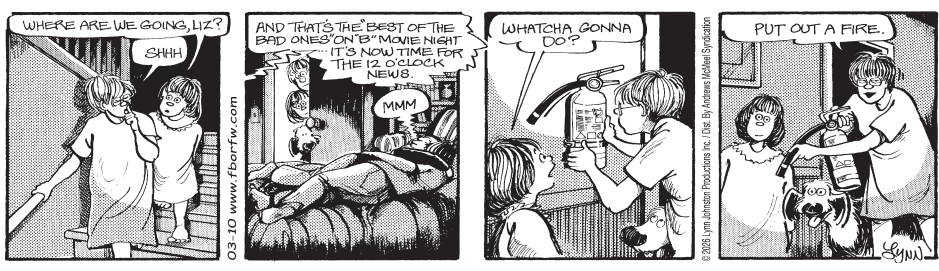
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS — Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE — Lynn Johnston



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GARFIELD — Jim Davis

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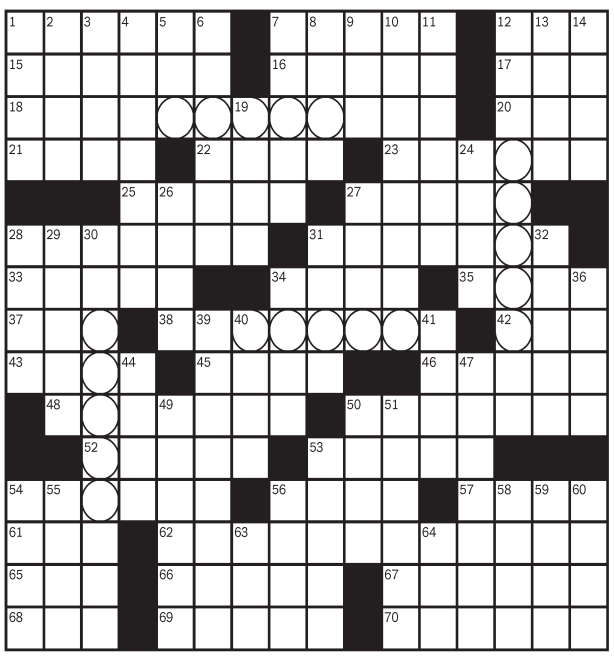
ACROSS

1 Daytona 500 org.
7 Cloth shopping bags
12 Advanced to the next round of musical chairs, say
15 "Their exact words were ..."
16 Toy company behind Frisbees and Hula Hoops
17 "Sex and the City" network
18 Narrow, focused perspective
20 "___ for one and one for ___!"
21 E, on a compass
22 Villain in Shakespeare's "Othello" and Disney's "Aladdin"
23 Assigned a job
25 Pizzeria fixtures
27 Blackjack player's request
28 Magazine for the small screen since 1953
31 Parent's curt response to a kid's "But why?"
33 Ballet dancer's handrail
34 Unaccompanied
35 "You can say ___ again!"
37 Place for a seaweed body wrap
38 Sign near a freshly applied coat
42 Number represented by candles on a cake
43 Toe treatment, in brief
45 ___ of the Horse (2026 in the Chinese zodiac)
46 "You win! I give up!"
48 One might be sworn to it
50 Golf count
52 Dog harness attachment
53 Beyond well-done
54 Maker of skintight swimwear
56 Exceptionally good, in Gen Z slang
57 "Very funny!"
61 Dallas N.B.A. player, for short
62 What children should use at the library ... and a literal description of the circled letters in this puzzle
65 Any number raised to the 0th power
66 "Say cheese!"
67 People with custody of things, typically
68 Toothpaste type
69 Evil spells
70 Feel remorse about

DOWN

1 Evening, in ads
2 Blue-green hue
3 Pair orbited by the fictional planet Tatooine
4 Use makeup to sculpt and define, as facial features
5 Had a meal
6 Depended (on)
7 Tiny tree branches
8 Very
9 Word before chi or after mai
10 8-) or ;-P
11 Beethoven's "Moonlight ___"
12 Burger chain with custard-based drinks
13 Ready, willing and ___
14 Spilled the beans
19 Rooftop accessory often shaped like a rooster atop an arrow
24 Salacious material
26 Oceanfront room feature
27 Prefix with pad or port
28 One of eight in a stick of butter: Abbr.
29 Uses an e-cigarette
30 Stage of education
31 Tusked swine
32 Bird on Mexico's flag
34 Fix, at the vet's
36 Some concert souvenirs
39 "Look this way, class"
40 The "T" in STEM, informally
41 Go sour, as milk
44 Slurpee alternative
47 Potentially suspicious response to "What are you doing?"
49 Red bit in a salad
50 "You betcha!"
51 The ___ Project (mental health organization for LGBTQ+ youth)
53 ___ one's time (waits patiently)
54 Skyline haze
55 Window section
56 Submit one's taxes
58 Taiwanese PC maker
59 "Present!"
60 The "A" in T.A.: Abbr.
63 Highest roll of a standard die
64 Have debts



