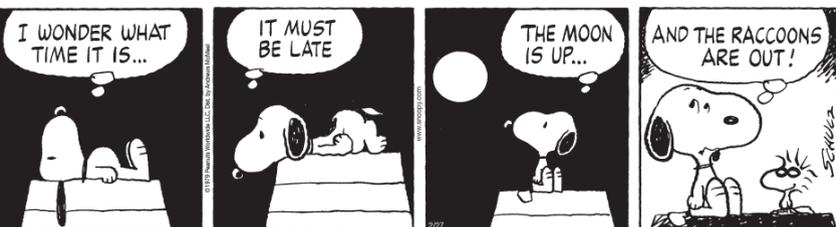


CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS



Charles Schulz FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



PICKLES



Brian Crane GARFIELD



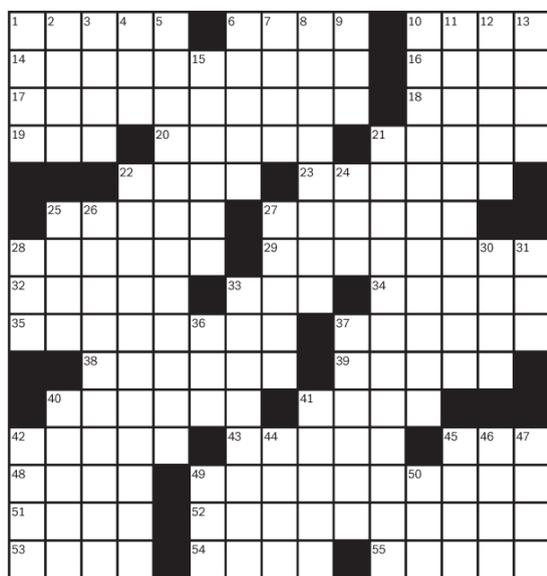
Jim Davis

NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited by Joel Fagliano

No. 0123

- ACROSS**
- 1 Barely enough
 - 6 What some may be dyeing to conceal?
 - 10 Environmental concern
 - 14 "Don't be absurd!"
 - 16 ___ Mountain (ski area in Killington, Vt.)
 - 17 She's out there!
 - 18 Many a choirgirl
 - 19 "Black-ish" patriarch
 - 20 Dulcet
 - 21 Fiddle with feathers, say
 - 22 Backstreet ___
 - 23 Like kyawthuite, among gems
 - 25 Designer Geoffrey
 - 27 A-list
 - 28 Like quartzite vis-à-vis quartz
 - 29 They really click as a pair
 - 32 Masters of manipulation
 - 33 Commercial predecessor of Geo
 - 34 Capital near the Red Sea
 - 35 Micromobility option
 - 37 On the level
 - 38 Mouth organ
 - 39 Internal turmoil
 - 40 Say "I do," say
 - 41 One may be carried in a concert hall
 - 42 Recent recruit
 - 43 First name on the Supreme Court
 - 45 Zilch
- DOWN**
- 1 Completely convinced
 - 2 French letter opener
 - 3 Niche for a shrine
 - 4 Essence of the matter
 - 5 "I'll take the blame"
 - 6 Some body builders?
 - 7 Broccoli ___
 - 8 How to look at your hot fudge sundae
 - 9 A little possessive, perhaps?
 - 10 Pocket money
 - 11 Momentous moments
 - 12 Bits in a byte, e.g.
 - 13 "I'm listening"
 - 15 One who's on the defense, perhaps
 - 21 Digital applications?
 - 22 Longing look
 - 24 Rigi of Switzerland, e.g.
 - 25 One setting on speakers
 - 26 Classic toy for budding engineers
 - 27 Long look
 - 28 Peach or plum
 - 30 Interest of Marco Polo, with "the"
 - 31 Settled on the bottom?
 - 33 Gelded
 - 36 ___ Fridays
 - 37 Hangouts
 - 40 Grammy-winning R&B singer named for a Revlon fragrance
 - 41 They make streaks on cheeks
 - 42 Mass
 - 44 Tip
 - 45 Trattoria tubes
 - 46 Couple
 - 47 Funeral ___
 - 49 Texter's "ciao"
 - 50 Late actor Kilmer



PUZZLE BY JOYCE KELLER

- 21 Digital applications?
- 22 Longing look
- 24 Rigi of Switzerland, e.g.
- 25 One setting on speakers
- 26 Classic toy for budding engineers
- 27 Long look
- 28 Peach or plum
- 30 Interest of Marco Polo, with "the"
- 31 Settled on the bottom?
- 33 Gelded
- 36 ___ Fridays
- 37 Hangouts
- 40 Grammy-winning R&B singer named for a Revlon fragrance
- 41 They make streaks on cheeks
- 42 Mass
- 44 Tip
- 45 Trattoria tubes
- 46 Couple
- 47 Funeral ___
- 49 Texter's "ciao"
- 50 Late actor Kilmer

