

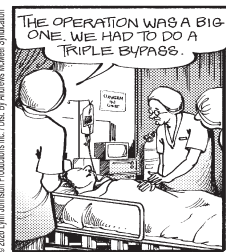
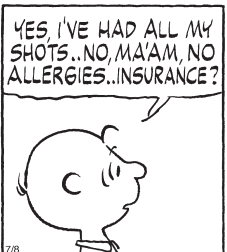
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS

Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Lynn Johnston

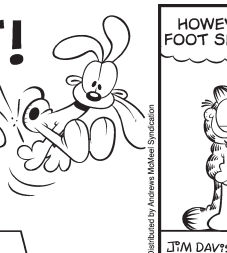
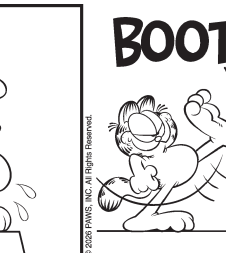
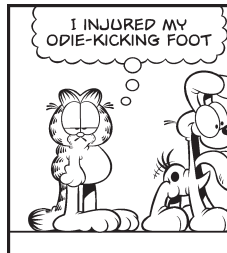


PICKLES

Brian Crane

GARFIELD

Jim Davis



NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

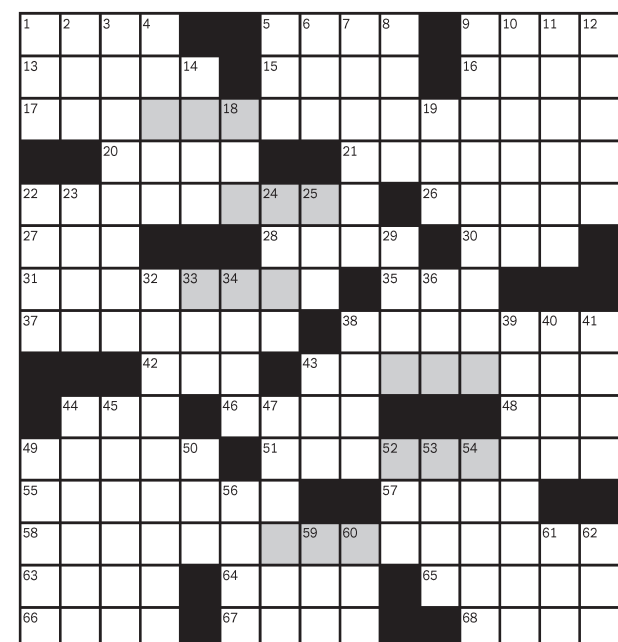
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- ACROSS**
- "Fancy seeing you here!"
 - Wishy-washy words
 - Utah ski resort
 - Lowly sorts
 - Online "Yay!"
 - Pixar franchise in which buses and taxis exist, despite serving seemingly no purpose
 - Lament while dealing with "kids these days"
 - Fish in a negitoro roll
 - Where "music and passion were always the fashion," in a Barry Manilow hit
 - 1990s feminist movement rooted in punk rock
 - Rae Jepsen ("Call Me Maybe" singer)
 - ___ be my pleasure"
 - Playroom pile

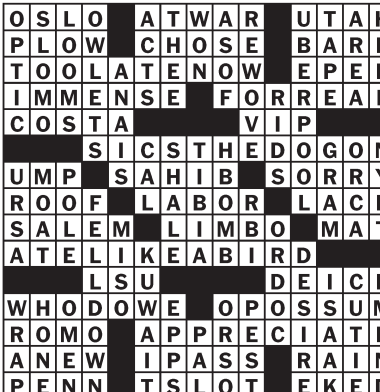
- "Capisce?"
- Thai noodle dish
- Contents of la Seine
- Subtle acknowledgments
- Disease for which China's Tu Youyou discovered a lifesaving treatment, earning her a Nobel Prize
- "Knives Out" co-star ___ de Armas
- Research institute where radio astronomy began
- Compound in a joint
- Polite term of address
- Workout unit, for short
- "Hang loose" sign
- Where to find queens and kings
- As, in chemistry
- Literary character who hopes to get whale soon?

- DOWN**
- Big name in nail polish
 - Skirt's edge
 - "Southern cough syrup"
 - Two-way, as a door
 - Bird with "barn" and "barred" varieties
 - Angler's stick
 - On little cat feet, say
 - "Then again," to a texter
 - "Don't look suspicious!"
 - Punjabi metropolis
 - With 44-Down, many an EGOT contender ... or what's spelled out by this puzzle's shaded squares?
 - Give a makeup test?
 - Dynasty after the Tang
 - Raft turner
 - Suggestion, informally
 - Tears
 - Tilted type: Abbr.
 - Blvds. and rds.
 - Use an 18-Down



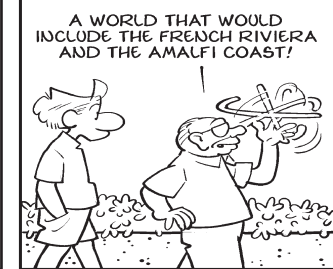
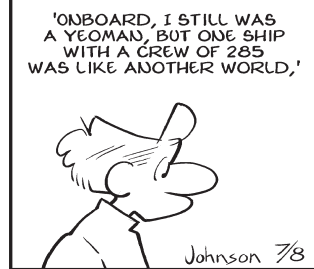
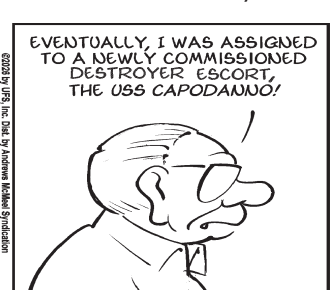
- PUZZLE BY JIAHE MEN**
- Animal whose crab-eater variety does not, in fact, eat crabs
 - Enjoyed, as finger food
 - Forever and a day
 - Cheese in the Czech dish smazeny syr
 - Without exception
 - Product of the internet that might be "dank" or "deep-fried"
 - Odd duck, aptly
 - "Yeah, right!"
 - Nile biters
 - "Pshaw!"
 - See 11-Down
 - Tries
 - Submit
 - Actress Sink of "Stranger Things"
 - Insect that has reportedly passed the "mirror test" of self-recognition
 - Down in the dumps
 - Pequod, e.g.
 - Overfilled
 - Colored part of the 59-Down
 - See 56-Down
 - Wanderer in a forest
 - Singer Rita
 - M.L.B. team for "Mr. October" and "Mr. November"
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



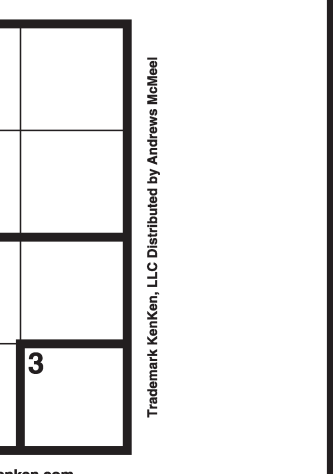
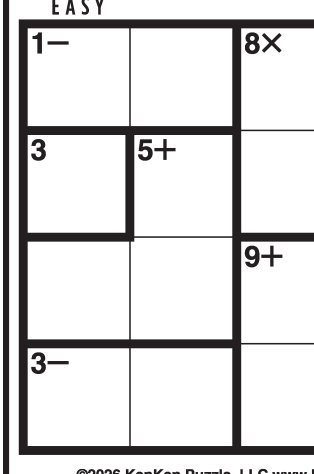
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Jimmy Johnson

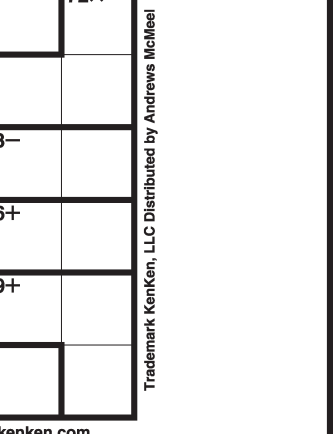
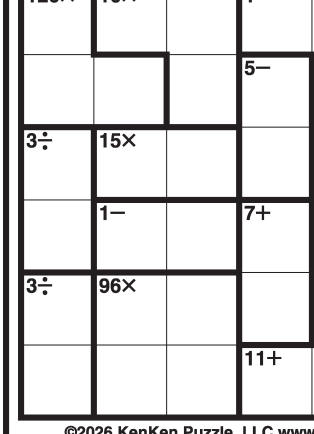


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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



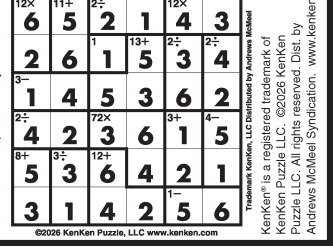
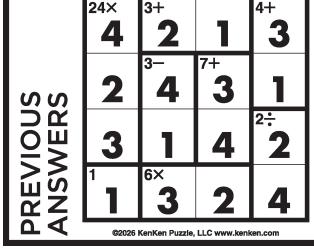
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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 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.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

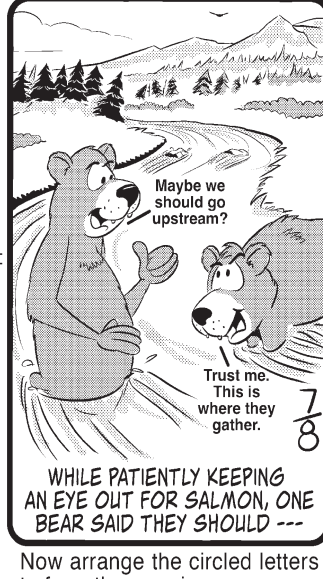
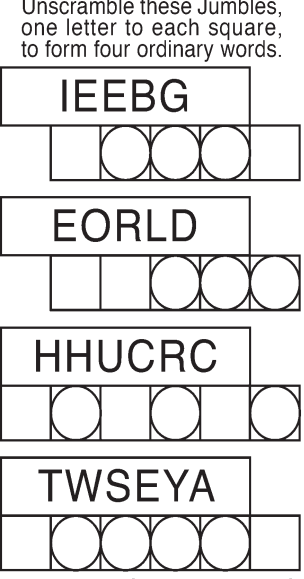


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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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



(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAWL HEDGE THORNY TOMATO
Answer: Instead of acting superior, the visiting extraterrestrials were humble and — DOWN-TO-EARTH

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.

PIONEERS OF BLUES MUSIC Solution: 10 letters



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Bands, BB King, Bessie, Birth, Cello, Chant, Composer, Dixon, Drums, Elvis Presley, Epic, Eric Clapton, Flair, Griffin, Hendrix, Hopkins, Howlin', Hymns, James, Janis, Jazz, Jimi, Jimmy, Joplin, Lightnin', Ma Rainey, Muddy, Patty, Piano, Reed, Robert, Scale, Skip, Smith, Solo, Songs, Soul, Swing, Tampa Red, T-Bone, Ukulele, Urban, Vinyl, Waters, Willie, Wolf

Yesterday's Answer: Nightingale