

King Classic Sudoku

				9		8		
				6			3	1
6		2		3		5		4
	6	7			1			8
	8	3		4				6
				7	6	4		
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Difficulty: ★★★ 11/27

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 11/26

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: EVENTS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

(e.g., This former Beatle released his 21st studio album, “Look Up.” Answer: Ringo Starr.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. Israel invaded this Palestinian area. Answer_____
- 2. He became the 47th U.S. president. Answer_____
- 3. This militant group and Israel reached a ceasefire agreement. Answer_____

GRADUATE LEVEL

- 4. A helicopter and commercial jet collided, killing 67 near this city. Answer_____
- 5. This team won the Super Bowl. Answer_____
- 6. He was confirmed as U.S. Secretary of State. Answer_____

PH.D. LEVEL

- 7. Wildfires caused by these winds ravaged parts of Los Angeles. Answer_____
- 8. The president of this Asian country was arrested after declaring martial law. Answer_____
- 9. President Biden awarded this medal to Hillary Clinton, Denzel Washington and others. Answer_____

ANSWERS: 1. The Gaza Strip. 2. Donald Trump. 3. Hamas. 4. Washington, D.C. 5. Philadelphia Eagles. 6. Marco Rubio. 7. Santa Ana winds. 8. South Korea. 9. Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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 T G G A Y H L W Z A D W L H J S U P W S S P G D
Z H S H S J X F G D Y . S P W S ’ Y U P D S P K Y
D G W X B D T W B K A D W O Z K W X G G W S K O R
W A K C G L K X Z . ” — W A L G X S L X H H F Y

Previous Solution: “I became a connoisseur of the thick thud that a rejected manuscript makes on the doormat.” — Novelist James Herriot

TODAY’S CLUE: A *Janbe* ☪

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 — de plume
- 4 Sir — Guinness
- 8 Change purse item
- 12 Actress — Thurman
- 13 Prima donna
- 14 List-ending abbr.
- 15 Homo sapiens
- 16 Obey
- 17 Lie in wait
- 18 Pickle juice
- 20 Breaks out
- 22 Distant
- 23 Prom attire
- 24 Avert
- 28 Stair post
- 32 River in France
- 33 Portland’s state (Abbr.)
- 35 Unclose
- 36 Calendar abbr.
- 37 Strike
- 38 Small bird
- 39 Sierra —

- 41 Like some decorated walls
 - 43 Elec. unit
 - 45 Illusionist — Geller
 - 46 Halifax, Nova —
 - 49 Tree secretion
 - 52 Wheal
 - 53 Smudge
 - 56 Ab — (from the beginning)
 - 57 Baseless
 - 58 Forfeit
 - 59 Yoga class essential
 - 60 Equipment
 - 61 Was in the red
 - 62 Opposite of WSW
- DOWN
- 1 Unfeeling
 - 2 General — Bradley
 - 3 Mission statement
 - 4 Stick
 - 5 Fib
 - 6 “All About —”
 - 7 Officer-to-be

Answer to Previous Puzzle

R	A	G		B	A	S	E		R	O	P	E
I	L	L		L	I	A	R		O	V	A	L
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D	O	Y	L	E		H	E	A	D	W	A	Y
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A	D	L	I	B				T	E	L	L	S
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A	L	T	O		A	L	A	S		L	A	B
P	E	E	R		T	I	N	Y		Y	D	S

- 8 Sumptuous
- 9 “Hurry — already!”
- 10 Store
- 11 Members of a fraternal organization
- 19 Church part
- 21 Ladder step
- 24 Betting group
- 25 Paddy plant
- 26 Today
- 27 Catch
- 29 unawares
- 29 Disquieting
- 30 Sword for dueling
- 31 Provide
- 34 Greek letter
- 37 Big rig
- 38 Used to be
- 40 Talk on and on
- 42 Made a contented sound
- 44 Painter — Picasso
- 46 Drink
- 47 Yield by treaty
- 48 — podrida
- 50 Director — Reitman
- 51 Jot down
- 54 Weather word
- 55 Application

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