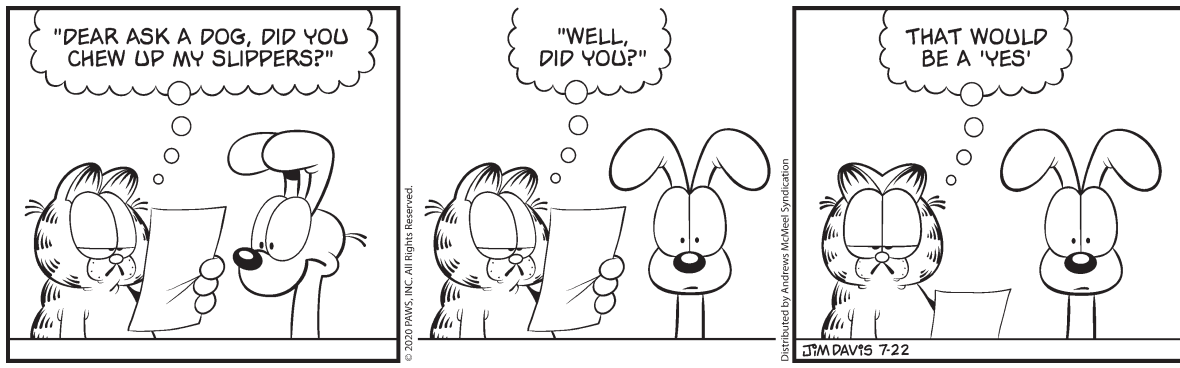


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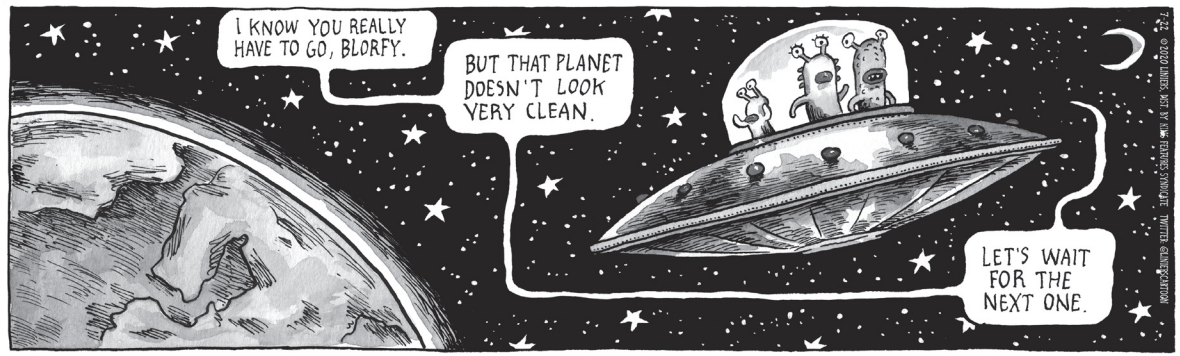
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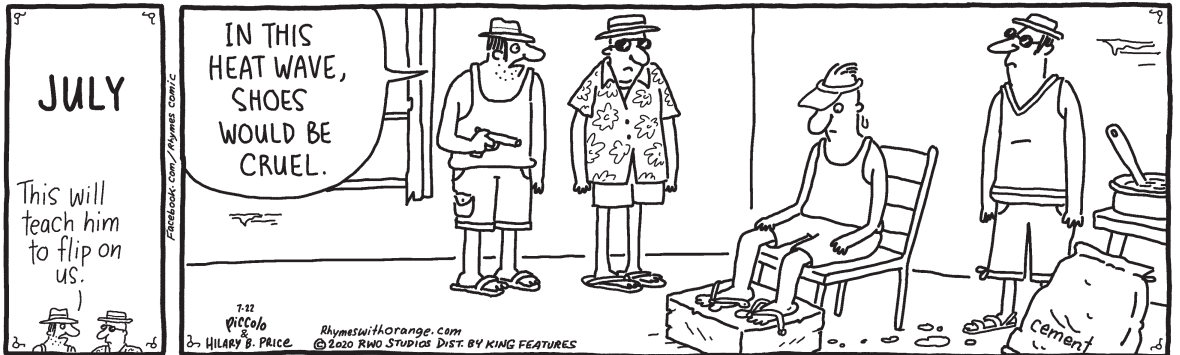
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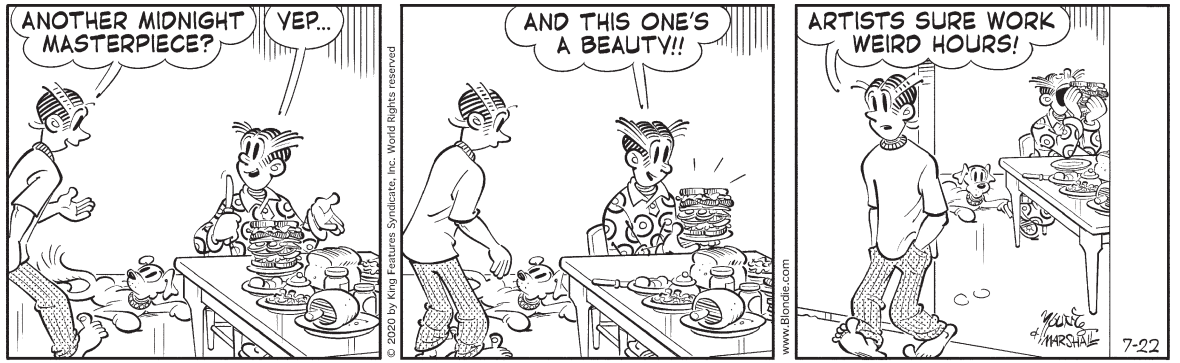
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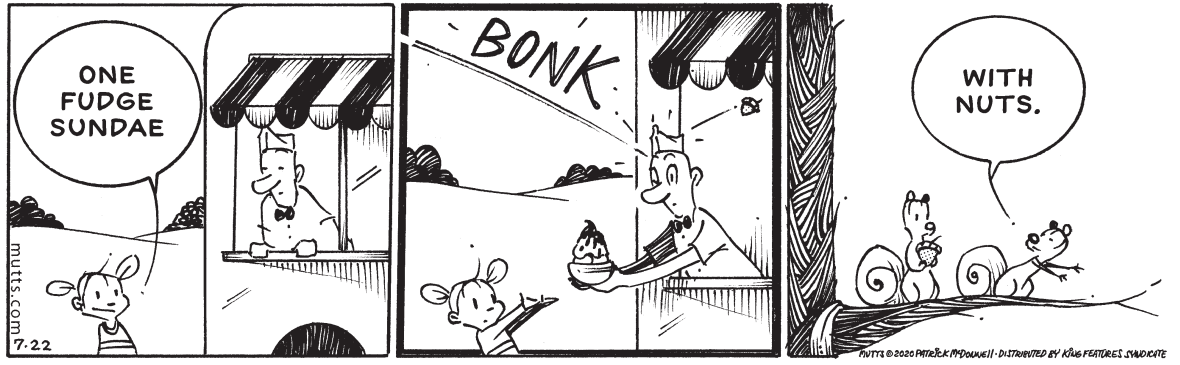
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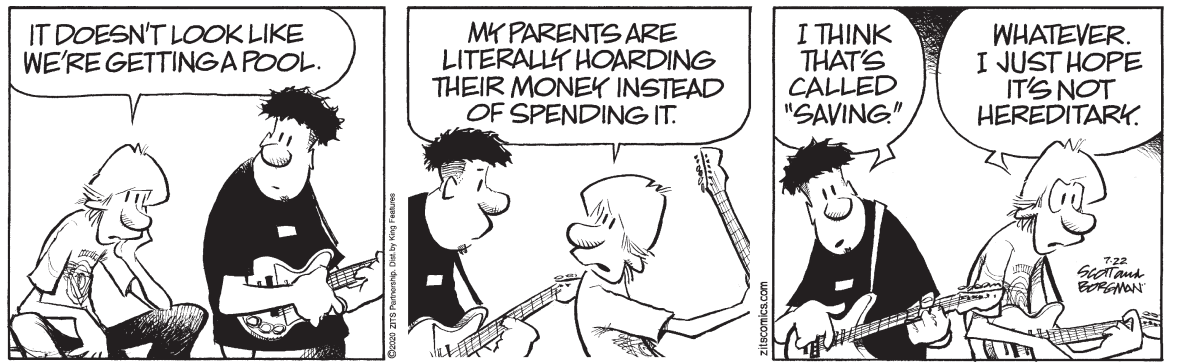
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BABY BLUES



