

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

LITERALLY IRRELEVANT

ACROSS	52 Prior to, in poems	94 Zero	6 Bronze skin acquired via a can	49 Ornate wall tapestry	84 Hosp. triage pros
1 Striped gems	53 School after elementary	95 Letter after upslon	7 Cozy eatery	53 Novelist — Carol Oates	85 Nickname for singer
7 Owner of many packaged food brands	55 Perspiration outlets	96 Advice tidbits	8 Uncorks, e.g.	54 "The Handmaid's Tale"	86 Of the ears
14 Designated to be a knight	56 Sch. group	97 Pigs' place	9 Hide — hair	55 "Yes, that's feasible," casually	87 "Yes, that's feasible," casually
20 Update the look of	57 — fide	102 Playpen items	10 Very enduring	56 Livens (up)	90 Glimmering
21 Perigees' opposites	58 Baseball's Tony La —	104 — cotta	11 Brainiac	57 Cup edges	91 It may be dug for irrigation
22 Arctic natives	59 Deep anger	105 Berlin article	12 Snip again	60 Secret govt. group	93 Like the acid in vinegar
23 "See also" lexicon link	60 Flower organ secreting sugary fluid	106 Some pens and lighters	13 Enzyme suffix	61 Bakery draw	95 Lockup
25 Selling place	62 Fiery passion	108 Fruit producer	14 Yankee great Joe	62 Actress Catherine — Jones	99 Hoover or Dyson rival
26 Faxed, e.g.	64 What a barometer measures	112 Makes thrilled	15 Deprive of weapons	63 Suffix with lion	100 Katniss' love in "The Hunger Games"
27 Prayer ender	71 Nest egg funds, in brief	117 Pick up on penance	16 Sackcloth	65 Short skirt	101 Film critic Roger
28 "Old Guy" actress Lucy	72 Eggy entrees	118 People doing penance	17 Pedicabs	66 Whether by land —	103 Swiped
29 Country singer Steve	73 Gallery stuff	119 Pink fish	18 Summer, in French	67 The original strategy	107 "— girl!"
30 She sang "Only Time"	75 Holy images	120 Little particles	19 Summer hrs.	68 Stop resisting	109 Cup edges
32 Loud quarrel	77 They spit out moola	121 Genre of rap	24 Inbox filler	69 Sine and tangent	110 Actress Mireille —
37 A bit amiss	80 Taking after	122 Ukraine port	29 Japanese mushroom	70 Straying	111 Active Sicilian volcano
40 Crooner Redding	81 SAG- (labor union)		31 Memos, e.g.	74 Zesty	112 Naval acad. grad's rank
42 Iron- (patch types)	83 Crowd scene participant		33 Sharpen	75 "This has me furious!"	113 — eared rabbit
43 Journal	86 Undivided		34 Old-time actress	76 Raccoon cousin	114 Sack or purse
44 — Alto, California	87 Cuisine with many curries	DOWN	35 Blocks up	77 Exaggerate	115 — Moines
45 "Go on, I'm interested ..."	88 Sallie —	1 Bow shapes	36 Hubbub	78 On an incline	116 Dog paw part
48 Big name in smartphones	89 Shaw of jazz clarinet	2 "Chicago" actor Richard	37 Giraffe cousin	79 Three, in Bari	
50 Losing row in tic-tac-toe	90 Remain firm in the face of adversity	3 Mary Kay rival	38 Hat worn by Frank Sinatra	81 Restless	
51 Actor Brody	92 Razor brand	4 Eat a bit of 5 Letters after els	39 Popular pet polecat	82 WWII prez	
			41 Draw roughly		
			46 Pizza unit		
			47 Infuriated		
			48 Pious sister		

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#2,318 Average time of solution: 67 minutes

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CRYPTOQUIP

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G S X B R Y I P X O F O T V P X H G F Y B P , J X A G I G N

R F T T S E P N D B F J P G N S B N H G S Y P I X F O ?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals F

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MONDAY CONTRACT BRIDGE: Famous hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 9 7 3
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A K 10
♣ 3

WEST
♠ J 8 6 2
♥ 9
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 NT	

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

This hand was played in South Africa in 1982 by Sami Kehela of Toronto. The renowned Canadian star reached six notrump as shown, and West led a diamond.

