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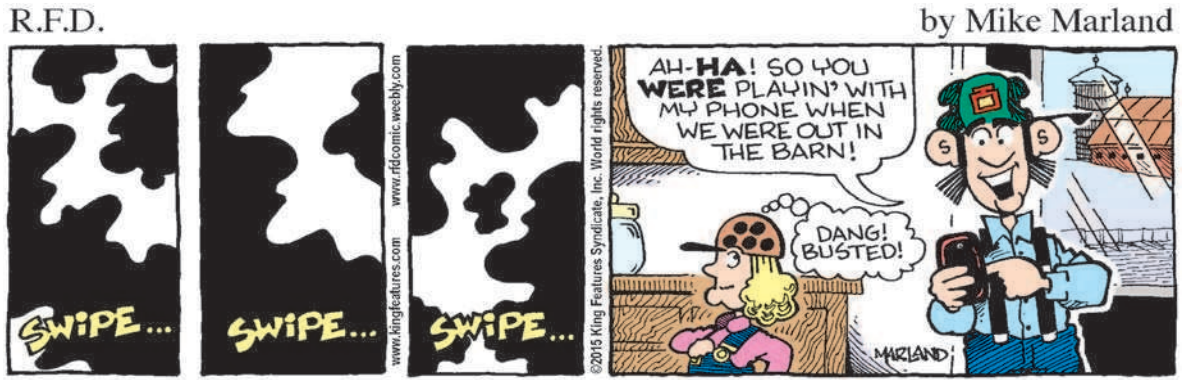
by Mike Marland

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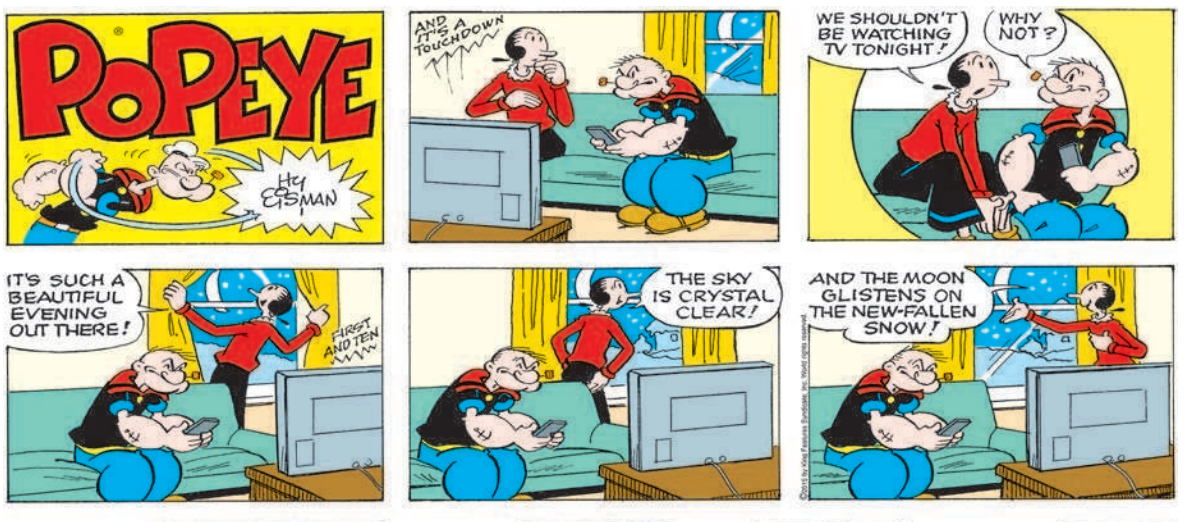


