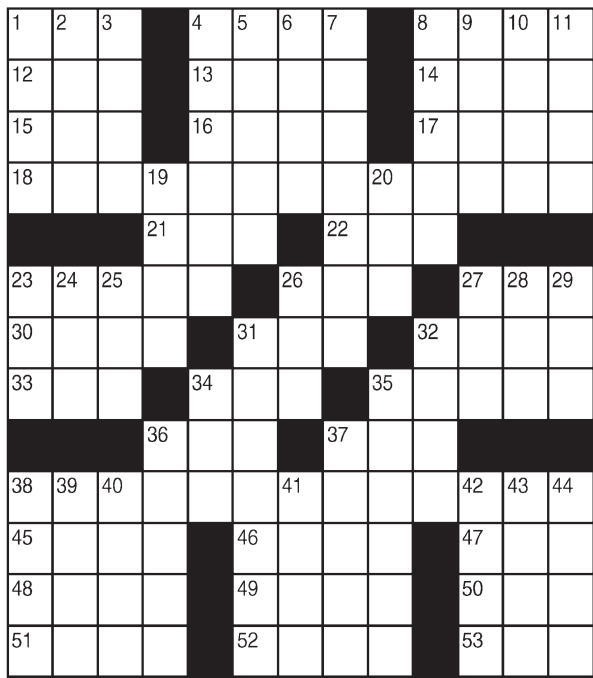


# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Blonde shade
- 4 Unkempt one
- 8 Old portico
- 12 Adversary
- 13 Hemingway nickname
- 14 Freshwater fish
- 15 Every crumb
- 16 Courtroom call
- 17 Leak slowly
- 18 Couch potato's gizmo
- 21 Supporting
- 22 Feedbag morsel
- 23 Bad lighting?
- 26 Firmament
- 27 Explanation
- 30 At the home of
- 31 Feathery accessory
- 32 Oliver Twist's request
- 33 Heavy weight
- 34 Saute
- 35 River barrier
- 36 "No seats" sign
- 37 Stewie, to Lois
- 38 Reunion invitee, maybe
- 45 Teen's woe
- 46 Go fast
- 47 Corroded
- 48 Slay
- 49 Sea eagle



## DOWN

- 1 Off
- 2 Unrivaled
- 3 Steering wheel
- 4 Exact
- 5 Tier
- 6 Oil cartel
- 7 Rocket launcher
- 8 "Ivanhoe" author
- 9 Hammer
- 10 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 11 First victim
- 19 "The Wizard"
- 20 Aye undoer
- 23 Performance
- 24 Pi follower
- 25 D.C. pol
- 26 Sauce source
- 27 Carpool-lane abbr.
- 28 Raw rock
- 29 Teensy
- 31 Faux-suntan cosmetic
- 32 Options list
- 34 Monk's address
- 35 Appeared ominously
- 36 Dictator's aide
- 37 Teatime treat
- 38 Pedestal part
- 39 PC picture
- 40 Fit of peevishness
- 41 Sped
- 42 Out of harm's way
- 43 Thing
- 44 Information

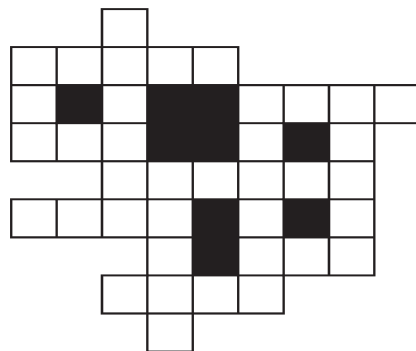
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# FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- HYS
- ASHTAG
- DYWAB
- YUBR
- RUSBRA
- BHU
- NTWO
- ONNLY
- UBS
- WYNHOA
- NUTHA
- EABB



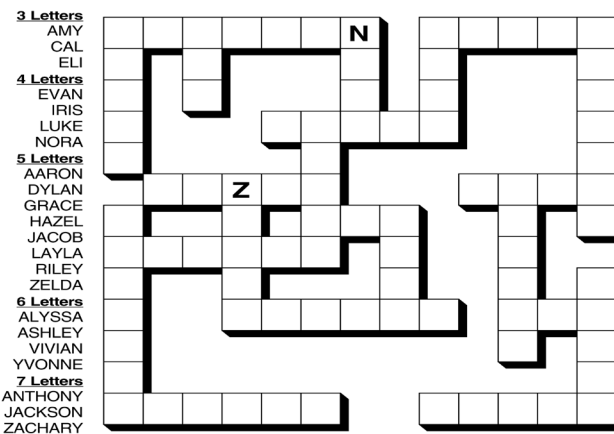
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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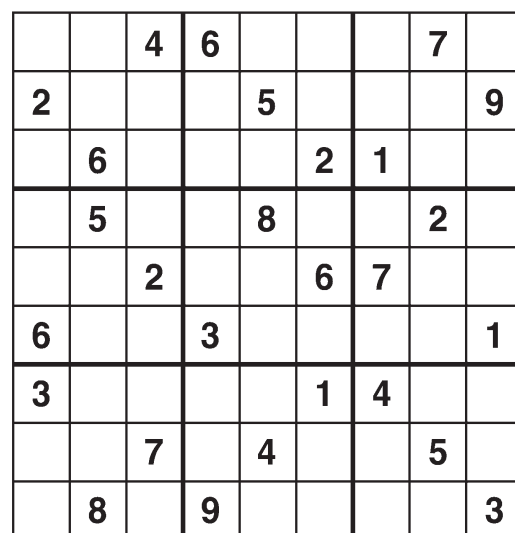


