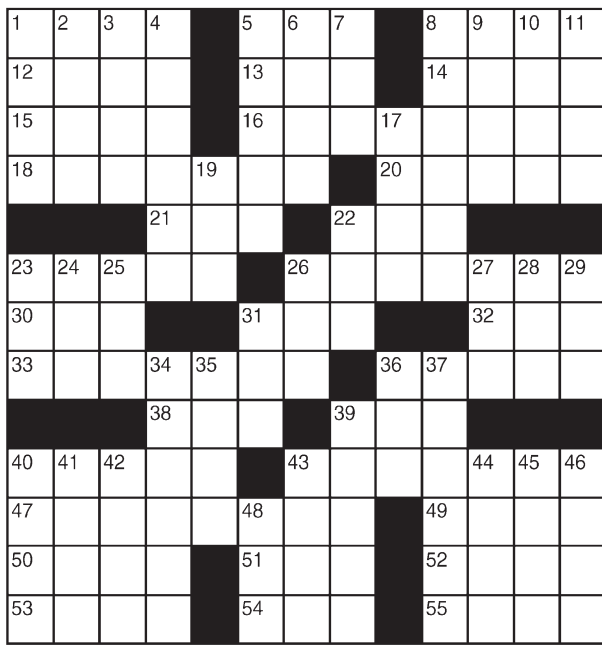


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 React to gravity
- 5 G-man's org.
- 8 Gym-floor padding
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 "— the fields we go ..."
- 14 Shrek is one
- 15 Paper quantity
- 16 Leave
- 18 Distinguish
- 20 Senate staffers
- 21 "Monty Python" starter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Intended
- 26 Faint
- 30 Noah's boat
- 31 Actor Cruise
- 32 Omega preceder
- 33 Protract
- 36 Tablet bearer
- 38 Bagel topping
- 39 Yon maiden
- 40 Rice (Sp.)
- 43 Endure
- 47 Omit
- 49 Emanation
- 50 Logical
- 51 Ailing
- 52 "— It Romantic?"



- 53 Probability
 - 54 Deposit
 - 55 "Untouchable" Eliot
- DOWN**
- 1 Dress-maker's dummy
 - 2 Vicinity
 - 3 Plumbing problem
 - 4 Chinese noodle
 - 5 Concentrate (on)
 - 6 Suspenders alternative
 - 7 Anger
 - 8 Aesopian
 - 9 Enthusiastic, plus
 - 10 Verifiable
 - 11 Collections
 - 17 Tarzan's clique
 - 19 Giant in Coopers-town
 - 22 Group of whales
 - 23 Crazy
 - 24 Blunder
 - 25 Alias (Abbr.)
 - 26 Cauldron
 - 27 Chances, for short
 - 28 Work with
 - 29 "— the sea son to be
 - 31 Formal wear
 - 34 Boxer's gear
 - 35 Seep
 - 36 First name of 19-Down
 - 37 Invest with authority
 - 39 With ardor
 - 40 Moreover
 - 41 Peruse
 - 42 McNally partner
 - 43 Island dance
 - 44 River of England
 - 45 Coffee shop array
 - 46 Skin art, for short
 - 48 Lubricate

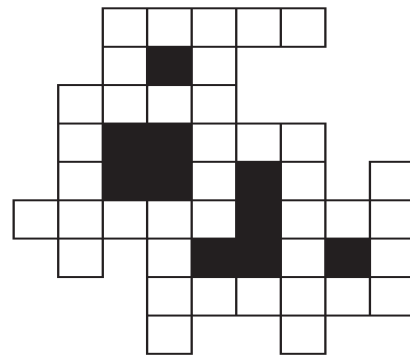
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ IBD
- SUCODE
- ♥ TEPDO
- ORHE
- BIOHAP
- EVI
- ♥ EO SP
- DAKOV
- UED
- TOVUDE
- VOACH
- ♥ EKLE



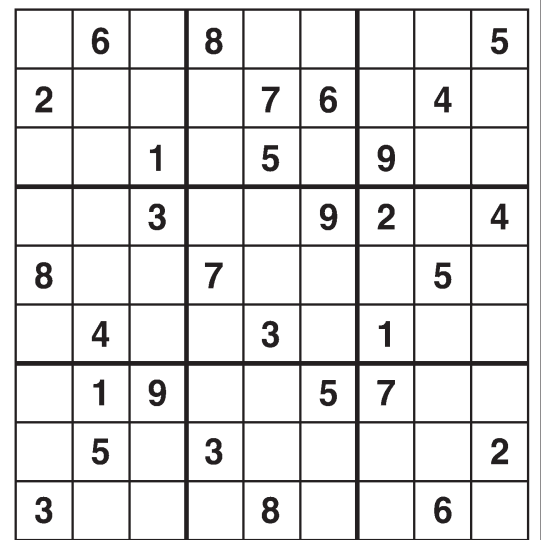
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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 B S F C B T F C B M M Q M B Z F S T M J L F

T P O H X S J U F S T ? C F D B V T F U I F Z B M M

X B O U C J H I J U T .

