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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Measurement **CHIN**

Delight **TATER**

Disfigure **FECAD**

Magma **STABAL**

TODAY'S WORD

"It was a very educational evening, Stanley. I certainly learned a lot about _____!"

Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

4	1	6	2	5	3
1	3	4	6	3	4
1	5	4	2	2	2
1	2	4	3	4	5
6	4	2	5	3	1
6	6	6	4	3	1

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Super Crossword

BOTH SIDES

ACROSS

1 Having lasting import

9 Enzyme name ending

12 Directory no.

15 Toasty

19 In a busy way

20 Wacky

22 86-Across star Nastase

23 * Earth's layers of rock strata

25 Met VIP

26 Reaping mo.

27 Partner

28 "Keystone" officer

29 Revolting one

30 Sit in on, as a class

32 * Top-end

35 Accompany

39 — -um (gnat)

41 Delicious

42 * Taking baby steps, perhaps

45 Cause to take notice

49 Touch-related

50 Away from home

51 — -en-Provence

53 Altercation

54 Spanish for "these"

55 Bank account amt.

57 Tick off

59 Indigo dye

60 Japanese religion

62 * Criterion applied

66 Brainchild

68 Boosting drink

69 Prefix with dynamics

70 * Football receiver's success

76 Swab

81 Everyone, to Germans

82 Dust specks

83 See

124-Across

85 Ballplayer Lefty

86 Tennis site

88 Org. for an air marshal

89 August hrs.

91 13th-century king of England

93 Final stops

95 * Classic coaster at Disney parks

98 Muscat native

100 Driving around in a

101 Mourned loudly

102 * Not on a leash

106 Dying fire feature

108 Go wide of

109 Apple apps use it

110 Norwegian port

111 Kin of -trix

115 Axel relative

116 Repeatedly (or a hint to both halves of the answers to the starred clues)

121 Ballet dip

122 Haunted

123 Rendered unnecessary

124 With 83-Across, gave spoonfuls to directly

125 Plane domain

126 Paper crew, for short

127 Proximity

37 Mojave plants

38 Dramatist Joe

40 Dallas coll.

43 Kan. neighbor

44 Narrow way

46 Big Sicilian volcano

47 Ruckus

48 Auction cry

52 Wacky

56 Gets used (to)

57 Jai —

58 Unit of 36"

61 Lakers great Lamar

63 Beehive State

64 Exacta, e.g.

65 Titleless one

67 Being hammy

70 War ender

71 Salve plant

72 Put-down

73 Preached

74 Grassy fields

75 Most regularly

77 "It's —!" ("You're on!")

78 Old ship-locating system

79 World War II hero

80 Sightless

84 "In excelsis —"

87 Demure

89 Jazz great

90 — -fi flick

92 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star

94 Flatbread of India

96 Foretell

97 Film studio roarer

99 "Excuse me, but ..."

102 Actor Fiennes

103 Palate dangler

104 Away from home

105 "Walkabout" director

111 Actor Richard

112 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star

113 Links

114 Halts

116 NFL coups

117 Tick off

118 Flanders of

119 LaRue of

120 Plane domain

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19								20			21				22				
23							24								25				
26						27				28				29					
				30	31					32			33	34					
35	36	37	38				39	40				41							
42						43					44		45			46	47	48	
49							50				51	52		53					
54					55	56				57			58		59				
60					61		62		63	64				65					
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70	71	72	73					74			75			76		77	78	79	80
81					82						83		84		85				
86					87		88				89	90		91	92				
93					94				95	96			97						
				98					99		100				101				
102	103	104							105				106	107					
108							109				110					111	112	113	114
115						116	117				118				119	120			
121						122							123						
124						125							126						

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

I recently returned from a trip. Today is Friday. I returned four days before the day after the day before tomorrow.

On what day did I return?

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

NTXEUY DFZEU EN VTJ URTCJ

JMF FKIYTEJUJETV TA

JFXMVTYTWS RCJ NFGLEXF

JT XTDDCVEJS.

— NEDTV DUEVQUGEVW

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Rings are lower. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Crate is different. 4. Door is closed. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FLASHBACK

POP, ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MICK HARPER

- Who released "Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves"?
- Which group had a hit with "Ain't No Woman (Like the One I've Got)"?
- Who wrote and released "Superfly"?
- Two versions of "Shambala" were released just one week apart in 1973. Who did them?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Love is what it does and ours is doing nothing, But all the time we spent, It must be good for something."

Answers

- Cher, in 1971. The original title was "Gypsies, Tramps and White Trash" until cooler heads prevailed.
- The Four Tops, in 1973. It had been previously released in 1972 by Hamilton, Joe Frank & Reynolds, best known for "Don't Pull Your Love."
- Curtis Mayfield, on his soundtrack album for the film of the same name. Despite the movie tie-in, the song only reached No. 8 on the Billboard chart.
- B.W. ("Buckwheat") Stevenson and Three Dog Night. Shambala is many things: a mythical Himalayan kingdom, a roller coaster, a Tanzanian language and a music festival.
- "Wait for Me," by Hall and Oates, 1979. Daryl Hall says he wrote the song to try to hold on to someone at the end of a relationship. It worked.

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MAGIC MAZE ● THE EYES HAVE IT

B L I F C Z W T Q N K I F C Z

W U R P M J H E C Z X U T S Q

N L J G E C Z X V T R P W N P

L J H E Y C A Y W V T S I E E

R P N L K R I G E C B Q N Z E

Z X W E U S A R K P V U K A R

O B S U C O F E S P M I L G A

M L L Y T N E W T Y T N E W T

J I G I E P A D B A Y T L W S

X W U T N S D L O H E B G Q P

O N L K J K W A G H G F O D C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: BRIEFLY SHUT THE EYES

Behold	Glance	Peer	Twenty-twenty
Focus	Glimpse	Squint	Twinkle
Gawk	Ogle	Stare	View
Gaze	Peek	Teary	

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	÷		+		17
—		+		—	
	—		×		15
×		×		×	
	+		+		14
16		8		16	

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 8 9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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