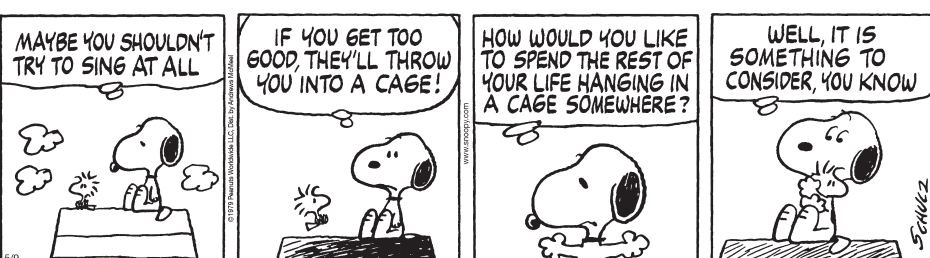


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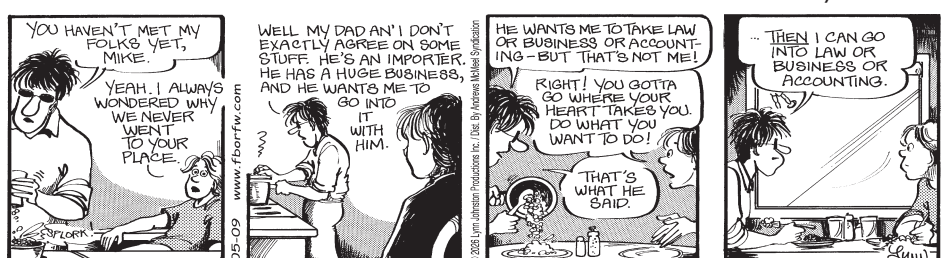
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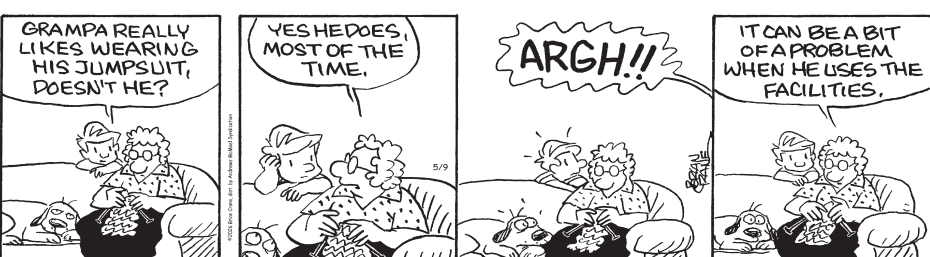
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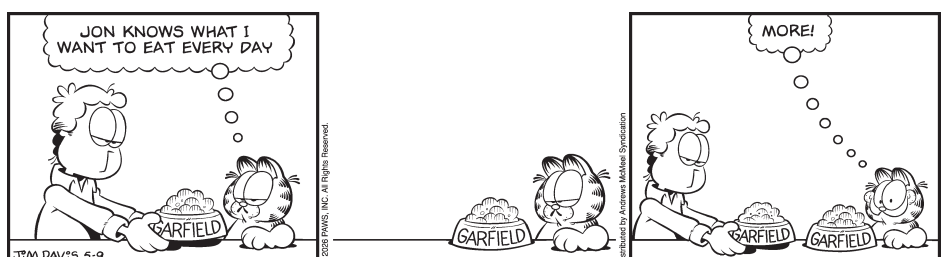
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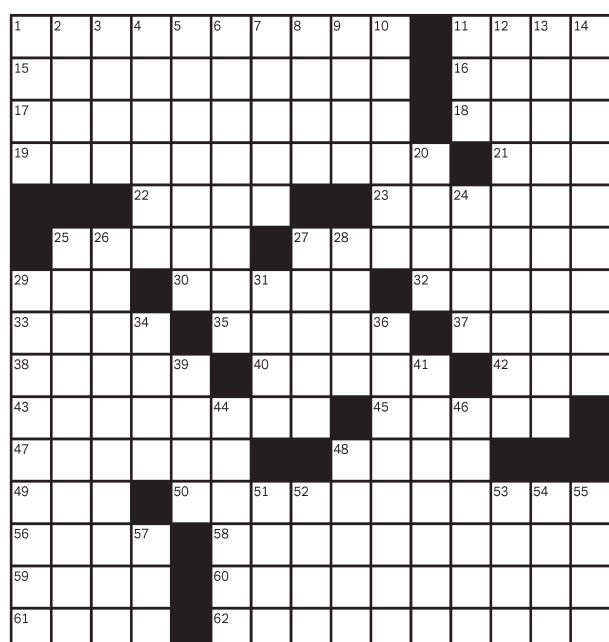


# NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Conceited sort, disrespectfully
  - 11 They're not hard to beat
  - 15 Win after ad out, say
  - 16 Tire (out)
  - 17 Popular loaves for corned beef sandwiches
  - 18 Resort that bans snowboarding
  - 19 Protectors of a queen
  - 21 When Buddhism's Bodhi Day is observed: Abbr.
  - 22 Tourist hotspot in Uttar Pradesh
  - 23 Epoch that marked the rise of mammals
  - 25 "Heaven forbid!"
  - 27 Chart-toppers
  - 29 Fulfillment center?
  - 30 Building managers, informally
  - 32 Best-selling 2010 Kitty Kelley celebrity biography
  - 33 The sparkle in some cosmetics
  - 35 Member of a militant Islamist movement in Afghanistan and Pakistan
  - 37 Low-priced car introduced in 1980
  - 38 One bit
  - 40 Mentioned
  - 42 What isn't anyone's fault?
  - 43 Unconvincing way of answering "Did you finish the job?"
  - 45 Less likely to bite, perhaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Lunchbox staples, for short
  - 2 "Twist, Lick, Dunk" product
  - 3 Cry feebly
  - 4 Staple of many a free app
  - 5 Some silent yeses
  - 6 Escort away
  - 7 Junipero \_\_\_\_, founder of the San Francisco Mission
  - 8 One of the Starks on "Game of Thrones"
  - 9 Scandinavian name that becomes a number if you add an "e" inside it
  - 10 Type of stanza
  - 11 Waste watchdog, for short
  - 12 Longstanding code of conduct
  - 13 Agreed to a proposal
  - 14 Rocket to the moon, e.g.
  - 20 Average
  - 24 "Roger that"
  - 25 Fashionable stars of showbiz, slangily
  - 26 Crystal and Rock, notably
  - 27 Sun: Prefix
  - 28 "Really?"
  - 29 Target of some filters
  - 31 Deal
  - 34 Et \_\_\_\_
  - 36 Certain particle accelerator
  - 39 Fisheye, e.g.
  - 41 Nightfall
  - 44 Someone having mixed success at work?
  - 46 Ogre
  - 48 Figures in the films "Kazaam" and "Wishmaster"
  - 51 Gospel singer Winans
  - 52 Loose-lipped ones
  - 53 F or G, but not H
  - 54 Like some tongues
  - 55 One side of the college football rivalry branded as "America's Game"
  - 57 Eastern philosophy



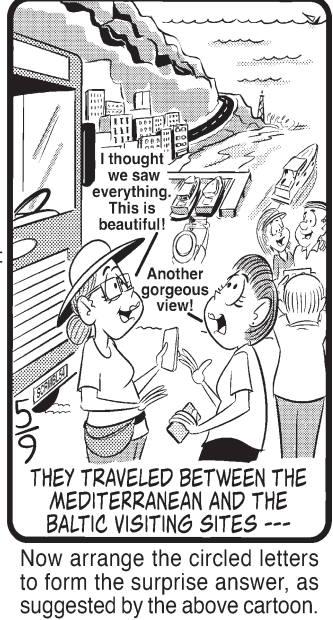
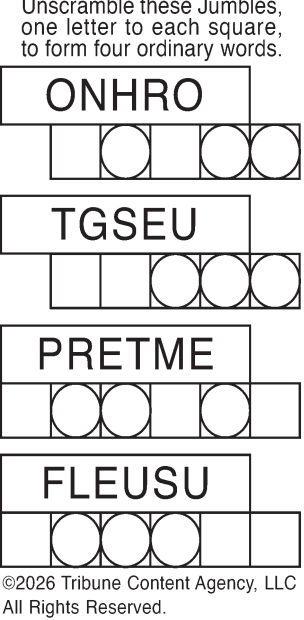
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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
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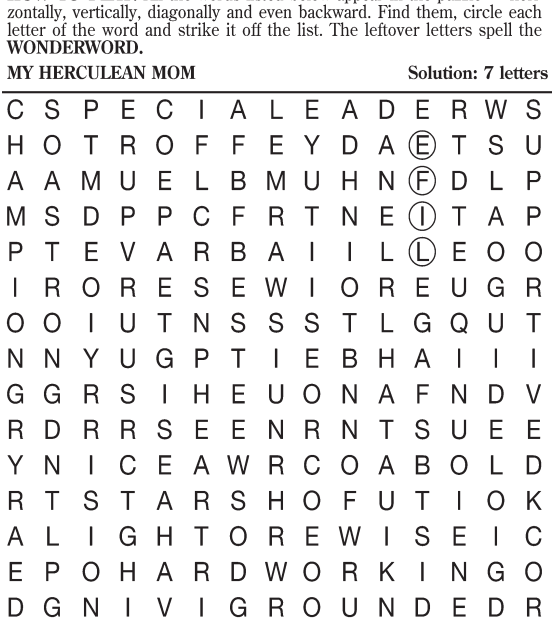


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.  
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWIRL DODGE FROSTY SPRUCE  
Answer: The farmer sold his home-grown fruits and vegetables in a — "GROW-CERY" STORE

## WONDERWORD

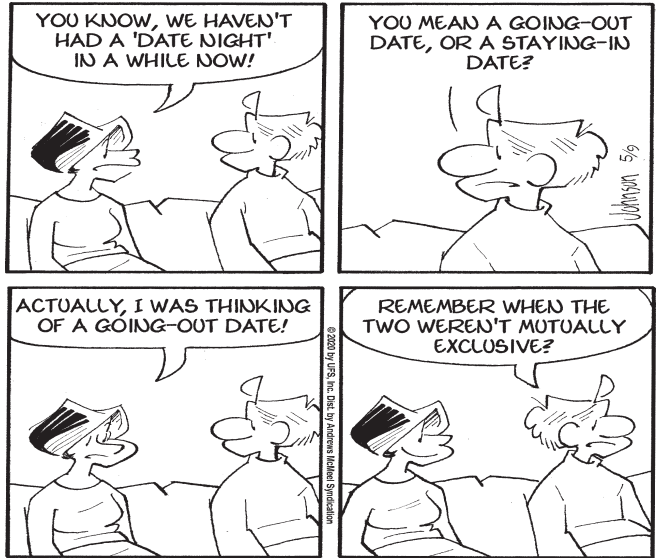
By DAVID OUELLET



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.  
MY HERCULEAN MOM Solution: 7 letters  
© 2026 Andrews McMeel Syndication www.wonderword.com 5/9  
Adventurous, Anchor, Bold, Brave, Caring, Champion, Compassionate, Dear, Effort, Faithful, Giving, Goals, Grit, Grounded, Guide, Hardworking, Heart, Hero, Hope, Humble, Kind, Leader, Life, Light, Nice, Noble, Patient, Present, Pure, Rock, Safe, Sassy, Solid, Special, Spirit, Star, Steady, Strong, Sturdy, Supportive, Sweet, Tough, Unique, Warm, Winner, Wise  
Yesterday's Answer: Songwriter

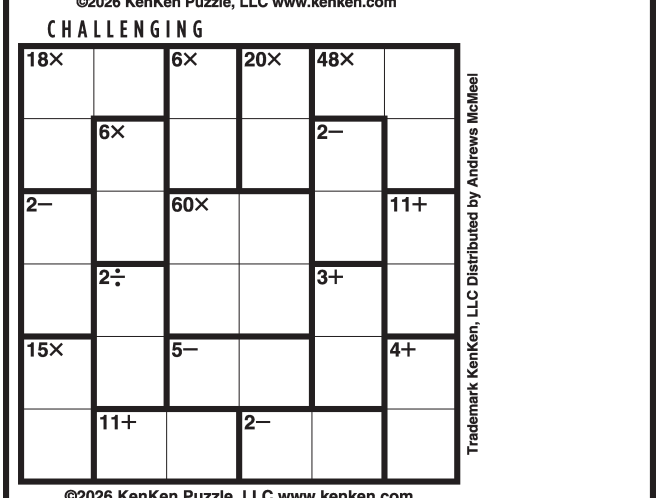
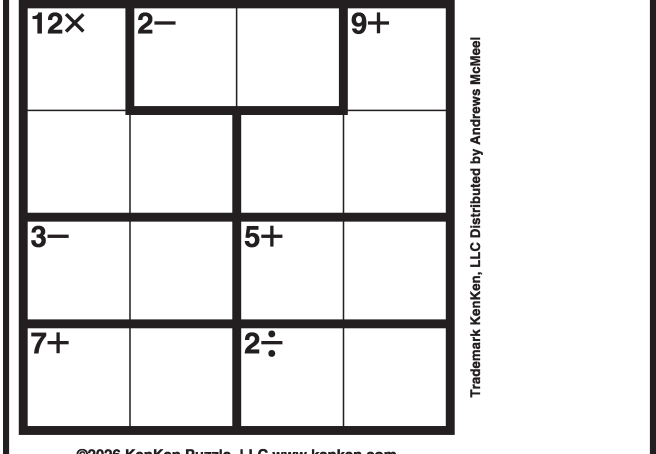
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Jimmy Johnson



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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.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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