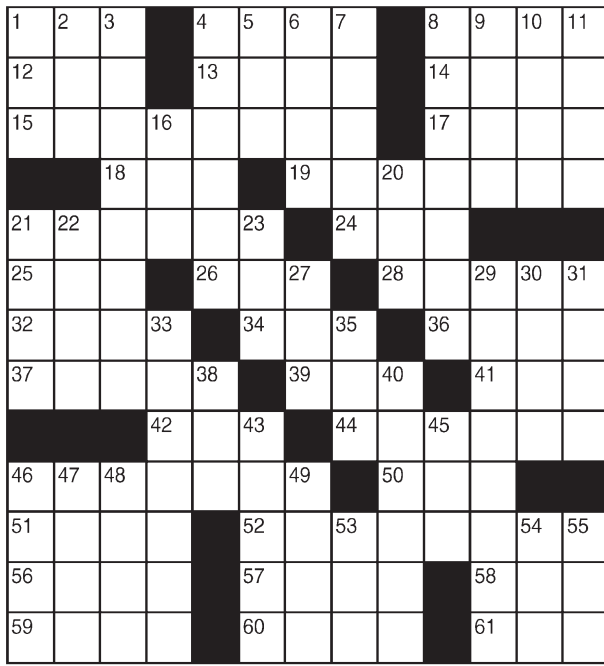


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Chic, to Austin Powers
- 4 Crooked
- 8 Implement
- 12 Tramcar contents
- 13 Decorative case
- 14 Unsightly
- 15 Relinquish the throne
- 17 Smile
- 18 Squid squirt
- 19 Big-time operator?
- 21 19-Across, e.g.
- 24 Chart format
- 25 "Eureka!" org.
- 26 Run-down horse
- 28 Financial advisor
- 32 Teeny bit
- 34 Deviate off course
- 36 Antitoxins
- 37 Dickinson output
- 39 Space
- 41 Water barrier
- 42 Suitable
- 44 Literary comparison
- 46 Last major battle site of WWII
- 50 Lobbyists'



- 7 Traffic jam
- 8 They're in for the long haul
- 9 Shrek is one
- 10 Hodgepodge
- 11 Singer
- 16 Bankbook abbr.
- 20 Carnival site
- 21 Moist
- 22 Canton's place
- 23 Shaft of light
- 27 Choke
- 29 Treat an ailment
- 30 Asian sea, abbr.
- 31 Appellation
- 33 Spring (from)
- 35 Existed
- 38 Hot tub
- 40 Ornamental material
- 43 Checker move?
- 45 Buddy
- 46 Muscat's land
- 47 Narc's measure
- 48 Press
- 49 Con
- 53 Press for payment
- 54 - Aviv
- 55 Moray or conger

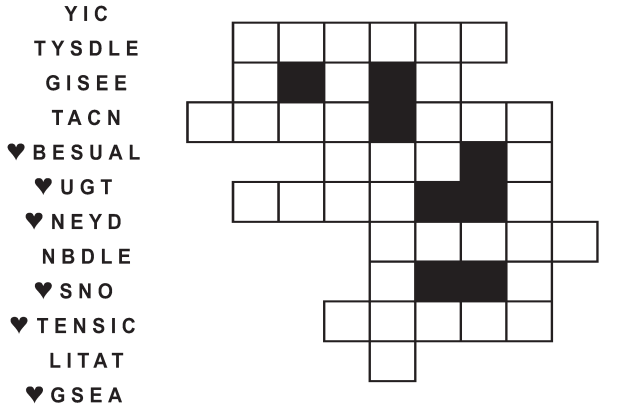
**DOWN**

- 1 Bygone bird
- 2 Sphere
- 3 Commit (to)
- 4 Signal, as with a nod
- 5 Schedule
- 6 "Phooey!"

# FEAR KNOT

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

**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:

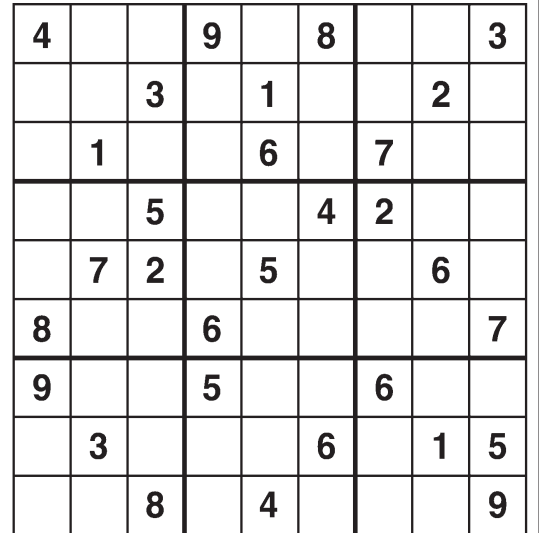
WHAT IS A PENGUIN'S FAVORITE SALAD INGREDIENT?

INGRID	GRIND	STALLS	LASTS
SCREEN	SNEER	BEACON	BACON
DECODE	CODED	INLETS	LINES
TABLES	STALE	PASTER	SPEAR
SEWING	SWING	SUBLET	BELTS
BEARDS	BEADS	CLUMPS	PLUMS
GATHER	HEART	SEALED	LEADS

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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.

