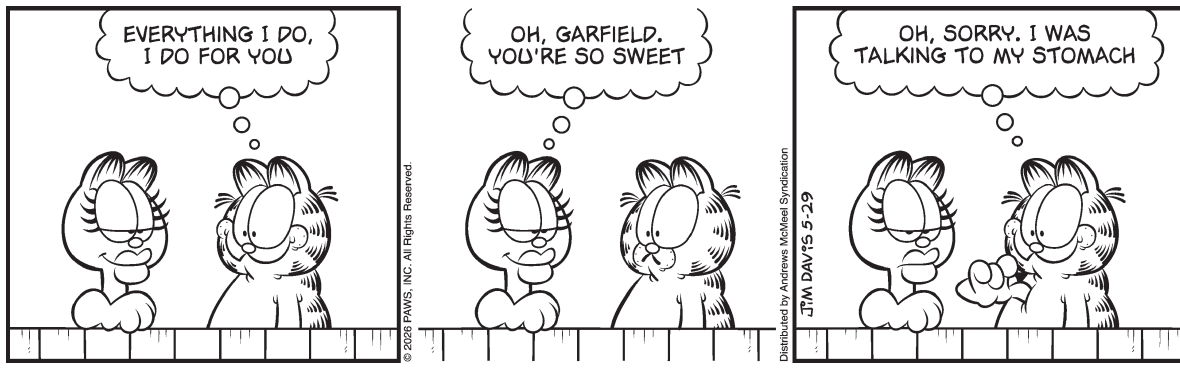


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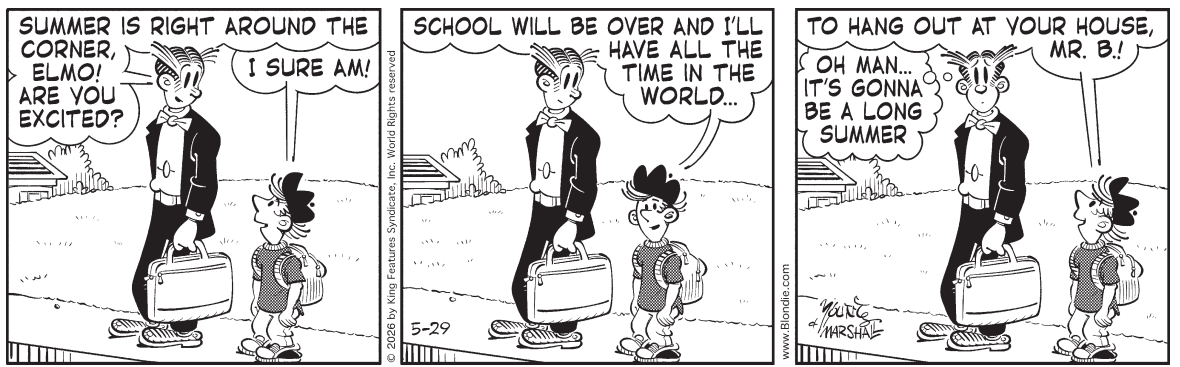
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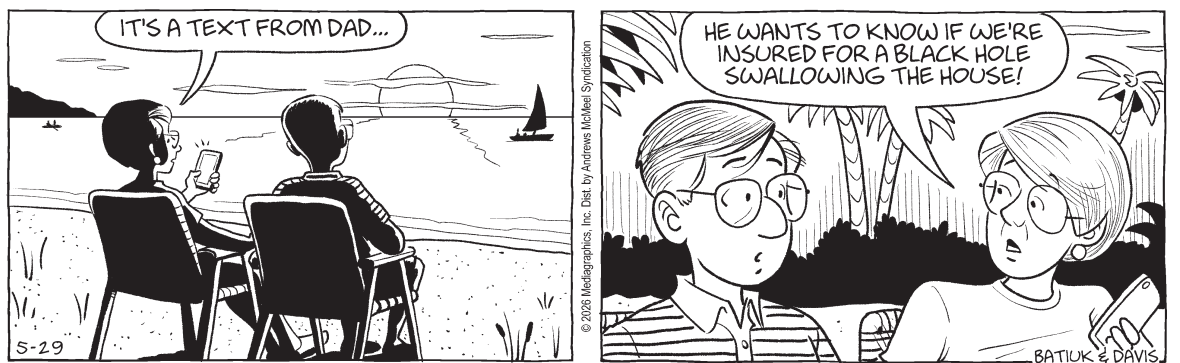
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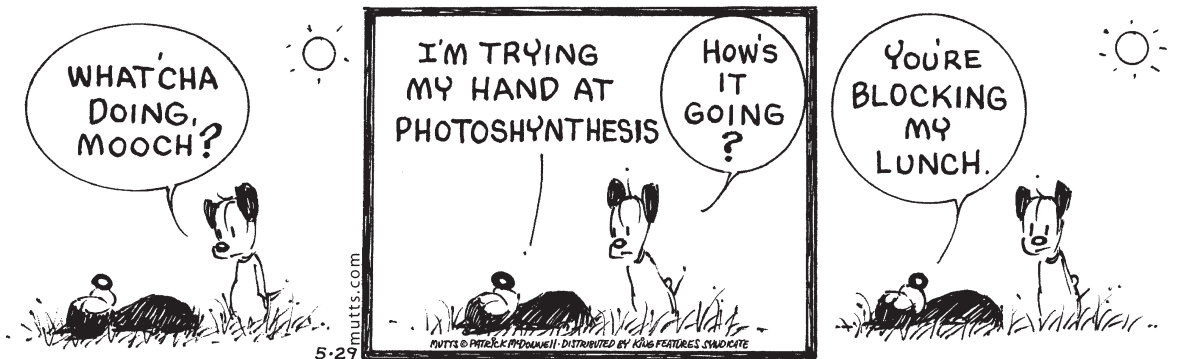
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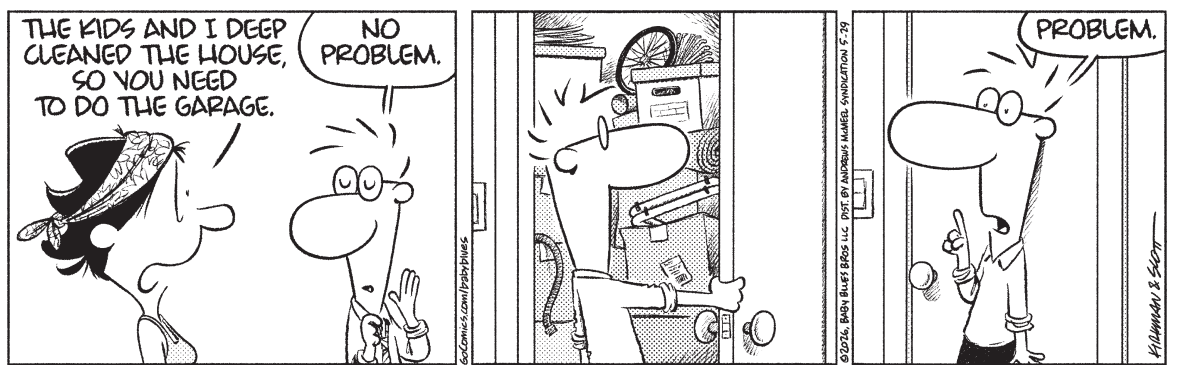
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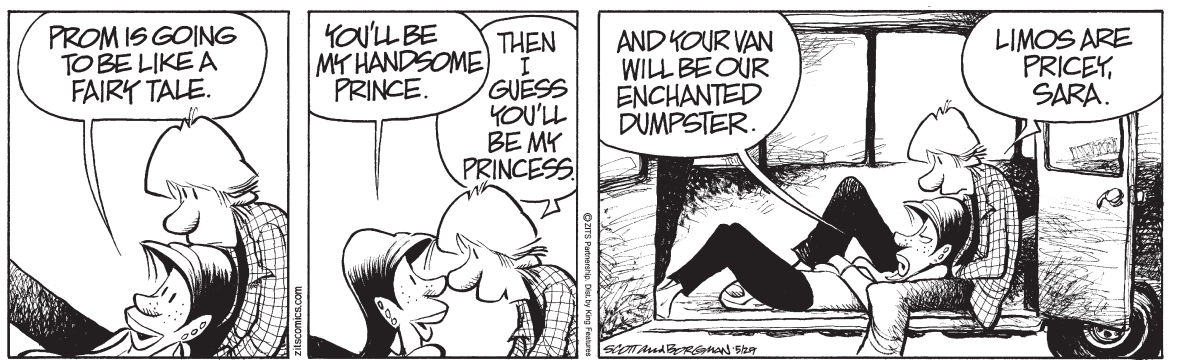
MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Some change
  - 6 Gas station sights
  - 11 Blown away
  - 12 Midwest airport
  - 13 Threw in
  - 14 "The Kiss" sculptor
  - 15 Golf position
  - 16 Patriotic music
  - 18 Stretch of years
  - 19 "Platoon" setting
  - 20 Orangutan, e.g.
  - 21 Be bold
  - 23 Ointments
  - 25 Greek vowel
  - 27 "The Matrix" hero
  - 28 Bloodhound's clue
  - 30 Cuts off, briefly
  - 33 Company tech head, briefly
  - 34 Huck's pal
  - 36 Model buy
  - 37 Brother, in Barcelona
  - 39 Holiday lead-in
- DOWN**
- 1 Used a rotary phone
  - 2 India's Gandhi
  - 3 Wrote down
  - 4 Flock female
  - 5 Lot choice
  - 6 Natalie of "Thor"
  - 7 "I'm in trouble!"
  - 8 Caused to look foolish
  - 9 Spruces up
  - 10 Good judgment
  - 17 Collar
  - 22 Summer by the Seine
  - 24 Spike of film
  - 26 Star in Scorpio
  - 28 Rugged range
  - 29 Great weight
  - 31 Entertain
  - 32 Boat backs
  - 33 Cowboy leggings
  - 35 Back biter
  - 38 Chess turn
  - 42 Nabokov novel

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Yesterday's answer

- 8 Caused to look foolish
- 9 Spruces up
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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
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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.

5-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

IBZF Z YHEHUS, FJ CJ

WJNVFBAGK SJH YJMV FJ CJ.

— ZNS FZG  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: OUT OF LIMITATIONS COMES CREATIVITY. — DEBBIE ALLEN

## 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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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

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