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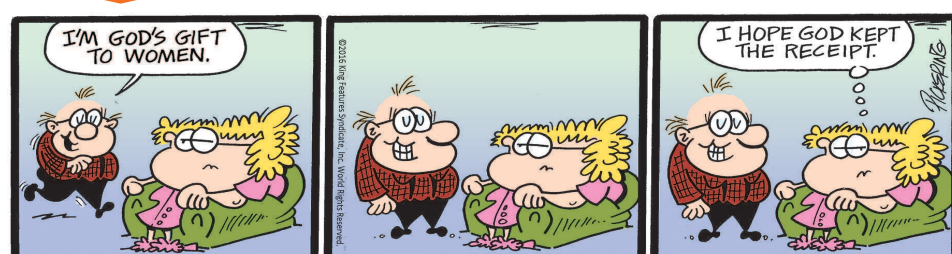
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SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW! AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive. BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly -- but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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LAFF-A-DAY



"No, really, I was an efficiency expert for the government."

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. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals I

E RWXL F TPTKEND LEDV DLCKGC GCVETKCN XS QESSMCWD NEHCN. CGCMPXQP TFKN ED F OERCM*N

QXHCW.

Everybody calls it a biker's vehicles of different sizes. I know a cyclist with twelve answer

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★

FLASHBACK SUPER CROSSWORD: NOTED PHRASES

by Mick Harper

- 1. Which Chattanooga group was originally called The Roosters? 2. Name the Canadian group that netted its second gold record with "Laughing." 3. Who released "Tiger Feet" in 1974? 4. Which Heatwave song made it to the R&B charts in 1977? 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The old house is still standing tho' the paint is cracked and dry, and there's that old oak tree I used to play on."

- ACROSS: 1 Neighbor of Chile, 5 Chemist's outerwear, 12 Some captives, 20 Copies, 21 Magic's city, 22 Fearmonger, 23 Centennial State pageant winner, 25 Start to chew, 26 Clinic fluids, 27 Enjoy a meal, 28 DVR biggie, 29 Baste, e.g., 30 Text giggle, 31 Output of Tolkien, 38 Highly skilled people, 40 Prudential competitor, 41 "— found it!", 42 Member of a noted racecar-driving family, 47 Surplus item, 51 Be a cast member of, 52 Oklahoma tribe member, 53 Placed in the middle, to a Brit, 55 The NBA's "King James", 57 120-Down character Sarducci, 61 Uru, 61 neighbor, 64 Wildlife lair, 65 Proverb, 66 Add liberally, 67 Most August newborns, 69 Popular energy drink, 73 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati", 74 Rome's country, in French, 76 "Für—" (piano piece), 77 Sun, e.g., 79 — Moines, Iowa, 80 Prism, cone or sphere, 82 Beach shoe, 85 Stands for hot dishes, 86 Melody, 87 "Salud!" say, 91 Dutch genre painter Jan, 92 Port-au-Prince's land, 98 No. on a road sign, 100 Navigator Islands, now, 101 Cry upon release, 102 1991 Denzel Washington film, 109 Gave a meal, 110 Hubbud, 111 Chiang Mai native, 112 Johnny —, 113 Pool coverer, 115 Open ocean, 118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's eight theme phrases, 123 Bel Air resident, e.g., 124 Funicello of the screen, 125 Cry in church, 126 Nonclerical females, 127 "Possibly", 128 Veg out, say, 7 Make swollen, 8 Magna —, 9 — par with, 10 Slick in, 11 Moreover, 12 Natural home, 13 With 84-Down, luncheon with pimiento, 14 Goal in Zen Buddhism, 15 Uno plus due, 16 French bud, 17 Knife of TV ads, 18 Oxalate, e.g., 19 Vermont ski town, 24 Wearing a lounge robe, 28 Color a little, 30 Tibetan, 32 Ending for enzymes, 33 She sang "Smooth Operator", 34 "— darn tootin!", 1 Cook's spray, 2 Like serials, 3 Pick again, 4 KGB funder, 5 Lav. in Bath, 6 Specter in politics, 39 Singer Ochs, 43 Actor Greene, 44 — Z, 45 Luc's denial, 46 Chilling stuff, 48 Camera stand, 49 Fixed up, 50 Studmuffin, 54 West Germany's Ludwig, 56 Deprived, 57 Not genuine, 58 Wheel turner, 59 Little jerk, 60 Patients' gp., 61 First groups of invitees, 62 Snappy reply, 63 Net minder, 65 California's — Woods, 68 Splinters, 70 MBA, say, 71 — ray Disc, 72 Feature of the word "go", 75 — Kit (police tool), 78 Tub traction aids, 81 Medit. land, 82 "Or — hear", 83 From way back: Abbr., 84 See 13-Down, 86 Shut angrily, 88 Structure of a plane without the engine, 89 Beltry locales, 90 Knotted, 93 Quarterback Boomer, 94 Spanish for "daddy", 95 Ball caller, 96 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit), 97 Chick — -A, 99 Hold dear, 102 Taj —, 103 Singer Menzel, 104 Dranchad, 105 1953 Alan Ladd title role, 106 Disney mermaid, 107 Religious branches, 108 Die down, 114 Rent —, 116 Chop down, 117 — -mo, 118 Animal gullet, 119 A, in France, 120 '75 TV debut, 121 Ang of film, 122 Certain M.D.

