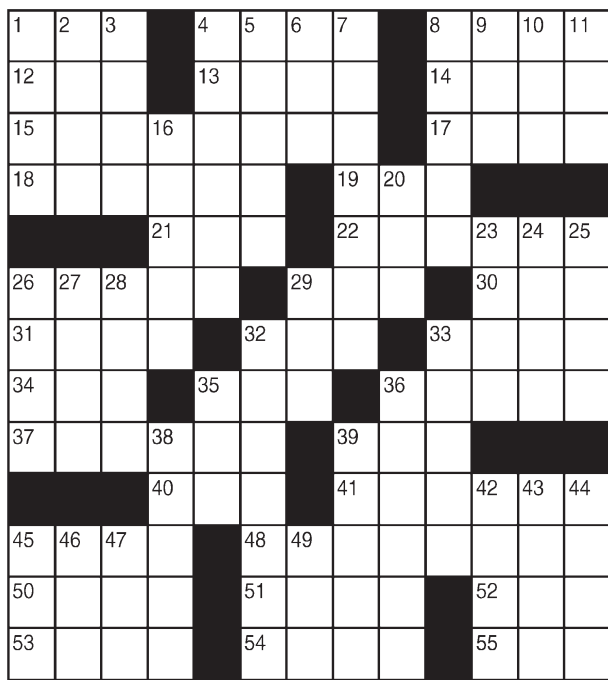


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Chum
- 4 With 29-Across, Conrad novel
- 8 Faction
- 12 Whatever amount
- 13 Dermatology subject
- 14 Horn sound
- 15 Related to summer theater
- 17 "That hurts!"
- 18 Decorate a T-shirt, '60s-style
- 19 Old Olds
- 21 "— the fields we go"
- 22 Trité
- 26 McCartney cohort
- 29 See 4-Across
- 30 Praise in verse
- 31 Doves' place
- 32 Eviscerate
- 33 Actress Cannon
- 34 Commotion
- 35 Trot
- 36 Part of a Santa costume
- 37 1935 Astaire/Rogers movie
- 39 Oppositionist
- 40 Swelled head
- 41 Pester
- 45 Oodles



- 48 Western hero's trademark
- 50 Suitor
- 51 Draftable
- 52 List-ending abbr.
- 53 Complain
- 54 Peruse
- 55 "Quiet!"
- DOWN**
- 1 History
- 2 Oppositionist
- 3 Orpheus' instrument
- 4 Attorney
- 5 Earth tone
- 6 Genetic stuff
- 7 Midwestern city
- 8 Remained upright
- 9 Debtor's letters
- 10 Elmer, to Bugs
- 11 Biblical verb ending
- 16 Worship
- 20 Shade source
- 23 Georgetown athlete
- 24 Hebrew month
- 25 See to
- 26 "Shoo!"
- 27 — list
- 28 On
- 29 Moonshine container
- 32 Commence hostilities
- 33 Thick
- 35 Binge
- 36 Went by water
- 38 Excited
- 39 Porcelain
- 42 "I'll have what — having"
- 43 Wooden strip
- 44 Leave an impression
- 45 "The Chew" network
- 46 Meadow
- 47 Rowing need
- 49 Weeding tool

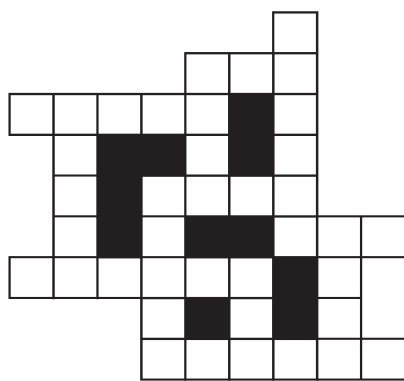
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# FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- IER
- TEMOLE
- HUMOT
- ♥ TLHA
- SARUES
- UEM
- ♥ HRCA
- ♥ URBAM
- ASL
- HIMBRO
- OMEAC
- ♥ ETMI



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

## 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:

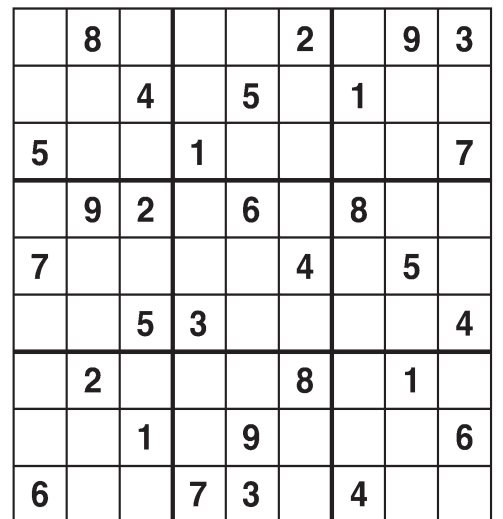
**WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS AN ARCHER WITH A GIFT-WRAPPER?**

- |        |        |        |       |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| REFERS | FREEES | THINKS | KNITS |
| POISON | SNOOP  | GROUSE | SURGE |
| BRACES | RACES  | SENSOR | STERN |
| TABLES | TALES  | CARTED | REACT |
| COMBOS | COMBS  |        |       |
| HASTEN | HATES  |        |       |

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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.