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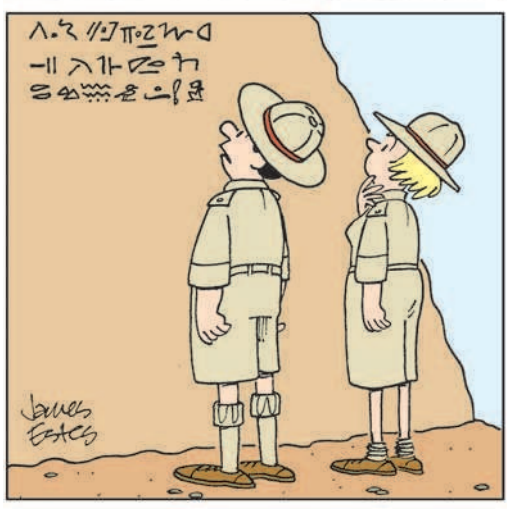
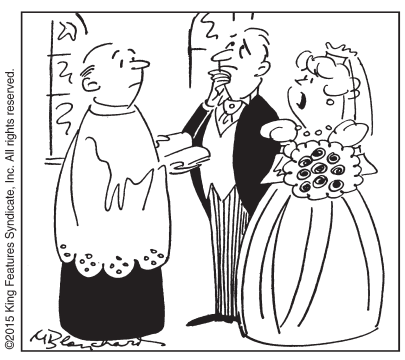


"It says 'For a good time, call Fatima.'"

## SCRAMBLERS




"Could you speed it up?

He's __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __."

**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!**

Switch **GANECH** ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ☐ ___

Kindling **RIDENT** ☐ ☐ ☐ ___ ___ ___

Snap **CLACKER** ___ ___ ___ ___ ☐ ___ ___

Smirk **PRIMES** ___ ☐ ___ ___ ___ ___

**TODAY'S WORD**

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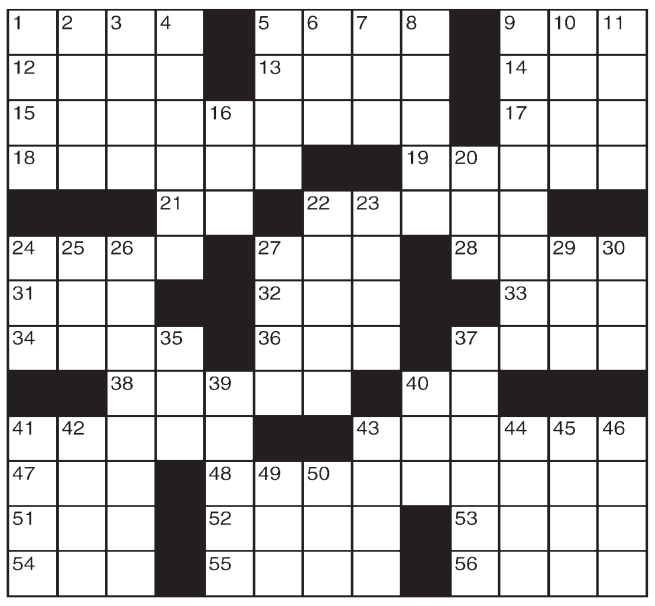
## King Crossword



**ACROSS**

1 Information, informally
5 Genie's home
9 Commercials
12 "Once — a time ..."
13 Sheltered
14 Once around the track
15 Helen Reddy hit
17 Sch. org.
18 Charlie Brown's dog
19 Fire residue
21 Yours truly
22 Accordion rendition, often
24 Amorphous mass
27 Lingerie item
28 Concept
31 Edge
32 Decay
33 Have
34 Newspaper pg.
36 Fool
37 On in years
38 Euphoric
40 Hosp. staffer
41 Memorable mission
43 Oriental temple
47 Oft-tattooed word
48 "Chicago" Oscar winner
51 Eggs
52 History chapters
53 Hold sway
54 Barbie's companion
55 Adjoining
56 Largest of the seven

