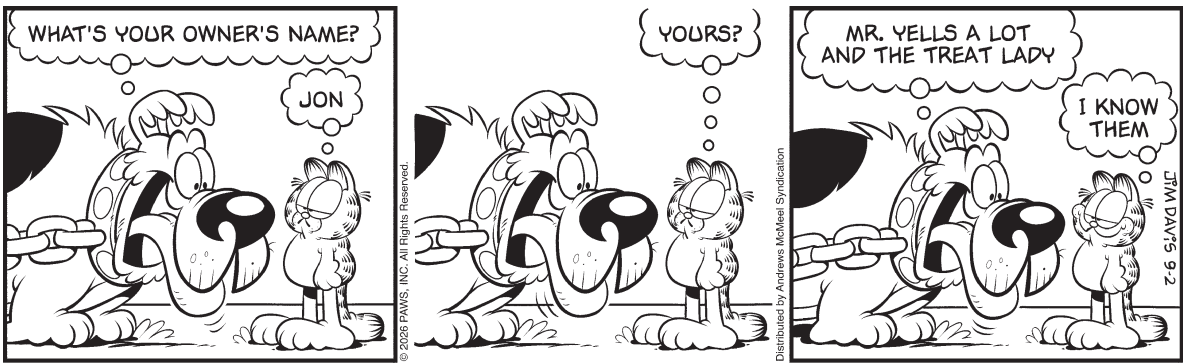


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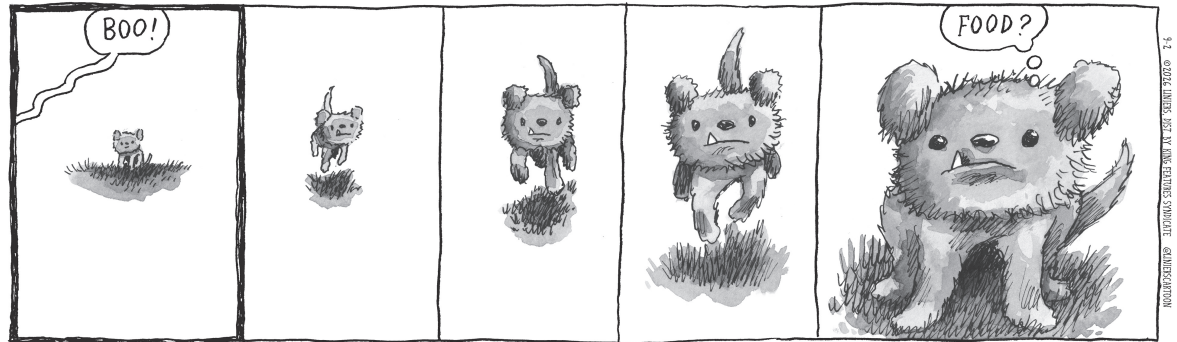
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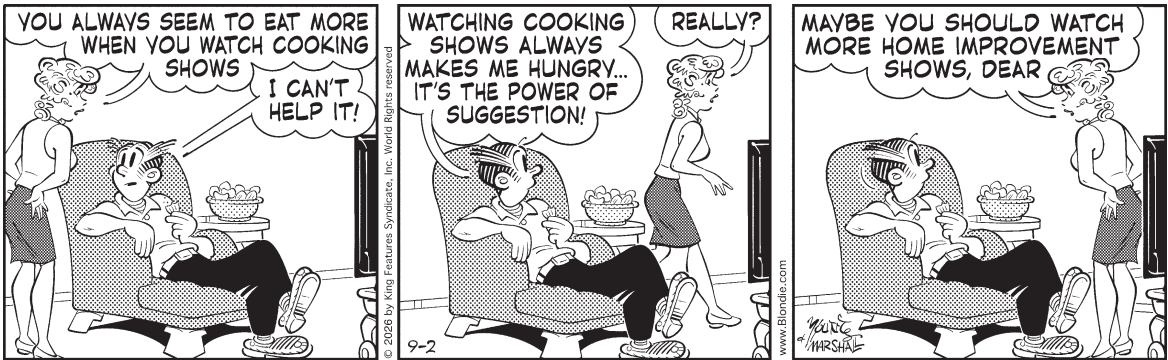
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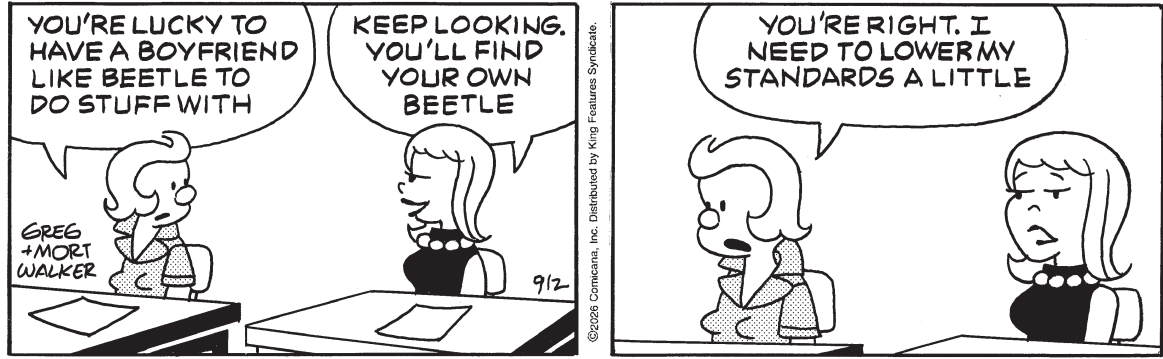
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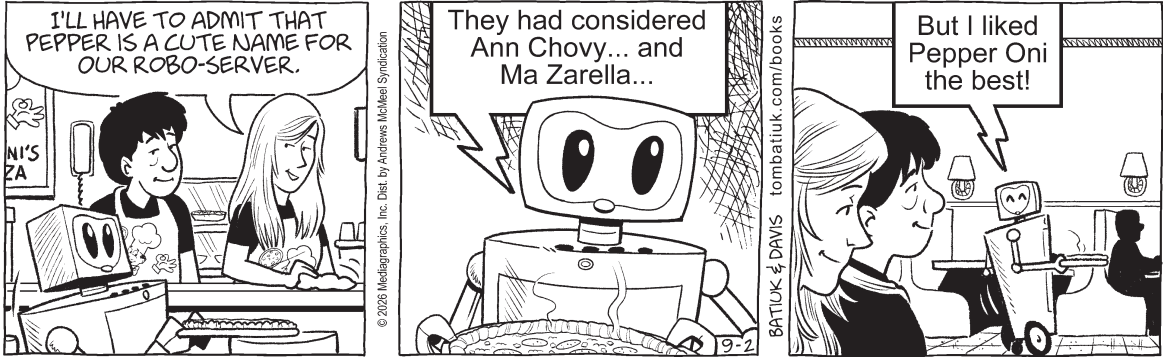
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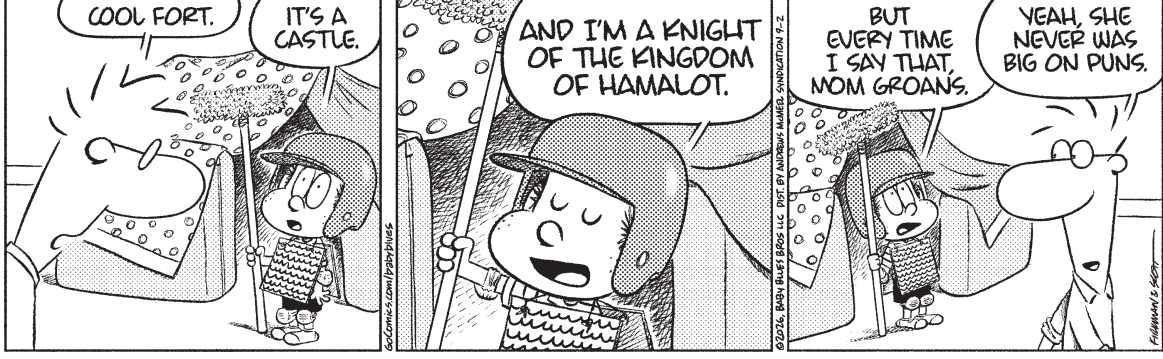