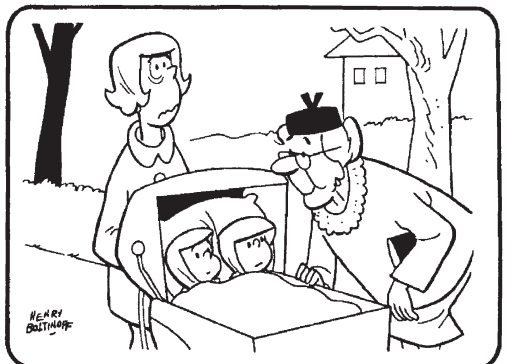
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

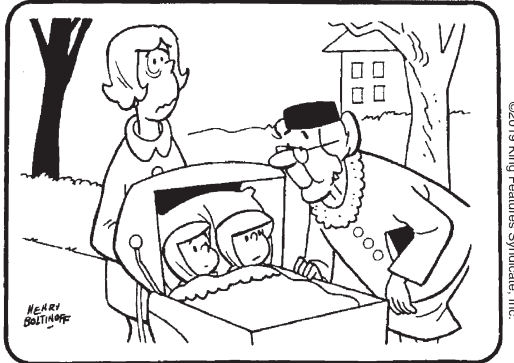
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Woman's hat is different. 2. Blanket has a ruff. 3. House has more windows. 4. Woman's coat has buttons. 5. Tree has extra limb. 6. Mom's bangs are different.

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# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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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. Park chair           | ___ N ___ | Place for a clambake   | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Dead Sea item        | ___ C ___ | Meander                | ___ T ___ |
| 3. Track obstacle       | H ___     | Become sour, like milk | C ___     |
| 4. "Our ___ bread"      | ___ A ___ | Lacy crocheted mat     | ___ O ___ |
| 5. A tiny bit of snow   | ___ K ___ | Blaze of light         | ___ R ___ |
| 6. Affix                | ___ H ___ | Go on the offensive    | ___ K ___ |
| 7. "You Only Live ___"  | ___ C ___ | Coarse string          | ___ N ___ |
| 8. Alice's "mad" friend | ___ T ___ | Harness                | ___ L ___ |
| 9. Bullwinkle, e.g.     | ___ O ___ | Mickey, e.g.           | ___ U ___ |
| 10. Wave summit         | ___ E ___ | Pizza part             | ___ U ___ |

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# MAGIC MAZE • TOLKIEN CHARACTERS

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

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

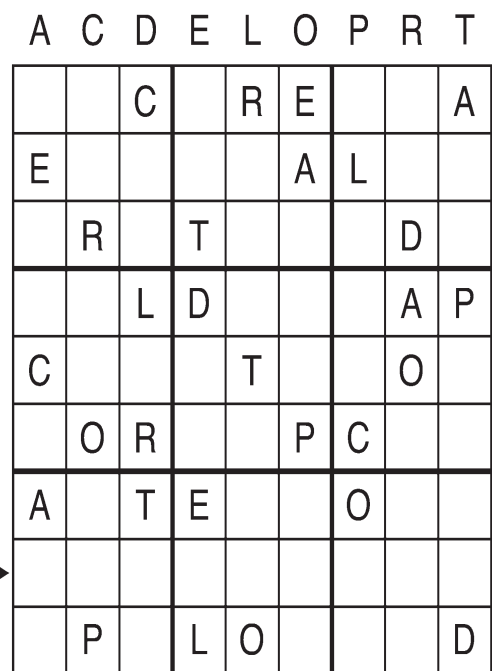
- |         |           |         |          |
|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Aragorn | Féanor    | Legolas | Sam      |
| Arwen   | Fingolfin | Melkor  | Smaug    |
| Beleg   | Gandalf   | Merry   | Uruk-hai |
| Bilbo   | Gollum    | Pippin  |          |

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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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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

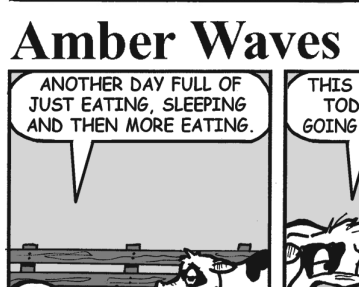
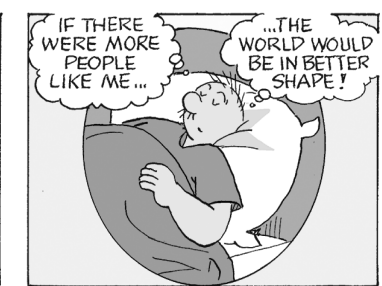
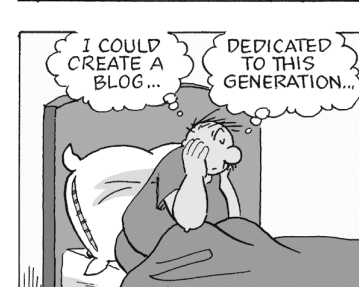
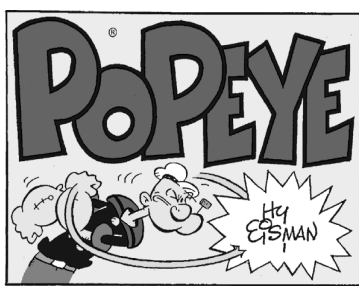
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

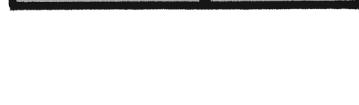
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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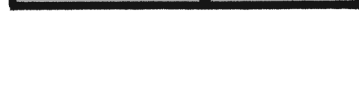
# Amber Waves

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