

# Comics & Puzzles

## JUMBLE

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

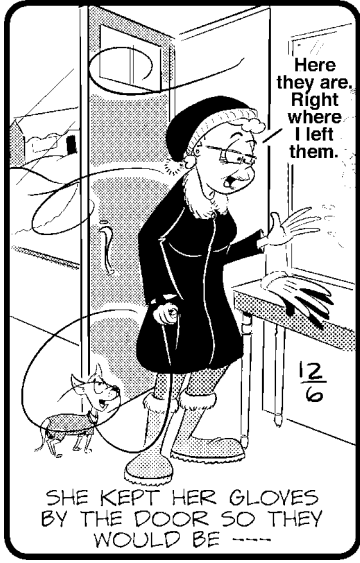
**DARAW**  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**RUCNH**  
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**THEKCS**  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**LORENL**  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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.

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 (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ENVOY QUEST AUTUMN PLEDGE  
 Answer: The comedian was well-respected. Everyone considered him to be a — STAND-UP GUY

- ACROSS**
- 1 A legal wrong
  - 5 Remove the top
  - 10 Russia, once
  - 14 51, for one
  - 15 \_\_\_prosequi (court declaration)
  - 16 Rose of baseball
  - 17 Plumber's concern
  - 18 Dark purple fruits
  - 19 Slog
  - 20 Despite anything that could happen
  - 23 Masked critters, briefly
  - 24 Give a big speech
  - 25 Maui, for one
  - 28 Gravy absorbers
  - 30 Norse hammer-tosser
  - 31 Hong Kong neighbor
  - 33 \_\_\_ Jordans (shoes)
  - 36 Be unexpected
  - 40 Do a garden chore
  - 41 Burial vault
  - 42 Not active
  - 43 Part of the eye
  - 44 Nadal of tennis

- 46 Italian friends
  - 49 Bookstore unit
  - 51 Make a more attractive offer
  - 57 Huge test
  - 58 Belgium treaty city
  - 59 Highly excited
  - 60 Latvian capital
  - 61 Lord of the manor
  - 62 Knock \_\_\_ loop
  - 63 "\_\_\_ there, done that"
  - 64 Was incorrect
  - 65 "I Love Lucy" character
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of powder
  - 2 Sandwich cookie
  - 3 Paper purchase
  - 4 "Be well!"
  - 5 Barefoot
  - 6 Pitcher Ryan
  - 7 Artery blockages
  - 8 Guinness of films
  - 9 Capital of Mexico
  - 10 Amphetamines, e.g.
  - 11 Alabama march city
  - 12 Summer ermine

- 13 Color again
- 21 Triumphed
- 22 Complete a project's loose ends
- 25 Restless longing
- 26 "Get lost!"
- 27 Capital of Togo
- 28 Bambi's tail, e.g.
- 29 Lifeboat need
- 31 Baseball legend Willie
- 32 Certain snake
- 33 Opera set in Egypt
- 34 \_\_\_ of Capri
- 35 Fisherman's gadget
- 37 Sharp-smelling
- 38 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 39 Undesirables

- 43 "The \_\_\_ Cometh"
- 44 Became a lessee
- 45 Weisshorn, for one
- 46 With a tart taste
- 47 Boldness
- 48 Graven thing
- 49 Scornful look
- 50 Door part
- 52 Look at lustfully
- 53 Blender noise
- 54 Hunch-backed assistant
- 55 Apple center
- 56 "Heavens!"

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| G | N | A | T | S | O | K | R | A | S | N | A | Y |   |   |

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## CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR  
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

### 12-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

X S B W G G N V O J W G A Y C G Y V N,  
 N K N V F O J N V N W V S Y X T G J N  
 O S V C T, M N S M C N E N G  
 G S E N G J N V G S N W G. — E Y F  
 I H N V H

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A PERPETUAL OPTIMIST IS A PERSON WHO HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT BECAUSE HE HAS NOTHING TO WORRY WITH. — SOURCE OBSCURE

## 12/6 COME HERE OFTEN? By Timothy E. Parker

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

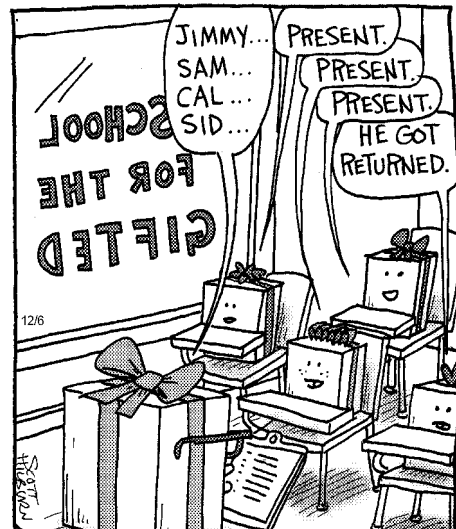
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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/5/17

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| 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
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## THE ARGYLE SWEATER



## CLOSE TO HOME



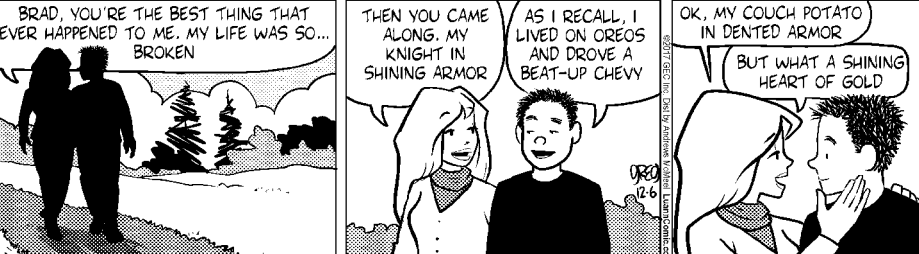
## FRAZZ



## RED AND ROVER



## LUANN



## PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN



## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



## TUNDRA



## PICKLES



## ZITS

