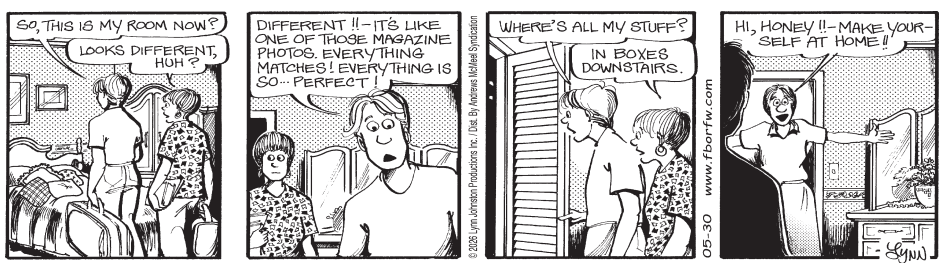
CLASSIC COMICS

PEANUTS — Charles Schulz

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE — Lynn Johnston



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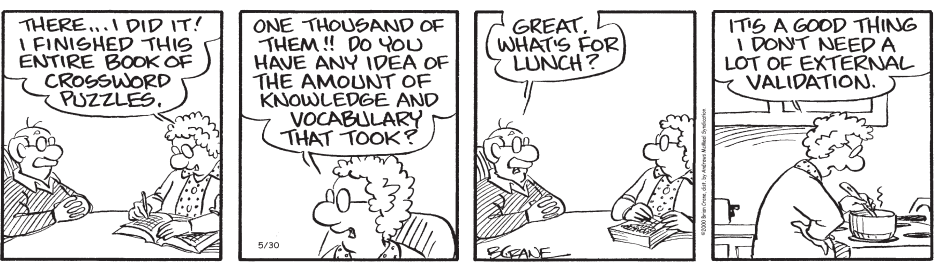

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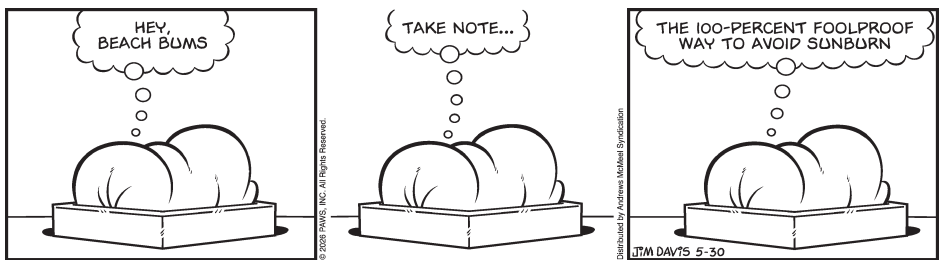

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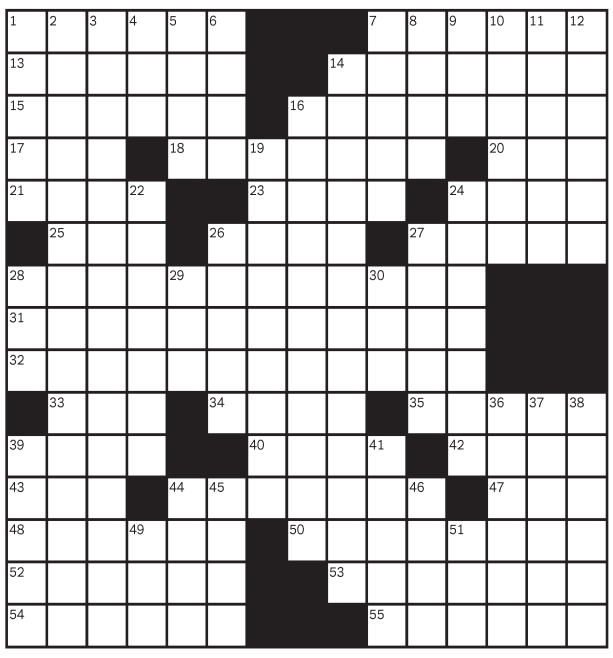
ACROSS

