

King Classic Sudoku

	8	9			4		7	1
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6	1			7	3		9	
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Difficulty: ★★★

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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ISAAC ASIMOV’S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: CHRISTMAS FILMS

Name the film. (e.g., 1988: A selfish TV executive is visited by a succession of ghosts. Answer: “Scrooged.”)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. 1990: A young boy is forgotten when his large family rushes to catch a plane. Answer _____
2. 1946: An angel is sent to help a frustrated businessman. Answer _____
3. 2018: An animated film of a Dr. Seuss story. Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. 1942: The song “White Christmas” was introduced in this film. Answer _____
5. 1954: Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney star. Answer _____
6. 1947: A department store Santa Claus claims to be the real Santa. Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. 1951: It stars Alastair Sim. Released as “A Christmas Carol” in the U.S. Answer _____
8. 2004: An animated film in which a young boy sees a train bound for the North Pole. Answer _____
9. 1983: Ralphie wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. “Home Alone.” 2. “It’s a Wonderful Life.” 3. “The Grinch.” 4. “Holiday Inn.” 5. “White Christmas.” 6. “Miracle on 34th Street.” 7. “Scrooge.” 8. “The Polar Express.” 9. “A Christmas Story.”

SCORING:
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you’re plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ S F F S O P M G N F X / X F L W X D T W D T L
C T G N F X O P W F G M G M N / G X G W X F L
M G N F X S E X F L Y L D T W D J G S T ’ W
C G T X F ! ” — Z O D K G Y L K D Z Z L D H /
D Y S O Z F L D Y D I

Previous Solution: “You can count on me ... / I’ll be home for Christmas / If only in my dreams.” — Buck Ram/Kim Gannon

TODAY’S CLUE: ⚡ sɛnʃə ɹ

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Routine
4 Go from place to place
8 Show displeasure
12 Wood for baseball bats
13 Actress — Fanning
14 Luxury hotel chain
15 “— Loves You”
16 Dressed
17 Lo-cal
18 Annoying one
20 Cartoonist
22 Banister
24 Mongrel
25 Numeral —
26 Cutting remark
27 Monk’s title
30 Spring mo.
32 Profit
34 Agt.
35 TV series “— Grant”
36 Consider
38 Newt
39 Fleur-de —
40 On a pension (Abbr.)
41 “— to Billie Joe”
43 “On the double!”
44 Tablet
46 Unequaled thing
51 Settled a debt
53 Finished
54 — lily
56 Compass pt.
57 Landing place for boats
58 Frat party garment
59 So-so grade
60 Whirlpool
61 Pitcher
62 Sixth sense, for short
DOWN
1 Coarse file
2 Theater employee
3 Book of synonyms
4 VCR button

Answer to Previous Puzzle

E	W	E		L	A	T	E		S	E	L	F
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- 5 Stew pot
6 Actor — Arkin
7 Doctor’s order
8 — bear
9 Fail to mention
10 Golden rule word
11 Cake layer
19 Soft metal
21 Make a face
23 Ship’s record
26 Usual fare
27 Like some temp workers
28 Ump’s kin
29 Likely
30 Totality
31 Luau food
33 Sufficient
37 Swab
40 Blvds.
42 Downward trend
43 TV lawyer — Mason
45 Actor’s words
46 Slangy refusal
47 Old Roman poet
48 Lack
49 Black bird
50 Extremely large
52 Profound
55 Damage

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