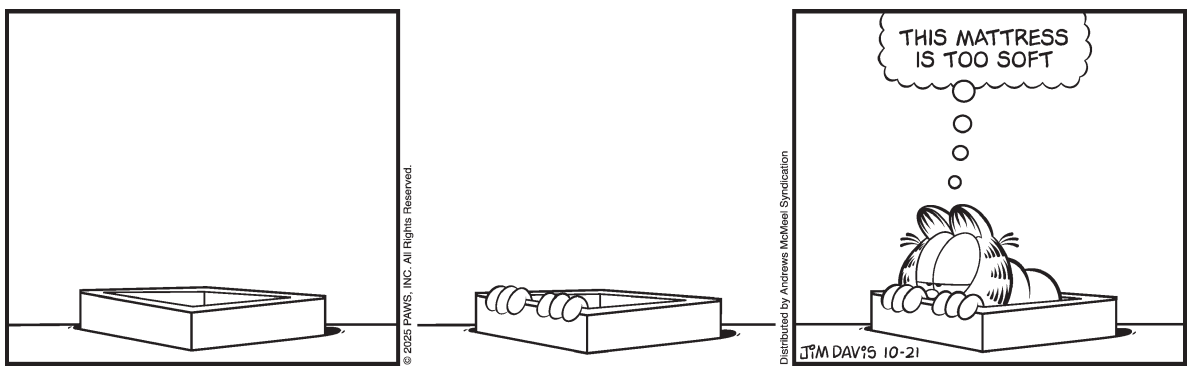
COMICS AND FEATURES

GARFIELD



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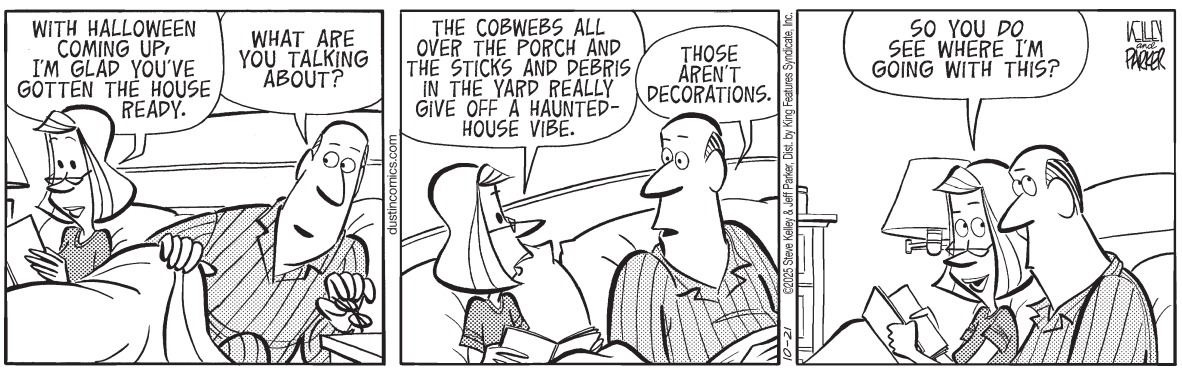
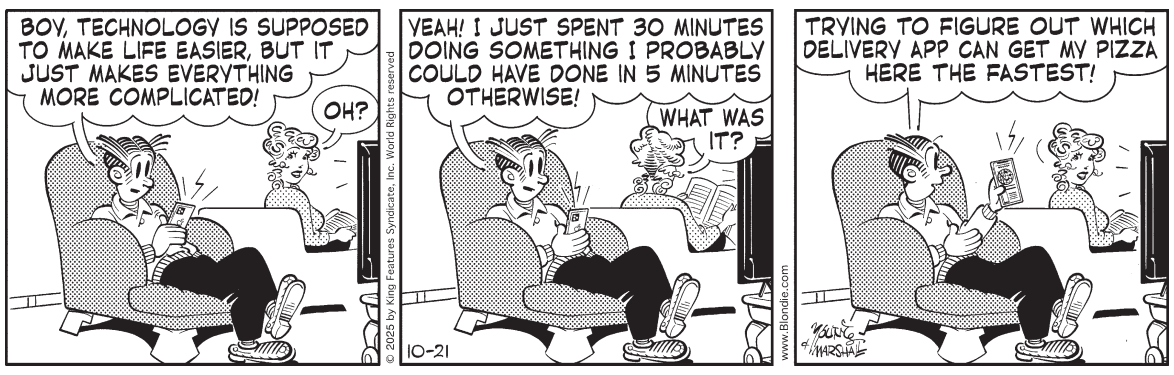


