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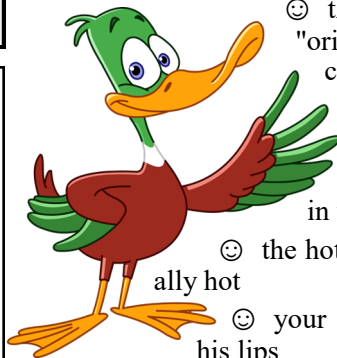
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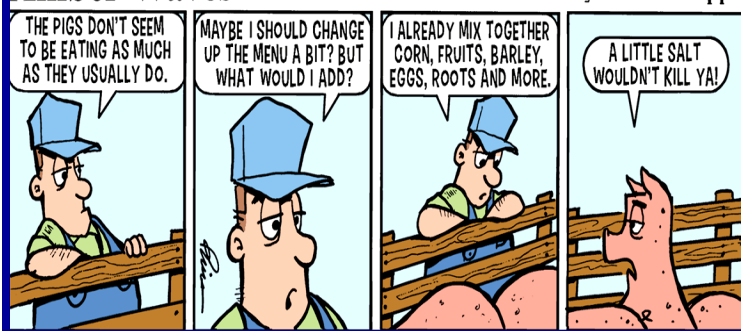
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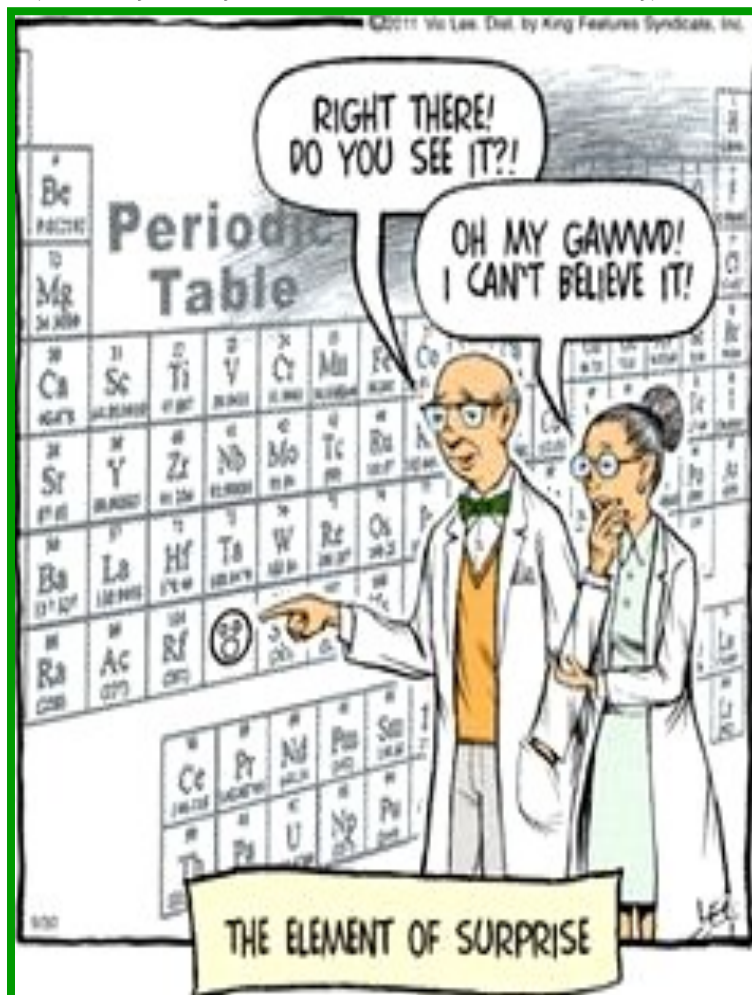
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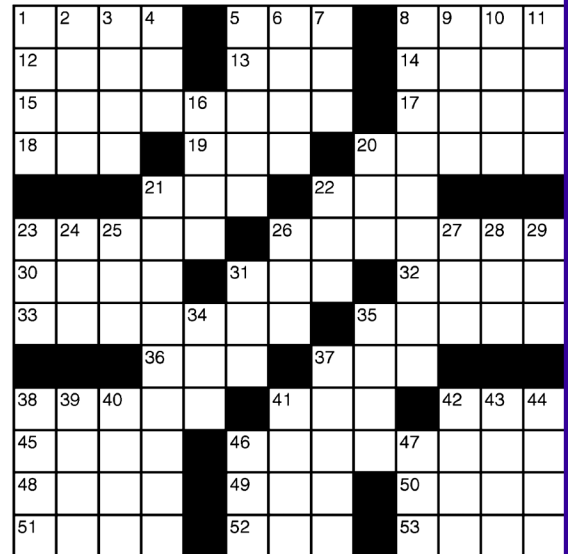
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Two-wheeler
- Bumped into
- Pack (down)
- Ireland
- Peyton's brother
- "The Time Machine" people
- Octopus arm
- Lunch hour
- Request
- IV measures
- Must-haves
- Chai, e.g.
- Vagrant
- More recent
- Goddess of wisdom
- Tehran's country



- Sly one
- Tidy
- Workshop cutter
- Rock
- Very long time
- Possesses
- Brainy
- Small barrel
- "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans
- New York's — Field
- Bicycle type
- N. Mex. neighbor
- Lingus

