JUMBLE

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

BLAYM

WILLT

VACTAR

CHISPY

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

WHAT THE DIRECTOR SAID WHEN THE MUMMY SCENE WAS SHOT.

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

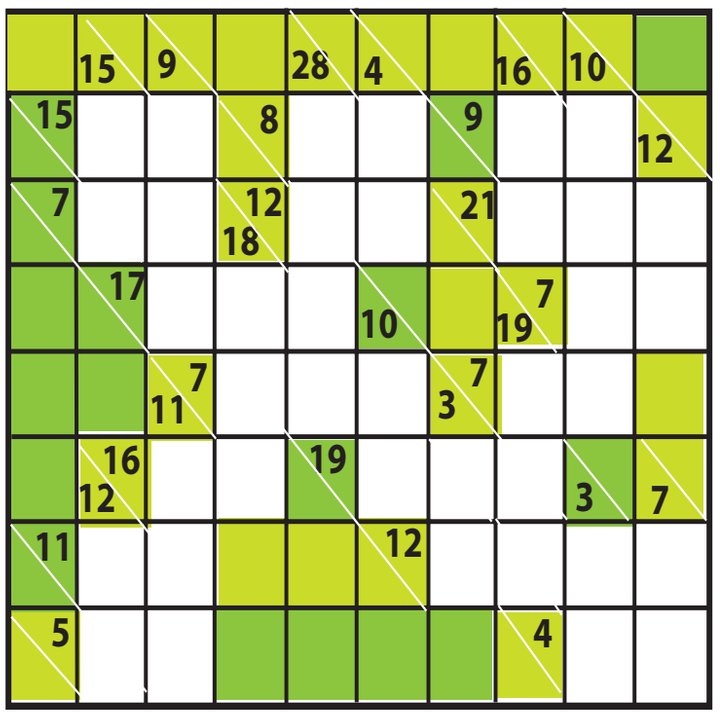
Answer here: ( ) ( ) A " ( ) "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PUSSY SECRET MARROW SIDEPS
Answer: Favored by the reporter, but not the dry cleaner A FREE PRESS

REALITY CHECK

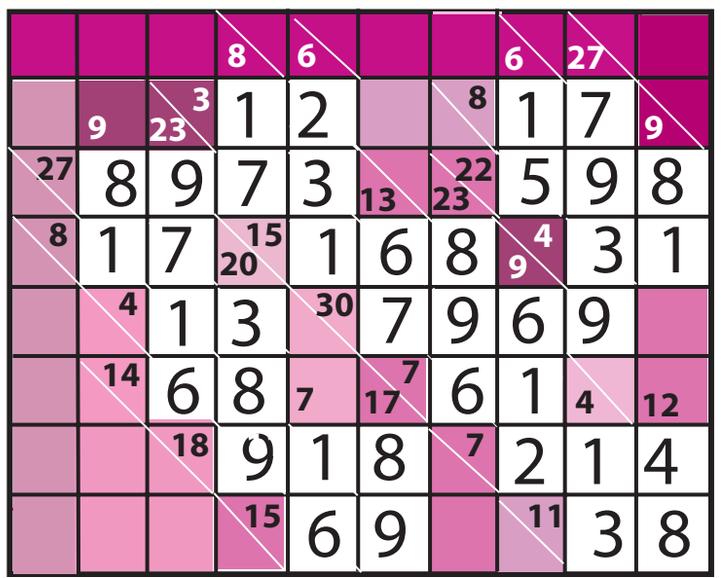
KAKURO 327



Solution Kakuro 326

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.



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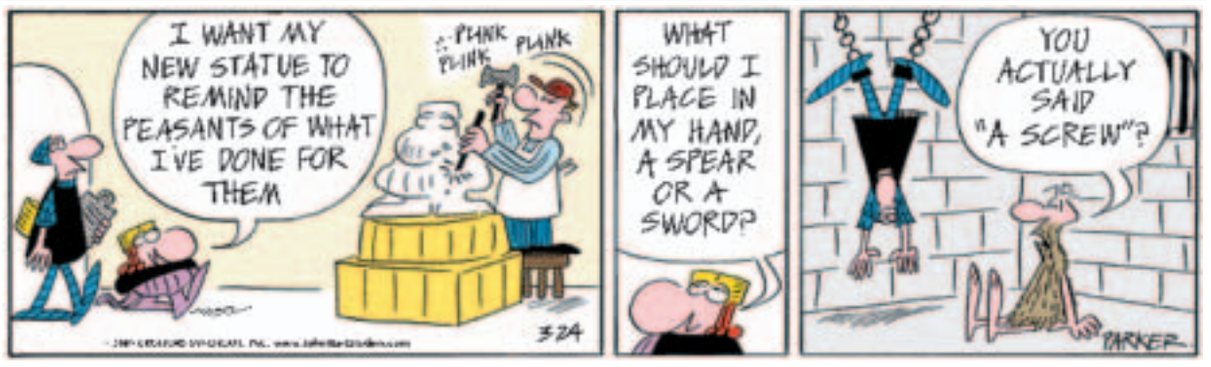
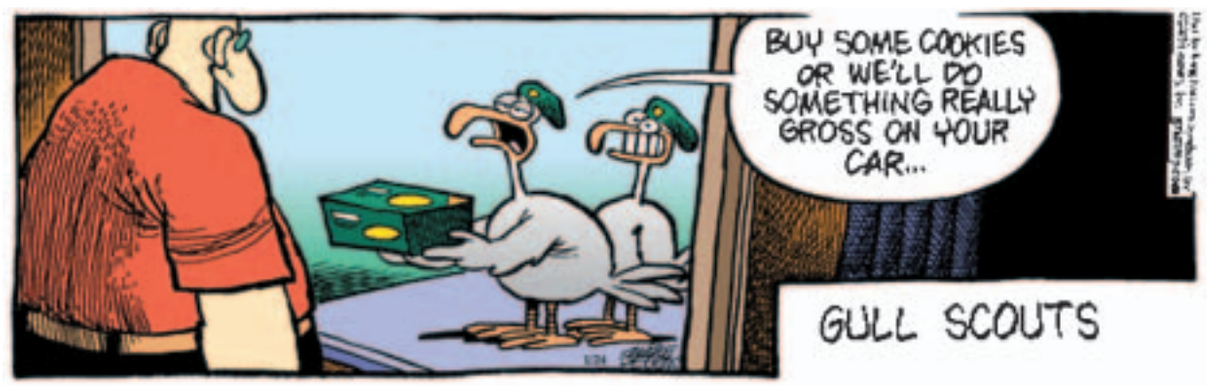


