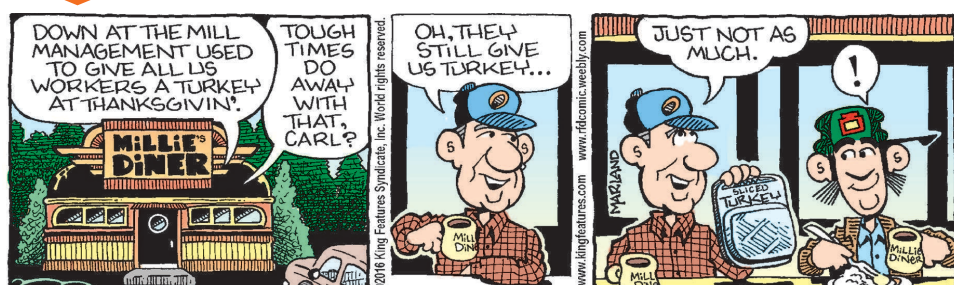


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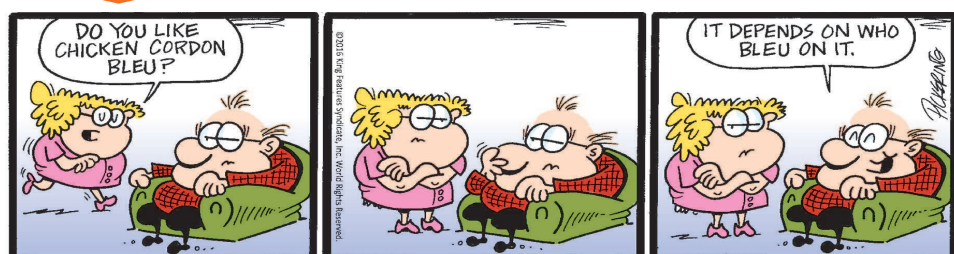
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LAFF-A-DAY



All that meditating made me forget the question that I'm seeking the answer to!

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Clue: R equals H

IRLO JSXVQ XVW VEBLQMLB J

DJXL-JZXZWO RVDUKJN, U QLSAVO

RL IVZDK EL SLDLEQJXUOC RJOAB-

CUMUOC.

When actor Tom observes a late-autumn holiday, I reckon he would be celebrating Hanks-giving.

Cryptoquip answer

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★

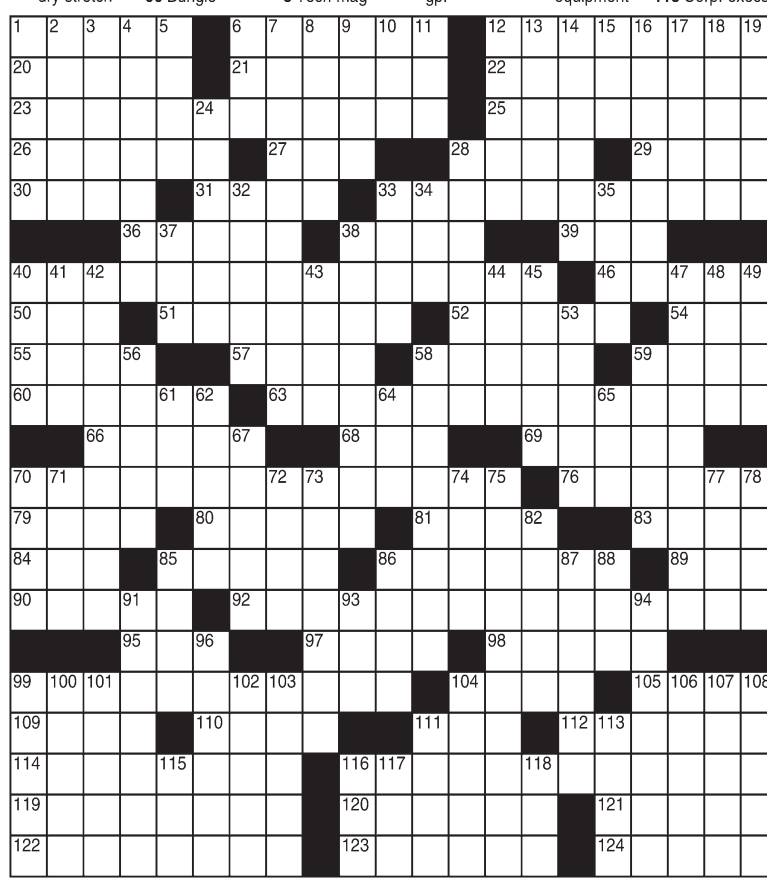
FLASHBACK by Mick Harper

- 1. Name Al Green's 1972 album. (Hint: The first song also is the album's title.)
2. Which group released "Love Machine" parts 1 and 2?
3. Name the group that created "Stormy" and "Traces," and also released "Spooky."
4. Which duo wrote and released "Old Hippie," and when?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Precious memories keep a lingering on, Every time I hear our favorite song, Now you're gone."

