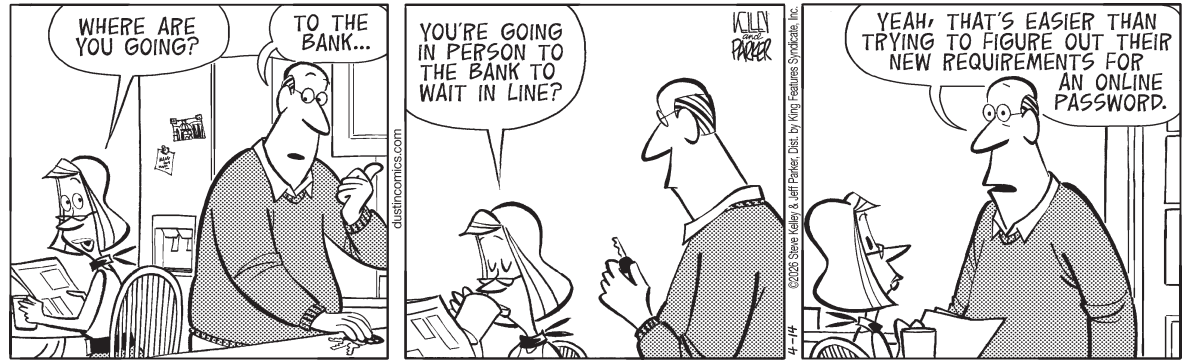


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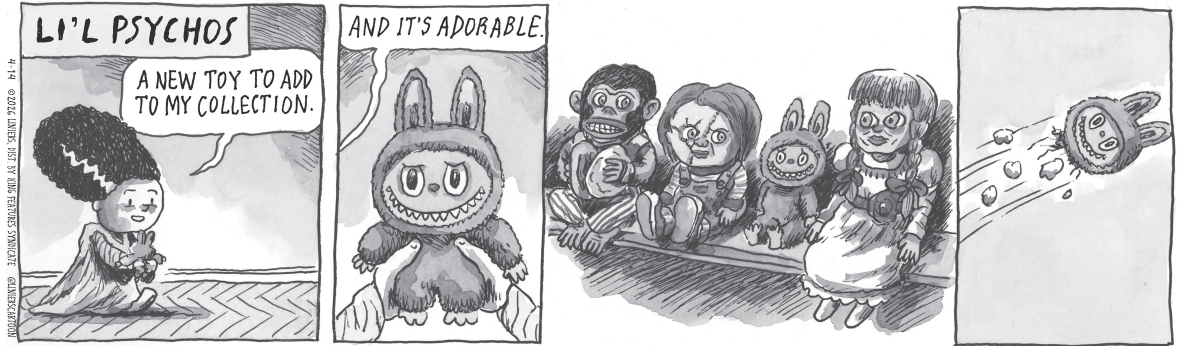
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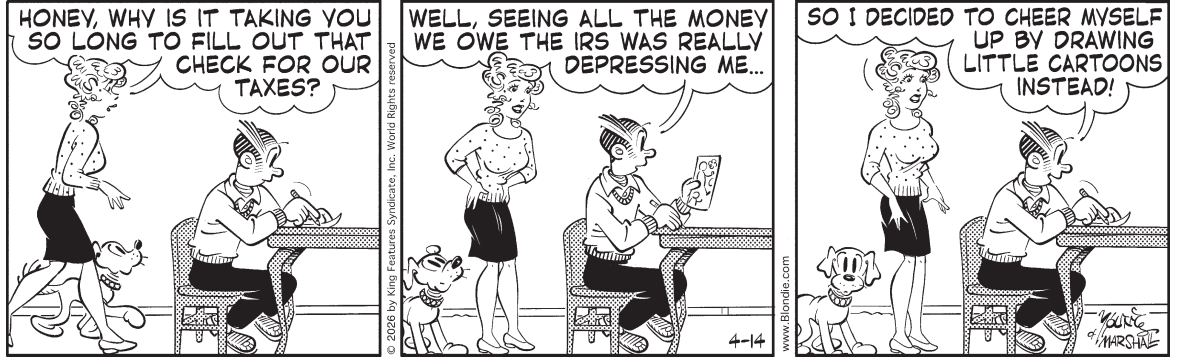
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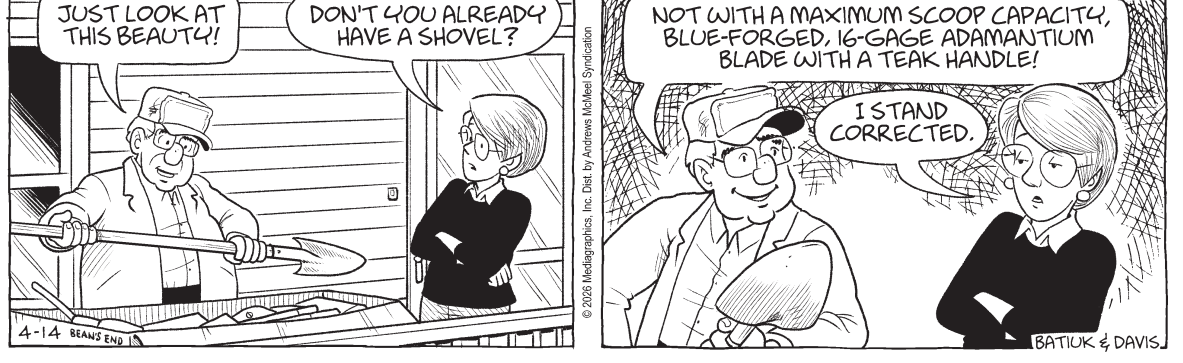
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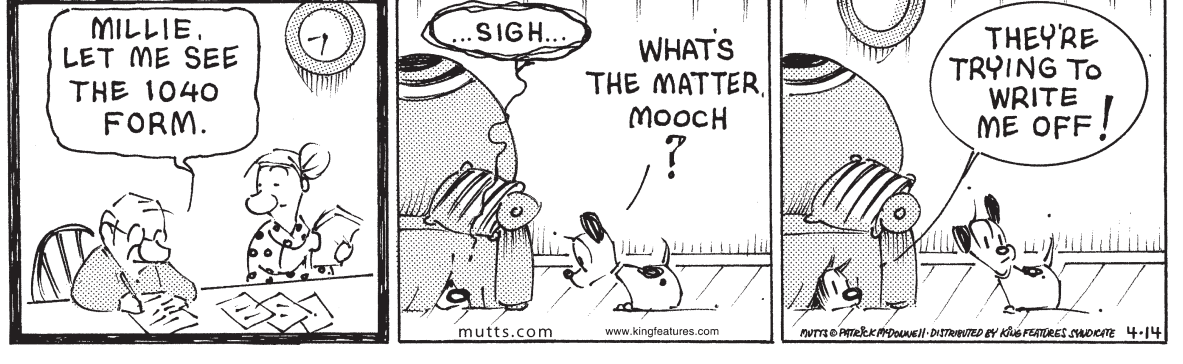
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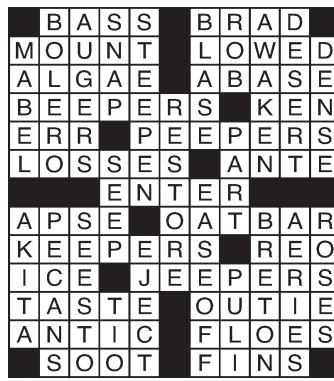


