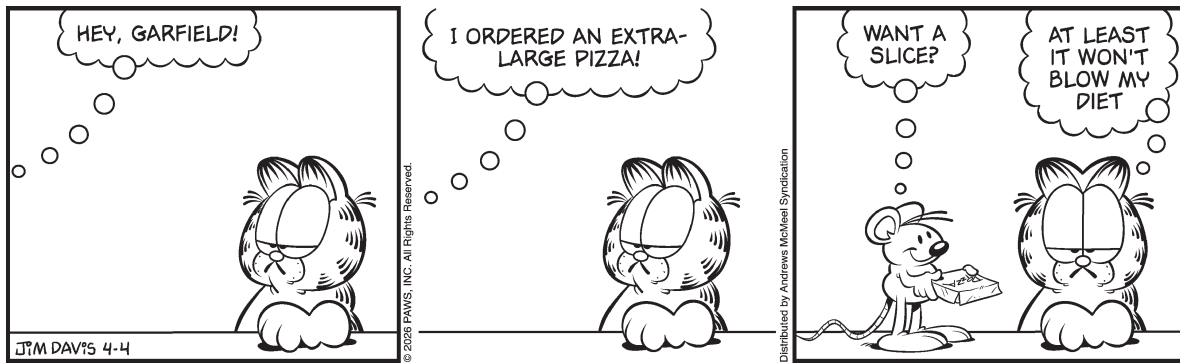


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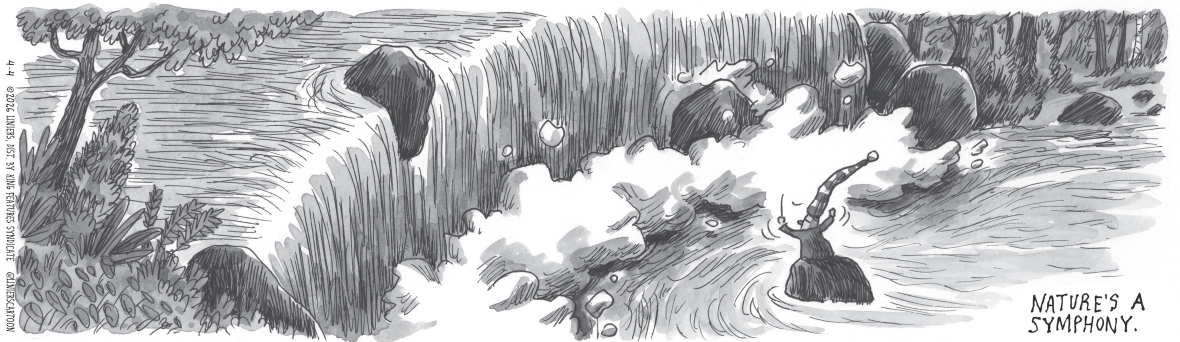
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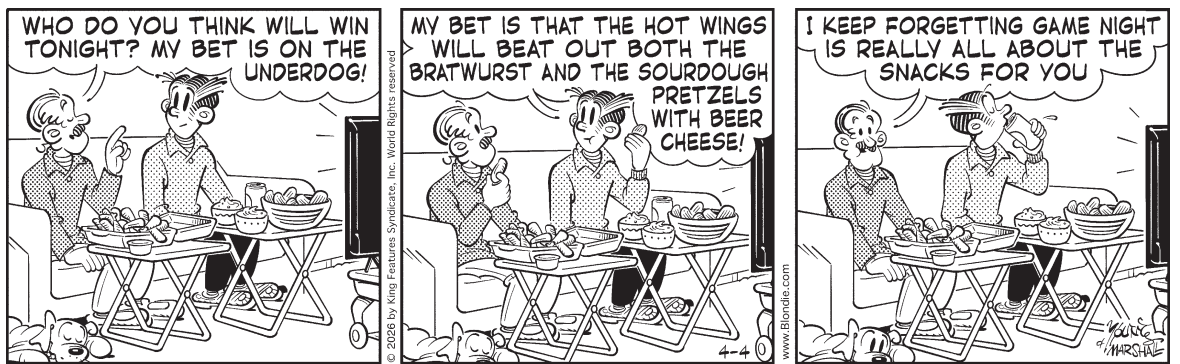
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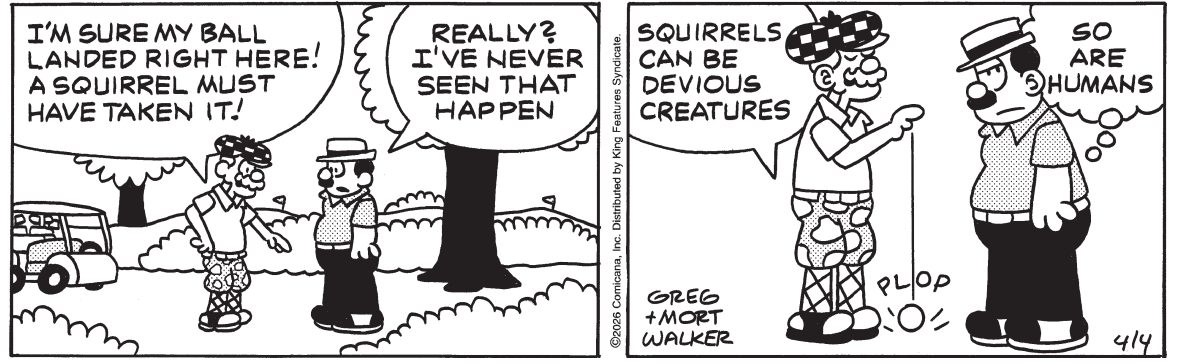
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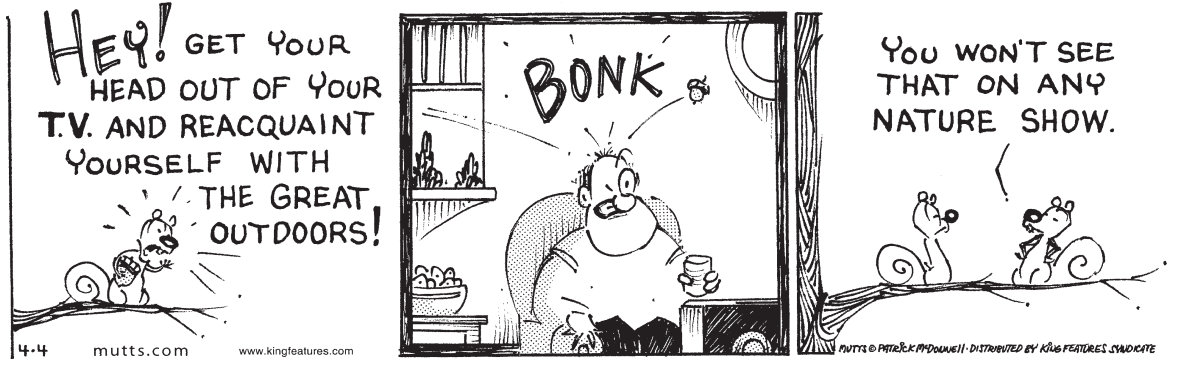
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CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Litmus reddener
- 5 Blood fluid
- 10 Fills fully
- 12 Fight site
- 13 Brown ermine
- 14 Wizard's tools
- 15 Writer Beattie
- 16 Short records, for short
- 18 Ump's call
- 19 Place for a seaweed wrap
- 21 Painter's medium
- 22 Line-reading skill
- 24 Early years
- 25 Sunset Boulevard sights
- 29 Turn down
- 30 Salary recipient
- 32 Cloth scrap
- 33 Next-to-last letter
- 34 "Aw, shucks!"
- 35 2024 film that won Best Picture

- 37 Commerce
- 39 Wise teachers
- 40 Jason of "Shrinking"
- 41 Rough tries
- 42 Mob pursuers

### DOWN

- 1 Longtime Syrian leader
- 2 Brief sleep
- 3 Figure skating biopic of 2017
- 4 Narc's org.
- 5 Shop tools
- 6 Geologic period

C	A	S	E	D	S	A	B	R	E
E	N	T	E	R	I	Q	U	I	T
A	G	I	L	E	D	U	T	C	H
S	E	C	S	H	E	A	T	H	E
E	L	K	S	O	B	E	E	R	
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		F	A	D		R	A	F	
		T	I	M	E	D		N	I
P	I	N	A		A	U	S		N
E	N	G	A	R	D	E		G	N
S	C	E	N	E		A	B	E	T
T	A	R	T	S		M	E	R	L
O	N	S	E	T		Y	E	S	E

Yesterday's answer

- 7 "The Bathers" painter
- 8 To excess
- 9 Ship staffs
- 11 Member of a blended family
- 17 Nevada tribe
- 20 With craft
- 21 Different
- 23 Narrow passages
- 25 Trail mix bit
- 26 Soft wool
- 27 Hire
- 28 Ranked, in tennis
- 29 Pulls along
- 31 Staggers
- 33 Fail to
- 36 Massage
- 38 Field worker

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				11			12	
13							14	
15				16	17			18
19		20					21	
	22						23	
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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.

4-4 CRYPTOQUOTE  
 NDX NL RFX INHR OXSVRJLVM  
 RFJDYH JD RFX ZNQMP J'WX  
 XWXQ HXXD NQ FXSQP JH  
 EXNEMX MSVYFJDY. — P.M.  
 FVYFMXB  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR RESPONSE TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. — CONDOLEEZZA RICE

## 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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 4/4

### SOLUTION:

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