



Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

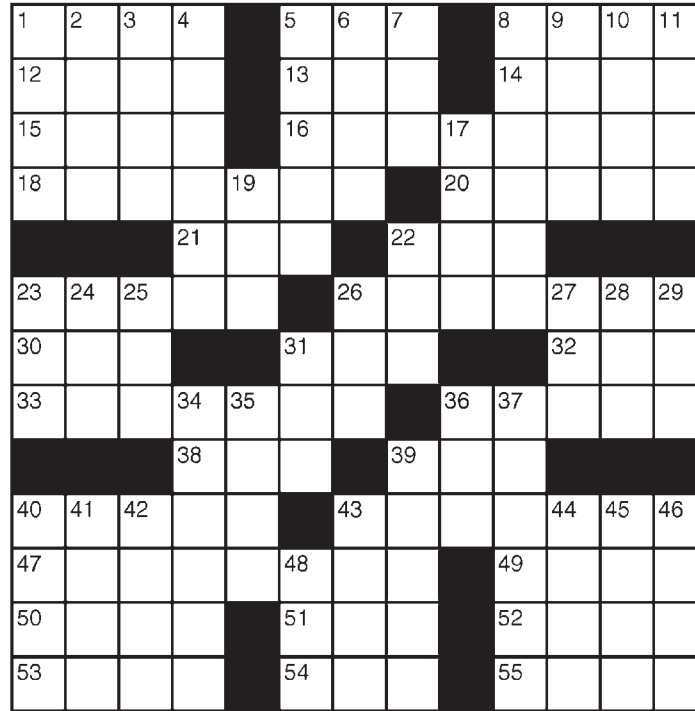
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Screen star Lamarr
- 5 Abrupt turn
- 8 Wild party
- 12 Half a sextet
- 13 Equi-
- 14 Tennis great Arthur
- 15 Crystal-tapping sound
- 16 Solicit
- 18 Funnel-shaped bloom
- 20 Herrings' cousins
- 21 Squealer
- 22 Chemical suffix
- 23 Montana city
- 26 Scare badly
- 30 Buckeyes' sch.
- 31 Tibetan bovine
- 32 "Ulalume" writer
- 33 Dress store section
- 36 Broadway duds
- 38 Cat doc
- 39 Life story
- 40 Madonna role
- 43 "Cutie," e.g.
- 47 Peevish
- 49 Actor Jannings
- 50 "No -!" ("Sure thing!")
- 51 Quibble

DOWN

- 52 Sandwich option
- 53 "Auld Lang --"
- 54 Away from SSW
- 55 Ladies of Spain (Abbr.)
- 1 URL opener
- 2 Toledo's lake
- 3 Force
- 4 Dairy case buy
- 5 "Hush!"
- 6 On the Aegean, say
- 7 Inherited
- 8 Tub user
- 9 China setting
- 10 Not barefoot
- 11 Coop group
- 17 "- It Romantic?"
- 19 Scot's refusal
- 22 "A spider!"
- 23 Jazzy style
- 24 Exploit
- 25 Boy king
- 26 Mas' mates
- 27 Wall St. debut
- 28 Dandy guy



- 29 "You bet!"
- 31 However
- 34 ICU hookup
- 35 Pond duck
- 36 In shape
- 37 Hermits
- 39 Davis of "Jezebel"
- 40 Actor Omar
- 41 Quite
- 42 Lay - the line
- 43 Nabokov novel
- 44 Love god
- 45 "-- 18" (Uris novel)
- 46 Right angles
- 48 Raggedy doll

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MAGIC MAZE

MAKEUP TERMS

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 K A G N I B O R T S E R L J Y
 H P F N N E G N I K A B L C E
 B I I Z G N I R U O T N O C O
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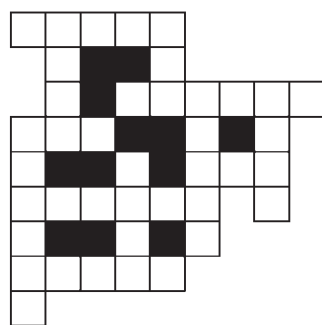
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: OVEN COOKING

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Contouring | Fallout | Highlighting | Stippling |
| Cut crease | Fan brush | Hitting pan | Strobing |
| Draping | Foiling | Overlining | Waterline |
| Face beat | Halo eye | Setting | |

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



- LIL
- HIPSLO
- LHOCT
- ♥NTIH
- HINCLE
- OGH
- ♥ESLA
- NURGI
- ♥PTO
- SOGSER
- ♥HENSO
- GLOO

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L	G	E	E	H	S	R	E	E	A	D	R	S

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.



the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

THE BULLSEYE 95.5

SUDOKU

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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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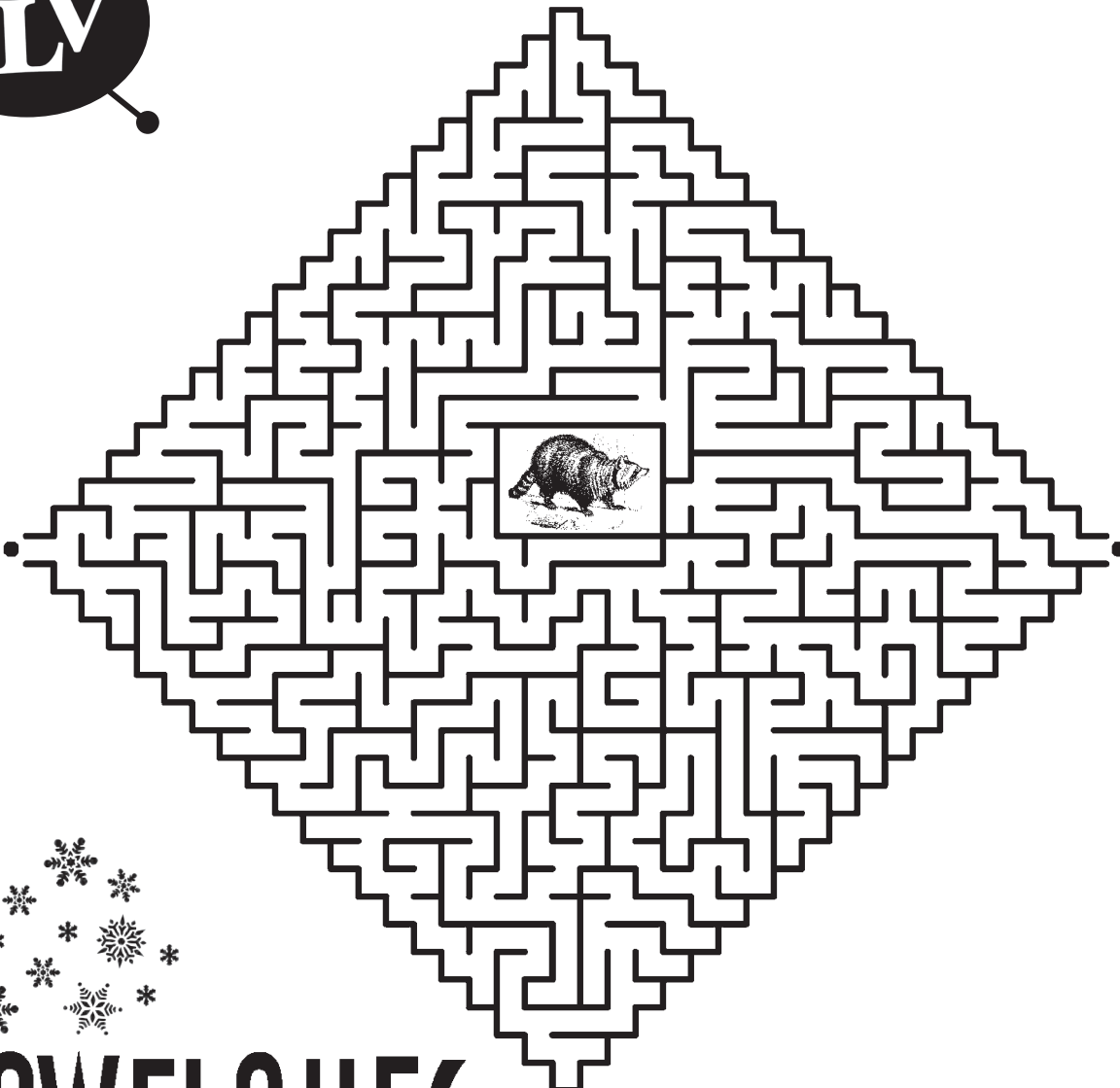
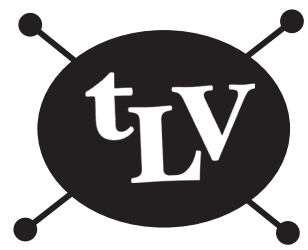
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TV-Super Crossword

