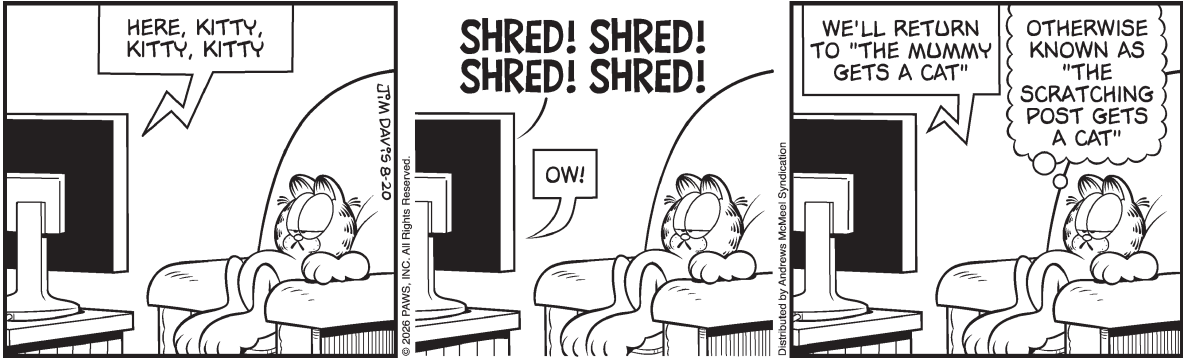


COMICS AND FEATURES

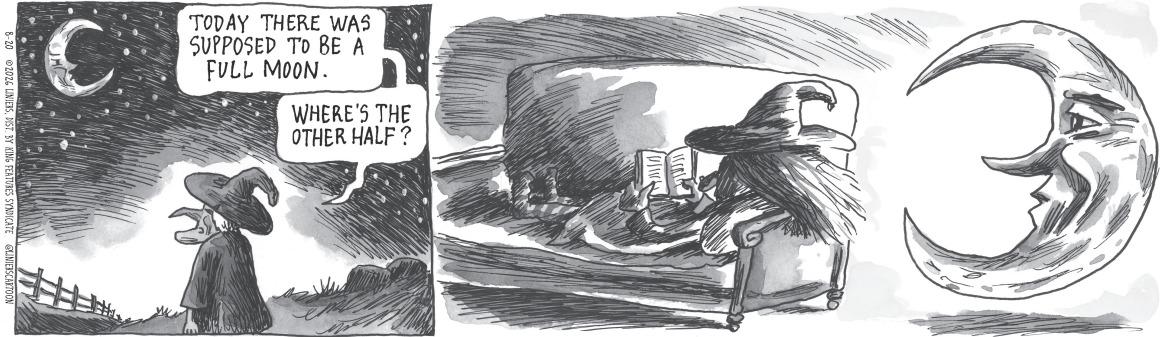
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DUSTIN