1 Showy insect with dark eyespots on its wings
7 Land bordering the Sea of Azov
13 Tired expression
14 Start of an old request for advice
15 Optional button while paying via app
16 Image editor, informally?
17 "The Rise of Skywalker" role
18 What power tools should be designed for
20 Curved shape
21 "___ Mía" (2014 Latin pop hit)
23 Suffix akin to -ess
24 "There you have it!"
25 Mobster's weapon
26 Source of many an explosive news story
27 Get one over on
28 "So that's how it's gonna be, I guess"
31 Air traveler's connection
32 Helpful pointer, say?
33 Indigenous land, informally
34 Drink from a small cup
35 War of 1812 treaty locale
39 Dwindle
40 Feminist writer ___ Mae Brown
42 Apple or orange, e.g.
43 Gambling site, in brief
44 Heart of downtown
47 Oregon senator Wyden
48 One of the B vitamins
50 Sore spots for gardeners, perhaps
52 Spider-Man foe with metal "tentacles," familiarly
53 Driving necessity
54 Down-low joints
55 Gently suggests, as an idea

DOWN

1 "You've got a friend in me"
2 "Kids these days ..." speakers
3 Focus of an employee's first semiannual check-in, perhaps
4 When a "sports equinox" (in which all four major U.S. leagues have games) typically occurs: Abbr.
5 The thing here
6 Big acronym in purifying filters
7 Quit
8 "As men in ___ strike those that wish them best": Iago
9 Choler
10 Guy's carryall
11 Make secret, in a way
12 "Moving on ..."
14 Often-regretted behavior on social media, once
16 Conclusion of three men's World Cup finals
19 Be validated for vocalizing one's opinion
22 Give designs to
24 "West Side Story" song that precedes the rumble
26 Big name in hosiery
27 Cloud up
28 Word on either side of "à"
29 Big accomplishment, so to speak
30 Kept under wraps
36 Book boo-boos
37 Creature of the internet
38 Columns on a language learner's conjugation chart
39 Actress honored with a SAG Lifetime Achievement Award in 2025
41 Consumed, quaintly
44 Computer store purchases
45 Signs
46 Give a hoot?
49 Cathcart's rank in "Catch-22": Abbr.
51 Big cheese with bread, for short



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B	O	G	A	R	T	■	T	E	A	S	P	O	O	N
S	P	A	R	E	■	B	I	L	L	S	■	F	I	T
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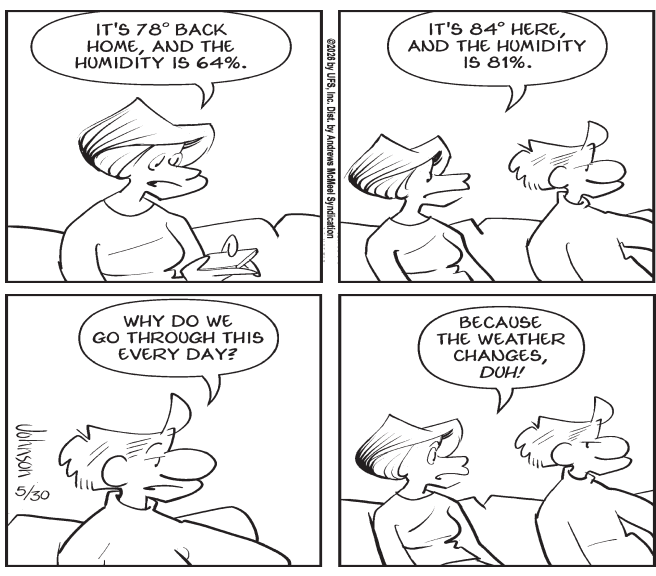

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷	3	3−	
	3+	2−	2÷
2−			
	8×		3

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CHALLENGING

5−	3−		36×		1−
	3	10+		6+	
3			11+		2−
24×				2÷	
11+		2−			11+
3−		3−			

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

2÷ 2	3+ 1	12× 4	3
4	2	3 3	1
9× 3	3− 4	1	16× 2
1	3	2	4

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11+ 6	5	96× 4	6× 2	1	3
2÷ 2	1	6	4	60× 3	5
13+ 1	2 2	13+ 3	5	4	5− 6
4	3	2	11+ 6	5	1
3	15+ 4	5	5− 1	6	16× 2
5	6	3÷ 1	3	2	4

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LILAC COMFY ORIGIN PASTRY
Answer: The bighorn sheep loved butting heads, even with the — RAMIFICATIONS

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By DAVID OUELLET

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TAKEOUT COFFEE HAS A ZARF — Solution: 8 letters

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

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