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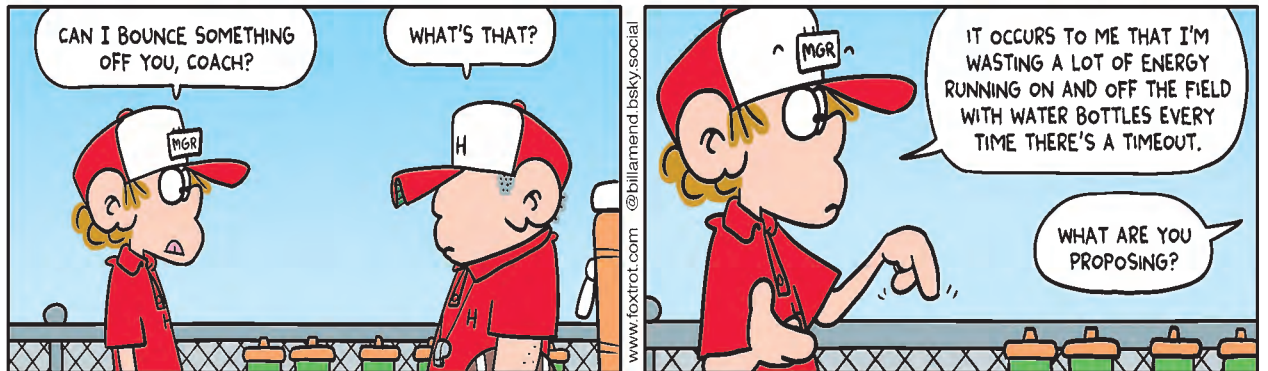
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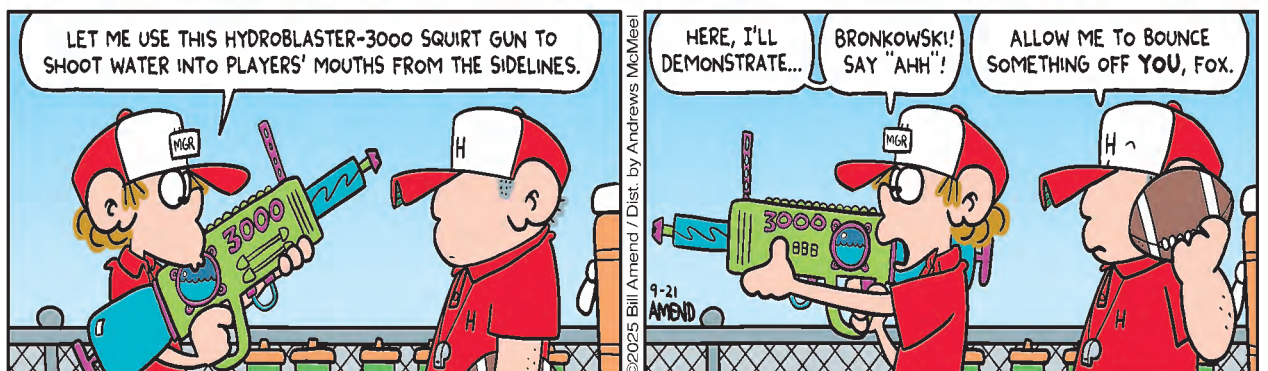
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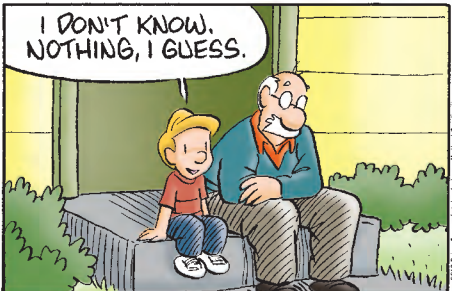
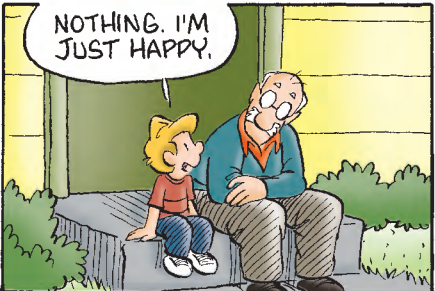
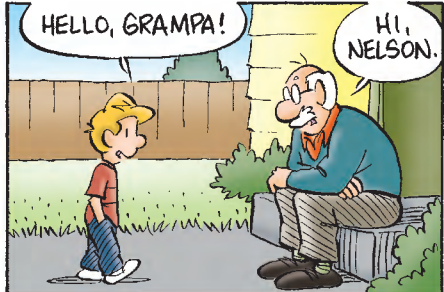
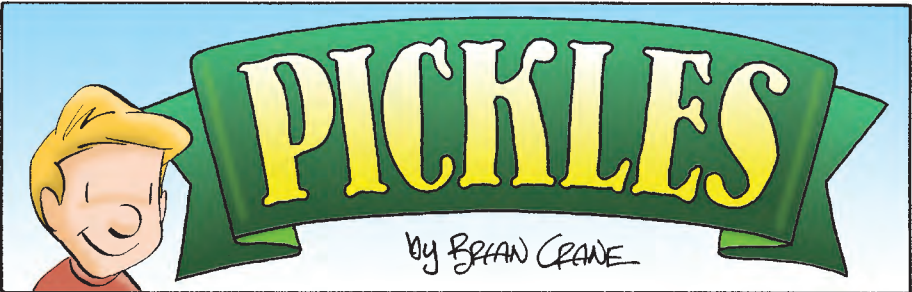
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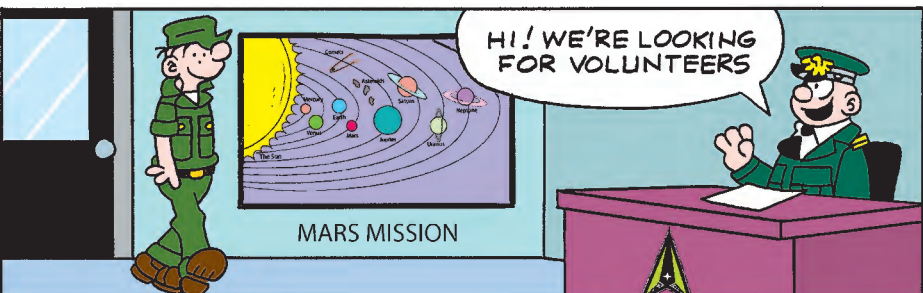
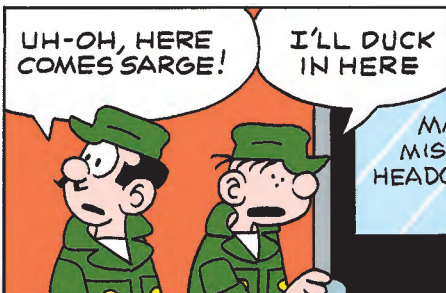
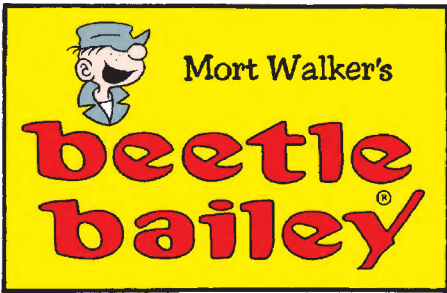
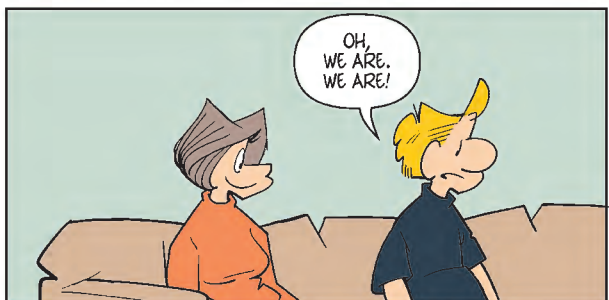
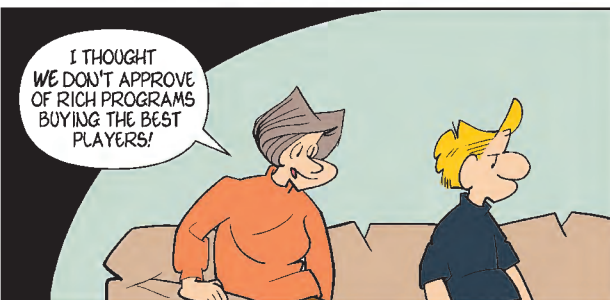
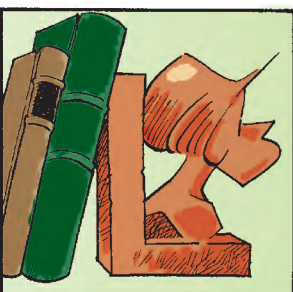
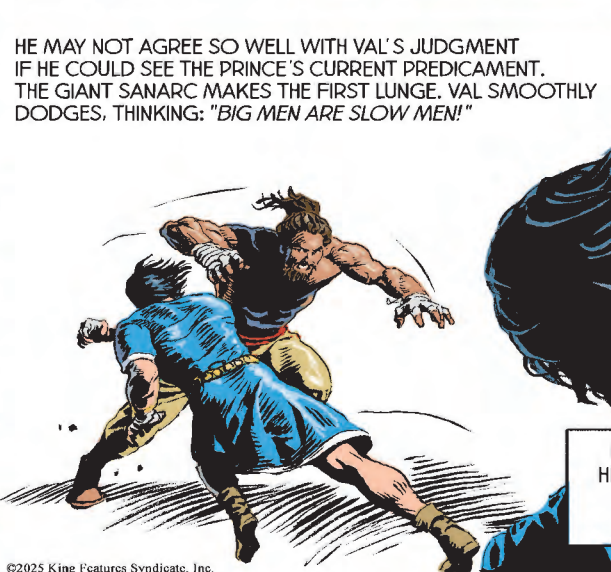
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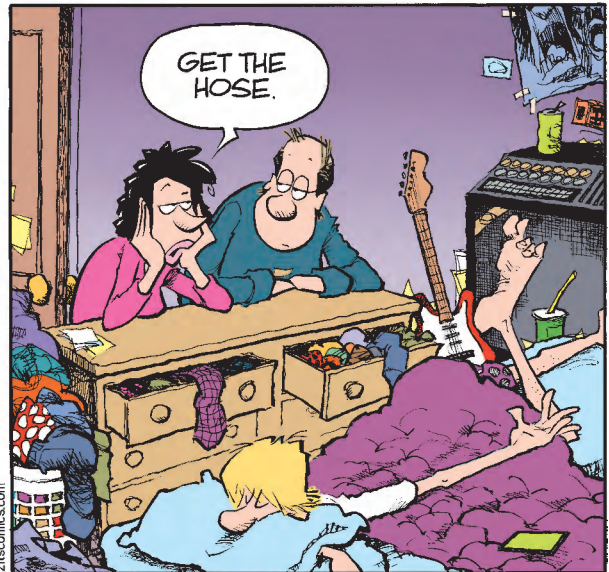
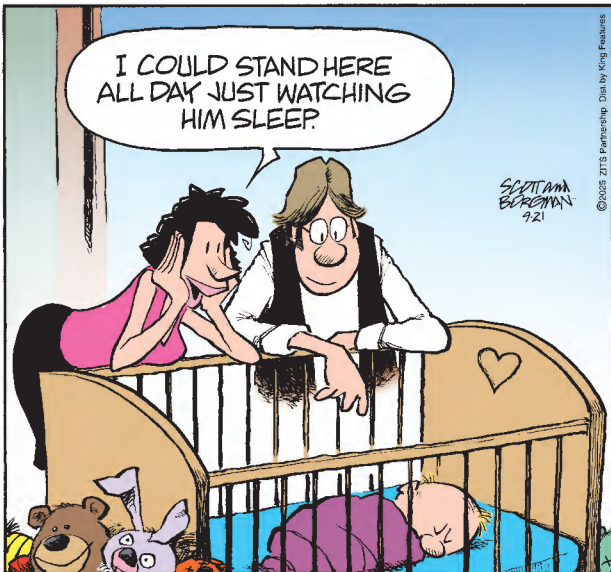
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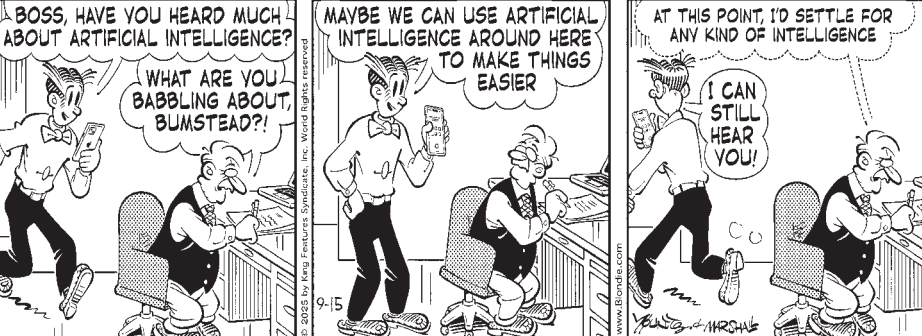
