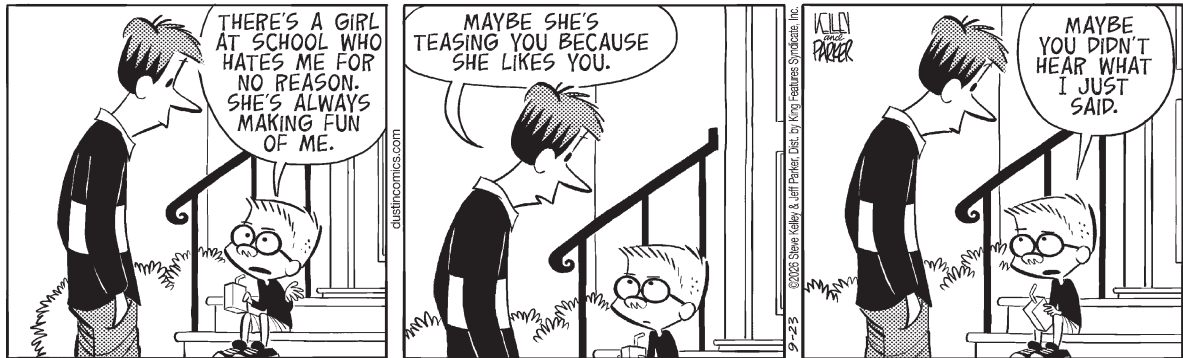


COMICS AND FEATURES

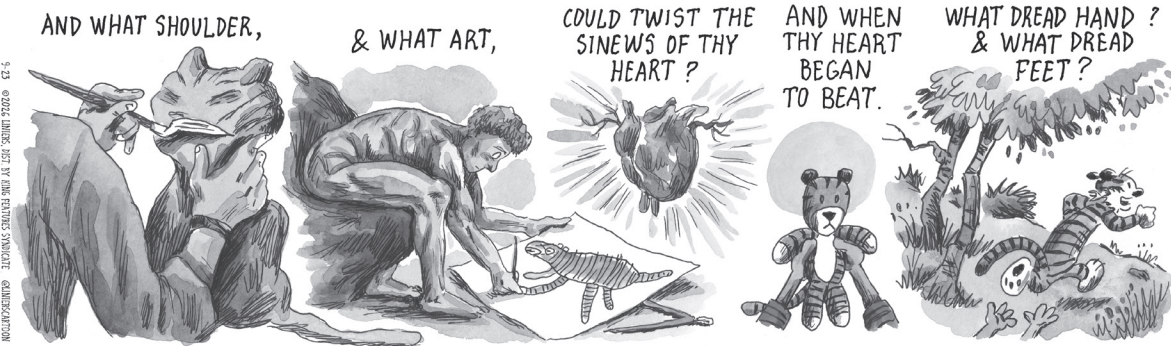
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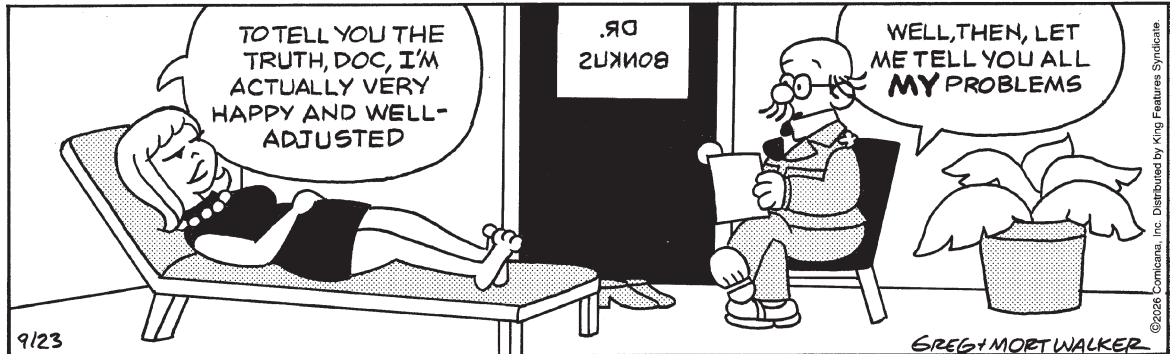
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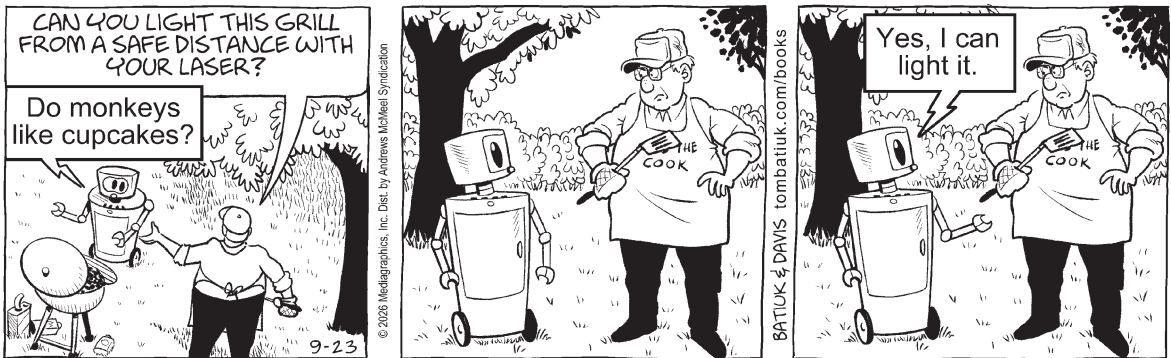
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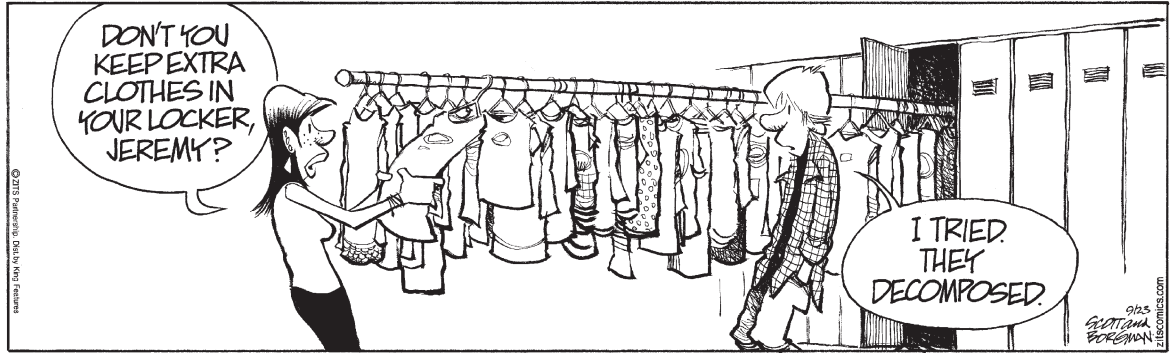
MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Suspects' stories
 - 7 Musical work
 - 11 Bleaching chemical
 - 12 Civil rights great
 - 13 Clash
 - 14 Resting on
 - 15 Web site feature
 - 17 Guitar bar
 - 20 Coldly distant
 - 23 Hoopla
 - 24 Kneecap
 - 26 Turn bad
 - 27 Hurricane part
 - 28 Poorly lit
 - 29 Satellite
 - 31 Genesis name
 - 32 Director Sergio
 - 33 Wilma's husband
 - 34 Jordan neighbor
 - 37 Bulldog's school
 - 39 Queen Anne's house
 - 43 Company bigwig
 - 44 Hearty dish
 - 45 Fresh
 - 46 Allergy sign

- DOWN
- 1 Fitting
 - 2 Baseball's Gehrig
 - 3 "— been swell!"
 - 4 Low singer
 - 5 Cruise stop
 - 6 Citi
 - Field's forerunner
 - 7 Wise answerer
 - 8 Cook's protector
 - 9 GI-entertaining org.
 - 10 Easy target
 - 16 Critic, at times
 - 17 Yule song
 - 18 Cherish

P	E	S	O	S		S	I	N	E	W
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M	A	P	L	E		L	E	A	V	E
A	X	I	O	M		B	L	I	N	K
R	I	N	G	S		S	A	L	T	S

Yesterday's answer

- 19 Hack novel
- 21 Green shade
- 22 Prominent
- 24 Piper of rhyme
- 25 Yeoman's "yes"
- 30 Fly, e.g.
- 33 Cham-pagne glass
- 35 Pharaoh symbols
- 36 School near Windsor
- 37 Slangy agree-ment
- 38 Feller in the woods
- 40 Clumsy galoot
- 41 Ahmed of "Sound of Metal"
- 42 Casual top

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.

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S D G Q J J N M S G

I M C I O W V S B X I Q V ; M

I C Q B S Q D H H D C S O X M S M Q V .

— T C O I Q J Q Q Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DELICIOUS AUTUMN! MY VERY SOUL IS WEDDED TO IT. — GEORGE ELIOT

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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