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\* On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, marked the worst industrial accident in history. At least 5,000 people died immediately, according to official estimates, while approximately 20,000 died over time and another half-million were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city.

\* On Dec. 4, 1917, psychiatrist W.H.R. Rivers presented a report titled "The Repression of War Experience" to the Royal School of Medicine. The report was based on his work at the Craiglockhart War Hospital for Neurasthenic Officers, near Edinburgh, which was one of the most famous hospitals used to treat soldiers suffering psychological trauma after serving on the battlefield.





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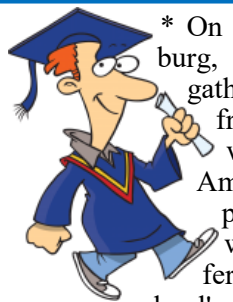
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\* On Dec. 5, 1776, five students at Williamsburg, Virginia's College of William & Mary gathered at Raleigh's Tavern to found a new fraternity they called Phi Beta Kappa, which was intended to follow strictly American principles rather than those espoused by England or Germany and in which members engaged in the kind of fervent political debate characteristic of the school's student life.

\* On Dec. 6, 1961, Syracuse running back Ernie Davis became the first African American player to win the Heisman Trophy, beating out Ohio State fullback Bob Ferguson. Earlier that day Davis had met John F. Kennedy at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, remarking that he'd "never thought I'd ever be shaking the hand of the president of the United States."

\* On Dec. 7, 2001, the blockbuster remake of the 1960 film "Ocean's Eleven" opened in theaters. Directed by Steven Soderbergh, it spawned the profitable sequels "Ocean's Twelve" in 2004 and "Ocean's Thirteen" in 2007.

\* On Dec. 8, 1942, Jeannette Rankin, a committed pacifist and the first woman elected to Congress, cast the sole congressional vote against America's declaration of war on Japan.

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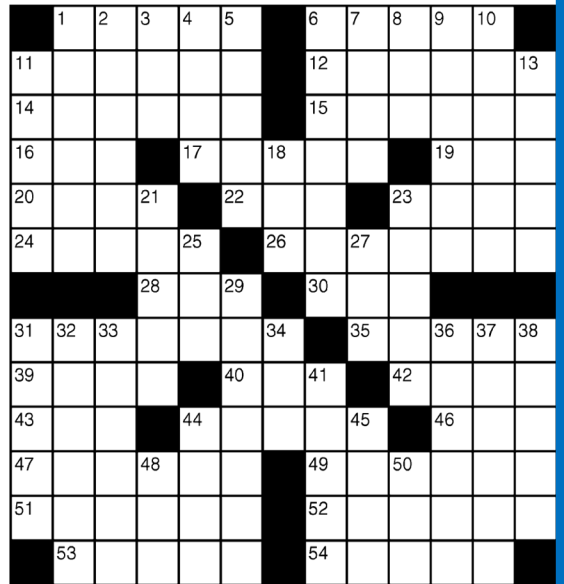
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Clutch
- Modern mes-  
sages
- "Queen of  
Soul" Franklin
- Used a mod-  
ern car ser-  
vice
- Irish singer  
O'Connor
- More promis-  
ing
- " - Mine"  
(Beatles song)
- "Zorba the  
Greek" star
- Hit CBS series
- Morning  
droplets
- Pump up the  
volume
- Bit of dust
- Road curves
- Test monitor
- Wardrobe  
malfunction
- Sharing word
- Driving  
instructor?
- Flavor
- "Les Etats-  
 -"
- Hosp. areas
- Earth sci.
- Astern
- "Star Trek"  
doctor
- Computer  
acronym



- Start playing  
for pay
- Black, in  
verse
- Ballot marks
- Lingerie fabric
- Handles
- Stage com-  
ment
- Less damp
- Little rascal
- Feudal farm-  
ers
- Jazz singer  
Carmen
- Use a straw
- Ump's call
- Method
- Sentry
- Walking
- Lengthy list
- Tolkien crea-  
ture
- Abrasion
- Horn blower
- Gantry of fic-  
tion
- Italian wine
- Surrealist  
Joan
- Saint Laurent  
of fashion
- "Le Coq -"
- Follower  
(Suff.)

### DOWN

- Tony winner  
Tammy
- Extends, as a  
lease
- Devoured
- Cager O'Neal,  
for short
- City near  
Venice



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"HOME MAINTENANCE".... AUTHOR DUANE PIPE

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by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Clue: N equals S

IPJF MW OWT LJBB NWGUSWMO  
IPW NFWZN TNRVK JV RBBVUNN-  
FXUJFRVK NTSNFJVLU?  
J GUMRLRVU MXWZZUX.

