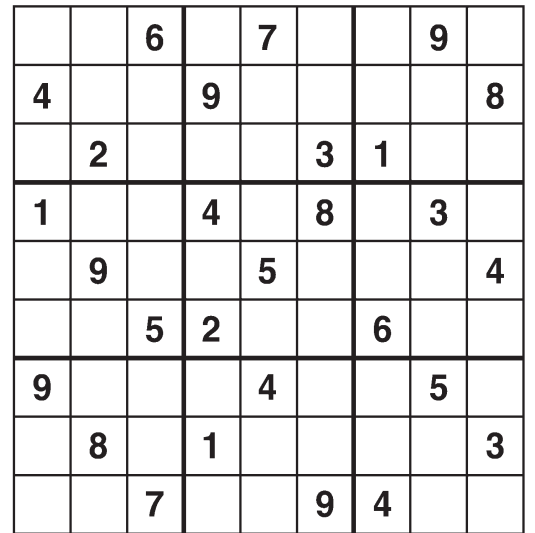
X I B U E P Z P V H F U J G Z P V D S P T T

B T L V O L B O E B C P P N F S B O H ?

B T N F M M U I B U L F F Q T D P N J O H C B D L

# 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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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## MAGIC MAZE • SHARP TOOLS

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

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

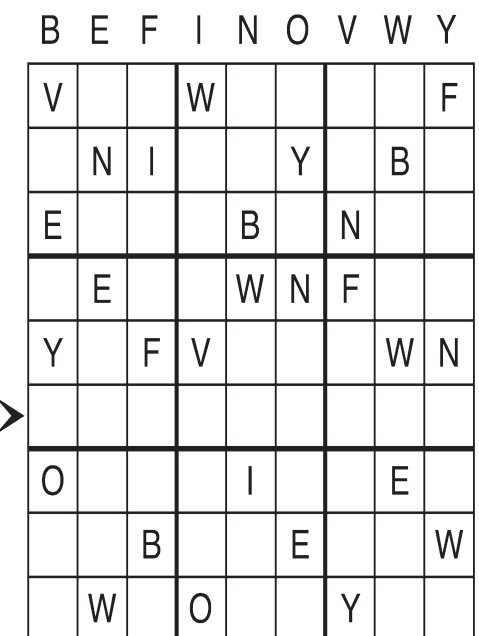
- Awl
- Chisel
- Cleaver
- Clippers
- Drill
- Gouge
- Hacksaw
- Hatchet
- Hoe
- Ice pick
- Knife
- Machete
- Razor
- Scissors
- Sickle

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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. Creepy           | E _ _ _ _     | Eagle's home       | A _ _ _ _     |
| 2. Nervous laugh    | _ I _ _ _     | Group of ganders   | _ A _ _ _     |
| 3. Swap             | _ W _ _ _     | Tattletale         | _ N _ _ _     |
| 4. Youngster        | _ _ _ _ D     | Cool down          | _ _ _ _ L     |
| 5. Boulder Dam now  | _ _ _ _ V _ _ | Tap dancer         | _ _ _ _ F _ _ |
| 6. Expansive        | _ _ O _ _ _   | Daily rations      | _ _ _ E _ _ _ |
| 7. Dawdle           | _ A _ _ _     | Singer Parton      | _ O _ _ _     |
| 8. Ploughman        | _ I _ _ _     | Longer, vertically | _ A _ _ _     |
| 9. Forest clearing  | _ _ _ D _ _   | Scowl              | _ _ _ R _ _   |
| 10. Give permission | _ _ _ _ W     | Set aside          | _ _ _ _ T     |

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about their intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpios do well with change.

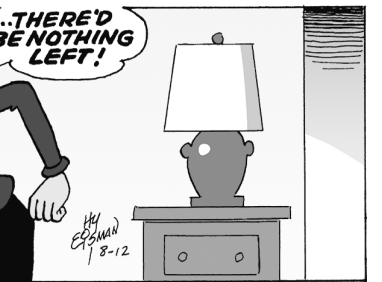
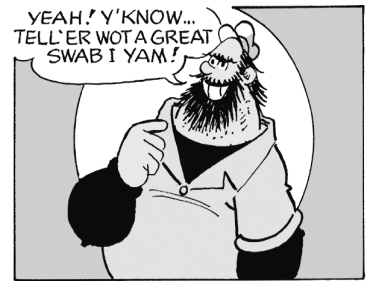
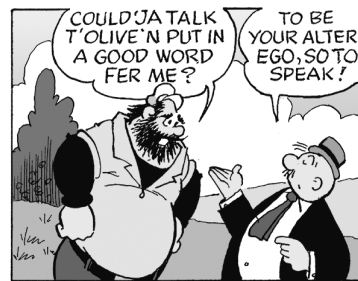
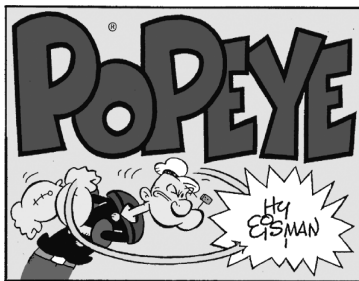
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself.



## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering