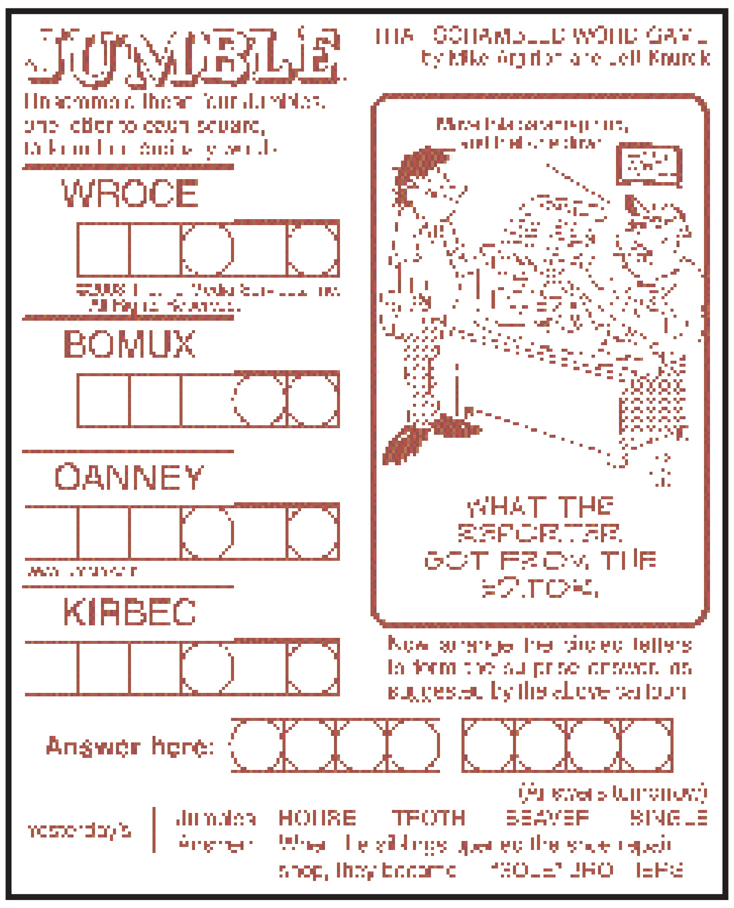


REALITY CHECK

Sudoku No 986

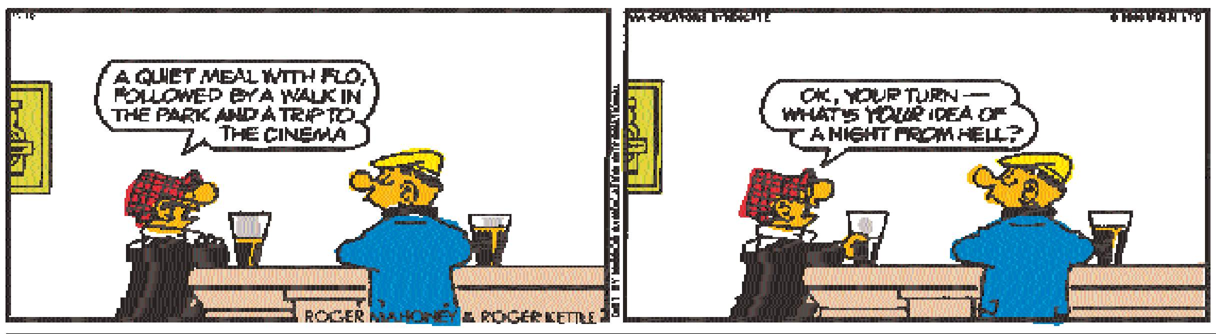
		4			1	5		3
9				5	2		7	4
3					4		9	
	4		5					8
6	8		2	4				7
5		3	7			4		
4		5		3				
	9						4	
				9		7		1

Solution to No. 985

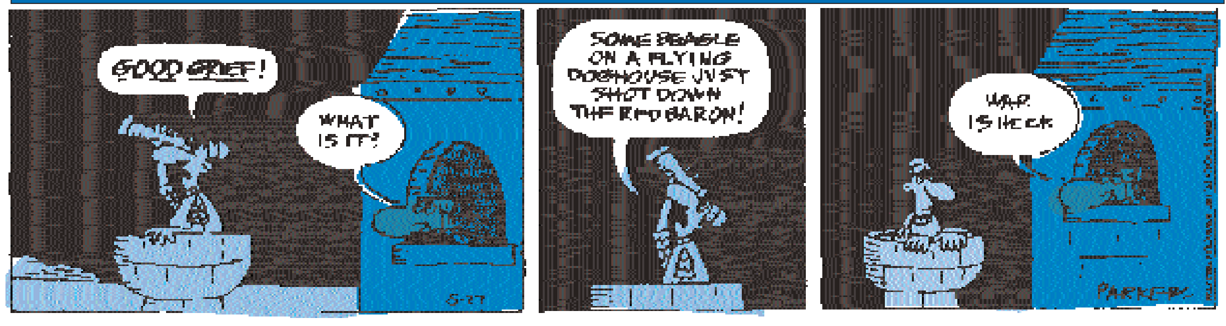
6	4	3	8	9	1	5	2	7
1	8	2	5	7	6	3	9	4
9	5	7	2	3	4	6	1	8
3	2	6	1	4	5	7	8	9
4	1	5	9	8	7	2	6	3
7	9	8	3	6	2	4	5	1
2	3	9	7	5	8	1	4	6
5	7	4	6	1	9	8	3	2
8	6	1	4	2	3	9	7	5

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.

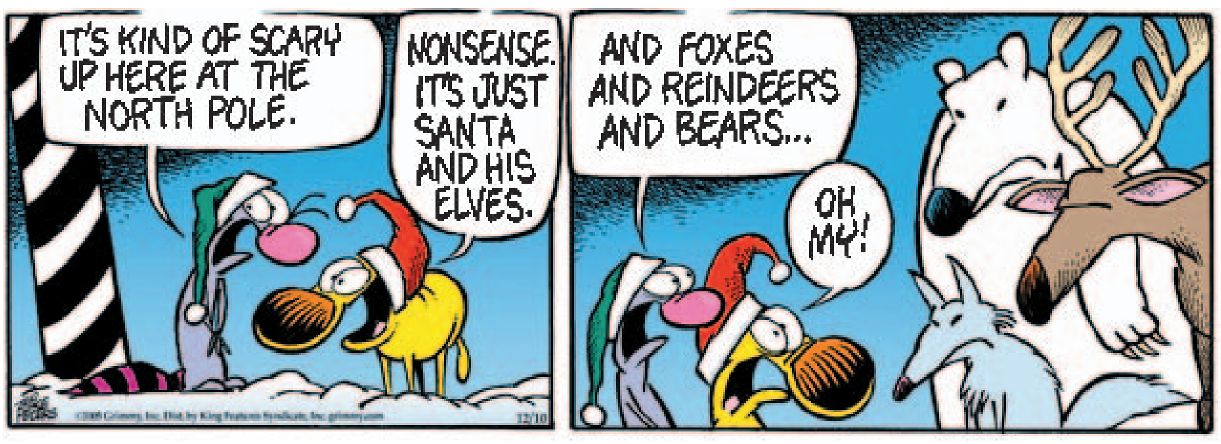
Andy Capp — By Reg Henry Scargelli



Wizard of Id — By Parker and Hart



Mother Goose & Grimm — By Mike



Archie — By Henry Scarpelli - Craig Boldman

Katrina Kaif: Sexiest Asian Woman

The weekly newspaper, Eastern Eye, has announced Bollywood actress, Katrina Kaif as the most sexiest Asian woman of 2009.

The judges came out with a list of top 10 sexy actresses from Asia for the list.

