

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

MULTILEVEL CAT TREES

Solution: 11 letters

S Y S E X O B R O T C A F S A
S L T K F S I A E G N U O L S
M I W C M A P K L S T Y L E S
G A P O S T S H L S T A U F V E
N D V M B A L E Y L S I Z E M
I E A M B T N L P N T C L L B
L D H A N N A V A S X A L E L
P E Y H U R W I D E T R O S Y
P C M T G S N L S N E P D I J
O N O E A I A E E L H E G C U
T A O E S G M I A A E T A R M
I L R S N A R X N A I S R E P
T A Y E I O I G I E G A C X I
N B J S T A B Y O H I D E R
A D J U S T I N G N T O Y S G

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Abyssinian, Adjusting, Anti-toppling, Areas, Assembly, Balanced, Balls, Basket, Bengal, Birman, Bowls, Boxes, Cage, Carpet, Daily, Exercise, Factor, Fits, Grip, Hammock, Hang, Height, Hide, Jump, Large, Levels, Lounge, Move, Oriental, Persian, Play, Posts, Ragdoll, Relax, Roomy, Safe, Savannah, Siamese, Size, Sphinx, Styles, Tabby, Toys, Tunnels, Wide
Yesterday's Answer: Japan
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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY					WORKSPACE:				
72X					7+				
		1							
2÷		48X			2				
				2-					

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CHALLENGING					WORKSPACE:				
12X	7+		4-	5-					
			5			24X			
120X		5+			1	2-			
	6	1-	2÷						
6+			90X	1-					
11+						2			

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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

1-	3+	4	
2	3	1	4
12X	4		3+
3	4	2	1
	2÷	10+	
4	1	3	2
1	2	4	3

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

15X	2÷	1-	11+	12X
3	4	2	5	6
5	2	3	4	1
6	5	4	1	2
4	11+	3-	3÷	1
2	6	1	3	2
12X	4		18X	9
1	3	5	6	2
4	1	6	2	5

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

Shake off the past and bounce into the future with optimism. It's time to let go of dead weight and replace it with stamina and the desire to sign up for a new adventure. Release any doubt you have.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Channel your energy into gaining access to information that will help you navigate your way to a better place or position. A positive change in a meaningful relationship will unfold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Temptation to join someone's team instead of leading the way will hold you back. Believe in your ability to get things done on your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone will let you down if you are too trusting. If you want something done, be prepared to do it yourself. An unexpected change will lead to uncertainty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An opportunity will require your undivided attention and discipline if you want to make a profit. Home improvements will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Curb spending habits. Someone will blame you if something goes wrong. Be upfront and protect your reputation. Facts matter, and sticking to the truth will benefit you in the end.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll encounter problems if you don't take care of yourself and the ones you love. Problems will arise if honesty is lacking. Engage in projects that will improve your workspace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional issues will surface if you get into a discussion with someone demanding. Take a step back and consider what you want. Work hard to maintain good health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reconnect with people you miss. The suggestions you receive will help you perform your best. Uncertainty regarding a friend will make you think about your future.

WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- Acid-engrave a two-masted sailboat (1)
- Fishing line attachment thief (1)
- Polar explorer Richard's deer groups (1)
- Hand-hurled remote-controlled plane (1)
- Crushes and deforms stiff bracelets (2)
- Lambaste Victorian novelist Anthony (2)
- 4, 5 or 6 golf club on a football field (3)

ANSWERS
1. MANGLES BANGLES 2. HOOK CROOK 3. BYARDS HERDS 4. THROWN DRONE
5. LITCH KETCH 6. WALLOP THROLOP 7. GRIBRON MIDIRON
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JUMBLE

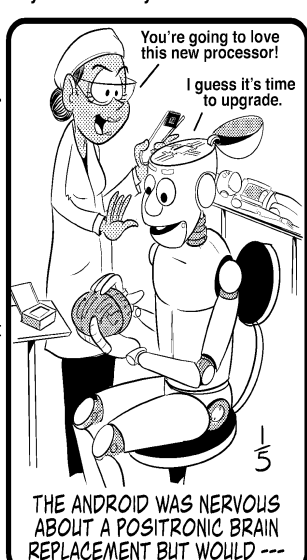
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

POTLI
KROEP
GEMTNA
NUFEDO

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HUMID PICKY CAUGHT RELENT
Answer: How long their homemade kite would stay aloft was — UP IN THE AIR

