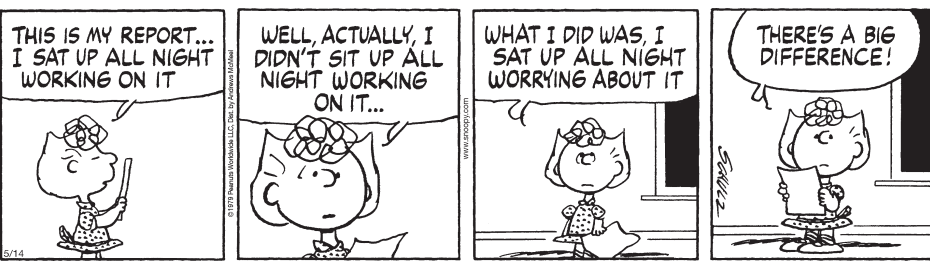
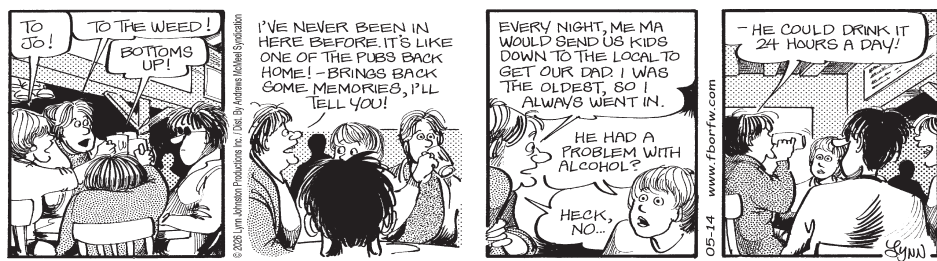


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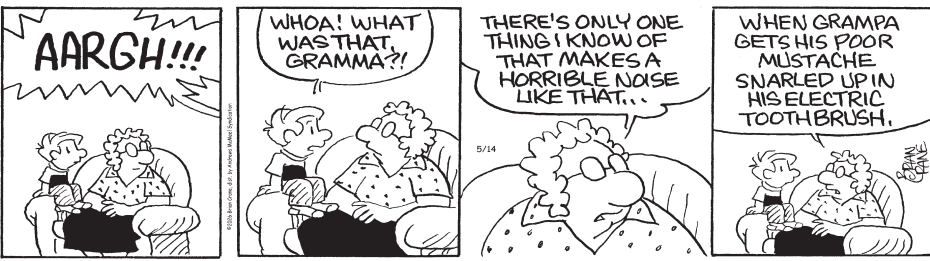
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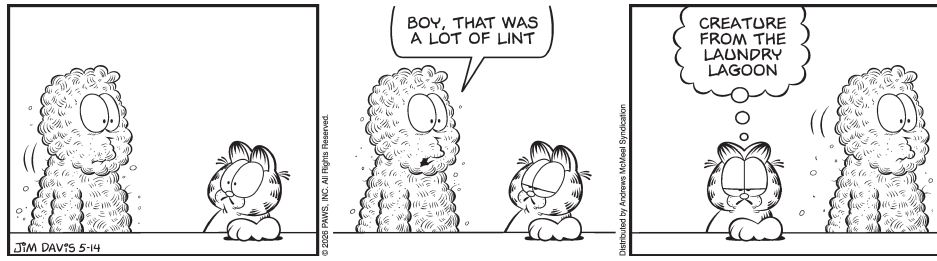
Charles Schulz FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



