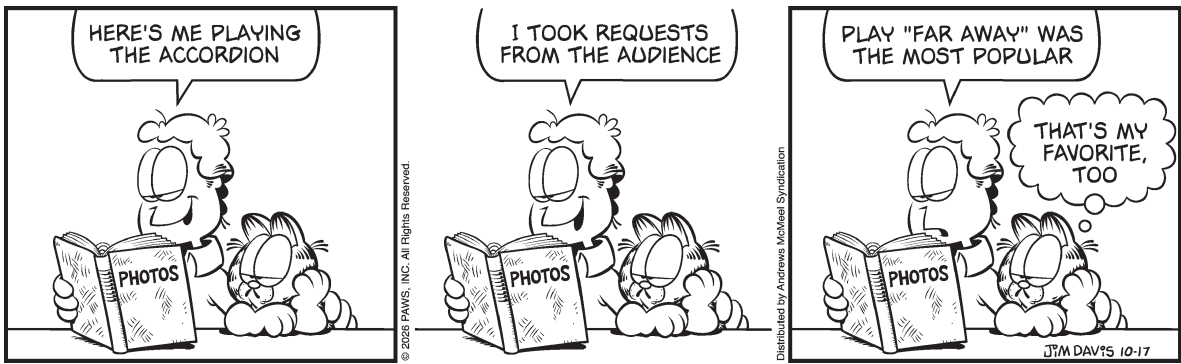


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GARFIELD



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MACANUDO



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



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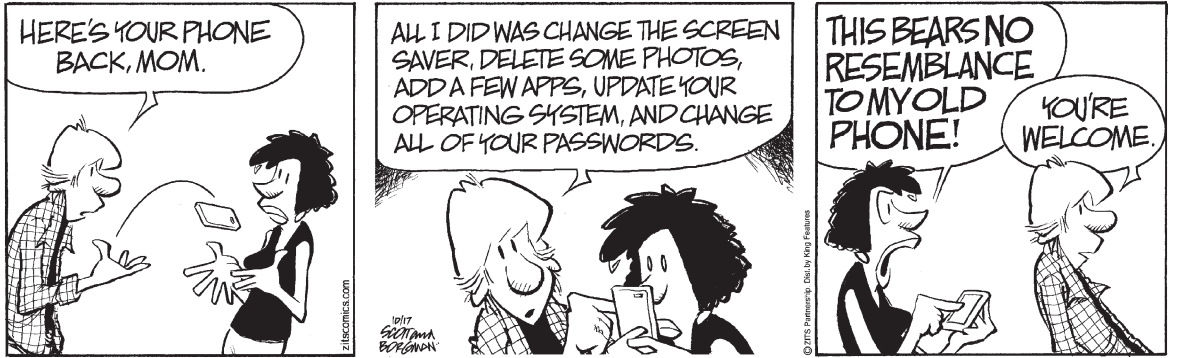
MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Exec's note
- 5 Packs down
- 10 Impulse conductors
- 12 Left on a liner
- 13 Tyler Perry persona
- 14 Knot anew
- 15 Serving feat
- 16 Links org.
- 18 Water cooler
- 19 Rank indicator
- 21 Iditarod need
- 22 Marks up, in a way
- 24 Game setting
- 25 Gets creative
- 29 Clarinet's kin
- 30 Craps natural
- 32 Dog doc
- 33 Whichever one
- 34 Part of college email addresses
- 35 "The Tempest" sprite
- DOWN**
- 37 Valued violin
- 39 Boosts
- 40 Critical asset
- 41 Authority
- 42 Departs
- 1 Papas' partners
- 2 Track bet
- 3 New digit
- 4 Binary digit
- 5 Scarlett's home
- 6 Gibbon, e.g.
- 7 Able to move
- 8 Catalog info
- 9 Spirited horse
- 11 1972 Winter Games setting
- 17 Avenge oneself
- 20 Goofy
- 21 Declare to
- 23 Market watcher

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| M | A | G | M | A |   | C | R | I | B | S |
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Yesterday's answer

|    |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 |    | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
|    |    |    |   | 11 |    | 12 |    |    |    |
| 10 |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 13 |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 19 |    |    |   | 20 |    |    |    | 21 |    |
|    |    |    |   |    |    | 23 |    |    |    |
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|    |    |    |   | 24 |    |    |    |    |    |
|    | 25 | 26 |   |    |    |    |    | 27 | 28 |
| 29 |    |    |   |    | 30 |    |    |    | 31 |
| 32 |    |    |   | 33 |    |    |    | 34 |    |
| 35 |    |    |   | 36 |    |    | 37 | 38 |    |
| 39 |    |    |   |    |    |    | 40 |    |    |
| 41 |    |    |   |    |    |    | 42 |    |    |

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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

M K X L P H B X - F X Z B N N Y , M K X K H F R X E M B N N Y , F N P P E H P N Y T M K X K J P P E , T X Y M P G C N D Y I J Y T , H R H E M C H P P N N Y .

— M X Z K D T K X E

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN YOU HAVE MADE AS MANY MISTAKES AS I HAVE THEN YOU CAN BE AS GOOD AS ME. — WOLFGANG PUCK

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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SOLUTION:

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