

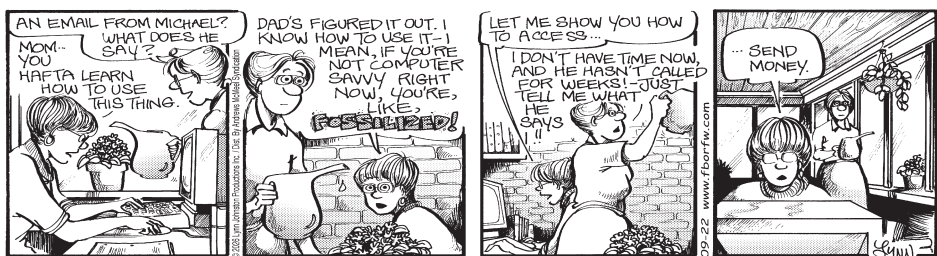
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



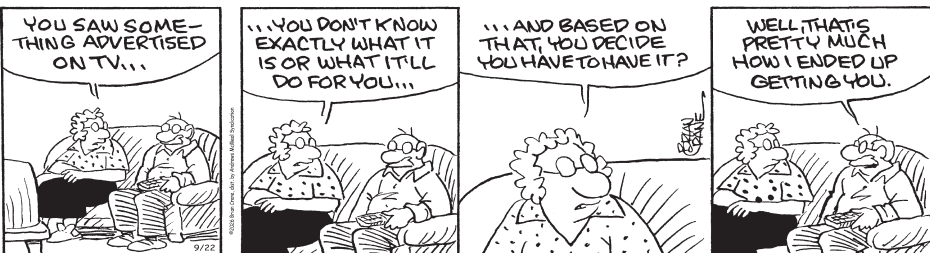
Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



