PUZZLES

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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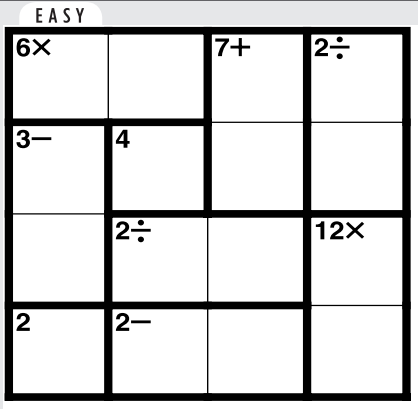
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY



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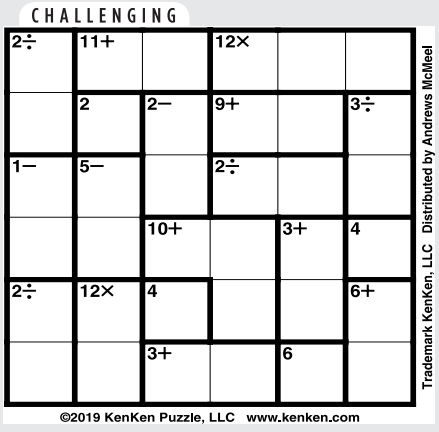
CHALLENGING



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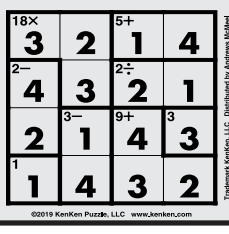
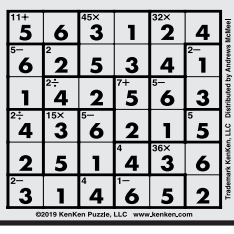
RULES

1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. 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.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS





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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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1. Health club lap pool session (1)
2. Uber rival parting present (1)
3. Aussie actor Jackman's loafers (1)
4. Gore-covered corner room in Clue (2)
5. Chap's larger cousins of violins (2)
6. Clasping a decorative strip of wood (2)
7. School quitter's lame excuses (2)

ANSWERS 1. GYM SWIM 2. LEFT GIFT 3. HUGHS SHOES 4. BLOODY STUDY 5. FELLOWS CELLOS 6. HOLDING MOLDING 7. DROPOUTS COPOUTS

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JUMBLE®

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

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

CIWET

TAMLE

CAGIRL

SIRICS

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWFUL DRINK BESTOW EXPOSE
Answer: After teaching the scouts how to build a campfire, the troop leader — WAS STOKED

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.**

THE GREAT SPORT OF BASEBALL **Solution: 9 letters**

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

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Bags, Balk, Bases, Batter, Bloop, Bullpen, Calls, Catch, Coach, Curve, Diamond, Double, Fair, Fastball, Fielder, Foul, Games, Glove, Grass, Home Run, Inning, Lineup, Loss, MLB, Mound, Nine, Offense, On Deck, Outs, Pitch, Play, Pole, Rules, Runner, Running, Runs, Safe, Score, Show, Slides, Spit, Stance, Stealing, Strikeout, Swing, Teams, Triple, Umpire, Walk, Wild

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

Money matters must be handled conservatively. Refuse to pay for someone else's mistake. Make changes that will make you feel good about you, the way you look and the way you use your skills to get ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take more interest in your personal finances and health. Taking better care of both will relieve stress and help you protect against unexpected situations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An open mind will lead to valuable information. Listen to what others have to say; it will help you make a personal decision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partnerships will be strained if you or the other person is excessive or overreacts. Stay focused on activities and events that will help you dispel energy you might otherwise turn into anger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can get ahead if you handle work relationships and your responsibilities professionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to do something with friends or your lover. A new look or an activity that will encourage you to get fit and look fabulous will lift your spirits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Handle your cash with care. Getting out and participating in events that interest you is favored. A reunion is likely to bring back feelings that you've been ignoring for some time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Choose your words wisely. Someone will not agree with the way you handle your responsibilities. Physical activity will help to calm your nerves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be offered good advice. Take a unique path, but do so for the right reason. A shift in the way you feel about someone will lead to a lifestyle change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home improvements can be started, but first set a budget. Hosting an event or making special plans with someone you love will change the dynamics of your relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of matters personally. If you expect a friend or relative to step in, you'll be disappointed. Refuse to let anger take over when a friend or relative changes his or her mind. Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put in a full day if it will help you achieve your goal. There is plenty to gain by making choices that are geared toward success. Make special plans to enjoy what you have achieved with someone you love.

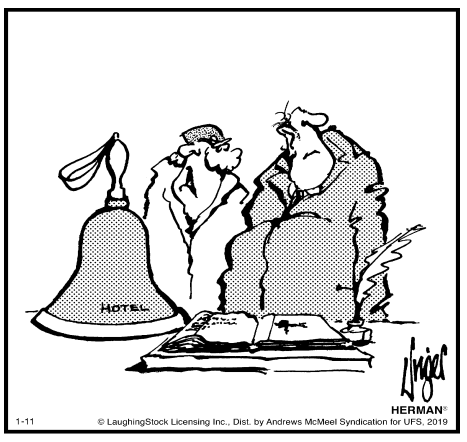
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to what and who you know. Working alongside like-minded people will help you avoid anyone trying to tempt or manipulate you to get involved in things that are excessive.

