

COMICS AND FEATURES

GARFIELD



DUSTIN



MACANUDO



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



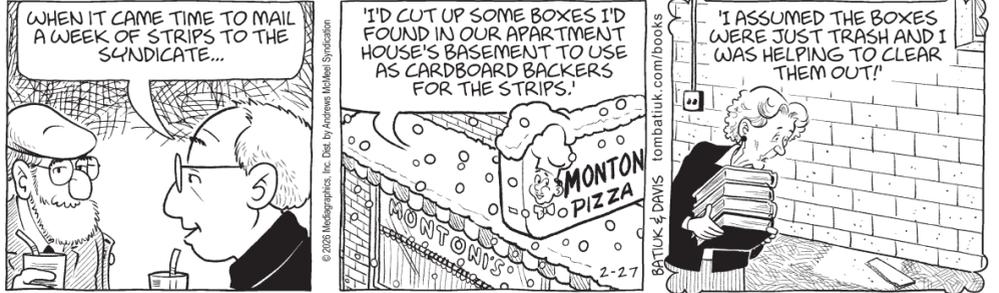
BLONDIE



BEETLE BAILEY



CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Avoid
- 6 Guy, informally
- 11 Misspoke
- 12 Poppy yield
- 13 Injustice
- 14 Hunting weapon
- 15 Diner desserts
- 17 Catch off guard
- 18 Race goal
- 20 Bassoon's kin
- 22 Try out
- 23 Wrap tightly
- 26 Kind of pool
- 28 Did some tailoring
- 29 Oblivious
- 31 Close
- 32 Newborn's need
- 33 Understanding feeling
- 34 Make fun of
- 36 Pull along
- 38 Grill waste
- 40 Earthy pigment
- 43 Exact copy
- 44 Paris subway
- 45 Neighsayer
- 46 School paper

DOWN

- 1 Grass coating
- 2 Hockey's Bobby
- 3 Stopped traveling
- 4 Wish granter
- 5 Border
- 6 Gift tag
- 7 Series unit
- 8 Worked out, in a way
- 9 Doozy
- 10 Prayer ender
- 16 Scatter seeds
- 18 Ballet attire

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

Yesterday's answer

- 19 "B — boy"
- 21 Diamond corner
- 23 Criticize harshly
- 24 Spring period
- 25 Water whirl
- 27 Comes to
- 30 Roulette bet
- 33 Duel count
- 34 Flying speed
- 35 Ibsen's home
- 37 City on the Tiber
- 39 Spot
- 41 Stretch of years
- 42 Singer Orbison

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.

2-27 CRYPTOQUOTE
 D Z Q J D R Z A J B Y ' M E J K A R J
 Q J D C U M W M I Q A L H I R D H U K ;
 U M M D S J B B X J D M ,
 Z J M J Q R U Y D M U A Y D Y Z I D Q Z
 X A Q S . — K A C U Y O A X J C C
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF EXERTING ONE'S STRENGTH: ONE IS PUSHING DOWN, THE OTHER IS PULLING UP. — BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 2/27

SOLUTION:

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

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