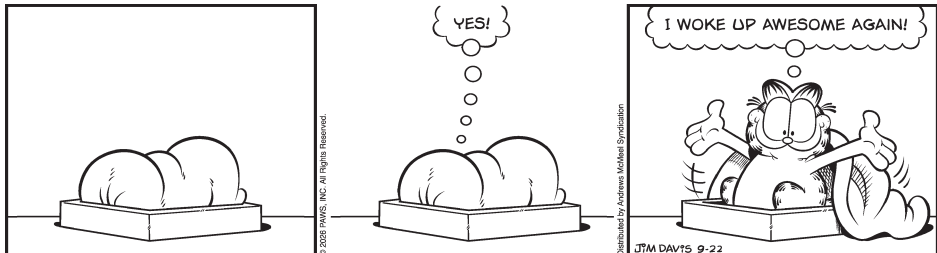
Lynn Johnston

PICKLES



Brian Crane

GARFIELD



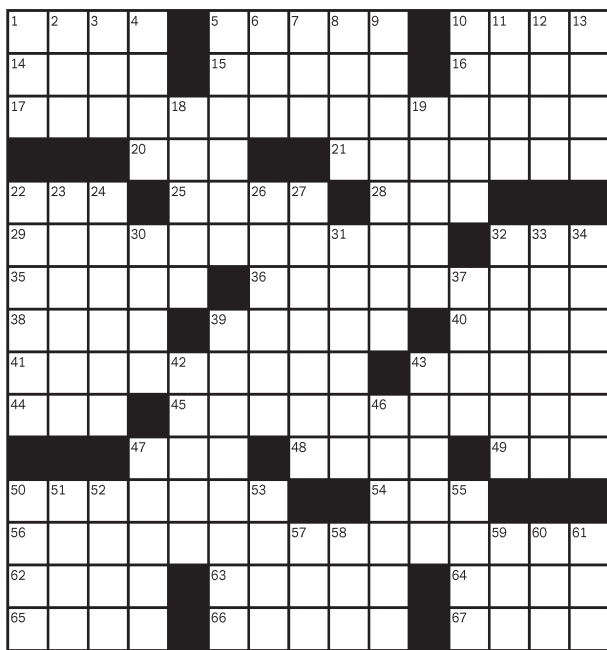
Jim Davis

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Assistance
- 5 Dickens villain — Heep
- 10 Bears' lairs
- 14 Plant with many topical uses
- 15 Downright unpleasant
- 16 Meaning of "vidi," in Caesar's boast
- 17 Classic Beethoven piano piece
- 20 Fed. agency overseeing the stock market
- 21 To blame
- 22 Online Q&A
- 25 ___ ex machina
- 28 Home to Kosovo and Monaco: Abbr.
- 29 Academy Award-winning tune from "La La Land"
- 32 "Chiseled" muscles
- 35 Of yore
- 36 Snippet in a film review show
- 38 "Looper" director Johnson
- 39 Sarcastic title girl of 1990s-2000s MTV
- 40 Utah skiing destination
- 41 Coverers of current events
- 43 Boss (around)
- 44 Phoenix basketball player
- 45 1983 Eurythmics hit whose full title includes "(Are Made of This)"
- 47 Popular fantasy role-playing game, in brief
- 48 Spies
- 49 "___-haw!"
- 50 It has its x's and y's
- 54 T-shirt or blouse
- DOWN**
- 1 Scene stealer
- 2 Eponym of a chess rating system
- 3 British bathroom
- 4 Writes
- 5 International aid org.
- 6 Cloth covered in dust, say
- 7 "... or so"
- 8 Lead-in to "boy!" or "girl!"
- 9 Madness
- 10 Kuwaiti currency
- 11 The elder of a pair of biblical twins
- 12 The "N" of N.A.A.C.P.: Abbr.
- 13 Smack, as flies
- 18 Gave false hopes
- 19 Coming in handy
- 22 Nuts whose shells look like they have little berets
- 23 Environs



PUZZLE BY JEREMY VENOOK

- 24 When Hamilton and Burr had their duel
- 26 Manufactured in America
- 27 What gossipers and tall buildings are full of
- 30 Desires
- 31 Fly in the sky
- 32 Like some theme park passes
- 33 "Oh, buzz off"
- 34 Thin on the ground
- 37 Give a hoot
- 39 Morning condensation
- 42 Channel that rebranded with "NOW" in its name in 2025
- 43 "Citizen Kane" director Welles
- 46 Forfends
- 47 Part of a pantheon
- 50 "Famous" cookie baker
- 51 Anti-friction fluid
- 52 High-end private jet, familiarly
- 53 Hairstyle associated with Jimi Hendrix and Angela Davis
- 55 Send an instant message
- 57 Sardine container
- 58 Refuse to share
- 59 Glop
- 60 Mario has a red "M" on his
- 61 Howe'er

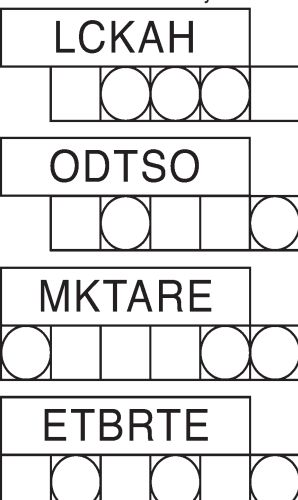
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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.



(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLESS TIGHT SNAPPY THRIVE
Answer: America's westward expansion throughout the 1800s took place — IN STAGES

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.

BONNIE TYLER (1951-2026)