PICKLES



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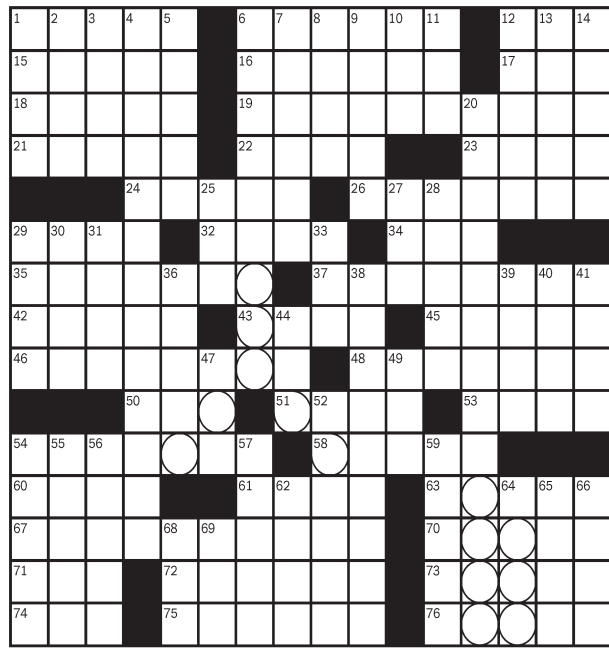


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Start issuing stock, in Wall Street lingo
 - 6 Live the single man's life, slangily
 - 12 Part of some box sets
 - 15 Pungent
 - 16 Stick (to)
 - 17 Joey of kid-lit
 - 18 One with thick skin, notably
 - 19 Customizable Asian-fusion dish
 - 21 Charlatan
 - 22 Ex-Yankee with appearances on "Shark Tank," familiarly
 - 23 "Stay" singer Lisa
 - 24 In unison
 - 26 To an extreme degree
 - 29 [Oh no!]
 - 32 Stone that's often carved
 - 34 "And you ___?"
 - 35 "No, thanks"
 - 37 Tiny pieces of technology
 - 42 Amundsen who went to the South Pole 15 years before he flew over the North Pole
 - 43 Sound of a stone landing in a pool
 - 45 Tone used to create an antique vibe
 - 46 So darling
 - 48 Scare the bejesus out of
 - 50 Lead-in to Pen
 - 51 Speck in the sea
 - 53 Zebras in the field?
 - 54 Article of summer wear
 - 58 On which to watch the Beeb
 - 60 Retail giant with a three-syllable name in four letters
 - 61 Bring home
 - 63 In base eight
 - 67 Oil bigwig?
- DOWN**
- 1 John Irving's "The World According to ___"
 - 2 Número that's half of dieciséis
 - 3 Anatomical ring
 - 4 Dessert with rings on top, literally
 - 5 Features of leftovers, at times
 - 6 Dessert in a boat, literally
 - 7 Found darling
 - 8 Jimmy known for shoes
 - 9 "___ Gabler" (Ibsen play)
 - 10 Opposite of virtually, to texters
 - 11 Ball bearer
 - 12 [That looks so delicious!]
 - 13 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
 - 14 Big name in surround sound
 - 20 Dessert with a streusel-like topping, literally
 - 25 Drinks with or without pulp, for short
 - 27 Peaked
 - 28 Cold-weather coat
 - 29 Follower of "Gossip" or "Gone"
 - 70 Cease-fire
 - 71 Bit of ticket info
 - 72 Community traversed by the Pacific Coast Highway
 - 73 Shadow
 - 74 ___-Man
 - 75 Lines 9 through 14 of a classic sonnet
 - 76 Aerodynamic, maybe



PUZZLE BY BARBARA LIN

- 30 Potatoes, in some Asian cuisines
- 31 Pole, e.g.
- 33 Music producer Brian
- 36 "Intelligence is the ability to ___ to change"; Stephen Hawking
- 38 Triangular dessert, literally
- 39 Early Ron Howard TV role
- 40 Small squabble
- 41 Comments
- 44 Aromatic bit of attire
- 47 Some text beneath a headshot, in brief
- 49 Fish that may return to the ocean to spawn
- 52 Flashing light
- 54 Accessory on "Downton Abbey" or "Bridgerton"
- 55 So-called "Rubber City," home of Goodyear
- 56 Cereal box abbr.
- 57 Sounds of laughter
- 59 Pose for which you must plant your body on the mat?
- 62 Working hard
- 64 Lipstick unit
- 65 It's a lot!
- 66 Damage caused by a mole, maybe
- 68 Syllables of hesitation
- 69 "Norma ___"

