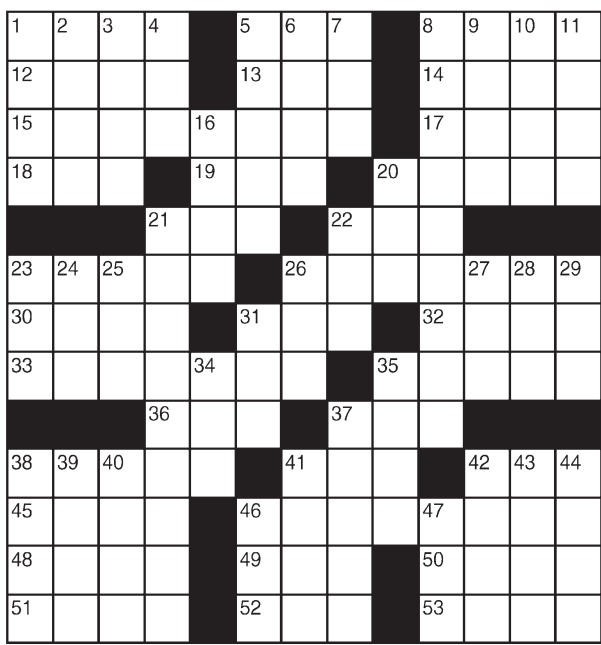


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Humpty's perch
- 5 — out (relax)
- 8 Applaud
- 12 Others (Lat.)
- 13 Mrs. McKinley
- 14 Helper
- 15 Dracula's ilk
- 17 Nasty
- 18 Before
- 19 Fellows
- 20 Reject disdainfully
- 21 Quid pro —
- 22 3, on the phone
- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Spoke highly of
- 30 Met melody
- 31 Bliss
- 32 Italy's capital
- 33 "Oh, what a — web we weave ..."
- 35 Underneath
- 36 Wrestling surface
- 37 Storefront sign abbr.
- 38 DJ's creation
- 41 Twosome
- 42 Ostrich's cousin
- 45 Tresses
- 46 Shortcircuits the ignition
- 48 Slave to crosswords?



- 49 Joan of —
- 50 Workbench attachment
- 51 Nays' opponents
- 52 — -jongg
- 53 12 months

DOWN

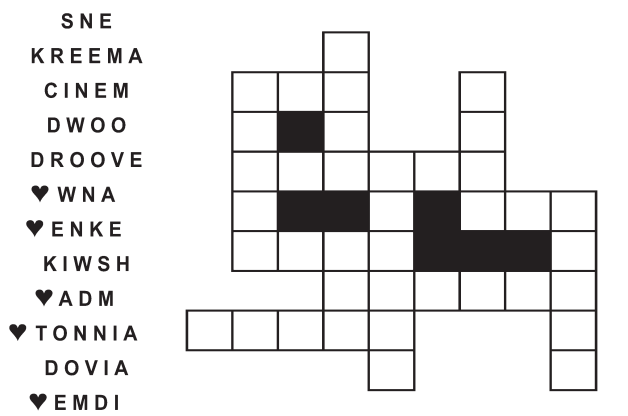
- 1 Greet silently
- 2 Winged
- 3 Key — pie
- 4 Once around the track
- 5 Migratory songbird
- 6 Biblical garden
- 7 Petrol
- 8 S'mores are often cooked over them
- 9 Stead
- 10 Jewish month
- 11 Teller's partner
- 16 Don of radio fame
- 20 Vast expanse
- 21 Marshes
- 22 Parched
- 23 Cudgel
- 24 Man-mouse link
- 25 Martini ingredient
- 26 Spacecraft compartment
- 27 Scale member
- 28 Comedian Philips
- 29 Morning moisture
- 31 Lustrous black
- 34 Remiss
- 35 Forehead
- 37 Starsky's pal
- 38 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 39 Simple
- 40 Gold digger's place?
- 41 Nickelodeon's explorer
- 42 Great Lake
- 43 Arizona city
- 44 Addict
- 46 Easter entree, often
- 47 Wall climber

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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

