JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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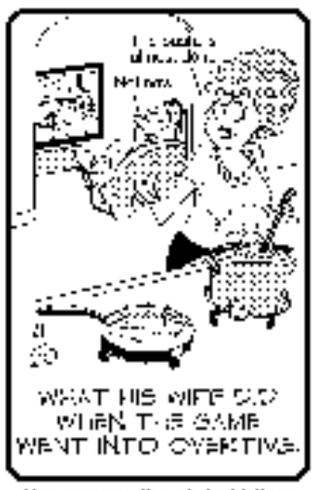
WEJEL

DOONBY

LOWELY



WHAT HIS WIFE SAID WHEN THE GAME WENT INTO OVERTIME.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SMACK TOKEN MAYHEM FRACAS
Answer: When the chess team won, they became 'CHECK' MATES

Andy Capp

By Reg Henry Scargelli

Wizard of Id

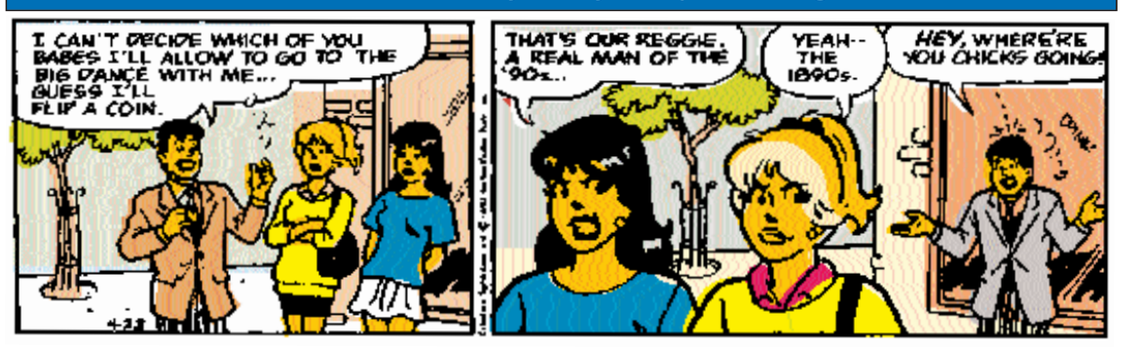
By Parker and Hart

Mother Goose & Grimm

By Mike

Archie

By Henry Scarpelli - Craig Boldman



REALITY CHECK

Father Denies Sale of Slumdog Child Star

By Amrit Dhillon and Stephen M. Silverman

The father of Slumdog Millionaire child star Rubina Ali has denied a report in Britain's News of the World that he was prepared to place his 9-year-old daughter up for adoption for $300,000 as a "lie made up by foreign journalists playing games with me," he tells PEOPLE.

The newspaper reported that Rafiq Qureshi, 36, demanded money after it had sent reporters posing as wealthy people from Dubai who said they wished to adopt a child.

Qureshi's brother Moiuddin, who was present at the late-night meeting at a luxury Mumbai hotel, is reported to have insisted on an even higher figure for the transaction – the original offer was said to be about $75,000 – because of Rubina's fame. By Monday, Reuters was reporting that Mumbai police were investigating the entire incident.

News of the World, which published a photo of its reporters with Rubina and her father meeting together, reported the uncle as saying: "The child is special now. This is not an ordinary child. This is an Oscar child!" (Slumdog won eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture.)

Met to Be Polite

Qureshi tells PEOPLE that there had been an offer but insisted that he had feigned interest out of politeness and a reluctance to appear cold and unfriendly. He said, "In India, you never say 'no' directly, least of all to guests. You try not to offend people by refusing to help. They said they were childless and desperately fond of Rubina after seeing her in the film. I felt sorry for them, but I was never going to give her up."

He also said that he had gone back to the hotel the next day to say goodbye to the couple and had once again refused to part with Rubina. Queshi and his daughter live with his second wife Meena and their six other children in Garib Nagar (Poor Man's Colony), a sprawling slum in Mumbai – though in February it as reported that Indian government authorities were providing new residences for Rubina and her young costar in the movie, Azhar Ismail.