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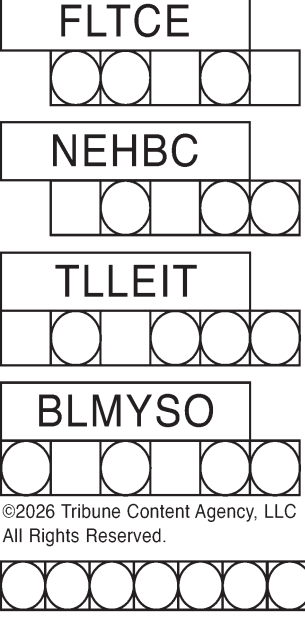
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



JUMBLE

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

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



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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: PLUSH LEVEL POWDER DIGEST
Answer: Since all the vowels in "weekend" are the same, it can be — SPELLED WITH "E'S"

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.

ARTEMIS II WAS A SUCCESS Solution: 10 letters

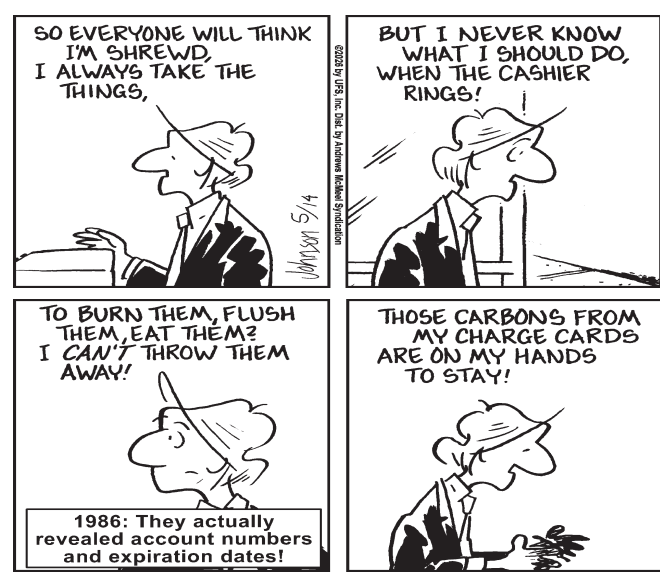


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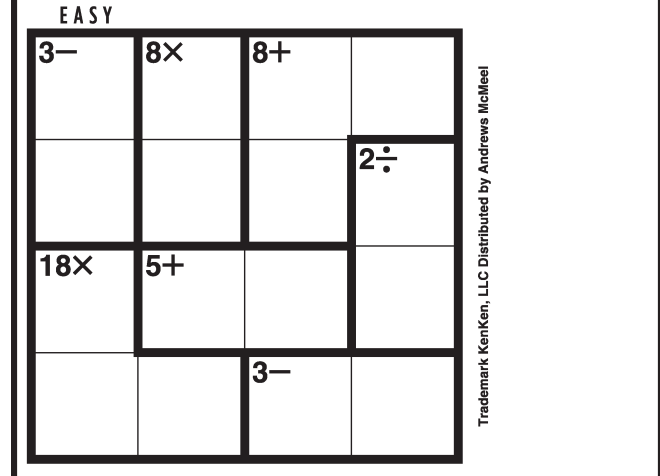
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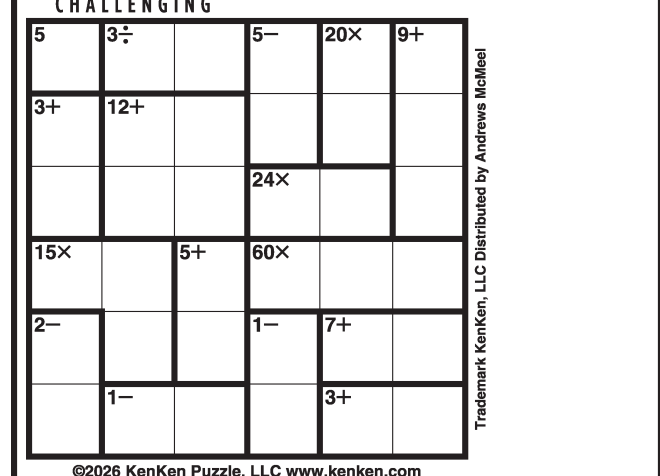


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- 2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.



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