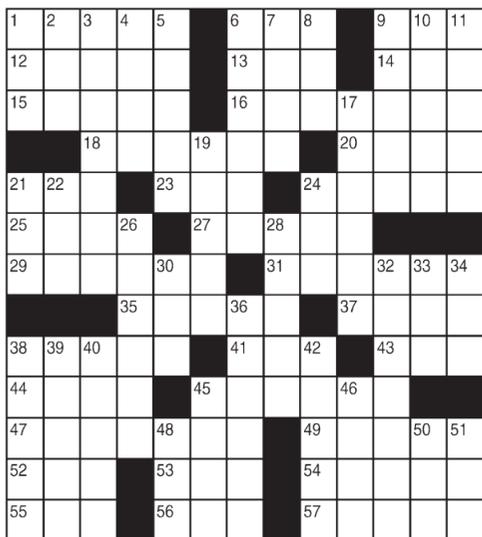


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Throws
- 6 Golfer Ernie
- 9 Recipe meas.
- 12 Actress Sevigny
- 13 Diving bird
- 14 Greek H
- 15 Memorial rockpile
- 16 Straw hat
- 18 Wee
- 20 Chooses
- 21 Drone
- 23 Noshed
- 24 Got up
- 25 Raw minerals
- 27 Refrain syllables
- 29 Madden
- 31 Diminish
- 35 Miami stop on the PGA tour
- 37 "Get lost!"
- 38 Decorative novelty
- 41 Prune
- 43 B&B
- 44 Change for a five
- 45 Stuff tossed overboard
- 47 Michael Phelps, e.g.
- 49 Wit
- 52 Coffee break hour
- 53 Favorite

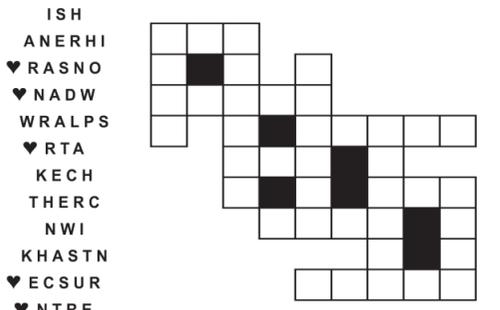


- 54 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
- 55 Billboards
- 56 Storefront sign abbr.
- 57 Overcaffeinated
- DOWN**
- 1 Junk bond rating
- 2 "Eureka!"
- 3 Thinner
- 4 Ms. Spelling
- 5 Cathartic
- 6 Drug for an egg roll?
- 7 Darth's kid
- 8 Tackle moguls
- 9 Beat
- 10 Undoes
- 11 Analyze
- 17 Swamp
- 19 Say
- 21 Weeding need
- 22 Grecian vessel
- 24 Hearty brew
- 26 Cruelty
- 28 Apportion
- 30 Stickum
- 32 Shine softly
- 33 A billion years
- 34 Rouen refusal
- 36 Warnings
- 38 - Rica
- 39 Single
- 40 Jockey's handful
- 42 "Poppycock!"
- 45 Scoff
- 46 German car
- 48 Speedometer
- 50 Bullring
- 51 Crimson

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson
CONQUER THE WHIRLED



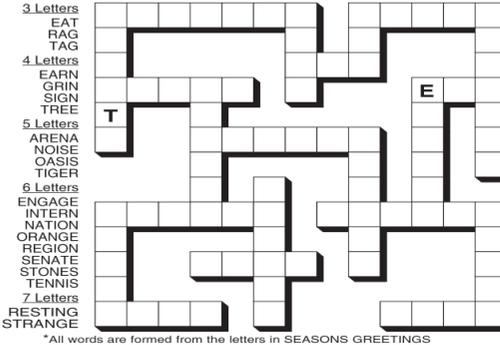
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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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 BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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

