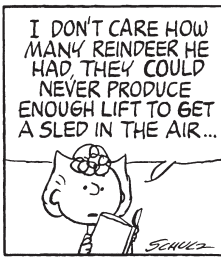
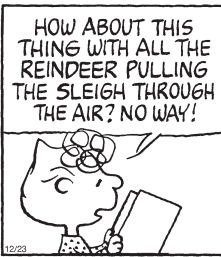


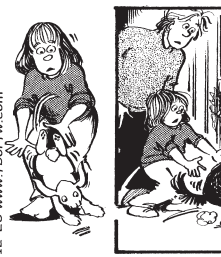
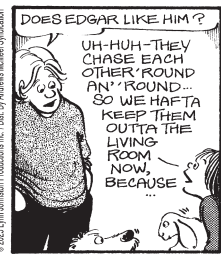
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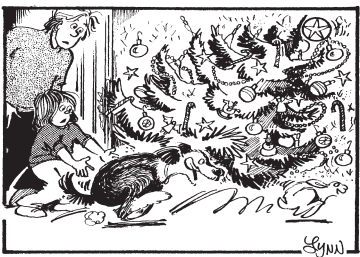


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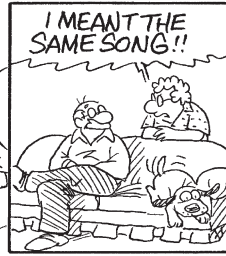
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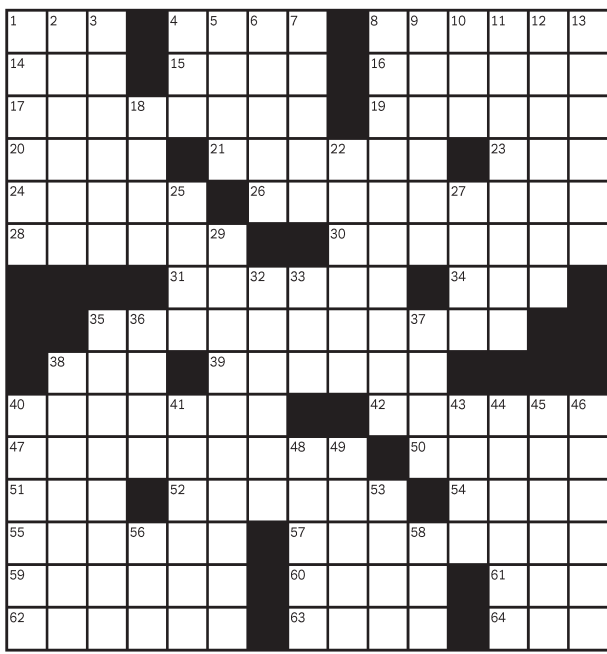
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- ACROSS**
- 1 First female musical artist to have a simultaneous #1 film and #1 album, familiarly
- 4 Rebound, as a pool shot
- 8 Requirement for domestic air travel starting in 2025
- 14 Body part that might "pop"
- 15 Words of understanding
- 16 \_\_\_ State, nickname for New York
- 17 Soften, as a message
- 19 Kitchen strainers
- 20 "Don't go!"
- 21 Appear gradually from the black, as a film image
- 23 Industrialist Lilly
- 24 Native led by Montezuma
- 26 A very high price, so to speak
- 28 Cereal variety from Switzerland
- 30 Lead female character
- 31 Summer temp, say
- 34 River's bottom
- 35 Dentist, colloquially
- 38 Actress Long of "Boyz n the Hood"
- 39 Gets back together
- 40 Shipped without prepaid postage, for short
- 42 Much of Mauritania and Mali
- 47 Japanese stadium that has hosted M.L.B. and N.F.L. games
- 50 Martian explorer

- DOWN**
- 1 Last number in a countdown
- 52 Surgical stitch
- 54 Used a loom
- 55 Related to spiritual cause and effect
- 57 Collection of tasks ... or what 17-, 26-, 35- and 47-Across comprise?
- 59 Timeless, to a poet
- 60 Small vortex
- 61 "Thanks, Captain Obvious!"
- 62 Best-of-seven games, say
- 63 Make airtight
- 64 Fancy hotel amenity



PUZZLE BY JOE DEENEY

- 13 Fancy
- 18 They wink and blink
- 22 Filmmaker Nora
- 25 Advertising award
- 27 Southwestern wolf
- 29 Presents
- 32 Punctual people are said to arrive on this
- 33 End of an academic address
- 35 One fiddling around in a workshop
- 36 Like granola bars, typically
- 37 Onetime leader in St. Petersburg
- 38 Newborn child
- 40 Excites
- 41 Trigonometry ratio
- 43 Coyote's cry
- 44 Steers clear of
- 45 Excites
- 46 First name of the Queen of Soul
- 48 Quiets on Zoom
- 49 Wear away
- 53 Classic Icelandic saga
- 56 Scanner whose field strength is measured in teslas, for short
- 58 Toondom's Olive

