













**PICKLES** 





33 Resource used in

41 Board game that

versus career

42 "I canNOT handle

this right now'

44 One option in a

47 They form when

snow melts and refreezes

49 Created uppleasant driving conditions,

46 "I told you!!"

begins with players

subscription service

choosing college

paneer (Indian

67-Across

36 Be in one's

good

**37** Ooze

39 Live











### 1 Eating plan that attempts to

- mimic Stone Age conditions 10 It's different from
- randomness, mathematically
- 15 Unsolved mysteries
- 16 Pasta shape similar
- to ziti
- it's not alcoholic
- 19 Celery unit
- 20 Pineapple and Cranberry, for two,
- in N.Y.C.
- 23 Shape of a charm
- antagonist
- cocktail garnish
- "\_\_\_ supuesto!" ("Of course!," in Spanish) 52 Insta post

in a way

- 53 Needing a 34-inch
- inseam, maybe

MUESLI

OHCMON

B O T

LEI

E S P

There has to

than just the

О

JUST

free

Get

**UPEND** 

I D O L R O B S

- associated with classical literature
- "God \_\_\_ Woman"
- feet long
- sleeping sickness
- 11 Whole bunch

- 31 Marvel's "Avengers: 54 Roman Empire invader
  - 56 Verb in each of the first three
  - historian

  - 67 Video game in
  - 68 Fruit that can be used to add

### DOWN

- 2 Honeybee genus
- 3 Fast time?
- 4 Captivate
- Nahuatl
- 6 Aesthetic

- 61 They're the subject of more than 200
- 63 Common things in processed foods
- which users build tools from raw
- highlights to your
- 69 Liner notes?
  - slang

- short
- (book by Ibram X. Kendi)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

could measure its presence in the air

ONE QUALITY THAT HELPED

MARIE AND PIERRE MAKE

Now arrange the circled letters

to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

**BUTTER** 

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES WAS

- year
- 66 Iranian money
- resources

- 1 Cool, in streaming

- 5 Wild cats whose
- and vintage fashion
- 7 Ariana Grande's
- 9 Fly that causes

- sentences of the Gettysburg Address 58 British natural
- Attenborough
- million catalogs a

- name comes from

- 8 Fish that can be 12
- 10 Lifeguard's skill, for
- 12 "How to Be an

PUZZLE BY MALAIKA HANDA

- 13 Nonrecurring payment
- 14 Bit on a bun 21 Beyoncé song
- subtitled "(Put a Ring on It)" 24 Be unchill?
- 26 Inits. for the old East Germany
- 28 Teen drama that revolves around "the scandalous lives of Manhattan's
- elite' 29 Ingredient that resembles soil in "dirt pudding"

19

**JARGON** 

- 30 Squad that trains athletes for the pros
- 35 Understand
- 38 Group of whales 40 Lean to one side
- 43 Little rest 45 Shut again, as a gate
- 48 Beats it 50 Horror character
- known as the Mistress of the Dark
- **57** Actress Falco of "The Sopranos" \_ Bunin, 1933 Literature Nobelist
  - from Russia
  - 60 Adroit 62 ID whose lowest possibility is 001-01-0001

55 Ring in many Renaissance

paintings

64 Cellular data plan? 65 It's badly in need of

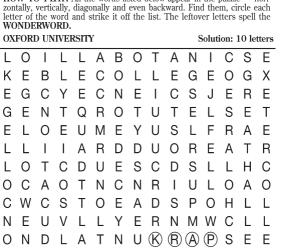
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# WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle - hori-



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RGGUETNEICNAGRE

EAOLFILMEDICINE

MCHRISTCHURCHEE

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## **ARLO & JANIS**

FIRST THERE WAS ONE TEAM, CROWNED BY THE PRESS,





THEN THERE WERE TWO TEAMS, TO SETTLE WHO'S BEST,





2÷ 12X

3 2÷ 3-2

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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. 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. S Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

5 3 4 2 6 1 5 3 4 5 4 2 1 6

6 5 3 1 3 2 1 4 6 3 1

Edited by Joel Fagliano **ACROSS** 

- 17 Despite its name, 18 Subscription prices
- 22 Material for a certain pocket
- that Simone Biles wears on a necklace 25 "Toy Story"
- 27 Where to set a 28 Command that

initiates a chase ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE ASH MARS

I H O P PEA PAZ SHOOTSSOOPS L E G S K N E E N O P E SILOED GASH VET RONESEYESOPEDS ONUSNESLOU STAMENJETLAG P U B T A G L D R S B E S E T T H R O W F O O P 

ROFAPPLAUSE ADFREE PESTER Unscramble these Jumbles,

to form four ordinary words HTACY AREFT INIOCC

one letter to each square

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Yesterday's

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Jumbles: IRONY Answer: They'd been driving for hours, so when they saw the motel, they were - READY TO TURN IN