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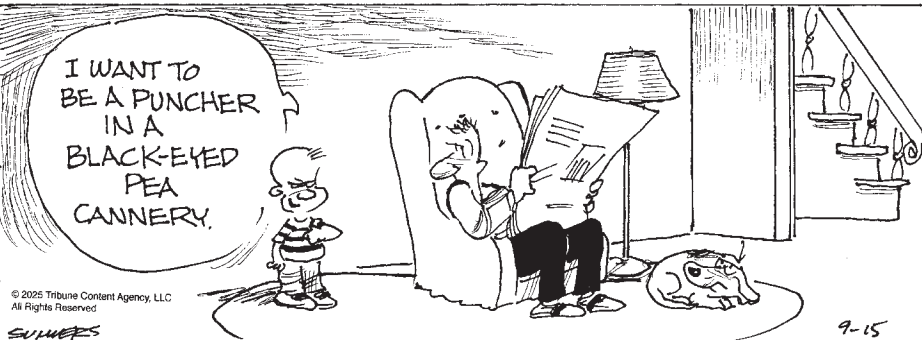
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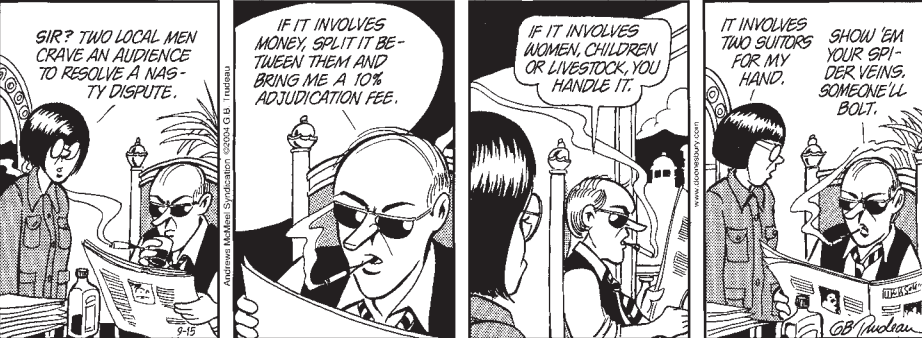
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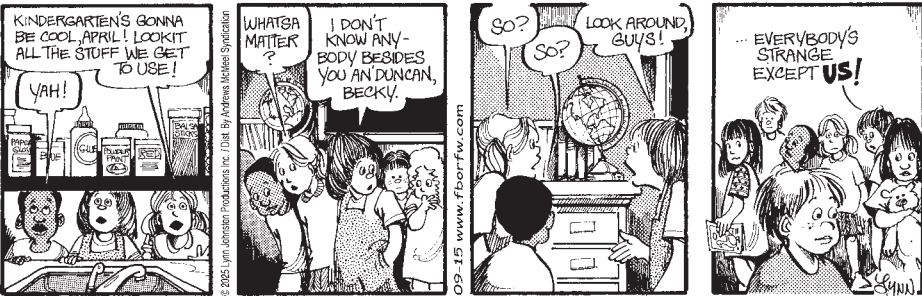
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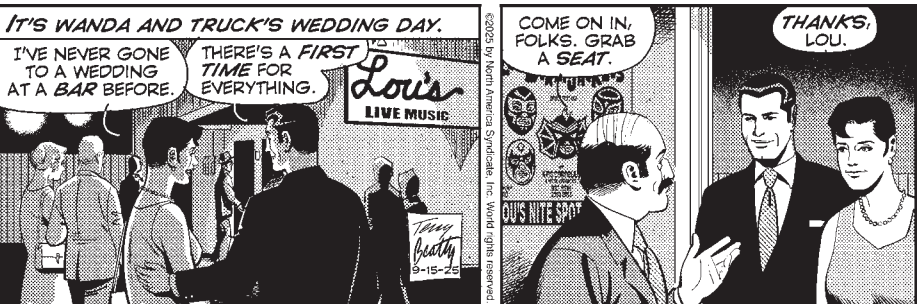
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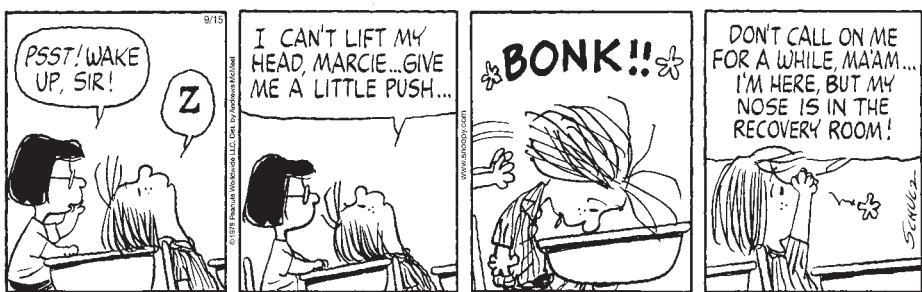
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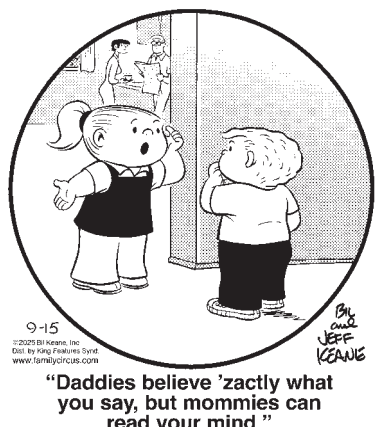
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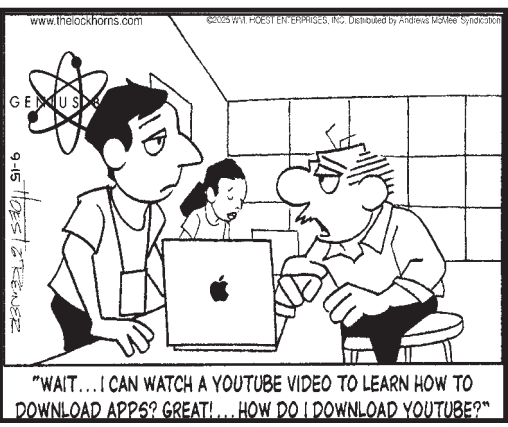
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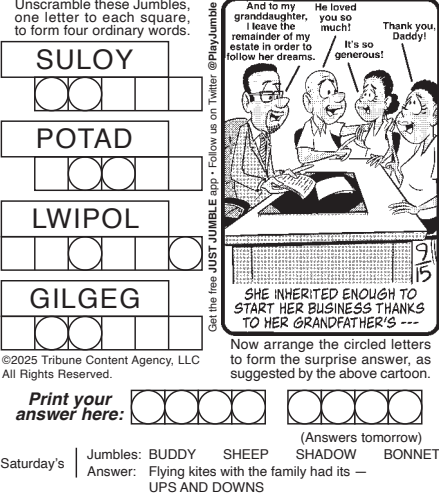
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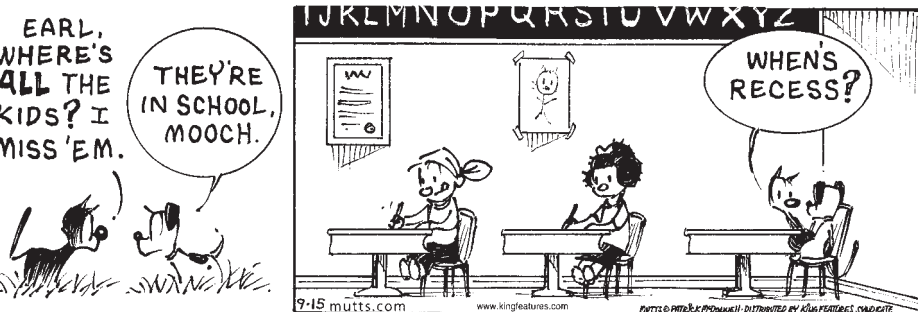
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9-15