SUPER CROSSWORD: STARTING SOUND-ALIKES

- ACROSS: 1 Modify, as a bill; 6 With 69-Across, deli container; 12 "Bewitched" witch; 20 Stinky stream system; 21 Confession; 22 Acquired; 23 They have bases of romaine; 25 Common way to sell goods; 26 Boxing double-whammy; 27 Prefix with hazardous; 28 What cleats improve; 29 Article of Cologne; 30 Young 'un; 31 Leading; 33 Try to find a safe place; 36 Irishmen, e.g.; 38 Jokester Jay; 39 Skit show since '75; 40 One-time popular pair in Vegas; 46 Spring in a dry stretch; 50 Doctrine suffix; 51 Nunery; 52 Lawn stuff; 54 Ending for duct; 55 Shampoo additive; 57 Embellish richly; 58 Book by a bed; 59 The Bruins of the NCAA; 60 Hardly harsh; 63 Halt, legally; 66 Pale violet; 68 See 6-Across; 69 Socialist philosopher; 70 Live for right now; 76 Less trustful; 79 Place; 80 Chocolate stand-in; 81 Petty of Hollywood; 83 "I never — purple cow..."
DOWN: 2 Vista points; 5 Was in command of; 9 Royals manager; 98 Qatari chiefs; 99 It began with the Tertiary Period; 104 Plus; 105 Tar's spar; 109 Line crossing the origin; 110 One with a B.A., say; 111 Jazz band's engagement; 112 Appease; 114 Guy hawking; 116 Alternate title for this puzzle; 119 Geico alternative; 120 Grosset & — (book publisher); 121 Denoted; 122 Social climbers' concerns; 123 Smiles derisively; 124 Old politico; 1 Foppish tie; 2 Spiteful type; 3 Tech mag; 4 Retirement savings; 5 No-win situation; 6 Ballet step; 7 Goran of tennis; 8 Two-dot mark; 9 Michelle of figure skating; 10 Young 'un; 11 Letters before ems; 12 Flash; 13 MGM motto; 14 Changes ender; 15 One, in Yantzee; 16 Sweet bread spread; 17 Property; 18 German poet; 19 Actress; 24 "Night of the Living Dead" director; 28 Atlanta locale; 32 Ding —; 33 Email folder heading; 34 Last part; 35 905-year-old in Genesis; 37 N.Y. Jets' gp.; 38 Get hired; 40 Chang and Eng's land; 41 Capri or Ely; 42 Skin softener; 43 Proof mark; 44 City in Algeria; 45 Prison parts; 47 Pastoral folk dance of Italy; 48 Troubles; 49 See 104-Down; 53 "The Exorcist" actor; 56 Doolittle of "Pygmalion"; 58 Run-down; 59 Exploitative sorts; 61 Shout to a matador; 62 Timepiece; 64 Cooke with soul; 65 MLB stat; 67 Burns partly; 70 Car from Sweden; 71 Rubik of Rubik's Cube; 72 Funny Idle; 73 Sauntered; 74 It's prohibited; 75 Trip-taking equipment; 77 "Star Wars" furball; 78 "Shoot!"; 82 Bullet points; 85 At the home of, to Henri; 86 Galileo's birthplace; 87 Songlike; 88 35mm camera choice; 91 Least far-off; 93 —wester Down; 94 Diffuses gradually; 96 Sets of doctrines; 99 Houses, in Havana; 100 Praise highly; 101 — Wafers; 102 Plenty angry; 103 Alternatives to walkers; 104 With 49-Down, option for an air passenger; 106 Really irked; 107 1953 Alan Ladd film; 108 Lab activities; 111 Heredity unit; 113 "My treat!"; 115 Role in "The Hangover"; 116 NFL coups; 117 Savage sort; 118 Corp. execs

ANSWERS: 1. "Let's Stay Together," the song was covered by Tina Turner in 1983. 2. The Miracles, in 1975. (They were Smokey Robinson and the Miracles from 1965 to 1972.) The song shot to No. 1 on the Billboard chart. 3. The Classics IV, in 1968 and 1969. 4. The Bellamy Brothers, in 1985. The song is about an old hippie who just isn't adjusting to the changes around him. 5. "It's the Same Old Song," by the Four Tops in 1965. Under orders to crank out a song within a day, the songwriters took the chords from a previous hit ("Can't Help Myself -- Sugar Pie Honey Bunch") and wrote "Same Old Song" Within 24 hours, the song was conceived, created, recorded and sent out to DJs.



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SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

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