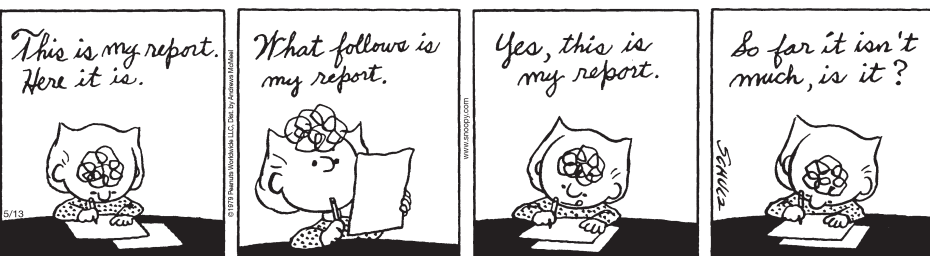
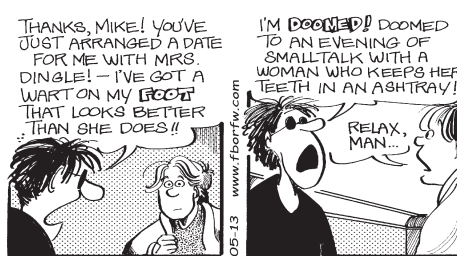


# CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



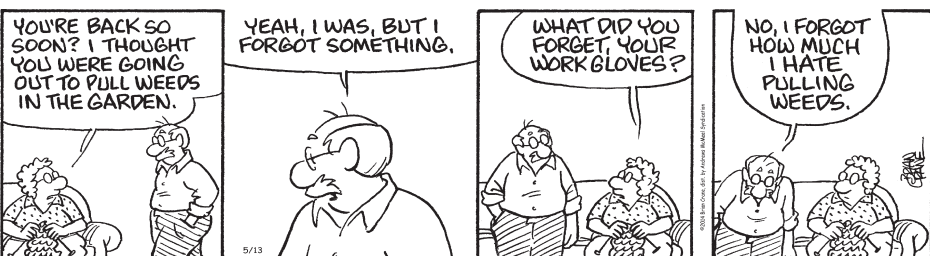
Charles Schulz FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



