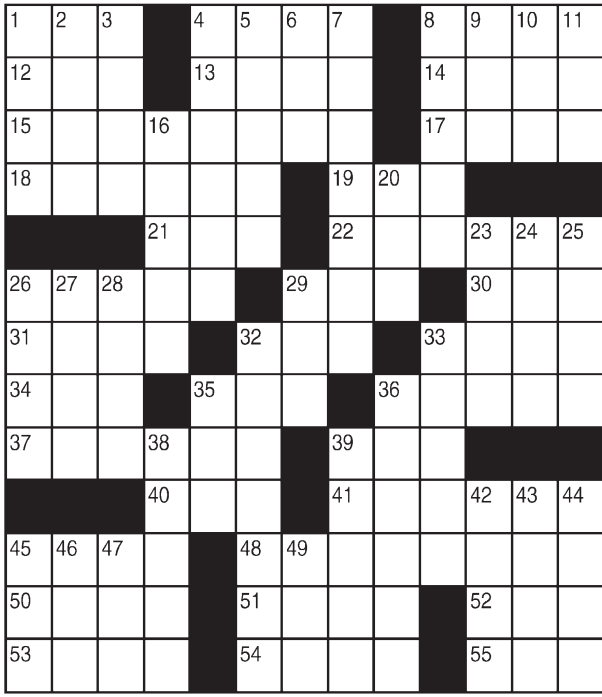


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ref
- 4 Present
- 8 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 12 Seek damages
- 13 Dunkable treat
- 14 Mosque bigwig
- 15 Jogged untogged
- 17 Baby feeding finale
- 18 Standing
- 19 Parched
- 21 Started
- 22 Let slip
- 26 Reservation residence
- 29 Marry
- 30 Part of "to be"
- 31 Unoriginal one
- 32 Pickle container
- 33 Thick chunk
- 34 Grant opponent
- 35 Plague
- 36 Coffin
- 37 Duration
- 39 Bill's partner
- 40 Scooted
- 41 Turmoil
- 45 Gujarat garment
- 48 Vigor



- 50 Help hoods
- 51 Unctuous
- 52 "Holy cow!"
- 53 Uppercase
- 54 Untouchable Eliot
- 55 Agent

DOWN

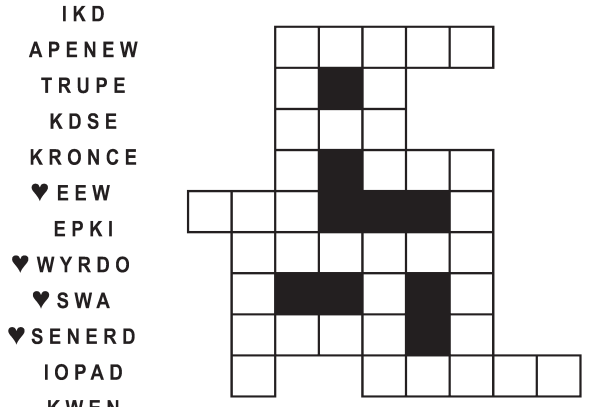
- 1 Cold War initials
- 2 Silent
- 3 Culprit, for short
- 4 Small beard
- 5 Annoyed
- 6 Retainer
- 7 Little kid
- 8 Tripoli's land
- 9 Aussie bird
- 10 Alt. spelling
- 11 Mischievous tyke
- 16 Swiss mathematician
- 20 Scarlet
- 23 Hardy cabbage
- 24 Historic times
- 25 "Pay later" aftermath
- 26 Lofty
- 27 Duel tool
- 28 Hammerhead part
- 29 Grow bigger
- 32 Lincoln successor
- 33 Rid of wool
- 35 Sch. org.
- 36 Rabbits
- 38 Southern side dish
- 39 Ringlets
- 42 Early birds?
- 43 Flight component
- 44 Yon folks
- 45 Pouch
- 46 Counselors' grp.
- 47 Agt.
- 49 Dead heat

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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.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

