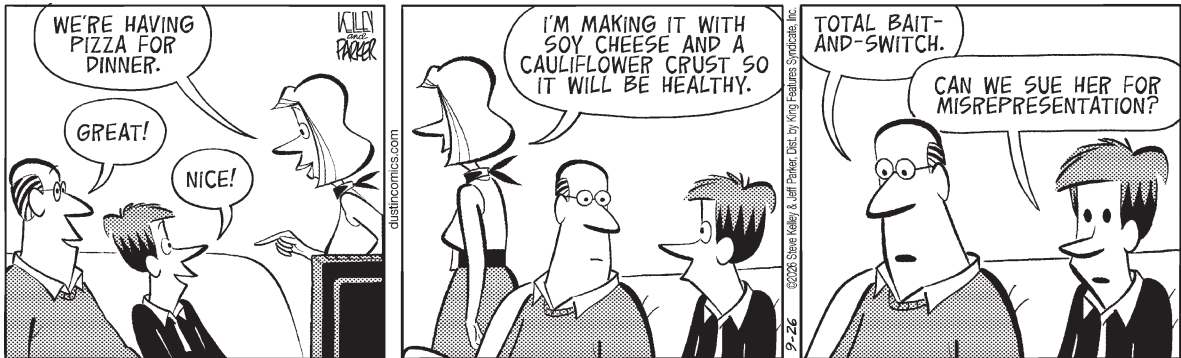


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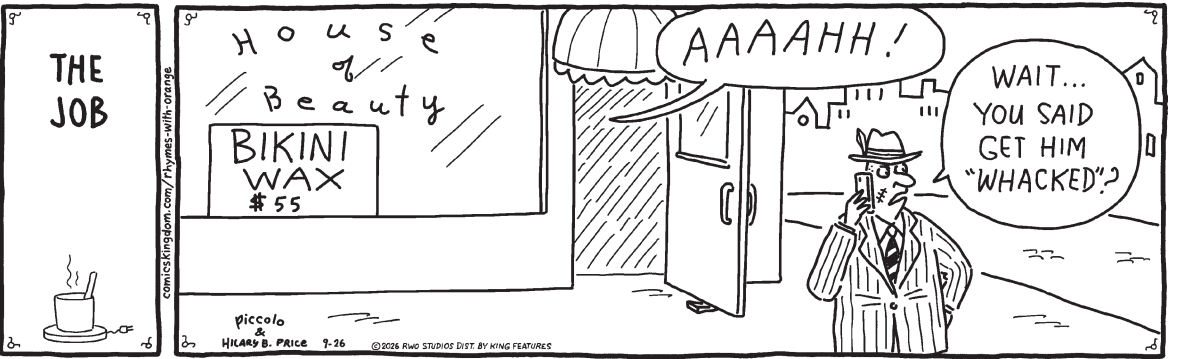
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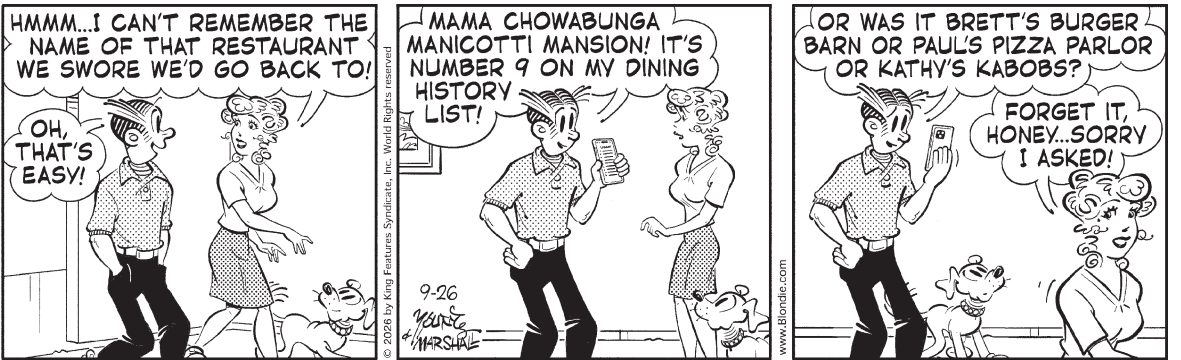
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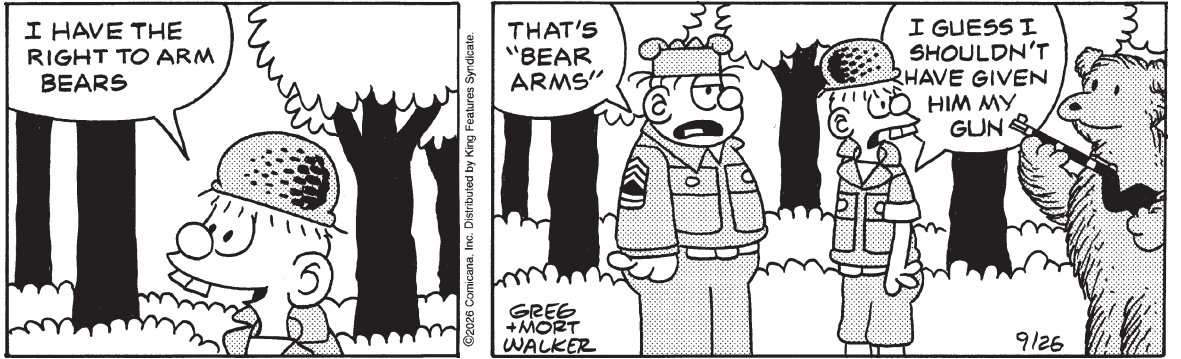
