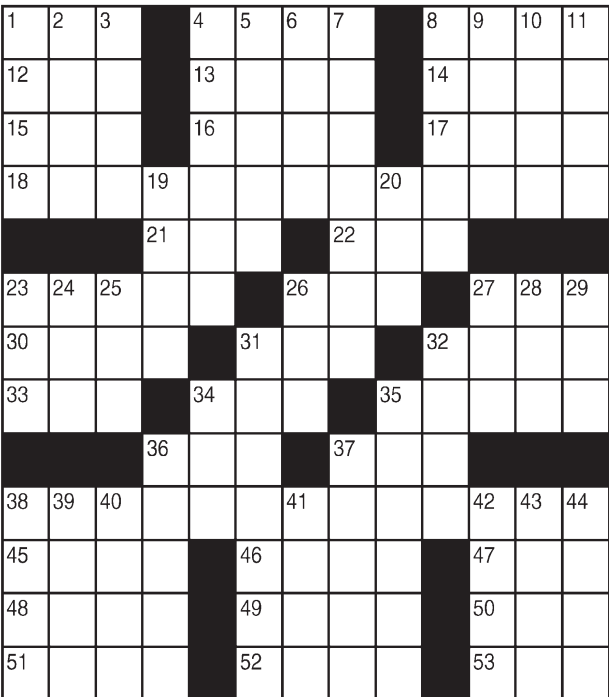


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Symbol of intrigue
- 4 Jet forth
- 8 Faucet problem
- 12 Shade
- 13 Part of the foot
- 14 Solemn promise
- 15 Geological period
- 16 Silver salmon
- 17 Wrinkly fruit
- 18 Informal game
- 21 "Absolutely"
- 22 Deposit
- 23 Brilliance
- 26 Cotillion honoree



- 27 Blond shade
- 30 Proper subject?
- 31 Stop running
- 32 Toll road
- 33 Pooch
- 34 Cover
- 35 Bizarre
- 36 "A mouse!"
- 37 Donkey
- 38 Uncanny ability to make money
- 45 Memory unit
- 46 Tittle
- 47 Aye canceler
- 48 Practice pugilism

- 49 Heal, as a fracture
- 50 Little demon
- 51 Bouquet
- 52 Withered
- 53 Ball prop

DOWN

- 1 Sharpen
- 2 Continental coin
- 3 Bridges or Brummell
- 4 Potpourri bag
- 5 College lecturers, often
- 6 Reverberate
- 7 "Yahoo!"

- 8 Uncertainty
- 9 Sitarist's music
- 10 "— have to do"
- 11 Collins or Donahue
- 19 Greenish-blue
- 20 Bathroom fixture
- 23 Conclusion
- 24 Bill's partner
- 25 Drag along
- 26 Accomplished
- 27 Football fill
- 28 Go downhill rapidly?
- 29 Haw preceder

- 31 Long-snouted antelopes
- 32 Mexican moola
- 34 Mainlander's memento
- 35 Will subject
- 36 Nail smoother
- 37 Moving about
- 38 Recipe meas.
- 39 Syringe, for short
- 40 Greek vowels
- 41 Top-notch
- 42 Troop group
- 43 Arrived
- 44 Advertise

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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MAGIC MAZE • THE PEN

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

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

- |           |            |            |          |
|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| Ballpoint | Fountain   | Nib        | Scribble |
| Documents | Ink        | Paper      | Stylus   |
| Drawing   | Instrument | Quill      | Writing  |
| Felt      | Jot        | Rollerball |          |

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Letter Box

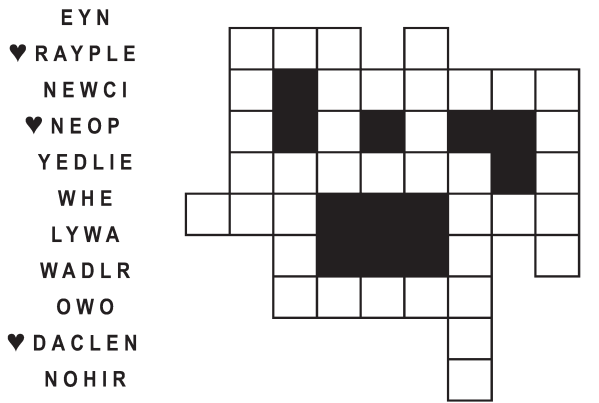
by Linda Thistle

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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FEAR KNOT



