

# PUZZLES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 8 | 9 |   | 1 |   |   | 7 |   |
|   | 7 |   |   | 3 | 5 |   |   | 4 |
|   | 5 |   | 7 | 4 |   | 8 | 1 |   |
|   |   |   |   | 6 | 8 | 1 | 5 |   |
| 9 | 1 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 8 | 2 |
|   | 6 | 8 | 2 | 9 |   |   |   |   |
|   | 2 | 5 |   | 8 | 3 |   | 4 |   |
| 7 |   |   | 1 | 2 |   |   | 6 |   |
|   | 4 |   |   | 7 |   | 9 | 2 |   |

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## PREVIOUS SOLUTION

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

## 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.

THE COMMON BLACKBIRD

Solution: 10 letters

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

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Aery, Africa, Australia, Aves, Azores, Bill, Birdsong, Cued, Diets, Dipper, Eurasian, Europe, Films, Hedgerows, Holly, Home, Insects, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Ledge, Leucistic, Melodious, Merula, Monogamous, Moon, Omnivorous, Orange, Plumage, Poliocephalus, Pyracantha, Rain, Shinier, South, Structure, Temperate, Thrush, Turdus, Wosel, Yellow  
**Last Saturday's Answer: Soap Opera**  
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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

|      |   |    |     |    |            |  |  |  |  |
|------|---|----|-----|----|------------|--|--|--|--|
| EASY |   |    |     |    | WORKSPACE: |  |  |  |  |
| 2÷   |   |    | 12× | 3  |            |  |  |  |  |
|      |   |    |     |    |            |  |  |  |  |
| 12×  | 2 |    |     | 3+ |            |  |  |  |  |
|      |   |    |     |    |            |  |  |  |  |
|      |   | 3- |     |    |            |  |  |  |  |
|      |   |    |     |    |            |  |  |  |  |
| 2-   |   |    | 2÷  |    |            |  |  |  |  |

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|----|-----|--|----|-----|-----|--|----|--|--|
| 2  | 5-  |  | 2÷ | 1-  |     |  |    |  |  |
| 5- | 8+  |  |    |     | 40× |  |    |  |  |
|    |     |  | 4- | 3-  |     |  | 3÷ |  |  |
| 1- | 13+ |  |    |     | 3   |  |    |  |  |
|    |     |  | 4  | 10+ | 9+  |  |    |  |  |
|    |     |  |    |     |     |  | 6  |  |  |

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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.

|     |    |   |   |   |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12× | 2÷ | 1 | 2 | 4 |     | 5   | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| 3   | 1  | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11+ | 4   | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4   | 3  | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8+  | 1   | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 2÷  | 1  | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3÷  | 6   | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 2÷  | 2  | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3   | 12+ | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
|     |    |   |   |   | 3   | 31  | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 |

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## YOUR HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Show how innovative you can be this year. Try something new; take a unique approach to handling both personal and professional responsibilities. A change will do you good.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Refuse to get bogged down with tedious details. Be open to suggestions, but do what feels right. A physical change will turn out better than anticipated.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Be careful what you wish for. Consider what's worked for you in the past and rearrange your day to ensure you don't fall behind. Dedication and loyalty will make a difference to the outcome of an important deal.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Pour everything you've got into pumping up your reputation and connecting with people who have something to contribute.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let what others do influence you. Aim to stabilize your life, not disrupt it. Concentrate on the things and the people you enjoy most.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You need a change. Consider what stimulates you mentally and physically and head in that direction. Romance will enhance your life and lead to new and exciting opportunities.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Knowing what's expected of you and how best to use your skills and experience to come out on top will enable you to outmaneuver any competition.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Socialize, network and keep busy doing the things you do best. Spend time with people who share your interests.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. Get organized, take care of your responsibilities and move on to the things you enjoy most.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Trust will be difficult when dealing with someone using emotional blackmail. Don't believe everything you hear. Let your gut feeling lead you in the right direction.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't make a move because someone else does and prompts you to follow suit. Being a friendly observer will serve you well and offer insight into the changes needed to ensure you are successful.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Check the online job market or consider offering your skills to organizations you'd like to work for. Someone you have collaborated with will offer information that will encourage you to try something new.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Put more time and effort into the way you do things. Details will make the difference when you present what you have to offer. Someone who owes you a favor will offer good advice and hands-on help if you ask.

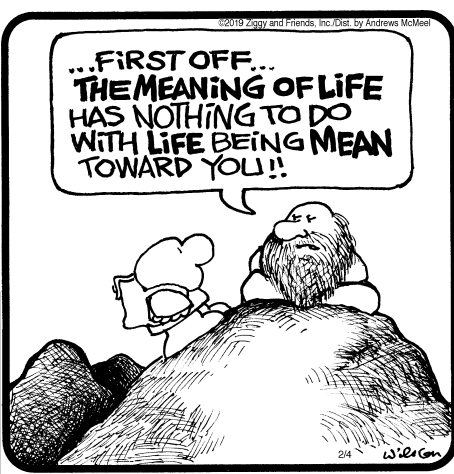
By Eugenia Last

# CLASSIC COMICS

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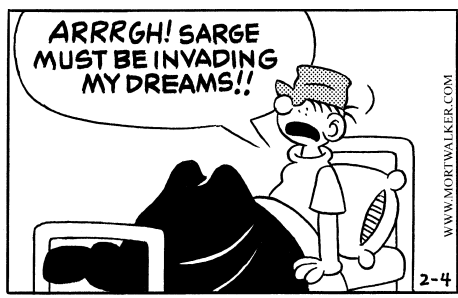
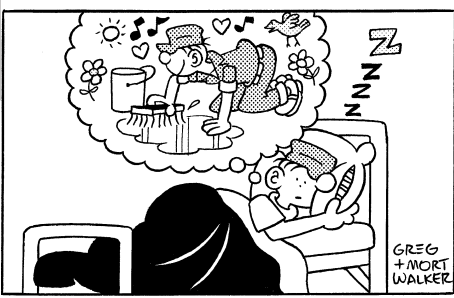
By Tom Wilson HERMAN

