

WONDERWORD®

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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.

ICE CORE SAMPLES

Solution: 7 letters

R E T A W E T L A N D R A T E

N B N A T U R A L H N O N O P

O U E N V I R O N M E N T O O

I B I D I S H E E T Z A A L T

T B C S I T S O R F O C R L O

A L N T R X T O O S R L C A S

C E A A V D O H O R F O T F I

O S E Y O A N I G S H V I W R

L S T C L S T A D I L S C O E

A E A A U N S A L N L I A N D

T R M R M O A A D N O N C S N

S P I U E I P U Y R E B U E I

Y M L C I N A G R O I E R S L

R O C C U T D E P T H L R A Y

C C V A P O R R E I C A L G C

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Monday's Answer: Running

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

MONDAY'S SOLUTION:

4 5 6 7 1 3 9 2 8

2 1 8 9 6 4 3 5 7

9 7 3 8 5 2 4 6 1

5 6 1 4 2 7 8 9 3

7 2 9 1 3 8 5 4 6

3 8 4 6 9 5 1 7 2

8 4 5 2 7 1 6 3 9

6 3 2 5 8 9 7 1 4

1 9 7 3 4 6 2 8 5

3 9 7 2

6 2 1

9 3 4 7 6

8 7 1

6

4 1 2

9 8 6 2 3

7 6 9

1 8 3 2

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

PEANUTS

A NEW BABY BROTHER! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME BACK IN... I CAN'T FIGHT THE WHOLE WORLD

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

DAD JUST CALLED FROM THE HOSPITAL. WE HAVE A NEW BABY BROTHER!

I THROW ONE OUT AND ANOTHER COMES IN! YOU CAN'T SHOVEL WATER WITH A PITCHFORK

A NEW BABY BROTHER!?

B.C.

I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD RELOCATE OUR NEST, HON.

I'M HAPPY WHERE WE ARE.

PICKLES

DON'T GET JEALOUS OR ANYTHING...

...BUT THAT PRETTY YOUNG GAL AT THE OTHER TABLE JUST SMILED AT ME!

OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT'S NOTHING. THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU I LAUGHED OUT LOUD.

BOUND & GAGGED

OF COURSE I DON'T MIND DOING THE DISHES, DEAR.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

ZOO GRIMMY, WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL AT THE ZOO TODAY?

A FRICKIN' ELEPHANT!

OO ...THAT'S AFRICAN ELEPHANT.

THE WIZARD OF ID

THE WATER HEATER IS ACTING UP AGAIN, HON. GO FIX IT

YES, DEAR

MAYBE A TOUCH OF MAGIC

PROBLEM SOLVED. I'LL BE AT HOME DEPOT

BREAKING CAT NEWS

Desk is polished, sources are double-checked, and I rinsed all the mugs!

What are the station's social media passwords?

Oh—we don't really—No, we don't do that.

WHAT?!

TUNDRA

THEY WERE ORIGINALLY BRED TO BE LAPDOGS.

Note from the Cartoonist: SORRY.

RUBES

“And if you’re scurrying outside today, folks, better bring plenty of sunblock, ‘cause it’s gonna be a real scorcher, with highs in the upper 90s and quite possibly much higher due to little Kenny Jenkins and his menacing magnifying glass.”

CLOSE TO HOME

“Man, you’ve got WAY too high an opinion of yourself! We are SCAVENGERS! We eat

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

Hi Mom...Our old neighbor next door died. We're going to his funeral this afternoon.

Hello, son. Thanks for letting me know. LOL

IT MEANS 'LOTS OF LOVE'!!

'LAUGHING OUT LOUD'!

MALLARD FILLMORE

WELL... UH...

...JUST WAIT 'TIL WE SEE THE UNREDACTED, UNABRIDGED, DIRECTOR'S-CUT MANUSCRIPT VERSION!

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