

HOROSCOPE

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Aries March 20 - April 18
You do not mind a heated exchange, especially if it will clear the air. Speak in haste, however, and you will just complicate matters. Not only are issues confused, you are short of facts. Begin searching now and by August 15 when your ruler Mars encounters the precise Saturn, you will know what needs to be discussed and deal with the issues in question once, and swiftly.

Taurus April 19 - May 19
There is a difference between people agreeing to plans and actually doing as they've promised, as you are about to learn. These insights will prove handy, as a combination of revelations and changes in circumstance mean that by next week you will be re-thinking your objectives and the resulting arrangements anyway. For now, explore every option and idea and then shift your focus to practicalities.

Gemini May 20 - June 19
Your ruler Mercury may end its retrograde cycle on Wednesday, but don't assume that means every problem you are facing will suddenly vanish. Of course, some have nothing to do with the misunderstandings and minor errors common to this period and, instead, are about investing time and attention in plans. Even those that involve Mercury-inspired confusion could take days or possibly weeks to untangle.

Cancer June 20 - July 21
When you learn about Venus' move into Cancer on Tuesday, your thoughts could turn to romance. While its presence in your sign in early August could bring a positive influence to matters of the heart, that is not of greatest significance. It also boosts your self-esteem and ability to charm others into thinking your way, which will be extremely useful when facing situations of a practical nature.

Leo July 22 - August 21
Everybody has been somewhat inconvenienced by Mercury's retrograde cycle from mid-July until this Wednesday, but because it has been in Leo, you have been particularly aware of it. This is partly because of the increased number of minor issues you have had to face. Of far greater significance are the powerful personal insights that dealing with some of those issues has brought your way, a few of which will be life-changing.

Virgo August 22 - September 21
If the past several weeks have been perplexing, it is no surprise. Not only has your ruler Mercury been in reverse motion in the heavens, it has been in the most sensitive angle of your chart. While this has undoubtedly stirred up unsettling issues, once Mercury goes forward on Wednesday, you will realise how informative they were. So much so, you will be thankful for those challenges.

Libra September 22 - October 22
For weeks your efforts to organise plans or set new goals have been frustrated. Now, finally, things begin to fall into place. As much of a relief as this is, regard everything as tentative. On August 15, Mars meets Saturn in Libra and your ruler Venus challenges Pluto. This combination indicates that pivotal facts emerge. These will help clarify your objectives and make decisions easy.

Scorpio October 23 - November 20
Recently unwelcome realisations or surprise events forced you to give up on important plans. You begin the week mourning these and, perhaps, struggling to restore them. However, as the days pass, you realise you were saved from arrangements you would ultimately regret. The revelations that accompany Mercury going forward on Wednesday are especially helpful. By mid-August you will be exploring very different and far wiser options.

Sagittarius November 21 - December 20
Be cautious when discussing your plans, what others are doing and, potential joint ventures. While Mercury ending its retrograde cycle on Wednesday helps clear up some confusion, even that can't make those who are determined to do something foolish rethink their objectives. Express your concerns then back off or, if you are already involved, disentangle yourself. Their unwise choices may concern you, but are not yours to deal with.

Capricorn December 21 - January 19
You are realising that certain seemingly simple arrangements could devour your time, money or even your ideas. Worse, you would get little in return. If there is any possibility of improving on these, it will be this week. By August 15 when the dynamic Mars meets your ruler Saturn and pivotal commitments must be made, you will want to be clear about what's worthwhile and what is not.

Aquarius January 20 - February 18
Sometimes opportunities are straightforward, both in terms of what they will demand of you and what will come of them. Appealing as that seems, you are short of facts. Once Mercury resumes forward motion on Wednesday, pivotal facts will surface. But the arrangements in question are still unfolding. Be patient until next week. After that, your own priorities and circumstances will both be crystal clear.

Pisces February 18 - March 19
You are about to be disillusioned - in a way that is not only informative, but that will ultimately be a relief. These revelations explain recent puzzling situations. What is more, because you finally recognise what is wrong with certain situations or alliances, you are also equipped to make the necessary changes. True, in some cases this is disappointing, but moving on frees you from tedious dramas.

CLASSIFIEDS SPORT
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REVIEW: Paul Amy

FEV FOREVER ENTERTAINING

"LIES, lies!" Brendan Fevola replied to a tweet promoting Roger Franklin's *Fev Unauthorised*.

It would be a "terrible book" the former AFL spearhead declared. It is not. Franklin has produced an entertaining account of Fevola's controversial career.



Fev Unauthorised (Slattery Media Group), \$34.95

REVIEW: Mark Smith

CASTLE CAPERS WILL ENCHANT

HAYAO Miyazaki's classic fantasy adventure is finally unleashed in high-definition in this beautifully packaged Blu-ray edition.

The heart-warming story follows the adventures of Sofi, a young girl who is turned into an old woman by a witch and must seek the aid of a mysterious wizard to help free her.



Howl's Moving Castle (Blu-ray)
Rated: PG; RRP: \$37.95

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Miniseries: Kidnap And Ransom

ABC1, Saturday, August 11, 8.30pm

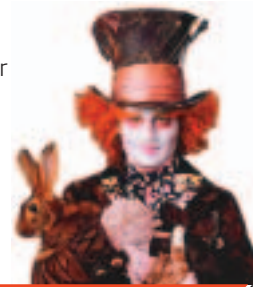
If you want a job that adds a little excitement to your day, try being a hostage negotiator. Certainly international super-mediator Dominic King (Trevor Eve, *Waking the Dead*, pictured) looks like a man on a mission in this second. The fast-talking, straight-shooting King has found the kidnapped Mehtas family and tried to arrange their safe release. But, in tonight's final, King realises he has been duped.



