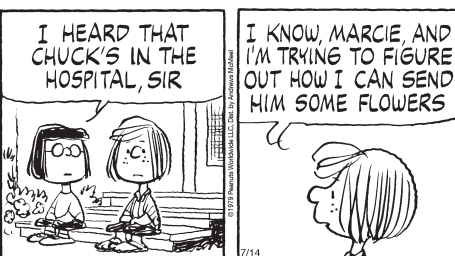


CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



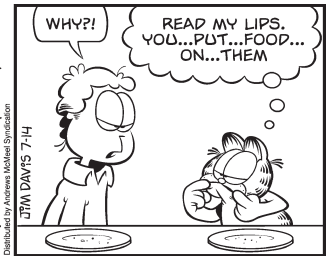
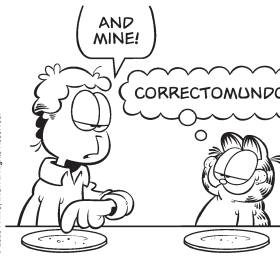
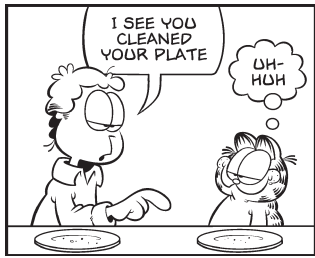
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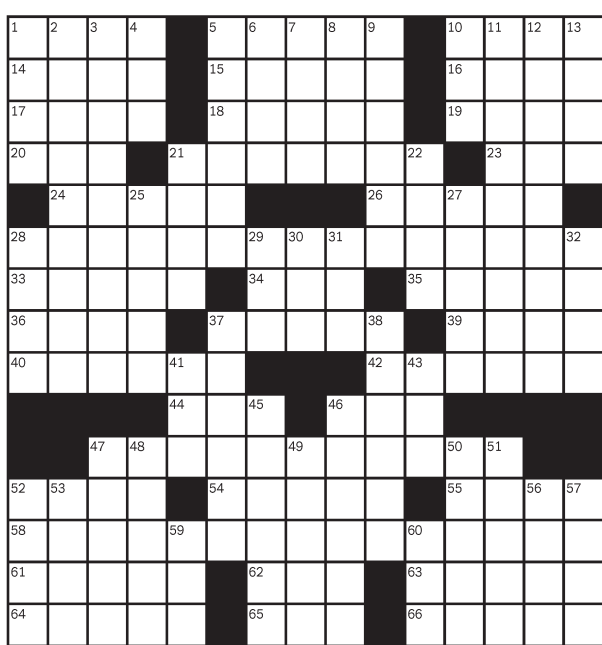
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Put a sock ____!"
- 5 Bottomless pit
- 10 Home of the W.N.B.A.'s Fever, informally
- 14 Viral phenomenon
- 15 Curse word cover-up
- 16 Singer Del Rey
- 17 Very impressed
- 18 Echolocation technology
- 19 One who can't handle the truth?
- 20 Sport in an octagon, for short
- 21 Chafes excessively
- 23 Acid
- 24 "The door's open!"
- 26 Elasticized part of sweatpants
- 28 Nearly unique
- 33 Assists, in basketball slang
- 34 Headed for the hills
- DOWN**
- 35 Romaine course
- 36 Influential individual
- 37 Collection of photographs or songs
- 39 Broadway award
- 40 Lump in one's throat
- 42 Modifies
- 44 Org. with Orioles, Blue Jays and Cardinals
- 46 City with Carnival samba parades, informally
- 47 Compromise that, ideally, leaves both parties satisfied
- 52 Take to the skies
- 54 English soccer star ____ James
- 55 Sonic boom generator?
- 58 Prediction of a negative outcome that is true of 21-, 28- and 47-Across

- 61 "We feel the same way"
- 62 Airport raced through in "Home Alone," in brief
- 63 Info collected by a spy
- 64 Sound of a cartoon hit
- 65 Deep sorrow
- 66 Cruising the Caribbean, say

DOWN

- 1 Spiritual leader at a mosque
- 2 State that's home to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
- 3 "Sheesh, gimme a break!"
- 4 ____ talk
- 5 Really ridiculous
- 6 Carnivorous cinematic alien
- 7 Deep desires
- 8 Cook in a very hot cast-iron pan, say
- 9 Be a bed hog, maybe
- 10 Under the weather
- 11 Where employees work on tips and receive tips
- 12 Half of a biological helix
- 13 Spot for a swing set
- 21 Dee who directed 2017's "Mudbound"
- 22 Methods
- 25 Decade after the aughts
- 27 Steaming mad
- 28 Make some alterations



PUZZLE BY REBECCA GOLDSTEIN

- 29 Not online, for short
- 30 Snatch up
- 31 Wildebeest
- 32 Ice cream brand with an apostrophe in its name
- 37 Football standout
- 38 Word with name or voyage
- 41 Little pest
- 43 "Little old me?"
- 45 "Toodle-oo!"
- 46 Fall back
- 47 Western half of Hispaniola
- 48 Activity that may prompt burning questions?
- 49 Parisian subway
- 50 Squad captained by Lindsey Horan to win Olympic gold in '24, for short
- 51 Gets together with
- 52 Bit of concert memorabilia, once
- 53 Very, very much
- 56 Utter delight
- 57 Penne ____ vodka
- 59 Stir-frying vessel
- 60 Part of una semana

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IRFTU

BCMUR

EUBKCT

HGCEAN

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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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.

TONER SURE IS EXPENSIVE

Solution: 5 letters



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Yesterday's Answer: Parties

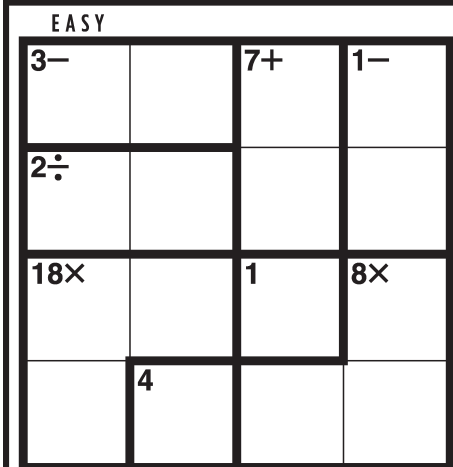
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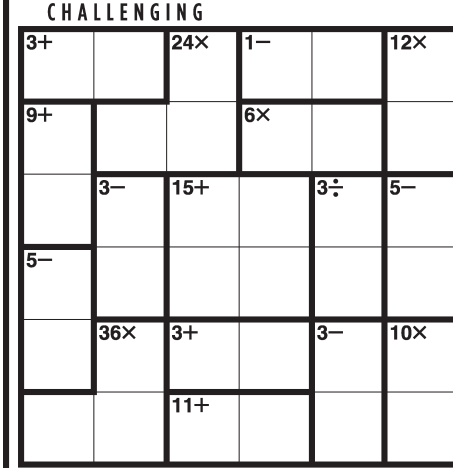


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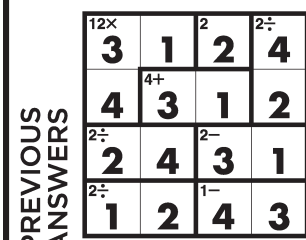
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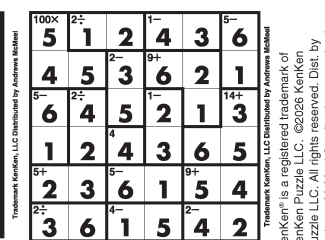
- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 2 The numbers within the heavily

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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