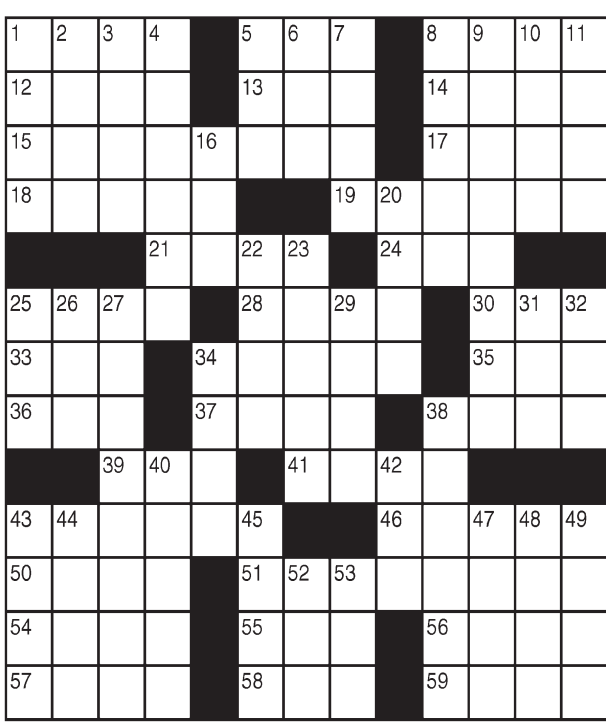


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Zilch
- 5 Male swan
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 Mideast air-line
- 13 Glacial
- 14 "Let's go!"
- 15 Pattern
- 17 Help a hood
- 18 Old photo tint
- 19 Walks with pride
- 21 Yuletide tune
- 24 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
- 25 Verifiable
- 28 Carton sealer
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Hostel
- 34 Goes belly up
- 35 Water tester
- 36 "Acid"
- 37 French 101 verb
- 38 Quick look
- 39 Online address
- 41 Ump's call
- 43 Steak choices
- 46 Toy bricks
- 50 Actor McGregor
- 51 Intensify
- 54 Damon of Hollywood
- 55 Essen exclamation
- 56 Grand tale



- 9 Walk
- 10 Champagne brand
- 11 Tolkien creatures
- 16 Thai language
- 20 Cravats
- 22 Coup d' —
- 23 Hideaways
- 25 Up to
- 26 ER workers
- 27 Move in waves
- 29 Entreaty
- 31 "The Raven" writer
- 32 "A mouse!"
- 34 Fedora fabric
- 38 Kitchen gadget
- 40 Oscar de la —
- 42 Ga. neighbor
- 43 Disaster aid org.
- 44 "As — saying ..."
- 45 Barking critter
- 47 Be slack-jawed
- 48 Elevator name
- 49 Faction
- 52 High school subj.
- 53 "Evita" role

DOWN

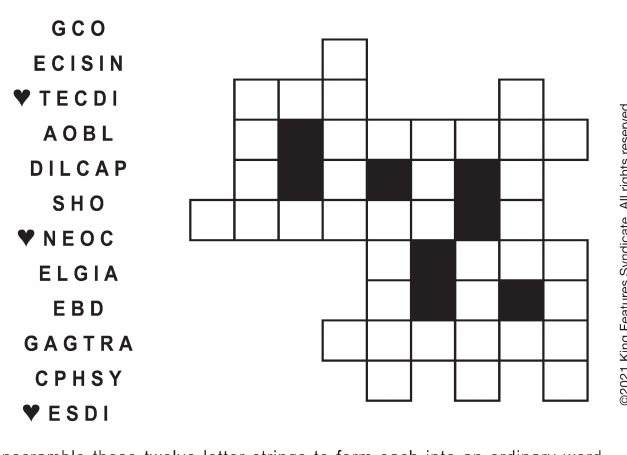
- 1 Tennis barriers
- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Slightly wet
- 4 Skiing style
- 5 Spy org.
- 6 Halloween
- 7 Tournament
- 8 Surgery reminders

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



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.