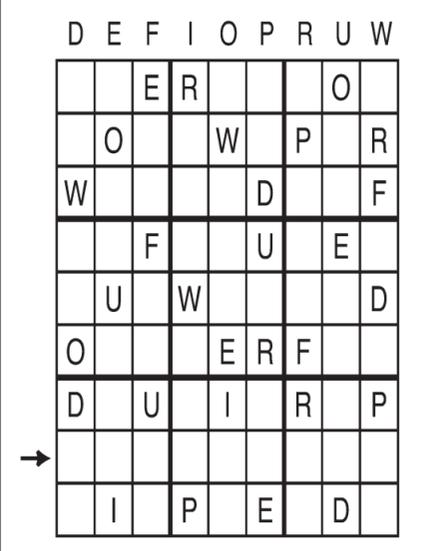
- Appleseed
- Bigfoot
- Blue Ox
- Casey
- Champ
- Cherry tree
- Gizzly Adams
- Hobos
- Hodag
- Iron John
- Jackalope
- John Henry
- Pecos Bill
- Squonk
- Zorro

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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. Nobleman | ___ R ___ | Breakfast meat | ___ C ___ |
| 2. Alternate route | ___ T ___ | Gobble down | ___ V ___ |
| 3. Similar | ___ K ___ | Buzzing and active | ___ V ___ |
| 4. Jumper's barrier | ___ R ___ | Football field gathering | ___ D ___ |
| 5. Closing moments | ___ E ___ | College exams | ___ S ___ |
| 6. Throw a baseball | ___ T ___ | Nip | ___ N ___ |
| 7. Second of two | ___ T ___ | Soap suds | ___ H ___ |
| 8. German river | ___ I ___ | Swiss River | ___ O ___ |
| 9. Manipulate a mouse | ___ L ___ | Hen's baby | ___ H ___ |
| 10. Oil | G ___ _ | Trouser fold | C ___ _ |

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your love of the holidays creates a special bond between you and the people in your life. Use this as a way of building stronger relationships that will carry over well beyond this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new approach could go a long way toward resolving a painful estrangement, especially at this holiday time. And since your aspects favor friendship this week, why not go ahead and try it?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your positives continue to dominate, and any negative factors that squeeze in can be dealt with easily. The secret is to tackle them at once and not allow them to benefit by your neglect.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Good news: A colleague's remarks could help you move toward ultimately resolving that persistent workplace situation. Meanwhile, enjoy the holidays with loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No one reflects the bright holiday more than all you Leos and Leonas who love the shimmer and glimmer of the season. P.S.: There just might be a very special something from Santa.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Celebrate the holidays by being more receptive to new experiences. Overriding the Virgo reluctance to try new things could be the best gift you've given yourself in a long while.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news about a loved one makes the holidays even more festive. Expect some unexpected gifts, so be prepared with a few nicely wrapped packages of goodies to offer in return.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The holiday season provides an opportunity to meet new people, some of whom you might even consider "worthy" enough to join the Scorpio's select group of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You always bring your own wonderful sparkle and light to the holidays, and don't be surprised if this year someone special reaches out to respond to your warmth in kind.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Togetherness is the dominant theme for the Goat's holiday celebrations this year. That means reaching out to bring everyone you care for into your very own special circle of light.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A reminder of a very special moment from the past makes the holidays more memorable for the romantic Aquarian. New friendships hold the promise of a romantic future as well.

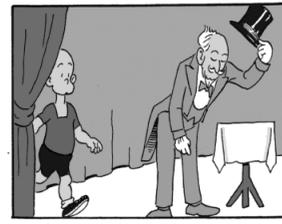
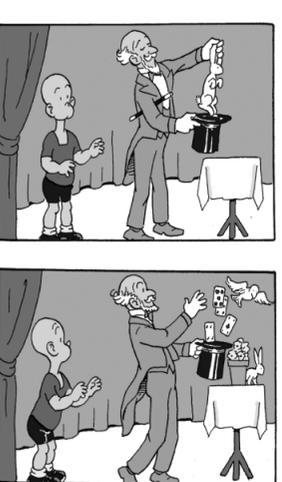
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into the swim of things for all you party-loving Pisceans is easy enough this holiday season. And, of course, you can expect to impress people wherever you go.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your dedication brings you the success you strive for, and your generosity impels you to reach out and help others on their way up.

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Henry

BY DON TRACHTE



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Amber Waves



The Spats



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