

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

		8			5			2
	6			9		7		
			8	3		5		6
	5	3	7					
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					3	9	2	
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		5		2				3
2			3			6		

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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.

ISLANDS OF HAPPINESS

Solution: 6 letters

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

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2-			2÷	
12x	3-			3+
		2	10+	
3+				

WORKSPACE:

CHALLENGING

30x		11+	2÷	5-
3÷				12+
	3-	10+	5-	
1-			24x	3÷
	6	5+		
3÷			15x	

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

2÷	3-	4	1	24x
2	3	4	1	3
1	2	3	4	
3	1	4	2	
4	3	2	1	

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

The power is in how you do things and handle others. Use your connections to cut corners and to get the most out of whatever you pursue. An opportunity looks promising. Take a course or sign up for a class.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Cut loose and have some fun, but don't go overboard when it comes to eating, drinking or temptation, especially if you are in an environment that includes professional ties.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your energy wisely. Taking on too much will leave you cutting corners and falling short. Plan your actions and execute your intentions with energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be methodical about the changes you want to initiate. Don't argue or let emotions cause an unstable situation to spin out of control. Discipline will help you focus on your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Speak up and discuss the possibilities. Open your doors to those looking for answers, and make yourself available. Helping others will offer insight into the situations you face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set the standard instead of letting someone else dictate your subsequent actions. Look at investments that require discipline but offer high returns. A change of heart is likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An open mind will lead to opportunities. Consider what interests you and how to turn it into something that pays the bills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something that will make a difference. Planting flowers or trees, taking up a worthy cause or offering your services at your local food bank will help the planet and those in need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get on the information highway and sort through data that will illuminate something you want to pursue. The knowledge you gain will encourage you to rely on yourself more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take what others say to heart. Do your research and question anyone trying to convince you to do something that doesn't sit right with your conscience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ask questions, listen to what others are going through and look for simple alternatives that will help you and those finding it hard to fend for themselves. Shine a light on those having trouble seeing the truth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rethink your strategy before you overreact, indulge or promise more than you can deliver. Focus more on looking and feeling your best and making the ones you love feel good about themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll develop unique ideas. Don't let anyone discourage you from pursuing your dreams or doing things differently. Trust your instincts and follow your heart; everything will eventually fall into place.

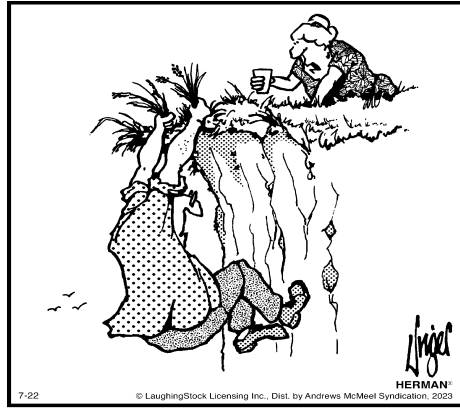
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CLASSIC COMICS

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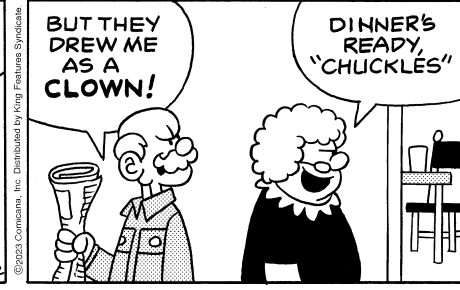
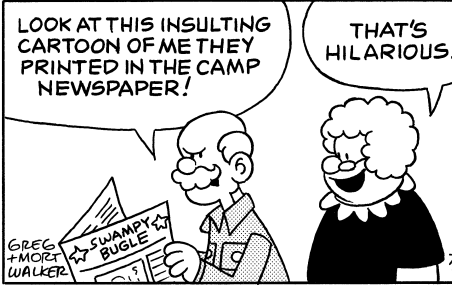
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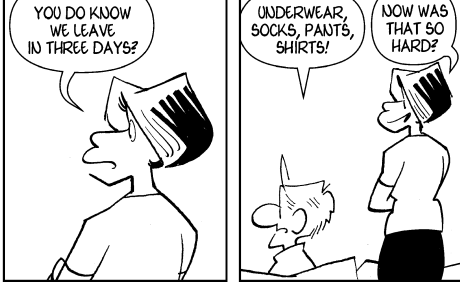
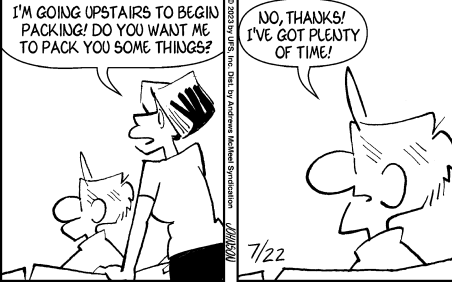
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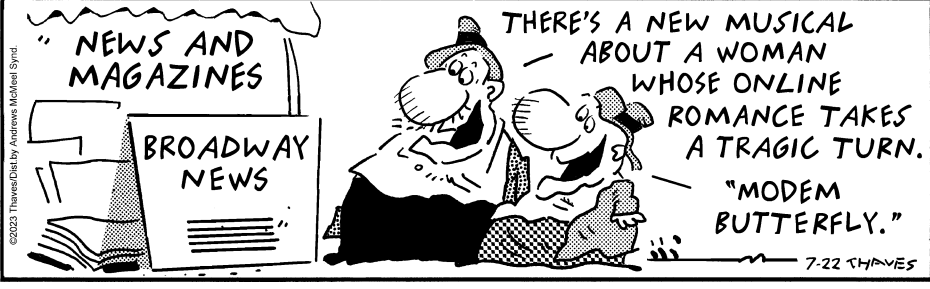
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By Jimmy Johnson