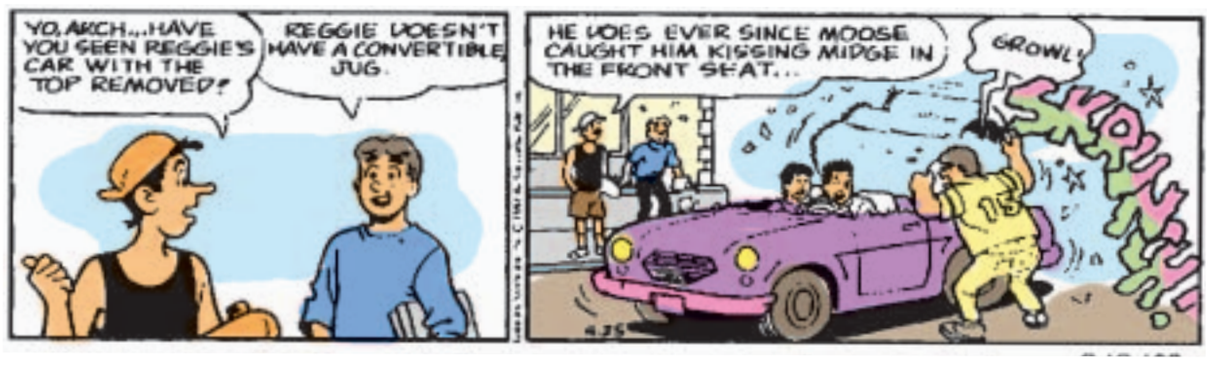
Mother Goose & Grimm

By Mike



Archie

By Henry Scarpelli - Craig Boldman



Idol's Kara DioGuardi Struggled with Eating Disorder

By Mike Fleeman

American Idol's Kara DioGuardi has revealed that when she was younger, she battled an until-now secret affliction.

"I had kind of a binge eating disorder where instead of dealing with my emotions, I would stuff them down with food," the show's judge tells Extra. "I actually went into a treatment center for it."

DioGardi, 38, says she never starved herself or threw up. Rather, "It was definitely that excess eating to kind of just stuff all the emotions down ... I really was a creative kid who didn't know she was creative and didn't have those outlets because I was always afraid to join the theater group and not perform."

It was music that proved to be her salvation. "The moment I started doing music, the moment I did what I loved to do in my life and committed to it, I don't have those problems anymore ... I have my outlet," she says. "I have that form of expression. I can go to the studio and talk about my feelings."

Hoping to help others, DioGuardi has built a recording studio inside Phoenix House, a Los Angeles treatment center helping recovering addicts heal through music. "It's real therapeutic," she says.

Still, she faces what she calls "this craziness in my head," the feeling that she has to be "perfect all the time," especially as her critiques on the wildly popular show can contribute to the rise or fall of a career.

"But I made this commitment in my life to face my fears," says DioGuardi, "and if I am afraid of something I make sure I do it."

Clown cannot wear giant shoes due to health and safety

By Chris Irvine

Valerik Kashkin, a clown in the Moscow State Circus, was performing in Liverpool's Sefton Park last Saturday when he fell from a three metre high slack wire, injuring his foot.

Although he continued to perform for the rest of the show, when he went to hospital later that evening, he was told he had broken the metatarsal bone in his left foot.

When he returned to the circus he was told by management he could no longer wear the size-18 shoes because they compromised his health and safety.

Mr Kashkin features in the circus' reworking of the Rasputin tale, The Monk's Dream.

His routine includes dressing himself whilst walking on a wire, dress himself within a hoop of fire, and playing a drum-kit, trumpet and double-bass all at the same time.

But he is now worried performing in his regular sized footwear will lose impact on the audience.

Mr Kashkin, 40, from Temruk, Russia, said: "The shoes are an important part of my costume, and I was disappointed to be told I couldn't do this part of my act.

"I feel fine, and think I could do it in the shoes – the impact might be lost on the audience now."

Rejecting that it was a case of health and safety gone mad, Larry Dewitt, Health and Safety adviser to the circus said: "I'm not a believer in political correctness, or doing things for the sake of doing it however.

"You have to take a common-sense approach with these things – if it's stupid, don't do it."

Paul Archer, General Manager for the Moscow State Circus, said: "I think it will definitely detract from the visual aspect of the performance.

"It's very important because there's a language barrier to the whole performance, as it's in Russian."

He added: "But we live in a litigation world, and I guess we just have to follow through these procedures.

"It's a real balancing act."

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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.

by Wijeratne Idirisinghe