ADDED WEIGHT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Posh parties
 - 6 Lumberyard tool
 - 12 Rd. crossers
 - 15 Quick bite
 - 19 Japanese film genre
 - 20 Mob code of silence
 - 21 — au vin (chicken dish)
 - 22 Qualified
 - 23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
 - 25 Volcanic event
 - 27 Bible book after Genesis
 - 28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
 - 30 Hefty slice
 - 32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
 - 33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
 - 41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
 - 45 Studio alert
 - 46 Off-course
 - 47 Dalai —
 - 50 Brian of electronica
 - 51 Play spiritedly
 - 52 People evaluating a central California city?
 - 55 Wedding vow
 - 56 Seder bread
 - 57 Makes public
 - 58 Suffix with million
 - 59 Has a feeling
 - 61 Shepherd of "Mr. Iglesias"
 - 64 Conjunction with a slash
 - 65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
 - 70 "A Bell for —" (novel)
 - 72 Caged (up)
 - 73 "24" actress Cuthbert
 - 76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
 - 77 T. Rex, e.g.
 - 78 — fatuus (delusion)
 - 81 Longtime "Conan" ainer
 - 82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
 - 87 Flapjack chain, in brief
 - 88 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
 - 89 Sty beasts
 - 90 Beachgoer's headwear
 - 91 Phase
 - 92 Occur next
 - 94 Tactful reply when Churchill asked "Who dislikes me?"
 - 96 Glorify
 - 100 Mai — (cocktails)
 - 101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
 - 109 Pressure felt at liftoff
 - 113 "Sounds right to me"
 - 114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
 - 116 See 75-Down
 - 117 — Father
 - 118 Songlike
 - 119 Cleo of song
 - 120 U. of Maryland athlete
 - 121 Born, in Lyon
 - 122 Gave lip to
 - 123 Actor Murphy
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare in awe
 - 2 Strong as —
 - 3 "— & Stitch"
 - 4 In the center of a vessel
 - 5 Not religious
 - 6 Mythical bird
 - 7 Apple line
 - 8 Alternative to JavaScript
 - 9 Madrid Mlle.
 - 10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
 - 11 Desire
 - 12 Act segment
 - 13 Legal wrongs
 - 14 Crouch down
 - 15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
 - 16 NYC theater award
 - 17 ATM hole
 - 18 Egg sources
 - 24 Actor Morales
 - 26 Fundamental
 - 29 Have title to
 - 31 Film director Ratner
 - 33 Johnson of Britain
 - 34 Battery pole
 - 35 "Mo' Money" star
 - 36 Health expert on TV
 - 37 Former BP gas chain
 - 38 Shaggy ox
 - 39 Blowup stuff
 - 40 Ear-related prefix
 - 42 Else
 - 43 Opening lines notably
 - 44 Aesop's hare, notably
 - 47 Actress Dern
 - 48 Playful trick
 - 49 Mothers
 - 52 An obi is one
 - 53 Standard
 - 54 One-named New Ager
 - 56 Prefix with -dermal or American
 - 60 Wall St.'s "500" index
 - 61 Big name in fuel additives
 - 62 Weeding tool
 - 63 Bring to a halt
 - 64 Brings pain to
 - 66 Cake coating
 - 67 Taboo things
 - 68 Mess up
 - 69 Prince, e.g.
 - 70 First five of 26 letters
 - 71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
 - 74 Cable streaming app until 2020
 - 75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
 - 77 Scooby- —
 - 78 With a sharp image, briefly
 - 79 Aussie "Hi!"
 - 80 Abbr. on a food package
 - 83 "— the rub!"
 - 84 "General" on Chinese menus
 - 85 Core
 - 86 Half of dos
 - 87 "Such a pity!"
 - 91 Sound from a cold sufferer
 - 93 Maintenance
 - 94 Natal lead-in
 - 95 "Othello" foe
 - 97 Illegal burning
 - 98 Edition
 - 99 Make a goal
 - 101 Figure skater Katarina
 - 102 Horrid giant
 - 103 Regretful person
 - 104 CEOs' degs.
 - 105 Law firm aide, for short
 - 106 Baseballer Speaker
 - 107 Siouan people
 - 108 Schnozzola
 - 110 Doping juice
 - 111 Tot's plea
 - 112 Sword variety
 - 115 Silent assent

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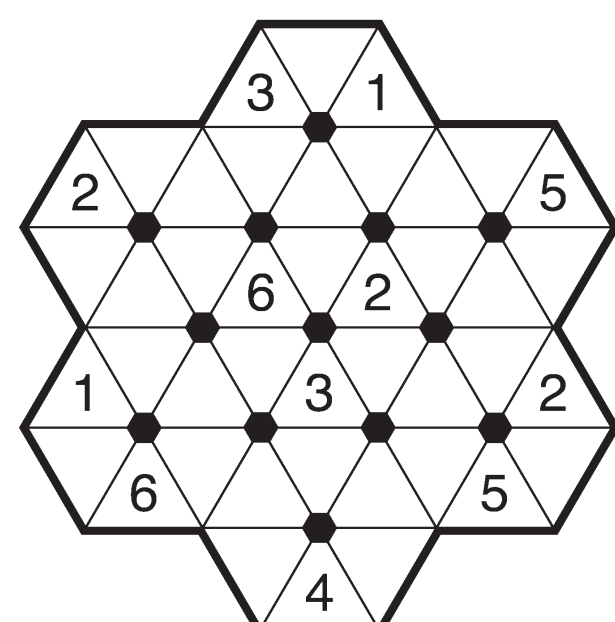
- TELEVISION:** Which popular spinoff series originated with the drama "Breaking Bad"?
- HOLIDAYS:** What is another name for Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- MOVIES:** In the movie "Babe," what kind of animal is the title character?
- MEASUREMENTS:** How many grams are in a kilogram?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which strait separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
- SCIENCE:** What are the three layers that make up the Earth?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Which breakfast food is associated with the retro series "Stranger Things"?
- MEDICAL:** What is the common name for muscae volitantes?
- LITERATURE:** Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Abraham Lincoln?

