

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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.

PLACES YOU CAN'T SMOKE Solution: 7 letters

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

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 Yesterday's Answer: Freighter
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KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

3-		3	2÷
12x	2÷		
	2	4+	
1-		3-	

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CHALLENGING

20x	5-	5+		
2	5+	20x		5-
24x		1-	6x	6
	6+		8x	3
3÷	4-			9+
	2÷	5		

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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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PREVIOUS ANSWERS

2÷	3	3-	4
2	3	1	4
4	1	3	2
3	4	2	1
1	2	4	3

20x	5	3	6	2	1	
1	3	2	6	5	1	4
4	3	5	1	6	2	
5	1	5	4	2	3	6
6	1	2	3	4	5	
2	6	1	4	5	3	

YOUR HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
 Pay attention to detail, size up situations and don't vacillate. It's up to you to make decisions that will improve your life and your relationships with others. Don't mix emotions with professional matters.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spending time with someone you love will lift your spirits. A daytrip or gathering will offer a different perspective of life, love and what's possible.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional stubbornness will not help you get ahead. Take care of responsibilities, live up to promises and trust only those who have always been there for you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There will be an undercurrent of misinformation that can affect your reputation. Be honest, or someone will question you until you tell the truth. Be disciplined and precise.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll get the help you need, but it will come at a cost. Try to handle as much as you can on your own, and it will offset going over budget. Stick close to home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll get an emotional jolt from someone offering criticism. Consider what's said and whether it's constructive and can help you improve.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An experience you encounter will help you recognize who you can trust. Embrace a change that promises awareness, answers and a chance to make your life better.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you depend on others, you will be disappointed. Physical fitness will help you achieve the strength and the image you want to present to the world. Hold your head high.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change of plans will leave you in limbo. Don't lament over something you cannot change; pick up the pieces, and proceed to do what you do best.

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.

- Redo to create the right blend (1)
- Adult guy's trash bins (1)
- Raise Shakespeare's mad king (1)
- Lying-face-down male bee (1)
- Game-with-wickets stadium voucher (2)
- Procuring a gemstone mounting (2)
- Distinguished person's drinkable liquids (3)

ANSWERS: 1. FLY MIX 2. MANS CANS 3. REAR TEAR 4. PRONE DRONE 5. CRICKET TICKET 6. GETTING SETTING 7. NONVARIABLES

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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.

VRWEA
 AHTSS
 THYMHR
 BARTIB

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

Now, they'll give you carrots and belly rubs! Let's go to the next block.

Wow, you know your way around here, don't you?

A DOG THAT KNOWS WHICH HOUSES TO STOP AT TO GET SNACKS ---

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Yesterday's Answer: The quality construction of the 200-year-old bookcase gave it a — LONG SHELF LIFE

Jumbles: GLAZE FINCH JOSTLE FELINE

Answers tomorrow

CLASSIC COMICS

ZIGGY By Tom Wilson HERMAN By Jim Unger

...YOUR CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US... BECAUSE WE HAVE EMPTY, EMPTY LIVES!

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“Come on... you won't get to be a guard dog just by looking at it.”

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BLAH BLAH BLAH

YADDA YADDA YADDA...

THE MIC WORKS! YOU CAN STOP TESTING IT NOW

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By Mort Walker

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WHAT IS GOING ON LATELY?

I READ THERE ARE MULTIPLE PROBLEMS IN THE SUPPLY LINES!

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By Jimmy Johnson

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FRANK & ERNEST

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By Thaves

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B.C.

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By Mastroianni & Hart

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ACROSS

- Christmas classic covered by Bing Crosby and Bob Dylan, among others
- Kind of gorilla
- Second-best era
- Matrimony
- ___ Park (neighborhood in central Los Angeles)
- Neologism for the “best ever”
- Six Premier League teams play in it
- Other: Sp.
- Apt foreign rhyme of “moon”
- 2016 inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame
- Prom purchase
- Discharges
- Do a certain veterinary job
- Nudge
- Old-fashioned possessive
- Whitman of “Arrested Development”
- Japanese company with six stars in its logo
- With 44-Across, bit of consolation ... or a feature of this puzzle's grid?
- Like 2017 and 2027
- Something found in strands
- Easy basket
- Gore and more
- Welcome at the front door
- See 33-Across
- Parts of soft palates
- Score specification

DOWN

- Attractive older fellow
- Forks and knives, e.g.
- Symbol of privilege
- Simple solution to a big problem
- “Just stop already!”
- Laura of “Ozark”
- Mine locales
- Caps or cones preceder
- Cannellini, e.g.
- The National Mall has more than 300 of them
- Shabbily made
- Famously sleepy animals
- Terribly eager
- Monopoly square between Marvin Gardens and Pacific Avenue
- Extremely catchy tunes
- Gift of persuasiveness
- Like some healthier potato chips
- “I did NOT need to hear that!” in brief
- “Absolutely!”
- Heinous
- Crow
- Compete in the America's Cup, say
- Prefix with genetics
- An ice place to go?
- Lacking
- Nearly massless subatomic particle
- Some flower girls
- Marvel character with metallic skin
- Thumbs-down
- Dec. 31
- “Here's an idea ...”
- Player at the highest-elevation NFL stadium
- Debabel
- Metonym for the movie industry
- Super Mario creature that resembles a turtle
- More confident
- Sag
- Pixy ___ (candy brand)
- Philosopher
- Descartes
- Airer of Ken Burns documentaries

PUZZLE BY KEVIN PATTERSON

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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