

King Crossword

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| 54 | | | | 55 | | | | 56 | | |

1 Church section
 5 Gangster's girlfriend
 9 GPS forerunner?
 12 Contemptible
 13 Met melody
 14 Expert
 15 Grand
 17 Scooted
 18 Baltimore athlete
 19 Luxurious fabric
 21 Rocky Balboa's greeting
 22 Native New Zealander
 24 Lowers the lights
 27 Proscription
 28 Make a sweater
 31 Historic time
 32 Table scrap
 33 Id counterpart
 34 Zinger
 36 Anat. or biol.
 37 Fermi's bit
 38 Nothing
 40 My group
 41 Money under the table
 43 Star-related
 47 Knock
 48 Bread spread
 51 Greek H
 52 Reed instrument

ment
 53 Lotion additive
 54 Lair
 55 Collars
 56 Longings

DOWN
 1 Magazine
 2 Orchard fruit
 3 Ganges garment
 4 Representative
 5 Guy
 6 Plata partner
 7 Lucy of "Elementary"
 8 Cow catcher
 9 Strict disciplinarian
 10 "Super-food" berry
 11 Teller's partner
 16 "Xanadu" band, for short
 20 Clumsy craft
 22 Parade
 23 Opposed
 24 Society newbie
 25 401(k) alternative
 26 Almond confection
 27 Variety of 2-Down
 29 "Where did I wrong?"
 30 Huck's pal
 35 Baby's cover-up
 37 Off
 39 Lousy car
 40 "Born in the..."
 41 Raised
 42 Assess
 43 Census statistics
 44 Anger (Abbr.)
 45 Unsigned (Abbr.)
 46 Dregs
 49 Lawyers' org.
 50 Burgle

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

GHU
HERUCE
PIDAH
♥DWEA
♥DERAGE
IGD
LNCA
♥RHEEW
♥EOW
GLARNA
LODLR
♥RDGI

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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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:

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 J E U I F N P U I F S S P Q F

T B Z U P I F S D I J M E S F O ?

E P O ' U C F L O P U U Z .

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS JUST PLAIN CRYPTIC. I CAN'T TELL IF MY WIFE IS UPSET OR HAPPY. I DON'T READ EMOJI!

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. Flicker | — L — — — | Picture holder | — R — — — |
| 2. Deputy Fife | — — — N — — | Malt liquor grain | — — — L — — |
| 3. Carnation location | — — — P — — | Brand name | — — — B — — |
| 4. At a gentler pace | S — — — — | Rose or lily | F — — — — |
| 5. Laurel's partner | — — — D — — | Mr. Potter | — — — R — — |
| 6. No longer a child | — — — — N | Angry dog sound | — — — — L |
| 7. Large twig | — — — R — — | Take the color out | — — — — L |
| 8. Fruit of the vine | — — — P — — | Report card entry | — — — D — — |
| 9. Mr. Presley | — — — V — — | Statue's island | — — — L — — |
| 10. Big gun | — — — — N | Unable to | — — — — T |

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy's mask is black. 2. Man's collar is different. 3. Player's hat is black. 4. Player's shirt symbol is different. 5. Man on left is gone. 6. Fence is different.

MAGIC MAZE

THE — : JOHN GRISHAM NOVELS

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

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

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|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Appeal | Chamber | Litigators | Summons |
| Associate | Confession | Partner | Testament |
| Brethren | Firm | Racketeer | Whistler |
| Broker | Last Juror | Rainmaker | |

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination, someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support you need to find success in the outside world.

POPEYE

POPEYE: "OH, POPEYE, YOU DIDN'T FORGET!"

OLIVE: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SWEETIE!"

WOMAN: "I WOULD'VE BIN HERE SOONER..."

POPEYE: "...BUT I WANTED 'T GIT YA A GIFT NO ONE ELSE WOULD'VE THUNK OF!"

R.F.D.

MAN: "OUR CORN MAZE WON'T BE READY 'TIL LATE SUMMER SO..."

WOMAN: "NICE TRY, DEAR."

MAN: "BUT I HARDLY THINK THIS FILLS THAT VOID."

Amber Waves

BOY: "MOM, DAD, YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT WE ALL DID IN SCHOOL TODAY."

MOTHER: "WE HAD A HEALTH CLASS AND LEARNED A LOT."

BOY: "I HAD A LOT OF FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS. TEACHER SAID I SHOULD ASK YOU."

MOTHER: "WOW, AND I SAID NO TO HOMESCHOOLING."

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.

A C D E I L P T U

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The Spats

MAN: "SOMETIMES I FEEL SO ALONE"

MAN: "...AND I LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT!"

by Mike Marland

by Dave T. Phipps

by Jeff Pickering