Solution: 12 letters

B M O C Y E N O H Y M Y M C T
G L S U L L I V A N O T O T Y
N C U P E G A I R R A M R N W
I I C E A T D U E T M E O A H
D T C W S U O L A I B S L E O
R N E E L C L U T O B E A I P
O E S L P I H T R C S R L G K
C H S S V A E A B I T N B H I
E T E H R D S E R A N E U T N
R U S M C V K S C T L G M I S
O A O S I C L H I I S L S E I
N N I N O H E R O O O I A S P
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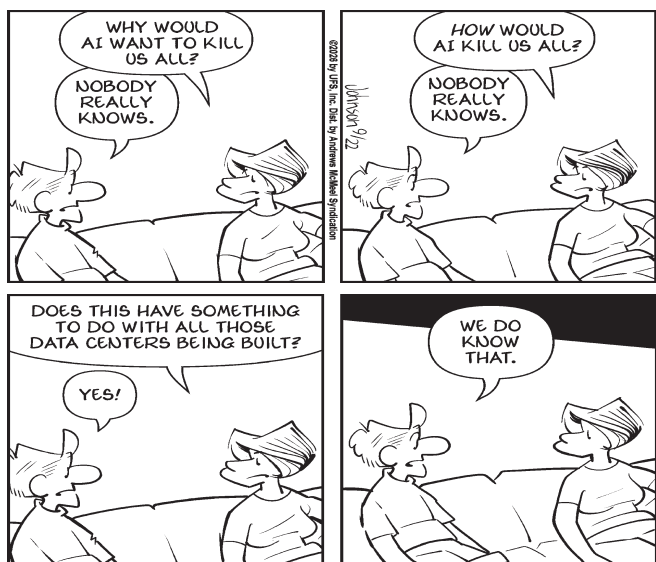
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Yesterday's Answer: Oyster

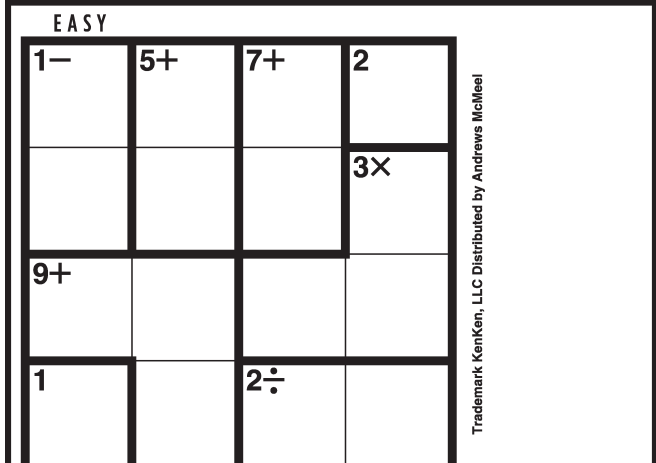
ARLO & JANIS

Jimmy Johnson

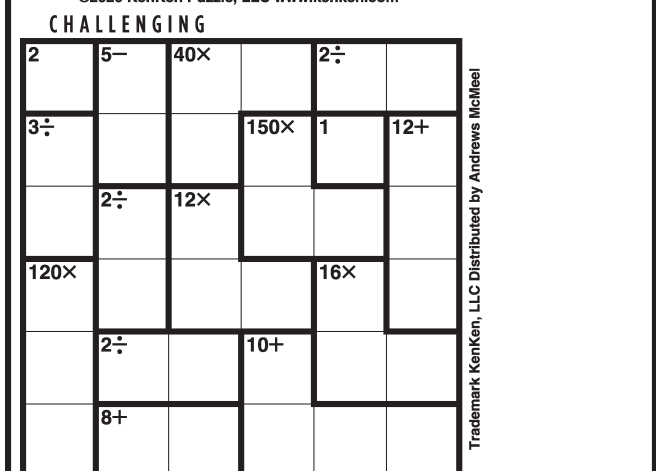


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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

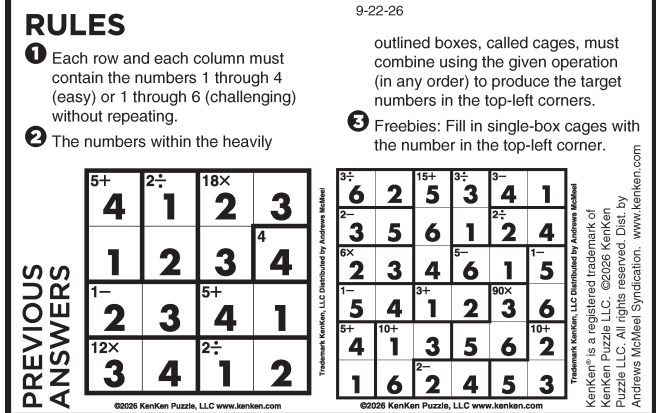


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