Kehela won with dummy's king, led a heart to the ace and continued with the king, unblocking dummy's ten after West discarded a club.

Declarer next led a diamond to the ace, finessed the eight of hearts and cashed two more hearts, West discarding another club and two

diamonds. For reasons that at the time mystified the large audience present, Kehela discarded two spades from dummy on his Q-3 of hearts instead of a club and a spade.

Kehela then cashed the diamond queen, West discarding the nine of clubs, to produce this position:

North
♠ A K 10 9
♣ 3

West
♠ J 8 6 2
♣ A

East
♠ 4
♣ Q J 10 8

South
♠ Q 5
♣ K 5 2

The partisan South African audience heaved a collective sigh of relief when Kehela cashed the queen of spades and continued with a spade to the king (instead of finessing the ten).

But their joy was short-lived. When Kehela next led dummy's club to his king, poor West found himself on lead with the ace of clubs and forced to return a spade from his J-8 to dummy's A-10.

Thus Kehela brought home the slam, at the same time solving the mystery of why he had retained dummy's three of clubs. And in true sporting fashion, the South African audience enthusiastically applauded Kehela's masterful display of technical proficiency.

Tomorrow: It works like a charm.

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Sunday Royal Stars by Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in ARIES. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ The Moon in your sign is dancing with lucky Jupiter, promoting domestic peace and happiness. It's a great day for business. But your top choice will be to socialize, enjoy fun activities with kids, check out sports events or take a vacation. Tonight: You're in charge.

This Week: Get more sleep. Make your good fortune work for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Count on getting a lot done today, especially at home. Get out into the garden or do what you can to make improvements to where you live. Family relations will be warmer and people will be more generous to each other. Sweet! Tonight: Solitude.

This Week: Get ready for financial opportunities and surprises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make an effort to schmooze with others today. You will enjoy increased popularity. Talk to others, because everyone wants to see your face! Pleasure and fun activities are great choices! Tonight: Friendships.

This Week: Surprises in the entertainment world, romance and socializing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You're high-viz today and you look successful. This will draw others to you, because success is sexy and people like to be around happy individuals. Home repairs might be on the menu. Tonight: Be modest.

This Week: Sudden changes with home repairs and family events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Do something different today. Go someplace you've never been before. Travel if possible. If you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own town. Explore opportunities in medicine, the law, publishing and the media. Tonight: Explore!

This Week: You impress others with your original ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Discussions about shared property, inheritances, banking issues and anything that you own jointly will go well. Oh yes, you'll come out laughing all

the way to the bank. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Check your finances.

This Week: Keep an eye on your money and assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ This is a feel-good day! Enjoy the company of others. Interactions with friends and groups will also be upbeat and energetic. You might use the energy of others to help get things done. This is a busy, productive day. Tonight: Cooperate.

This Week: Stand up for your freedom and your rights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Decide to be as productive as possible today. You'll be surprised with what you will achieve. Your ambition is strong, plus your ability to attract the help of others is excellent. Make a to-do list and see what you can achieve! Tonight: Work.

This Week: You have the drive to go after what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Vacations, social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids are great choices today. Although you're tempted to put pleasure above work, you still want to work and get things done. Tonight: Play!

This Week: Friends and groups will support you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ This is a powerful day because the Sun is at the top of your chart and the Moon is at the bottom. This means you make a wonderful impression on your world. Meanwhile, you're focused on your personal life and family matters. Tonight: Cocoon.

This Week: Speak up. You will be heard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you work in sales, marketing, teaching, acting or the communications industry, you're fortunate today, because your words are like gold. You'll be persuasive, convincing and inspirational! Meanwhile, short trips will appeal. Tonight: Discussions.

This Week: Travel. Learn new ideas. Explore your world!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can boost your earnings and assets today because the Moon is in your Money House dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. Today your productivity could lead to increased wealth now and in the future. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

This Week: Tidy up your finances.

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SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

		4		2					
	8	1			7	5	2		
7			1	8					
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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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SUNDAY

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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	7	8		3				

Difficulty: ★

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MONDAY

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Answer to Sunday Crossword Puzzle No. 2,318 published today.

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