

THE MYSTERY OF MCGUFFIN MANOR

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SOLVING THE MYSTERY

The clues said: “As you inspect each room, you’ll find staff members dressed as APTLY NAMED CELEBRITIES (25A).” “They’re all WEARING NAMETAGS, so you can easily identify them (39A).”

The grid contained eight personal names in different rooms of the house: COLE, ELLEN, TIKI, GERARD, TIM, MINNIE, KAREN a CHET. Each staff member was dressed as a celebrity named for one of the staff occupations — Cole Porter, Ellen Page, Tiki Barber, Gerard Butler, Tim Cook, Minnie Driver, Karen Carpenter and Chet Baker.

The clues also said: “In the study you’ll find that the thief accidentally left behind an APPLE SWEATSHIRT (85A).” The cook was dressed as Tim Cook, the C.E.O. of Apple. There was the thief.

“You caught me!,” said the thief, who then admitted: “The diamond isn’t here in my room, but it’s hidden in THE ONE TO THE WEST OF HERE (102A).”

Just west of the cook’s room is the parlor. In the very center, in the shape of a diamond, are the letters M-C-G-U-F-F-I-N. That is the location of the stolen McGuffin Diamond.