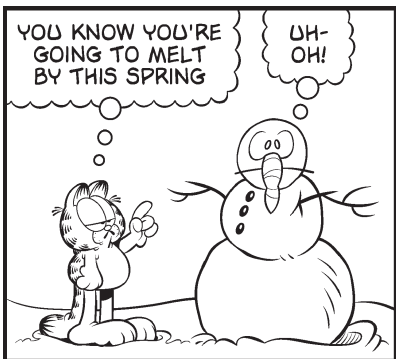


COMICS AND FEATURES

GARFIELD



DUSTIN



MACANUDO



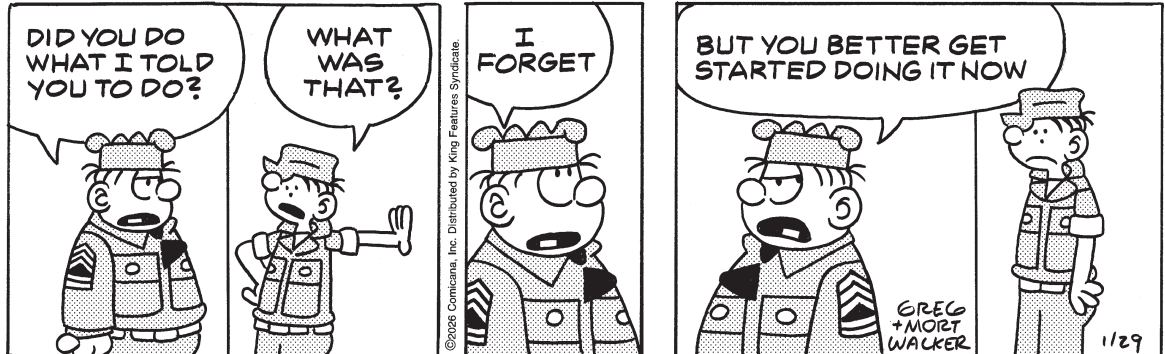
RHYMES WITH ORANGE



BLONDIE



BEETLE BAILEY



CRANKSHAFT



MUTTS



BABY BLUES



ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Seedy joint
5 Sounded catty?
11 Satanic
12 Take a breath
13 Jack or joker
14 In general
15 Painter Fra —
17 "Patience — virtue"
18 Unspoken
22 Pines for
24 Sleeper's sound
25 Here, in Quebec
26 Smoked salmon
27 Herpetology subject
30 Weather map line
32 Jail-related
33 Poet's contraction
34 Conventional IDs
38 Infant outfit
41 Pop star
42 Heathens
43 Simba's love

44 Some steaks

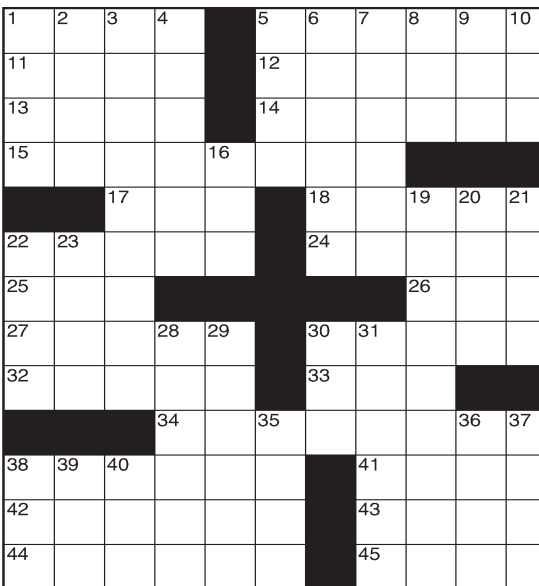
45 Tennis's Roddick

DOWN

- 1 Ten: Prefix
2 Notorious czar
3 Richmond native
4 Heir, often
5 Food writer Sheraton
6 Passes, as a law
7 Columbus native
8 Pale
9 Annex

Yesterday's answer

- 10 Susan of "L.A. Law"
16 — Palmas
19 Denver native
20 Pressing need
21 Phone message
22 Bit of smoke
23 Teen woe
28 Topeka native
29 Galahad's mother
30 Rival
31 Eye part
35 Base meal
36 Top medal
37 Do in
38 Make a choice
39 Collar
40 Sense of self



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.

1-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

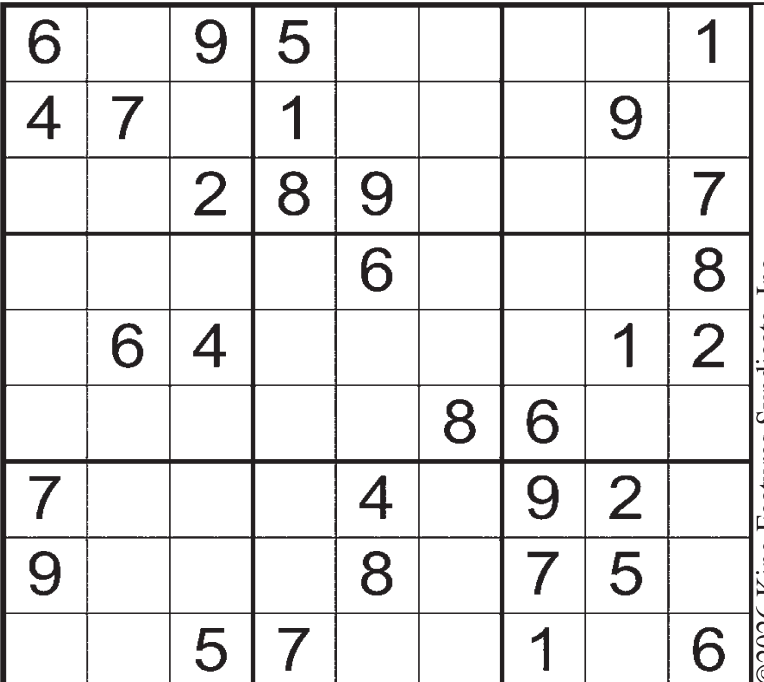
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HR HSD SDCQH CVM ODCBD HR

HSD URLK. — ICMSLQ ZCEEQDG
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE VERY FACT OF SNOW IS SUCH AN AMAZEMENT. — ROGER EBERT

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:

