

King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★ 12/22

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

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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 FOOD
(e.g., In which country is it now traditional to eat KFC for a Christmas dinner? Answer: Japan.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. It is peppermint-flavored, red and white candy with a curve at the top. Answer _____
2. Who carved the “roast beast” in a Christmas story and film? Answer _____
3. What is the traditional fruit to be put in a Christmas stocking? Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. What is roasting on an open fire in “The Christmas Song”? Answer _____
5. It’s a pie filling of finely chopped apples, raisins, spices, meat and rum or brandy. Answer _____
6. In what novel did Mrs. Cratchit serve a Christmas pudding shaped like a cannonball? Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. What type of pudding is requested in the carol “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”? Answer _____
8. What is the name of the favorite U.K. Christmas side dish made of sausages wrapped in bacon? Answer _____
9. It’s a confection made of almonds, sugar and egg whites, often molded into shapes. Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Candy cane. 2. The Grinch. 3. Orange. 4. Chestnuts. 5. Mincemeat. 6. “A Christmas Carol.” 7. Figgy pudding. 8. Pigs in a blanket. 9. Marzipan.

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.

“EZRT DK FXFVR TEZVF / AME EWF
YVFEEEDFTE TDIWE EZ TFF / DT EWF
WZNNR EWJE SDNN AF / ZK RZMV ZSK
PVZKE HZZV.” — L F V F H D E W S D N N T Z K

Previous Solution: “It doesn’t show signs of stopping ... / The lights are turned way down low / Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!” — Sammy Cahn

TODAY’S CLUE: *F equals F*

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Workout unit
4 Airship
9 Likely
12 “To — is human ...”
13 AM/FM device
14 Perceive
15 “Four score and seven years — ...”
16 Conscious
17 Golf standard
18 Region
20 Moral principles
22 Advanced deg.
23 Nouveau —
24 Numerical info
26 Green gemstone
29 Annex
30 Tax-deferred investment (Abbr.)
31 Ultimate
35 Methods
37 Allen of “Home Improvement”
38 Corp. bigwig
39 Aviary sound
41 “Get out!”
42 Use an atomizer
45 — anemone
46 Like a grouch
48 Place of worship
51 Crater’s edge
52 Batman’s sidekick
54 Pull
55 Rime
56 Peace goddess
57 Work unit
58 “All the President’s —”
59 Thick
60 — Plaines, Illinois
DOWN
1 Peruse
2 Therefore
3 Right away
4 Form into plaits
5 Grassy expanse

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	G		S	T	R	A	P		W	O	K
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6 Activist — B. Wells
7 Actor — Myers
8 Verse
9 Savory jelly
10 Fuzzy fruit
11 Not wordy
19 “Gotcha!”
21 Mound
24 Morning moisture
25 Chicken — king
26 Mouthful
27 Ohio’s Great Lake
28 Wheelchair access
32 Took willingly
33 Ocean
34 Youngster
36 Strike-breaker
40 Prius, for one
41 Total
42 Theater drop
43 Cost
44 Quick noodles
45 “Walk Away —”
47 Former days
48 Cans
49 Enticement
50 Quiche ingredient
53 London’s Big —

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