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R H Q O D J P L T S I J D D P Q O I X H J D
N L S R I S Q J S L M K R O H X A M S I Q :
A G I G J D D L T T S J B I .

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPER, THEY HAVE TO KNOW LOTS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

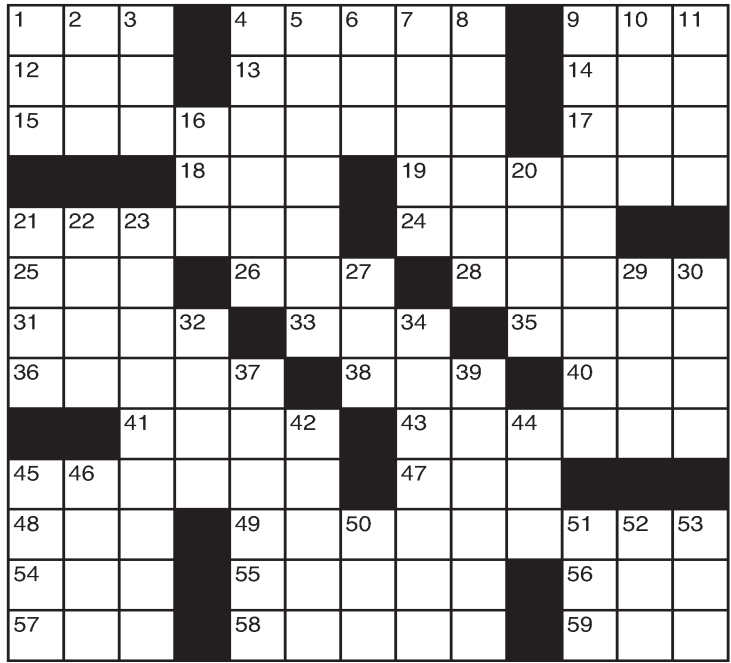
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| ACROSS | 35 Telegram | 58 Tightly packed | 11 Pear type |
| 1 Sheep call | 36 Less wild | 59 Thither | 16 Red-carpet type |
| 4 Bridge coups | 40 100 yrs. | DOWN | 20 Gullet |
| 9 Uber alternative | 41 Historic times | 1 "Hum-bug!" | 21 Grass clump |
| 12 Actress Mac-Graw | 43 Shocked | 2 Ginger — | 22 Met melody |
| 13 Watch brand | 45 Diocese part | 3 Be sick | 23 Susan Sontag novel |
| 14 Spanish gold | 47 — -cone | 4 Public quarrels | 27 Hosp. |
| 15 Sans-serif typeface | 48 Peyton's brother | 5 Pie crust pattern | 29 "— chici!" |
| 17 Map lines (Abbr.) | 49 Mouth organ | 6 "— was saying ..." | 30 Faxed |
| 18 Bank-book abbr. | 54 WWII service member | 7 Book after Jonah | 32 Garr of "Tootsie" |
| 19 Polar | 55 Love affair | 8 Sky-rocketed | 34 Dutch Renaissance scholar |
| 21 Asian capital | 56 Coquet-ish | 9 Central American nation | 37 Actress Phylicia |
| 24 Wife of Zeus | 57 "Diamonds" singer | 10 Intro studio class | 39 Dis-regard |
| 25 Coffee vessel | | | 42 Mortify |
| 26 Biol. or chem. | | | 44 Sweetie |
| 28 Pub projectiles | | | 45 Church furniture |
| 31 Authoritative order | | | 46 Jai — |
| 33 Cain's mom | | | 50 Harry Potter pal |
| | | | 51 Glacial |
| | | | 52 Bill's partner |
| | | | 53 Writer Rand |

Solution time: 21 mins.

