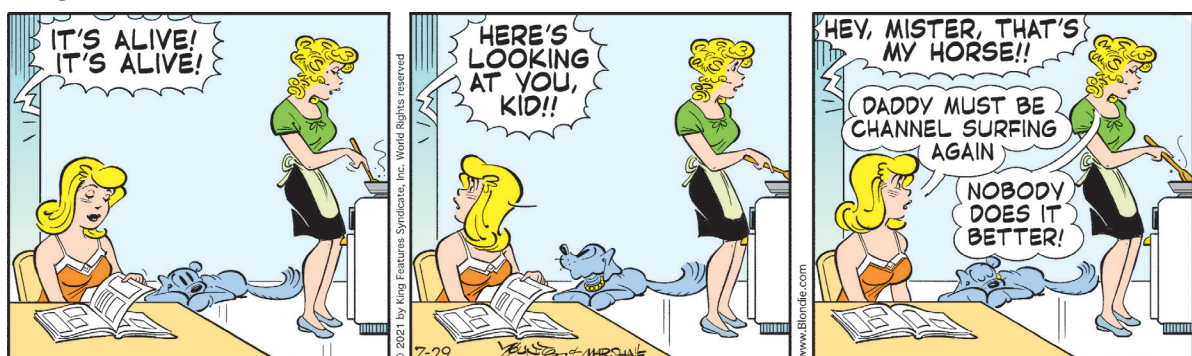


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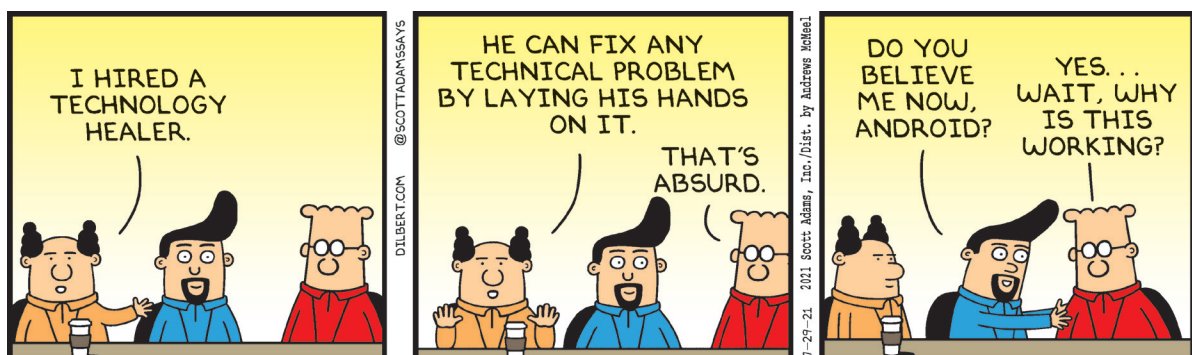
**RHYMES WITH ORANGE**



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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: BRONZE

Solution to 7/28/21

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**DAY AFTER TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021



**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Social problems require creative and thoughtful approaches. Brainstorm about it. The more conscientious you are, the more opportunities you find to connect, help and raise the group.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Consider that interest you pursue when you're supposed to be working. For happiness over the long haul, your go-to procrastination is a winning contender. Is there a way to make it your main deal?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The places you go with people will be very important to the flavor of your connection. Regional influences will color a love connection the way the soil in different places changes the taste of grape varietals.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Like your brain, your heart gets too comfortable in your everyday surroundings. Make it uncomfortable by spending time in another land. Travel makes you love anew.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The best gifts are those that don't obligate you to the giver. Even a gift card comes with a responsibility to shop for yourself. You'll receive loveliness today, and it comes without strings or requirements of any sort.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Though you believe your struggles happen in silence and privacy, there are some who can sense what you're feeling. They may not know the particulars, but they resonate with them anyway and want to be part of your solution.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Since you're on a mission to make the world a little better, going about your business doesn't feel like a grind at all. In fact, the lines between work and play are blurred. You're in your zone.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** In chess and in relationships, the opening move is of utmost importance. The endgame has everything to do with it. Knowing that a story will play out like bookends, you'll be careful with your open.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** A lifelong learner, you're never quite satisfied with your current knowledge. The benefits to developing your mind will be made more obvious when you spend time with those who have developed theirs.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** After a week of feeling as though your schedule owned you, it will be a liberation of sorts to own your time today. Next up, owning all the events that happen inside of it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Everyone is inclined to do what comes naturally; nature is a most persuasive force. But the organic unfolding will clash with a higher calling, and you are better off doing the difficult, uncomfortable thing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Shortcuts may get you to a point within a certain time-frame, but life's lessons have a way of demanding to be learned. They can be skipped in one moment, but sooner or later, they will have their day.

**SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31).** You'll put great care into organizing an orderly living situation and positively winning routines. This will give you a platform on which to construct your next success story. Those who've tasted the honey of success will inspire and teach you as you work toward your own sweet dreams. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 22, 15 and 7.

**ACROSS**

- "Beloved" author Morrison
- Tax prep pro
- Roman 301
- Ready for customers
- Actor Holbrook
- Melville's obsessed captain
- Tidy
- Nay underoer
- Sitarist Shankar
- Patisserie buy
- Sounded the hour
- Govt. health org.
- Short do
- Denomination
- "Sure thing!"
- "How frustrating!"
- Satisfied sigh
- Football filler
- John of "Grease"

**DOWN**

- Vocal quality
- Oil cartel
- Actress Patricia
- Unbroken
- Barbecue fuel
- Remit
- Sir Guinness
- Len of "Blue Bloods"
- Light-weight shirt fabric
- Grotto
- Foot-note abbr.
- Freudian concept
- Rival
- Bootcamp VIP
- Listening device
- "Friends" friend
- Blubber
- Online talk site
- Polite address
- Before
- Holds dear
- That's it!
- Large constrictor
- "That's a laugh!"
- "Coffee Cantata" composer
- Ranch measure
- Rain delay cover
- "Rock" Hurler
- Pinta's companion
- Ms. Farrow

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 7-29

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