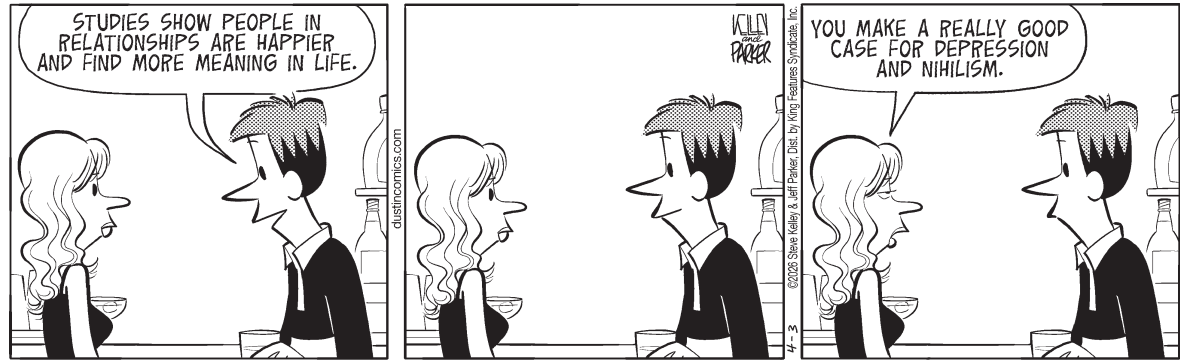


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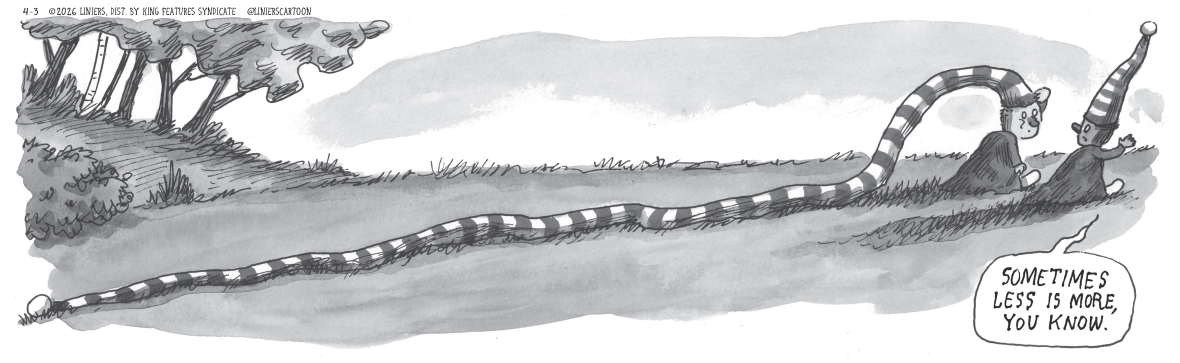
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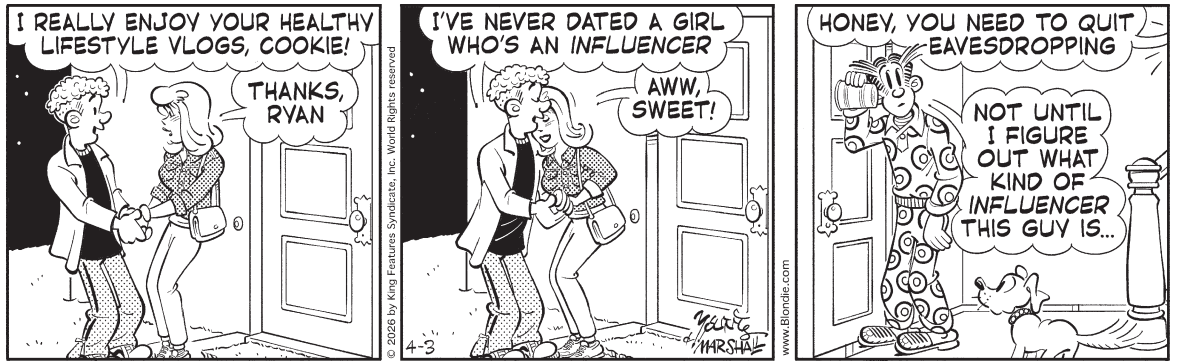
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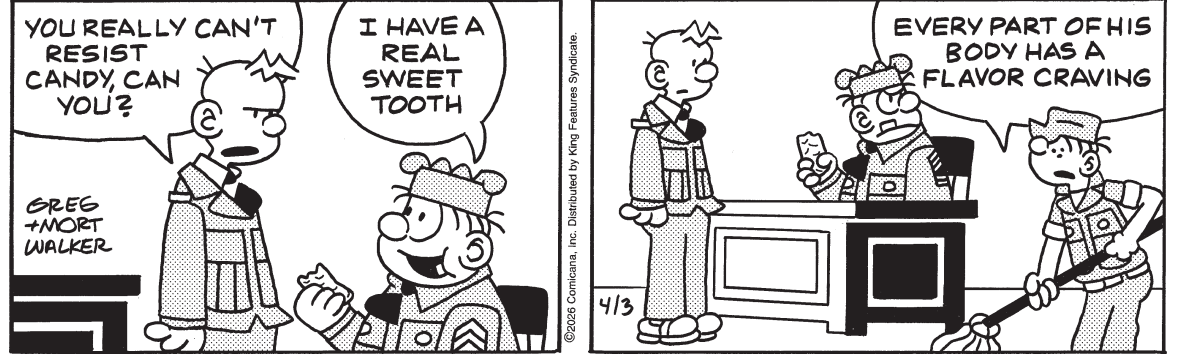
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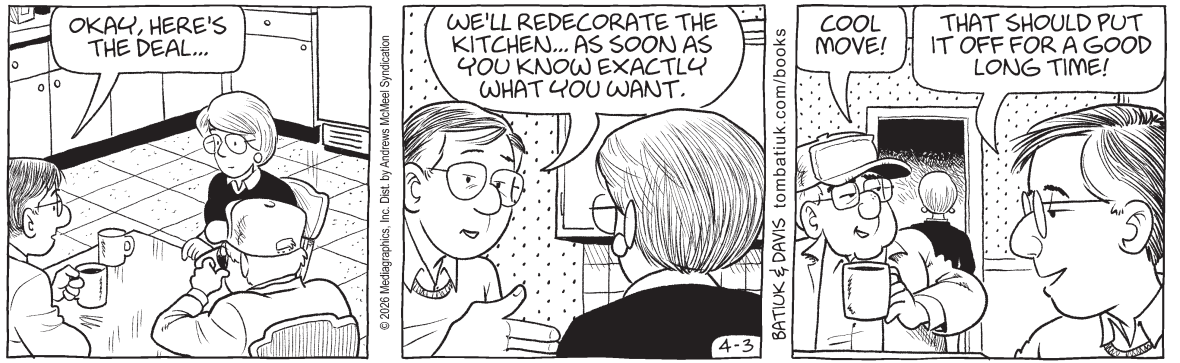
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BEETLE BAILEY



CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ready for shipping
 - 6 Buffalo NHLer
 - 11 Door sign
 - 12 Poor sport's cry
 - 13 Like a gymnast
 - 14 Like Rembrandt
 - 15 Brief time
 - 16 Put away, as a dagger
 - 18 Canadian grazer
 - 19 Express despair
 - 20 Poetic "always"
 - 21 Declares
 - 23 Skating category
 - 25 Rage
 - 27 Brit. fliers
 - 28 Like some tests
 - 30 Close by
 - 33 Wrestling win
 - 34 Switz. neighbor
 - 36 Role for Keanu
 - 37 Fencing cry
 - 39 Safari sight
 - 40 Play part
- DOWN**
- 1 Stops illegally
 - 2 Lansbury of Broadway
 - 3 Propensity for thievery
 - 4 Twisty fish
 - 5 Attire
 - 6 Courtroom conference
 - 7 Blue hue
 - 8 Clumsy fellow
 - 9 Wealth
 - 10 Clear sky
 - 17 Spring
 - 22 Rick's pianist
 - 24 Writer Fleming
 - 26 Start of a love letter
 - 28 Naval destroyer in slang
 - 29 Flop
 - 31 Docile
 - 32 Shelters
 - 33 Green sauce
 - 35 Sordid
 - 38 Pay to play
 - 42 Flower visitor

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Yesterday's answer

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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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CRYPTOQUOTE

URS DJQVN BRN MG IMTG NR
YRBNPRT URSP YJPYSDONIBYGO,
MSN URS YIB YRBNPRT URSP
P G O X R B O G N R U R S P
YJPYSDONIBYGO. — YRBHRTGGKKI
P J Y G

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LIFE IS EASY TO CHRONICLE, BUT BEWILDERING TO PRACTICE. — E.M. FORSTER

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.

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Difficulty: ★★ ★

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SOLUTION:

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