MACANUDO



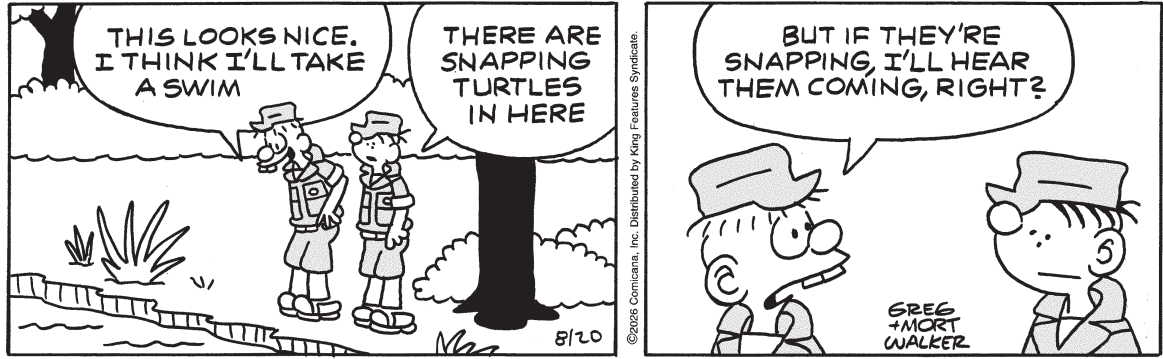
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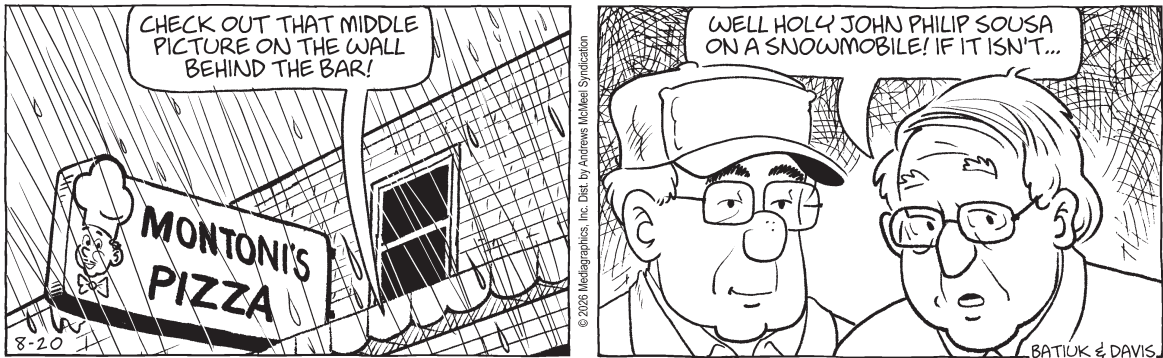
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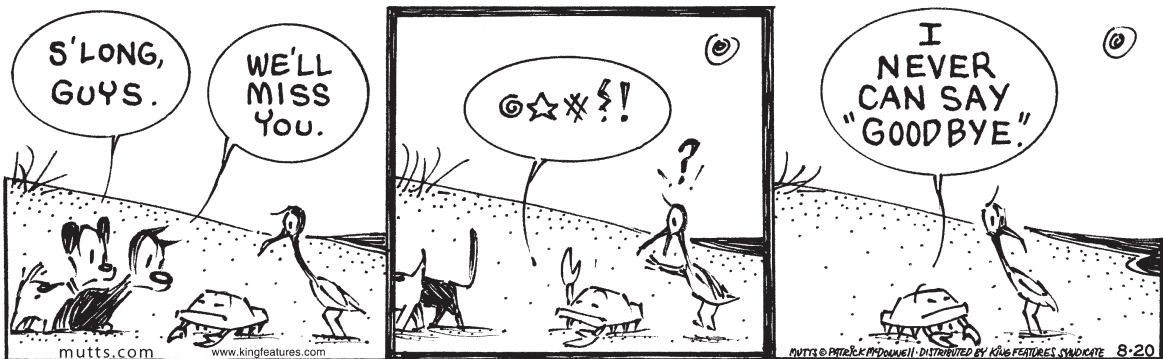
BEETLE BAILEY



CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Hence
  - 5 Shock treatment, for short
  - 10 Circle dance
  - 11 Lively Spanish dance
  - 12 "Frozen" snowman
  - 13 Words on an arrow
  - 14 Fixing a sneaker
  - 16 Passing along
  - 20 Pine products
  - 23 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
  - 24 Pindar, for one
  - 25 Chaplin persona
  - 27 Feel queasy
  - 28 Grands, e.g.
  - 29 Like a bubble bath
  - 32 Telling the tale
  - 36 Chant
  - 39 Creative germ
  - 40 One of the moons of Mars
  - 41 Nearly all
- DOWN
- 1 Hammer wielder
  - 2 Golf target
  - 3 Russian river
  - 4 Game quests
  - 5 Summer of song
  - 6 Sad poem
  - 7 Small number
  - 8 Lyricist
  - 9 Young fellow
  - 11 Seethes
  - 15 Euro division
  - 17 Turkey neighbor
  - 18 Movie fish
  - 19 Openings
  - 20 Crowd sound
  - 21 Falco of "The Sopranos"
  - 22 Window part
  - 25 Turner of song
  - 26 Joplin's music
  - 28 Heaps
  - 30 Bakery come-on
  - 31 Inert gas
  - 33 Fans' favorite
  - 34 Famed loch
  - 35 Airport area
  - 36 Lupino of film
  - 37 Composer
  - 38 Director

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| C | L | A | M |   |   |   | G | R | O | W |
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|   |   |   | P | I | T |   | V | E | E | P |
| S | E | T |   | H | E | A | R | I | N | G |
| H | E | A | T | I | N | G |   | N | A | E |
| A | L | L | O | T |   | A | W | A | R | E |
| R | E | I | N | S |   |   | N | O | T | E |
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Yesterday's answer

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

8-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

D'L JFTUDXFUVN EH HKA,

EFEH, RDCV F MDOVSKOCP

PZKS. — UFHRKO PSDMU

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY FATHER USED TO SAY, "WELL, ANN, MAYBE THE BEST THING YOU'LL EVER DO, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF YET." — ANN CURRY

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.

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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SOLUTION:

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