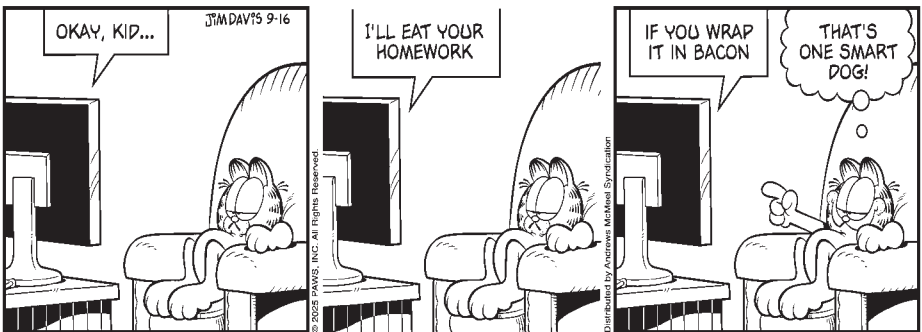


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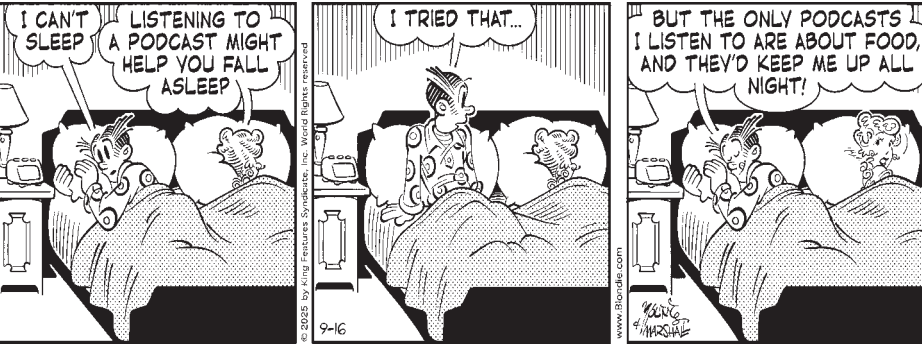
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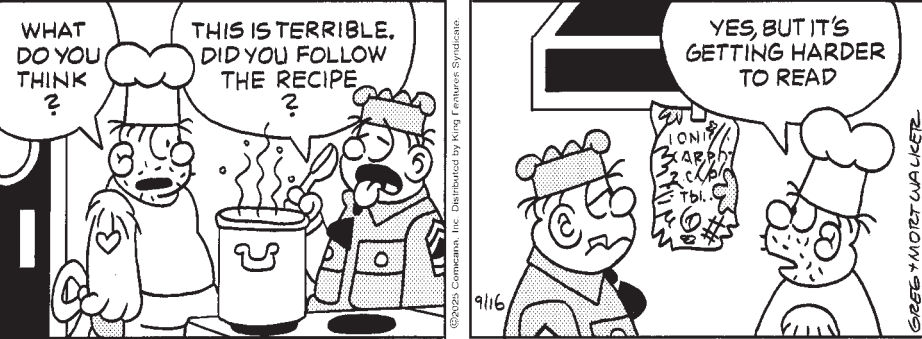
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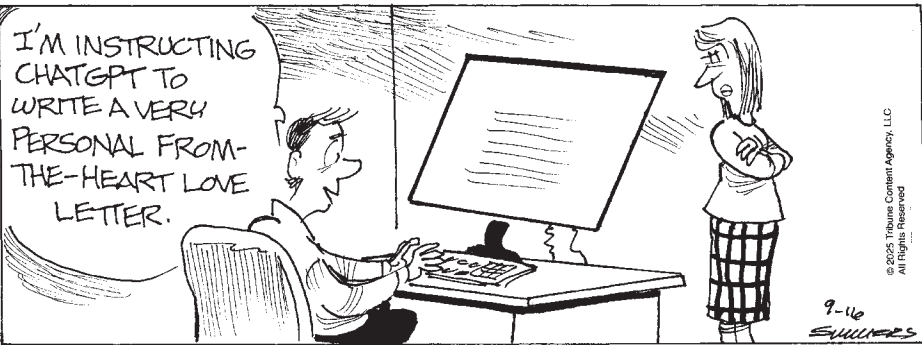
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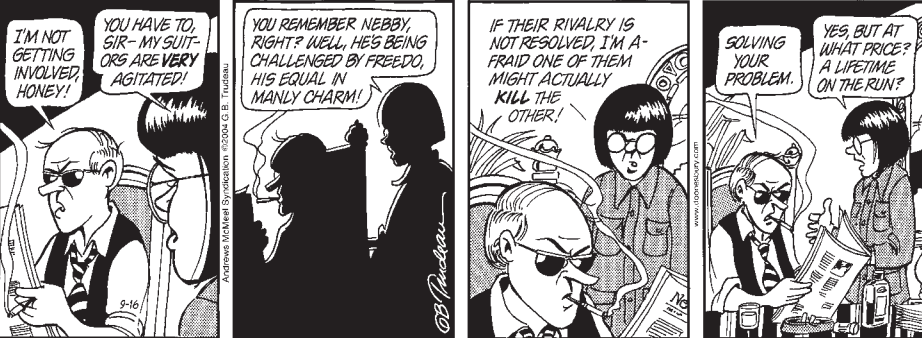
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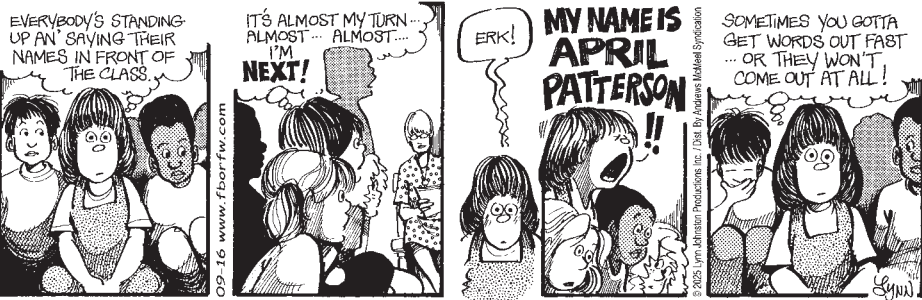
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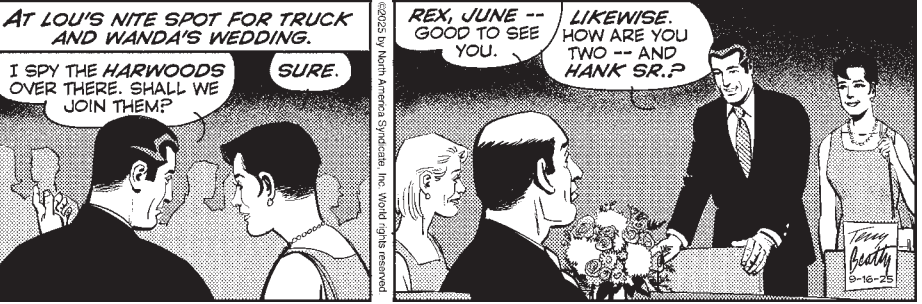
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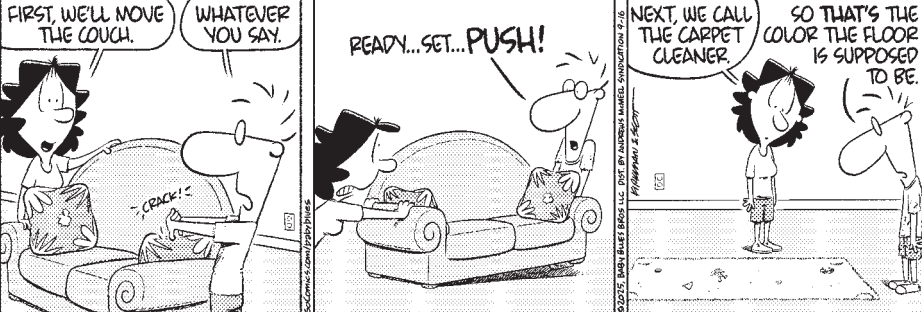
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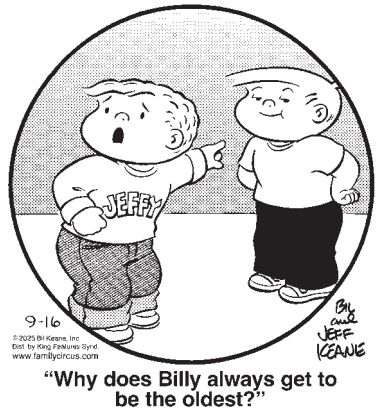
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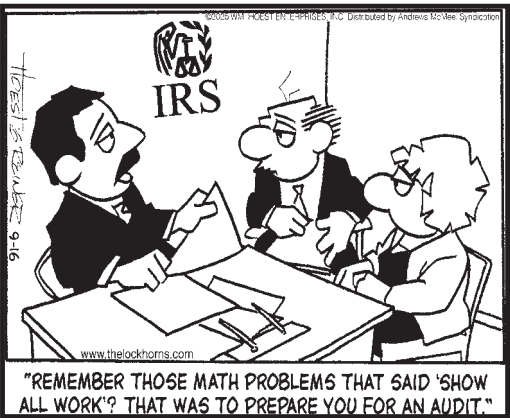
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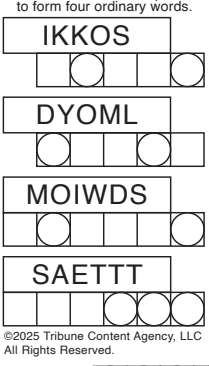
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF REALLY SPECIAL BORDERS AROUND PICTURES: THE HALL OF FRAME.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals P

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scent
 - 5 "He/— (pronoun pairing)
 - 8 Taxi alternative
 - 12 Low horn
 - 13 Solid-rock insert
 - 14 Sleuth Wolfe
 - 15 Knightly conduct
 - 17 Anthropologist Margaret
 - 18 Outer (Pref.)
 - 19 Well-springs
 - 21 Alan Ladd western
 - 24 Landed
 - 25 "— in Boots"
 - 26 Santiago natives
 - 30 Ballpark fig.
 - 31 Plum relatives
 - 32 Luau necklace
 - 33 Passage-ways for Santa
 - 35 Optimum
 - 36 Broad-casts
- DOWN**
- 1 Like aspirin, briefly
 - 3 Japanese sash
 - 4 Black birds
 - 5 Over-head light?
 - 6 Leb. neighbor
 - 7 Short-lived insects
 - 8 Remove from silent mode
 - 9 Existed
 - 10 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 11 Scepters
 - 16 Chopper
 - 20 Fixes
 - 21 Detail, in short
 - 22 "Pipe down!"
 - 23 Sparkling Italian wine
 - 24 Greetings at sea
 - 26 Like some office work
 - 27 Out of the storm
 - 28 Lawman Eliot
 - 29 Poses
 - 31 Use scissors
 - 34 Bull or bear
 - 35 Chaps
 - 37 Tampa Bay NFLer
 - 38 Auction-er's cry
 - 39 107, to Cato
 - 40 Atmo-sphere
 - 41 Pickling herb
 - 44 "Yoo—!"
 - 45 Bud
 - 46 Notable time
 - 47 LAPD alert
- Solution time: 22 mins.**
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- Yesterday's answer 9-16

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OAGI PIN OHAW?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE SEE ANY
RAIN HITTING THE GROUND OR A BATHTUB
GETTING FILLED, THEY WITNESS WETNESS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals M

