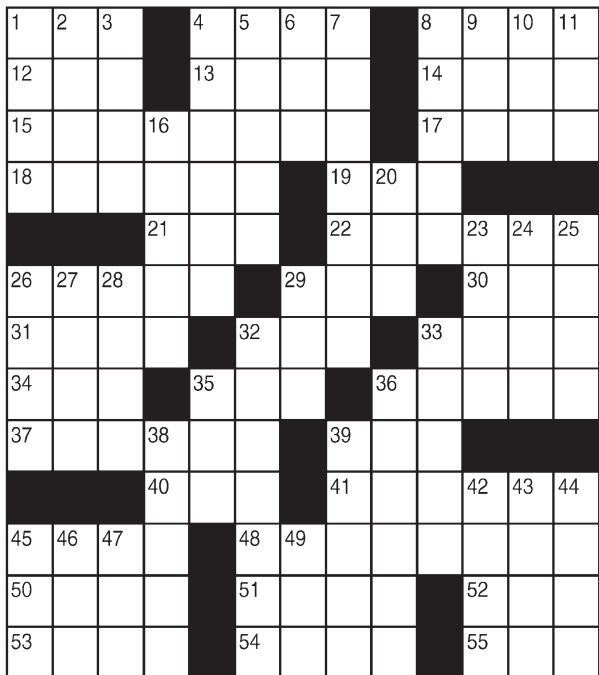


# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Poke
- 4 Crazy
- 8 Take a stance?
- 12 Bullring bravo
- 13 Bloodhound's clue
- 14 Basin accessory
- 15 Squid, on a menu
- 17 Rend
- 18 Knapsack
- 19 Biz deg.
- 21 Waste no time
- 22 Ailment
- 26 Actor Burr's role
- 29 Lustrous black
- 30 Pirouette pivot
- 31 Addict
- 32 Turf
- 33 Tittle
- 34 Wire measure
- 35 Lamb's mama
- 36 Pinnacles
- 37 Antipasto ingredient
- 39 Rage
- 40 Conventional
- 41 Shrimp recipe
- 45 "So be it"
- 48 Milky Way et al.
- 50 Stead
- 51 Deadlocked



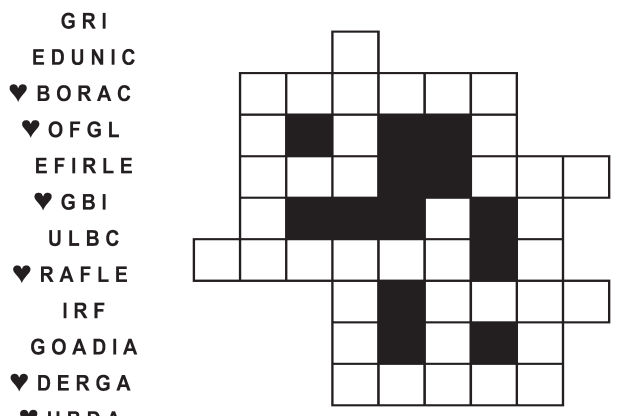
- 52 Muumuu accessory
  - 53 "— have to do"
  - 54 Utility bill datum
  - 55 Sanctions
- DOWN**
- 1 Athlete
  - 2 Jai follower
  - 3 Sash
  - 4 Realm
  - 5 Saw
  - 6 Supporting
  - 7 Decorated
  - 8 "Loves me (not)" factor
  - 9 Leave unpaid
  - 10 Vast expanse
  - 11 Blunder
  - 16 Detest
  - 20 Baseball need
  - 23 Fermi's bit
  - 24 Shower affection (on)
  - 25 Favorable votes
  - 26 "— the word"
  - 27 One side of the Urals
  - 28 Hawk
  - 29 Coffee, slangily
  - 32 Monkey, at times
  - 33 Mountain-
  - 35 eering tool
  - 36 Flightless bird
  - 38 Cancel
  - 39 Archipelago component
  - 42 Actor O'Shea
  - 43 Quick look
  - 44 Fertility goddess
  - 45 "The Greatest"
  - 46 Cambridge sch.
  - 47 Moray, for one
  - 49 Ms. Gardner

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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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# 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:

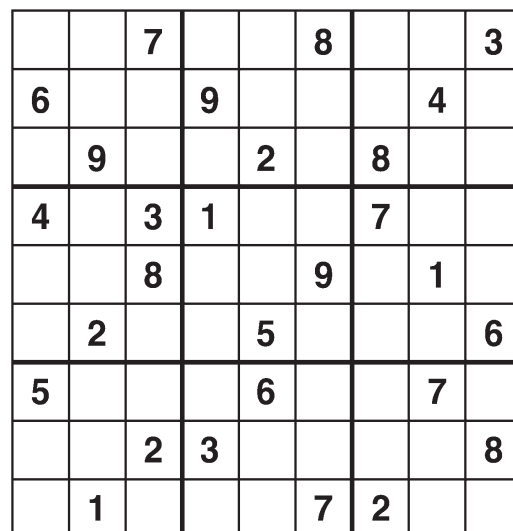
### WHO GIVES PRESENTS TO BABY SHARKS?