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PICKLES



GARFIELD

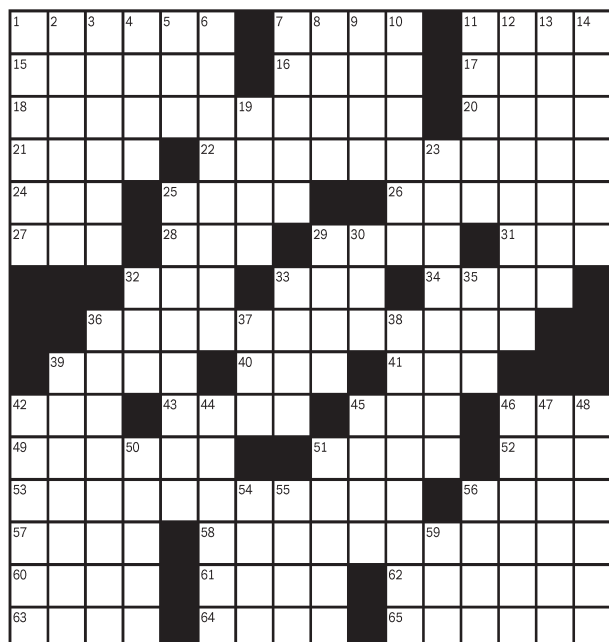


# NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- "I'm afraid not," quaintly
  - Food brand for Fido
  - Like major-city airports, typically: Abbr.
  - Cash in
  - Avocado dip, informally
  - Take a risk
  - Audience's reverent response to a symphony finale?
  - Keenly interested
  - Shakespearean "soon"
  - That certain je ne sais quoi in Beethoven's "Moonlight"?
  - Commotion
  - Measure of college readiness, for short
  - Knuckled rub to the scalp
  - Publishing house workers: Abbr.
  - Goal
  - Wood-shaping hand tool
  - Tagging symbols
  - \_\_\_-Magnon
  - Vegas opener?
  - Perry of pop
  - Opportunity for a choral understudy?
  - Belgrade native
  - "Beats me," in a text
  - Caviar, essentially
  - Miss Piggy, for one
  - Assns.
  - Extended comedic riff
  - Hindi for "rule"
  - Chant heard at the start of "Hot Hot Hot"
  - Girl in Glasgow
  - Alias initialism
- DOWN**
- Covered passageway
  - Meteor in a November shower
  - Enhancing accessories
  - Actor Astin of the "Lord of the Rings" films
  - Original Super Mario Bros. console
  - Oversight
  - Author's representative
  - Moon over Managua
  - Treaty
  - What Saturn's moon Enceladus and Jupiter's moon Europa are both believed to have
  - The Gem State
  - Find one's way
  - Dublin college founded in 1592
  - Apartment planter sites, perhaps
  - When to play a note with sudden strong emphasis?
  - "Groovy, man"
  - Popular flavor of bubble tea
  - "What's Opera, Doc?," e.g.?
  - Volunteer's offer
  - Hits hard
  - Respond, as a pupil might
  - Ending with kitchen
  - Painter Paul
  - Key of Brahms's Symphony No. 4



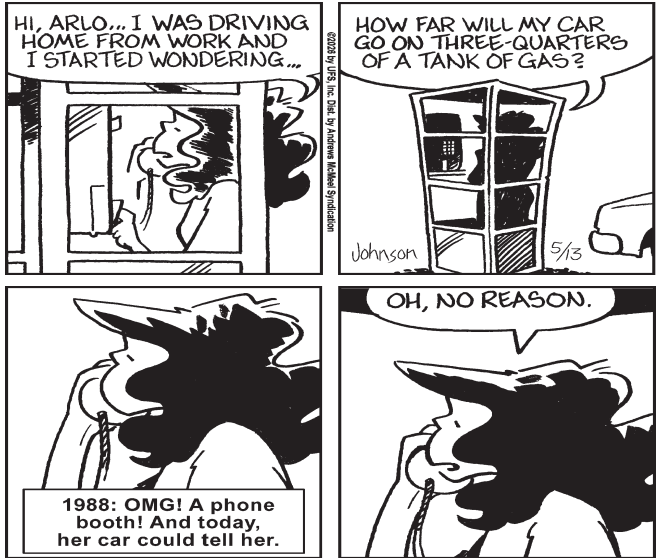
Puzzle by Philippe Monfiston

- Good gardening soil
- Traditional samurai hairstyles
- Graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , for example
- Frame for a game of pool
- Forehead marking at the start of Lent
- Convention bldg., in a mailing address
- Dudes, in British English
- Big name in hardware stores
- Underground scurrer
- Half of a darting motion
- Jean-Bertrand \_\_\_, 1990s Haitian leader
- One-man band, for example
- Sentimental sort
- Comment
- Make \_\_\_ (earn vast sums)
- Unit of angular measurement
- Like
- Rolling Stones frontman
- Absorber of UV light
- Charter
- Word with cavity or contraceptive
- One acting rather quiet?
- Savory South Asian rice cake
- Lower, as lights

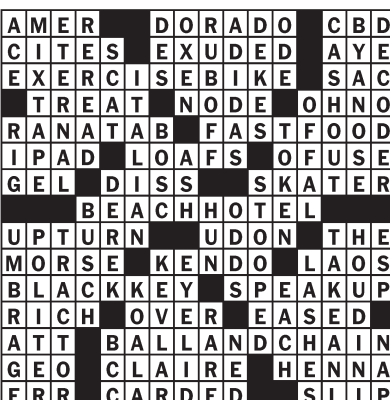
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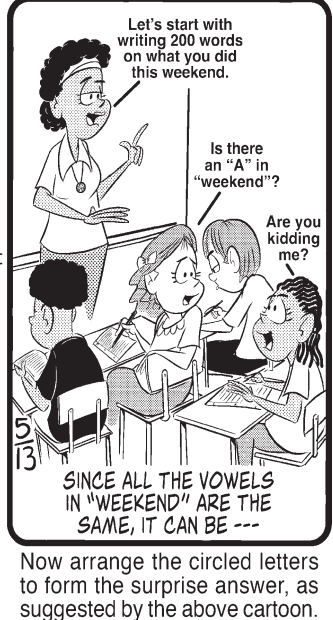
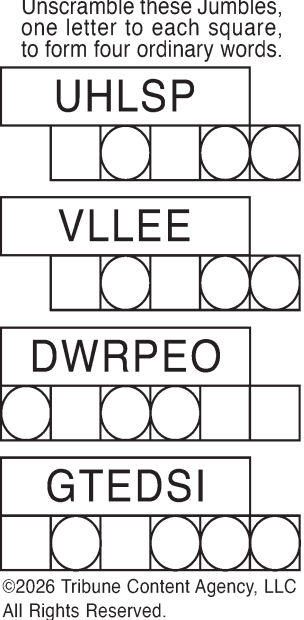


## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



## JUMBLE

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

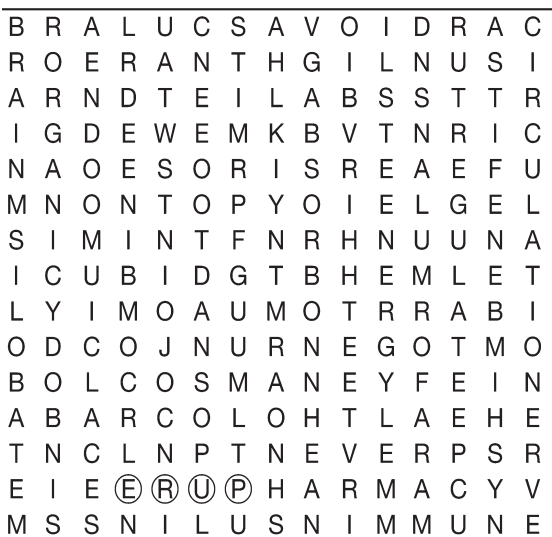


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

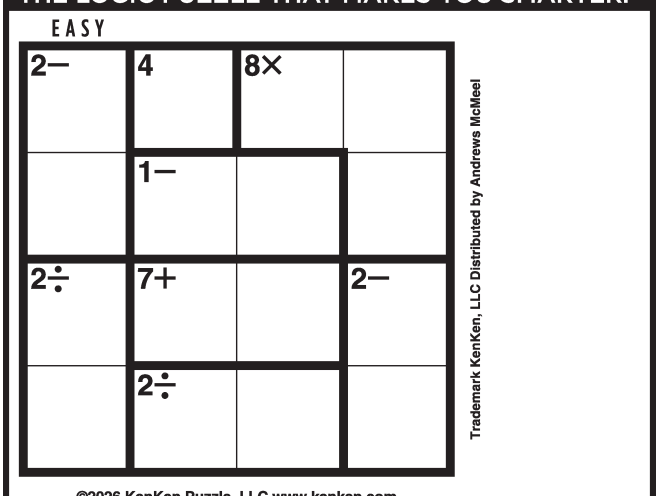
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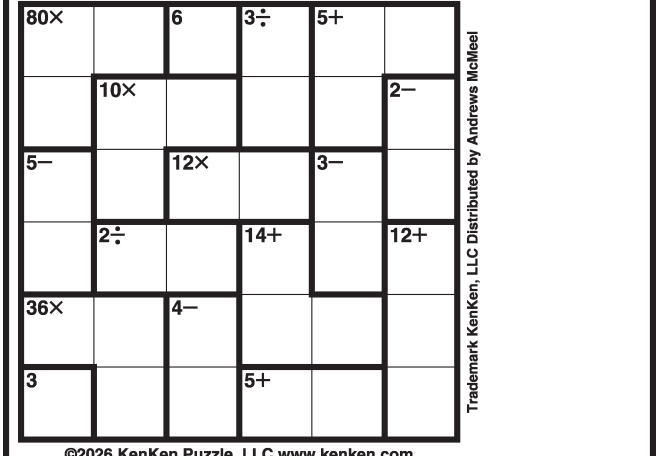
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Yesterday's Answer: Gridlock

## KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

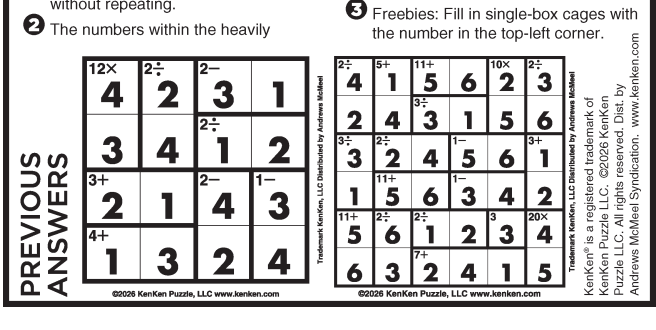


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1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.  
2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce 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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