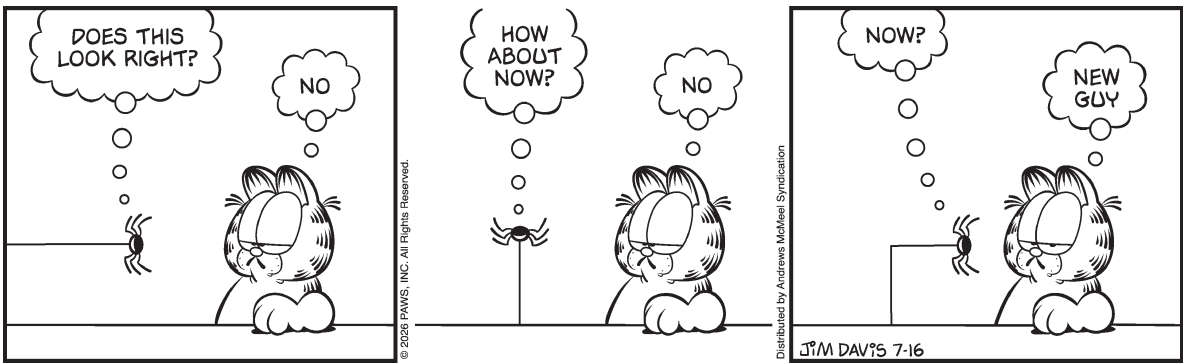
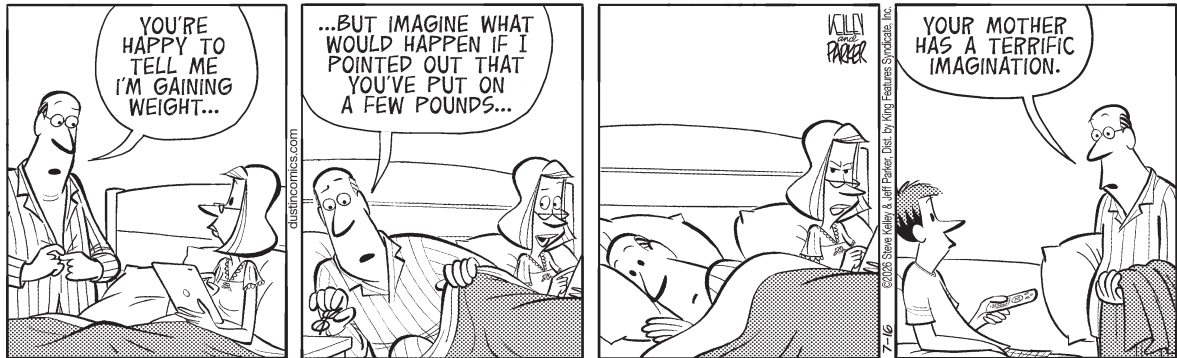


COMICS AND FEATURES

GARFIELD



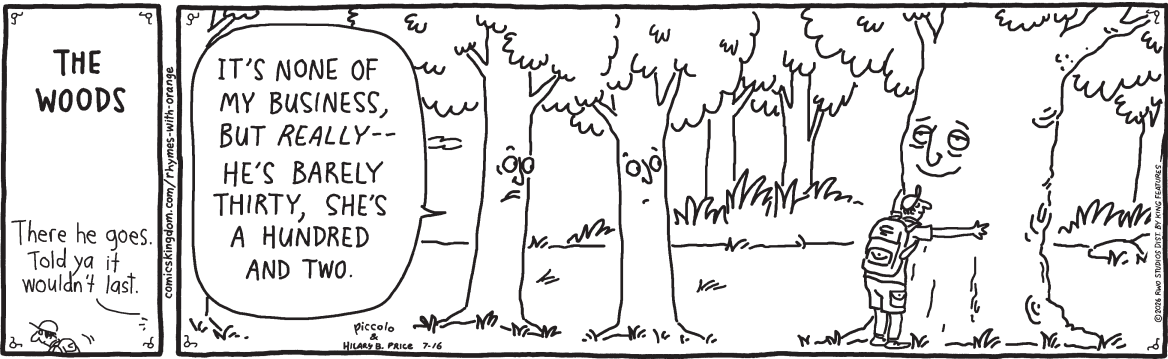
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MACANUDO



