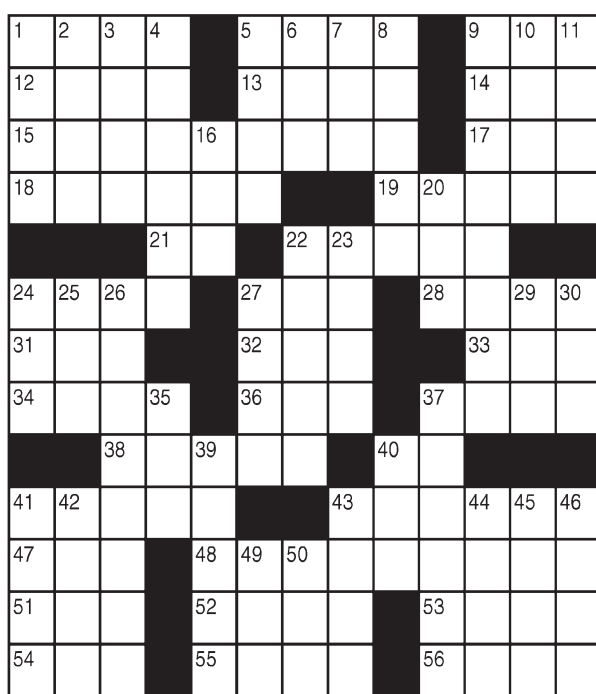


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Met melody
- 5 "CSI" settings
- 9 Apply cream
- 12 Fender bend-er
- 13 Gumbo need
- 14 Mode lead-in
- 15 Instrument panel
- 17 Homer's neighbor
- 18 Thread hold-ers
- 19 "Tiny Alice" playwright
- 21 "Heavens!"
- 22 Spud
- 24 Green gem
- 27 Church seat
- 28 Ken or Barbie
- 31 Glamorous Gardner
- 32 Shoe width
- 33 Teeny
- 34 Baseball glove
- 36 British "Inc."
- 37 — B'rith
- 38 Soil
- 40 Opposite of nyet
- 41 "Yippee!"
- 43 Vile
- 47 Ghostly greet-ing
- 48 Music group at a New Year's Eve party



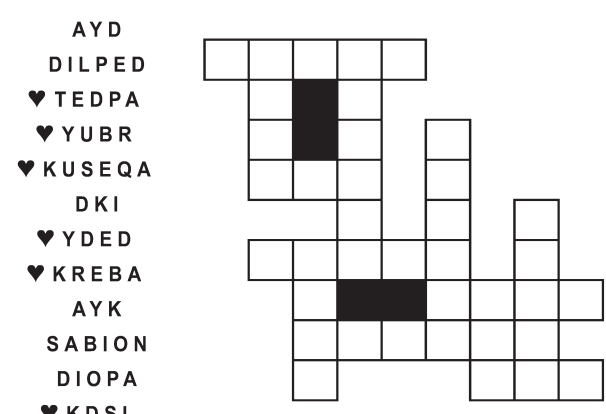
- 51 Wall St. debut
 - 52 Jacob's twin
 - 53 Author Ferber
 - 54 "A mouse!"
 - 55 Peel
 - 56 Optimistic
- DOWN**
- 1 Tosses in
 - 2 Harvest
 - 3 Not — many words
 - 4 Not on the road
 - 5 Novelist Anita
 - 6 Alias letters
 - 7 "It's c-c-cold!"
 - 8 Nasser's suc-cessor
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 - 17 Nellie
 - 20 Started
 - 22 Pearly whites
 - 23 Dumbstruck
 - 24 Bread spread
 - 25 Bird (Pref.)
 - 26 Appointment tracker
 - 27 Hide
 - 29 Meadow
 - 30 Tiki bar neck-lace
 - 35 Eastern path
 - 37 Sweeney Todd, for one
 - 39 Actress
 - 40 Female hare
 - 41 Theater award
 - 42 Aspiration
 - 43 Gulf War mis-sile
 - 44 Pedestal part
 - 45 Hostels
 - 46 Crucial time
 - 49 "— was say-ing ..."
 - 50 Indian bread

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



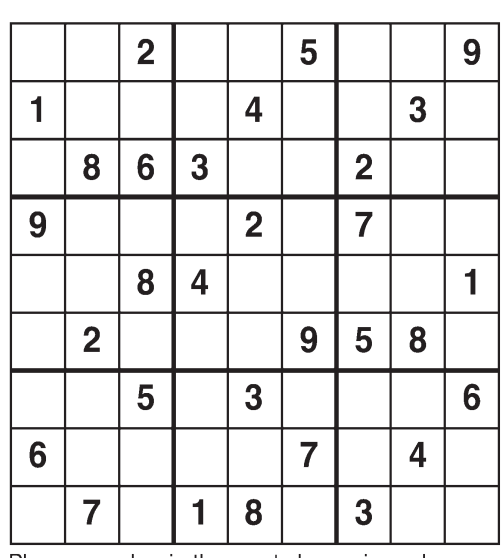
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

- AYD
- DILPED
- ♥TEDPA
- ♥YUBR
- ♥KUSEQA
- DKI
- ♥YDED
- ♥KREBA
- AYK
- SABION
- DIOPA
- ♥KDSI

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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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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:

HOW DO YOU ORGANIZE A SPACE PARTY?

