

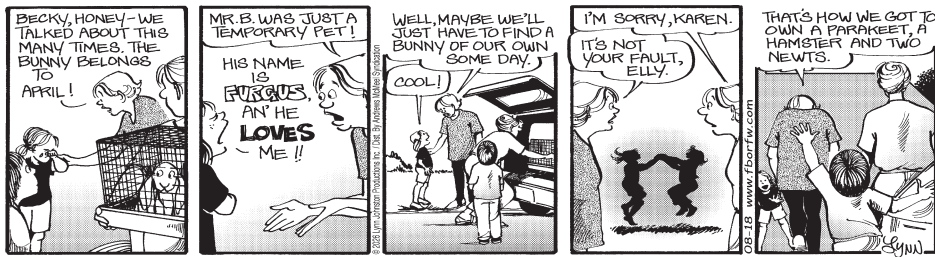
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



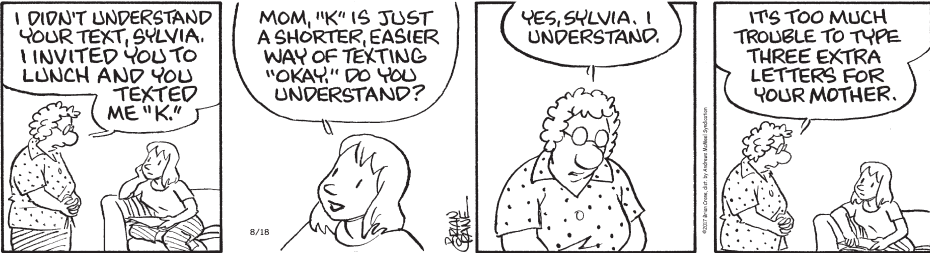
Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



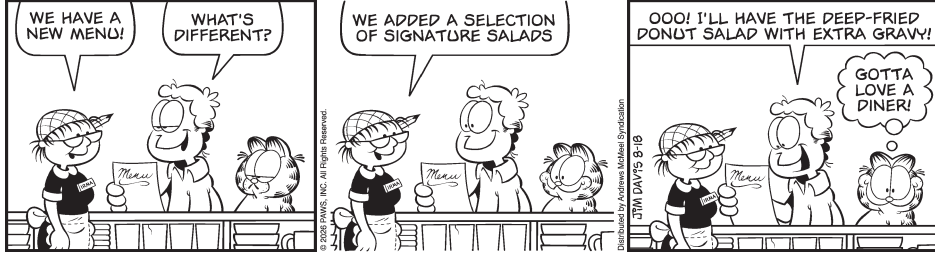
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PICKLES



