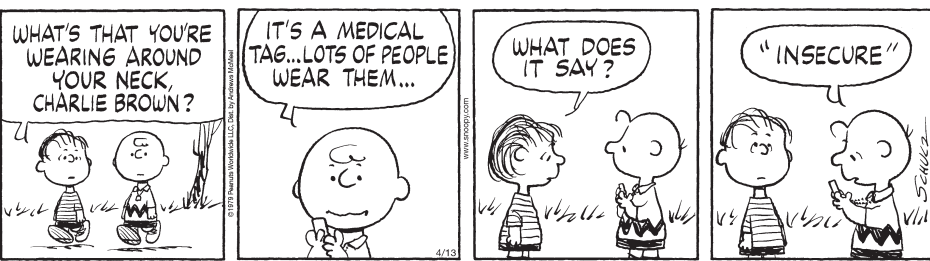
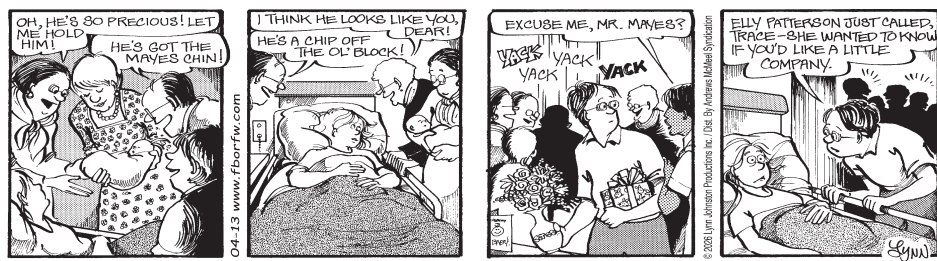


CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



Charles Schulz FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



PICKLES



Brian Crane GARFIELD

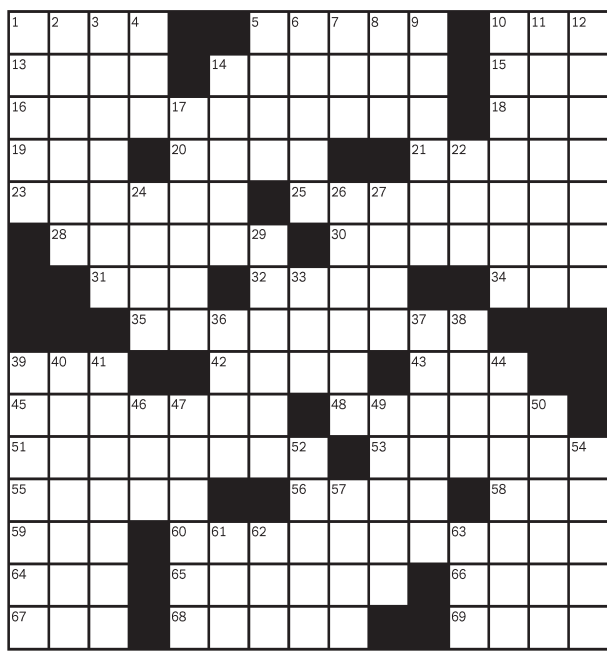


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Constellation word before Major or Minor
 - 5 Something to blow off or let off
 - 10 "So-o-o cute!"
 - 13 Western defense grp.
 - 14 "I ___ been a contender ..."
 - 15 Lead-in to natal or nuptial
 - 16 *Outdoor sport with sticks (1979, 1984)
 - 18 Gentle touch
 - 19 Letters for a mind reader
 - 20 Grunt from a pigpen
 - 21 Athlete's representative
 - 23 Take weapons away from
 - 25 *Period for Fred, Wilma and Pebbles (2016, 2023)
 - 28 More in-your-business
 - 30 Encourages to buy a more expensive model, say
 - 31 Ernest Hemingway's "To Have and Have ___"
 - 32 Monster of folk tales
 - 34 Goal for collectors
 - 35 *Temporary guest from a canine shelter (1988, 1991)
 - 39 Oscars airer
 - 42 "Pencils down!"
 - 43 Double-decker, e.g.
 - 45 Strings along
 - 48 Some steaks
 - 51 *Popular fruit dessert (2001)
 - 53 Rebel as a group
 - 55 Zimbalist Jr. of "77 Sunset Strip"
 - 56 Plastic Ono Band's "Happy ___ (War Is Over)"
- DOWN**
- 1 Like expired parking meters
 - 2 ___ Bran
 - 3 Bobby, Peter or Greg, to Carol Brady
 - 4 Internet pioneer
 - 5 "Coming ___ to a theater near you"
 - 6 Partner of nips
 - 7 Relative of a reindeer
 - 8 Suffix with lemon or orange
 - 9 Ancient Central American pyramid builders
 - 10 They go to a higher court
 - 11 Round up, as cattle
 - 12 Receiving the most rain
 - 14 Grandfather clock sound
 - 17 Piquant triangular chip
 - 22 "Gosh!"
 - 24 Starting on
 - 26 Small castle tower
 - 27 Guest opinion column
 - 29 Corkscrew-shaped pasta
 - 33 Opal or ruby
 - 36 "Enough already!"
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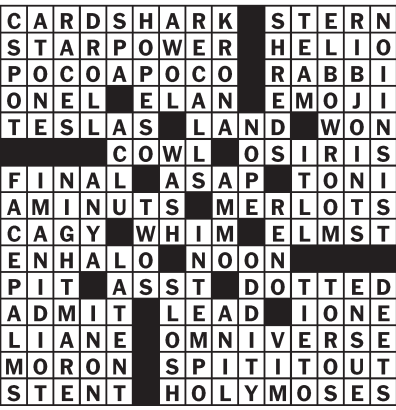


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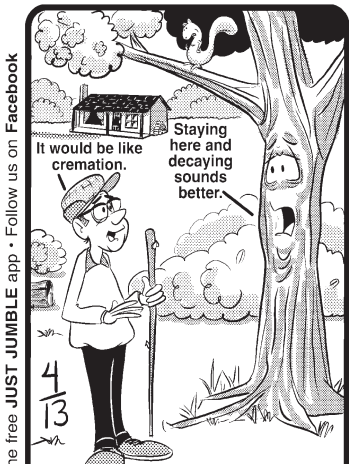
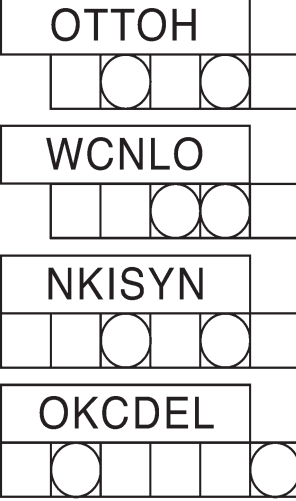
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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.



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

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: VIVID PHONE NARROW BEHIND
Answer: The company was growing quickly, so the number of employees needed to go — "HIRE" AND "HIRE"

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.

MOM LOVED THE WORD 'COPACETIC' Solution: 9 letters



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Admire, Approval, Better, Brilliant, Classic, Clever, Cool, Cozy, Divine, Easy, Enjoy, Fabulous, Fair, Fantastic, Fine, Flawless, Great, Harmony, Heaven, Ideal, Kind, Like, Made, Model, Neat, Nice, Okay, Order, Peachy, Positive, Reassure, Satisfactory, Smart, Smile, Smooth, Status Quo, Suitable, Superb, Sweet, Talk, Tolerable, Valid, Value, Well, Working
Last Saturday's Answer: Meteorologist

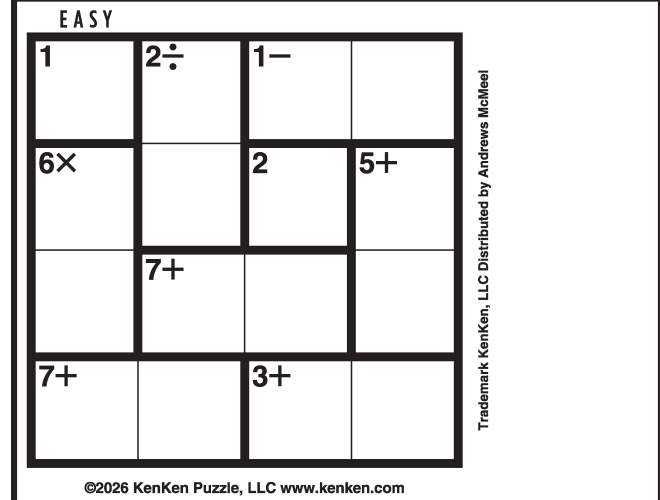
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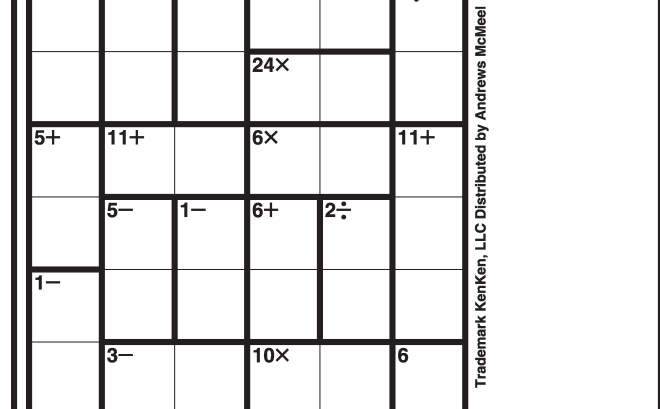


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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



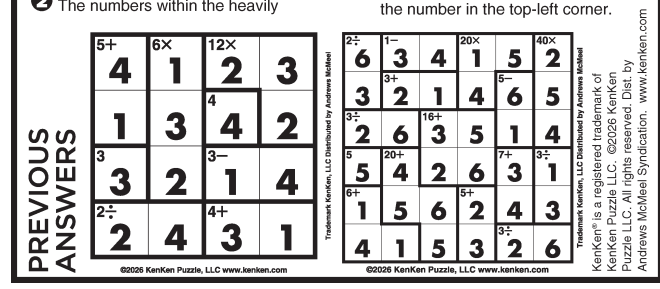
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RULES

- 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.



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