ANSWERS BELOW



SNOWFLAKES

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

YBDG TSLGXR GY LJR IOTE
OVOWRTGTS. LJR XODHJ
VGTEY ODR LJR XUDTGTS
COVT. - IRVGY SDGKKODE

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals B

HPCY YOCZ-XWZWTOE MCTTDOT
VDBPY JWVO QWZDXO MO
HTCQQDAB CTWLAE C XTDVO
JXOAO? XWTEWA MZLO.

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		-		=	1		
+	■	+	■	+	■			
	+		+		=	14		
+	■	x	■	x	■			
	+		+		=	12		
=	■	=	■	=	■			
5	■	90	■	65	■			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

Answers: 1. "Better Call Saul." 2. Epiphany. 3. "Good faith." 4. Pig. 5. 1,000. 6. Babe. Mandel. 7. Crust, mantle and core. 8. Eggo. waffles. 9. Eye floaters. 10. Carl Sandburg.



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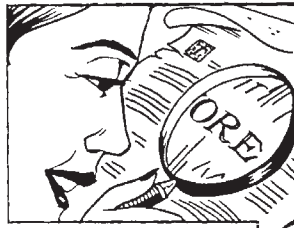
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

• **21 SKIDDOO!** Four shaded numbers in the L-shaped cluster at right total 21. Quickly — in two minutes or less — see if you can find at least four more L-shaped foursomes totalling 21 similarly.



L's may be in any position, short side up, down, left or right.

Remember, you are asked to find just four answers.

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7	4	9	3	5
3	7	5	6	7
9	2	7	7	4

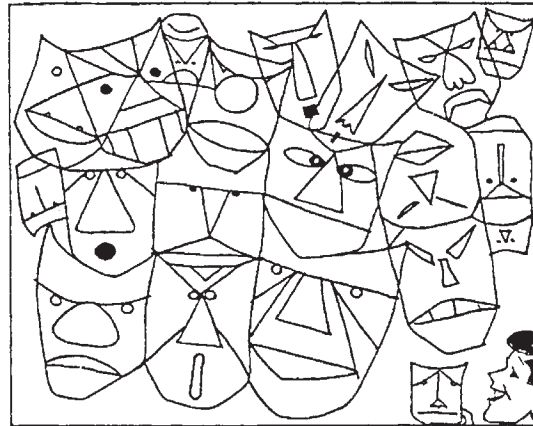
Four of a number of possibilities:
5754, 7392, 7293, 7635, etc.

• **DROP-INS!** Drop first letter of each capitalized word to fill blank: 1. The SOIL held —. 2. Let's BORE for —. 3. The CHAIR is filled with —. 4. The SAMPLE is —. Now, try making up some.

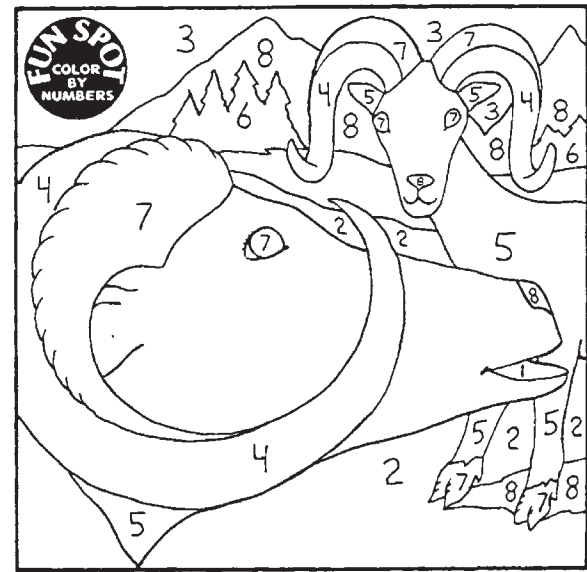
BURIED POETS SOCIETY!

Names of British poets Gray, Moore, Dryden, Byron, Pope, Dryden, Gay, Keats and Hemans appear among consecutive letters of this vintage verse:

The sun is darting rays of gold
Upon the moor, enchanting spot,
Whose purple heights by Ronald loved,
Up open to his shepherd cot.
And sundry denizens of air,
Are flying, aye each to his nest;
And eager make at such an hour
All haste to reach the mansions blest.
Can you find them?



MASK CONFUSION! See if you can find 20 or more masks in the drawing above. Turn page every which way to find them.



HEADS UP! Easy does it, or these bighorn sheep will be off to higher places. Colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Lt. gray. 6—Dk. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. purple.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:
TRANSFER

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible anagram: Star, term.

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Here's a puzzle where speed counts. Try this with your friends.

649 x 47 = P
649 x 46 = ?

- 1) P - 47
- 2) P - 649
- 3) P - 602
- 4) 47P - 648
- 5) 649 + (P - 47)