By Eugene Scheffer

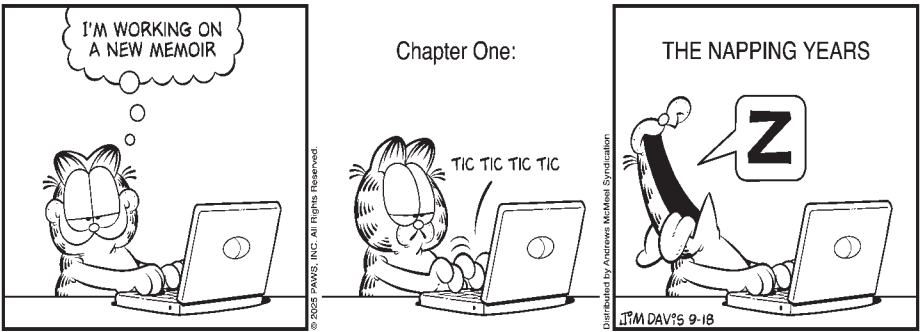
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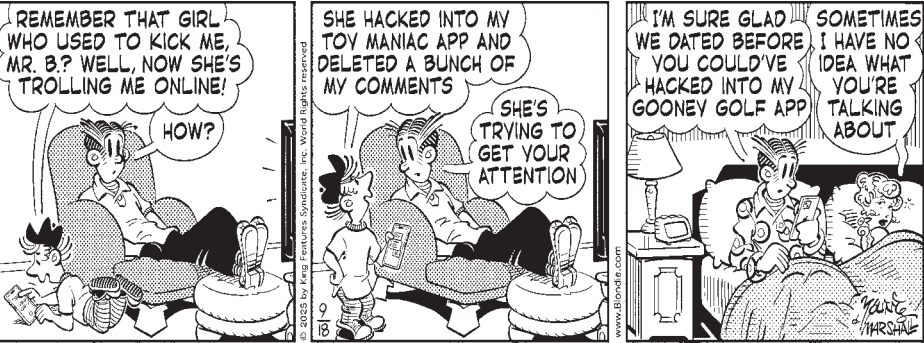
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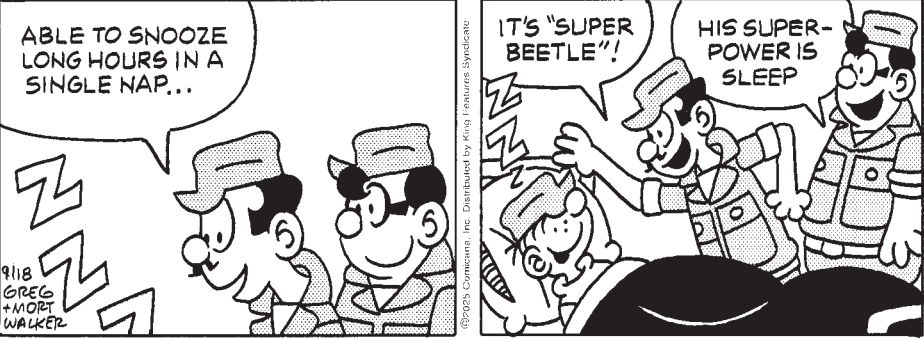
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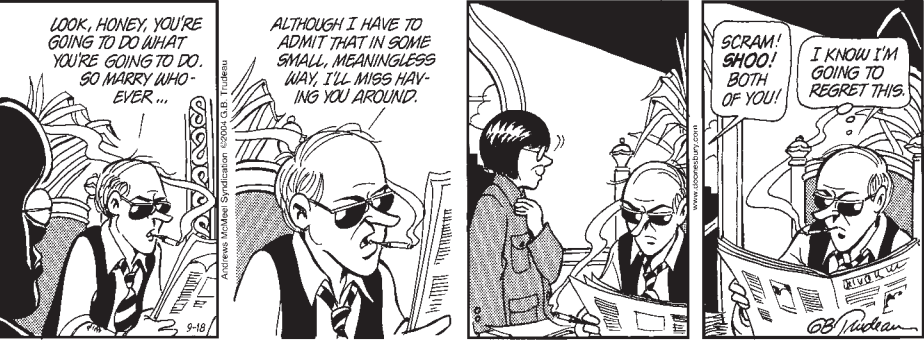
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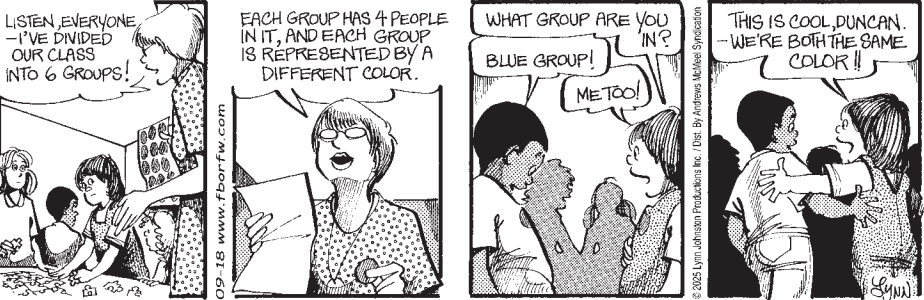
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I need you to stay late. I have a wedding party coming in to get fitted. Not again! I'm done. I don't need this job. I used to be an accountant.

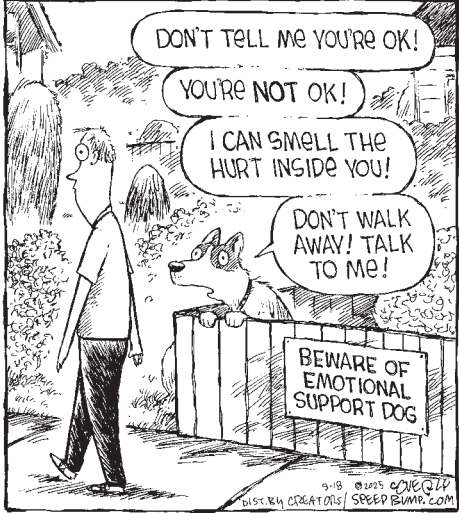
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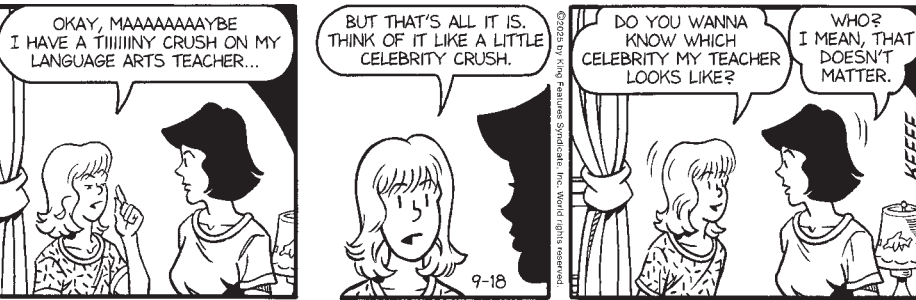
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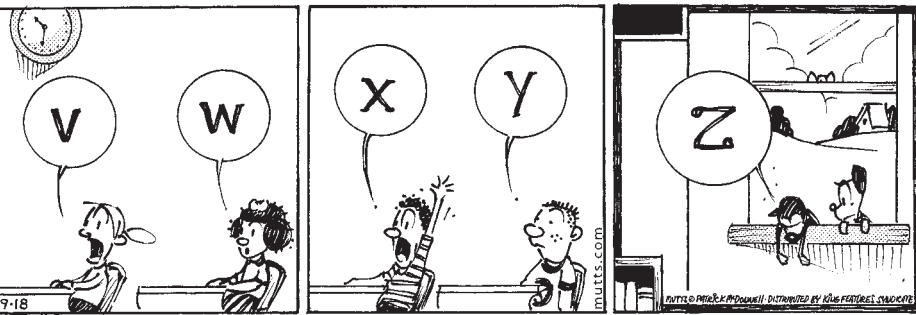
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9-18

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GPD WTK QTKWF JWX DJ FPK
KW XFKT VCDXF WCKTHBWV

XFWFK? CWHVK -HWBX!

