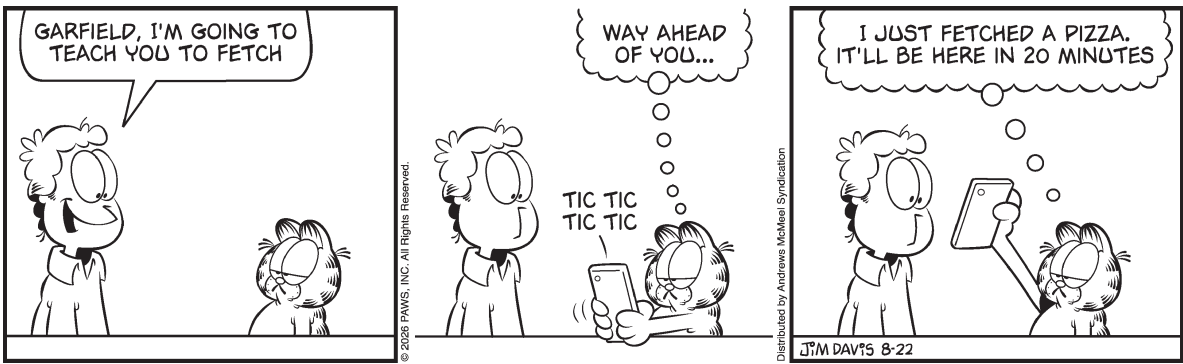
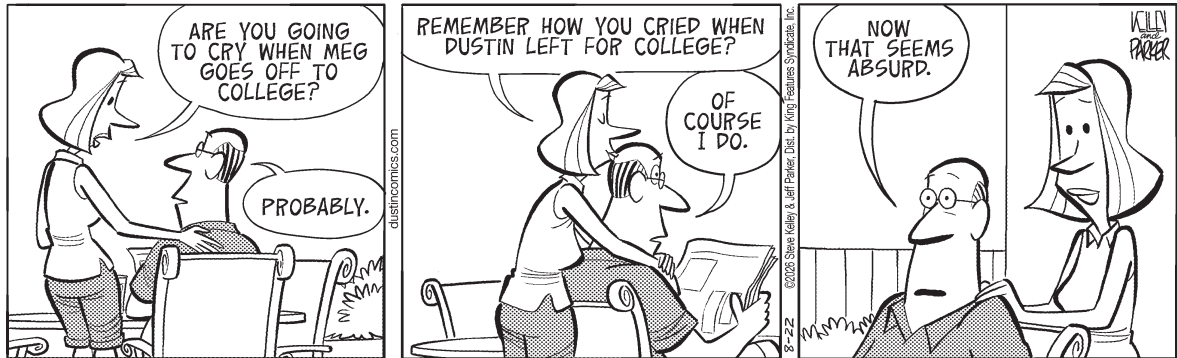


COMICS AND FEATURES

GARFIELD



DUSTIN



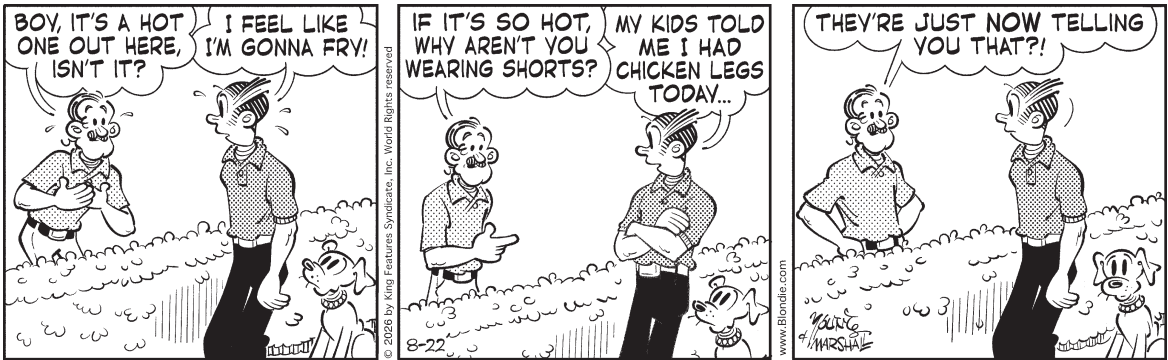
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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



