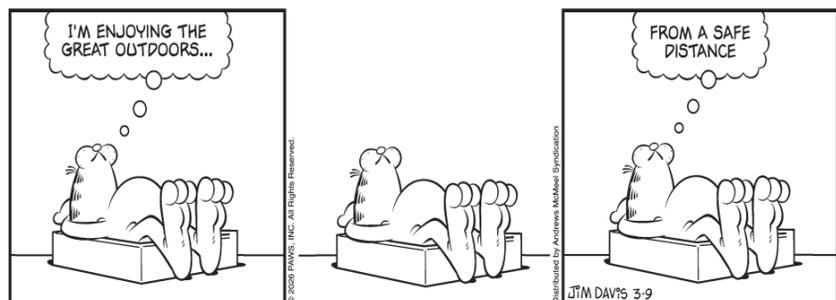


GARFIELD



ROSE IS ROSE



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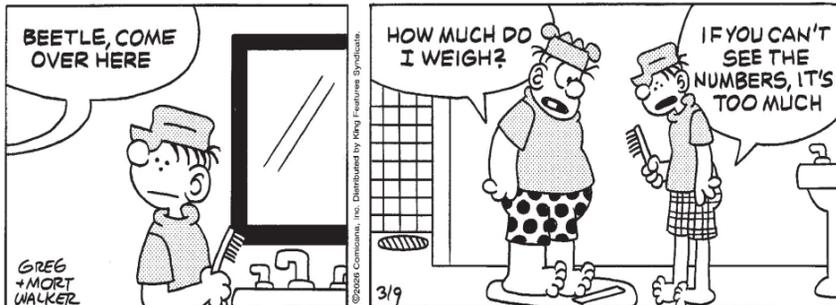
THE GRIZZWELLS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



BEETLE BAILEY



DADDY DAZE



ADAM DAILIES



MODERATELY CONFUSED



REALITY CHECK



THE BORN LOSER



Shortcuts
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A Bag Of Marbles

Round Trip

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

GAME ANSWERS:
1. Hair is missing.
2. Hair is missing.
3. Hair is missing.
4. Mouth is different.
5. Mouth is different.
6. Eyebrows are different.

The Old Ball Game

The ancient Romans and Egyptians played with marbles more than 3,000 years ago.

Hundreds of years ago, kids used rocks, nuts, seeds or pebbles to play marbles.

In the 1840s, Johann Greiner, of Germany, invented a set of cutting shears that revolutionized the way marbles were made.

The most common way to shoot a marble is called "fulking." This is done by resting the marble between your thumb and forefinger and then flicking the marble away with your thumb.

The marble you shoot with is sometimes called a "shooter" or a "taw."

Making Marbles

Until the invention of marble-making machines in the late 1800s, all marbles were made by hand. These machines made marbles more affordable for everyone.

Many modern marble-making machines are patterned after a machine Martin Christensen, of the United States, first built in 1902.

Word Search

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

KNUCKLE	GLASS	TAW
SHOOTER	DOWN	BOB
FULKING	FLICK	NUT
MARBLE	ROCK	ART
THUMB	SEED	MIB
FINGER	DUCK	HIT

Some collectible art glass marbles are more than 10 cm (4 in.) in diameter and sell for thousands of dollars.

The marble you try to hit is sometimes called a "mib" or a "duck."

"Knuckling down" is a more accurate way than fulking to shoot a marble. When knuckling down, a shooter places his or her knuckles on the ground and holds the marble using the thumb, forefinger and middle finger.

Where would you read about marbles named Hulk, Thor, Iron Man and Spider-Man? Marble Comics.

What do you call a marble that can tell the future? A crystal ball.

People have been playing marbles for a very long time. Archaeologists have discovered round clay balls resembling marbles at sites that are more than 5,000 years old. Thousands of years later, playing marbles continues to be a favorite pastime for kids and adults around the world.

This cartoon has lost its marbles.

Where do supervillains play marbles? In a vicious circle.

More than 4 billion marbles are produced worldwide every year.

The marbles used for shooting are usually bigger than the other marbles.

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I'm a well-rounded actor.

What do you get when you cross a marble with a duck? A fowl ball.

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