

Amber Waves

HANK, WHAT'S ALL THIS? IF YOU'RE COLD JUST LAY IN THE STRAW IN THE BARN.

YOU CAN COVER YOURSELF WITH SOME FRESH MUD.

YOU REALLY THINK THAT IS BETTER THAN WEARING MY NEW WINTER JACKET?

I WAS JUST HOPING IT WAS CONVINCING ENOUGH TO GIVE UP THAT JACKET?

Out on a Limb

KING FICUS (EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES TURNS TO SHRUBS)

R.F.D.

NO SCHOOL TODAY -- THE BUS WON'T START!

HOLD ON, SUPERINTENDENT!

I HAPPEN TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PERFECTLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE HERE...

The Spats

I MADE MYSELF A NEW BELT...

...IT'S MADE ENTIRELY OUT OF OLD WRISTWATCHES!

WHAT A "WAIST" OF TIME.

POPEYE

HEY CFSMAN

WHY PONCHA AS'T HAGGY NOT SHE SEES COMIN' IN TH' NEW YEAR?

I'LL WAIT FER YA OUT HERE!

WHAT'S 2022 GOING TO BRING?

HMM... LET ME SEE...

WOW!

OMGOSH!

WHOOPEEE!

HA HA

HMM...

SO...WOT DID HAGGY SAY 'BOUT TH' NEW YEAR?

NOTHING MUCH...

...BUT IT SHOULD BE A POOZIE!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I THINK THE SAMPLE LADY FINALLY RAN OUT. ONCE SHE RESTOCKS, WE'LL SWING BACK FOR DESSERT.

LAFF - A - DAY

"Just once I'd like to have a job that wasn't harder to do when he was a boy."

"May I have this \_\_\_\_\_?"

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!

Pang WETING

Wander WAKES

Joyful DETALE

Haven FEIGURE

TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Even

5 Apply cream

8 "The Good Earth" heroine

12 "Please go ahead"

14 Fork prong

15 The National Pastime

16 Circus structure

17 Cacophony

18 Scalawags

20 Basilica areas

23 Diving duck

24 Soccer leg-end

25 Brewing gizmo

28 Greek letter

29 Not — out of place

30 Scull need

32 Kook

34 Ordered

35 Skin breakout

36 Notorious

37 Port city of Poland

40 Former Mideast org.

41 Pealed

42 Pitcher's tactic

47 "American —"

48 Consume too little

49 Lion's pride?

50 Meadow

51 Sciences'

partner

10 Green Gables girl

11 Tennis barriers

13 Baseball stats

19 Cornhusker's st.

20 iPhone down-load

21 Mexican money

22 Lost traction

23 Black Panthers leader Bobby

25 Appreciative

26 Rich soil

27 Stow cargo

29 Grade-school basics

31 Flushed

33 Hang loose?

34 Diva

36 Kismet

37 Bleak

38 Baby's father

39 Unsigned (Abbr.)

40 Fed. food inspector

43 Chemical suffix

44 — Lingus

45 Back muscle, briefly

46 USN officers

DOWN

1 Bar bill

2 "— tree falls ..."

3 UFO crew

4 One of the Ramones

5 Cannon of film

6 MSN rival

7 Reduced-rate postal delivery

8 Canada's capital

9 Actor

Schreiber

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. Fence is different. 2. Scarf is shorter. 3. Cap is different. 4. Collar is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Window is smaller.

STRUGGLE

Today's Word

3. Elated; 4. Refuge

1. Twinge 2. Askew; solution

SCRAMBLERS

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: L equals R

DZQLQ YOHD AQ N FNBUC LQNHSK

U NY XNUDUKT NLSOKC EOLDUFQBP,

AOD U LQNBBP CSK'D MKSX XZND

U'Y BOLMUKT ESL.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What was the title of Stephen King's first published novel?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, "Have it your way"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
- TELEVISION: What is the family's last name in the "Family Ties" sitcom?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "lupus in fabula" mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
- MOVIES: Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called "newspeak"?
- SCIENCE: What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
- FOOD & DRINK: Where was Coca-Cola first sold?

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Answers

1. "Carrie"

2. Burger King

3. Abraham Lincoln

4. Keaton

5. The wolf in the story

6. Bombay

7. "True Grit"

8. "Nineteen Eighty-Four," by George Orwell

9. -40 degrees C and -40 degrees F

10. Atlanta

Solution time: 22 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

There must be a valid reason I am waiting around furiously, but I really don't know what I'm lurking for.

CryptoQuip

answer