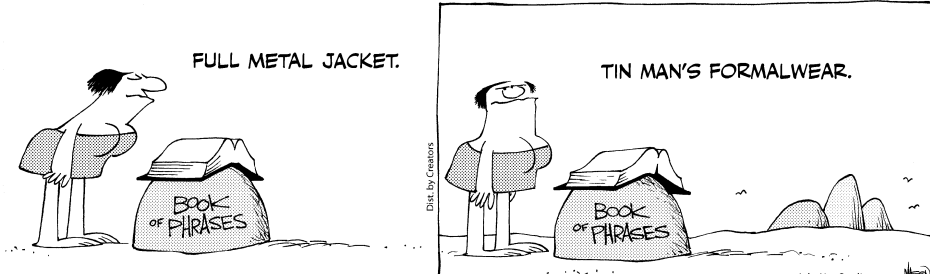
FRANK & ERNEST

By Thaves



B.C.

By Mastroianni & Hart



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- ACROSS**
- Pressing need?
 - Sends to Tartarus, say
 - Lake known for its high salinity
 - ___ Jung, "Squid Game" actress
 - Nail material
 - Flack in the music business
 - "I'm available if needed"
 - "Precision crafted performance" sloganeer
 - Beat
 - Low figure
 - Not working, in a way
 - What might turn pie into pieces?
 - The dad on TV's "American Dad!"
 - Beam
 - Souvenir from Glasgow
 - One who grows up, then eventually croaks
 - Off from work, in emails
 - "Don't make me laugh!"
 - Emoji with a red face and fangs
 - Informal talks
 - "See you soon!" in France
 - In custody
 - Total nothing
 - One studying coral composition, say
 - Asian capital on a river of the same name

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PUZZLE BY RYAN MCCARTY

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	D	S	P	A	C	E		S	A	B	A	N										
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- DOWN**
- Capital on the Caspian
 - Whom Athena smites with a boulder in the "Iliad"
 - Something once sold for pennies that's now worth much more
 - Make a scapegoat for
 - Big brand in immunity support
 - Strung accompaniment for a hula
 - Actress Condor of the "To All the Boys" film series
 - Fight (with)
 - Word said in passing?
 - Obrigado : Portuguese :: ___ : French
 - Proscribed
 - "Probably the bravest man I ever knew," per Harry Potter
 - Equines, collectively
 - Get unleashed
 - Two-in-one computer command
 - In perpetuum
 - Retailer that sells hydration packs
 - Apropos of
 - ___ Territory, Western destination from the mid-to-late 19th century
 - Got intimate
 - Bit of entertainment for which 57-Across are worn
 - Natural projection
 - Digital support group?
 - Resounds
 - Bright purple yam used to flavor desserts
 - Option for a house-warming?
 - Big name in Tejano music
 - Cut the cards, perhaps
 - "Qué ___" ("Excellent," in Spanish)
 - Sacagawea's birthplace, today
 - Peripheries
 - Piano sonatas, typically
 - Left a big impression on
 - Chicken tender?
 - Plopped down

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