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN FRATERNITY MEMBERS HAVE TO DRESS FOR VARIOUS FORMAL EVENTS, SHOULD THEY WEAR BRO TIES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Manual reader
 - 5 "So frustrating!"
 - 8 Composer Stravinsky
 - 12 Viral video, e.g.
 - 13 Sound of surprise
 - 14 Pop letters
 - 15 Greek letters
 - 16 Young fellow
 - 17 Landed
 - 18 Crafty
 - 20 Tolerates
 - 22 — Aviv
 - 23 Highland hat
 - 24 Marshy areas
 - 27 Meringue ingredient
 - 32 Family card game
 - 33 Year in Spain
 - 34 Prohibit
 - 35 Like a rainbow
 - 38 Faxed
- DOWN**
- 1 Diamond arbiters
 - 2 Meeting, in slang
 - 3 Qatar's ruler
 - 4 Puts back to zero
 - 5 Decorative foil
 - 6 "Caught ya!"
 - 7 Broadcast journalist
 - 8 Hebrew prophet
 - 9 Source of wealth
 - 10 Garfield's pal
 - 11 "Phooey!"
 - 19 You and I
 - 21 "Incidentally," in a text
 - 24 Tampa Bay
 - 25 NFLer
 - 26 Lennon's partner
 - 28 Bach's — Variations
 - 29 Wilde-beest
 - 30 Pond dweller
 - 31 Can material
 - 32 Tel. number add-on
 - 33 Pizza toppings
 - 34 — Dawn Chong
 - 35 Know-how
 - 36 Choice word?
 - 37 Short cuts
 - 38 Vicinity
 - 39 Calendar squares
 - 40 Song-writer
 - 41 Laura
 - 42 Average marks
 - 43 Old U.S. gas brand
 - 44 Devilish laugh

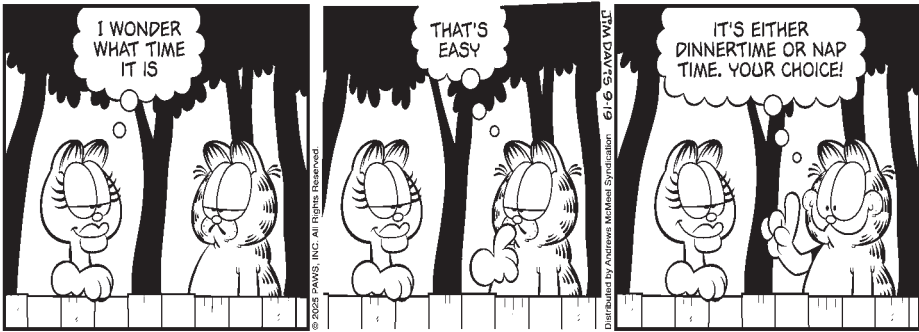
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Yesterday's answer 9-18

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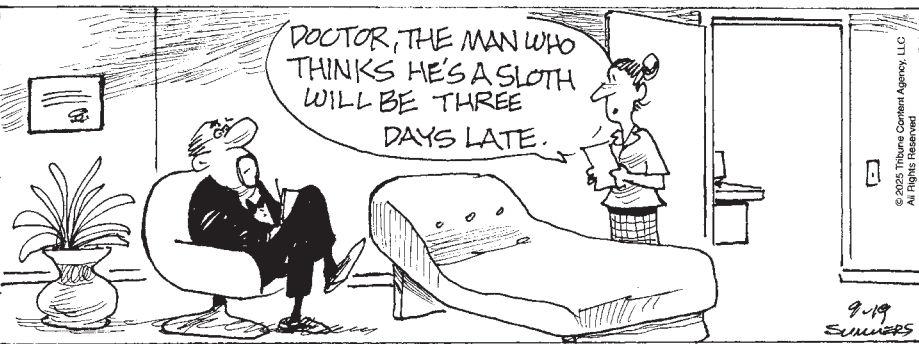
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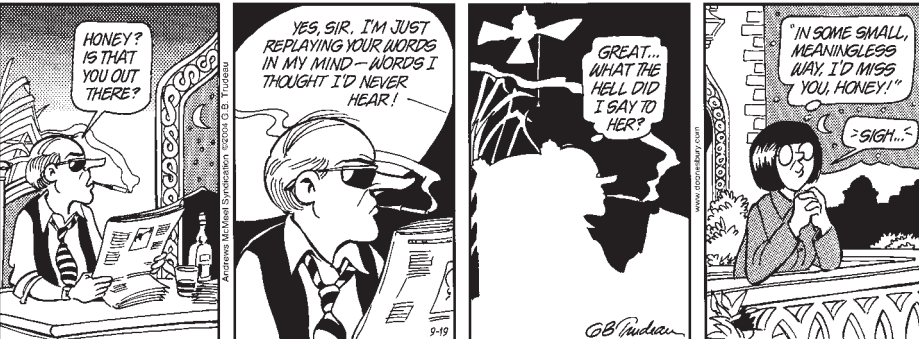
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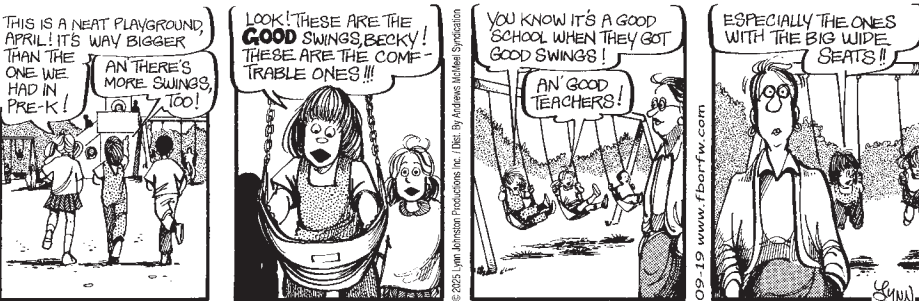
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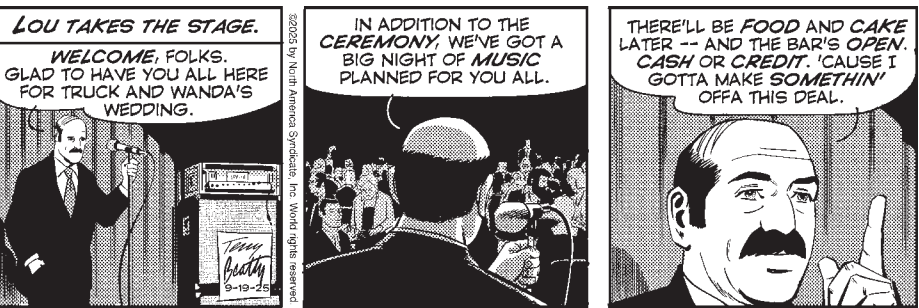
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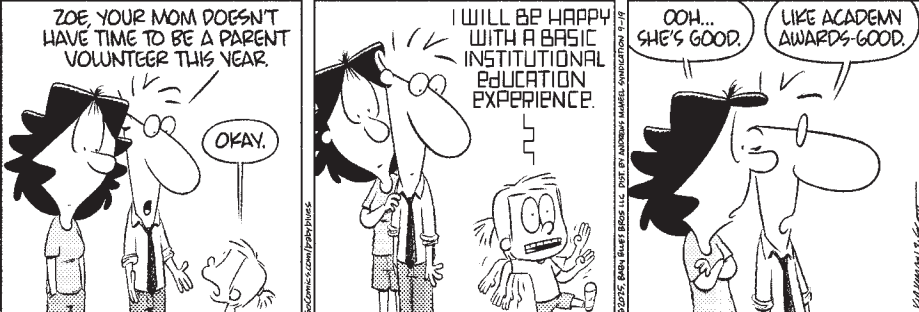
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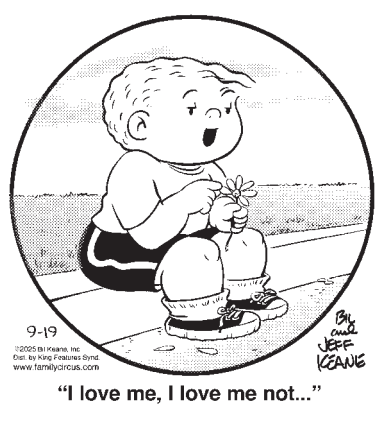
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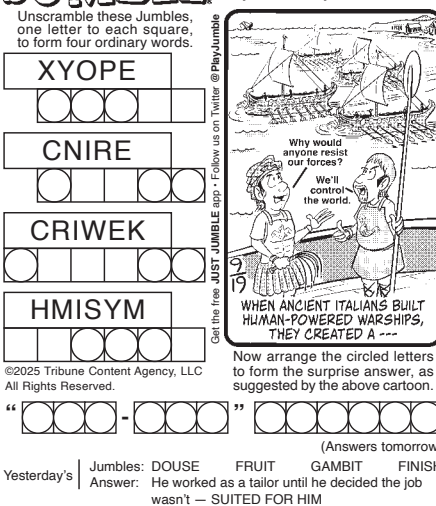
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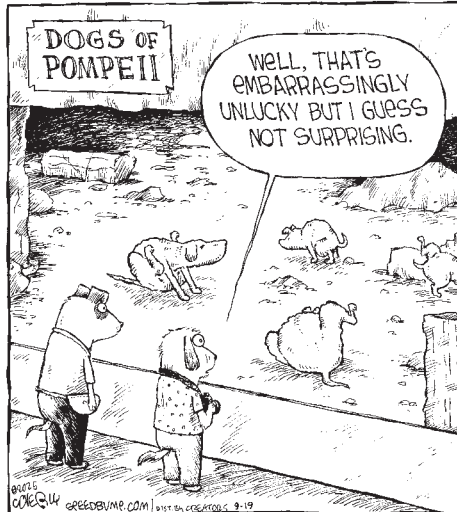
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CRYPTOQUIP

