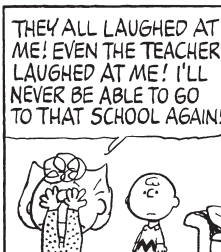


CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



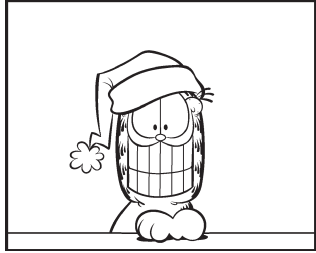
Lynn Johnston

PICKLES



Brian Crane

GARFIELD



Jim Davis

NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited by Joel Fagliano

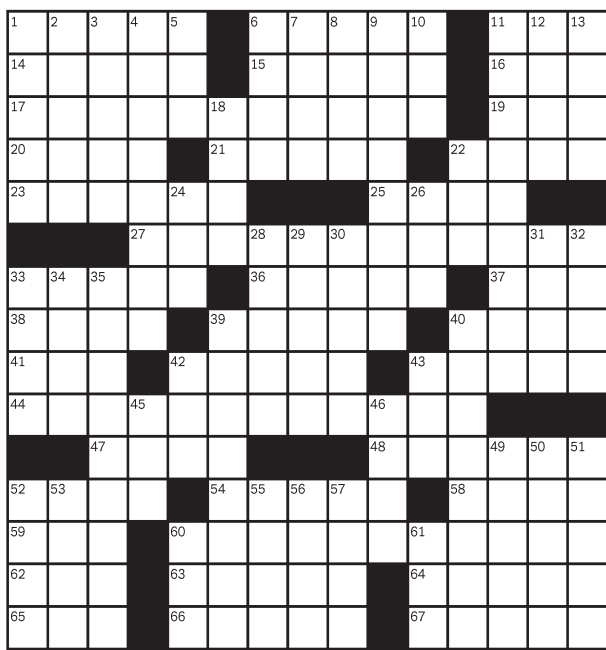
No. 1117

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vegas attraction, with "the"
- 6 Bitter-smelling
- 11 Cell signal unit
- 14 Pleasant smell
- 15 Heavyweight African animal, informally
- 16 Application
- 17 Circle, cone, cube, cylinder, heart, pentagon, star, triangle
- 19 So-so, in modern slang
- 20 Scrapes (out), as a living
- 21 Mental slip-up
- 22 Univ. degrees for executives
- 23 Many a prom tuxedo
- 25 Train track part
- 27 Airheads, Dots, Fun Dip, Heath, Kit Kat, Life Savers, M&M's, Milk Duds, Nerds, Oh Henry!, Peeps, Pez, Rolo, Skittles, Twix, Twizzlers
- 33 Growth in a fish tank
- 36 Steaming mad
- 37 Girlfriend or boyfriend, informally
- 38 Gruesome
- 39 Cooks just the outsides of
- 40 Nuisance
- 41 A narcissist has a big one
- 42 Giving the go-ahead
- 43 Keto and Paleo, for two
- 44 Boot, good, loom, moon, pool, rook, woot
- 47 In one's birthday suit
- 48 Skeptic's remark

- 52 Home of a "500" race, familiarly
- 54 Great ____ National Park (Nevada attraction)
- 58 Shoe's bottom
- 59 Play-____
- 60 Andrew, Ketanji Brown, Mahalia, Reggie, Stonewall
- 62 Musical Yoko
- 63 With everything on the line
- 64 Like a pyramid or sphere
- 65 Femur and fibula site
- 66 Not sharp, as a pencil
- 67 Vulgar

DOWN

- 1 Less risky
- 2 Tot's three-wheeler
- 3 Comic actor Seth
- 4 "If you want me to be honest ..."
- 5 Golfing standard
- 6 Region
- 7 Intel product
- 8 Makes unfair, in a way
- 9 Receives from a will
- 10 Nickname for Dorothy
- 11 Insect that stings
- 12 Home to Hanoi and Hong Kong
- 13 Cincinnati team
- 18 ____ Woods, "Legally Blonde" protagonist
- 22 Sch. with a T station
- 24 Amazement
- 26 Lumberjack's tool



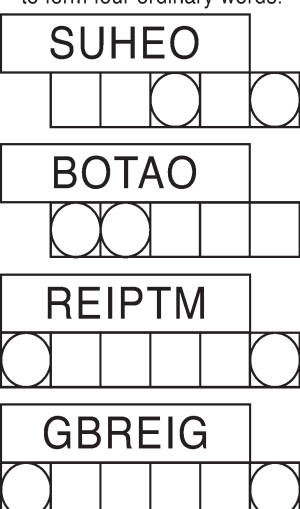
PUZZLE BY RENA COHEN

- 28 Letters before "And on that farm ..."
- 29 The "T" of L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+
- 30 Platoon V.I.P.
- 31 Sunrise direction
- 32 Ping-Pong dividers
- 33 Like most cheeses with rinds
- 34 Nike's swoosh, e.g.
- 35 Punxsutawney Phil, for one
- 39 Classic arcade game with bull's-eye rings
- 40 Strongly desires
- 42 Like a centenarian
- 43 "For suresies"
- 45 Purchase
- 46 Bottle served at a trattoria
- 49 Exclamation while pulling a rabbit from a hat
- 50 The King of Rock and Roll
- 51 Marsh plants
- 52 Object of adoration
- 53 Zero
- 55 Rights advocacy org. since 1920
- 56 Dermatologist's focus
- 57 "It ____ that simple ..."
- 60 Quick punch
- 61 Foreign policy grp.

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 7,000 past puzzles, [nytimes.com/crosswords](https://www.nytimes.com/crosswords) (\$39.95 a year).
Read about and comment on each puzzle: [nytimes.com/wordplay](https://www.nytimes.com/wordplay).

JUMBLE

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



©2025 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved.

Print your answer here:

Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: YEAST HARSH ACCENT DRIVER

Answer: How he ended up with poison ivy on his scalp was a — HEAD-SCRATCHER

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.

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.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Solution: 11 letters

M V Y P Y D O U G H T A E R W
O A S E E R T W O D N I W S H
L N R M N S A M T S I R H C O
A I O S O M E Z A L G A A H L
S L Y M H M I H T A P N S O I
S L C M A M A H E E D W K C D
E A R D M N A D C Y A E I O A
S G E M T U N L R L K N T L Y
G B A K E R Y I L A W P T A R
N U T R A Y A S C O C S L T T
I T E A T E P T T O W E E S
C T R A S M C F S I O S I A
I E E N T T I I R G A L N S P
C R I S P G E L P B G L L O R
T S E L K N I R P S R E F A W

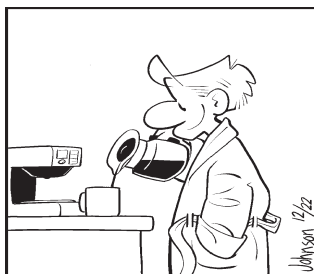
© 2025 Andrews McMeel Syndication www.wonderword.com

12/22
Bake, Base, Butter, Cake, Candy, Cardamom, Chimney, Chocolate, Christmas, Cinnamon, Cool, Create, Crisp, Dough, Eggs, Gift, Glaze, Holiday, Homemade, Honey, Icing, Marshmallows, Molasses, Nutmeg, Pastry, Path, Roll, Shape, Skittles, Snow, Spice, Sprinkles, Star, Swirl, Taste, Town, Tray, Treat, Trees, Vanilla, Wafers, Walls, Window, Wreath, Yummy

Last Saturday's Answer: Cheesecake

ARLO & JANIS

Jimmy Johnson



KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

1-		2÷	1
3+	3-		36×
4	6+		

©2025 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

Trademark KenKen, LLC Distributed by Andrews McMeel

CHALLENGING

3	16×	30×		20×	
11+				11+	3
	2-		2÷		6×
2÷	2-				
	11+		3-	7+	
20×				5+	

©2025 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

12-22-25

Trademark KenKen, LLC Distributed by Andrews McMeel

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

6×	3	2	1	4
1-	4	3	2	1
1	7+	36×	3	2
2	1	4	3	

©2025 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

20×	4	5	3	1	2	6
2÷	6	4	1	2	5	3
3	2	4	5	6	1	
2	6	5	3	1	4	
5	1	6	4	3	2	
1	3	2	6	4	5	

©2025 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

Trademarks KenKen, LLC Distributed by Andrews McMeel

KenKen® is a registered trademark of KenKen Puzzle LLC. ©2025 KenKen Puzzle, LLC. Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication. www.kenken.com