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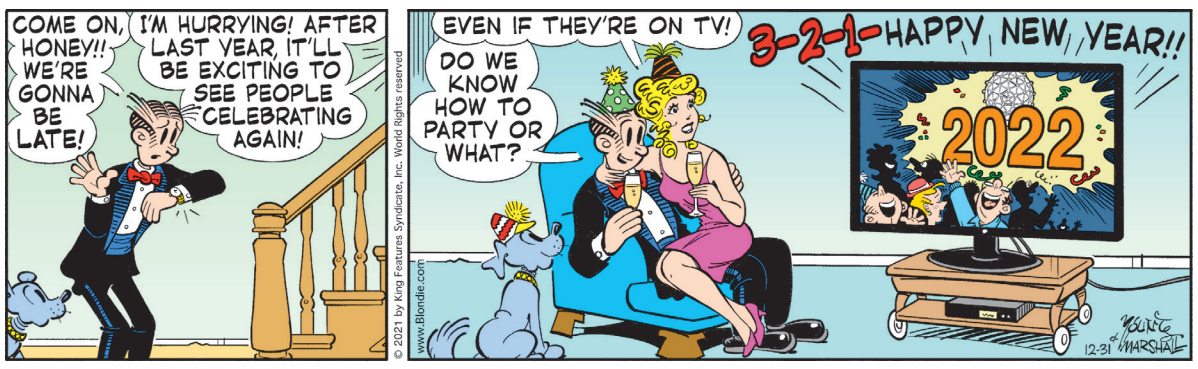

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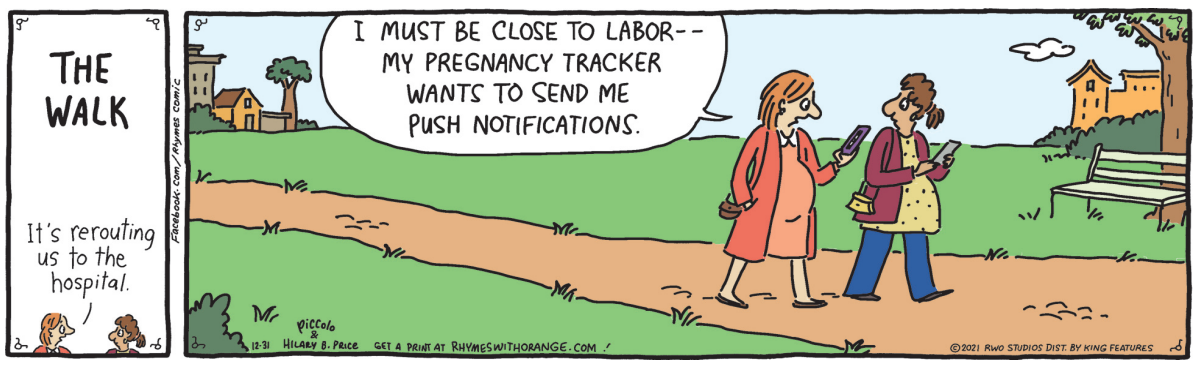

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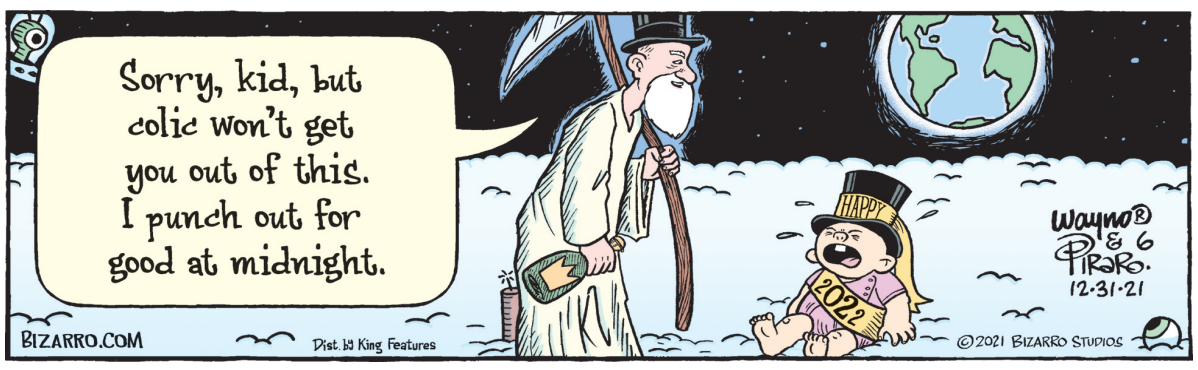

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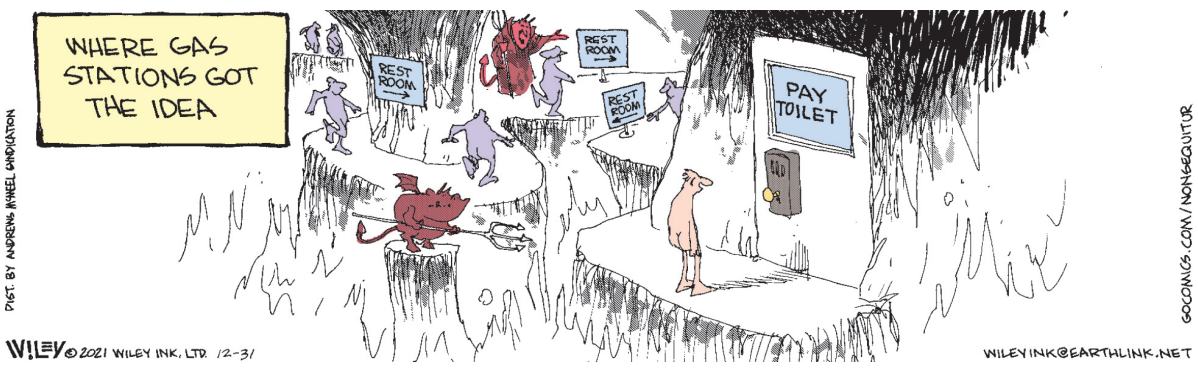

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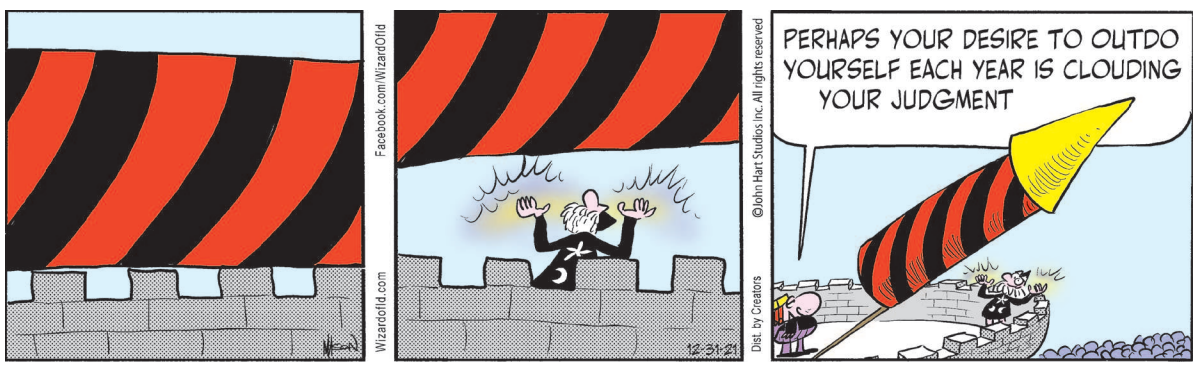

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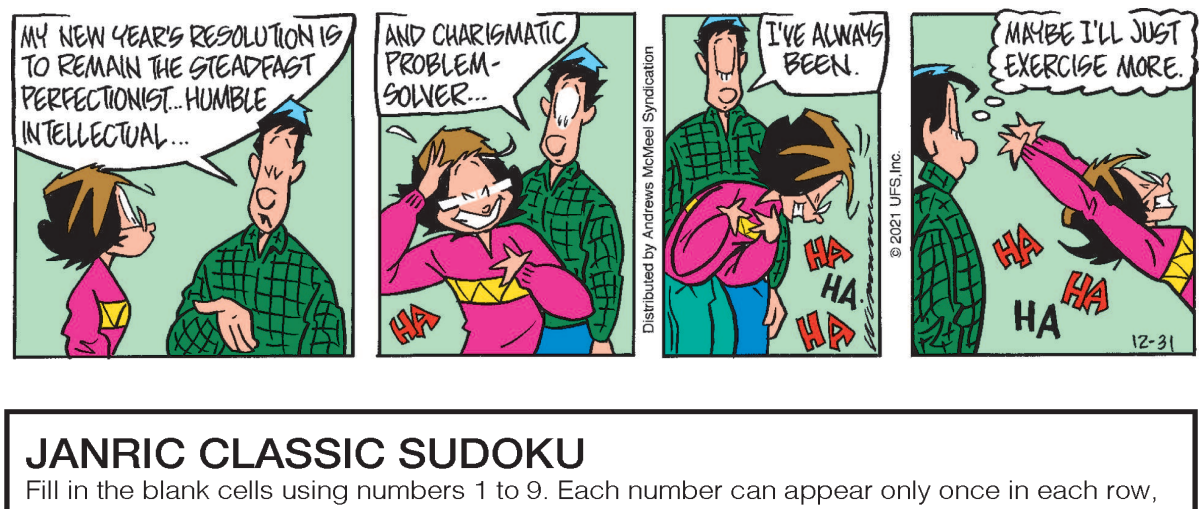