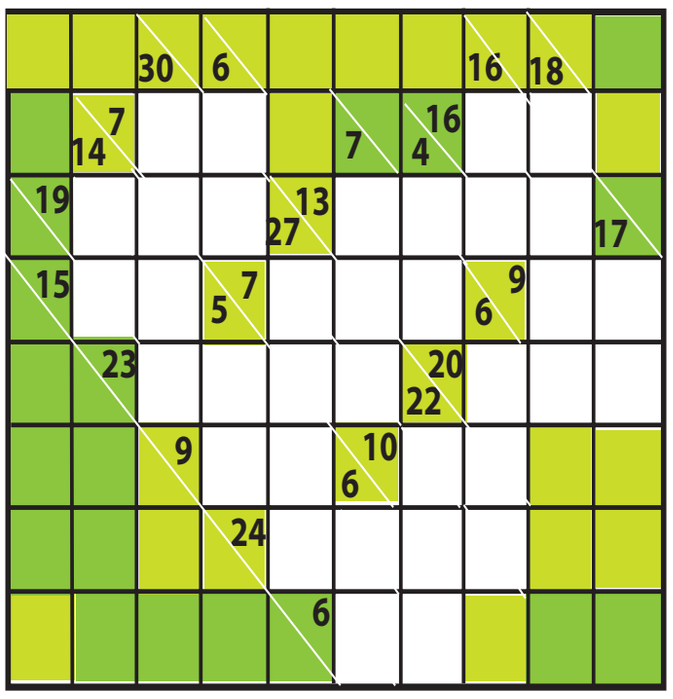
The movie's Oscar-winning director Danny Boyle and producer Christian Colson have denied claims that children were exploited to make their movie – saying that the youngsters were paid above local Indian wages. The children, say the filmmakers, were also enrolled in school for the first time with a fund established to provide for their education, medical emergencies and "basic living costs."

Wife and Rubina Herself React

In reference to the News of the World story, which has been picked up around the world, an angry Meena told PEOPLE: "We are poor, yes, but not so poor that we have to sell our children. The whole thing is a lie."

Rubina backed up her father's statement, calling the News of the World report untrue. "I trust my father. He loves me. He has never said that he wants to give me up," she said. "I did meet an uncle and auntie in a big hotel but it was not about adoption. I will never give any foreign journalist an interview again."

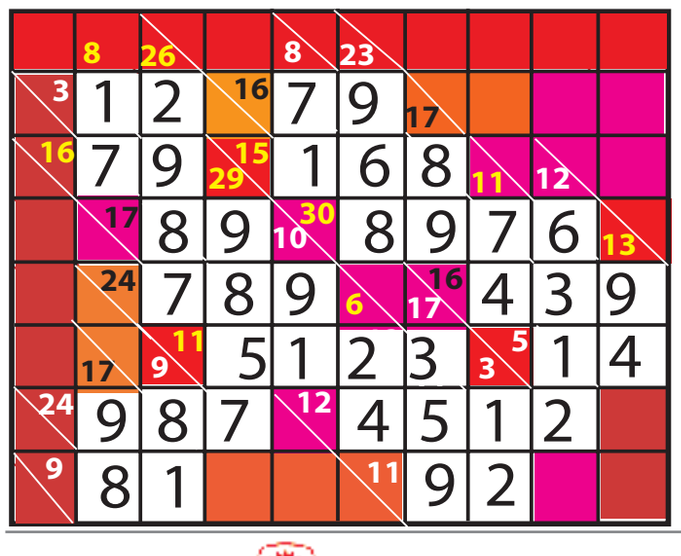
KAKURO 325



Solution Kakuro 324

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.



We regret to inform our readers that Sudoku puzzles have been delayed in the mail.

ZODIAC SIGNS

Predictions applicable from
Monday 20th - Saturday 25th

STARSCOPE

ARIES (Mesha) – Sun exalted in lagna with its lord Mars posited in 12th. Finances remain stable. Very knowledgeable, committed to preserve your prestige and status in society. You are at a bargain in investing money on a speculative business deal. Family income gets improved. Professional status of your employed child gets improved. Given to philanthropy and charity. Take care in travelling.

