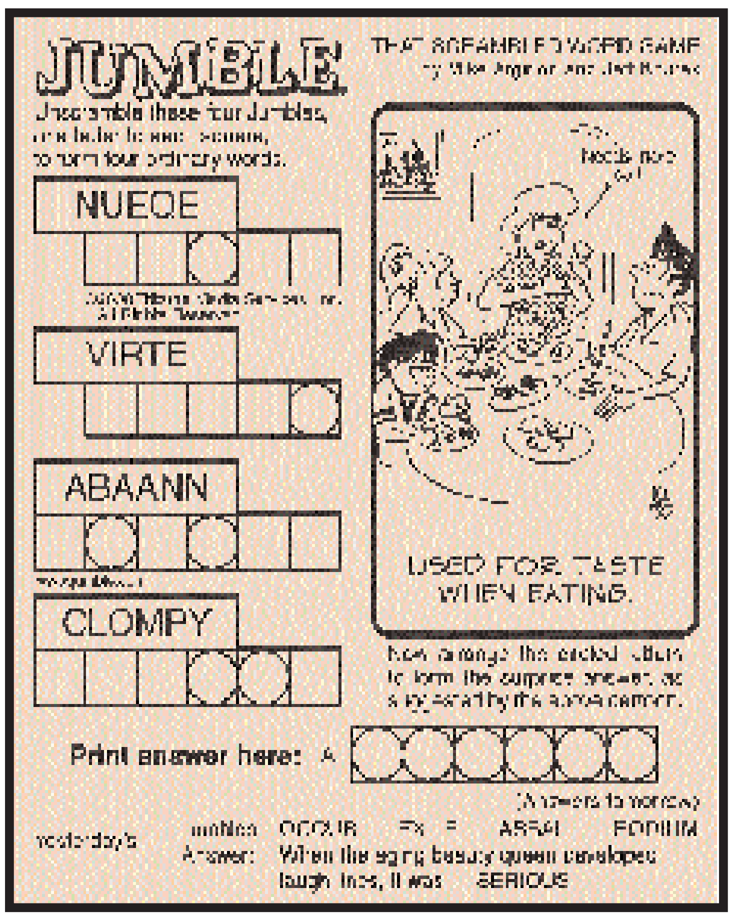

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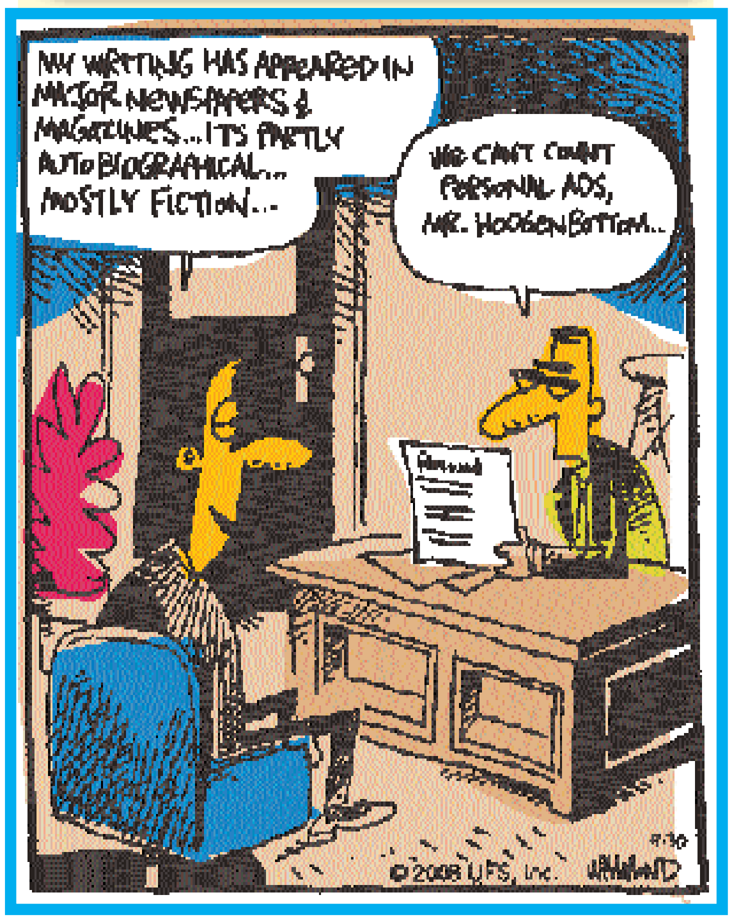