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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MAGIC MAZE ● PHOBIAS: FEAR OF

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

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

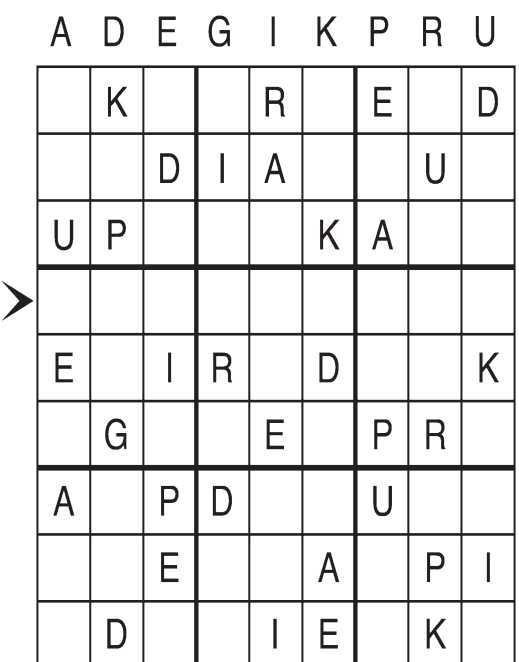
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|-------|---------|---------|----------|
| Aging | Failure | Forests | Snakes |
| Bats | Fish | Heights | The dark |
| Cats | Flowers | Obesity | Worms |
| Dying | Flying | Sharks | |

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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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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. Chimpanzee's home | U _ _ _ _ | Catchy tune | I _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Bank safe | V _ _ _ _ | Flaw | F _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Spring month | _ _ _ C _ | Swamp | _ _ _ S _ |
| 4. From Deutschland | G _ _ _ _ | Novelist Melville | H _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Eatery | _ _ _ N _ | Frogman | _ _ _ V _ |
| 6. Ice cream spoon | _ _ _ C _ | Sailing vessel | _ _ _ L _ |
| 7. Food cupboard | _ _ _ N _ | Trifling | _ _ _ L _ |
| 8. Fire-starting stone | _ _ _ N _ | Coquette | _ _ _ R _ |
| 9. Physical well-being | H _ _ _ _ | Financial prosperity | W _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Goblet or beaker | _ _ _ L _ | Lawnmower target | _ _ _ R _ |

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a commitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.

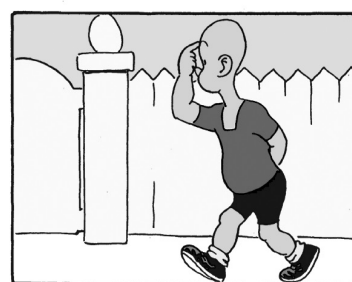
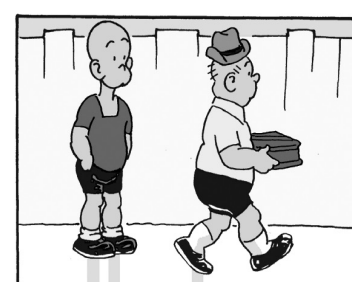
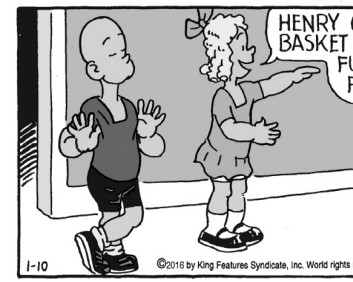
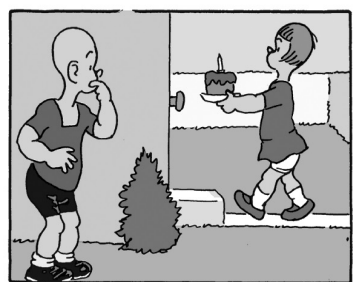
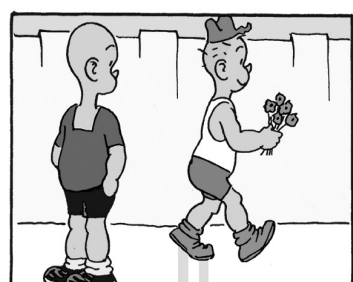
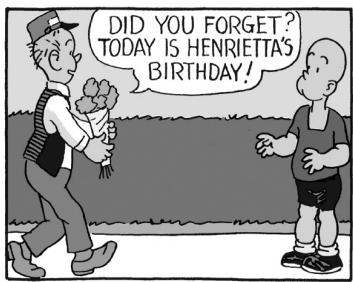
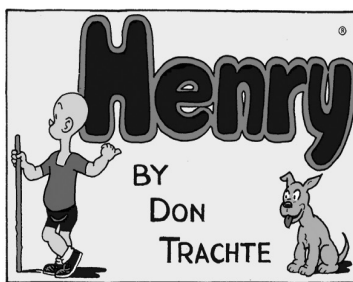
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told -- at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.

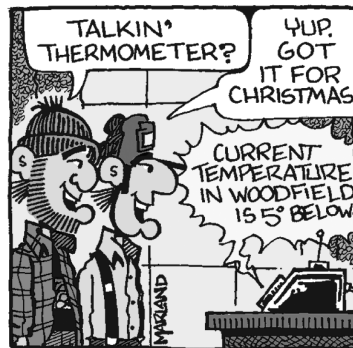
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer app, or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see the wisdom in honesty, and you help others appreciate your vision.



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