By Eugenia Last

CLASSIC COMICS

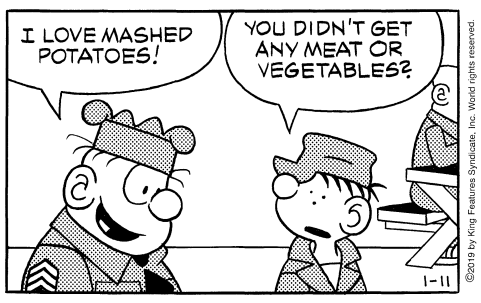
ZIGGY By Tom Wilson

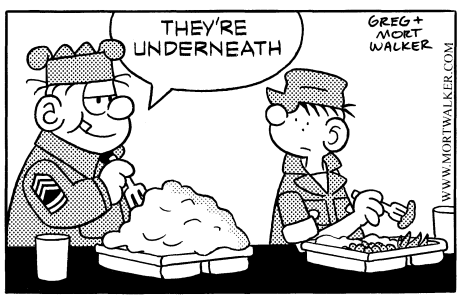
HERMAN By Jim Unger



"Ring it again."

BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

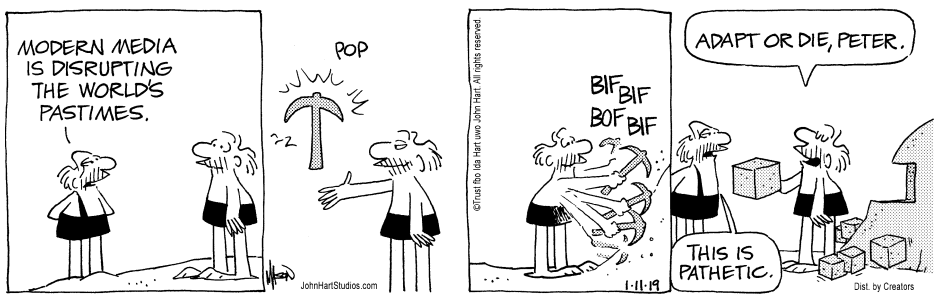




ARLO & JANIS By Jimmy Johnson

FRANK & ERNEST By Thaves

B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



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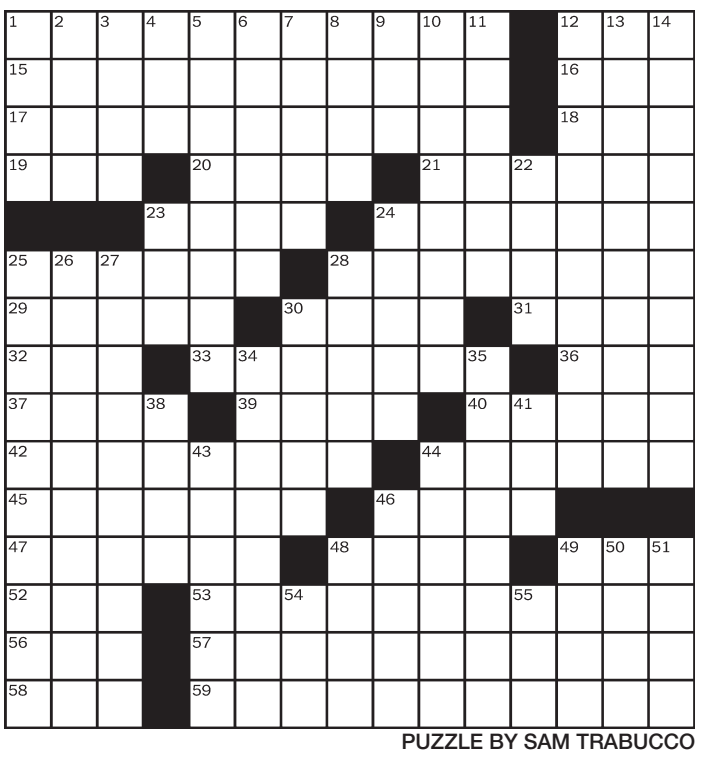

PUZZLE BY SAM TRABUCCO

ACROSS

1 "Are we clear?"
12 ER figures
15 Eager to a fault
16 Sound of alarm
17 Joseph, to the Catholic Church
18 "Transformers" technology, for short
19 Roth of cinematic gore
20 Father of the Amazons, in myth
21 Total taken in?
23 Peaceful scene
24 Mindless followers, in slang
25 Event for an enumerator
28 Hand-held game devices
29 Trinity test subject, informally
30 Lessen
31 Family of computer games
32 Quipster's delivery
33 [Mwah!]
36 Major suit
37 They, in Portugal
39 Tax ___
40 NCAA hoops powerhouse
42 Running numbers?
44 Lowly workers
45 Southern corn bread
46 Like Easter eggs
47 Castigate
48 Partner for life
49 Religious trip
52 Solo flying?
53 Military assistants
56 Dungeons & Dragons baddie
57 Help for ordering some affordable furnishings
58 With 54-Down, river of the Carolinas
59 Base of some aquaculture farms

DOWN

1 Really cool
2 You might make one in your lap
3 Fabulous creature
4 "Catch-22" pilot
5 Emmy-winning "Orange Is the New Black" actress
6 Eight English kings
7 Prop at a sales meeting
8 "Ah well, we tried"
9 Père d'une princesse
10 Urge to raid the fridge, with "the"
11 Think a lot of
12 "Transformers" antagonist
13 Wining and dining
14 Higher education?
22 Some antique buses
23 Real close?
24 Protest action
25 Seller of lenses
26 Viral fear of the 2010s
27 "Dream on!"
28 Paths left by storms
30 Grease
34 Catchy 1952 slogan
35 They never fail
38 Mennonites, e.g.
41 Chew on this
43 Believers in world spiritual unity
44 Time to work out
46 Ball club?
48 Clue for a detective
49 Robust
50 Mythical shooter
51 Some PC image files
54 See 58-Across
55 Hipster

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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