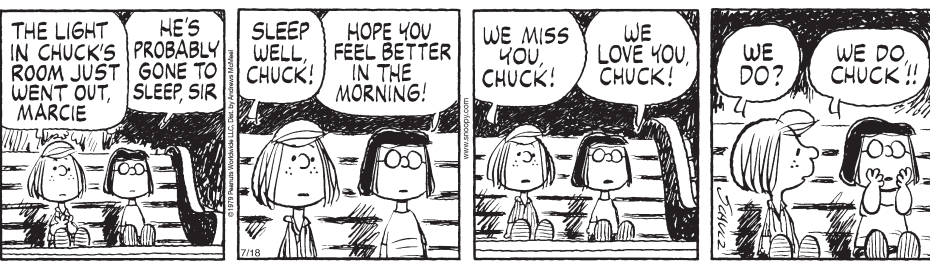


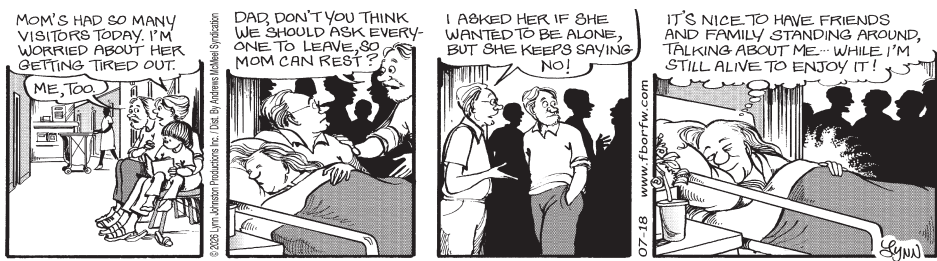
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PEANUTS



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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



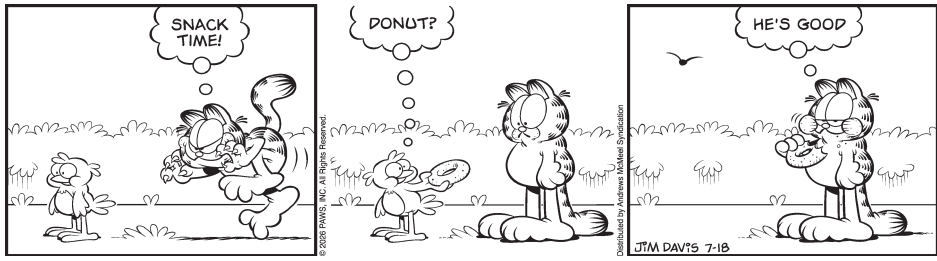
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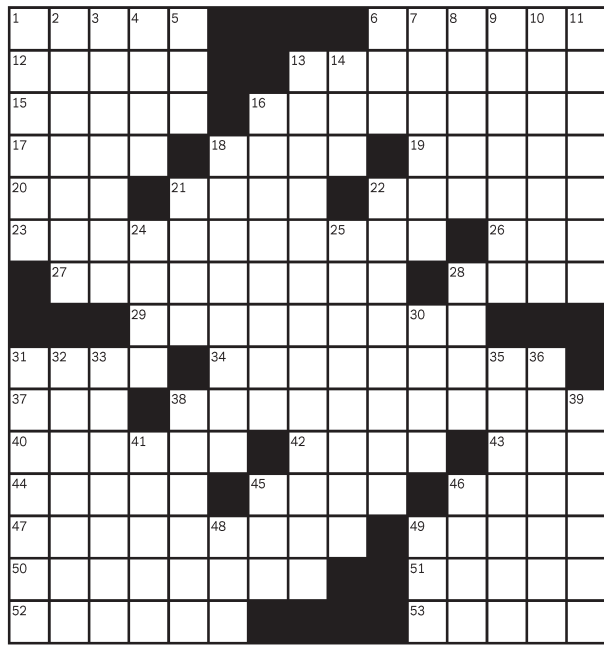
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bring together
- 6 Alligatorid of Central and South America
- 12 Fabric with diagonal ribbing
- 13 Formula 1's Circuit de Monaco, e.g.
- 15 Hip-hop artist with a 2018 Pulitzer
- 16 Fine fodder for a Freudian analyst
- 17 Call from a bridge
- 18 State flower of Utah
- 19 "Right?," in British lingo
- 20 Pathetic
- 21 Like some parties
- 22 One may be hanging by a thread
- 23 "We're under a lot of pressure!"
- 26 Make it or break it
- 27 Danger signal
- 28 Blocks
- 29 E-liquid
- 31 Wished
- 34 Outmoded living room fixtures
- 37 Reddit Q&A
- 38 Show to be fabricating?
- 40 Blew up
- 42 Festival flier
- 43 Number of Beethoven operas
- 44 Fishing accessory
- 45 Consumes
- 46 Retired rapper Azalea
- 47 "Oppenheimer" setting
- DOWN**
- 1 Closing words of a historic 1963 speech
- 2 Sinister cackle
- 3 Many a modern chess-playing program
- 4 Totally kill it
- 5 Camera spec
- 6 Heel
- 7 Actor Brody
- 8 Nobel-winning daughter of Marie Curie
- 9 The 'rents, perhaps
- 10 European football club founded in 1899
- 11 Birds and tree squirrels
- 13 Clutch hitter nicknamed "Mr. October"
- 14 Kitchen brand
- 16 Flight restriction?
- 18 Obsolescent office accessory
- 21 Blood bank supply
- 49 From the British Isles, say
- 50 "Happy to help!"
- 51 County fair animal
- 52 Lichtenstein's "Whaam!," e.g.
- 53 County fair animal