- | | | | | | |
|--------|---|-------|--------|---|-------|
| SNEAKY | — | SNAKE | CASPER | — | RACES |
| HONORS | — | SHORN | LAMEST | — | TEAMS |
| SAMUEL | — | MALES | ABROAD | — | BOARD |
| | | | FRIEND | — | FRIED |
| | | | AGREES | — | RAGES |
| | | | ENLIST | — | LINES |

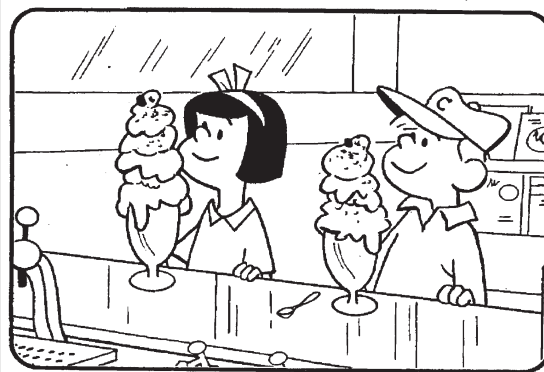
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

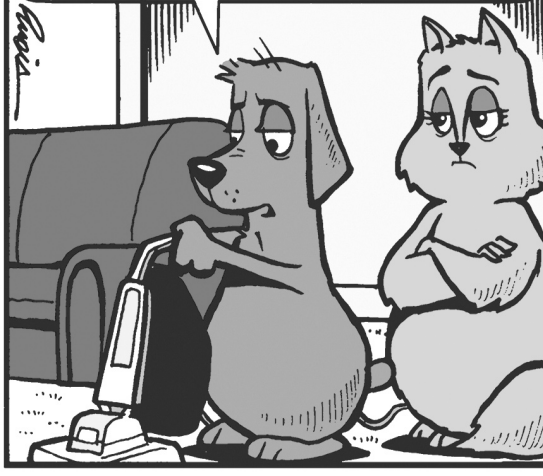


Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Collar is different. 3. Spoon is added. 4. Napkin is missing. 5. Freckles are missing. 6. Bow is added.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

YOU KNOW, I'M STILL NOT QUITE GETTING THE HANG OF THIS. PERHAPS IF YOU DEMONSTRATED SEVERAL MORE TIMES I MIGHT CATCH ON.



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. Financial review | — — — — — T | Speaker sound | — — — — — O |
| 2. Idea | N — — — — — | Tonic | P — — — — — |
| 3. Baby's toy | R — — — — — | Bunker Hill event | B — — — — — |
| 4. Blue egg layer | — — — — — B | Violinist's powder | — — — — — S |
| 5. Pencil tip | — — — — — O | Re-color the walls | — — — — — A |
| 6. Redden | — — — — — L | Comb's companion | — — — — — R |
| 7. Pantry | — — — — — R | Firefighter's steps | — — — — — D |
| 8. Idiosyncrasy | — — — — — R | Very fast | — — — — — C |
| 9. Frighten | — — — — — E | Boa | — — — — — F |
| 10. Modify | — — — — — S | Bring back to life | — — — — — V |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

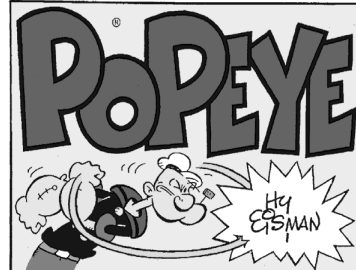
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

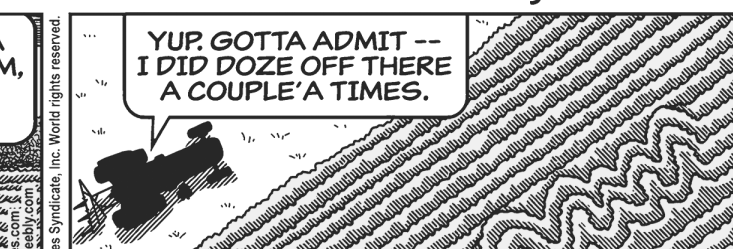
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.



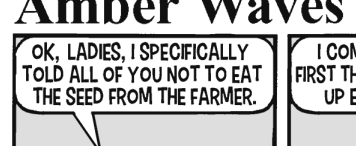
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by Mike Marland



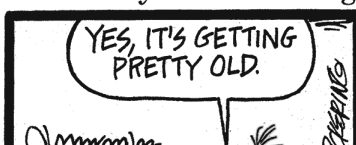
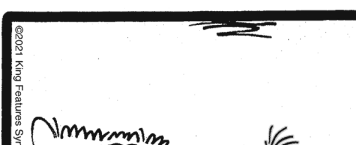
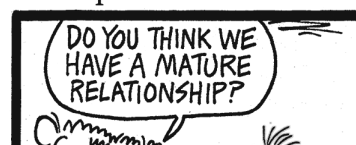
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

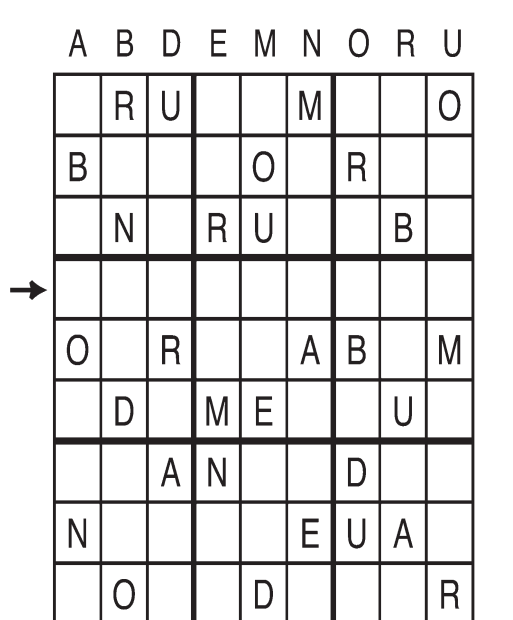
by Jeff Pickering



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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