ZITS



## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

43 Suit piece  
1 Optimal  
5 Compare  
11 Director  
Preminger  
12 Call it a day  
13 Realty unit  
14 Threw a party  
15 Pi follower  
16 Poll numbers  
17 Nary a soul  
19 "You there!"  
22 Oliver Twist's mentor  
24 Boosted  
26 Persia, today  
27 "Frozen" queen  
28 Annoying folks  
30 Bars on cars  
31 Descartes's conclusion  
32 Disney dog  
34 Enjoy the tub  
35 Simple card game  
38 Lyricist  
Hart  
41 First name in jazz  
42 Marigold color

**DOWN**

44 Meandered  
45 They may clash  
1 Sow's mate  
2 Engrave  
3 Use force on  
4 Sock part  
5 Patriot  
6 Brokers' numbers  
7 Bear in the air  
8 Wee worker  
9 Even score  
10 Break off  
16 Singer  
Henley  
18 Sty cry  
19 Ability to drink a lot  
20 Different  
21 Some votes  
22 Pacific nation  
23 Vicinity  
25 Phone message  
29 Dishwash- ing aid  
30 Penguin's cousin  
33 Took it easy  
34 Broadcast  
36 In addition  
37 "Shucks!"  
38 Depressed  
39 Bauxite, e.g.  
40 Operated  
41 Time of planning

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11					12					
13					14					
15				16						
		17	18				19	20	21	
22	23				24	25				
26						27				
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ITEM LAMPS  
DANES ADORE  
LITTLEWOMAN  
ELI IVS MIA  
DOREMI PAST  
REVEL ISEE  
EDWIN  
TOWN ONOFF  
ATIT MRTOAD  
SON TAO ACE  
MODERNWOMAN  
ALONE SPUDS  
NEWSY EPEE

Yesterday's answer

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.

7-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

J H B L X P L T K L O  
X E H P T O B L O B U E H I K T T J K  
L J R D K K L Z P T . — X H G D P  
J D K T P T F Z G H A O  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CHANGE, AND THOSE WHO CANNOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING. — G.B. SHAW

## 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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/22

SOLUTION:

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

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