By Jim Unger



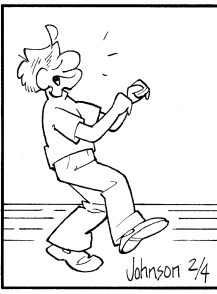
BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker



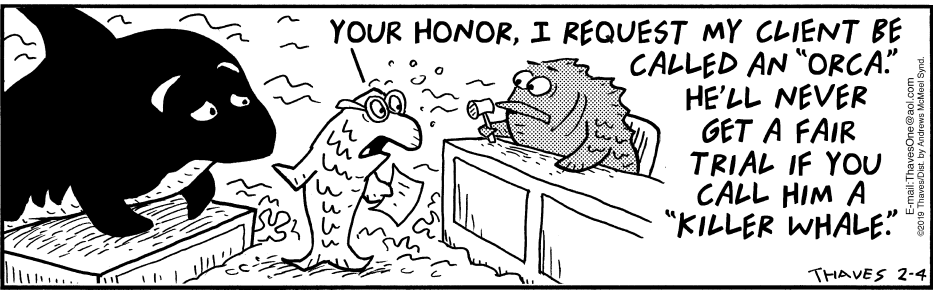
ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson



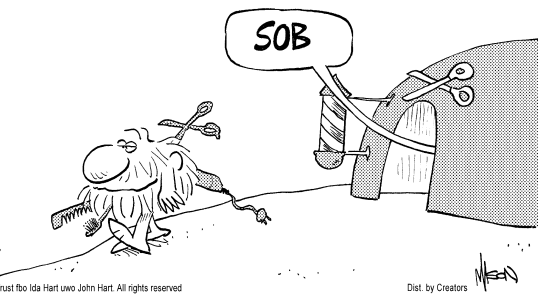
FRANK & ERNEST

By Thaves



B.C.

By Mastroianni & Hart



# NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

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## ACROSS

- Exchange after a lecture, informally
- Room just under the roof
- Sweetheart
- Base just before home base
- Postponed for later consideration
- "You young people go ahead!"
- Country between Ecuador and Bolivia
- Part of a tree or a book
- Lowest workers
- GI's ID
- "That's so funny," in a text
- Lack in energy
- Dull, as a finish
- Begged earnestly
- Make a goof
- Free-\_\_\_\_ (like some chickens)
- Punk offshoot
- "Don't leave this spot"
- Cairo's land
- Force to exit, as a performer
- Hosp. trauma centers
- Broadway's \_\_\_\_ O'Neill Theater
- Puppeteer Lewis
- \_\_\_\_ Fein (Irish political party)
- Either side of an airplane
- Traffic reporter's comment
- Plant-eating dino with spikes on its back

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| 19 |    |    |    |    |    | 20 |    |    |    | 21 |    |    |    |    |
|    | 22 |    |    | 23 |    |    |    |    | 24 |    |    |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 25 |    |    |    | 26 | 27 |    |    | 28 | 29 |    |    |
| 30 | 31 | 32 |    |    |    |    | 33 |    |    |    |    |    | 34 |    |
| 35 |    |    |    |    |    | 36 | 37 |    |    |    | 38 |    |    |    |
| 39 |    |    | 40 | 41 |    |    |    |    |    | 42 | 43 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 45 | 46 |    |    |    |    |
|    | 44 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 51 | 52 | 53 |    |    |    | 54 | 55 |    |    |    | 56 |    |    | 57 |
| 58 |    |    |    |    |    | 59 |    |    |    | 60 |    |    |    |    |
| 61 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 62 |    |    |    |    |
| 63 |    |    |    |    | 64 |    |    |    |    |    | 65 |    |    |    |

PUZZLE BY BRIAN THOMAS

- Discover almost by chance, as a solution
- Hoppy brew, for short
- Helper in an operating room
- Another name for O<sub>3</sub> (as appropriate to 17-, 25-, 44- and 58-Across?)

## DOWN

- Brand of swabs
- Man's name related to the name of Islam's founder
- Lead-in to glycerin
- Prolonged dry spell
- "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing"
- Assert without proof
- Cry of triumph
- Spat
- Last words before being pronounced husband and wife
- Not drive by oneself to work
- Cheery greeting
- Ares : Greek :: \_\_\_\_ : Norse
- Loch \_\_\_\_ monster
- Patron of sailors
- Kingly name in Norway
- \_\_\_\_ Bo (exercise system)
- Make great strides?
- Highest digits in sudoku
- "Holy cow!," in a text
- Quarry
- Plant supplying burlap fiber
- Kitten's sound
- Spirited horse

- Sextet halved
- "i" or "j" topper
- Dictionaries, almanacs, etc., in brief
- Poodle's sound
- Scoundrel, in British slang
- What a setting sun dips below
- Urge (on)
- "Who'da thunk it?!"
- Professor's goal, one day
- \_\_\_\_ Jemima
- Mexican president
- Enrique Peña \_\_\_\_
- Company in a 2001-02 business scandal
- Enthusiastic assent in Mexico
- Web address starter
- On the waves
- Fly high
- Notes from players who can't pay
- Bit of inheritance?
- The Buckeyes of the Big Ten, for short
- However, briefly

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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