- GCO
- ECISIN
- ♥TECDI
- AOBL
- DILCAP
- SHO
- ♥NEOC
- ELGIA
- EBD
- GAGTRA
- CPHSY
- ♥ESDI

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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.

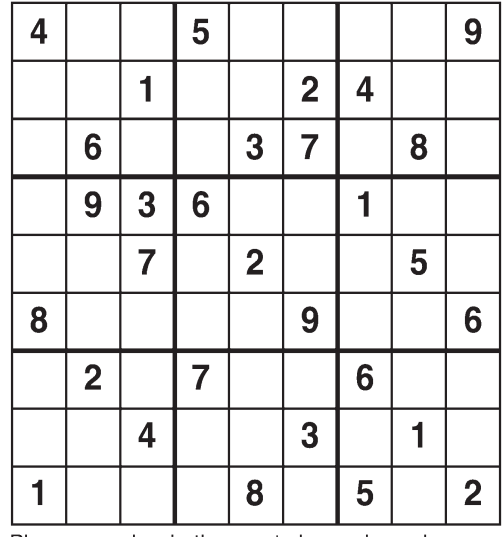
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

- ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
- XIBU CPPL EPFT B TXFFU QPUBUP
- MJLF UP SFBE?
- HSFFO FHHT BOE ZBN.

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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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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

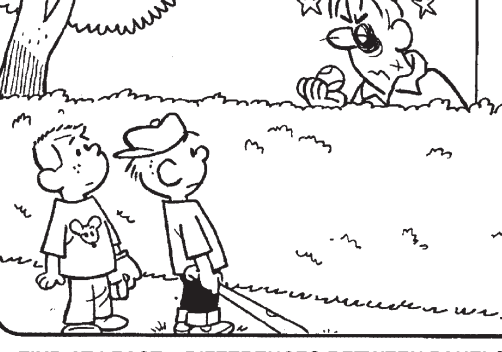
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sudden fear | — R — — — — | Airplane trip | — L — — — — |
| 2. Pursue | — — A — — — | Picked out | — — O — — — |
| 3. Horizontally aligned | — — — — L — — | Pry bar | — — — — R — — |
| 4. Mockup | — A — — — — | Easy, like Simon | — — I — — — |
| 5. Glue | — — — — T — — | Outdated | — — — — S — — |
| 6. Employee reward | — — — — U — — | Tibia and ulna | — — — — E — — |
| 7. Standard book | — — — — A — — | More embarrassed | — — — — D — — |
| 8. Halloween perk | T — — — — — | Lakes | — — — — G — — |
| 9. Top of the wave | — — — — E — — | Pizza edge | — — — — U — — |
| 10. Multiplication lists | — — — — — S — — | Mobile computer | — — — — — T — — |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.



Clues: Cap is reversed. 2. Star is moved. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Cuffs are missing. 6. Shirt is different.

MAGIC MAZE • SMOOTHIE INGREDIENTS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: GREEK —

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Banana | Ice cream | Nuts | Syrup |
| Blueberries | Ice | Protein | Tea |
| Chocolate | Kale | Seeds | Whey |
| Honey | Milk | Spinach | |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information emerges for the business-driven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to total the plusses and minuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually can win over the most stubborn skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situation, a new development emerges, making the task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