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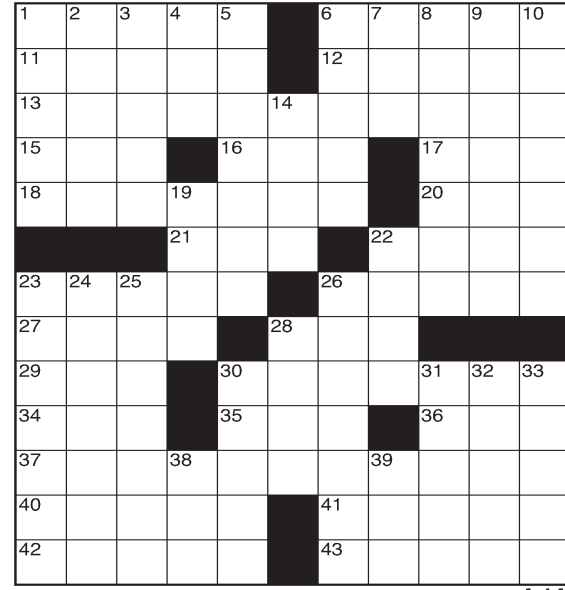
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Palette stuff
 - 6 — lazuli
 - 11 Birch family tree
 - 12 Decree
 - 13 Original "SNL" member
 - 15 Holiday lead-in
 - 16 Zeus or Apollo
 - 17 Quarterback Manning
 - 18 Set right
 - 20 Keg need
 - 21 Poem of praise
 - 22 Walking aid
 - 23 Mean-spirited
 - 26 Appliance parts
 - 27 High cards
 - 28 Passing craze
 - 29 Neckline shape
 - 30 Winter melons
 - 34 Court worker: Abbr.
 - 35 Had supper
 - 36 Be decisive
 - 37 Original "SNL" member
 - 40 Ryan of "Paper Moon"

- DOWN**
- 1 Beeper's kin
 - 2 Full of energy
 - 3 Loafed around
 - 4 Homer's neighbor
 - 5 "Hamlet," for one
 - 6 Main roles
 - 7 Say further
 - 8 Batter's aid
 - 9 Reykjavik's nation
 - 10 Tiger features
 - 14 Romantic flower
 - 19 Goes bad
 - 22 Musical close
 - 23 Arizona natives
 - 24 Solvent ingredient
 - 25 Was furious
 - 26 It's based on precedent
 - 28 Destiny
 - 30 Elevator lifter
 - 31 Treat the turkey
 - 32 Needed a massage
 - 33 Mixes
 - 38 Old horse
 - 39 Try out



Saturday'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.

4-14 CRYPTOQUOTE
 GWYMZMWZCF FZSD GWSDF: YU
 EZCJWCV IED MWVEI YBBL, ZI
 IED MWVEI IWND, IB Z LWJ
 WC CDDJ. — XAJU YGAND
Saturday's Cryptoquote: SPRING UNLOCKS THE FLOWERS TO PAINT THE LAUGHING SOIL.
 — BISHOP REGINALD HEBER

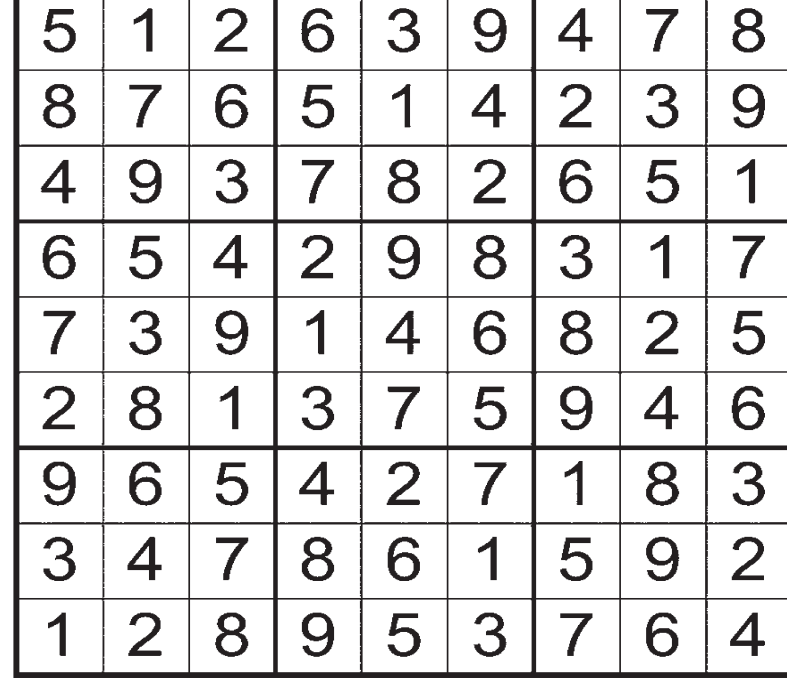
SUDOKU

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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.



Difficulty: ★★ 4/14

SOLUTION:



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