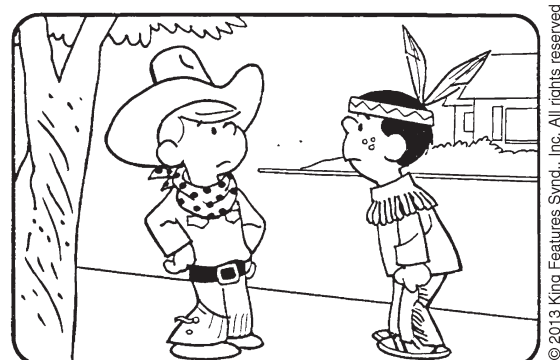
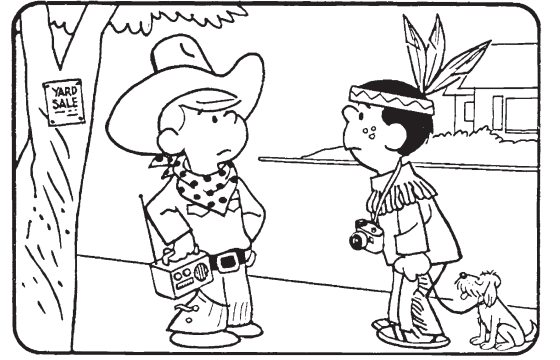
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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.

# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# MAGIC MAZE ● CAST IN STONE

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

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

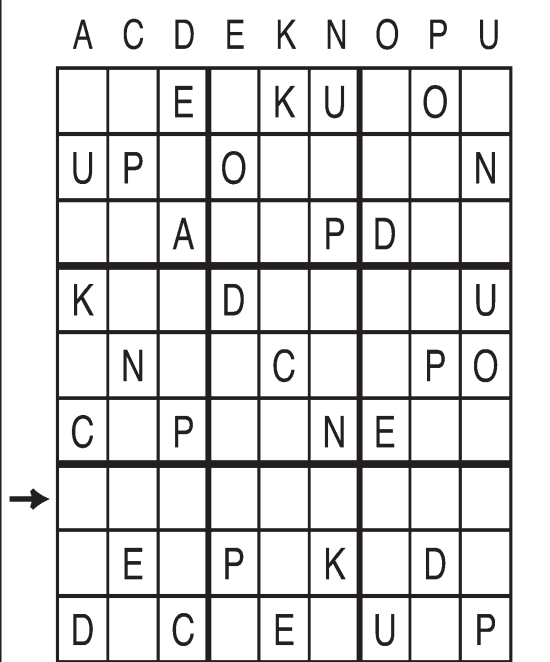
- |           |           |          |          |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Ashstone  | Firestone | Mudstone | Stoned   |
| Axstone   | Gallstone | Oilstone | Stoney   |
| Capstone  | Gemstone  | Potstone | Sunstone |
| Dry stone | Keystone  | Redstone |          |

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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.

1. Green Bay player	_____ R	Small package	_____ T
2. Runway walker	_____ D _____	Lodger's inn	_____ T _____
3. Chef's bib	_____ P _____	Ohio town	_____ K _____
4. Papyrus	_____ C _____	Leisurely walk	_____ T _____
5. Category, as in music	_____ R _____	Wish fulfiller	_____ I _____
6. Heavyweight Sonny	_____ T _____	Portugal's largest city	_____ B _____
7. Spy	_____ N _____	Ice cream utensil	_____ C _____
8. Give a sermon	O _____	Angry	I _____
9. Brackish	_____ T _____	Field or Struthers	_____ L _____
10. Idea	N _____	Magical brew	P _____

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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 day-dreaming 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 his or her 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.

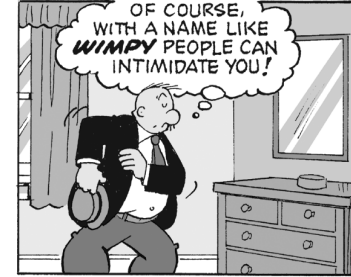
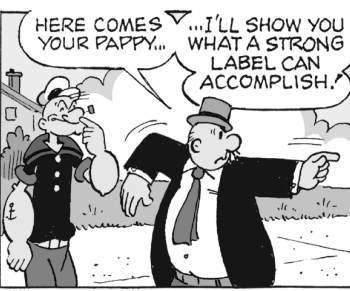
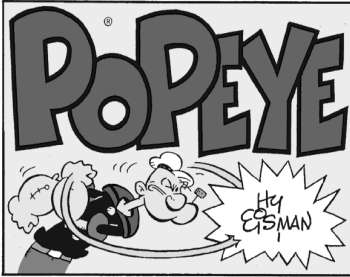
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

**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.

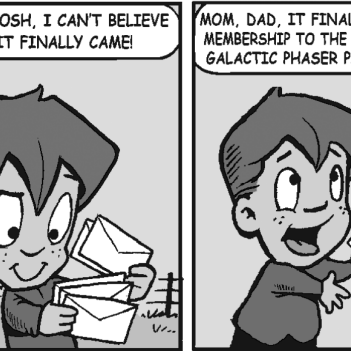
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself.



R.F.D. by Mike Marland



# Amber Waves



The Spats by Jeff Pickering