PUZZLE BY RYAN MCCARTY

- 22 What someone with boundless ambition "knows"
- 24 Multibillionaire, e.g.
- 25 Certain brain freezers
- 28 Submissive sort, informally
- 30 Sugar source
- 31 It comes in handy when the chips are downed
- 32 Lovingly, in a score
- 33 Is courting out of one's league, so to speak
- 35 Poster of TikTok tutorials, e.g.
- 36 Some hits, in music and baseball
- 38 Square dance figure
- 39 Kid-lit character who often loses his tail
- 41 Stiller's partner in comedy
- 45 Name on a "Kill Bill" poster
- 46 Hooked on
- 48 It's the law
- 49 Shade of gray

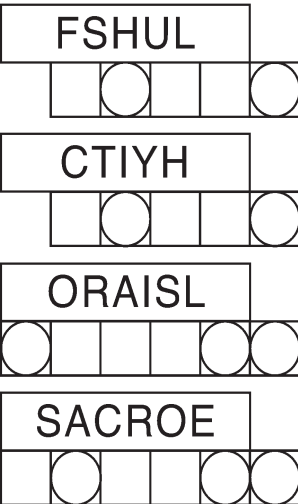
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JUMBLE

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



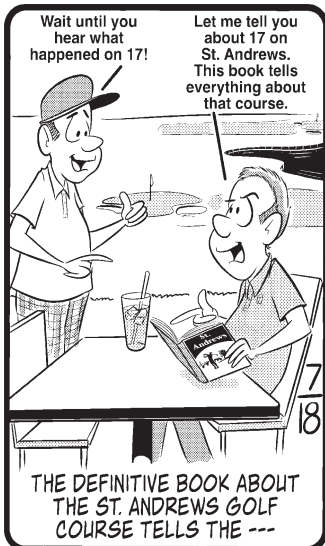
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Ans. " " (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RERUN CHILD WEEKLY APPEAR
Answer: She was struggling to get out of bed, but the smell of coffee brewing — PERKED HER 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.

