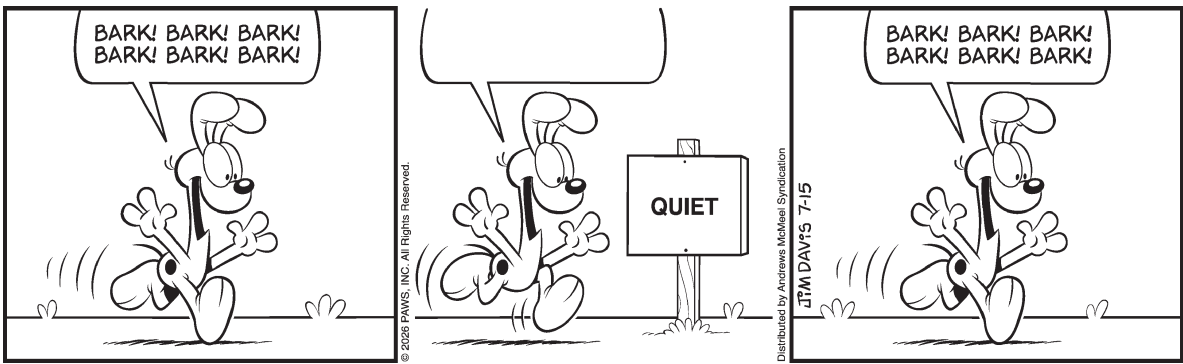


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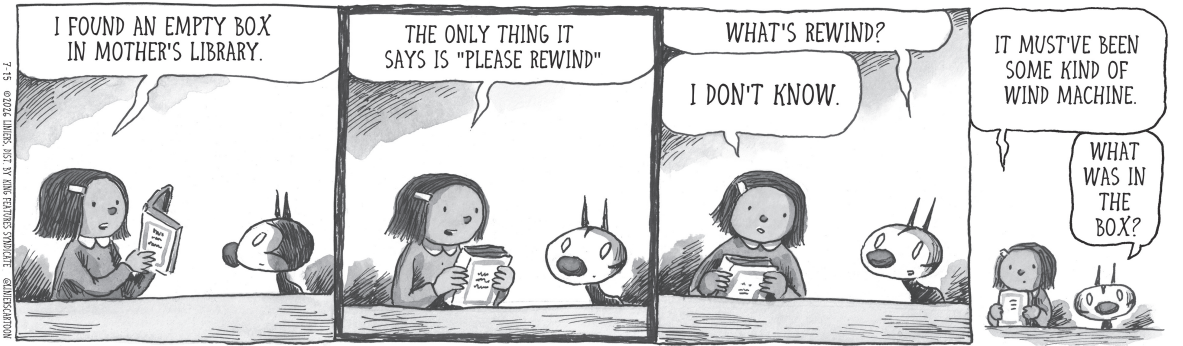
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MACANUDO



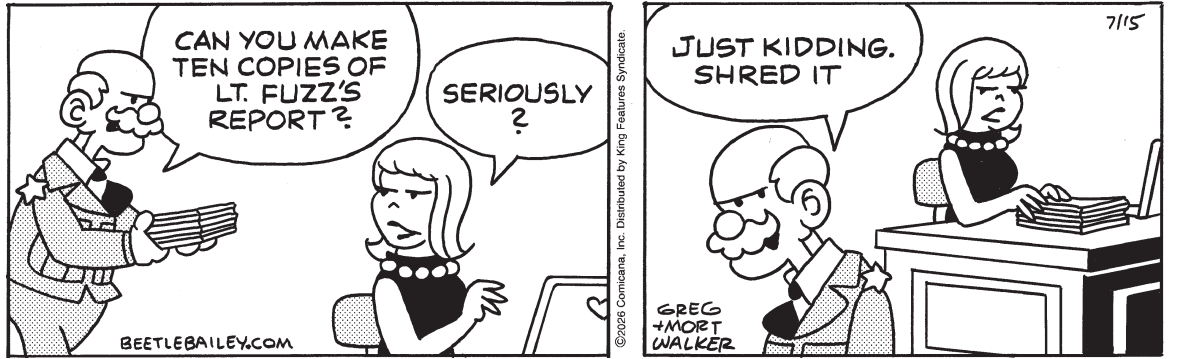
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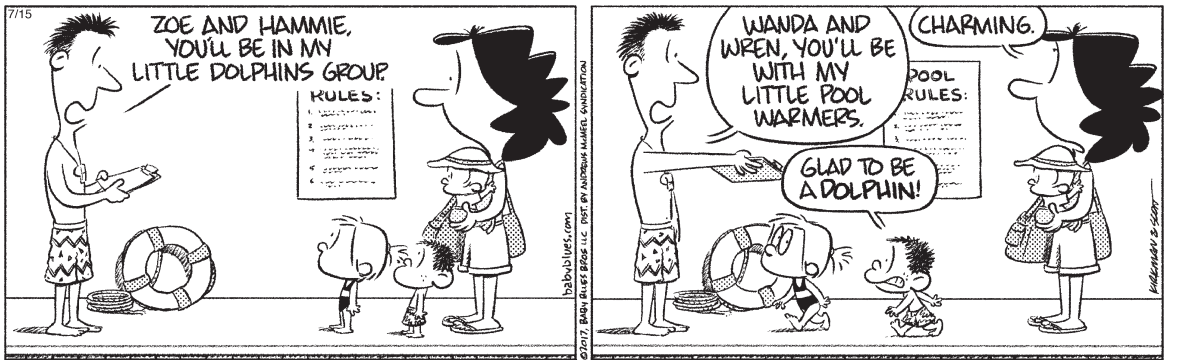
CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Flock member
- 5 "Wild, man!"
- 11 Lotion additive
- 12 Relaxed
- 13 Spice from nutmeg
- 14 Ice cream flavor
- 15 Fire remnant
- 16 Corrals
- 17 Entertain
- 19 Letter before sigma
- 22 Burger topper
- 24 Tea stirrer
- 26 Bounce back
- 27 High point
- 28 Article
- 30 Tour de France vehicles
- 31 Cool, to jazzmen
- 32 Bitter humor
- 34 Wildly eager
- 35 Rule in India
- 38 Ice cream flavor
- 41 Casual shirt
- 42 Ladybug, for one
- 43 Fill completely
- 44 Places faith in

45 Fans' favorite

DOWN

- 1 Tibetan monk
- 2 Weary sigh
- 3 Ice cream flavor
- 4 Flower visitor
- 5 Watch parts
- 6 Makes amends
- 7 Game callers
- 8 Clumsy one
- 9 Try out
- 10 Casual shirt
- 16 Play on words
- 18 Earth circler

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | O | B | O |   |   | R | A | M | E | N |
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| H | A | D | E | S |   | M | E | T | A |   |

Yesterday's answer

- 19 Ice cream flavor
- 20 Browser button
- 21 Some bills
- 22 "Little Women" sister
- 23 Aspirin's target
- 25 Aspirin's target
- 29 Male escort
- 30 Marshy area
- 33 Seth of "The Studio"
- 34 Small workers
- 36 Choir voice
- 37 Singer Billy
- 38 Diminish
- 39 "Golly!"
- 40 Attain
- 41 Letter before omega

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| 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.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

J B M A H   Z Q S S K   X B N F   J N F L X K

H Y L U   D L Q S M N F   F E F N   V Q S S .

— XLNI RLOZKBU

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BE FEARLESS IN THE PURSUIT OF WHAT SETS YOUR SOUL ON FIRE. — JENNIFER LEE

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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