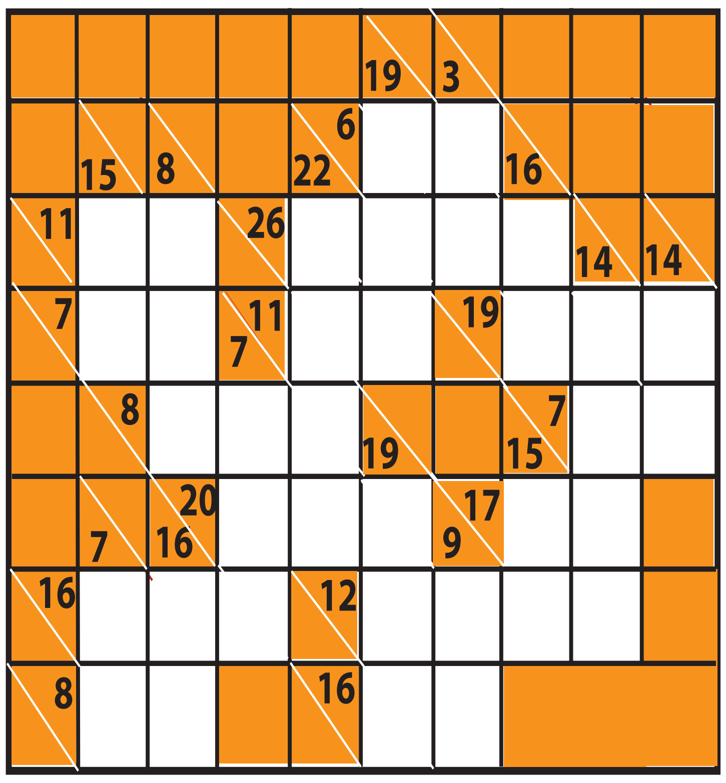
The list is as follows:

1. Katrina Kaif
2. Bipasha Basu
3. Kareena Kapoor
4. Priyanka Chopra
5. Laila Rouass
6. Mallika Sherawat
7. Aishwarya Rai
8. Malaika Arora
9. Mehwish Hayat (pakistani actress)
10. Simran Kaur Mundi

Editor of Eastern Eye, Hemant Verma says, "Katrina Kaif's natural beauty and easy charm has enabled her stock to rise in Bollywood. This has resulted in a number of lucrative offers, and appearances in films that proved to be box-office hits across the world, such as "Singh Is Kinng."

Truly a deserving honour for Katrina Kaif. Who do you think does not deserve to be on the list?

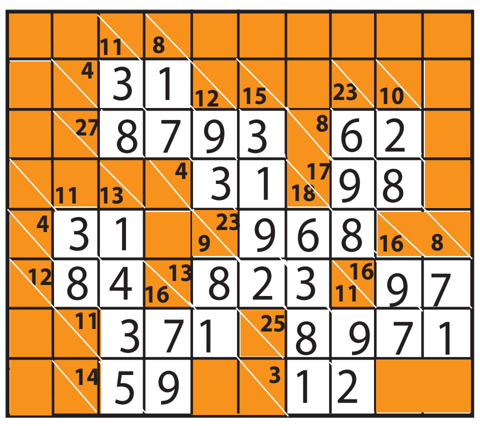
KAKURO 213



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 212



ZODIAC SIGNS

Predictions applicable from
Monday 8th - Saturday 13th

STARSCOPE

ARIES (Mesha) - Lagna lord Mars posited in 8th with moon moving from 12th to 1st. Indicate moderate finances. Enhancement of income from inheritance or legacies, indicated. Compelled to invest money on speculative property transaction. Good phase for your children moving overseas on higher education or self employment. Indicate Sudden change of workplace or profession to your partner. Take care of piles or kidney ailments

TAURUS (Vrushabha) - Lagna lord Venus posited in 9th, with Rahu with moon, in lagna at the weekend. Very busy arranging or organising trips and travels if you are engaged in the communication or transport sector. Good phase for academics or professionals moving overseas on educational or business deals. Mother's influence or interference is indicated in solving household issues. Worried about the health of a family elder. Controversy or scandal with your spouse may create some mental restlessness.

