

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

THINGS THAT DISTRACT US IN LIFE

Solution: 10 letters

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

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Befuddle, Browser, Career, Cars, Chitchat, Chocolate, Dance, Daydream, Daze, Delays, Doodle, Email, Excuses, Fire, Friends, Games, Hunger, Internet, Laptop, Media, Meet, Mood, Movies, Multitasking, Music, News, Noise, Phone Calls, Procrastinate, Radio, School, Sing, Smartphone, Social, Subscribe, Sugar, Television, Texting, Toys, Video

Yesterday's Answer: Workspace

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

18X		5+	
2-		2÷	
	3-	9+	3
1			

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CHALLENGING

11+		45X		32X	
5-	2				2-
	2÷		7+	5-	
2÷	15X	5-			5
			4	36X	
2-		4	1-		

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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.

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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. "Long live the prima donna!" (2)

2. Otherwise it's conveyor bands (1)

3. Harshly interrogate Dr. McGraw (1)

4. Tightly grasp Hollanders (1)

5. Stiletto hauler along the ground (2)

6. Gently chews "n Bits" dog pellets (2)

7. Peering narrow-eyed using a copier (2)

ANSWERS: 1. LAVA DIVA 2. ELISE BELTS 3. GRILL PHIL 4. CLUTCH DUTCH 5. DAGGER DRAGGER 6. NIBBLES KIBBLES 7. SQUINTING PRINTING

JUMBLE

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

AULFW

KIDNR

SEWBOT

XEOPES

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Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOUSE DRAFT SPRUCE RUNNER

Answer: The court case against the manufacturer of the faulty windows was — OPEN AND SHUT

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

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Fire! Whoo-hoo! You guys are the best scouts! Wow! He's excited. We better not let it go out.

AFTER TEACHING THE SCOUTS HOW TO BUILD A CAMPFIRE, THE TROOP LEADER ---

YOUR HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

Refuse to let the past hold you back. It's time to make changes that will encourage you to build better relationships with positive people who have just as much to offer in return.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Personal change that will help you explore new ways to be the best that you can be will help you bypass someone who is eager to make you look bad. Strive for peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let stubbornness stand in your way. Look for the positive in every situation and work alongside instead of against those trying to accomplish similar goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gather information and verify its legitimacy before you take action. An opportunity is only worth your while if it will bring about positive change for everyone involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Explore your options and try something new. Treat others with respect, and be willing to compromise. Don't take offense if someone wants to do things differently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Personal improvements will lead to unexpected gain. A makeover or planning a romantic encounter will lift your spirits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look around and consider the changes you can make to improve your life or your relationship with someone who hasn't been as open with you as you would like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let anger lead to a mistake you'll regret. When dealing with people you love, you are best not to make accusations or ultimatums.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Learn from those with more experience. Talking to older relatives or friends will give you a better understanding of life and how best to handle domestic situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of your responsibilities to avoid complaints. Discuss what's expected of you before you enter into something that may turn out to be more than what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be taken advantage of if you are too accommodating or you share your personal information or secrets freely. Being a good listener will stimulate your mind. An idea you come up with will give you something to look forward to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tidy up loose ends, and do your best to get ahead. An unexpected opportunity should be taken advantage of. He who hesitates is lost, so get moving and take what belongs to you. Celebrate with someone you love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer your services, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Make what you are offering clear, and don't take on any more than you can afford to do.

By Eugenia Last

CLASSIC COMICS

ZIGGY By Tom Wilson HERMAN By Jim Unger

A HUG A DAY keeps the PSYCHIATRIST AWAY

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Tom Wilson

"D'you mind not shouting 'peanuts' while this court is in session?"

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HERMAN

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BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

WE HAVE TO CLEAN THIS PLACE UP! THROW OUT ANY USELESS JUNK!

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GREG + MORT WALKER

ARLO & JANIS By Jimmy Johnson

LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR SED DO ELUSMOD...

TEMPOR INCIDIDUNT UT LABORE ET DOLORE MAGNA ALIQUA!

NO ONE IS GOING TO UNDERSTAND THIS!

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FRANK & ERNEST By Thaves

PSYCHIATRIST

HE VALIDATED ME, BUT NOT MY PARKING.

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Thaves

B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart

I'VE GOT IT! IMAGINE ALL YOUR MP3s, FILES AND VIDEOS ALL IN ONE PLACE!

SAY WHAT NOW?

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ACROSS

1 Things driven on ranches

5 Three-time Best Director of the 1930s

10 Gazillionaire

14 Father of Deimos and Phobos, in Greek myth

15 Put on Baldwin of "The Boss Baby"

17 You may use a roller to get rid of it

18 Reluctant

19 Deep cut

20 Cereal bit

21 What thirsty flowers do

22 Small and delicate

24 Sings the praises of Single-stranded building block

28 Bustle

29 Co. with a striped logo

31 Effect of a sac fly

34 Places where some house pets "go," in both this puzzle and real life

39 Hobby shop buy

40 "So it goes"

41 1990s commerce pact

42 Number two

43 Kind

44 Diagonally ... or a hint to four of this puzzle's squares

46 Ingredient in many a breakfast cereal

47 When doubled, dance of the 2010s

48 Row maker

49 French word that's a homophone of 47-Across

51 "Stay calm!"

57 Eat quickly, with "in"

60 Johns across the pond

61 My Chemical Romance genre

62 ____ Caesarea, original name of New Jersey

63 Create, as a chair

65 Fellow

66 Premiere

67 Squeak or creak

68 Host

69 Provides food for

70 Fortify

71 Mideast capital

DOWN

1 Mailing from Lands' End or Williams-Sonoma

2 High point of "To Kill a Mockingbird"

3 Slowly

4 Loose fig.

5 The world's fifth-largest economy

6 Sauce with a vowel-heavy name

7 Babble

8 No longer working: abbr.

9 Reason for an Adderall prescription, for short

10 Bad role model for Oliver Twist

11 Best Supporting Actor nominee for "Argo"

12 Beta ____

13 Like the hook of a good pop song

21 Vast

23 Regenerable parts of a sea star

25 "Goshdarnit!"

26 Cruising speed, maybe

30 Sunbather's accessory

32 ____ one's time

33 Roman road

34 Put down

35 Poorly

36 No longer independent

37 Held, as breath

38 Many times, in poetry

42 Surveyor's finding

44 Part of the body to slap

45 "My bad!"

50 Lily Potter's maiden name in the Harry Potter books

52 Song from a "Best of" album, maybe

53 Alternative to a guillotine

54 Kind of jacket

55 Muslim leaders

56 Imitator

57 Ski resort vehicle

58 2008 political catchword

59 It may be labeled 2x or 3x

64 "I think ____"

65 Engine part

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

39	Nobby shop boy	57	Leakage,
40	"So it goes"	58	with "in"
41	1990s commerce	60	Johns across the
	pact		pond
42	Number two	61	My Chemical
43	Kind		Romance genre
44	Diagonally ... or a	62	____ Caesarea,
	hint to four of this		original name of
	puzzle's squares		New Jersey
46	Ingredient in many	63	Create, as a chair
	a breakfast cereal	65	Fellow
47	When doubled,	66	Premiere
	dance of the 2010s	67	Squeak or creak
48	Row maker	68	Host

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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