9-19

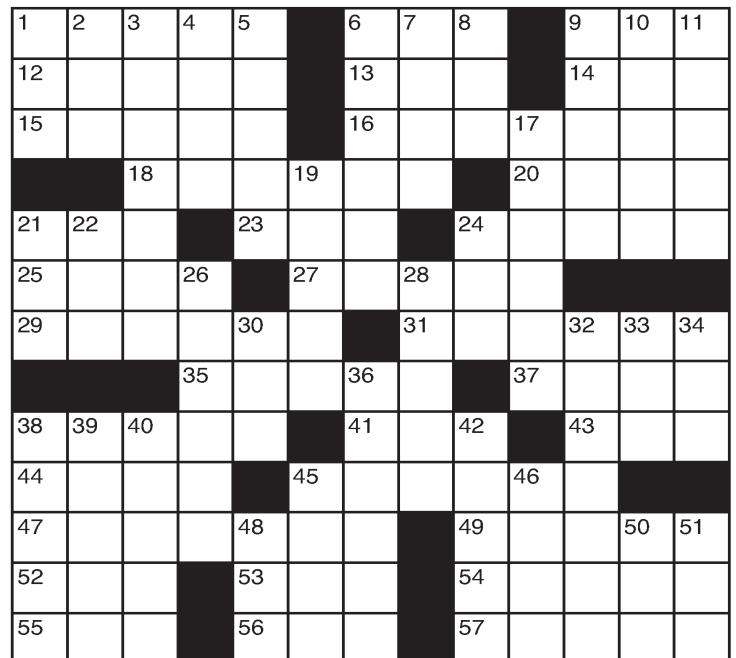
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TF TAKVKQE QM PSLSLASP
LBIKZTV NKQZRSI NSPCSZQVE:
“QMFTV PSZTVV.”

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT ONE CALL PEOPLE WHO ARE GREAT FANS OF THE EASTERNMOST AMERICAN STATE? MAINE-IACS!
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals O

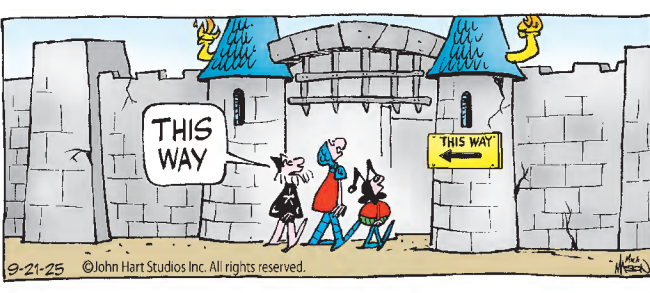
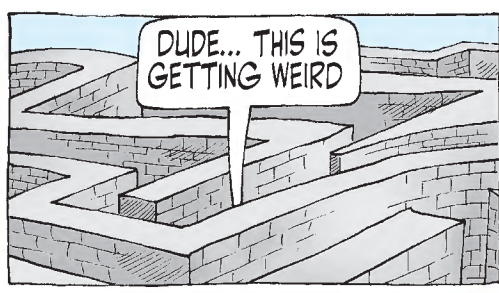
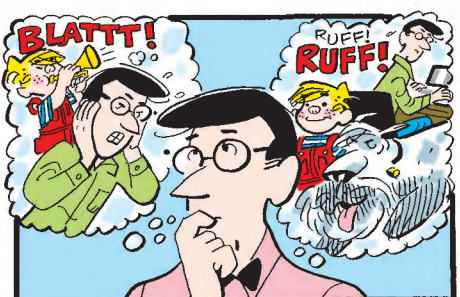
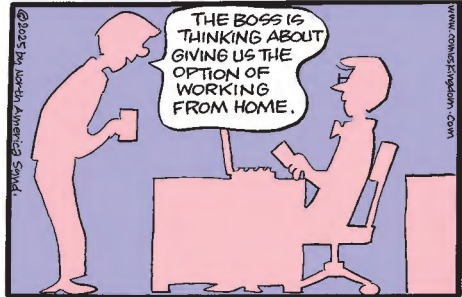
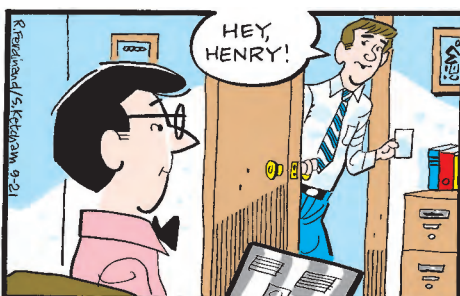
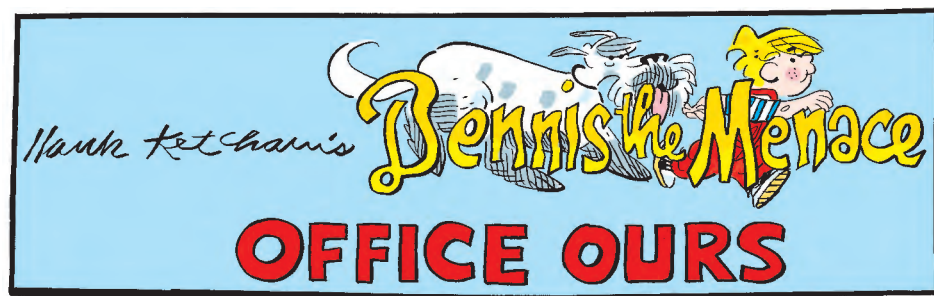
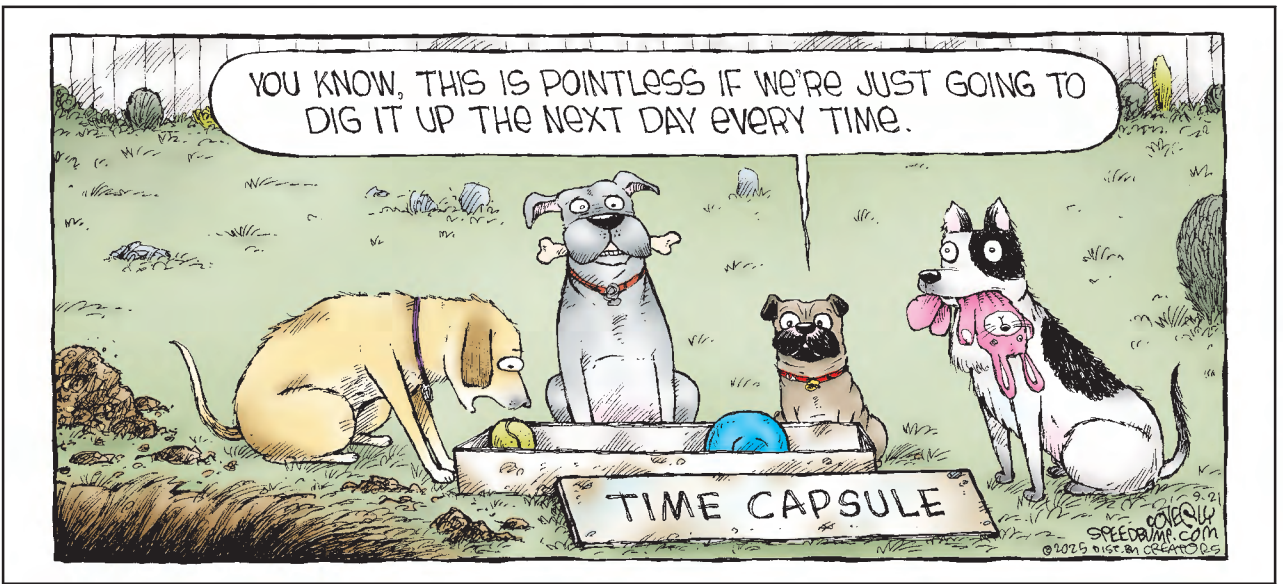
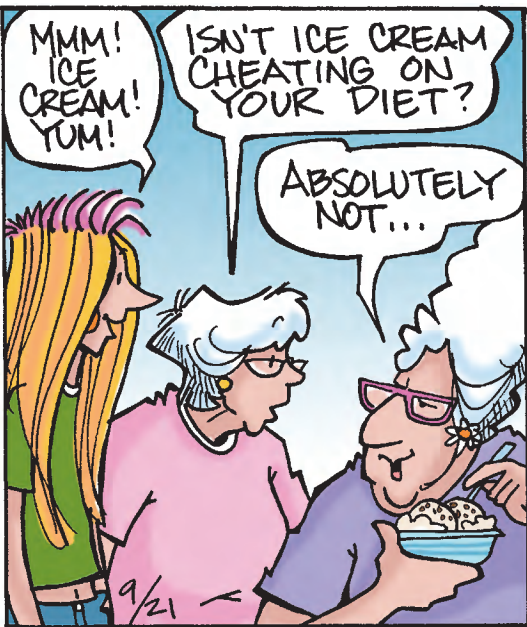
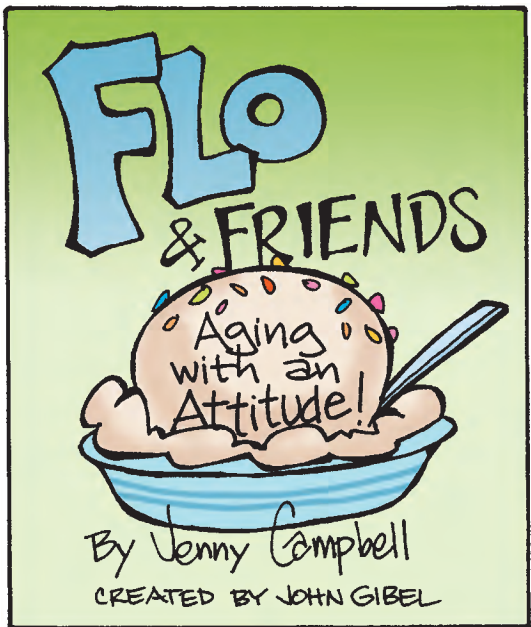
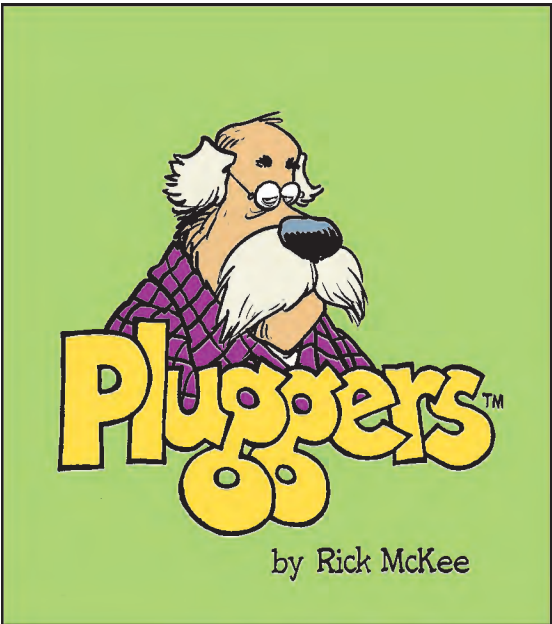
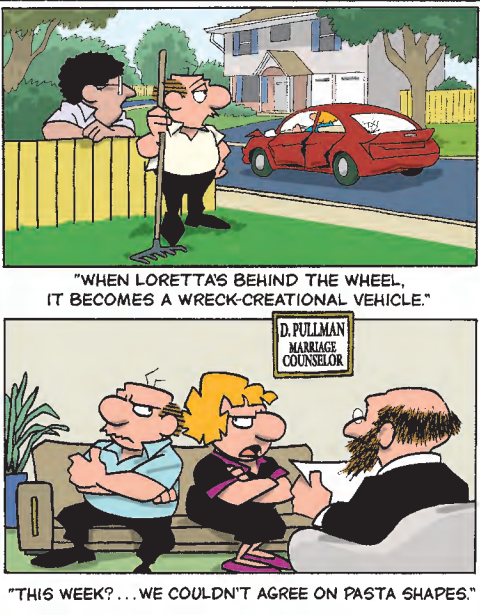
CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 American conductor
 - 6 NBC weekend show
 - 9 Blond shade
 - 12 Ties up, as a boat
 - 13 Stable diet?
 - 14 Director
 - 15 Zesty dip
 - 16 Monet's studio
 - 18 "Let's hear it!"
 - 20 Theater award
 - 21 — chi
 - 23 — Paulo
 - 24 Nannies
 - 25 Lean-to
 - 27 Blue cartoon character
 - 29 Bucca-
neer
 - 31 Bum wrap?
 - 35 Stacked
 - 37 Shade provider
 - 38 Reacts in horror
 - 41 Posei-
don's realm
- DOWN**
- 1 Mornings, briefly
 - 2 Mauna —
 - 3 Army member
 - 4 Guesser's words
 - 5 Jr.-year exams
 - 6 Golda's greeting
 - 7 Country-
wide, briefly
 - 8 Caustic solution
 - 9 Sus-
pect's excuse
 - 10 "Try to — my way ..."
 - 11 "— the deal ..."
 - 17 Yogurt variety
 - 19 Painter's stand
 - 21 Recipe abbr.
 - 22 Sushi fish
 - 24 Prefix with athlete
 - 26 Neat and stylish
 - 28 Milk dispenser
 - 30 Frank McCourt memoir
 - 32 Chinese leader
 - 33 Sushi choice
 - 34 Game official
 - 36 Place in trust
 - 38 Stares stupidly
 - 39 Moun-
tain crest
 - 40 Purse part
 - 42 Giant insurer
 - 45 Actress Ward
 - 46 "Tosca" solo
 - 48 Condi-
tions
 - 50 Green prefix
 - 51 Lair
- Solution time: 25 mins.**
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- Yesterday's answer 9-19