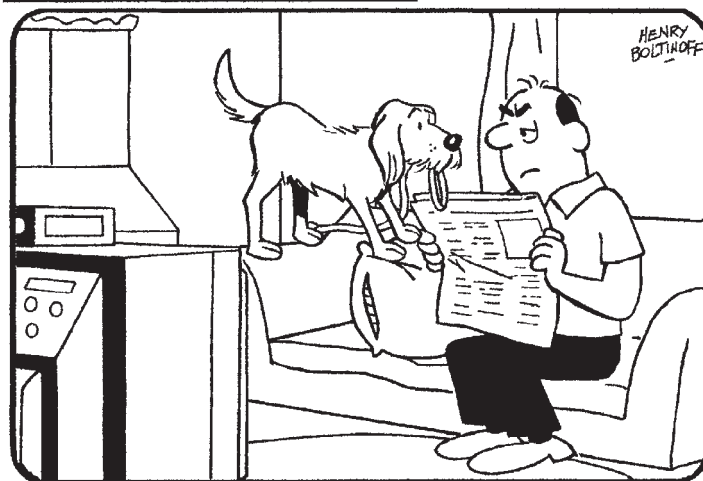
KNIGHT MOVES

Z	P	I
L		E
P	N	E

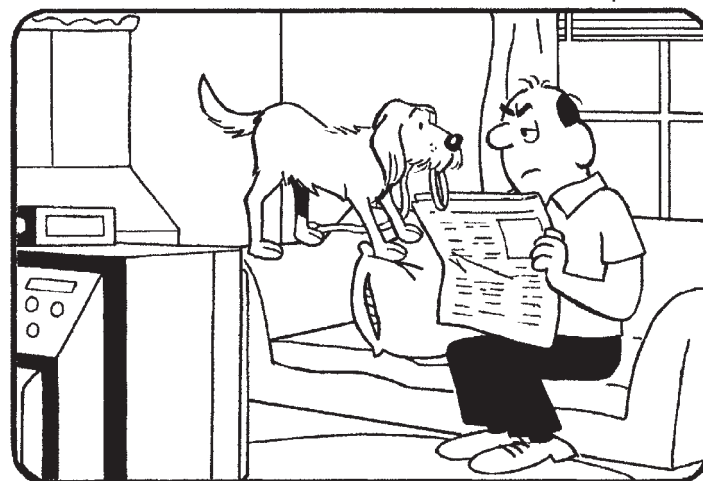
Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tail is moved. 2. Window is different. 3. Fingers are not showing. 4. Ear is larger. 5. Blinds are added. 6. Laces are added to shoe.

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. Banker, sometimes | ___ N ___ | First in line | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Saunter | ___ B ___ | Plenty | ___ P ___ |
| 3. Singer Gaye | ___ V ___ | Paper boundary | ___ G ___ |
| 4. Disposed to | ___ E ___ | Fork tine | ___ G ___ |
| 5. Military title | ___ J ___ | City official | ___ Y ___ |
| 6. Vocation | ___ R ___ | Sway recklessly | ___ N ___ |
| 7. New York island | ___ L ___ | King of rock and roll | ___ V ___ |
| 8. "Go away, cat" | ___ M ___ | Morsel | ___ P ___ |
| 9. Round map | ___ B ___ | Pitcher's mitt | ___ V ___ |
| 10. Actor Gary | ___ P ___ | Not as hot | ___ L ___ |

WORD LADDERS

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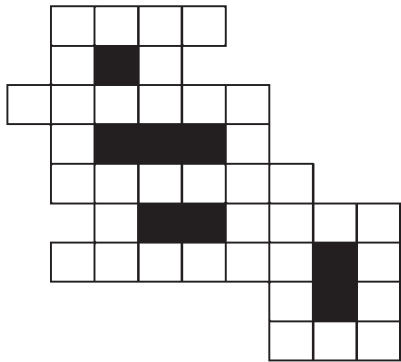
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| 1. Hand warmer | ___ _ _ V _ | Circular map | ___ _ _ B _ |
| 2. More lethargic | S ___ _ _ _ | Tulip or gladiola | F ___ _ _ _ |
| 3. Weeping tree | ___ I ___ _ _ | Flounder | ___ A ___ _ _ |
| 4. Modify | ___ _ _ E _ | Church table | ___ _ _ A _ |
| 5. Park seat | ___ E ___ _ | Cluster of grapes | ___ U ___ _ |
| 6. Wander aimlessly | ___ _ I ___ _ | Gentle wind | ___ _ A ___ _ |
| 7. Perimeter | ___ _ _ G _ | Hemingway's fish | ___ _ _ L ___ |
| 8. Hedge plant | ___ H ___ _ | Use steel wool | ___ C ___ _ |
| 9. Prying bar | ___ _ _ _ R | Even | ___ _ _ _ L |
| 10. Football takedown | ___ A ___ _ _ | Touch with a feather | ___ I ___ _ _ |

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FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- UEC
- METIAN
- CWAAM
- ROWC
- CEMESH
- OMM
- ♥EMCA
- TECLE
- ♥WNO
- DEWMOR
- ♥MADER
- HOWM



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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:

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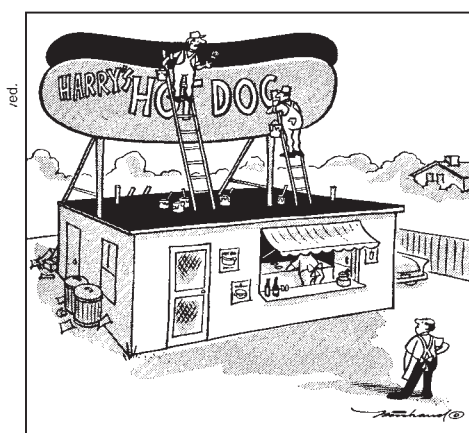
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Mix
LEMING _____
- Mean
DINES _____
- Stress
BENDUR _____
- Build
TERACE _____

TODAY'S WORD



"With or without _____?"

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FARRO BOWLS

TV King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Screen star Lamarr
- 5 Abrupt turn
- 8 Wild party
- 12 Half a sextet
- 13 Equi-
- 14 Tennis great Arthur
- 15 Crystal-tapping sound
- 16 Solicit
- 18 Funnel-shaped bloom
- 20 Herrings' cousins
- 21 Squealer
- 22 Chemical suffix
- 23 Montana city
- 26 Scare badly
- 30 Buckeyes' sch.
- 31 Tibetan bovine
- 32 "Ulalume" writer
- 33 Dress store section
- 36 Broadway duds
- 38 Cat doc
- 39 Life story
- 40 Madonna role
- 43 "Cutie," e.g.
- 47 Peevish
- 49 Actor Jannings

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- 50 "No —!" ("Sure thing!")
- 51 Quibble
- 52 Sandwich option
- 53 "Auld Lang —"
- 54 Away from SSW
- 55 Ladies of Spain (Abbr.)
- 5 "Hush!"
- 6 On the Aegean, say
- 7 Inherited
- 8 Tub user
- 9 China setting
- 10 Not barefoot
- 11 Coop group
- 17 "— It Romantic?"
- 19 Scot's refusal
- 22 "A spider!"
- 23 Jazzy style
- 24 Exploit
- 25 Boy king
- 26 Mas' mates
- 27 Wall St. debut
- 28 Dandy guy
- 29 "You bet!"
- 31 However
- 34 ICU hookup
- 35 Pond duck
- 36 In shape
- 37 Hermits
- 39 Davis of "Jezebel"
- 40 Actor Omar
- 41 Quite
- 42 Lay — the line
- 43 Nabokov novel
- 44 Love god
- 45 "— 18" (Uris novel)
- 46 Right angles
- 48 Raggedy doll