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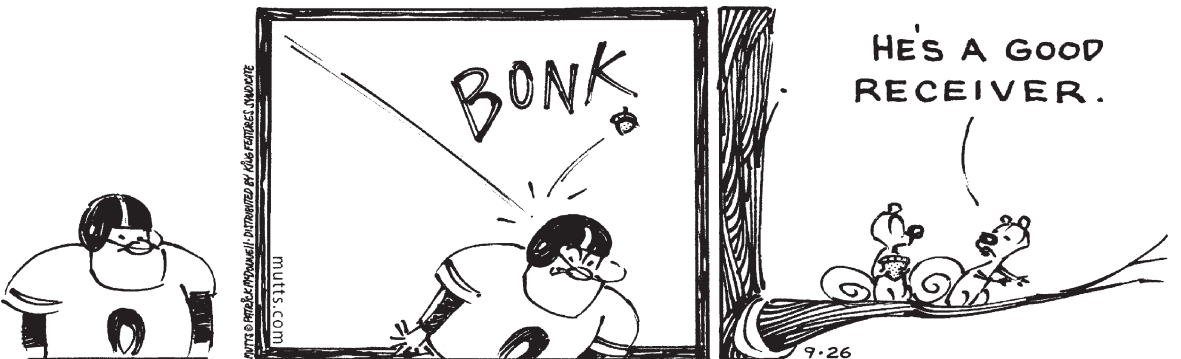
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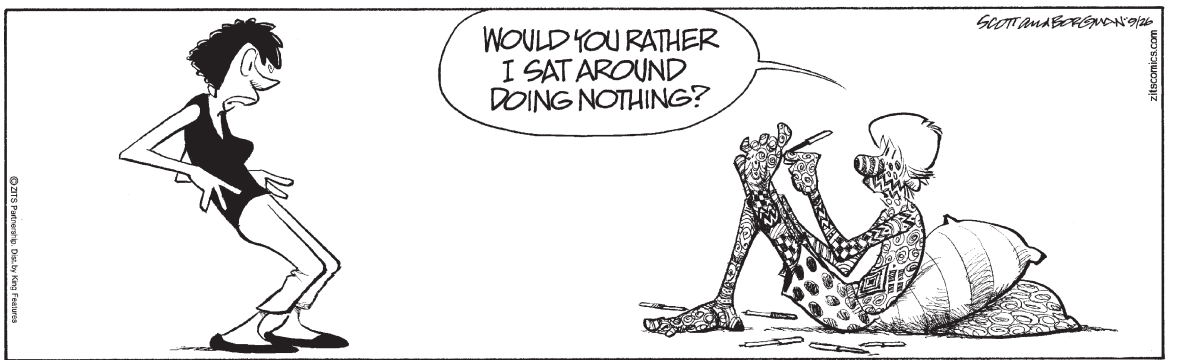
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BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

