

BITS

JEREMY, ARE YOU HAVING STRESS OR ANXIETY? HUH?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BODY IMAGE? ANY UNUSUAL URGES?

ARE YOU FEELING PEER PRESSURE?

WHAT PAGE OF THAT PARENTING MAGAZINE ARE YOU ON, MOM? 42... I MEAN, WHAT?

RED AND ROVER

WHAT'S THAT ABOVE YOUR UPPER LIP? OH, THAT. IT'S A BROWN MILKSTACHE FROM DRINKING A TALL GLASS OF RICH, CREAMY CHOCOLATE MILK.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. WHY BROWN WHEN I'M NOT EVEN A BRUNETTE? NO.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LET ME LICK IT OFF.

CRABGRASS

FINE. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN TO GET RID OF THE BABYSITTER? I THOUGHT YOU COULD DO SOME GIRL STUFF WITH HER. GET HER TO LET HER GUARD DOWN.

GIRL STUFF? YOU KNOW.

CHew ON EACH OTHER'S HAIR. TIE YOUR SHOELACES WEIRD. MAKE PAPER FINGER PUPPETS.

GIRL STUFF.

LOLA

CECIL, WHAT ARE ... SHHH.

I'M EMPTYING MY MIND OF ALL THOUGHTS... SO I CAN ACHIEVE PURE CLARITY AND HEAR MY INNER VOICE.

MY BOLOGNA HAS A FIRST NAME, IT'S ... OH, BOY.

PICKLES

SOMETIMES I LOOK BACK ON THE THINGS I'VE DONE IN MY LIFE AND SAY "I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT!" LIKE THAT TIME I HELPED CAPTURE THAT GANG OF EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WHO ROBBED A BANK IN DODGE CITY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT.

YOU DIDN'T. THAT WAS AN EPISODE OF "GUNSMOKE!" I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT.

WUMO

OO--oo--OOOOOOOOO!!!! What is Ugurr doing? Is he in a lot of pain? It's something he calls "singing" ...

GARFIELD

IT'S COLD. IT'S RAINING... CREEAK

CRASH!

IT'S MONDAY

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

SAUNA BATH \$1000.00 BUY ME THIS AND YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING ME TAKE A BATH...EVER!!

NANCY

NANCY- DO YOU WANT TO GO GET A LIBRARY CARD? AUTHOR'S NOTE: NANCY DOES NOT KNOW THAT LIBRARY CARDS ARE NOT PHOTO IDs.

NANCY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY MAKEUP BAG?

BEEBLE BAILEY

THAT'S A BIG BAG OF CHIPS IT'S RESEALABLE. I'M NOT GOING TO EAT IT ALL

UGH! IT WON'T CLOSE. NOW I'LL HAVE TO FINISH THEM

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

MY PLAN STEP1: Every single person in the world goes to the nearest cafe and gets a cup of coffee. STEP2: They then have friendly conversations with all the people around them for hours and hours.

WHAT'S THAT A PLAN FOR? With every single person in cafes, there will be no one left to fight any wars.

A WORTHY GOAL. WHY HAS NO ONE THOUGHT OF THIS?

F MINUS

YOU SELL THE ONLY SHOES THAT PROVIDE ME WITH PROPER ARCH SUPPORT, BUT TO AFFORD THEM I NOW ALSO REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

BLONDIE

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, ALEX? I HAVE TO CREATE A REALISTIC MONTHLY BUDGET BASED ON AN AVERAGE YEARLY INCOME

WOW! YOU'RE REALLY LEARNING SOME USEFUL LIFE SKILLS! I KNOW!

DO YOU THINK BUDGETING \$500 A MONTH FOR SHOES AND VIDEO GAMES IS ENOUGH?

PEANUTS

SPELLING BEE? NO, MA'AM...NOT UNLESS YOU SAY I HAVE TO GO AHEAD, FRANKLIN... YOU CAN DO IT...

MAYBE I COULD JUST BE IN THE PRO-AM...

BABY BLUES

I REALLY NEED TO FINISH WRITING MY CHILDREN'S BOOK! GOOD IDEA.

I'M BEHIND YOU ONE HUNDRED PERCENT! SNOOCH!

I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF PRESSURE! WHAT IF I DIALED IT DOWN TO NINETY PERCENT?

BETWEEN FRIENDS

KIM, I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS... AD REVENUE IS DOWN AND I NEED TO TRIM SPACE IN THE PAPER YOU MEAN ... YOU'RE CUTTING MY COLUMN?!

IT'S NOT A REFLECTION ON YOUR WORK- IT'S THE ECONOMY BUT WHY ME? WHY DON'T YOU JUST CUT A FEW COMICS? COMICS? NO... I CAN'T DO THAT

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS? WRATH OF FANS

FRANK AND ERNEST

LIFE IN THE SNOW GLOBE IT'S THE SAME EVERY TIME, AN EARTHQUAKE FOLLOWED BY A BLIZZARD! WE REALLY NEED TO MOVE!

ARLO & JANIS

HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THIS ISN'T GREAT WEATHER FOR A PICNIC? IT'S JUST FOG. IT'LL BURN OFF.

EVEN THE WEATHER HERE IS WEIRD!

The Astrograph horoscope has moved to the classified section of The Free Press.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"A hug is like a boomerang. You get it back right away."

JUMBLE

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

TRCPE
IAKHK
LNJEGI
CELYGA

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ENVY CRAWL SPRUNG INVERT
Answer: He sold all his possessions and planned to set out for the -- GREAT "UN-OWN"

SUDOKU

	3	2	7	8		9		
7	5	9	2	4		8		
	1		6	3		7		2
	2	8	1			6		
5				7		1		
				6			1	
2		5		1				9
		3		2	7			8

Difficulty: ★ 3/2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

8	9	2	6	3	5	1	4	7
6	7	5	9	4	1	3	8	2
1	3	4	7	2	8	9	5	6
4	1	9	5	6	3	7	2	8
3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1	5
5	2	7	1	8	4	6	9	3
7	5	1	3	9	2	8	6	4
9	8	6	4	5	7	2	3	1
2	4	3	8	1	6	5	7	9