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 7,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).
Read about and comment on each puzzle: nytimes.com/wordplay.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

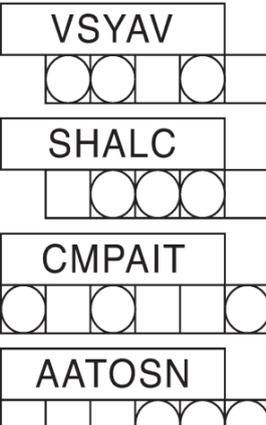


JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.



(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOMP FRAME DRIVEL ENTICE
Answer: For the inmates, eating meals in the prison cafeteria is part of their — TIME SERVED

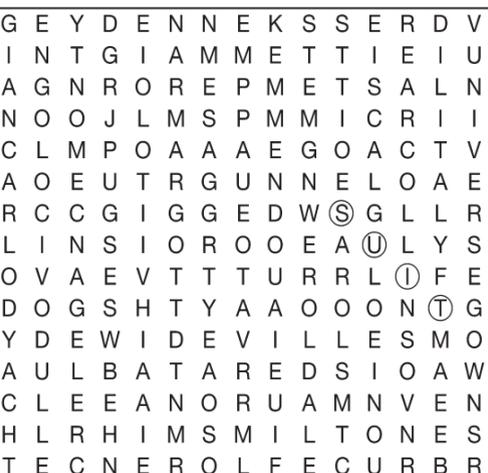
WONDERWORD

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.

VALENTINO (1932-2026)

Solution: 5 letters



© 2026 Andrews McMeel Syndication www.wonderword.com

2/27 Belt, Bruce, Château, Collins, Cologne, Designer, De Wideville, Dogs, Dress, Elegance, Florence, Garavani, Giammetti, Giancarlo, Gowns, Italy, Joan, Kennedy, Last Emperor, Life, Ludovico, Maggie, Margot, Maude, Mauro, Milton, Molly, Monte, Monty, Oliver, Paris, Pugs, Ready-To-Wear, Reds, Rome, Rosa, Suit, Tolo, Via Condotti, Vogue, V-Universe, Yacht
Yesterday's Answer: Caffeine

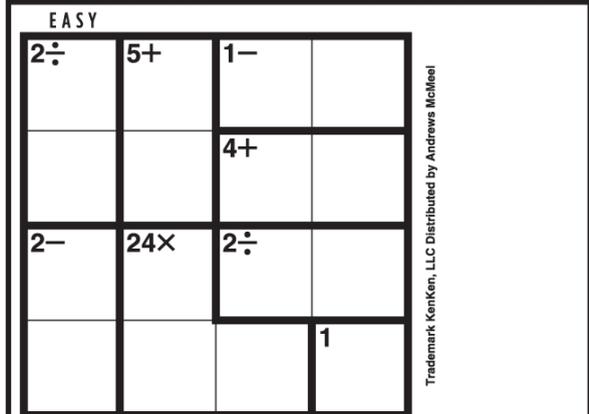
ARLO & JANIS

Jimmy Johnson



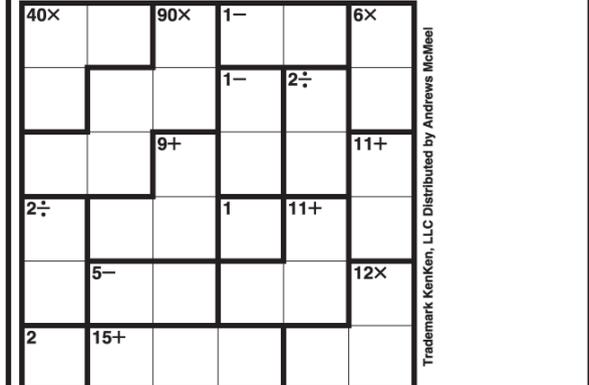
KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

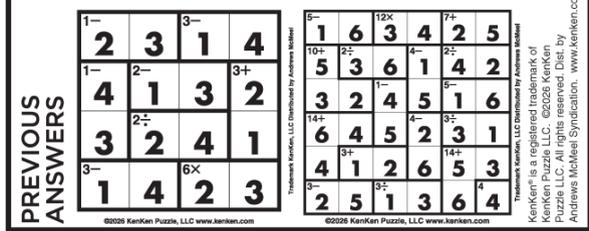


©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

2-27-26

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.



©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com