

ZITS

Panel 1: JEREMY! HUGE FAVOR. CAN YOU FILL IN FOR ME AT THE ESPORTS SCRIMMAGE TODAY?
Panel 2: SURE! NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Panel 3: WHAT'S AN ESPORTS SCRIMMAGE?
Panel 4: YOU CAN LOOK IT UP AFTER YOU GOOGLE "SETTING BOUNDARIES"

RED AND ROVER

Panel 1: ZEKE! REUBEN! WHAT'S UP?
Panel 2: REUBEN IS!
Panel 3: YES, I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT.
Panel 4: THEN WHY DID YOU ASK?!

CRABGRASS

Panel 1: LEAVING SO SOON? BUT I HAVE SUCH PLANS FOR US.
Panel 2: YOU DON'T SCARE US, CANDY CAIN! NOTHING SCARES THE MYSTERY MAVERICKS!
Panel 3: I KNOW YOU WANT ME TO ASK WHAT THAT IS, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO.

LOLA

Panel 1: MA'AM, DO YOU KNOW WHY I PULLED YOU OVER?
Panel 2: IF I GUESS RIGHT, CAN I JUST TAKE OFF?

PICKLES

Panel 1: NEW T-SHIRT, EARL?
Panel 2: YEAH, BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM OPAL.
Panel 3: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, "TROPHY HUSBAND"?
Panel 4: HMM... GOOD QUESTION. I GUESS IT JUST MEANS THAT I'M BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.

WUMO

Panel 1: Support group for people who have lost a sourdough starter

GARFIELD

Panel 1: HERE I AM IN THE LUNCH LINE
Panel 2: THIS WAS ON "MYSTERY MEAT MONDAY"
Panel 3: IS THAT A TENTACLE?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

Panel 1: GEE
Panel 2: I DIDN'T KNOW WITCHES TRAVELED IN PAIRS
Panel 3: MAYBE THEY WERE BROOM MATES IN COLLEGE

NANCY

Panel 1: NANCY---HOW DARE YOU BEHAVE LIKE THAT IN CLASS?
Panel 2: DOG CAT
Panel 3: ER---I WAS JUST LOOKING AT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Panel 4: CLICK

BEETLE BAILEY

Panel 1: ARE YOU READY FOR TODAY'S BATTLE?
Panel 2: I GUESS SO
Panel 3: CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON
Panel 4: BEST STRIP WE'VE HAD ALL YEAR.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

Panel 1: WELL, GUYS, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE IT, BUT I-- YOUR BELOVED CREATOR-- GOT CALLED IN FOR JURY DUTY.
Panel 2: SO WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
Panel 3: WELL, SADLY, IT MEANS I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL ANY OF MY USUAL JOKE TODAY.
Panel 4: BEST STRIP WE'VE HAD ALL YEAR.

F MINUS

Panel 1: NO ONE THINKS AN ARMY OF SPINNING FIRE-HAPPY BOTS IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT WE HAVE TO DO IT BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES. THAT KINDA MAKES SENSE, RIGHT?

BLONDIE

Panel 1: I WAS THINKING FOR HALLOWEEN MAYBE I COULD MAKE A BUNCH OF SPOOKY PUMPKIN SPICE SUGAR COOKIES WITH PUMPKIN SPICE ICING!
Panel 2: YUM!
Panel 3: WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE OFFERED PUMPKIN SPICE COFFEE WITH PUMPKIN SPICE CREAMER TO GO WITH IT?
Panel 4: I TAKE IT YOU'RE A BIG FAN OF PUMPKIN SPICE?
Panel 5: YEAH, MAYBE A LITTLE!

PEANUTS

Panel 1: FIGHT! FIGHT!!
Panel 2: HURRY! IT'S A FIGHT!
Panel 3: IT'S A DOG, CAT, BOY AND BIRD FIGHT!
Panel 4: FORGET THE DOG!

BABY BLUES

Panel 1: WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SUCKER?
Panel 2: FROM MY PRIVATE COLLECTION. WANT ONE?
Panel 3: I STORE ALL OF MY UNFINISHED CANDY IN A SPECIAL PLACE WHERE NOBODY WILL FIND THEM.
Panel 4: THIS ONE MIGHT BE PINEAPPLE.
Panel 5: HARD PASS.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Panel 1: BENJ-- I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR DAUGHTER-- COULD YOU SEND ME A PHOTO?
Panel 2: OH-- I CAN SEND YOU HER PHOTO... WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE HER?
Panel 3: I'M JUST CURIOUS
Panel 4: OH-- I KNOW YOU'RE CURIOUS
Panel 5: -- BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHY

FRANK AND ERNEST

Panel 1: CHECKING AND SAVINGS
Panel 2: A PENNY SAVED IS STILL A PENNY EARNED--- MINUS USER'S FEES AND TRANSACTION CHARGES, OF COURSE.

ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: THERE WAS AN EPISODE OF THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW TITLED "YOKER EVE". LAURA HAS HER PORTRAIT PAINTED AS A GIFT FOR ROB.
Panel 2: SHE'S DRESSED IN BLACK TIGHTS, BUT, UNKNOWN TO HER BOYFRIEND, SHE'S FINISHED THE SOCIOPATHIC ARTIST HAS REARRANGED HER HAIR.
Panel 3: DO YOU REMEMBER THAT EPISODE?
Panel 4: NO, I DON'T THINK SO.
Panel 5: BOY, I DO.

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

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Panel 1: "You call THAT a kiss?"

JUMBLE

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

ELLEV
CREOF
WSARPL
SNVAIH

THE TENNIS BALLS AT THE COURTS WERE ---

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

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TITLE ENVOY BONNET HERBAL
Answer: When central air conditioning was invented, there was -- "VENT-ELATION"

SUDOKU

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	9		8					
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Difficulty: ★

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.

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

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