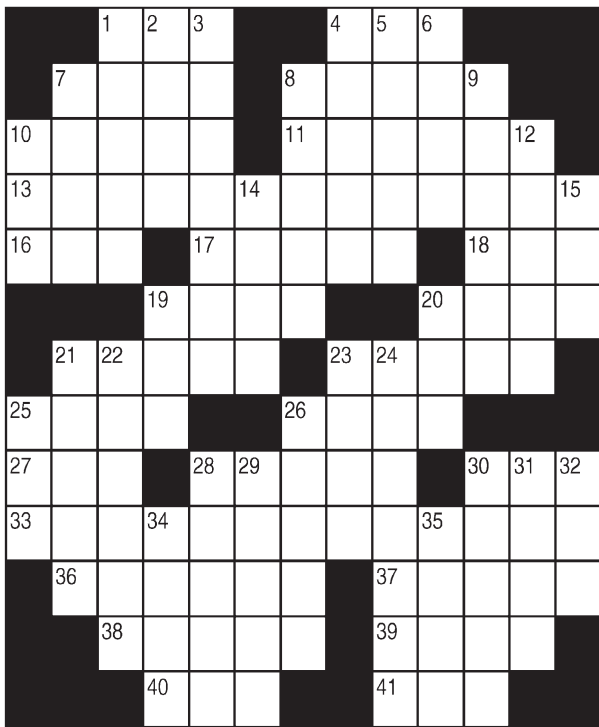


# King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 More, to Manuel
- 4 Humorous one
- 7 St. consisting of two peninsulas
- 8 Infants
- 10 Raccoon relative
- 11 Expiated
- 13 Executive, often
- 16 Island garland
- 17 Mill input
- 18 Pair
- 19 Sorts
- 20 Huffed and puffed
- 21 Many Christmas trees
- 23 Portobello alternative
- 25 Actor Gregory
- 26 Volcanic outflow
- 27 Exist
- 28 Persistent attack
- 30 Bashful
- 33 Cabal member
- 36 Mexican entree
- 37 Neighborhoods
- 38 Rind-



- 23 removing tool
- 39 Taleteller
- 40 Trawler need
- 41 Young fellow
- 10 Western st.
- 12 Wooden peg
- 14 Annoys
- 15 Ply oars
- 19 Squid squirt
- 20 Underwear with underwire
- 21 1990s presidential candidate
- 22 Polar feature
- 7 Fashion
- 8 Foundation
- 9 Put down roots
- 10 Western st.
- 12 Wooden peg
- 14 Annoys
- 15 Ply oars
- 19 Squid squirt
- 20 Underwear with underwire
- 21 1990s presidential candidate
- 22 Polar feature
- 23 Creche trio
- 24 Generally
- 25 Campaign fundraising grp.
- 26 Shunned one
- 28 Trap
- 29 Archipelago component
- 30 Lieu
- 31 Frost
- 32 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 34 Muscat's land
- 35 Met melody

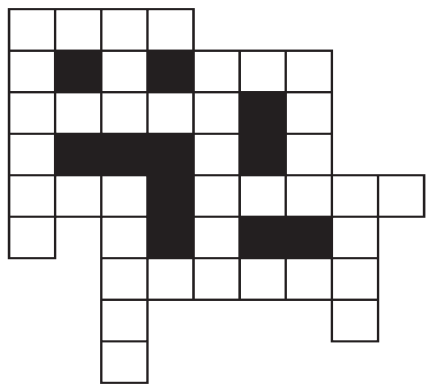
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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ATO
- IGNOEL
- FYTIN
- ♥EOLP
- ♥SOPRET
- GFI
- OTOT
- RATPI
- ♥APN
- ♥GRIENF
- ♥RONGE
- FAFG



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

### CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

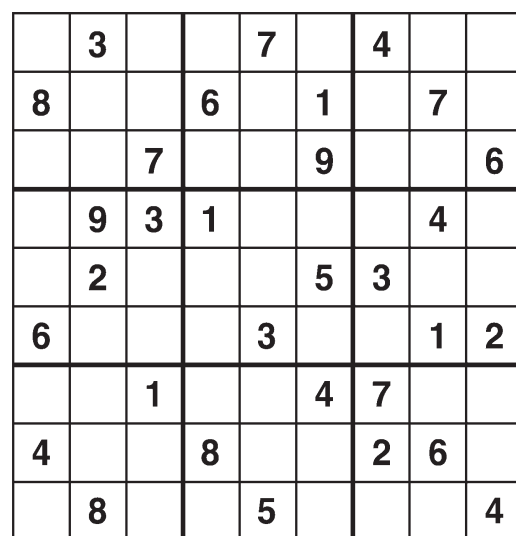
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
 X I Z E J E U I F D I S J T U N B T U S F F  
 H P U P U I F C B S C F S ? C F D B V T F J U  
 O F F E F E U P C F U S J N N F E .

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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.

