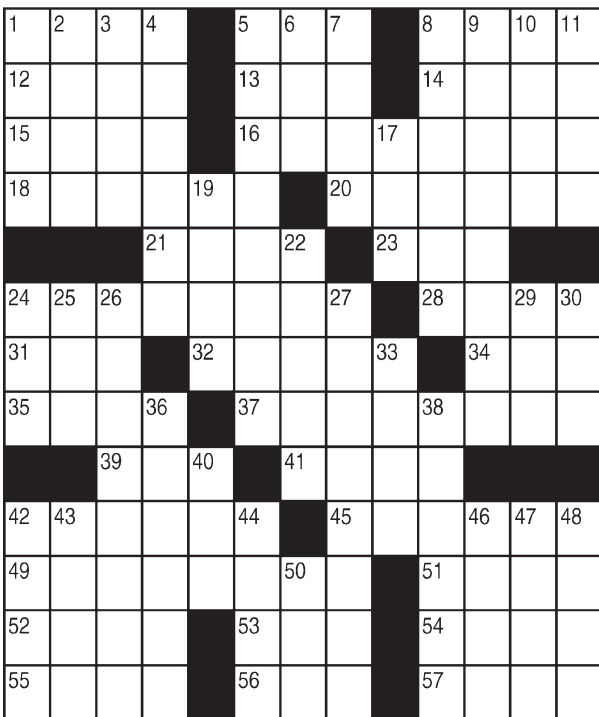


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Timber wolf
- 5 U.K. television option
- 8 Lily variety
- 12 Opposed to, slangily
- 13 Always, in verse
- 14 Mimicked
- 15 Get bigger
- 16 Banner
- 18 "— Street"
- 20 Leads
- 21 Edges
- 23 Adam's mate
- 24 Recklessly
- 28 Book after Joel
- 31 Sphere
- 32 "SNL" alumna Cheri



- 34 Debt notice
- 35 Seniors' dance
- 37 Vexing situation
- 39 By way of
- 41 Use scissors
- 42 Offering a nice view
- 45 Illegal steroid use, e.g.
- 49 Vertical space
- 51 Birthright barterer
- 52 Not working
- 53 Genetic stuff (Abbr.)
- 54 Matterhorn's range
- 55 Pinochle ploy
- 56 Affirmative
- 57 For fear that
- 8 Digestive aid
- 9 Widespread illness
- 10 Kelly or Hackman
- 11 Rhyming tributes
- 17 Payable
- 19 Venus de — last name
- 22 Old daggers
- 24 Bounce
- 25 Blunder
- 26 Especially
- 27 Baby-sitters, often
- 29 Partner of aah
- 30 Take to court
- 33 Personal (Pref.)
- 36 Paid heed to
- 38 Attraction
- 40 Atmosphere
- 42 Thin wedge
- 43 Relinquish
- 44 Buffalo Bill's last name
- 46 Capri, e.g.
- 47 Siestas
- 48 Sudden rush of wind
- 50 Individual

DOWN

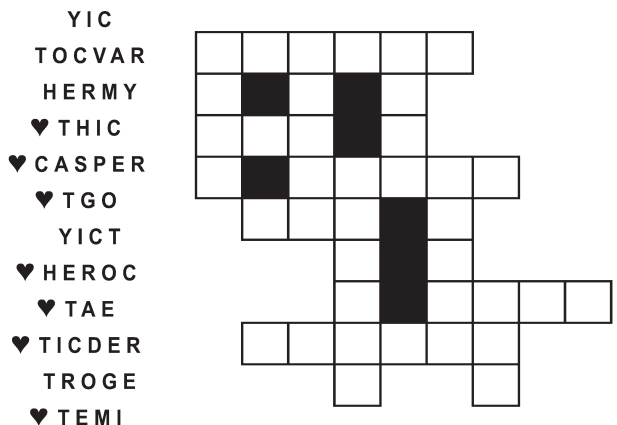
- 1 Trails behind
- 2 Shrek is one
- 3 Life stories, for short
- 4 Ahead
- 5 Huge monster
- 6 Spelling contest
- 7 Rugged cliff

