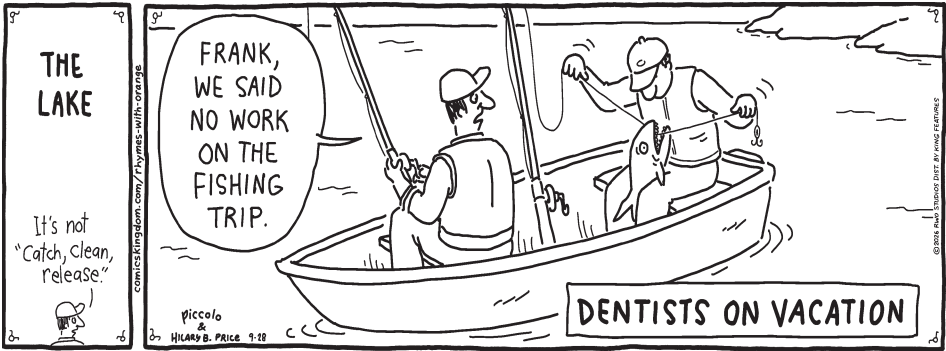
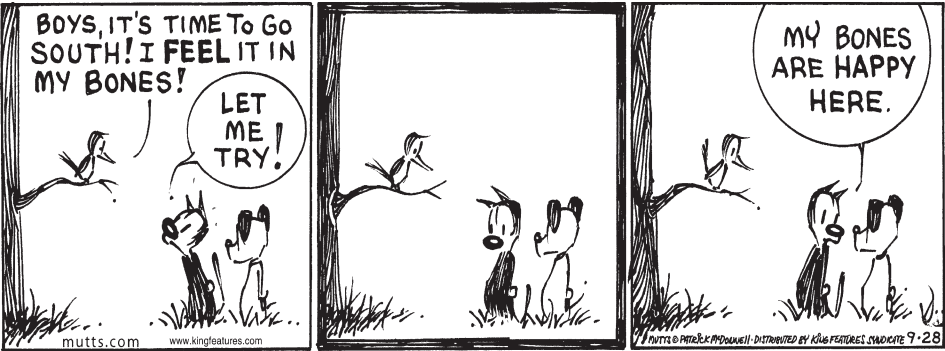


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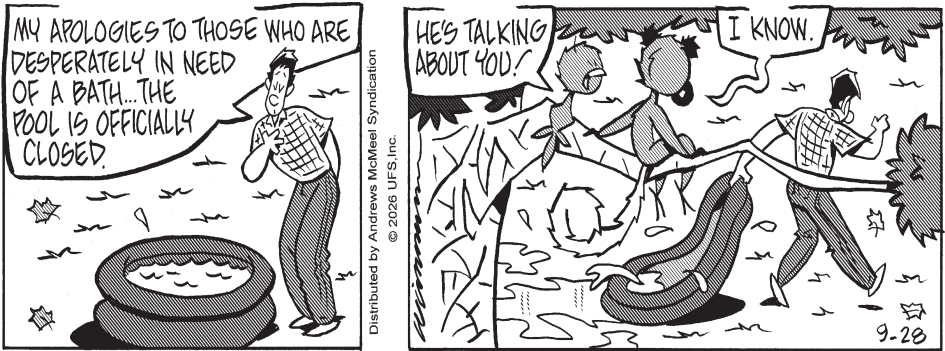
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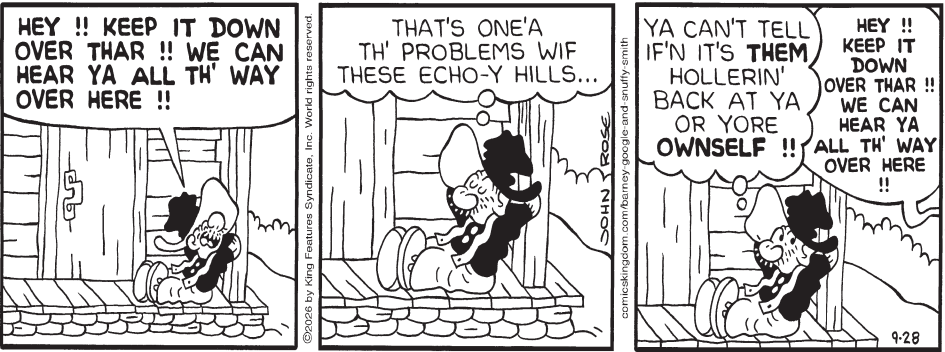
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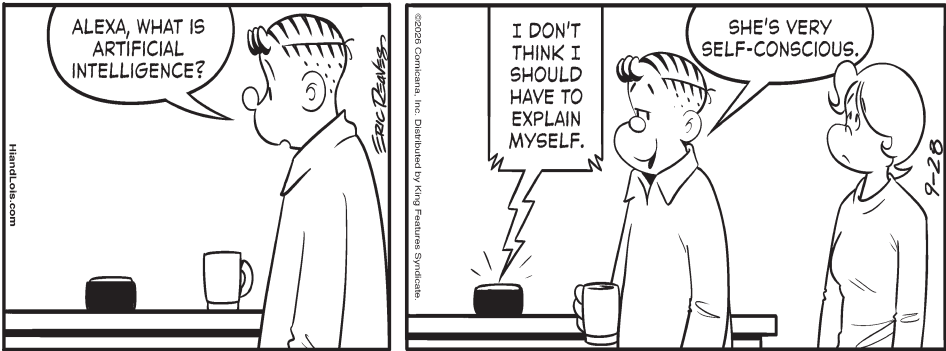
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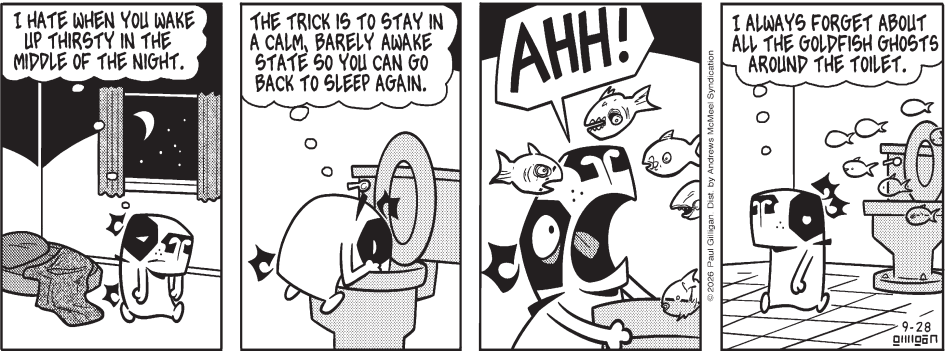
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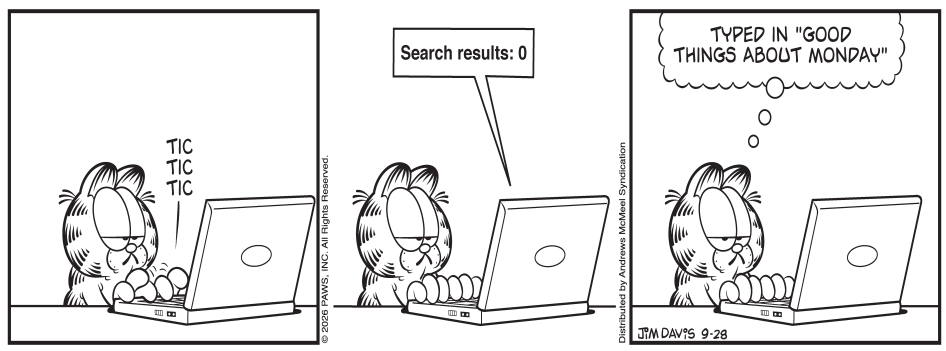
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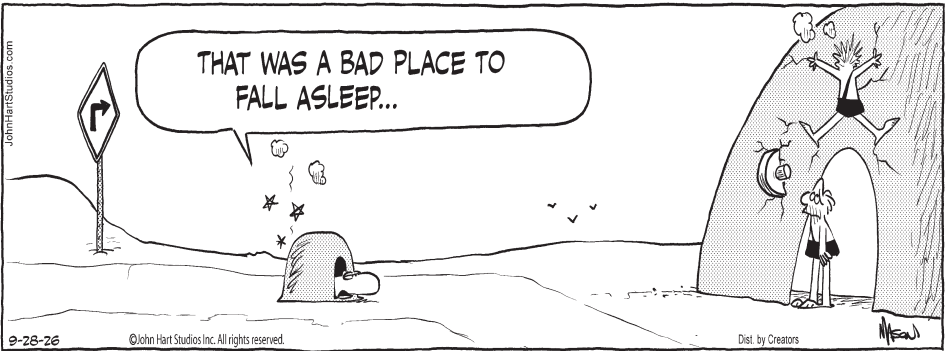
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Garfield by Jim Davis



BC by Johnny Hart



Daily Cryptoquote by Donna J. Stone

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.