DOWN

- 1 URL opener
- 2 Toledo's lake
- 3 Force
- 4 Dairy case buy

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SCRAMBLERS

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Fury
GEAR

Mystery
GEMANI

Grimace
COWLS

Chaos
AMBLED

TODAY'S WORD

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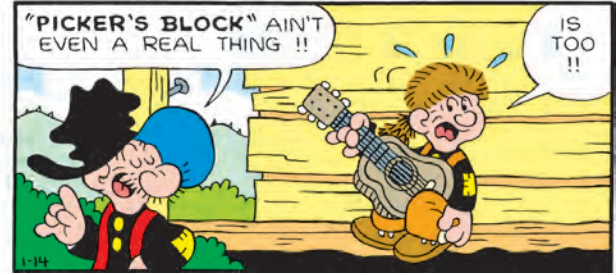
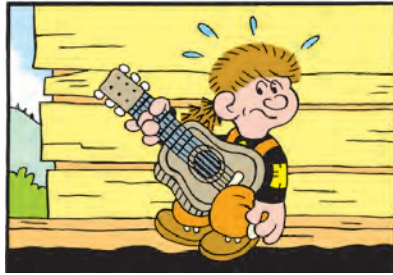
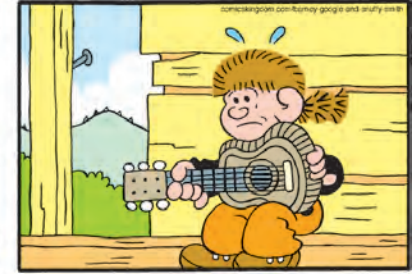
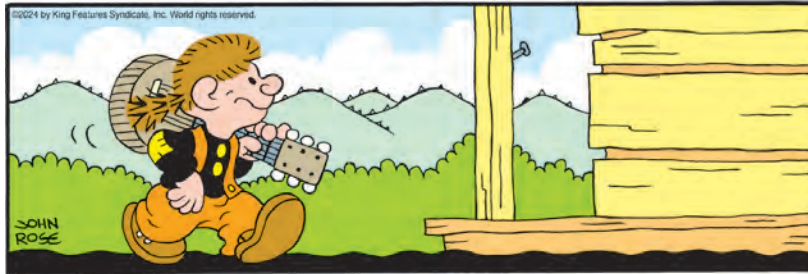
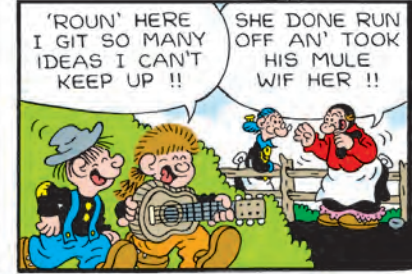
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TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

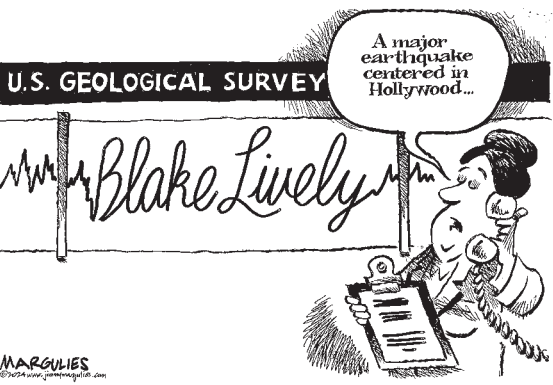


GRIN and BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



HAL FOSTER'S **Prince Valiant**
 BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THINGS HAVE A WAY OF RESOLVING THEMSELVES: VALETA STARTED OUT HER VOYAGE TO THE MISTY ISLES AS A RUNAWAY WIFE, BUT IS NOW HONORABLY DIVORCED. VERY SAD, REFLECTS VAL, BUT MUCH MORE PROPER TO HAVE HER LEGALLY FREE.

MASTER GUNDAR HARL AND HIS BOLD NORSE CREW CHOOSE NOT TO HUG THE COAST OF GAUL, INSTEAD CUTTING STRAIGHT ABOVE TO THE CANTABRIAN SEA, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF IBERIA...

YEATES 11/9/13

... AND THEN DOWN THE WESTERNMOST COAST OF EUROPE. FOR DAYS NOW, VAL HAS WORKED TO CONVINCE NATHAN OF THE WORTH IN PRACTICING THE SKILLS OF PERSONAL COMBAT, BUT THE YOUNG ARTIST HAS REMAINED DISINTERESTED.

Americanisms

“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present.”
 — Bill Keane

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THEN VAL SEES KAREN, WITH HER WARRIOR'S MENTALITY, SPARRING WITH HER BROTHER AND CORRECTING WITH FAR MORE PATIENCE THAN COULD VAL. HIS DAUGHTER SUCCEEDS WHERE HE HAS FAILED!

4005

ROLES ARE CERTAINLY CHANGING IN THESE MODERN TIMES, HE SIGHS. OH WELL— QUEEN BOUDICCA WAS A PRETTY FAIR WARRIOR, TOO...

BUT THEN HE IS DISTRACTED BY THE SIGHT OF A GREAT MASS LOOMING AHEAD— THE PILLARS OF HERCULES— SO SOON?

NEXT:
 The sea of myth

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

DAVIS, HONEY, WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? YOU'RE A TOTAL MESS!

GO GET CLEANED UP. THE DUNCANSONS HAVE INVITED US FOR DINNER TONIGHT.

WHATEVER WOULD THEY THINK IF WE SHOWED UP WITH FILTHY CHILDREN?

HURRY UP. THEY RESERVED THE FANCY PIGPEN SPOT WITH THE GOOD MUD.

JOE BIDEN IS USING HIS LAST WEEKS IN OFFICE...

MAKING LIFE BETTER!

FOR CONSUMERS?

FOR TAX-PAYERS?

NOPE. FOR FELONS WHO DON'T RESPECT LIFE!

37 DEATH ROW COMMUTATIONS

HOWA STATE SIGN CLON!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

"I DIG, YOU DIG, HE DIGS, SHE DIGS, WE ALL DIG."

IT'S NOT A VERY PRETTY POEM...

...BUT IT SURE IS DEEP.

OK... Now that we have a trifecta with our house, senate and president in charge, there's no need to fight each other! Let's work together and save this country!

Yes, we can come together! Just let me have the last punch!!!

MIDDLE ROAD Conservatives

FAR RIGHT Conservatives

NOW IN CHARGE... CAN REPUBLICANS COME TOGETHER?

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WANT SOME FRESH-BAKED COOKIES, PUNKINHEAD?

WOW! A QUARTER

HAVE HALF MY CANDY BAR, PUNKINHEAD?

WANT ME TO PULL YOU ON YOUR SLED?

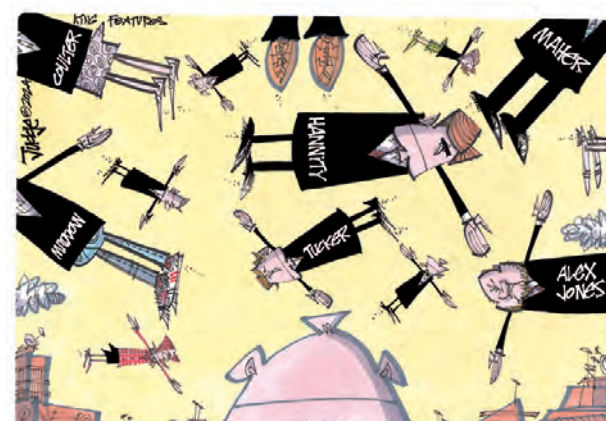
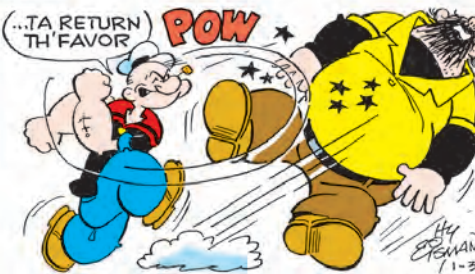
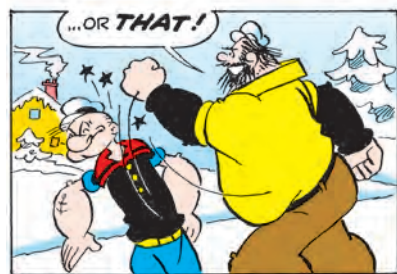
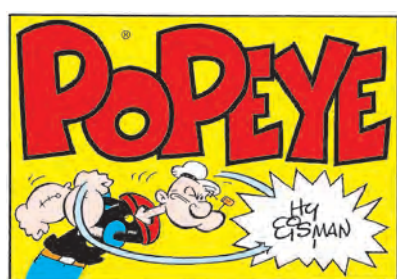
THANKS, HUGO

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

HEAVEN

HE MAKES THE TRASH FEEL DIRTY.

GAETZ

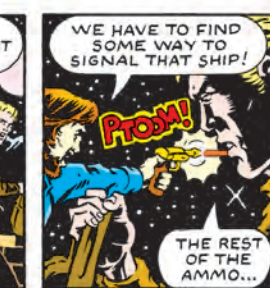
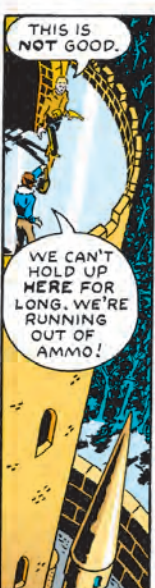


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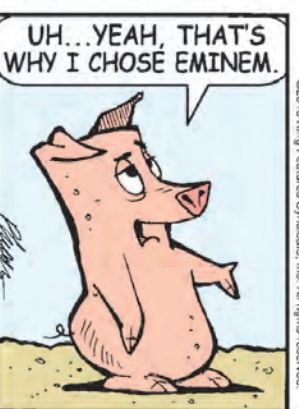
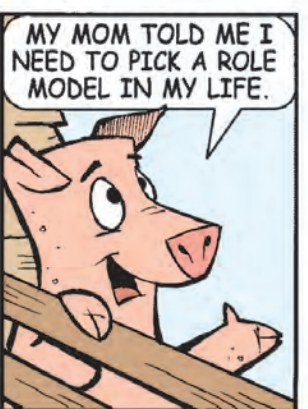
"Unlike me, he's becoming more and more unbearable!"

FLASH GORDON



Amber Waves

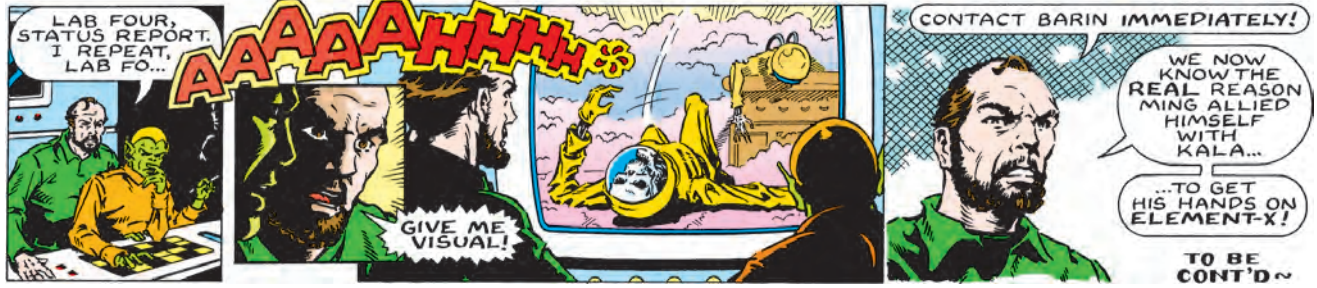
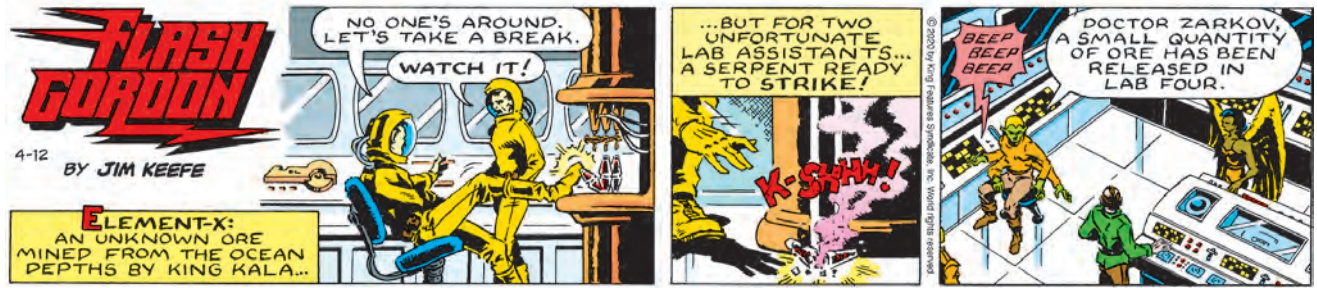
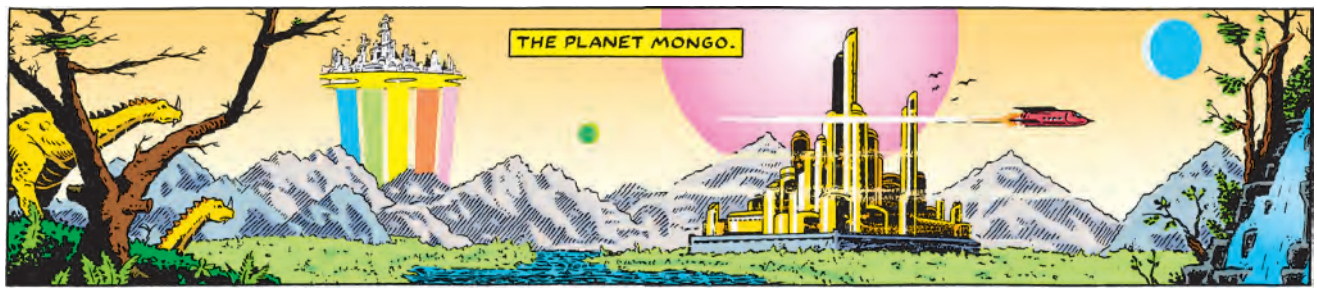
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Americanisms



"Life is not so much what you accomplish as what you overcome."
— Robin Roberts



Weekly SUDOKU

3		1		7	2		6
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							5
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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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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

P	E	S	T	A	L	D	A	A	S	H
O	M	A	R	N	E	E	R	D	O	E
D	I	G	E	S	T	I	V	E	O	D
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The Spats

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Out on a Limb

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The Garden Bug

The U.S. government's online Plant Hardiness Zone interactive map can help you find the average annual extreme minimum winter temperature in any area of the U.S. by typing in a zip code. The areas are displayed as 10-degree F zones and 5-degree F half-zones designated as "a" and "b", and are keyed by color and number/letter combinations. Plants sold in catalogs and storefronts are often marked with which "zone" they tolerate, along with their needs such as required daily sun exposure, soil type, wind tolerance and best watering practices. - Brenda Weaver

Source: <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>



WORD LADDERS

Can you go from FAILS to KINDS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FAILS

KINDS



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and I was feet to the lame.