Brian Crane

GARFIELD



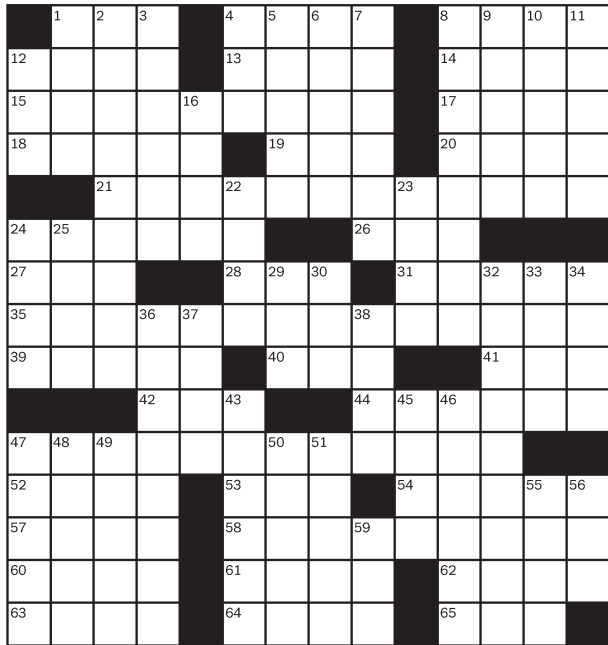
Jim Davis

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Closest bud
- 4 Put-up job
- 8 Destination for some sci-fi travelers
- 12 ___ and dear
- 13 Magician's "Look at what I just did!"
- 14 Supportive advocate, as for L.G.B.T.Q. rights
- 15 Corrupting sorts, in an orchard metaphor
- 17 Merest little chirp
- 18 Folded French pancake
- 19 ___ mode (in the fashionable style)
- 20 Industry showcase
- 21 Nightmares for nannies
- 24 "We come in peace" speakers, in a sci-fi trope
- 26 Youngest woman ever elected to Congress, familiarly
- 27 + or - particle
- 28 Word after twin, tanning or trundle
- 31 Rapper ___ Rhymes
- 35 Movie review site with a percentage rating scale
- 39 Schnozzle
- 40 Firefighter's tool
- 41 Helpful posting at a trailhead
- 42 "Stop, Look and Listen" spot, e.g., in brief
- 44 Curiosity and Perseverance, for two
- 47 Novelty dance with comical elbow-flapping
- 52 Hasn't been canceled
- 53 Stimpy's TV companion
- 54 ___ peek
- DOWN**
- 1 Campsite crasher in the Rockies
- 2 Gradually blends with
- 3 Chilled coffee drink
- 4 Longtime NASCAR sponsor
- 5 Special request for a flight meal
- 6 Singer with the best-selling album "21"
- 7 Ancient fortress overlooking the Dead Sea
- 8 Slice of Life or nick of Time?
- 9 Assistant with a whisper mode
- 10 Gave it a rest?
- 11 Writing wrongs
- 12 Jimmy Fallon's network
- 16 Underappreciated worker, say
- 22 Library ID
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- 24 Publicizes
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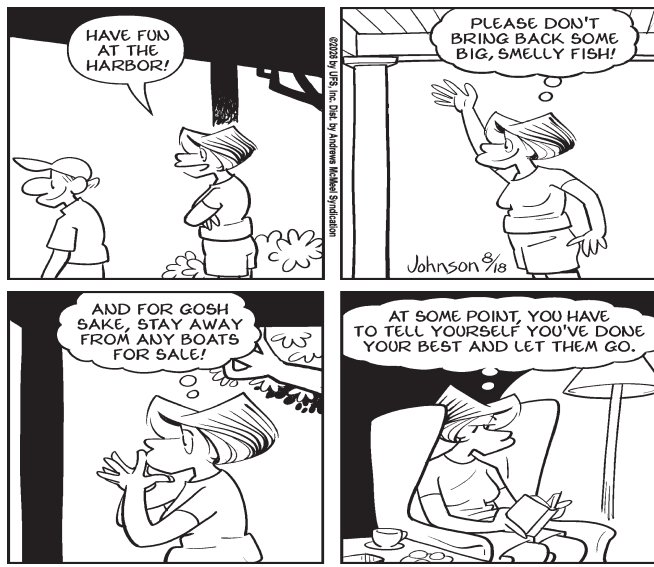
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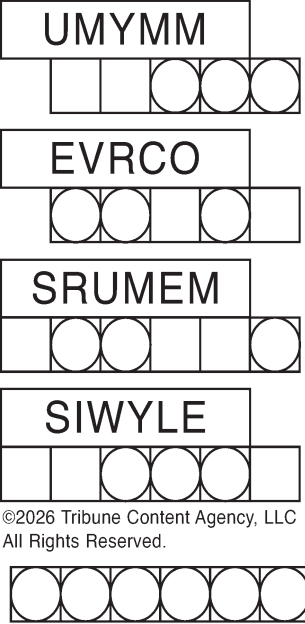


ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



JUMBLE

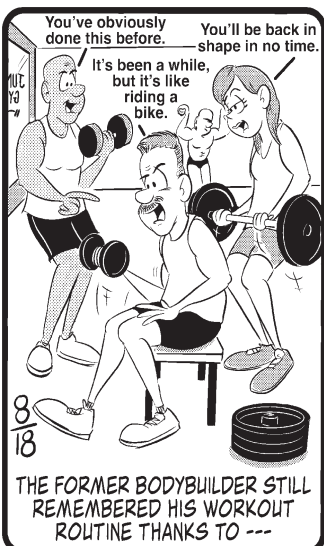
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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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)