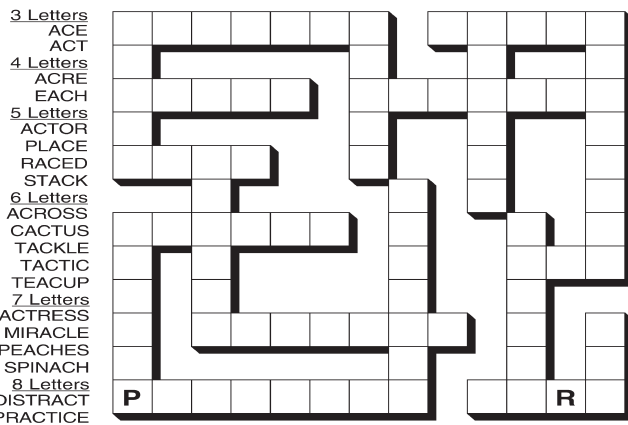


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

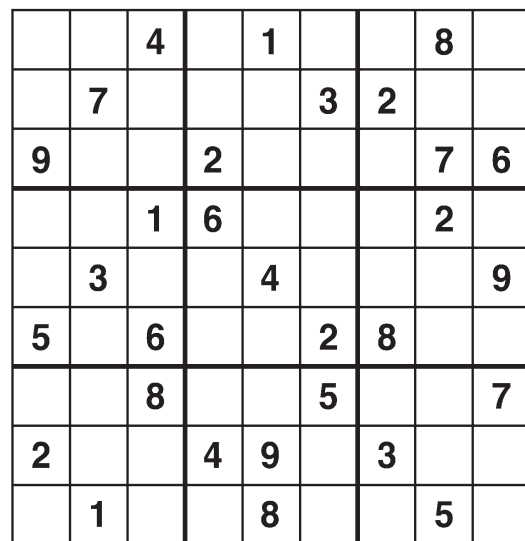
CRISSCROSS — "AC" WORDS
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.com

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.

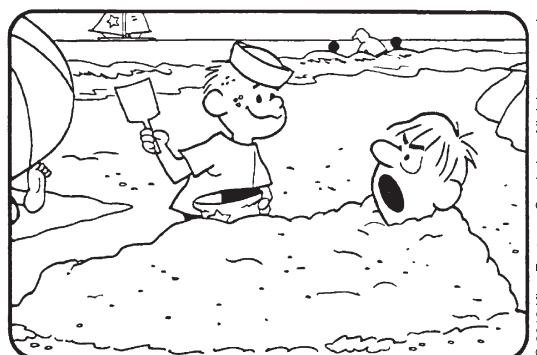
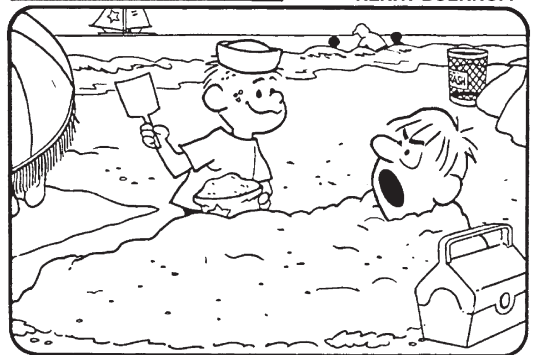
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

is empty; 1. Trash can is missing; 2. Cooler is missing; 3. Hat is moved; 4. Fall

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MAGIC MAZE • A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT



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

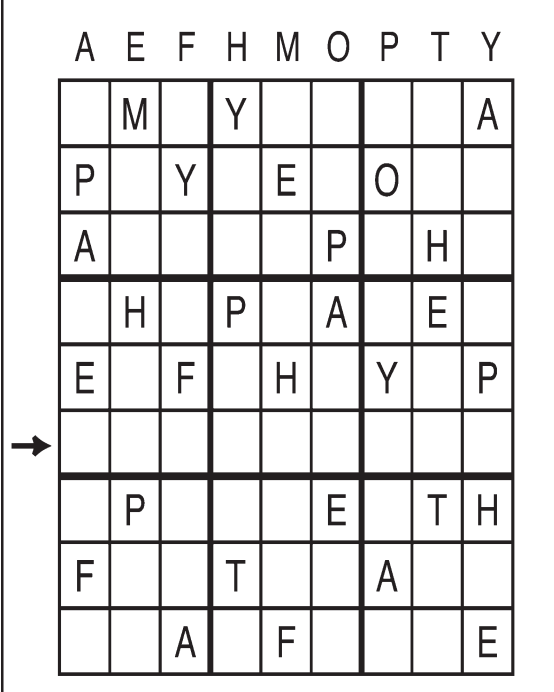
- Amsterdam
- Baghdad
- Berlin
- Brussels
- Cairo
- Calcutta
- Delhi
- Dublin
- Kiev
- Lisbon
- London
- Paris
- Rome
- Tokyo
- Warsaw

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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.