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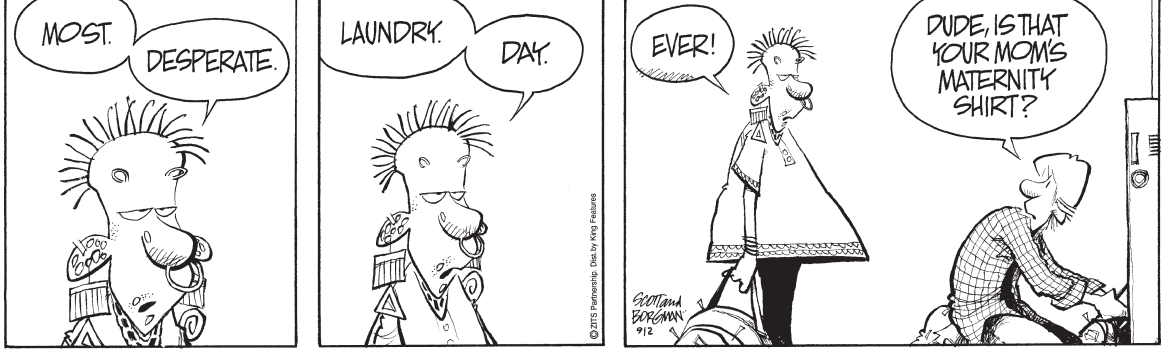
MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Some bow ties
- 6 Diver Louganis
- 10 Bit of silly behavior
- 11 Dagger part
- 12 Artery insert
- 13 Skiers' hangout
- 14 First-rate
- 15 July birth-stones
- 16 Conclude
- 17 Team supporter
- 18 Shelley work
- 19 April birth-stones
- 22 Smell
- 23 Fencing sword
- 26 May birth-stones
- 29 Band blaster
- 32 Fleet letters
- 33 Gloss target
- 34 June birth-stones
- 36 Existence
- 37 Puzzled
- 38 Easy basket
- 39 Valentine's gift