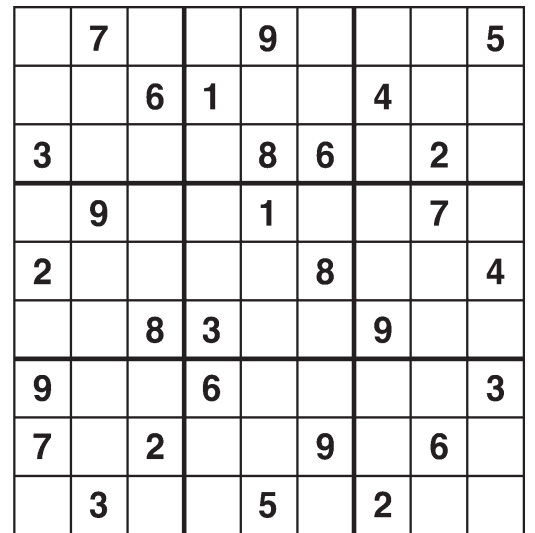
WHAT DO YOU CALL INSECTS THAT DON'T SPEAK CLEARLY?

HOMERS	SHORE	BLASTS	SALTS
SAUCER	SCARE	DERIVE	DRIVE
ALMOST	ALTOS	RECEDE	CREED
BASTER	RATES	GASPED	PAGED
RECALL	CLEAR		
VETOES	STOVE		

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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.

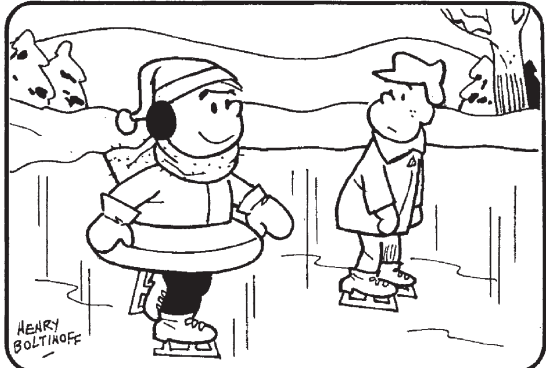
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MAGIC MAZE • "DOR" WORDS

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

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

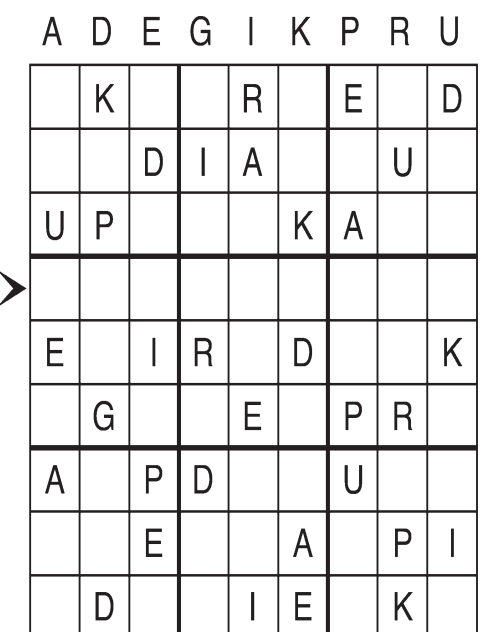
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|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Ambassador | Corregidor | Labrador | Toreador |
| Ardor | Corridor | Matador | Tudor |
| Candor | Cuspidor | Odor | Vendor |
| Condor | Ecuador | Splendor | |

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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. Building block	_____ C _____	Extreme edge	_____ N _____
2. Sheen or Dean	_____ T _____	Hemingway's big fish	_____ L _____
3. Irritate	_____ E _____	Wanted sign	_____ O _____
4. Opted for	_____ S _____	Routine task	_____ R _____
5. Employee ID	_____ A _____	Dislodge	_____ U _____
6. Style or framework	_____ T _____	Like a white-tie event	_____ L _____
7. Insignificant	_____ I _____	Distinguished house	_____ A _____
8. Beginner	_____ V _____	Take heed	_____ T _____
9. Situate	_____ L _____	Cease-fire	_____ E _____
10. Eye movement	T _____	Trade places	S _____

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

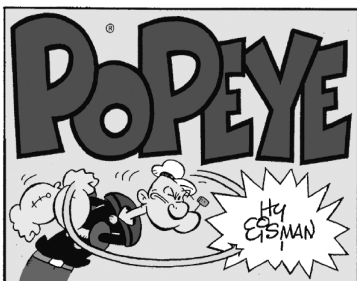
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voice-mail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.

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R.F.D.



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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering