

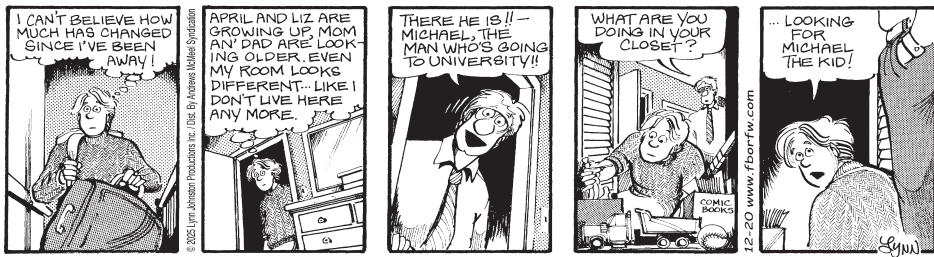
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



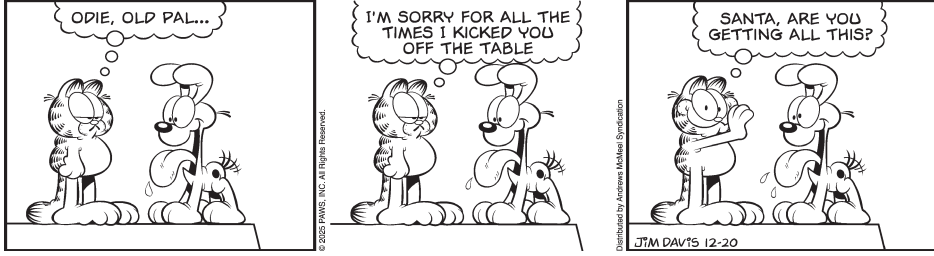
Lynn Johnston

PICKLES



Brian Crane

GARFIELD



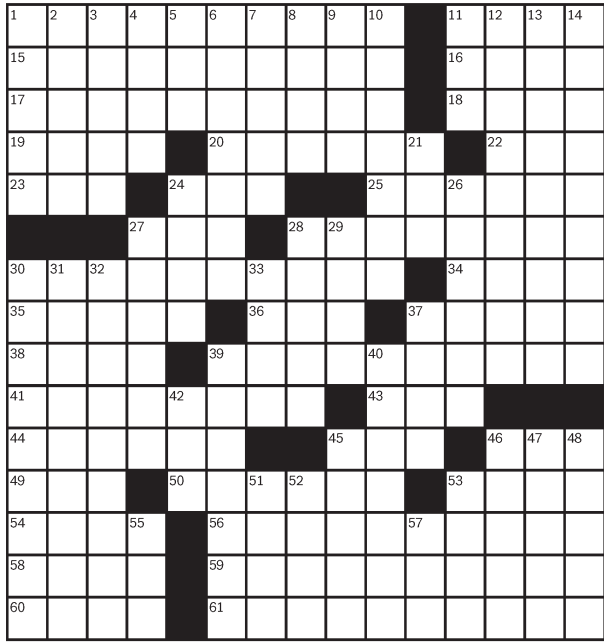
Jim Davis

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Edited by Joel Fagliano

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Unable to move while holding a sleeping baby, in slang
 - 11 Branded T-shirts, pens, phone chargers, etc.
 - 15 Many a role for Keanu Reeves or Bruce Willis
 - 16 Something you should avoid
 - 17 Production company behind TV's "Grey's Anatomy," named for its founder
 - 18 Not had by
 - 19 Assists after a breakdown
 - 20 It's used for hair therapy
 - 22 Racket
 - 23 That way
 - 24 Subject of "the talk"
 - 25 Swear off, with "of"
 - 27 Offering on a sushi menu
 - 28 How one might react during a scary movie
 - 30 Win dough?
 - 34 "No duh!," in modern lingo
 - 35 Kidney-related
 - 36 ____ Trung Thu, harvest festival in Southeast Asia
 - 37 Chick of jazz
 - 38 Gem with a "black" variety
 - 39 "One ..."
 - 41 Game show figure
 - 43 Twist targets, informally
 - 44 Currency of Qatar
 - 45 Sail on the front of a foremast
 - 46 Trophy
 - 49 Fantasy monster whose name is an anagram of another fantasy monster
- DOWN**
- 1 Incredibly bad
 - 2 Exclamation often made while covering the face
 - 3 L.G.B.T.Q. vacation destination on Cape Cod, for short
 - 4 Spam might fill them
 - 5 Angling tool
 - 6 Ducks are seen on ice here
 - 7 Showy purple flower
 - 8 Organic energy source
 - 9 ____ Laszlo, cosmetics businessman
 - 10 Betray
 - 11 ____-Cat
 - 12 Brand associated with push-ups
 - 13 Form of literature coined by Sartre
 - 14 Face justice, in a way
 - 21 Unexposed side
 - 24 Author Silverstein
 - 53 ____ platter
 - 54 Fine
 - 56 Bad way to be caught
 - 58 Source of umami in Japanese cuisine
 - 59 Boisterously joyful
 - 60 Pot filler
 - 61 "Darn tootin'!"



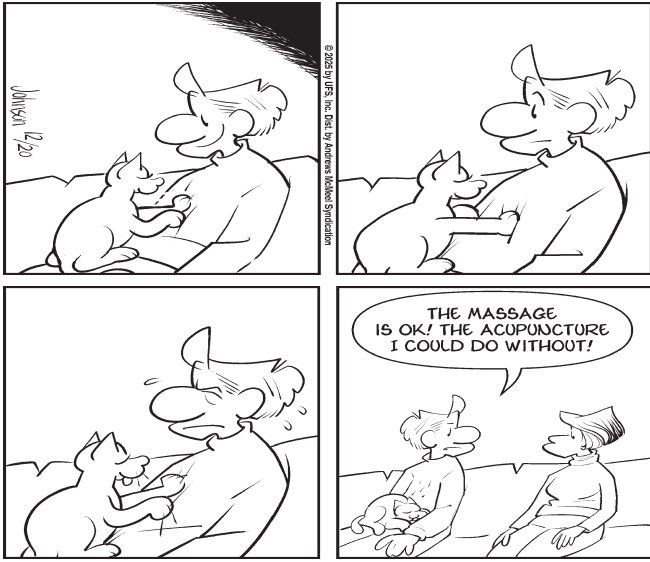
PUZZLE BY KYLE DOLAN

- 26 Mathematician's output
- 27 Plant whose nectar produces the mildly toxic "mad honey"
- 28 Dormant
- 29 Brings in
- 30 Places to keep play things
- 31 Set for service?
- 32 "Regardless ..."
- 33 ____ Day and the Knights, fictional R&B band in "Animal House"
- 37 Salad choice
- 39 Lenten event
- 40 High point of 1950s car design?
- 42 Close of business?
- 45 Martial artist who appeared in three "Expendables" films
- 46 Good-looker
- 47 Flip
- 48 Like a baby's fingers, perhaps
- 51 Plant that thrives in dry climates
- 52 Hangs out, with "around"
- 53 Give the finger?
- 55 "That hurts!"
- 57 Condition of Freud's "Rat Man," in brief

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ARLO & JANIS

Jimmy Johnson

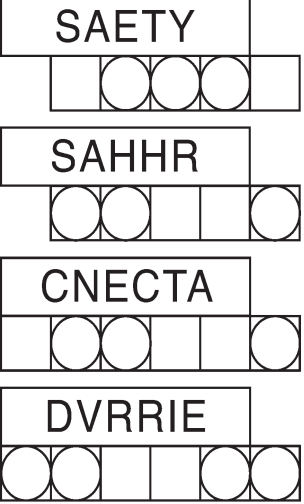


ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PALEODIET	CHAOS
OPENCASES	PENNE
GINGERALE	RATES
STALK	STS
GOAT	SID
GOFETCH	ENDGAME
ORE	SAAG
SEEP	DWELL
SODONE	TIER
ICEDAMS	SLEETED
PORPIC	TALL
GOth	ARE
IK	AS
KEAS	ADDITIVES
RIALS	MINECRAFT
LEMON	SEASHANTY

JUMBLE

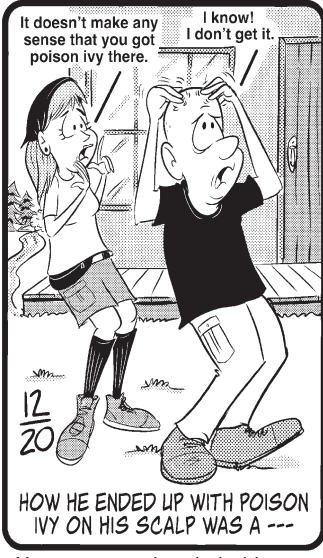
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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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.

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.

HOLIDAY TREATS

Solution: 10 letters

C T B U T T E R B R E N N I D
H I R E T T A L P R S H A R E
O R N T R I F L E T I S A P W
C A B N S E Y T R A P T E R I
O M P I A S K A C Y S U T A N
L I N P S M T A T U U N I L T
A S S H L C O U C E B L B I E
T U T P K E O N N P E A E N R
E E E R O E C T R O U W T E S
E E A J U R G I T O D C S C S
F B A K E D D N D I L O G E H
F M E C I R E M A E K L I M O
O T I U R F C L U R R P S A N
T P K P U D D I N G O N G G E
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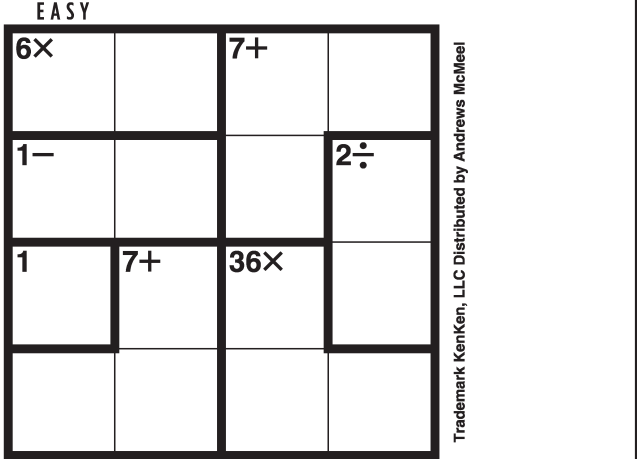
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Apple Cider, Bake, Bark, Batch, Biscotti, Bite, Brittle, Butter, Chocolate, Cinnamon Rolls, Cranberry, Cupcake, Custard, Dinner, Donuts, Eggnog, Fruit, Fudge, Gumdrops, Honey, Jam, Log, Milk, Orange, Party, Pies, Platter, Praline, Pudding, Raisins, Recipe, Rice, Share, Strudel, Sweet, Tarts, Tiramisu, Toffee, Trifle, Walnuts, Winter, Yule

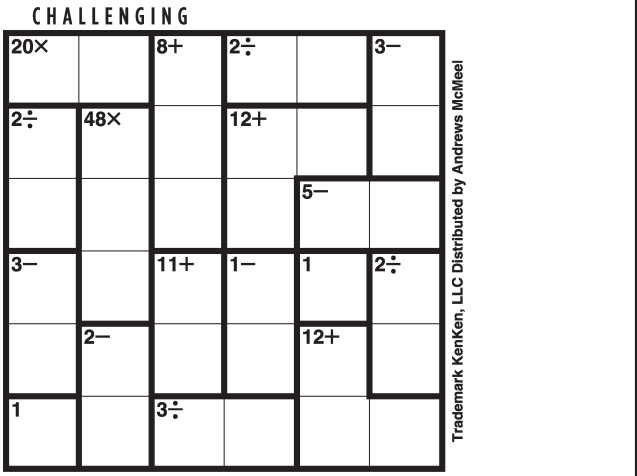
Yesterday's Answer: Somerville

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



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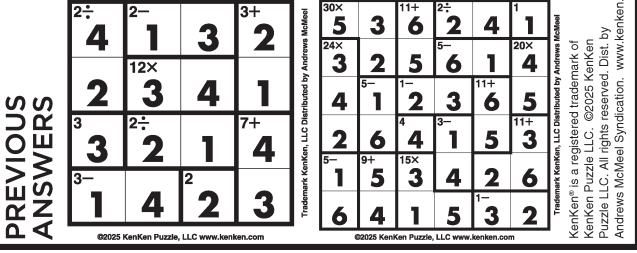


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RULES

- 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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