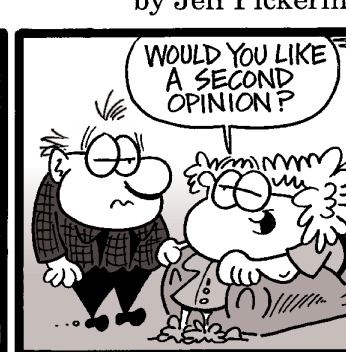
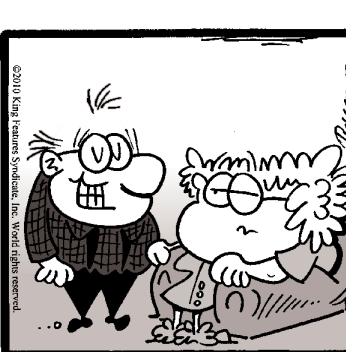
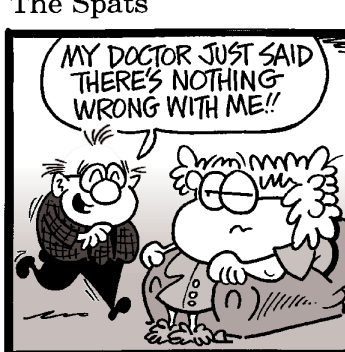
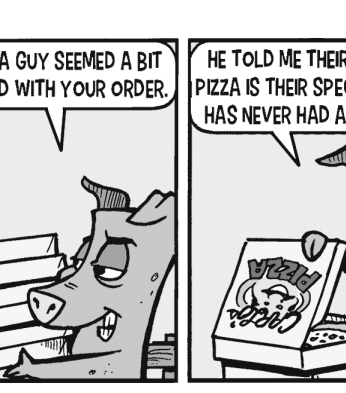
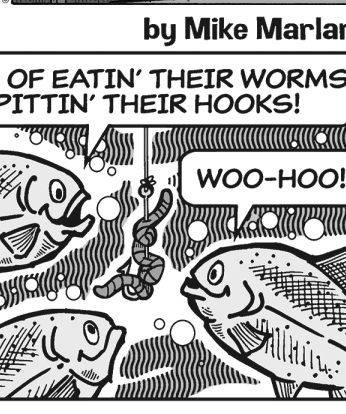
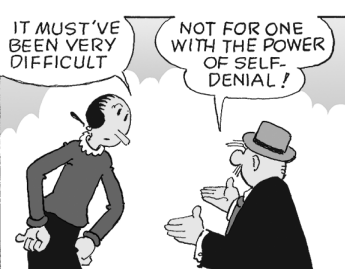
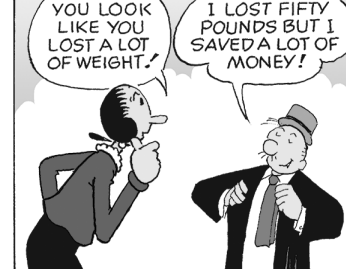
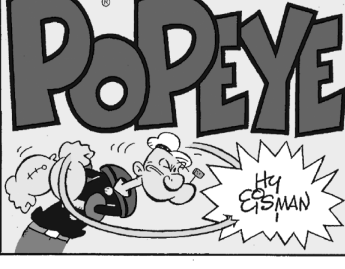
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You know how to inspire others to do their best by setting a persuasive example of your own.

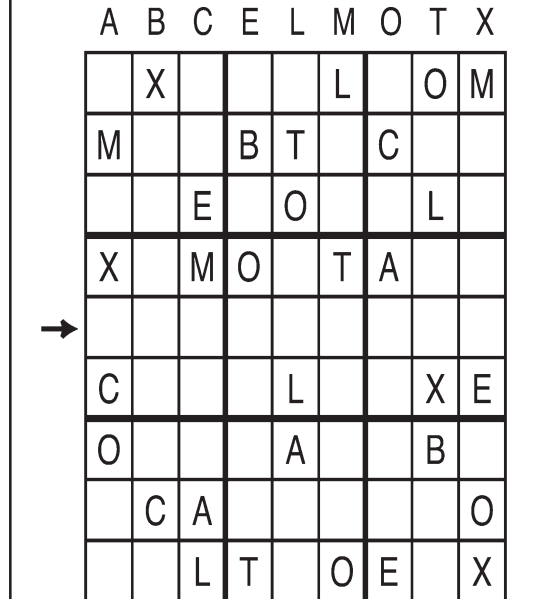
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Letter Box

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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