- Pitt of "Moneyball"
- Carry
- Layer
- Round Table titles

- plant
- Disposition
- Bowling targets
- Computer brand
- Convent manager
- Prepare meat for cooking
- Beiderbecke of jazz
- Pen tip
- Mound stat
- Pallid
- Trim the grass
- Old
- Oldsmobile
- Moving day rental

- Packed away
- Summer cooler
- Drunkard
- Droops
- Ford or Hudson
- Ella's style
- Surrealist Joan
- Bickering
- Fall (over)
- Ryan of "Boston Public"
- Tragic king
- Probability
- Light touch
- "Frontline" airtel

### DOWN

- Test version
- Enrages
- Neck problem
- Tolkien creature
- Pilgrimage site
- Building wings
- Dead heat
- Some urban homes
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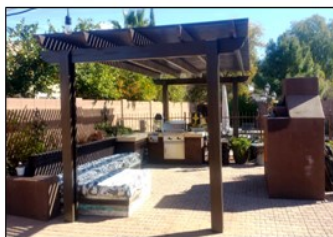


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MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE - PSALM 62:1

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		4			5		3	
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Clue: Q equals L

HGDV QFRBDQ MFJD RO HPLG

F KMGDJD LT CQPJCQFJ GPK

MTJDWX OFBLVDB, PL HFK F

CTTQ-GFBWX OQFV.

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2. TELEVISION: Which character became a fugitive in the final season of "The Office"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes lies entirely within the United States?
4. LITERATURE: Which famous novelist wrote his last book in crayon due to poor eyesight?
5. GAMES: What are the two most valuable letters in Scrabble?
6. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Ellen Ripley?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a "schwa"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which nation is credited for being the top beer-drinking country in the world?
9. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the axilla?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call an ant's home?

7. Unstressed vowel represented by an upside-down "e."  
 8. Czech Republic.  
 9. Armpit.  
 10. A nest or formicary.  
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Answers  
 1. Detroit.  
 2. Creed Bratton.  
 3. Lake Michigan.  
 4. James Joyce.  
 5. Q and Z (10 points each).  
 6. "Alien."



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Answers  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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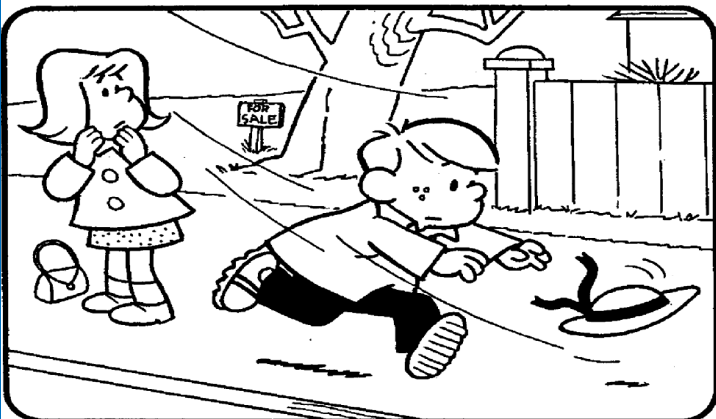
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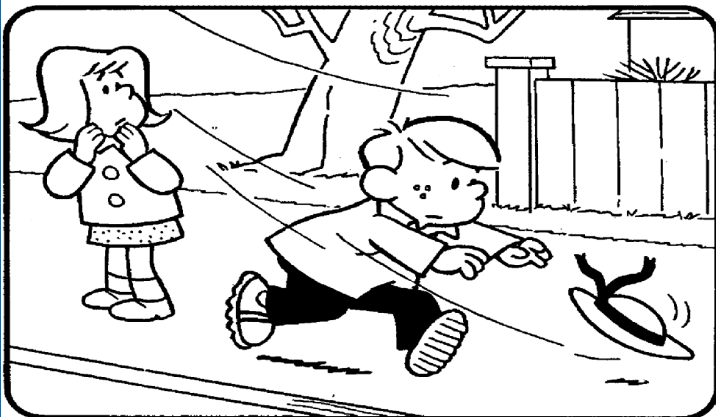
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is different. 2. Pocketbook is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Post is different. 6. Hat is moved.

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By  
Lucie  
Winbourne



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\* The J.W. Westcott II is a boat that delivers mail to ships at sea. Operating out of Detroit, it's the only floating zip code in America.

\* In 1931, German engineer Richter Raketenrad built a bike with 12 rockets mounted to its back wheel and reached a speed of 90 kph before his invention exploded and threw him off. While that was, sadly, the end of the rocket bike, Raketenrad himself suffered only a few scrapes.

\* Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold.

\* For over a year in the mid-2000s, members of the group Untergunther broke into the French Pantheon to repair a clock that had been broken for four decades. They later received court time for the effort but were somewhat vindicated when member Jean-Baptiste Viot, a clock restorer, was hired to repair it in 2018 after further neglect.

\* Researchers have found that approximately 97% of people are keeping a secret at any given time, with the average person keeping around 13.

\* In 2008, a former high school star athlete escaped a crime scene by using Craigslist to hire a dozen identically dressed (and unwitting) civilians to stand at the exact place and time of the arrival of the armored car that he planned to rob.



*Thought for the Day: "Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand." -- Oprah Winfrey*

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