MACANUDO

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

BLONDIE



BEETLE BAILEY

CRANKSHAFT

MUTTS

BABY BLUES

ZITS

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Forehead cover
6 Wear away
11 Deplete
12 Work of fiction
13 Venomous snake
15 Plopped down
16 Letter after sigma
17 — Alamos
18 Venomous snake
20 Squirrel's find
23 Bugs bugs him
27 Rational
28 Possum of the comics
29 Base runner's act
31 "Yippee!"
32 Venomous snake
34 Hit show letters
37 Pro vote
38 Derby or boater
41 Venomous snake
44 Parting word
45 Pond growth
46 Stopwatch button
47 Squalid

DOWN

1 Future roses
2 Tibet setting
3 Orderly
4 Tooth surrounder
5 Exact, to Brits
6 Survive
7 Hold up
8 Track shape
9 1920s art style
10 Fraternal group
14 Collar
18 White shade
19 Dominant
20 Cart puller
21 Mouse chaser
22 Count start
24 Unruly group
25 Sense of self
26 Singer Orbison
30 Page design
31 First Family of 2010
33 Chess pieces
34 Surgery memento
35 Went by horse
36 Singer Redding
38 Colossal
39 Slightly
40 Those folks
42 Casual top
43 Flamenco cry

A	B	E	L	■	■	A	V	A	S	T
R	O	L	E	S	■	L	A	M	E	R
M	I	N	S	K	■	S	T	A	V	E
E	L	I	■	I	D	O	■	Z	E	N
D	E	N	A	D	A	■	R	E	N	D
■	R	O	W	D	I	N	E	S	S	■
■	■	■	A	E	S	O	P	■	■	■
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B	O	N	D	■	E	C	L	A	I	R
L	O	L	■	U	S	O	■	L	E	E
I	D	I	O	M	■	M	A	U	V	E
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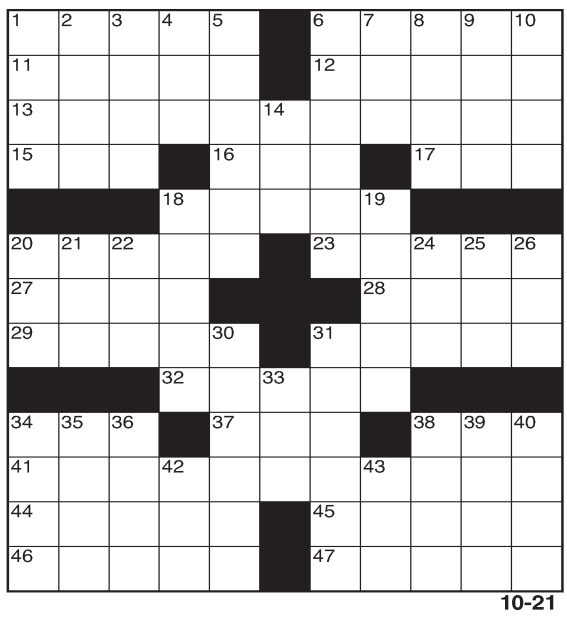
Saturday's Answer



10-21

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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.

10-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

A E C U W G Y Z C E X A R K Z G Y M, F E X L X N A G E A C M Z Q U Z W I A E A Z J M A K M Q W U N A N A M B. V M V W D D Q Z W D V K M G V M Q Z W D A E A U F. — U E N Z B Z U J N

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE HEAT OF AUTUMN IS DIFFERENT FROM THE HEAT OF SUMMER. ONE RIPENS APPLES, THE OTHER TURNS THEM TO CIDER. — JANE HIRSCHFIELD

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★ 10/21

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SOLUTION:

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