

King Classic Sudoku

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6		5	2		8		7	
				5			6	
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1	9		5			7	4	
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Difficulty: ★★ 2/3

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

Difficulty: ★ 2/2

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: PEOPLE NAMED JOHN
Provide the surname of the famous John. (e.g., The second president of the United States. Answer: John Adams.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. One of the Beatles.
Answer _____
2. His hit songs included “Take Me Home Country Roads.”
Answer _____
3. Actor nicknamed “The Duke.”
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. English actor who starred as Basil in the sitcom “Fawlty Towers.”
Answer _____
5. He represented Arizona and ran for U.S. president in the 2008 election.
Answer _____
6. He played Dan Conner on the comedy “Roseanne.”
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. Canadian actor who starred in the film “Uncle Buck.”
Answer _____
8. His films include “Grease,” “Saturday Night Fever” and “Pulp Fiction.”
Answer _____
9. His films include “Places in the Heart” and “In the Line of Fire.”
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. John Lennon. 2. John Denver. 3. John Wayne. 4. John Cleese. 5. John McCain. 6. John Goodman. 7. John Candy. 8. John Travolta. 9. John Malkovich.

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.

“ K X V T X R F K X P M H S R K X T W R Z J H W R X
O H L P R R G O , B R X , B K B R M K X I X T
S R Z R B N T X R T M P H U R . ” — X T W R Z H O S
R W R Z V X P K E J N

Previous Solution: “My favorite thing about New York is the people ... I don’t think people realize how kind New York people are.” — Bill Murray

TODAY’S CLUE: J sjenba U

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Domino dot
4 Dog breed, for short
7 Man
11 Hosp. area
12 Lofty
13 Daft
14 Sine qua —
15 Fencing sword
16 Singles
17 Motor
19 Diluted
21 Attack with snowballs
23 One of the five W’s
24 Swindle
27 One of the five W’s
29 Upper limit
32 Peel
33 Watch face
34 Kimono accessory
35 — Baba
36 Female relative
37 Agents (Hyph.)
38 Swamp
39 Small part of a big machine
40 Obligations
41 Road sign abbr.
43 Dutch cheese
45 Dreaded
48 Guarantee
52 Choir voice
53 Peruse
55 Actor — Perlman
56 Leggy bird
57 Friendly nation
58 Deity
59 Openwork fabric
60 Fragment
61 Ambulance letters
DOWN
1 Yearn
2 Desktop picture
3 Boxlike sled
4 Blazer part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	Y	E		P	L	O	T		A	L	A	S		
I	O	N		R	A	R	E		M	I	L	E		
A	L	L		E	D	G	E		B	A	S	E		
S	K	I	F	F				N	E	U	R	O	N	
				G	E	E		Y	E	S				
A	D	H	E	R	E	S		L	H	A	S	A		
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C	A	N	D	O	R				R	E	A	C	H	
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D	I	N	E					T	A	O	S	C	O	T
E	D	E	N					E	R	N	E		E	W

5 Cakes and —
6 Gusted
7 Fabric
8 Beehive structure
9 Maple genus
10 Bouquet
12 Principle
18 Apple tablet
20 Like a missing Gl
22 Pang
24 Grouch
25 Hawaiian city
26 Mysterious
28 At the drop of a —
30 Aid in crime
31 On — and needles
33 Twosome
36 Yearn
37 Jewels
40 Foppish fellow
42 Ordinary language
44 Distributed cards
45 Flunk
46 Isle of exile
47 Dull
49 Press
50 Chamber
51 Comes to a conclusion
54 Inventor — Whitney

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