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



JUMBLE

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

SNIYO

TNERU

NWIENR

TTCDEE

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Answer here: ○○○○ - ○○○○○○

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOUSE TABOO PERMIT BIGGER

Answer: While making cupcakes for her son's baseball team, she said — BATTER UP

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

**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.

FESTIVE FASHION

Solution: 7 letters

T N E M E T A T S H I M M E R  
R U F F L E S L E E H H G I H  
E G E T A R B E L E C G G N I  
N L A P B E V E N I N G O E N  
D Y T H O E (K) D L O D F W W E  
Y S H A N (L) L S U E F R N Y S  
R W E T (I) A I T H I U A T E T  
E E R (S) R T F S H I N C E A O  
D A I E S I I C H S N S V R N  
I T M T T L R U S E I E L S E  
O E A G L I G T S T D L E T S  
R R L E M R O S E G L O V E S  
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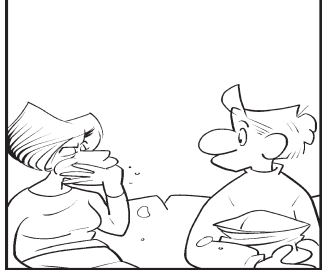
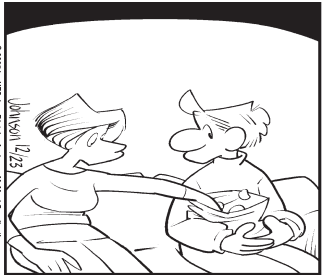
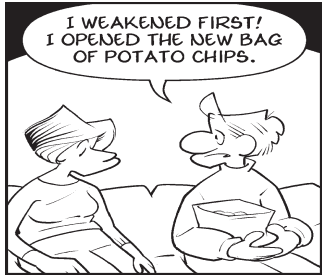
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Belt, Boots, Bowtie, Celebrate, Champagne, Chiffon, Crimson, Dazzle, Dress, Embellished, Embroidery, Emerald, Evening, Event, Feather, Fun, Glam, Gloves, Gold, Gown, Hats, High Heels, New Year's, Outfit, Polished, Redness, Rhinestones, Ring, Ruffles, Scarf, Shimmer, Shine, Silk, Silver, Star, Statement, Suit, Trendy, Ugly Sweater, Velvet, Vest

Yesterday's Answer: Peppermints

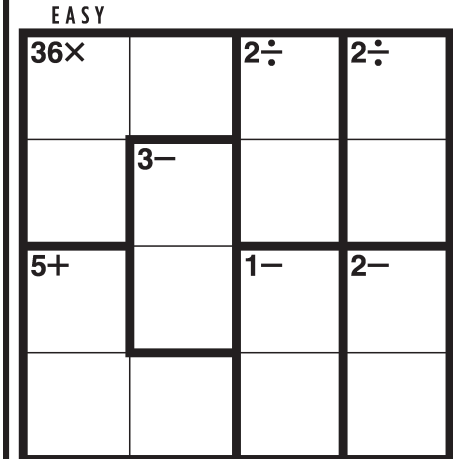
ARLO & JANIS

Jimmy Johnson

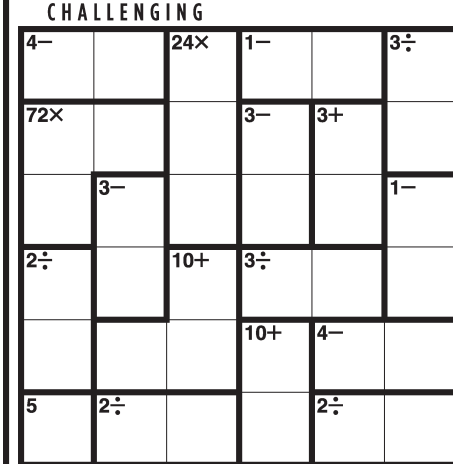


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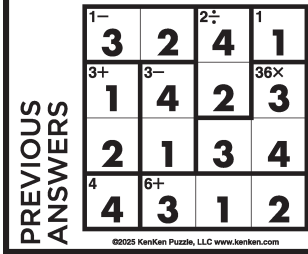
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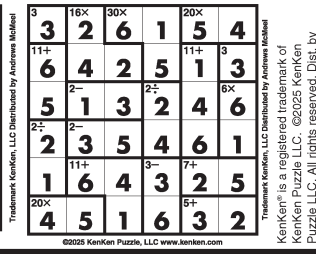
- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 2 The numbers within the heavily

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



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