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. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Puzzles4Kids CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

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 Z E P G S P H T M J L F T U . Q B U S J D L ' T

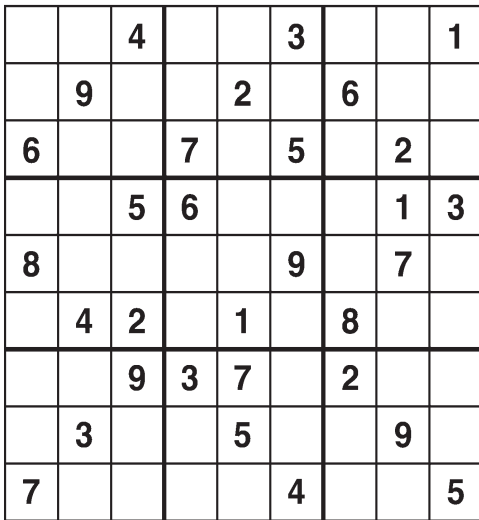
E B Z ? U I F Z B S F B M S F B E Z X F B S J O H

H S F F O .

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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.

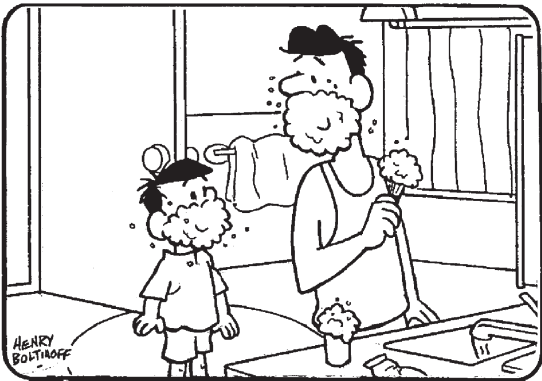
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

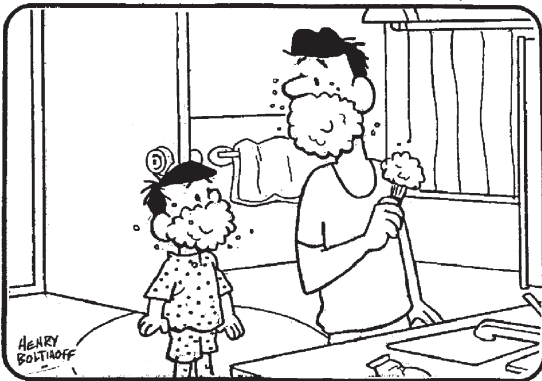
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Polka dots are added 2. Knob is different 3. Towel is shorter 4. Shirt is different 5. Cup is missing 6. Water is off.

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. Take small bites  | ___ B ___ | Agile                | ___ M ___ |
| 2. Leg joint         | ___ K ___ | 45° or 90°           | ___ G ___ |
| 3. Actress Bette     | ___ S     | Goliath's challenger | ___ D     |
| 4. Alter             | ___ G     | Risk                 | ___ C     |
| 5. Playground meanie | ___ U ___ | Nanny's mate         | ___ I ___ |
| 6. Trumpet valve     | ___ N     | Hand gun             | ___ L     |
| 7. Royal realm       | E ___     | Baseball judge       | U ___     |
| 8. Join the band     | ___ C     | Swamp                | ___ S     |
| 9. Military student  | ___ D     | Mark of omission     | ___ R     |
| 10. Financier        | ___ A     | Underground fortress | ___ U     |

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Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do) the next time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals – even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be both liberating for you and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

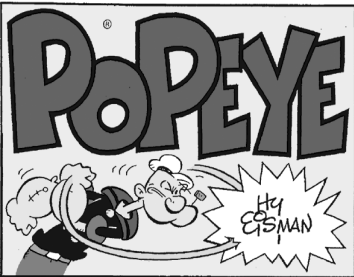
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence – plus your loyal supporters – should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary.



R.F.D.



Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering