Amber Waves

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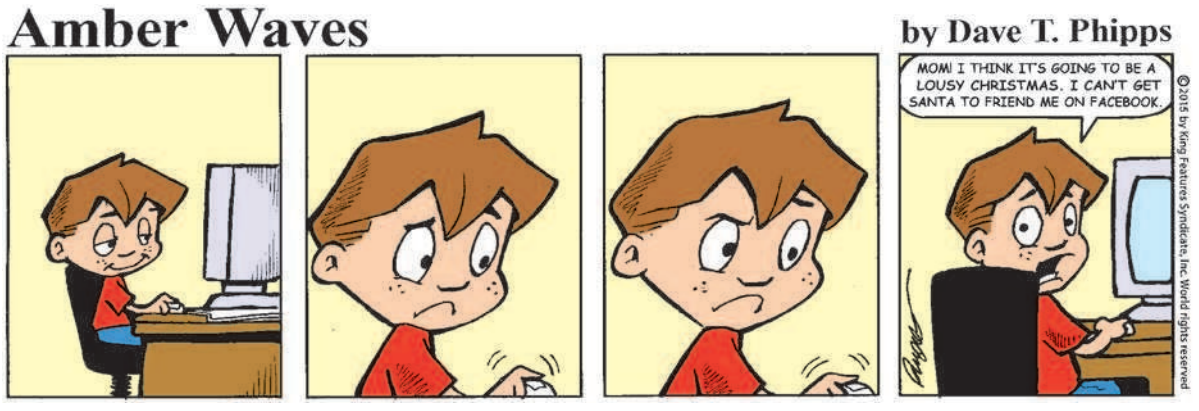

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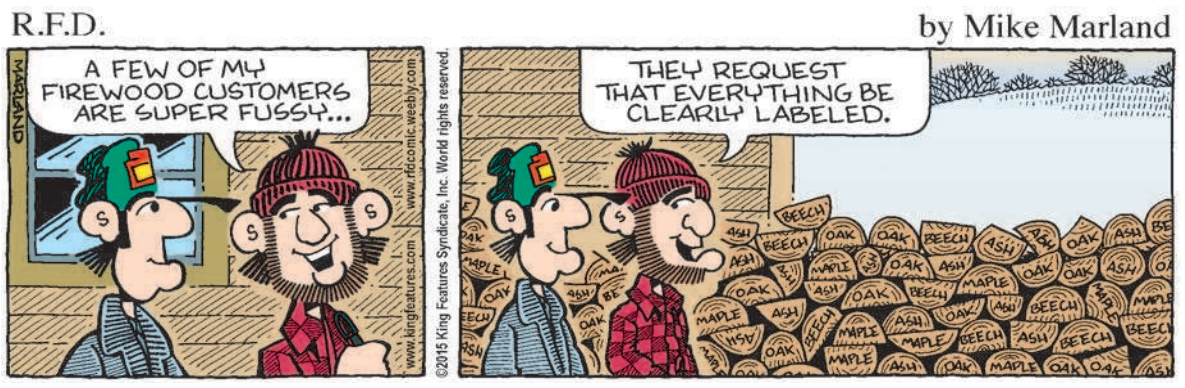

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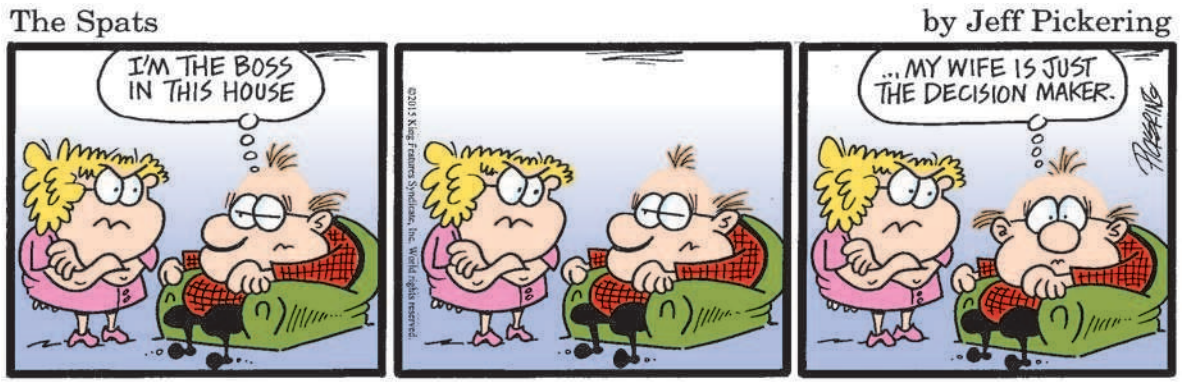

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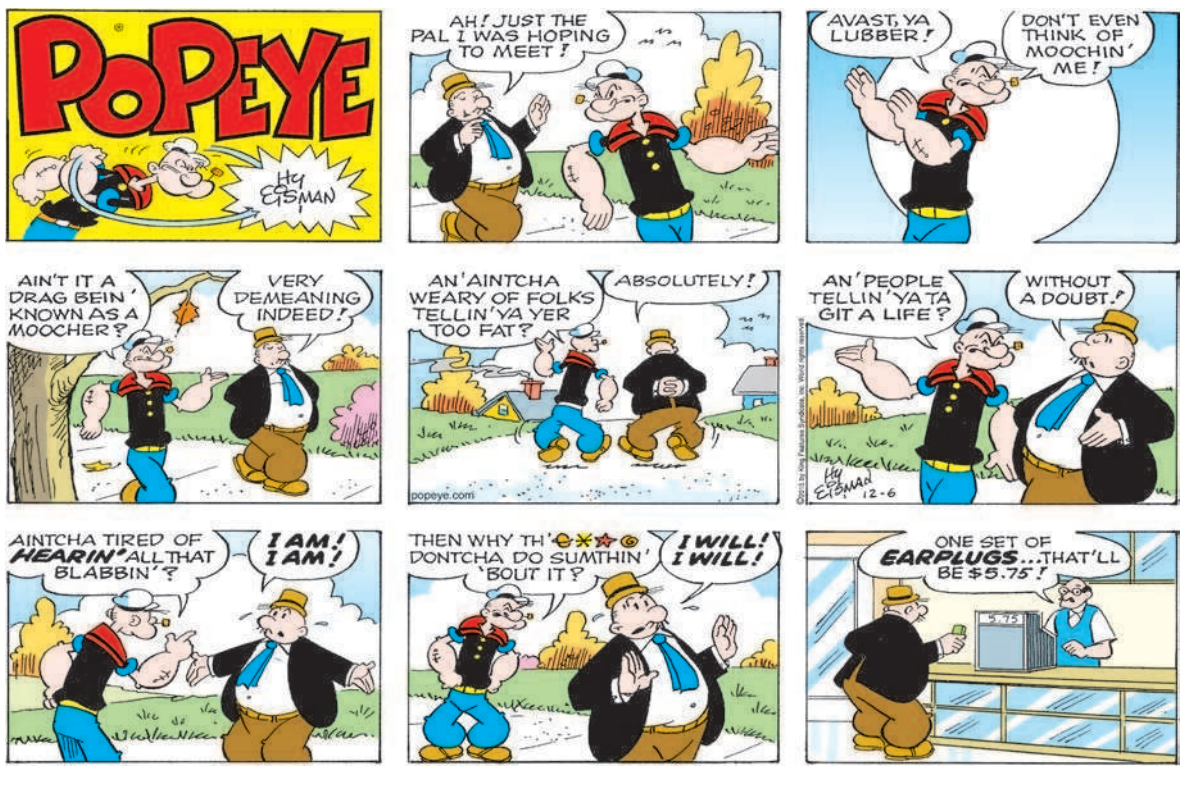

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

LAFF-A-DAY

"The lead story deserves in-depth analysis. You've got 12 seconds"

SCRAMBLERS

"Another good thing about snow—Dad can't get out an' cook any _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the backyard."

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!

Graft **PICSEL** _ _ _ _ _ _

Clench **PRAGS** _ _ _ _ _ _

Distill **FERNIE** _ _ _ _ _ _

Highest **TOTUMS** _ _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD

_ _ _ _ _ _ _

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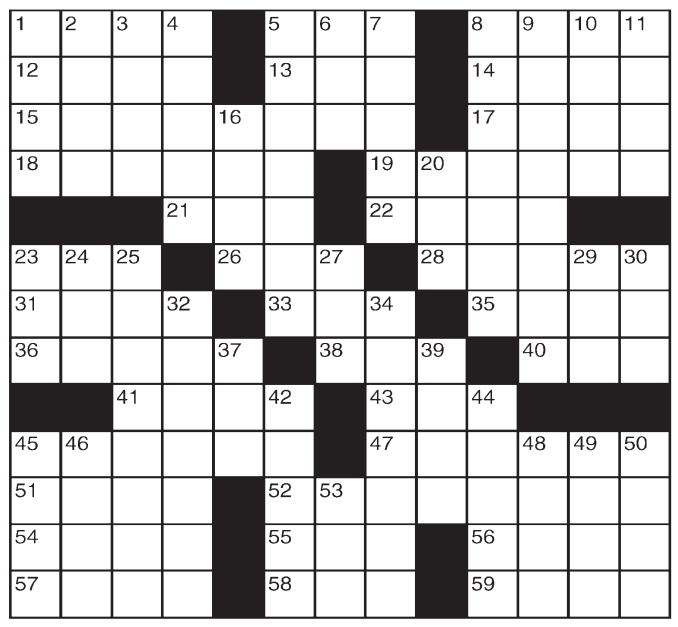
King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Too
5 Legislation
8 Use scissors
12 Picnic hamperer
13 Raw rock
14 Mexican entree
15 Water
17 Microwave
18 Classify
19 Mock
21 Med. research org.
22 Unescorted
23 $ dispenser
26 Calendar abbr.
28 Once more
31 Child of the streets
33 Name
35 Sicilian spouter
36 Praise highly
38 Conger or moray
40 Early bird?
41 Eye part
43 Deteriorate
45 Official emissary
47 Puts on a pedestal
51 Vacationing
52 Go to court
54 Apportion (out)
55 One of the Stooges
56 Chills and fever
57 Raised
58 Moreover
59 Put into words

DOWN

1 Met melody
2 Rock drummer Ulrich
3 Letter starter of yore
4 Whopper topper
5 Couldn't stand
6 Illustrations
7 Mary-Louise Parker series on Showtime
8 Warehouse's purpose
9 Steer
10 On the rocks
11 Corn recipe
16 Puzzle diagram
20 Greek H
23 Shock and —
24 Tariff
25 Ease
27 Prompt
29 Gerund suffix
30 Complain constantly
32 Made an incursion
34 Scolded
37 Eng. class
39 California city
42 Alabama city
44 Frat party garb
45 Mary's follower
46 Basin accessory
48 Indian style of music
49 Needle case
50 Origin
53 Electrical particle

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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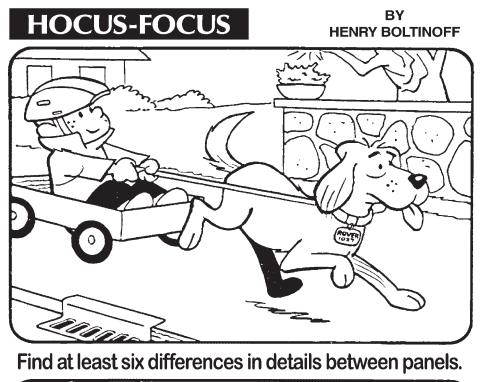
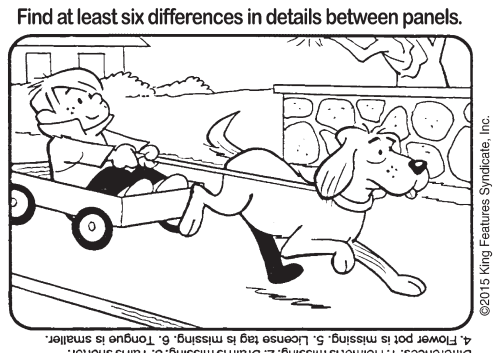
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Helmet is missing. 2. Drain is missing. 3. Tail is shorter. 4. Flower pot is missing. 5. License tag is missing. 6. Tongue is smaller.

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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: **T** equals **W**

TEAV B SBJIGPAOAS EGT ZFIE QEHQ JQFVVBVR VAT THQIE IGJQ, B THJ GPAOIGZA TBQE QBIWAO JEGIW.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is closest to Russia?
2. HISTORY: In what year did labor leader Jimmy Hoffa disappear?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What relative of the banana is a staple food in tropical regions?
4. TIME: When is the next leap day?
5. MOVIES: What famous 1950s movie featured an unlikely couple named Charlie and Rose?
6. MUSIC: Who was the first artist to have a "greatest hits" album?
7. TELEVISION: Who starred as Simon Templar in "The Saint"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant gas in the air we breathe on Earth?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In olden days, what was the occupation of a wainwright?
10. ANIMAL KINGDON: What is a baby whale called?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Alaska
2. 1975
3. The plantain
4. Feb. 29, 2016
5. "The African Queen" (Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn)
6. Johnny Mathis
7. Roger Moore
8. Nitrogen. The air is made up of about 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen and 1 percent other gasses.
9. One who makes or repairs wagons
10. A calf

— King Crossword —
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

When I discovered how much that stunning new watch cost, I was overcome with ticker shock.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word solution

1. Splice; 2. Grasp; 3. Refine; 4. Utmost

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