9-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

IRV A PXYGMN XLBLJD

W XKDBZ LWRD BIG ZHN BIG

S RPSGRLZ QXJG RQ ZLJJGP

VIKTI KZ QMGF! — BIRJXZ IRRF

Saturday's Cryptoquote: FOR MY PART, I KNOW NOTHING WITH ANY CERTAINTY, BUT THE SIGHT OF THE STARS MAKES ME DREAM.

— VINCENT VAN GOGH

Royal Stars by Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. After that, the Moon moves from ARIES into TAURUS.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Financial discussions, especially about speculation, sports or dealing with your kids, might be confrontational. However, the bigger news is that a partner, spouse or close friend might surprise you by saying or doing something you least expect. Stay tuned. Tonight: Check your money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ A power struggle with a family member or with someone where you live might take place. Tread carefully! Meanwhile, your work scene might suddenly change unexpectedly. Give yourself time for wiggle room. Pet owners should be vigilant. Tonight: You win!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ An unexpected invitation might delight you today. However, social plans or something to with sports or the arts might suddenly change. Parents might be surprised with news related to their kids. An unexpected romance or flirtation might excite you. Tonight: Seek privacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your home scene might be interrupted in some way today, perhaps by something related to a parent or an older family member. A small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Confrontational

discussions about money and possessions will require patience. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ New discoveries, new faces, new places and new ideas might be exciting! When talking to others, you'll be frank and ready to disclose information. This is a fast-paced day with unexpected detours. Steer clear of problems with parents and authority figures. Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Avoid controversial subjects today. They might upset you. Meanwhile, new ways to earn money could emerge. Opportunities for a new job, a way to make money on the side or to buy something special (perhaps high-tech) might delight you. Tonight: Learn something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your personal freedom matters a lot to you today, which is why you feel unusually restless and independent. This also might be the reason you will object to certain ideas about taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. Go with your instincts today! Trust your feelings. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Be prepared to compromise and go more than halfway when dealing with others, even though tension with authority figures, partners and spouses might be likely. Tread carefully. Very likely, something going on behind the scenes will surprise you. Fear not: You'll handle this with grace. Tonight: Be cooperative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Someone you know might surprise you. Or perhaps you'll meet someone new and unusual. A minor struggle at work about travel or politics might be discouraging. Listen to the advice of someone younger, which might be different from what you expect. Tonight: Get better organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Either you might surprise someone by saying or doing something, or a boss, parent or authority figure will surprise you. Either way, today will have unexpected consequences. A dispute about the cost of a social event or something to do with your kids or sports might arise. Be reasonable. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A chance to travel might fall in your lap today. Alternatively, travel plans might be canceled. You also might be surprised by something in the media or something related to higher education, medicine or the law. Avoid domestic disputes that are just power struggles. Stay flexible! Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be patient with daily contacts, siblings and relatives. You have bigger fish to fry. Consider unexpected related to banking, inheritances or shared property might catch you off guard. Check details that could impact your wealth or assets so you're not ambushed. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: Discussions.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Roguish fellow
- 6 Scruff of the neck
- 10 Less bright
- 11 Martini garnish
- 13 Ham it up
- 14 Rubber source
- 15 Corp. bigwig
- 16 Used a chair
- 18 "You — Here"
- 19 Convertible couch
- 22 Workout unit
- 23 Ultimate
- 24 Michelangelo statue
- 27 Ashtray buildup
- 28 Composer Charles
- 29 TV's Danson
- 30 Specialized naval vessel
- 35 Yoga need
- 36 Cooking vessel
- 37 Director DuVernay
- 38 Piano piece
- 40 Red Square name**
- 42 Column type**
- 43 Put up**
- 44 Smell awful**
- 45 Mariners**
- DOWN**
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- 2 Unbilled role
- 3 Coldly distant
- 4 Convened
- 5 Ironed, as lights
- 6 Nick of "Affliction"
- 7 In the style of
- 8 Heartbeat sound
- 9 Himalayan peak
- 12 Brings to bear
- 17 Swiss peak
- 20 Spring up
- 21 Dodge
- 24 Lowered, as lights
- 25 Pilot
- 26 Business gamble
- 27 Fireflies, e.g.
- 29 Binary base
- 31 Tiny dot
- 32 Seminar group
- 33 Boot out
- 34 Tirades
- 39 Game cube
- 41 Memorable time

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Saturday's answer

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