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. Poe's bird | _____ N | Unwind | _____ L |
| 2. Songstress Cline | _____ T | Violet | _____ N |
| 3. Hot season | _____ U | Fester | _____ I |
| 4. Food server | _____ A | More pallid | _____ H |
| 5. _____ con carne | _____ I | Put on ice | _____ L |
| 6. Modify | _____ E | Religious platform | _____ A |
| 7. Open-toed shoe | S _____ | Hooligan | V _____ |
| 8. Circular | R _____ | Lost and _____ | F _____ |
| 9. Salt and water solution | _____ N | Wedding day star | _____ D |
| 10. Group of geese | _____ A | Laugh nervously | _____ I |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-time 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 midmonth 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.

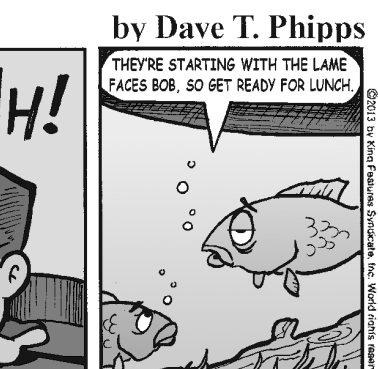
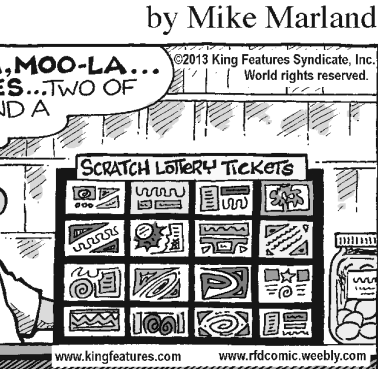
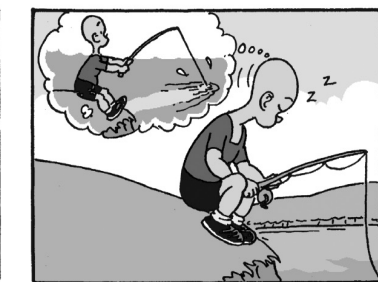
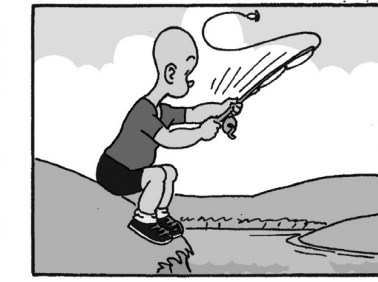
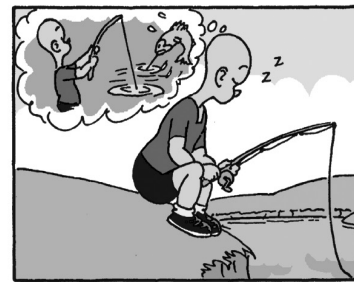
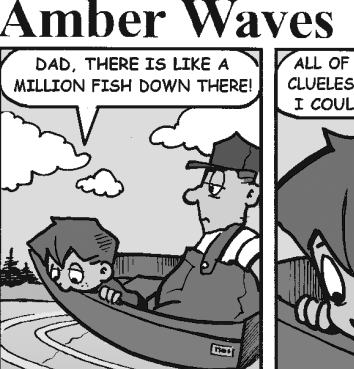
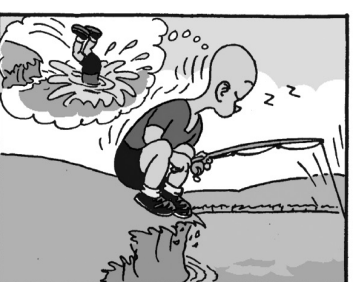
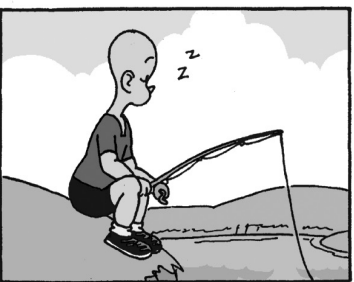
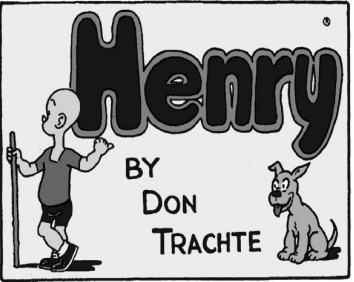
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

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.



by Mike Marland

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