

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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5	8	9	2	6	4	3	7	1
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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: BOXING DAY
(e.g., What sport involves two people fighting each other with their hands?
Answer: Boxing.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. What is currently the main activity for Boxing Day?
Answer _____
2. In the past, it was a day to give gifts to _____.
Answer _____
3. The bank holiday may take place on Dec. 27 or 28. Why?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. What baseball term uses the word “box”?
Answer _____
5. What is the two-word term for a flight recorder?
Answer _____
6. What is the term for a sealed box with a slit for voting?
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. Boxing Day is concurrent with what Christian festival?
Answer _____
8. What was in Schrodinger’s box?
Answer _____
9. In Greek mythology, what was in Pandora’s box?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Shopping for bargains. 2. Service workers and/or those in need. 3. To ensure that it falls on a weekday. 4. Batter’s box or box score. 5. Black box. 6. Ballot box. 7. Saint Stephen’s Day. 8. A cat. 9. All the evils of the world.

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.

“ Z X ’ E X M X W N E X P R L X H X B A B D S
C J N E X N G M P M X C W T . R L X M X C M X
D N W N M X B W U N T T B J A X P M X C W T . ”
— K X T T X K C H F T N D

Previous Solution: “Oh holy night / The stars are brightly shining / It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth!” — Placide Cappeau/Adolphe Adam

TODAY’S CLUE: n sjenbø g

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Worthington or Claflin
4 Poles
8 Vaulted area in a church
12 “Roses — red ...”
13 Actor — Stonestreet
14 — ex machina
15 Sports org.
16 Recipe amount
17 Candid
18 Ordered amounts
20 Cooked fruit dessert
22 Floor covering
23 Destiny
24 Kid
26 Cave-dwelling creature
27 Food fish
30 “— Boots Are Made for Walkin’”
32 Scrap
33 Lofty poem
34 Old French money
35 Wildebeest
37 Furnishes
39 Get-up-and-go
40 Understand
41 Magical helper
42 Vise part
43 Do wrong
45 Takes in
49 Darken
51 Arrange a hotel stay
52 — podrida
54 Actress — Gabor
55 Cipher
56 Film spool
57 What remains after expenses
58 Nova
59 State near Minn.
60 Make lace
DOWN
1 Rub smooth
2 Ann —, Michigan
3 Pass muster (2 wds.)
4 Ohio team
5 Singer Rita —
6 Platter
7 Learned one
8 Take as one’s own
9 Hard-rind fruit
10 Fat
11 Laborer in times gone by
19 Sponsorship
21 Mark with blotches
25 Panhandler
26 Boxing event
27 Self-assured
28 Unusual
29 — Moines, Iowa
30 Cookbook measure (Abbr.)
31 Farm tool
36 Infant
38 Word in a threat
42 Wisecracking guy
44 Skin cream brand
45 The basics
46 Italy’s shape
47 — water
48 Winter glider
49 Pitcher’s goof
50 Damon or Dillon
53 Grazing area

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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