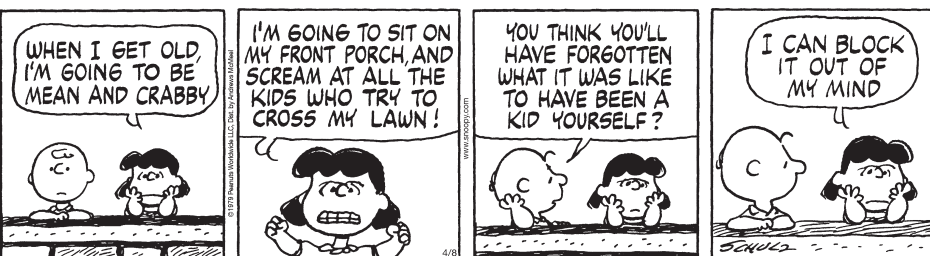


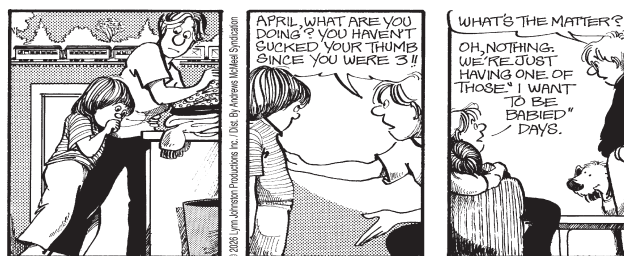
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PEANUTS



Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



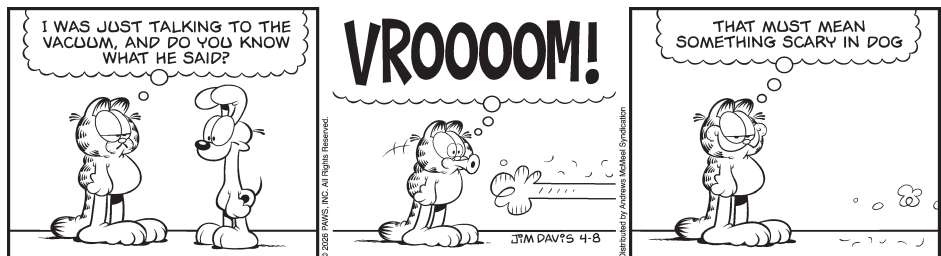
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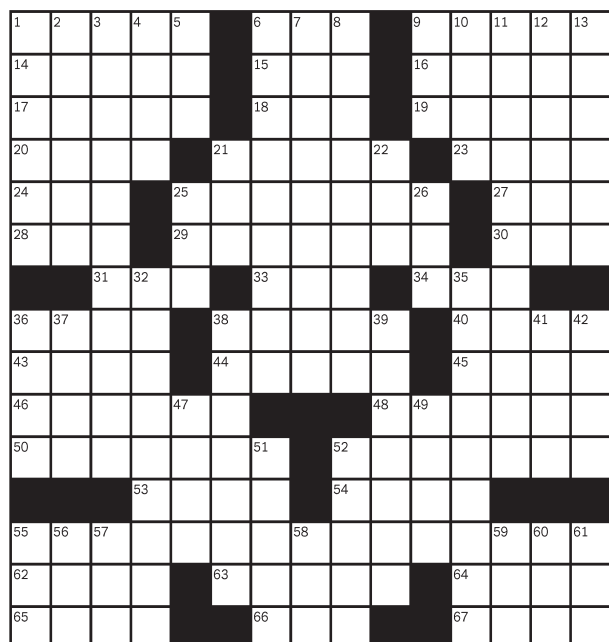
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- ACROSS**
- N.H.L.'s \_\_\_ Bay Lightning
  - Parapsychologist's study, for short
  - "Star Wars" droid, informally
  - April Fools' Day sign
  - Letters before a stage name
  - In need of patching, perhaps
  - Hillocks
  - Test the water?
  - Spicy chip brand
  - To-do?
  - Oversold
  - Minor menace
  - Colony member
  - Persian, \_\_\_, Oriental, Navajo
  - Golf item in a bag
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- MASALA ELM ACRID  
 ESPIES SOUTHERA  
 STIRTHEPOT SITAR  
 ARTSIAN AMIRITE  
 SOS GETUPTOSPEED  
 BLUR AINT  
 SLAPS LINK TEE  
 FIRSTTHINGSFIRST  
 OPS RUES ROUTS  
 SASS PONE  
 STRETCHLIMOS CBD  
 TOOLATE HOT OREO  
 UNDER SHOWERGIFT  
 NIECE UMP NORMIE  
 SCOTS POE TWEETS