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

H	E	R	S		L	E	S	S		E	B	B	E	D
A	V	E	C		E	T	O	N		N	O	R	T	H
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G	R	O	U	N	D	H	O	G	D	A	Y			
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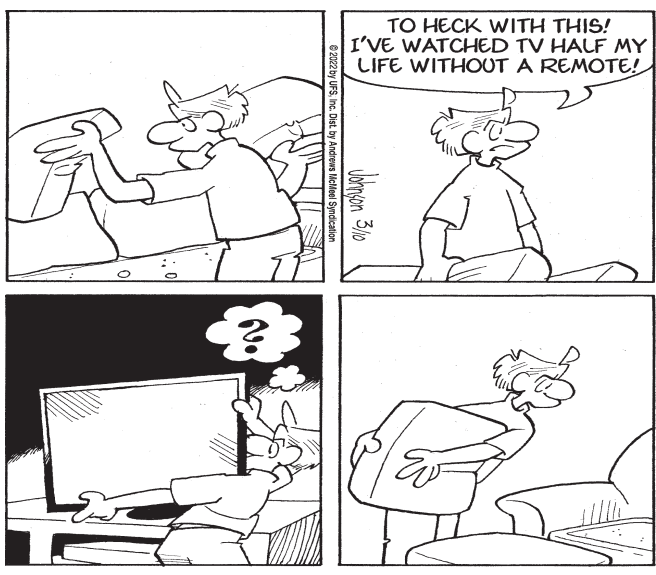
ARLO & JANIS — Jimmy Johnson



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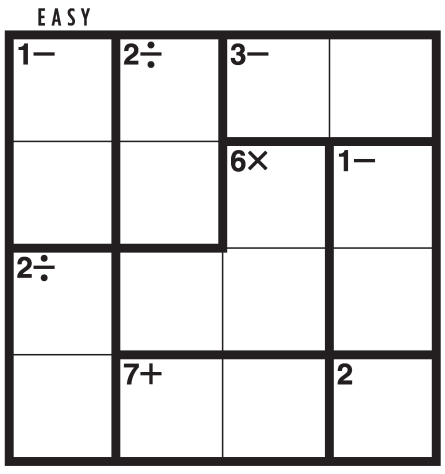
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY



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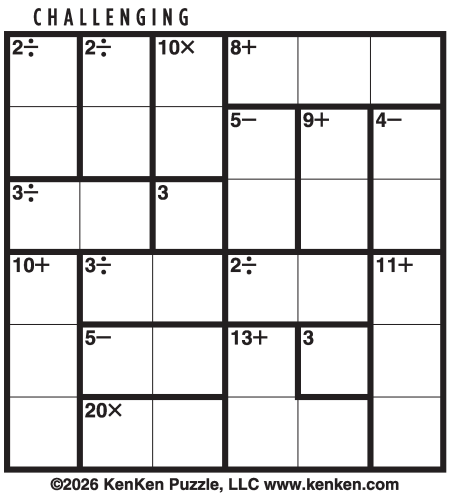

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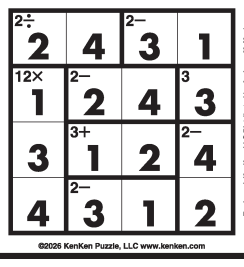
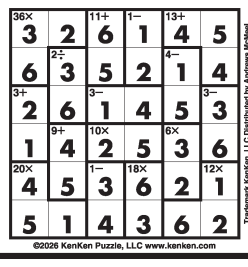
RULES

1. 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.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS





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JUMBLE

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

HKACL

PNARO

YMBDEO

EANBCO

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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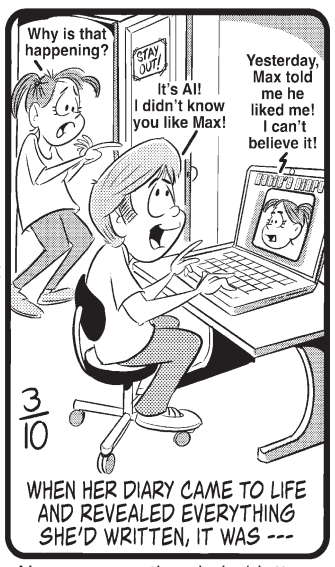

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWFUL DOUBT POLISH TIMELY
Answer: The only type of bird that says "who" is — "OWL" BY ITSELF

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.**

TUVALU, SOUTH PACIFIC — **Solution: 10 letters**

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

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Bananas, Breadfruit, Canoe, Club, Coconut, Coral, Crab, Dive, Ellice, Funafuti, Futuna, Habitat, Heritage, Islands, Jobs, King Tides, Lagoon, Locals, Marine, Music, Nanumanga, Nanumea, Nauru, Niulakita, Niutao, Nui, Nukufetau, Nukulaelae, Oceania, Polynesian, Rain, Samoa, Sand, Scuba, Swim, Tropical, Vaitupu, Village, Water, Waves

Yesterday's Answer: Relaxing