TAURUS (Vrishaba) – Lagna lord Venus exalted in 11th with moon moving from 10th to 12th. Finances staying very favourable. Engaged in short trips to attend on humanitarian programmes. Prospective phase for career men and women to migrate overseas on employment. Some family dispute over ownership of property. Involved in love and romance. Successful married life indicated. Receive assistance from elder siblings. Phlegm ailments indicated.

GEMINI (Mithuna) – Lagna lord mercury remains combined with sun in 11th. Indicate courage and self determination employed to enhance your knowledge and career. Good phase in your father's career. Some family controversy regarding your younger sibling. Not receiving sufficient assistance to enhance your household activities from your spouse. Able to enjoy professional upliftment. Phlegm ailments indicateda

.CANCER (Kataka) – Rahu and Ketu posited in 7th and lagna with Saturn in 2nd. Involved in constant family scandals and unexpected expenditure on very speculative transactions causing losses. Finances remain unstable and fluctuating. Involved in constant short travels in attending household engagements. Indicate foreign trip to your spouse or lover. Able to have close association with elites at the social level. Open enemy encounters indicated.

LEO (Sinha) – Saturn posited in lagna with lagna lord Sun exalted in 9th. A powerful time period to attend an official programme or managerial work. Receive assistance from the royalty. Able to move closely with influential personalities. Assume a privileged position in society. Family harmony disturbed by arrogant decisions taken by your spouse. Mental frustration indicated.

VIRGO (Kanya) – Lagna lord Mercury combined with exalted Sun in 8th. Expenditures scaling high. Your partner's income gets enhanced. Receive cooperation and assistance from your employer. Enter into a profitable financial partnership in a joint business venture. Entertain encouragement from your spouse to attend the household needs successfully. Some expenditure incurred to your son regarding purchase of property or conveyances.

LIBRA (Tula) – Lagna lord remains exalted in 6th. Combined with moon and Mars. Able to surmount many financial obstacles. Receive cooperation from your domestic aides and the subordinates to enhance your daily activities. Involved in a family scandal regarding ownership of property. If a student your higher education may remain unattended or neglected. Engaged in a successful joint venture.

SCORPIO (Vruschika) -. Lagna lord Mars combined with exalted Venus in 5th. May enter into a successful love affair pending marriage. Assisted by your marital partner to launch a business enterprise. Lots of travel and movement indicated if you are attached to media. Sudden overseas travel to your younger sibling. Some scandal with a senior executive at your work place. A bowel ailment likely.

SAGITTARIUS (Danu) – Lagna lord Jupiter posited with Rahu in 2nd. Finances remain fluctuating. Unexpected drain in the family income due to negligence or postponement of essential duties. Opportunities are favourable for you to purchase property and household luxuries. A new construction of a residence or revamping a house indicated. Some scandal at your place of work. A bowel or urine ailment likely

CAPRICORN (Makara) – Rahu – Jupiter combination in lagna with Saturn in 8th. If unmarried but fully eligible for the union, this is the ideal phase to gain accomplishment. You receive assistance and encouragement to achieve success in your career from your younger siblings. Much respected by high personages. Fortunate to acquire new property or monies through your parents. Can enjoy good health. Professional enhancement indicated. Control your words and deeds.

AQUARIUS (Kumba) – Moon moves from 1st to 3rd with ascendant lord Saturn in 7th. A week of phenomenal financial success. Family income enhanced through the assistance of your son living, overseas. Good phase in your husband's professional carrier. Auspicious celebration at home. Marriage to a brother or cousin indicated. May suffer a dissolution of partnership if in a joint business. Engaged in meritorious activities. Highly acclaimed by the elites.

PISCES (Meena) – Moon Mars and Venus posited in lagna. A week of material gain and financial success. May enjoy health and happiness accompanied by your children and close neighbours. But sentimental and sexually urged. Provided with an opportunity to enhance your higher studies. Very wise and intelligent. A long trip or an overseas travel to your spouse indicated. Some ailment to your pet or the household aids.

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