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



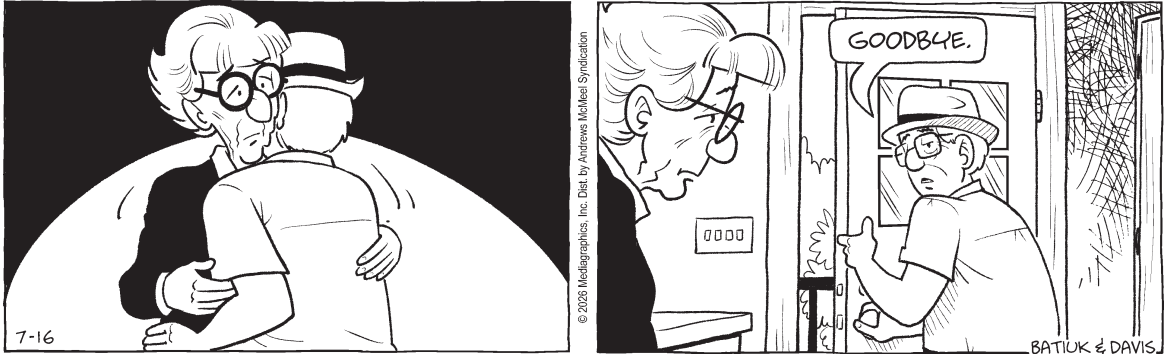
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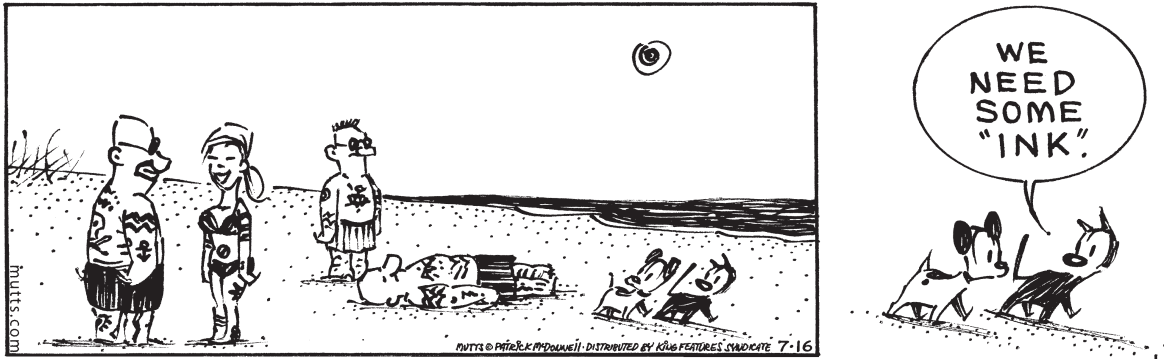
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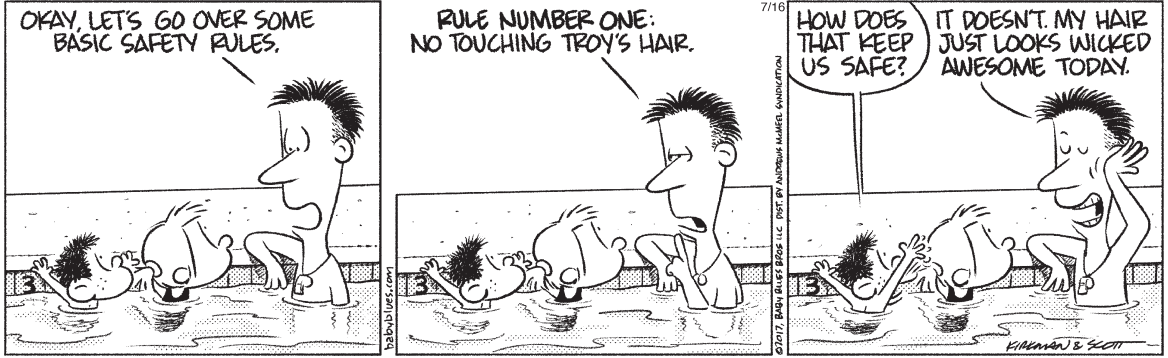
CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Whale schools
  - 5 Former Mets manager Jerry
  - 11 Stratford river
  - 12 Track bet
  - 13 Book unit
  - 14 Car safety feature
  - 15 "The Importance of Being Earnest" role
  - 17 S&L offering
  - 18 Botch
  - 22 Wave peak
  - 24 Stylist's spot
  - 25 Vault part
  - 26 Avenue tree
  - 27 Writer Calvino
  - 30 Give an address
  - 32 Started
  - 33 Turkish top
  - 34 Like some lasagna
  - 38 Constant yakker
  - 41 Skilled
  - 42 Loosen, in a way
  - 43 Stretched
- DOWN**
- 44 Derivative sounds
  - 45 Quiche start
  - 1 One of a bear trio
  - 2 Egg outline
  - 3 End-of-meal request
  - 4 Looks of scorn
  - 5 Nasty
  - 6 Wise sayings
  - 7 Aslan's land
  - 8 Golden Bears' sch.
  - 9 Greek vowel

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Yesterday's answer

- 10 Drop behind
- 16 Mob pariah
- 19 Loathsome person
- 20 Blockhead
- 21 "My treat!"
- 22 Tot's spot
- 23 Ceremony
- 28 Of the lower back
- 29 Like some short plays
- 30 Many a time
- 31 Feel empathy
- 35 Gets on
- 36 Wallop
- 37 Hardens
- 38 Astronaut Grissom
- 39 Writer Radcliffe
- 40 Start for pitch or mo

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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.

7-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

D'HX AKTCQ SOWS SOXUX  
DG WIPWFG GKNX ZXWTSF  
IXAS — DC CWSTUX,  
GTCGODCX, AUXXQKN, DC  
FKTUGXIA; SOXGX VWC WII  
OXIJ FKT. — WCCX AUWCM

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DOUBT KILLS MORE DREAMS THAN FAILURE EVER WILL. — MARY JACKSON

SUDOKU

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 Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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