ANSWERS: 1. The Impressions. The group was included into the 1998 Grammy Hall of Fame for their hit "People Get Ready". 2. The Guess Who, in 1969. It came out first on their "Canned Wheat" album. 3. Mud. The song played a part in the 2012 Summer Olympics opening ceremony in London. 4. "Boogie Nights," later covered by KC and the Sunshine Band. 5. "Green, Green and the Sunshine Band." 6. Melody, 87 "Salud!" say, 91 Dutch genre painter Jan, 92 Port-au-Prince's land, 98 No. on a road sign, 100 Navigator Islands, now, 101 Cry upon release, 102 1991 Denzel Washington film, 109 Gave a meal, 110 Hubbud, 111 Chiang Mai native, 112 Johnny —, 113 Pool coverer, 115 Open ocean, 118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's eight theme phrases, 123 Bel Air resident, e.g., 124 Funicello of the screen, 125 Cry in church, 126 Nonclerical females, 127 "Possibly", 128 Veg out, say, 7 Make swollen, 8 Magna —, 9 — par with, 10 Slick in, 11 Moreover, 12 Natural home, 13 With 84-Down, luncheon with pimiento, 14 Goal in Zen Buddhism, 15 Uno plus due, 16 French bud, 17 Knife of TV ads, 18 Oxalate, e.g., 19 Vermont ski town, 24 Wearing a lounge robe, 28 Color a little, 30 Tibetan, 32 Ending for enzymes, 33 She sang "Smooth Operator", 34 "— darn tootin!", 1 Cook's spray, 2 Like serials, 3 Pick again, 4 KGB funder, 5 Lav. in Bath, 6 Specter in politics, 39 Singer Ochs, 43 Actor Greene, 44 — Z, 45 Luc's denial, 46 Chilling stuff, 48 Camera stand, 49 Fixed up, 50 Studmuffin, 54 West Germany's Ludwig, 56 Deprived, 57 Not genuine, 58 Wheel turner, 59 Little jerk, 60 Patients' gp., 61 First groups of invitees, 62 Snappy reply, 63 Net minder, 65 California's — Woods, 68 Splinters, 70 MBA, say, 71 — ray Disc, 72 Feature of the word "go", 75 — Kit (police tool), 78 Tub traction aids, 81 Medit. land, 82 "Or — hear", 83 From way back: Abbr., 84 See 13-Down, 86 Shut angrily, 88 Structure of a plane without the engine, 89 Beltry locales, 90 Knotted, 93 Quarterback Boomer, 94 Spanish for "daddy", 95 Ball caller, 96 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit), 97 Chick — -A, 99 Hold dear, 102 Taj —, 103 Singer Menzel, 104 Dranchad, 105 1953 Alan Ladd title role, 106 Disney mermaid, 107 Religious branches, 108 Die down, 114 Rent —, 116 Chop down, 117 — -mo, 118 Animal gullet, 119 A, in France, 120 '75 TV debut, 121 Ang of film, 122 Certain M.D.

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