GEMINI (Mithuna) - Lagna Lord Mercury posited in 6th with malefics, with moon moving from 9th to 12th. Engaged in short trips organised to attend on sales of industrial goods or luxuries. Finances keeping high. Wealth happiness and family bliss ensured. Good phase for your spouse if engaged in teaching or employed as a top grade officer in a firm or company. Worried about a persisting illness of your younger sibling.

CANCER (Kataka) - Lagna lord moon moves from 9th to 11th. A week of extensive financial gains. Compelled to attend lots of travel. Busy with tight schedules, Your spouse volunteers to handle a major part of the household engagements. Take care of speculative investments on property, which may not produce expected gains. Encountered with open enemies creating hassle and harassment in your family environment.

LEO (Sinha) - Lagna lord sun posited in 4th with moon moving from 8th to 10th. Finances keeping high. Academics and teachers would gain benefits in their career in higher studies. Inclined to invest vast amounts on property and cultivations. Some issue in the family front, concerning an inherited property. Good phase in career of your eldest son.

VIRGO (Kanya) - Lagna lord Mercury posited in 3rd with moon moving from 7th to 9th. Indicate good earnings. Good phase to enhance your career in the field of arts and aesthetics. Progress shown for those involved in Media work or publication. Engaged in several auspicious celebrations, regarding marriage to your siblings. You will receive the cooperation of your son in every household undertaking. A bowel ailment likely.

LIBRA (Thula) - Lagna Lord Venus posited in 4th with moon moving from 6th to 8th. Engaged in sensual pleasures. Strong desire to establish harmonious relationship with your family members. Indicate enhanced personal income. Extremely judicial in taking decisions. Engaged in arts and poetry. May be busy arranging a nuptial ceremony to your younger sibling or cousin. Financial gains indicated from property. Take extreme care to control your speech and temper.

SCORPIO (Vrushchika) - Sun and Mars powerfully posited in the ascendant. Tactful and capable of managing property and business dealings. Indicate a marriage ceremony to a cousin or younger sister. Finances keeping high as Jupiter is posited in 2nd and moon in 5th. Risking money in extremely speculative investments, which would incur unexpected financial gains. Academics or professionals may move into new areas to gain lucrative benefits. Cerebral pain or ailment likely.

SAGITTARIUS (Dhanu) - Powerful Jupiter posited in Lagna flanked by key planets Venus Mars Sun and Mercury. You possess strong conviction to fulfil your ambitions. You have false pride and overconfidence to gain superiority. Very Ambitious and well adapted to financial matters. Greatly involved in community welfare programmes. A phlegm ailment likely.

CAPRICORN (Makara) - Venus and Rahu posited in lagna with moon moving from 3rd to 5th. You are able to establish cordial relationship with your partners in business. Conceit and egotism emphasised at times creating issues and squabbles in the family. Able to acquire immense income from inherited property. Bad phase for your elder siblings. Take care of bowel ailments.

AQUARIUS (Kumbha) -10th, 11th and 12th well - posited by key planets indicating progress in profession. Enhanced income from business dealings and bank accounts. Deep sense of sincerity and religious fervour shown. Propitious phase for those attached to factory production. Conversed in technology and managerial skills. Felicitated by, royalty for your achievements in arts and literature. A phlegm ailment likely.

PISCES (Meena) - Moon moving in 1st, 2nd and 3rd with Jupiter well placed in the ascendant. For teachers accountants and those attached to creative arts the week is fruitful. Trips and Travelling is involved in your daily schedules in business or managerial work. Indicate a foreign trip to your spouse. Stand high among the social elites. Engaged in a community welfare programme. Good phase for students attached to primary education.

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