Sudoku No 953

	4	5		9	7		2	6
	9	1			6	7		
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Solution to No. 952

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

No knowledge of arithmetic is required to enjoy this. All you need is a logical mind, a pencil and an eraser. Try it. Suffer its torture. Discover its ecstasy. It's a mind game you will solve with reasoning and logic. The rules are very simple. Fill in the grid with numbers so that every row, every column and every small 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9. Each number has its allotted place if you look hard enough. No number should be repeated in any row, column or 3x3 box. Here's an easy one to try - See tomorrow's Island for solution.

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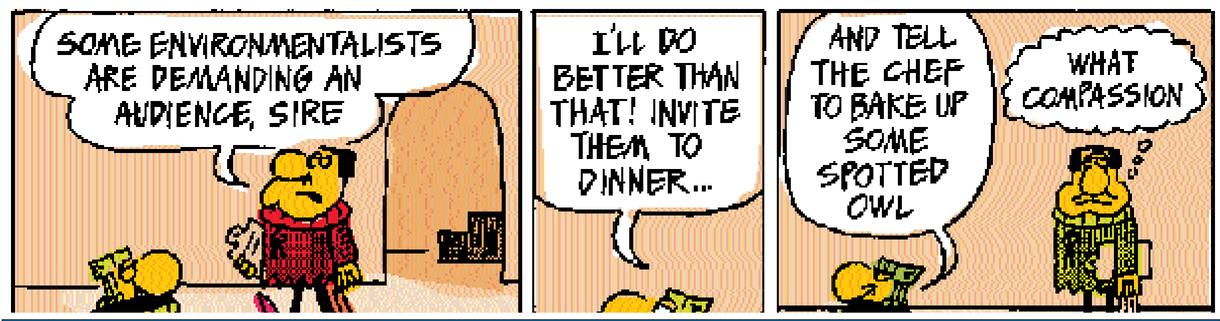
By Reg Henry Scargelli

Wizard of Id

By Parker and Hart



Mother Goose & Grimm

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Archie

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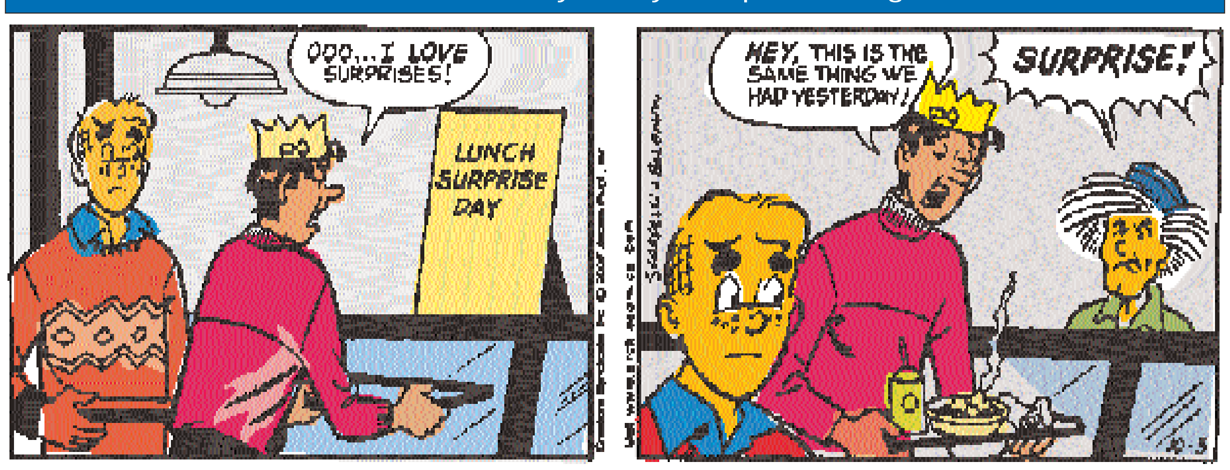


Britney's Dad Named Permanent Conservator of Her Affairs

By Ken Lee

Britney Spears's father, Jamie, has been named permanent conservator of his daughter's affairs, a Los Angeles court ruled on Tuesday. He was also named permanent co-conservator of her estate, along with an attorney, Andrew Wallet.