— JOB 29:13-15 —

Detail of "Bust of a Bearded Oriental Man in a Turban" by Jan Lievensz (1631)



top ten

BIGGEST OIL SPILLS in History

1. The Persian Gulf Oil Spill: 380-520 million gallons, 1991
2. BP's Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: 206 million gallons, 2010
3. The Ixtoc I Oil Spill: 140 million gallons, 1979
4. The Atlantic Empress Oil Spill: 90 million gallons, 1979
5. The Komi Pipeline Oil Spill: 84 million gallons, 1994
6. The ABT Summer Oil Spill: 80 million gallons, 1991
7. The Castillo de Bellver Oil Spill: 79 million gallons, 1983
8. The Amoco Cadiz Oil Spill: 69 million gallons, 1978
9. The MT Haven Tanker Oil Spill: 45 million gallons, 1991
10. The Odyssey Oil Spill: 40.7 million gallons, 1988

Source: **Business Insider**

SCRAMBLERS

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Mystery
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TODAY'S WORD





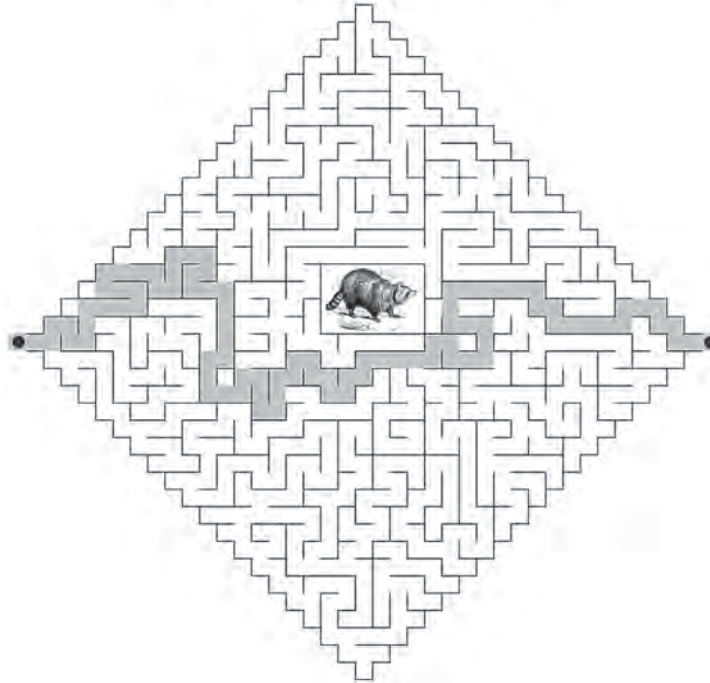
Super Crossword

Answers

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Mega Maze

Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9	6	5	2	3	1	4	8	7
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1	8	7	6	4	5	9	3	2
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6	3	1	4	2	7	8	5	9
5	7	9	3	8	6	2	1	4
4	2	8	5	1	9	6	7	3

CryptoQuote

answer

Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. — Lewis Grizzard

CryptoQuip

answer

What teal-colored barrier might some police be wrapping around a crime scene? Cordon blue.

SCRAMBLERS

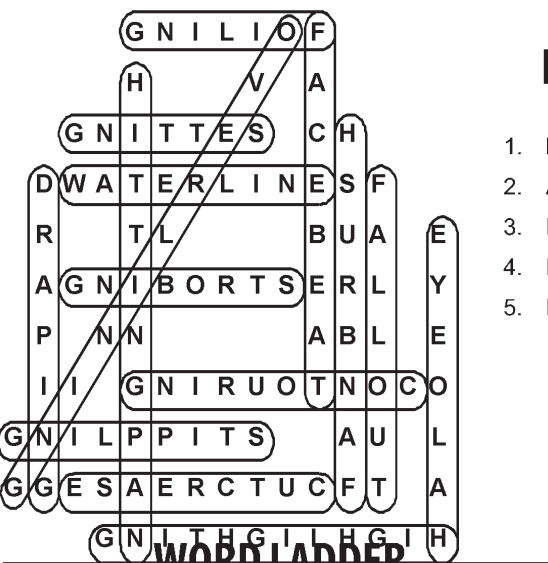
solution

1. Mingle; 2. Snide;
3. Burden; 4. Create

Today's Word

MUSTARD

MAKEUP TERMS



WORD LADDER

Answer

BLAME, FLAME, FLAKE, SLAKE, STAKE, STARE

Even Exchange

answers

1. Lender, Leader
2. Amble, Ample
3. Marvin, Margin
4. Prone, Prong
5. Major, Mayor
6. Career, Careen
7. Ellis, Elvis
8. Scram, Scrap
9. Globe, Glove
10. Cooper, Cooler

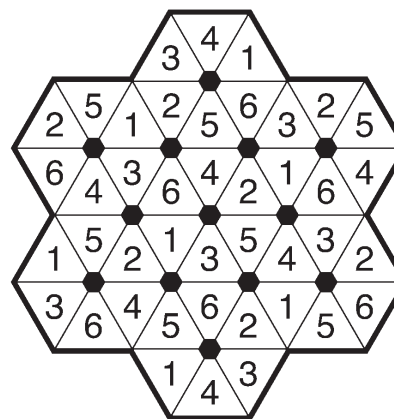
Go Figure!

answers

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	9	8	7	4	1	5	2	6
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6	3	9	1	7	5	2	4	8
2	8	4	9	6	3	1	7	5
7	1	5	8	2	4	6	3	9

WORD LADDER

Answer

FAILS, FALLS, FILLS, FINES, FINDS, KINDS

Even Exchange

Donna M. Pettman

1. Glove, Globe
2. Slower, Flower
3. Willow, Wallow
4. Alter, Altar
5. Bench, Bunch
6. Drift, Draft
7. Margin, Marlin
8. Shrub, Scrub
9. Lever, Level
10. Tackle, Tickle