**DOWN**

1 Clothing
2 Admitting clients
3 Horse-play?
4 Bury
5 "My Fair —"
6 Carte lead-in
7 Kitten's comment
8 Punishment-related
9 Pack leader, maybe
10 Appointment
11 Resorts
16 Gorilla
20 Take to the slopes
22 Commonplace
23 Feedbag fill
24 Bud
25 Back talk
26 1971 Heston film, with "The"
27 Actor Pitt
29 Ram's mate
30 In addition
35 Poorly lit
37 Goat hair made into wool
39 Twelve
40 British rule in India
41 Uncontrolled
42 Lyricist's subject, often
43 History
44 Responsibility
45 Sandwich shop
46 On the briny
49 Before
50 Wage earner's payment

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. COMICS: In the comic strip "Peanuts," where was Snoopy born?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of unicorns known as?
3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully"?
4. U.S. STATES: The Mystic River flows through which U.S. state?
5. MEDICAL: What is the medical name for a condition known as "the bends"?
6. ASTRONOMY: Which planets in our Solar System are known as the gas giants?
7. TELEVISION: Who did the character named Lurch work for?
8. HISTORY: Where was Martin Luther King assassinated in 1968?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Balearic Islands located?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What would a vexillologist study?

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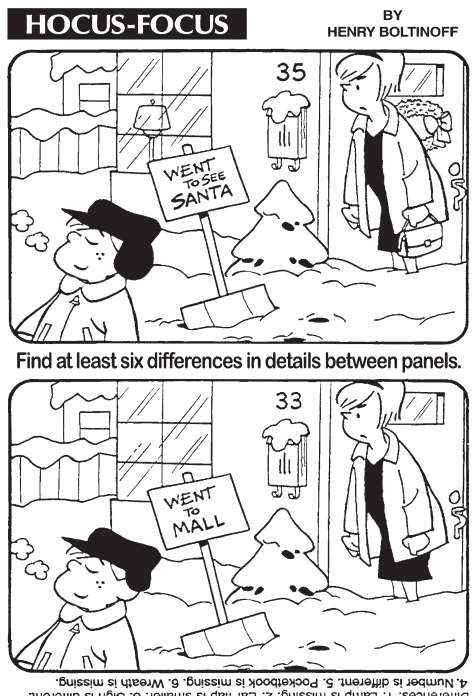
## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lamp is missing. 2. Ear flap is smaller. 3. Sign is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Pocketbook is missing. 6. Wreath is missing.

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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: **Y** equals **L**

QEVK J UVJXWARXY QSHJK

OVHSIVD NSXO RJTAJY DWXUUYV,

NSX TSXYP DJN NSX QVOV

DEJIVP UN WEV UVYYV.

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### Trivia Test Answers

1. Daisy Hill Puppy Farm
2. A blessing
3. Samuel Johnson
4. Massachusetts
5. Decompression sickness (also known as divers' disease)
6. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune
7. "The Addams Family"
8. Memphis, Tenn.
9. Mediterranean Sea (Majorca, Minorca, Ibiza and Formentera)
10. Flags

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | O | P | E | | L | A | M | P | A | D | S |
| U | P | O | N | | A | L | E | E | L | A | P |
| D | E | L | T | A | D | A | W | N | | P | T | A |
| S | N | O | O | P | Y | | A | S | H | E | S |
| | | M | E | | P | O | L | K | A | | |
| B | L | O | B | | B | R | A | | I | D | E | A |
| R | I | M | | R | O | T | | | O | W | N |
| O | P | E | D | | A | S | S | | A | G | E | D |
| | | G | I | D | D | Y | | R | N | | | |
| A | L | A | M | O | | P | A | G | O | D | A |
| M | O | M | | Z | E | T | A | J | O | N | E | S |
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| K | E | N | | N | E | X | T | | A | S | I | A |

### Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

### CryptoQuip

answer
When a beautiful woman removes your facial stubble, you could say you were shaved by the belle.

### SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Change; 2. Tinder; 3. Crackle; 4. Simper

*Today's Word*

THINKING