"I've met several times with [Britney] and she requested that I not object to the permanent conservatorship," the singer's court-appointed lawyer Samuel Ingham said in open court.

Commissioner Reva Goetz stated that the permanent conservatorship was "necessary and appropriate."

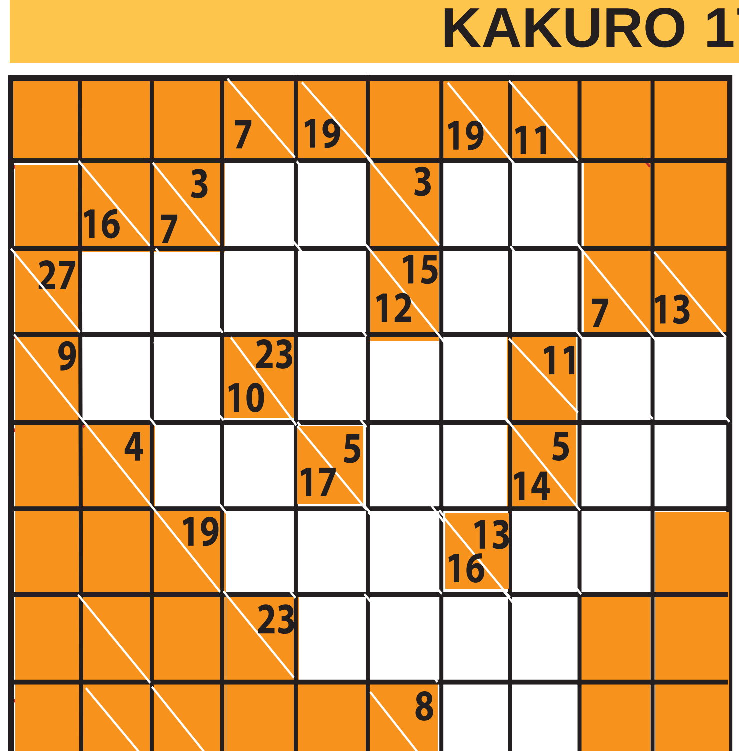
Experts say, however, that the permanent status doesn't necessarily mean forever.

"People shouldn't read too much into the word 'permanent'" explains Terry K. Wasserman, a mental health lawyer not involved with this case. "In many cases, it's just a formality to avoid having to renew a temporary status over and over again."

A source close to Spears concurs, saying, "This is by no means something that's going to last forever. The conservatorship being made permanent in name is primarily to ensure increased time with her children, and provide support for her music and work goals."

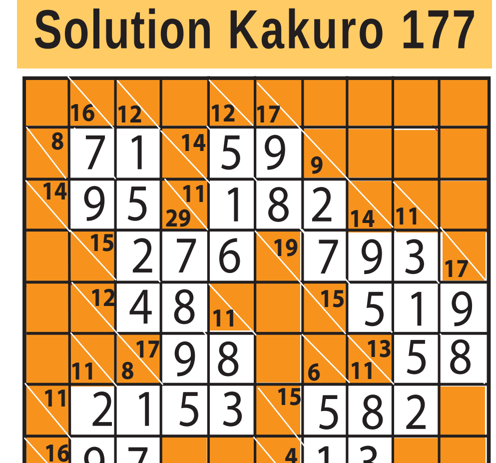
Adds Wasserman: "Ms. Spears can regain control of her life anytime – as long as her doctors feel she's able to manage her own affairs."

KAKURO 178



How to play
Fill in the blank squares, using 1 to 9, without repeating any number in any line. The lines must be filled in with numbers that add up to the total in the shaded box at the top or beginning of each line. A number in the bottom half of the shaded box is the downward total; in the top half, it's the horizontal total.

Solution Kakuro 177



ZODIAC SIGNS

Predictions applicable from
Monday 27th - Saturday 1st

STARSCOPE

ARIES (Mesha) - Lagna lord Mars conjoined with moon in 7th. Finances keeping high. Relationships with your marital partner and stake holders in business remain cordial and intimate. You receive cooperation from your mother and father to attend household engagements successfully. You are able to win your opponents, if involved in a lawsuit. Prosperous week for those intend to go abroad. Take care of bile ailments.