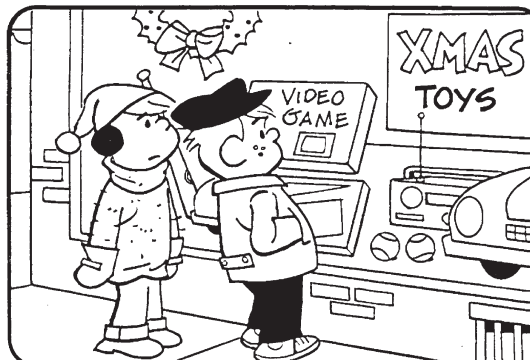
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



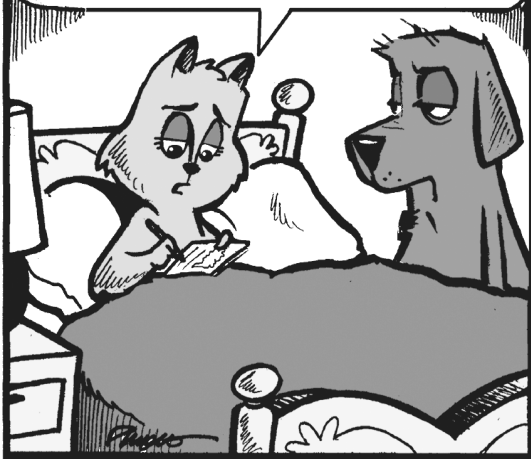
Differences: 1. Tassel is shorter; 2. Curls are missing; 3. Baseball bat is missing; 4. Arm is moved; 5. Sign is different; 6. Antenna is missing.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I'M WRITING OUT CHRISTMAS CARDS TO ALL OUR LOVED ONES. I SHOULD HAVE SOME LEFT OVER, IF YOU WANT ONE FOR YOUR MOTHER.



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## MAGIC MAZE • FALL BACK

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

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

- Back away
- Back up
- Backward
- Countermand
- Draw back
- Move back
- Pull back
- Recede
- Reset
- Retreat
- Return
- Revoke
- Set back
- Turn back
- Vacate

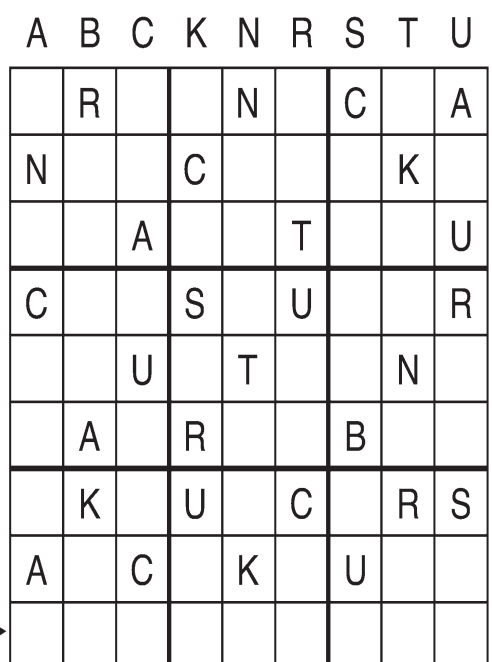
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## Letter Box

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. Writing style    \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_    Investigate    \_ \_ \_ \_ B \_
- 2. Chore    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ D    Badly behaved    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T
- 3. Italian river    \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_    Cereal box Tony    \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_
- 4. Goddess of love    \_ \_ \_ U \_ \_    Lets off steam    \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_
- 5. Literary category    \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_    Oil lamp inhabitant    \_ \_ \_ I \_ \_
- 6. Pungent tasting    \_ \_ \_ I \_ \_    In well health again    \_ \_ \_ E \_ \_
- 7. Gave your word    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ E    Zorro's weapon    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ D
- 8. Tease provocatively    \_ \_ \_ R \_ \_    Fire-starter    \_ \_ \_ N \_ \_
- 9. LA athlete    D \_ \_ \_ \_    Hotel guest    L \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10. Get the better of    \_ \_ \_ W \_ \_    Attire    \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Someone close to you might feel like you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

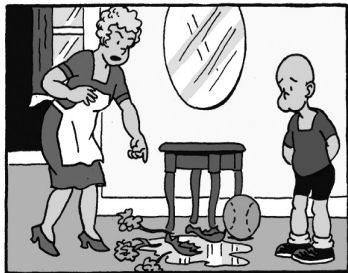
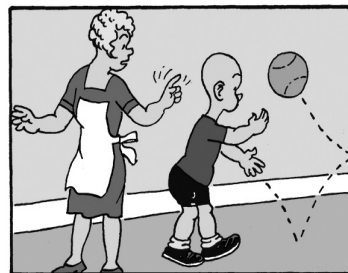
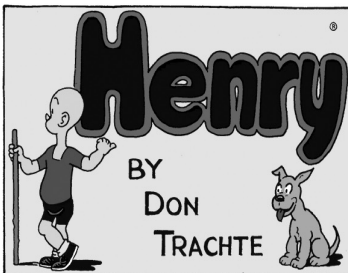
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2012.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Although at times you tend to be a bit judgmental, you are generous and caring and very much beloved.



## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