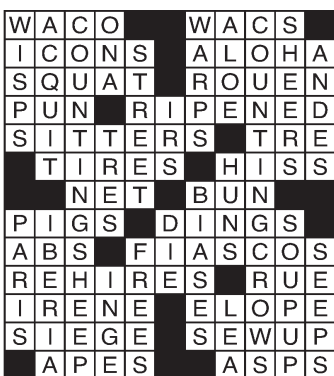
- 1 Trapper's wares
- 5 Blacken
- 9 Roofed patio
- 10 Caesar, for one
- 12 "I have half — to ..."
- 13 Recital piece
- 14 Old fashioned ingredient
- 16 Bar concern
- 17 Wallet bill
- 18 Tops, as toast
- 20 Station worker
- 22 Wee
- 23 Band-leader Shaw
- 25 Iowa State setting
- 28 Still green
- 32 Hit seekers
- 34 German article
- 35 Volcano product
- 36 Improves
- 38 Map ratio

- 40 Wipe clear
- 41 Accolade
- 42 Spoof
- 43 Phone message
- 44 Spotted

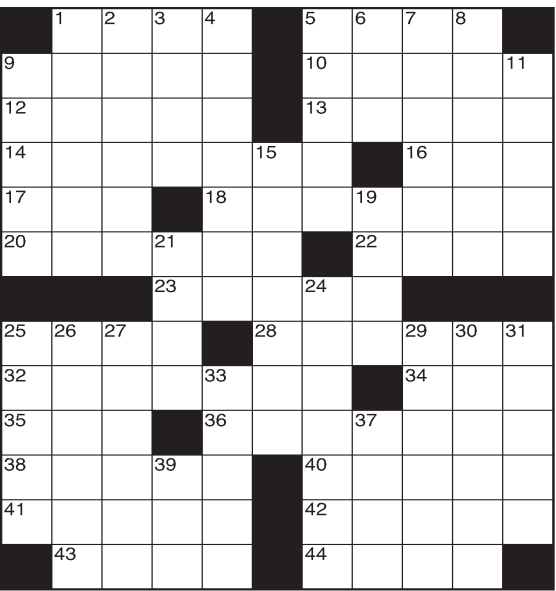
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- 1 Drought byproduct
- 2 In agreement
- 3 Crazy talk
- 4 Courtroom conference
- 5 Wave peak
- 6 Sizzling
- 7 Lucky charm

- 8 Air traffic aids
- 9 Toil away
- 11 Full of info
- 15 Burst
- 19 Stadium section
- 21 Play group
- 24 Foot parts
- 25 Disconcert
- 26 School symbol
- 27 Fuel gas
- 29 Think
- 30 Chapel worker
- 31 German steel city
- 33 Reviewer Roger
- 37 Factual
- 39 Bagel topper



Yesterday's answer



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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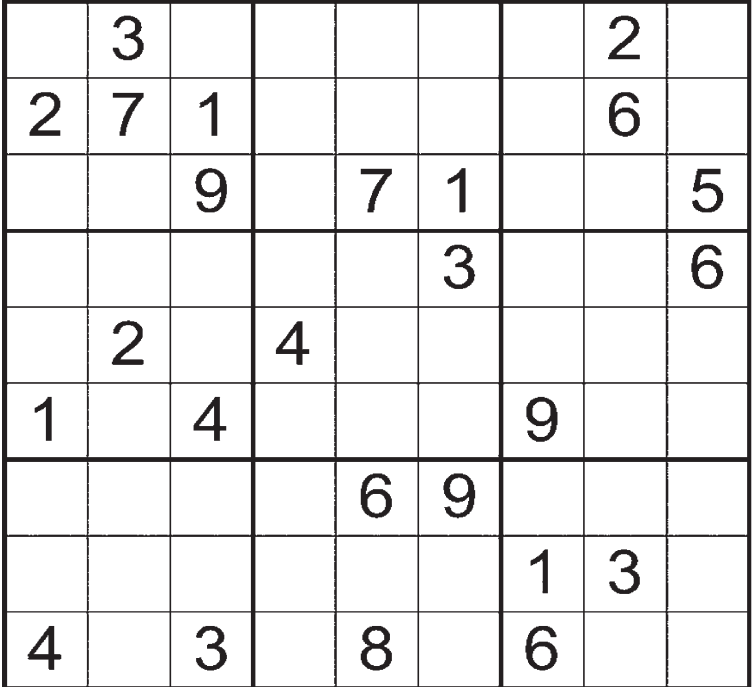
CRYPTOQUOTE

OID UW GTDN, V BEIX
E INJVEQ XVNJ TEW
RHDNTVENW, ZAN NJH LVQJN
IO NJH LNTDL UTBHL UH

CDHTU. — YVERHEN YTE QIQJ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THINK WELL OF ALL, BE PATIENT WITH ALL, AND TRY TO FIND THE GOOD IN ALL. — MUHAMMAD ALI

SUDOKU

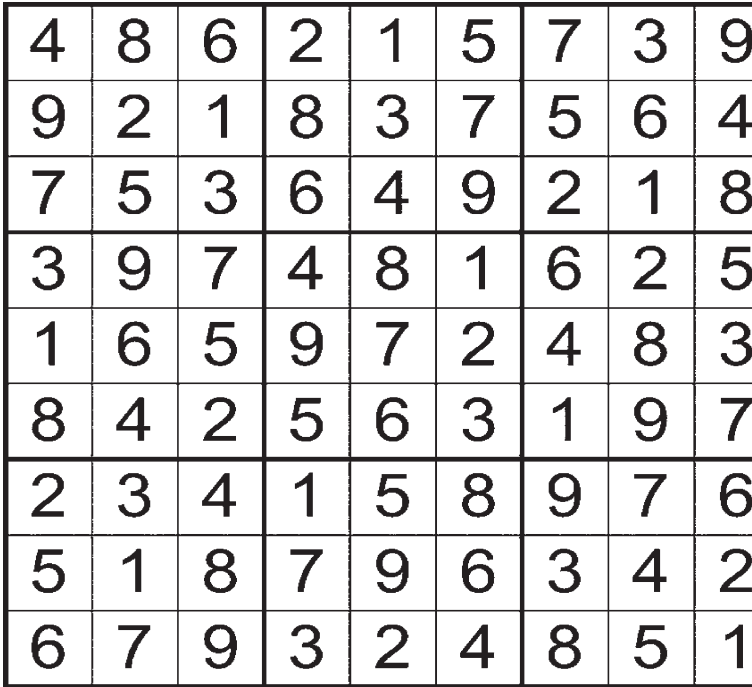
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.



Difficulty: ★★★★★

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SOLUTION:



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