- 3 Letters: AMY, CAL, ELI
- 4 Letters: EVAN, IRIS, LUKE, NORA
- 5 Letters: AARON, DYLAN, GRACE, HAZEL, JACOB, LAYLA, RILEY, ZELDA
- 6 Letters: ALYSSA, ASHLEY, VIVIAN, YVONNE
- 7 Letters: ANTHONY, JACKSON, ZACHARY

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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.

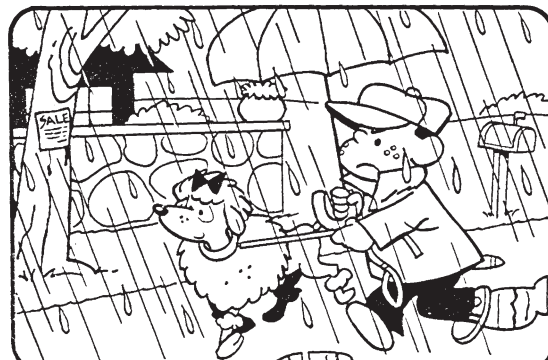
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

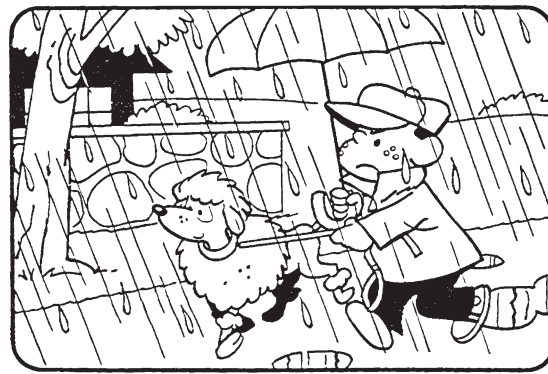
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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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. Almost             | — — — — L — | At hand             | — — — — B — |
| 2. Stubble            | — E — — —   | Get on a ship       | — O — — —   |
| 3. Schedule           | R — — — —   | Wanted ad           | P — — — —   |
| 4. Desert mammal      | — — — — L — | Minor acting part   | — — — — O — |
| 5. Thrill             | — — A — —   | Select few          | — — I — —   |
| 6. Detection device   | — — S — —   | Junior's dad        | — — I — —   |
| 7. Gander and gosling | G — — — —   | Actress Witherspoon | R — — — —   |
| 8. Royal abode        | — — — — C — | Roof of the mouth   | — — — — T — |
| 9. Bread ingredient   | — — — — U — | Rug location        | — — — — O — |
| 10. Company strategy  | — — — — Y — | Law enforcement     | — — — — E — |

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# CALIFORNIAN MAGIC MAZE ● FRUITS AND NUTS

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

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

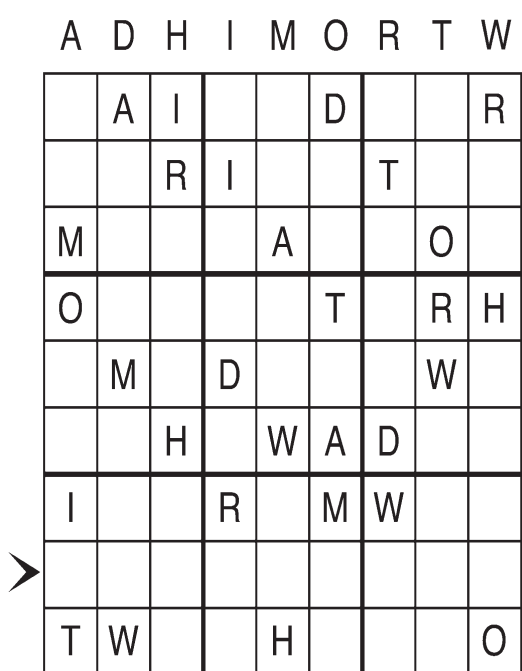
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|----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Almond   | Fig      | Mango  | Pistachio |
| Apricot  | Grapes   | Olive  | Quince    |
| Cashew   | Hazelnut | Papaya | Walnut    |
| Chestnut | Lychee   | Pecan  |           |

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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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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some settled time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that soon will require a lot of serious decision-making.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove just as desirable, if only you would take the time to check it out.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on the workplace challenge that awaits you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. This is the week you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead with no significant disruptions.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The new moon starts this week off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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