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



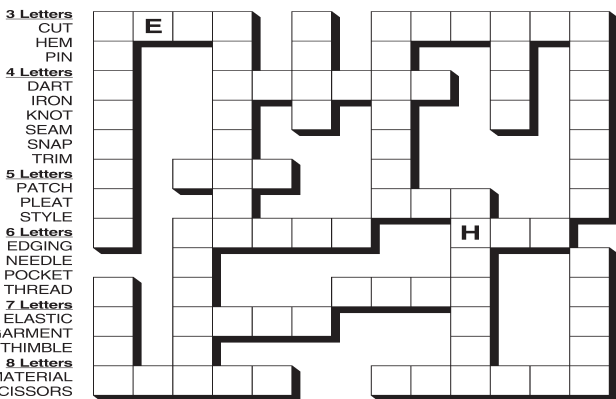
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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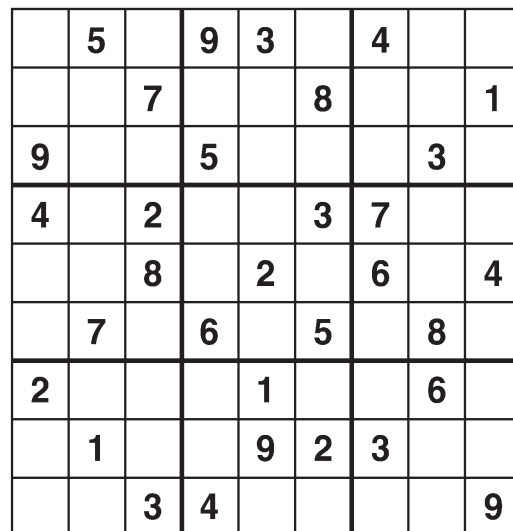
CRISSCROSS — SEW WHAT?
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



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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.

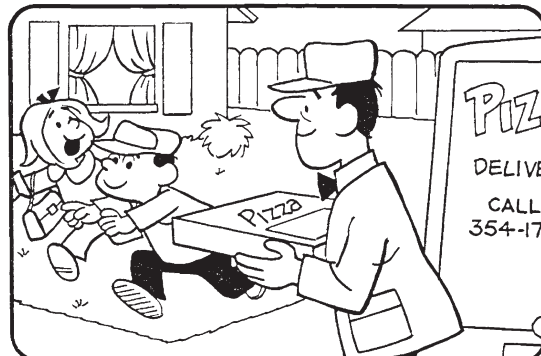
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

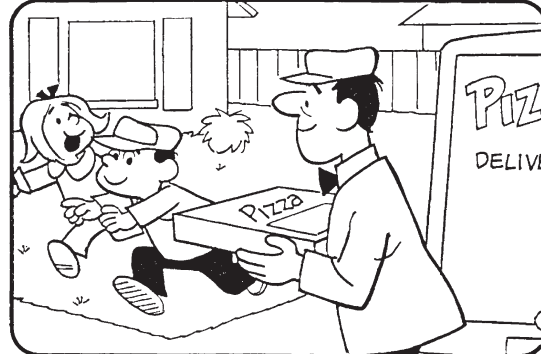
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtains are missing, 2. Pizza is missing, 3. Fence top is missing, 4. Cap is different, 5. Pocket is missing, 6. Telephone number is missing.

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O M L A J L X I R G K N U R C
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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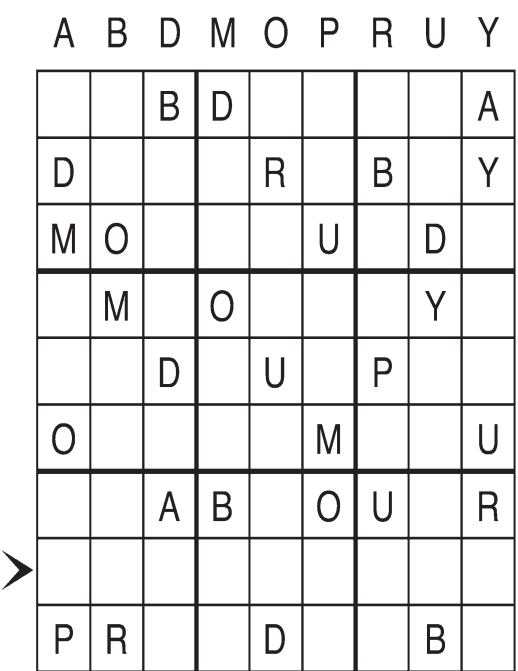
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Letter Box

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. Welcome | — — — — E — | Barrier Reef | — — — — A — |
| 2. Baker's goods | — — — S — — | Larder | — — — N — — |
| 3. Easy as pie | — — — I — — | Take a taste | — — — A — — |
| 4. Mr. Fudd | — — — M — — | Church official | — — — D — — |
| 5. Hotel foyer | L — — — — | Leisure pursuit | H — — — — |
| 6. Prepare leftovers | — — — H — — | Say again | — — — P — — |
| 7. Sleep aspiration | — — — — M — | Trepidation | — — — — D — |
| 8. Walk in a parade | — — — R — — | Chess game | — — — T — — |
| 9. Pale | — — — H — — | Colorado ski resort | — — — P — — |
| 10. Carafe | — — — O — — | Skirmish | — — — A — — |

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

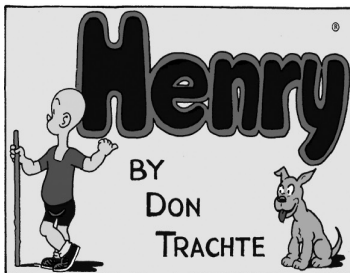
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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Amber Waves

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The Spats

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