TAURUS (Vrushabha) - Lagna lord Venus posited in 7th with moon moving from 5th to 7th. Intended to enhance material prosperity. Your partner is compelled to spend a large sum on close family elders. Mentally frustrated over disturbed household environment. Bad phase for your sibling's health. Intended to arrange and organise a pilgrimage. Confronted with legal issue not favouring your success. Take care against bowel ailments.

GEMINI (Mithuna) - Lagna lord Mercury and Jupiter powerfully posited in the quadrants. Finances remain favourable. Very prospective if your are following a cause in higher studies. Favourable to purchase property conveyances and domestic luxuries. Religiously inclined. Prospective week for those professionals engaged in literary career. You enjoy being associated with reading, writing on literature and arts. Indicate harmonious relationship with the spouse and the family members. Take care of ENT or eye ailment.

CANCER (Kataka) - Lagna lord moon moves in 3rd, 4th and 5th houses with lagna and 7th adversely affected by malefics. Very busy renovating your house or constructing a new one. You are compelled to spend a large sum on the welfare of your employed children. Unable to harness your resources fully to accrue financial benefits. Faced with recurrent enemy encounters hampering your progress. Not so satisfied with the attitudes of your married partner. Cerebral ailment likely.

LEO (Sinha) - Lagna lord Sun conjoined with Mars in 3rd. Indicate great willpower courage and determination to fulfil your professional duties. Receive cooperation from your father and the siblings to maintain a balanced financial situation. Prosperous week for those engaged in fine arts drama or production of films. Talent and capability shown in higher studies or in facing exams if you are a student. Worried over some family scandals. Cerebral ailments likely.

VIRGO (Kanya) - Lagna lord Mercury powerfully posited in the ascendant with Jupiter in 4th. You can enjoy perfect health. Full of energy enthusiasm and vibrance. Able to attend complex professional schedules. Very articulate in your speech and expressions. Prosperous week for managers and secretaries in financial institutions to prove their talents and capabilities. Honoured and facilitated by your companions in business. Receive love and cooperation from your spouse to attend domestic engagements. Airy ailments likely.

LIBRA (Thula) - Sun and Mars moon posited in lagna. Courage and determination shown in attending family engagements. Finances remain stable. Good fortunes in business which prevail throughout the week. This is a favourable week for those engaged in trade teaching the publication. Good phase for your siblings. Speculative investments on property bring desired results though late. Amazing spiritual revelations with inner guidance shown. A cerebral pain likely.

SCORPIO (Vrushchika) - Lagna posited with moon and Venus with Mars in 12th. Finances remain fluctuating. Compelled to spend a large sum of money on organising a ceremony or a public wedding. Family income gets enhanced with the cooperation of your son and close associates. Engaged in community welfare programmes. You may face some scandal at the profession through quarrels with officers. Stand high among the social elites, a pilgrimage or a long trip indicated.

SAGITTARIUS (Dhanu) - Jupiter powerfully posited in lagna with moon moving from 10th to 12th. Strong personality and authority projected. Finances remain stable. If an accountant or law officer in a company or institution you are able to stabilise your position efficiently. You are able to amass wealth property and conveyances through business deals. Forced to attend busy professional schedules. Phlegm ailments very likely.

CAPRICORN (Makara) - Lagna and 7th posited by malefics with Saturn in 8th. Confirmation of marriage may remain impeded. Confronted with open enemy encounters. Stand high among friends comrades and Social elites. Inclined to engage in philanthropic and religions activities. Well recognised and felicitated for your dedication in professional activities. Good phase for your elder sisters and father's career. Mentally dejected at times.

AQUARIUS (Kumbha) - Lagna lord Saturn in 7th with Jupiter in 11th. Compelled to spend excessively on the management of family affairs. Able to obtain financial assistance from your son. Very devoted towards you religious practices. Busily involved in social welfare programmes. Your partner's income and professional position gets enhanced. Very conscious of fulfilling morals law and justice. Bowel irritations likely.

PISCES (Meena) - A successful week as lagna lord Jupiter and key planet moon are posited favourably. Amazing vigour and vitality shown in fulfilling, your professional career with case. Good phase for self-employed career women going overseas. Get encouragement from the elites and the elders to maintain a residence of your own. Your marital partner successfully engages in works of arts or aesthetics. A bowel syndrome very likely.

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