- |        |     |       |        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| MADRAS | ___ | DRAMA | JANGLE | ___ | ANGEL |
| BARBIE | ___ | BRIBE | CROAKS | ___ | CORKS |
| VENDOR | ___ | DROVE | SWIVEL | ___ | VEILS |
| LITTER | ___ | RELIT | RECAST | ___ | CARET |
| HORACE | ___ | CHORE |        |     |       |

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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.

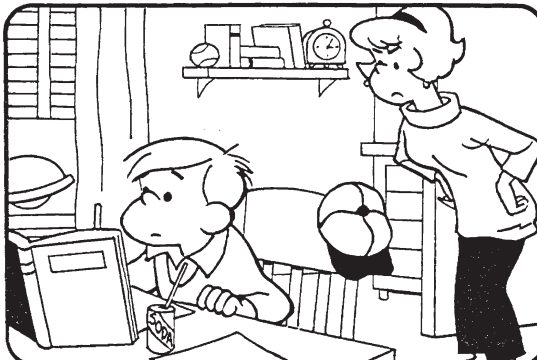
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

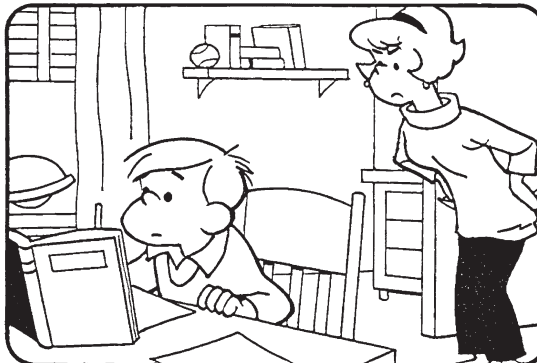
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## MAGIC MAZE • OIDS

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

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

- |          |         |          |         |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Alkaloid | Devoid  | Humanoid | Sigmoid |
| Android  | Factoid | Lipoid   | Tabloid |
| Avoids   | Fibroid | Myoid    | Toroid  |
| Cycloid  | Geoid   | Paranoid |         |

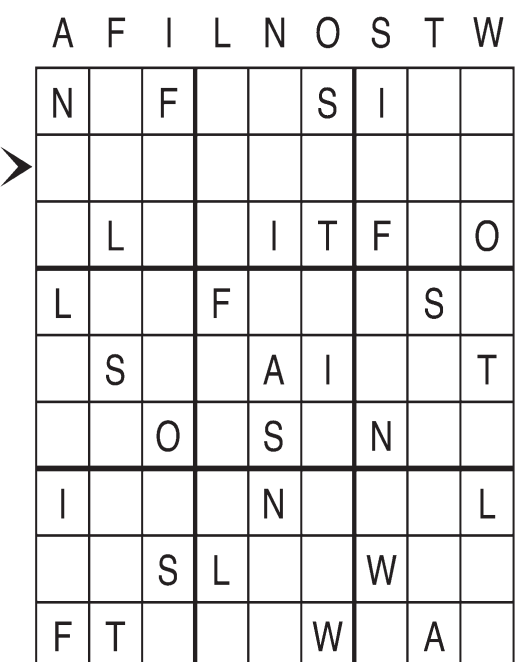
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# Letter Box

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.

- |                         |           |                    |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ringo or George      | ___ A ___ | Ladybug or weevil  | ___ E ___ |
| 2. Visitor              | G ___     | Expedition         | Q ___     |
| 3. Artist Rockwell      | ___ N     | Conventional       | ___ L     |
| 4. Faithful, like a dog | ___ Y ___ | Homegrown          | ___ C ___ |
| 5. Lee or Gaye          | ___ V ___ | Songbird           | ___ T ___ |
| 6. Compass direction    | N ___     | Value              | W ___     |
| 7. Swimming hole        | ___ U ___ | Canoe oar          | ___ A ___ |
| 8. Speak                | U ___     | Playful mammal     | O ___     |
| 9. Country house        | ___ N ___ | City bureaucrat    | ___ Y ___ |
| 10. Copper alloy        | ___ Z ___ | Charlotte or Emily | ___ T ___ |

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Start your Hanukkah and Christmas gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

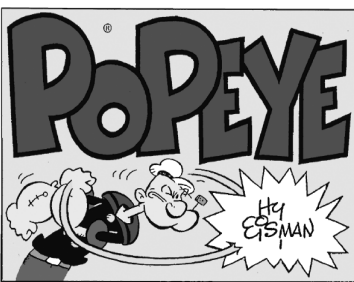
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

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# Amber Waves

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# The Spats

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