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



SUDOKU

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 9/13/25

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

9/15/25

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 9/15/25

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

9/16/25

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 9/17/25

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

9/18/25

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 9/18/25

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

9/19/25

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

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 9/19/25

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

9/20/25

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 9/21/25

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

9/21/25

Slylock Fox

Deputy Duck stopped Slick Smitty while he was driving a car with someone else's license plate attached. Smitty claimed he didn't steal the plate and that someone else must have switched plates to frame him. He had just washed his car, so his fingerprints weren't on the plate. Why did Slylock Fox still believe fingerprints could solve the case?

Solution -- Slylock suspects that Slick Smitty's fingerprints will be found on his original license plate, which is now on the car he took this plate from.

Which two scenes are exactly alike?

1

2

3

4

Answer -- Numbers one and three. Differences and puddle.

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WEBER/SOTU

HOW TO DRAW a deliveryperson

9-21

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Luciana, age 10

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In which of the following countries have Tyrannosaurus rex fossils been found?

a) China

b) Canada

c) Australia

d) Brazil

e) United States

Answer -- b) e)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Tie, rib, display label, light, exclamation points and tongue.

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DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

AN EMMY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M TOTALLY HUMBLLED BY THIS RECOGNITION!

PLEASE, WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE SAY THEY'RE "HUMBLLED" BY ACCLAIM?

MOM?

NO ONE BELIEVES THEY FEEL UNWORTHY! IT'S VIRTUE SIGNALING, TOTALLY PHONY!

MOM?

JUST SAY THANKS AND SIT DOWN!

MOM!

WHAT?

I'M HUMBLLED BY YOUR ATTENTION.

B-B-BURN.

ROSIE! STOP TURNING INTO ME!

9-21

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!

IT'S HAPPENING TO ME, TOO! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

CAN'T YOU GUYS SEE? WE'RE GETTING MUTANT POWERS!

CAN YOU FEEL IT, TED? FALL IS ALMOST HERE.

EVERY YEAR YOU WELCOME FALL...

JUST LIKE YOU DO SPRING AND SUMMER.

9-21

BUT NEVER WINTER.

BECAUSE WINTER IS DEAD TO ME.

WOW, YOU SAID THAT LIKE YOU JUST KISSED WINTER FULL ON THE LIPS AND STATED, "I KNOW IT WAS YOU, FREDO. YOU BROKE MY HEART."

I WOULD HAVE SPIT AT THE WORD "WINTER," BUT THAT'S UNSANITARY. PLUS, I MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY HIT A SQUIRREL FROM HERE.

REX MORGAN M.D.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY...

TO JOIN THESE TWO LOVELY FOLKS IN HOLY MATRIMONY.

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU HUSBAND AND WIFE!

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

WHO KNEW THAT MUD MURPHY WAS AN ORDAINED MINISTER?

CERTAINLY NOT ME.

STICK AROUND, FOLKS! THERE'S FOOD AND CAKE AND PLENTY OF MUSIC UP NEXT!

9-21-25

MARK TRAIL

JULES RIVERA

THE BLACK BEAR HAS MOVED INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

OR DID WE MOVE INTO THEIRS?

THERE MAY BE LOTS OF FUNNY INTERNET VIDEOS ABOUT BEARS IN HUMAN SPACES, BUT THE HABITAT LOSS BLACK BEARS FACE IS NO JOKE!

BLACK BEARS ARE ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST OMNIVORES, DINING MOSTLY ON PLANTS. THEY'RE AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE FOREST, AS THEY HELP DISTRIBUTE SEEDS. THIS HELPS FOSTER PLANT BIODIVERSITY.

BEARS CAN DISPERSE MORE SEEDS THAN EVEN BIRDS.

NEW HOUSES AND ROADS PUT BLACK BEARS AT RISK FOR POACHING AND ROAD COLLISIONS.

MANY STATES ADVOCATE FOR HUNTING BEARS AS A SOLUTION, BUT THIS IS DESTROYING THEIR NUMBERS. THE BLACK BEAR CAN'T REPRODUCE FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP UP. WE MUST STAND AGAINST UNETHICAL TRAPPING AND POISONING!

AND OF COURSE, LOCK YOUR TRASH CANS TO KEEP BEARS AWAY FROM YOUR HABITAT.

ANY ANIMAL LOST TO UNETHICAL HUNTING IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR.

09-21

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