Stickelers Answer

The answer is 2) P - 649.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

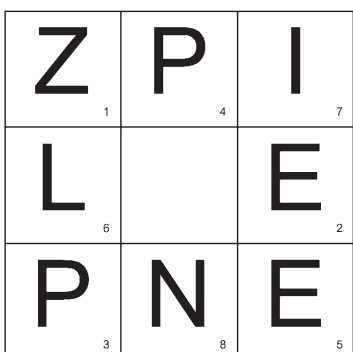
1. Rage 2. Enigma;
3. Scowl; 4. Bedlam

Today's Word

LEDGE

KNIGHT MOVES

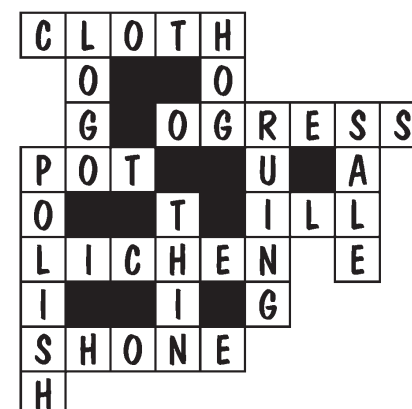
Answer



ZEPPELIN



answer





King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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answer

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

How did the snow globe feel after hearing a scary story?

A bit shaken up.



“Wicked” (PG) — Universal Pictures’ investment in adapting the Broadway musical “Wicked” paid off big time, with the first part of their two-part saga garnering \$586.3 million at the box office at the time of this writing. Director Jon M. Chu (“Crazy Rich Asians”) assembled the perfect cast to bring the musical to life, including Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, Ariana Grande as Glinda/Glinda, and Jonathan Bailey as Fiyero. Now viewers at home can get whisked away to the magical Land of Oz through the film’s beautiful visual effects and iconic songs like “The Wizard and I” and “Dancing Through Life.” Keep a close eye out for Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth, both of the actresses who originated the roles of Elphaba and Glinda in the original production. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl” (PG) — Those of us who were kids during the 2000s remember the comical shenanigans of Wallace and his dog, Gromit, in the film “The Curse of the Were-Rabbit” (2005). Almost 20 years later, the stop-motion animation studio Aardman Animations decided to develop a second feature-length film about their much-beloved characters. In “Vengeance Most Fowl,” Wallace is still hard at work with his inventions, much to Gromit’s dismay, and creates a robotic gnome that can take care of gardens. However, the imprisoned penguin criminal Feathers McGraw, who was once captured by Wallace and Gromit, chooses this robotic gnome as his opportunity to exact revenge on his foes. Check it out now. (Netflix)

“The Front Room” (R) — Singer/actress Brandy Norwood (“Descen-

dants: The Rise of Red”) is making her return to movies, and this psychological horror film directed by the Eggers Brothers was a solid attempt to get her feet wet again. Norwood plays pregnant anthropology professor Belinda, whose emotional baggage is only further weighed down by her and her husband Norman’s (Andrew Burnap) financial woes. So, when Norman’s estranged stepmother, Solange (Kathryn Hunter), offers them an inheritance in exchange for taking care of her during her final days, the couple jumps at the chance to get their lives back on track. But Solange has a deeply rooted history of religious abuse and racism that comes bubbling to the surface as Belinda gets closer to giving birth. Out now. (Max)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB
Andrew Burnap, left, and Brandy Norwood star in “The Front Room.”

“The Golden Globe Awards” (TV-PG) — Comedian Nikki Glaser hosts this year’s Golden Globe Award ceremony, which is out now to stream after airing live on Jan. 5. The musical “Emilia Perez” starring Zoe Saldana leads the film nominations, followed by “The Brutalist” with Adrien Brody and “Conclave” with Ralph Fiennes. For the television nominations, the hit Hulu series “The Bear” continues to reign, followed by “Shogun” and “Only Murders in the Building.” Viola Davis will be recognized with the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and Ted Danson will receive the Carol Burnett Award, although neither will be presented during the official ceremony. (Paramount+)

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Time to Reset: A Zesty Citrus Salad to Kickstart the New Year

Happy New Year! If you’re anything like me, you might feel like you need a full-body cleanse just to shake off all the pumpkin spice and peppermint bark still lingering in your system.

After all the holiday indulgence, it’s the perfect time to hit the reset button with lighter, healthier meals. And what better way to start than with citrus? Lucky for us, it’s citrus season! It’s peak season for these tangy, vibrant fruits. They’re at their juiciest and most affordable, making them ideal for a budget-friendly detox.

One of my favorite ways to enjoy citrus is in a refreshing winter citrus salad. It’s a simple but satisfying combination of greens, citrus segments and a sweet and tangy vinaigrette that ties it all together. The dressing is a mix of orange juice, honey, a hint of mustard, apple cider vinegar and olive oil. It’s so delicious, so easy to make ahead and keep in the fridge.

To prepare, I cut up a variety of colorful citrus the night before — blood oranges, grapefruits, mandarins, cara cara oranges or whatever’s on sale — and store them in the fridge. When it’s time to eat, I toss the citrus with greens, fresh mint or parsley, nuts like almonds or pistachios, and a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds. Sometimes I add grilled chicken or fish for a pro-

tein boost, but it’s just as delightful on its own or as a side dish.

How to Supreme Fruit for Citrus Salad

For an elegant flair, slice 1/2 inch from the top and bottom of each citrus fruit, then stand them upright on a cutting board. Use a sharp paring knife to carefully slice away the peel and pith, following the curve of the fruit. Cut along each membrane to gently release the citrus sections, known as supremes, for a beautifully refined touch. Squeeze the juice from the leftover citrus membranes into a measuring cup or small bowl to make the vinaigrette, recipe below.



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This winter citrus salad is vibrant and refreshing — perfect for a healthy reset.

WINTER CITRUS SALAD

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

For the Dressing:

- 4 tablespoons orange or mixed citrus juice
- 1 lime, juiced and zested
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 small clove garlic, minced or pressed
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

For the Salad:

- 6 to 8 cups lightly packed mixed greens
- 2-3 navel oranges (or blood oranges or cara cara oranges), sliced into supremes
- 1 grapefruit, sliced into supremes
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- A handful of fresh mint or parsley, torn
- 4 tablespoons pistachios (optional)
- 1/2 cup pomegranate arils (optional)
- Grilled chicken or fish (optional)

Make the dressing: In a small bowl or jar, whisk together the orange juice, lime juice, vinegar, honey, Dijon mustard and minced garlic. Season with salt and pepper. While whisking, slowly drizzle in the olive oil. Give it a taste and adjust the seasoning with more salt, pepper or a touch more honey if needed. Yield: approximately 1 1/3 cups.

Assemble the salad: Toss the mixed greens with some of the dressing, then spread them on a platter. Top artistically with citrus, red onion and fresh herbs. Sprinkle with pomegranate arils and pistachios for added crunch.

To serve: Drizzle the dressing over the salad and serve immediately.

This salad is colorful, customizable and packed with Vitamin C. It’s a bright, flavorful way to embrace healthier habits and make the most of citrus season. Here’s to a fresh start — and a New Year!

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