- Motivational cheer
- Insignificant amount
- \_\_\_ Majesty
- Saucer crew, in brief
- "Wowzers!"
- Part of a rock band?
- Japan's national sport
- Reach an end
- M.B.A. subj.
- "Ozark" actor Morales
- Like many drama school students
- Made an appearance
- Mini mart?
- Brings out
- Where you might drink from a junmai glass

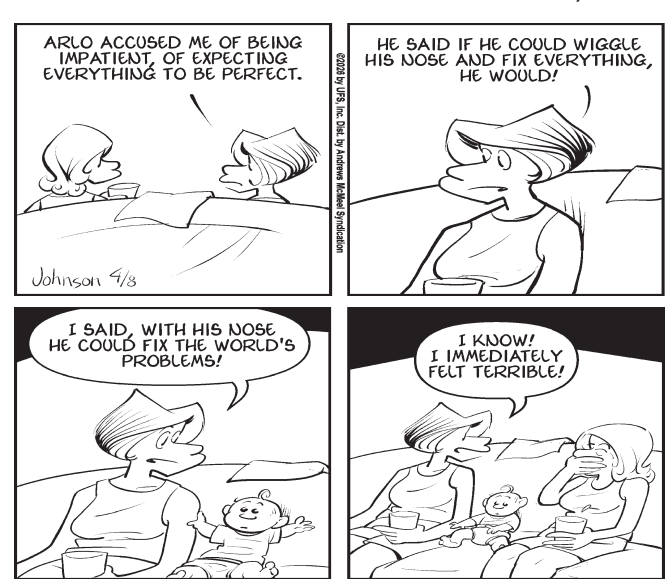
- DOWN**
- Dental hygienist's target
  - Grande of "Wicked"
  - Twain, \_\_\_, Hamill, Wahlberg
  - Glimpse
  - Stubborn sort
  - "Slow down there, big guy!"
  - Metro, \_\_\_, Sports, Lifestyle
  - Like e-statements and digital receipts
  - Key near Ctrl
  - Bring in
  - Red velvet, \_\_\_, Black Forest, angel food
  - "Ah, that's making sense to me now"
  - Delicacy that's often slurped
  - "Ben-\_\_\_"



- PUZZLE BY WAYNE BERGMAN
- Mercury, but not Venus
  - Flooring choice for a mudroom
  - Believe (to be)
  - Violin, \_\_\_, cello, \_\_\_
  - "Need a hand?"
  - Caves in
  - Pay for play, perhaps
  - March Madness placement
  - Business card abbr.
  - Strikebreaker
  - Outstanding
  - Cassette successors
  - Pontiac in a '60s song
  - Head covering?
  - Brings a fresh effort (to)
  - Brief time periods
  - Insurance co. for military families
  - Make a list of
  - Cousins of grommets
  - Foreshadowing
  - Place for eggs
  - Japanese belts
  - Swerve
  - Mail, as payment
  - Ford flop
  - Canadian leaders, for short
  - Mideast inits.
  - Caustic cleaner
  - Woman with a chronological name?
  - Home of the Natl. Museum of Mathematics
  - Stat that may be weighted
  - Cry uncontrollably
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## KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

**EASY**

2	7+		24X
3+			
12+		2÷	
			3

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**CHALLENGING**

90X	5-		20X	14+
	2÷			1
			8+	2
				6X
6	11+			2÷
				1-
7+			9+	
			120X	

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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.

**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

6X	1	3	2	4
7+	3	4	1	2
2÷	4	2	3	1
18X	2	1	4	3

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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

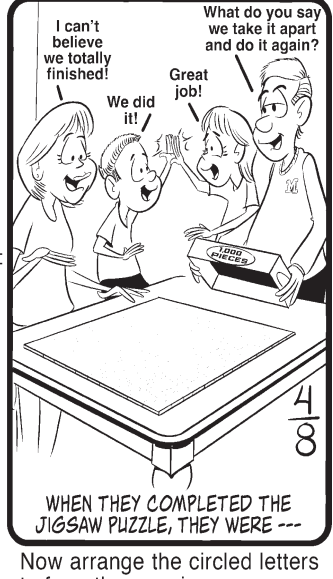
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## 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.

INEXPENSIVE WATCHES Solution: 10 letters

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

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Yesterday's Jumbles: DEPTH STASH APPEAL COOKIE  
 Answer: To reach the mountain's summit, climbers need to be in — TIP-TOP SHAPE

(Answers tomorrow)

Akribos, Bands, Bargain, Battery, Bracelets, Business, Cases, Casio, Chain, Chic, Citizen, Clip, Cost, Crystal, Dress, Geox, Gift, Glow, G-Shock, Leather, Links, Luxury, MIDO, Nate, Online, Order, Power, Price, Retail, Sapphire, Seiko, Smart, Sports, Stainless, Steel, Steinhart, Stuhrling, Style, Suit, Swatch, Swiss, Thrift, Timex, Tissot, Vaer, Value

Yesterday's Answer: Choice