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/31/21

2	9	6	5	4	7	1	8	3
1	5	8	2	3	9	4	7	6
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6	3	1	4	7	5	8	2	9
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DAY AFTER TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe it's cynical to think that people are being nice in hopes of future favors returned but it's not altogether wrong. Good thing you are well-versed in the land of politics.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Managing expectations will be an important part of your day. Master it by underpromising and overdelivering. In the end, you'll be someone's hero.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). From Shakespeare to Disney, the dramatists agree that evil plans are most harmful to the planner. This is a good day to let play out, unplanned. Let your creed be one of minding your own business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The current problem is integral to the well-being of the people around you, and you'll derive great satisfaction and pride from solving it even if you go uncompensated. The solution will be the reward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While it would be foolish to aim to make mistakes, it's equally silly to avoid and fear them. The wise do not aim to live without folly. There's much to learn in a tidy little mess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Reflection is in order. Why did you start this journey? Your reasons have changed along the way, which is perfectly natural and will be very helpful to keep track of.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thinking is the brain's natural sorting process. Maybe it's enough to let your mind comfortably sift through the day without putting extra pressure on yourself to solve everything for everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a way to have your cake and eat it, too. It's all about portion control. By acting in moderation, you'll be able to savor the present pleasures without ruining your chances for future ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A social circle opens to include you. There was a time you would have found this crowd intimidating but now you fit right in, like you've always belonged there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Would you rather win in a minor league game or lose in a major league game? You have a choice to make. Which option offers you the biggest opportunity to learn?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not trying to make jokes but when you say the truth, it makes people laugh. Oddly enough, the truth can be a very unusual thing to say.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone trusts you enough to give you great responsibilities and seemingly impossible duties. You'll rise to the occasion and hone your skills on these difficult tasks. This is the price of greatness.

MONDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 3). This will be a year of truly magical moments. A wondrous mix of luck, talent and opportunity will culminate in no less than 10 2022 events. You'll focus on your loved ones' needs, connect with them on deep levels and understand how to make them happy. Your people will be very loyal to you and be advocates and ambassadors for your cause. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 18, 6 and 40.

ACROSS

1 Melville captain
5 Male swans
9 Luau dish
12 Humorist Barry
13 Med. plan options
14 PC program
15 Barrel bottom bit
16 Concerning
17 Old Olds
18 Voice in an iPhone
19 Half of XIV
20 Rooters
21 Formerly called
23 "Morning Edition" airer
25 Humidor contents
28 Salad base
32 Maxim
33 Sean of "Rudy"
34 Bequest
36 Surround with light
37 Judge Lance
38 Approves
39 Iowa crop
42 WWII service member
44 "See ya!"
48 Some
49 "Legally Blonde" role
50 Branches
51 Wish otherwise
52 Intend
53 Harvest
54 Curvy letter
55 "Garfield" dog
56 Catches some rays

DOWN

1 Totals
2 Mata —
3 Say it's so
4 2013 Keira Knightley film
5 Sour cream tidbits
6 Hotel chain
7 Ho-hum
8 Away from NNW
9 Brazilian rubber
10 Frank
11 Wall St. debuts
20 Clean slate
22 Upright
24 Bit of mischief
25 Baseball's Ripken
26 Chemical suffix
27 Joke
29 JFK info
30 Goose egg
31 — -cone
35 Cried in pain
36 Tertiary Period epoch
39 Give a darn
40 Burden
41 Deli loaves
43 Jai —
45 Bailiwick
46 Eliot Ness, e.g.
47 Nile vipers
49 Punk rock offshoot

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-1

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54			■	55				■	56			