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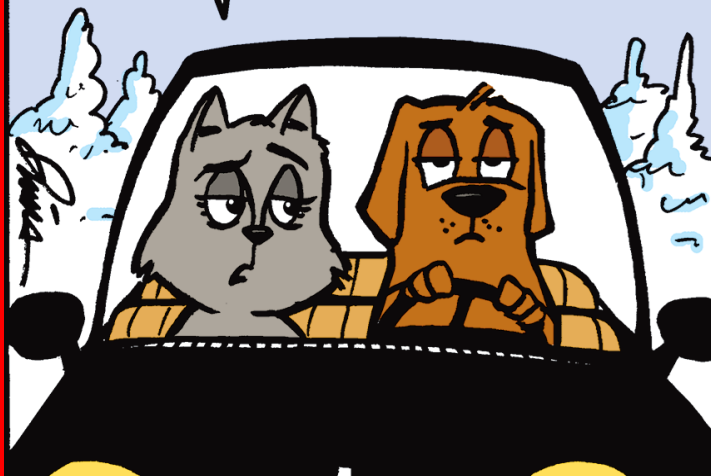
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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES:** What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY:** Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- 3. TELEVISION:** What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
- 4. LITERATURE:** Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
- 5. HISTORY:** When was the United Nations organization created?
- 6. SCIENCE:** What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
- 8. CHEMISTRY:** What is the lightest of metallic elements?
- 9. MYTHOLOGY:** What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK:** What is challah?

**Answers**  
1. Heart of the Ocean.  
2. Tunisia.  
3. Fox Mulder and Dana Scully.  
4. O. Henry.  
5. 1945.  
6. Nicotine.  
7. Benjamin Harrison.  
8. Lithium.  
9. Minotaur.  
10. A special bread in Jewish cuisine.  
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Answers

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	T	Y	R	O	S		E	S	T	E	R	

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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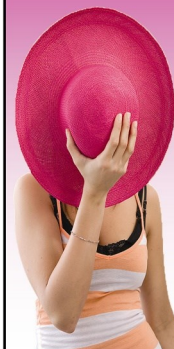
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HENRY BOLTINOFF



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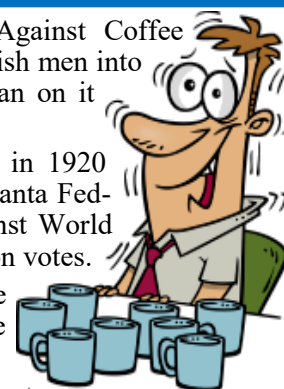
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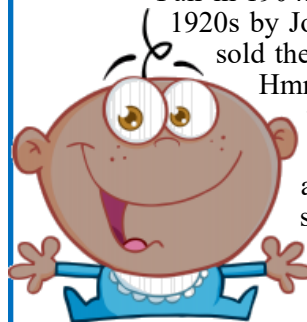
## Strange BUT TRUE

By  
Lucie  
Winbourne

- \* In 1674, the Women's Petition Against Coffee claimed the beverage was turning British men into "useless corpse[s]" and proposed a ban on it for anyone under the age of 60.
- \* Eugene V. Debs ran for president in 1920 while serving a prison sentence in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary for his protests against World War I. He still captured nearly 1 million votes.
- \* The plot of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" was partly inspired by the collision of holiday store decorations.
- \* In a study by the Smell and Taste Treatment Research Foundation, the scent women found most arousing was Good & Plenty candy mixed with cucumber.
- \* Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter getting stuck to the roof of your mouth.
- \* Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was the U.S. capital for the shortest period of time, a mere day, on Sept. 27, 1777.
- \* Aretha Franklin's voice was declared a "natural resource" of the state of Michigan.
- \* In 1967, supermodel Twiggy became the first celebrity to be immortalized as a Barbie doll. Other celebrity Barbies have included Cher, Elizabeth Taylor, Elvis and Priscilla Presley, and Nicki Minaj.



- \* Cotton candy was invented in 1895 by candy maker John C. Wharton and dentist William Morrison, who called it "fairy floss" and sold thousands of servings at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. It was renamed "cotton candy" in the 1920s by Josef Lascaux -- another dentist -- who sold the saccharine confection to his patients. Hmmm, sounds a little bit suspicious to us.



- \* A face with big eyes, a small nose and a small chin exhibits kinder-schema: the collection of traits humans have evolved to find adorable

*Thought for the Day: "Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can."*  
-- Danny Kaye

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