By Eugenia Lost

CLASSIC COMICS

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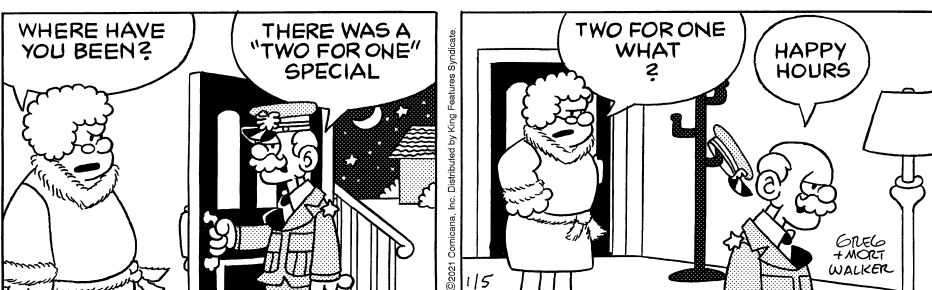
By Tom Wilson HERMAN

By Jim Unger



BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker



ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson



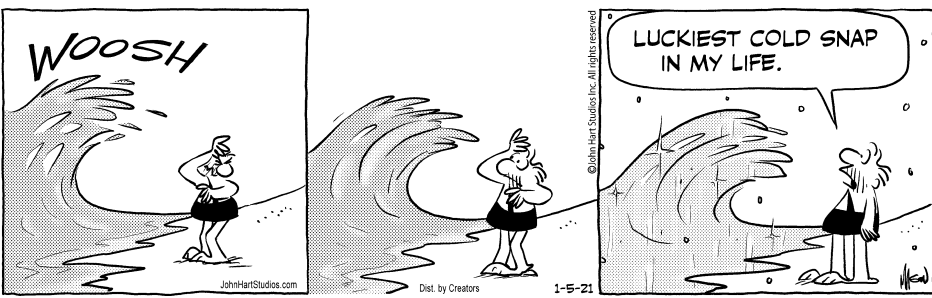
FRANK & ERNEST

By Thaves



B.C.

By Mastroianni & Hart



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ACROSS

- Timbuktu's country
- Things baseball uniforms and toy pistols have
- Foe in "Jack and the Beanstalk"
- "Sign me up!"
- Put on the payroll
- Put a stop to
- *Many a Silicon Valley business
- Televangelist Joel
- Automotive brand with an oval logo
- Some HDTVs
- Africa's most populous city (21+ million)
- Biased against seniors
- Doctors making deliveries, in brief
- California _____ (state flag words)
- Sweet's counterpart
- Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
- Dandy
- *Devastating event in a real estate bust
- Automotive brand with an oval logo
- South American palm cultivated for its fruit
- Flair
- Royal spouses
- Records in jackets, in brief
- Actress Anderson
- Passing remarks?
- Tennis score favoring the server

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					66		
67						68					69		

PUZZLE BY BYRON WALDEN

DOWN

- Toll hwy.
- Classic 1980s space warfare video game
- *Question suggesting "That just about sums things up"
- Eminent
- Sportscaster
- Tony-winning musical based on Fellini's "8 1/2"
- Battle reminders
- "Hey, over here!"
- Elements in a comic's repertoire
- Sushi restaurant
- "Famous" cookie maker
- Elevator, in England
- Info from a spy
- Replace with
- Tire need
- *Highly stressful situations, metaphorically
- Quakers, for one
- "Columbia, the _____ of the Ocean"
- *Like a guestimate, by nature
- Counters with beads
- Grannies
- Meeting at a no-tell motel, say
- Potential tire trouble
- October birthstone
- "The Bartered Bride" and "The Marriage of Figaro"
- Heisman winner
- Torretta
- Workplace-inspecting org.
- Bust's counterpart
- Wrestler in a
- mawashi
- Tummy soother
- Community sports facility ... or a hint to the answers to the five starred clues
- Like the Rose Bowl, with 92,542 spectators
- Mouth, slangily
- Desires
- April 1 target
- Person in a lawsuit
- Alliance formed in April 1949
- Ollie's partner in old comedy
- Half the pieces in a chess set
- Formed for a particular purpose
- Sporty Mazda model
- Singapore _____
- Get ready
- Singapore setting
- Squad
- Supporting votes
- Some essential workers, for short
- Prefix with gender

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

H	A	T	H		B	A	H		O	T	T	A	W	A
E	R	O			A	R	T		S	A	U	N	A	S
M	A	R	C		T	I	M		H	O	R	T	O	N
	B	A	K	E	S	A	L	E			D	D	E	
	S	H	E	L					B	O	X	S	E	A
					Y	E	A	T	S		C	I	A	
S	C	E	N	A	R	I	O			A	N	Y	O	N
H	O	P	I		C	O	L	A	S		I	V	A	N
E	N	I	G	M	A			A	L	I	E	N	A	T
					H	E	N		R	E	O	R	G	
S	T	U	T	T	E	R				I	S	S	A	
U	R	N					A	P	R	I	C	O	T	S
M	A	P	L	E	S		Y	R	U	P			R	E
A	L	I	G	N	S		E	T	A		R	A	I	N
C	A	N	A	D	A		P	H	D		Y	M	C	A

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