- 40 Moved carefully
- 41 — the line (obeyed)
- 42 Attire

DOWN

- 1 Stuck, in a way
- 2 Shake-speare's merchant
- 3 Mom's new hubby
- 4 Metal containers
- 5 Do something
- 6 Dollop
- 7 Ham's need
- 8 Trimmed
- 9 Gaggle group

- 11 Goofs
- 15 Sought a seat
- 17 Fixed methods
- 20 "The Simpsons" bartender
- 21 Hotel amenity
- 24 Squashed circle
- 25 Enlightens
- 27 Twisty turn
- 28 Shells out
- 29 Segre-gated
- 30 Copycat's cry
- 31 Out of fashion
- 35 Oboe part
- 36 Deceitful sort
- 38 TV's Danson

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | R | O | M | A |   | S | E | V | E | R |
| L | I | M | I | T |   | P | R | I | M | E |
| O | P | E | N | H | E | A | R | T | E | D |
| H | E | N |   | L | A | T |   | A | R | E |
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| T | A | L | K |   |   | D | U | G |   |   |
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| E | L | L | E | N |   |   | E | A | G | L |
| S | A | D | A | T |   |   | S | T | E | E |

Yesterday's answer

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10 |    |    |    |    | 11 |    |    |    |
| 12 |    |    |    |    | 13 |    |    |    |
| 14 |    |    |    |    | 15 |    |    |    |
| 16 |    |    |    | 17 |    |    | 18 |    |
| 19 |    |    | 20 |    |    |    | 21 |    |
|    | 22 |    |    |    | 23 |    | 24 | 25 |
| 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

Z TQFK PGZDB PGTP EGTP'F  
ESKDR EZPG TQQ KJ CF ZF  
PGTP EV IKD'P FGKE VDKCRG  
QKHV PKETSI VTLG KPGVS.

— QZPPQV SZLGTSI

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HOW SMARTLY  
SEPTEMBER COMES IN, LIKE A RACING GIG, ALL  
STYLE, NO CONFUSION. — ELEANOR CLARK

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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