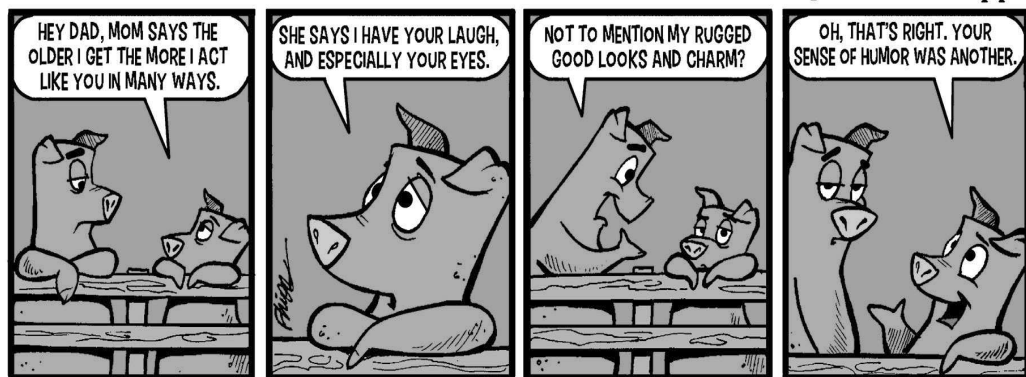


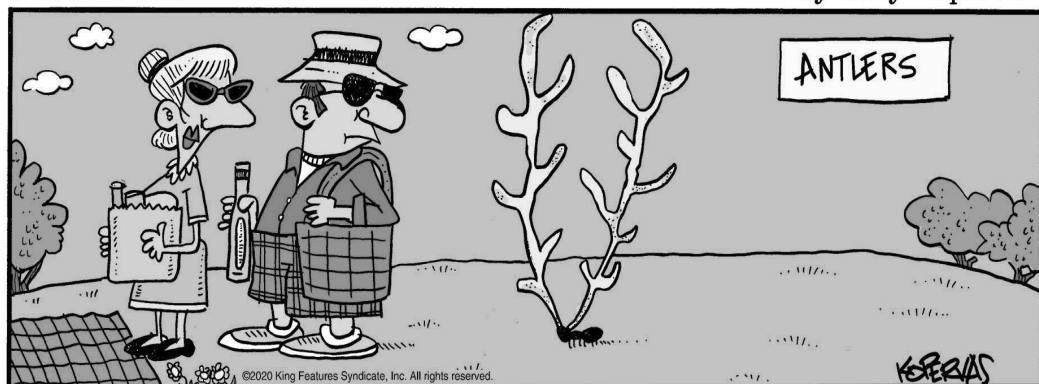
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



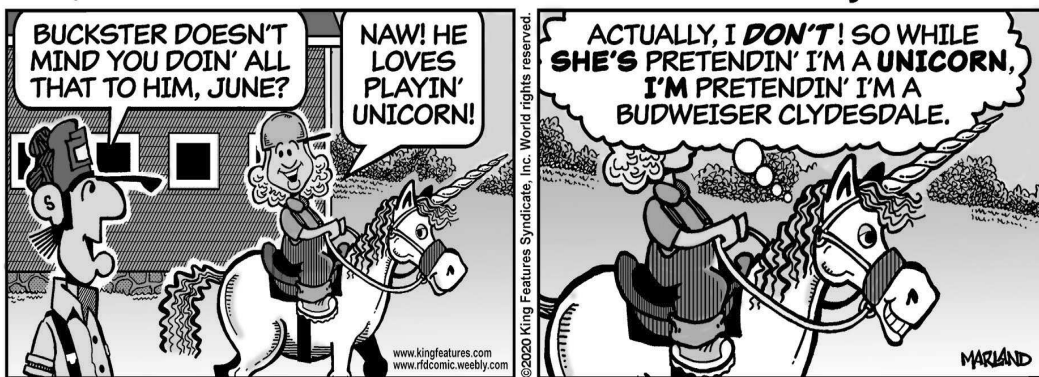
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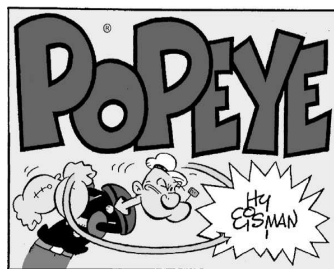
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Aim: PRAISE