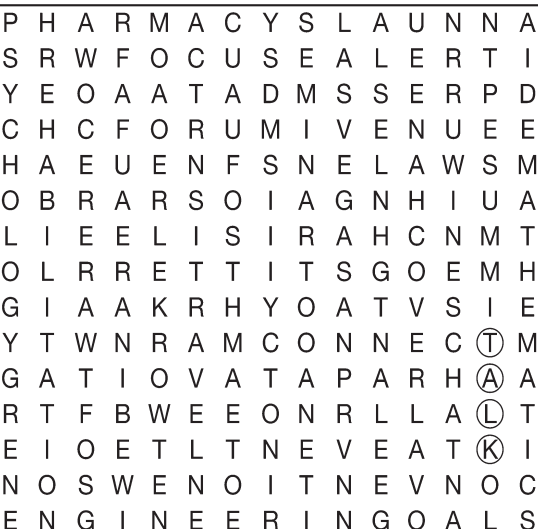
Yesterday's Jumbles: SLASH JELLY CHROME WOBBLE
Answer: Getting her first customer after opening her own salon filled the stylist with — SHEAR JOY

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.

CONFERENCES AROUND THE WORLD Solution: 10 letters



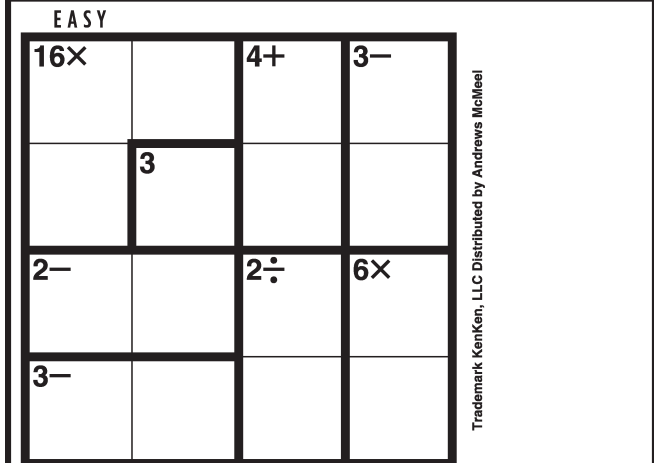
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Yesterday's Answer: Musician

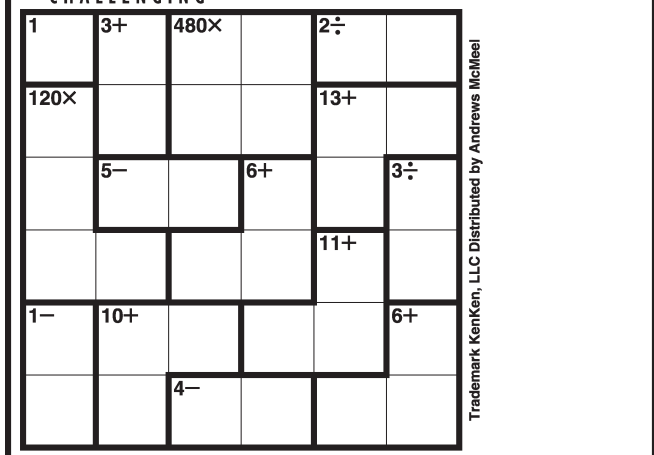
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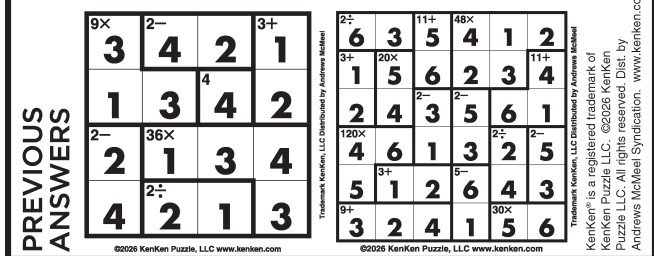
CHALLENGING



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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.



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