FRANCE'S CHAMPAGNE REGION

Solution: 6 letters

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S N H O T E L N U B G R A P E
O O R R U O T B I T T E R W E
R C H A R D O N N A Y B O I W
E E H A M T U R B X R C V N S
M A L A T A P O U R A T A E D
I N L L T I L A T T P I S M R
R V E R N E E E H I G L E F A
P I N O I R A E D L U R O M Y
A T T R E W D U A E C R O O E
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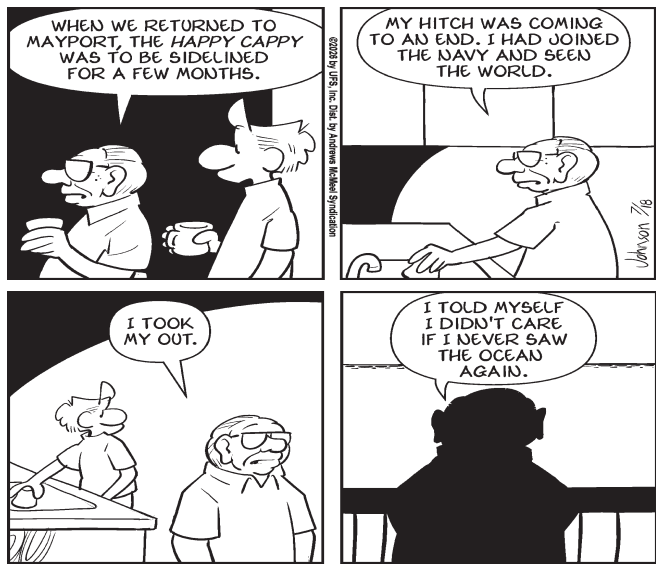
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Yesterday's Answer: Black Diamond

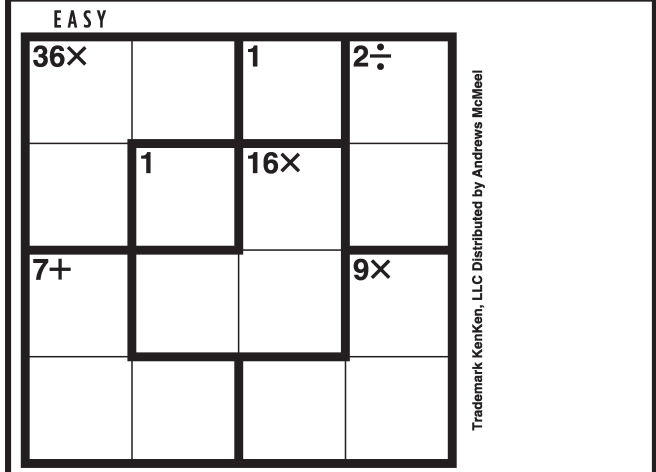
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Jimmy Johnson



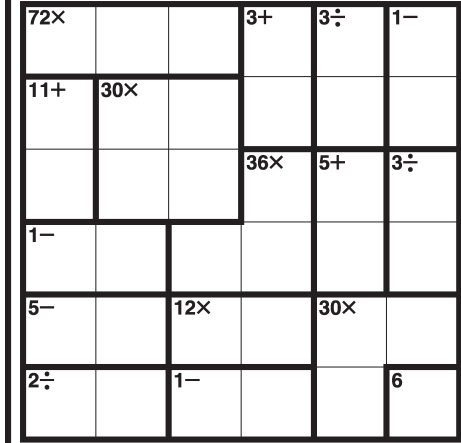
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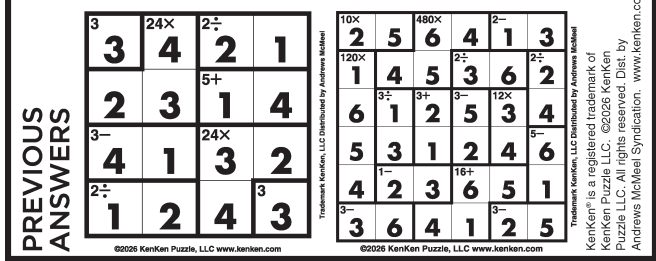


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RULES

- 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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