Movie: Alice In Wonderland SEVEN

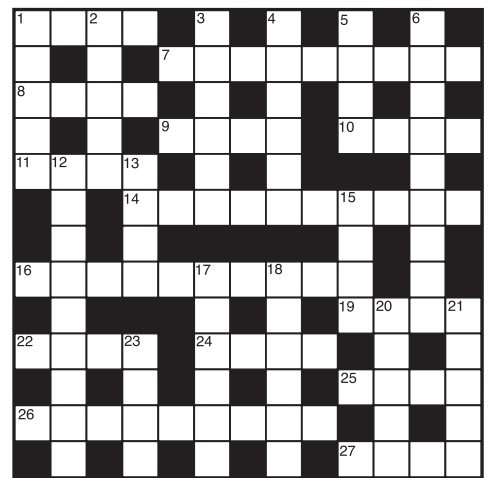
SEVEN, Sunday, August 12, 8.30pm, PG (2010)

Canberra's Mia Wasikowska takes the title role in maverick genius Tim Burton's adaptation of Lewis Carroll's iconic fantasy adventure. Naturally, being a Burton project, serial collaborators Johnny Depp, pictured, and Helena Bonham Carter are also on board, as The Mad Hatter and bratty Red Queen respectively, while Anne Hathaway steps into the pristine shoes of The White Queen.



PUZZLES

Crossword #1636



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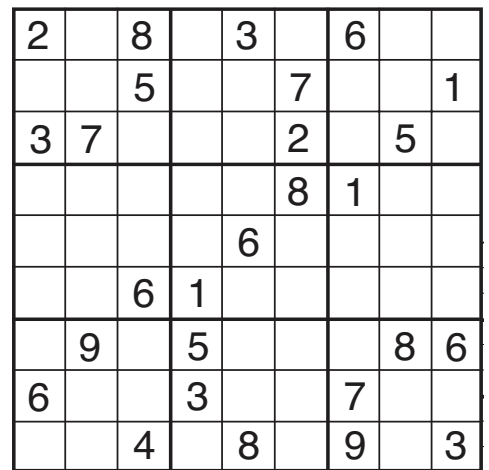
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- 7 Fruit (9)
- 8 Undiluted (4)
- 9 Remainder (4)
- 10 Frost (4)
- 11 Invites (4)
- 14 Douse (10)
- 16 Replacement (10)
- 19 Bolt (4)
- 22 Effigy (4)
- 24 Match (4)
- 25 Number (4)
- 26 End (9)
- 27 Colour (4)

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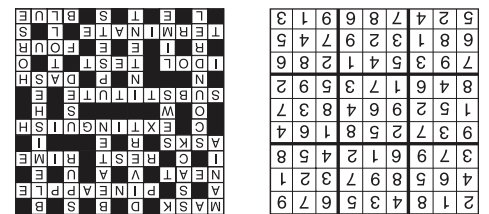
- 1 Madness (5)
- 2 Heap (5)
- 3 Redirect (6)
- 4 Vanquished (6)
- 5 Goad (4)
- 6 Flaws (9)
- 12 Villain (9)
- 13 Stitches (4)
- 15 Hand-me-down (4)
- 17 Meaning (6)
- 18 Capsizes (6)
- 20 Reef (5)
- 21 Animal (5)
- 23 Tree (4)

Sudoku

MEDIUM #5229



Solutions



VicRoads warns drivers and passengers to look before they open

Higher penalties for causing a hazard with a vehicle door, or more commonly known as 'dooring'.

VicRoads advises new, higher penalties now apply for offences relating to causing a hazard with a vehicle door.

Rule 269(3) of the Victorian Road Safety Road Rules 2009, states it is an offence to cause a hazard to a person or a vehicle by opening a door, leaving a door of a vehicle open or getting off or out of a vehicle.

As of 2 August 2012, the on-the-spot fine for this offence will increase from \$141 (one penalty unit) to \$352 (2.5 penalty units) and the maximum court penalty from \$423 (three penalty units) to \$1408 (ten penalty units).

This increase is to reflect the risk to bike riders and other road users from the risks of vehicle doors opening in their path.

Tips for drivers and passengers

When getting out of your car, always use your mirrors and do a head check before opening your door (one way to do this is to open the driver's door with your left hand).

When getting into your car, face the oncoming traffic so you can see bike riders and other road users travelling towards you. Do not open your car door until they have passed.

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HAVE A SAY IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE - CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local is a newly formed organisation seeking community membership and engagement.

*Medicare Locals are local primary health care organisations. They will aim to help improve the integration of all primary health (community based, first point of call) care and have a number of functions:

- Improve co-ordination between primary health care, hospitals and aged care.
- Assess the needs of their local communities, identify gaps in services and implement strategies to improve health services.
- Facilitate multi-disciplinary team-based health care for people with chronic conditions or complex needs.
- Assist patients and health professionals to navigate the health care system.
- Facilitate more accessible after-hours care.
- Support the implementation of health promotion and prevention activities.
- Over time, engage with inter-sectoral stakeholders to help address the social determinants of health-particularly the social sector.

Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local covers a vast and diverse area stretching from the cities of Maribyrnong and Brimbank, to the Shires of Melton & Macedon Ranges as well as Sunbury and Bacchus Marsh. We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from individuals with the relevant qualifications and experience in the following areas, to be nominated to the nine-person Board:

- > Divisions of General Practice
- > Hospitals

- > Community Health Centres
- > Primary Care Partnerships

- > Local Government

Nominations will need to come from the relevant sector organisations.

More background on Medicare Locals can be found at the yourhealth.gov.au website.

If you are interested in seeking nomination to be a part of Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local and would like more information please contact Sarah Anne Munro Nicolson on 03 8379 9914 or ea@mrnmwml.org.au.

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