Awry: WEAKS

Brace: HEROS

Grasp: TRAINER

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel
- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Crime scene evidence
- 12 Lounge around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's river
- 21 Skiers' 7-Down
- 24 String instrument
- 25 Do as you're told
- 26 Old cars for new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat verb-tim
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming venue
- 42 Alias abbr.
- 43 Secret or Sure
- 48 Crib

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13				14			
15			16					17			
		18				19	20				
21	22	23				24					
25				26	27				28	29	
30			31					32			
33			34					35			
		36					37				
38	39				40	41					
42				43	44				45	46	47
48				49					50		
51				52					53		

- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 — and void
- 29 Terrier variety
- 31 Former
- 34 Menagerie
- 35 Drilling apparatus
- 37 Also
- 38 Ali —
- 39 Related
- 40 Verse
- 41 Probability
- 44 Id counterpart
- 45 Exist
- 46 Negative prefix
- 47 Explosive stick
- 49 Elderly
- 50 Press
- 51 Pismire
- 52 May honorees
- 53 Kindly bloke
- 9 Leaves-dropper?
- 10 Proper subject, maybe
- 11 Heche or Hathaway
- 16 Born
- 20 Weeding implement
- 21 Privation
- 22 Reed instrument
- 23 Drying agent
- 24 Cisterns
- 26 Ankara resident

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

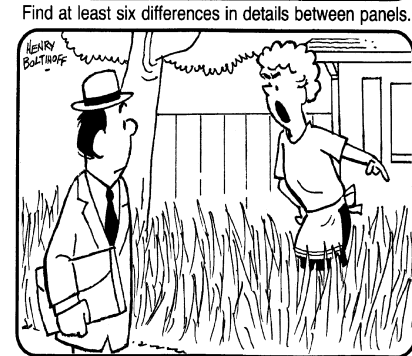
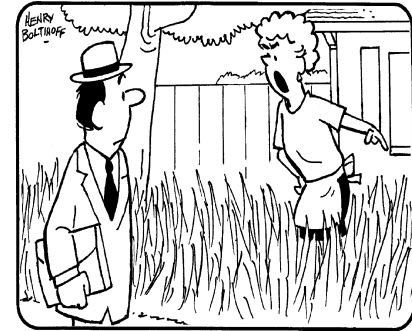
by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone traditionally associated with the month of July?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the artificial intelligence system in "The Terminator" movie series?
- CHEMISTRY: Which element has the chemical symbol Pt?
- HISTORY: Which two boxers were matched in 1974's "The Rumble in the Jungle" contest in Zaire?
- ANATOMY: What is the common name for the hallux?
- AD SLOGANS: Which product is featured in the advertising slogan "Obey your thirst"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which four U.S. states start with the letter "I"?
- TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
- MUSIC: Which female singer had a No. 1 hit in the 1970s with the song "You're No Good"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/4 cup?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Bushes are missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Earring is missing. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Man's nose is different. 6. Briefcase is larger.

- 1. Ruby
- 2. Skynet
- 3. Platinum
- 4. Muhammad Ali (winner) and George Foreman
- 5. Big toe
- 6. Sprite
- 7. Idaho, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa
- 8. Detroit
- 9. Linda Ronstadt
- 10. Four

Solution time: 21 mins.

O	P	E	C	A	S	I	A	D	N	A
L	O	L	L	I	O	N	S	E	O	N
D	E	F	E	N	D	A	N	T	I	F
R	E	E	K	R	H	O	L	E	R	E
L	O	G	E	V	I	O	L	E	S	
O	B	E	R	T	R	A	D	E	I	N
S	O	S	O	U	O	T	E	A	U	K
S	E	I	Z	E	R	E	S			
C	O	O								
B	A	C	O	N	P	O	L			
A	K	A	D	E	O	O				
I	R	A	N	T						
A	N	T								
G	E	N	T							

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: O equals M

CY S KGSISDG PRSBTP DR HDZP DY
BISBTFIP CR NFJ, ECHH EF FRJ WK
ECZG S BIWONM OWOOM?

WHISPER

Today's Word
1. Aspire 2. Askew; 3. Shore; 4. Retain; solution

King Crossword

Answers

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

Weekly SUDOKU

answer
If a pharaoh snacks on lots of crackers in bed, will we end up with a crumbly mummy?

SCRAMBLERS