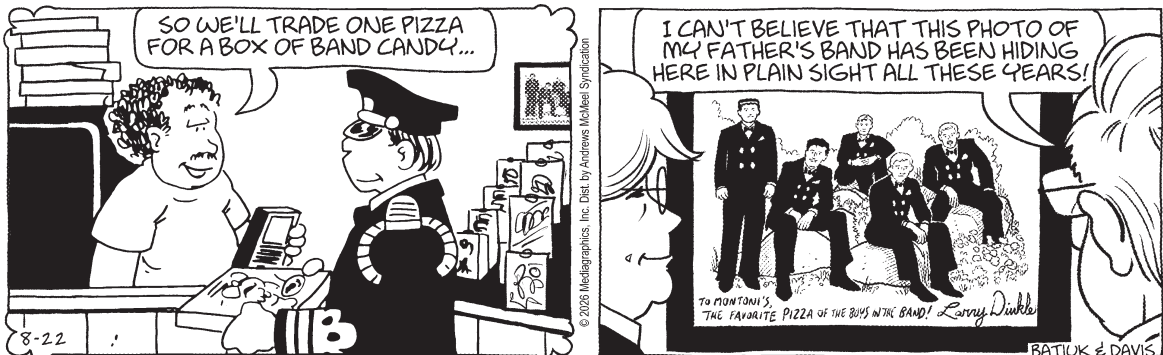
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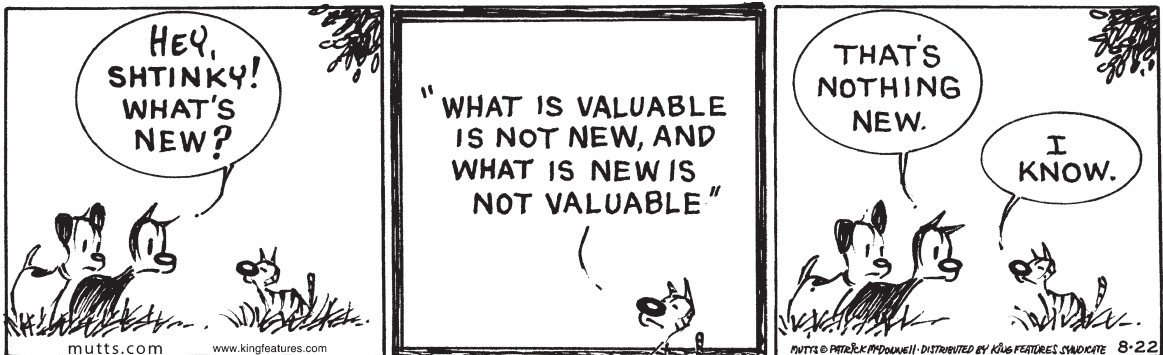
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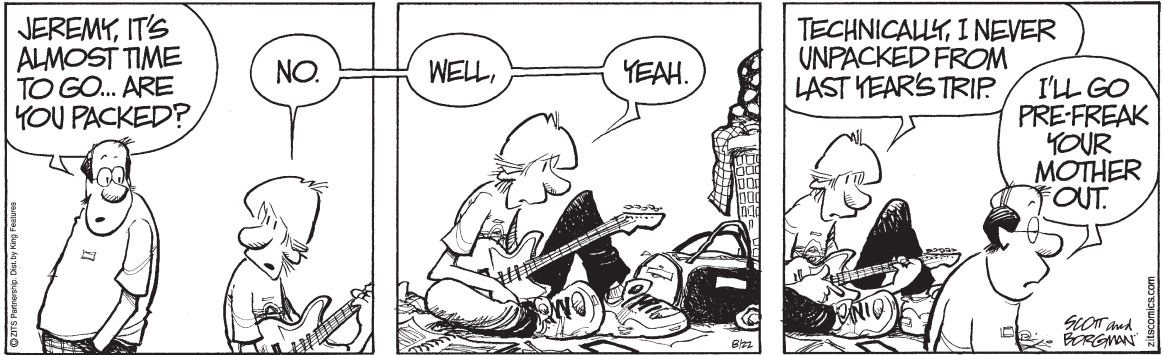
MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dull pain

5 Does' mates

10 First lady before Michelle

12 Seasonal song

13 Brat's opposite

14 Yucca's kin

15 Soviet jet

16 Set fire to

18 Garden area

19 Like some garages

21 Knights' titles

22 Chant type

24 Cruller's cousin

25 Salem native

29 Conks out

30 Haphazard

32 Wing

33 Stake

34 Be a contender

35 Deli fixture

37 Biscotti flavor

39 Journalist

Couric

40 Trouble

41 Contemp-tuous look

42 Hardy heroine

DOWN

1 Texas landmark

2 Some chair work

3 Overtly friendly sort

4 Before, to bards

5 Jazz style

6 Price setting

7 Mideast peninsula

8 Rule

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

Yesterday's answer

9 Goes downhill

11 Excited

17 Magnetite, e.g.

20 Gives over

21 Peaceful protest

23 Drink now, pay later

25 Tin Man's prop

26 Feel empathy

27 Counsel

28 Sounds

29 News-room fixtures

31 Convenes

33 Tavern order

36 Tell tales

38 Take in

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
10					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.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

XGBUVNC, CDV, CHVN HVN

CUH, RIHR CLDVNC JBOU H

CDSSUG RL SU. — DVOVLPV

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DON'T BE RECKLESS WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARTS. DON'T PUT UP WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE RECKLESS WITH YOURS. — JIMI HENDRIX

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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SOLUTION:

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