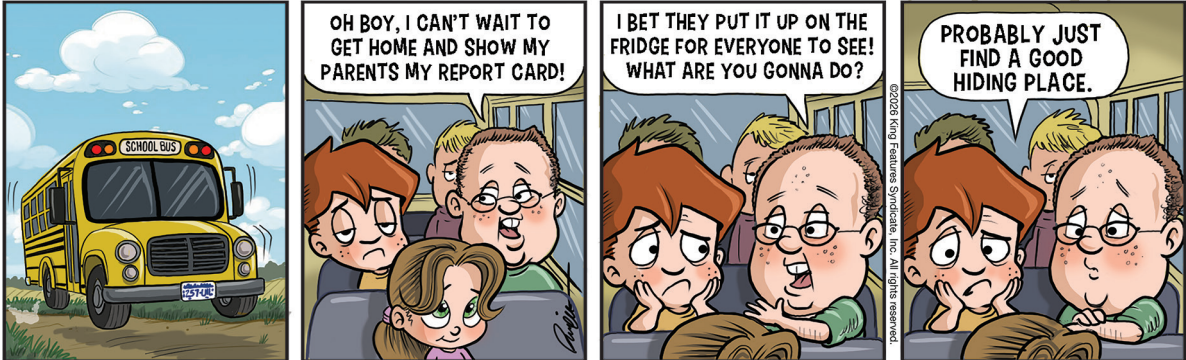
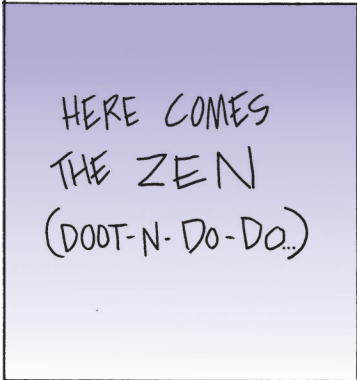


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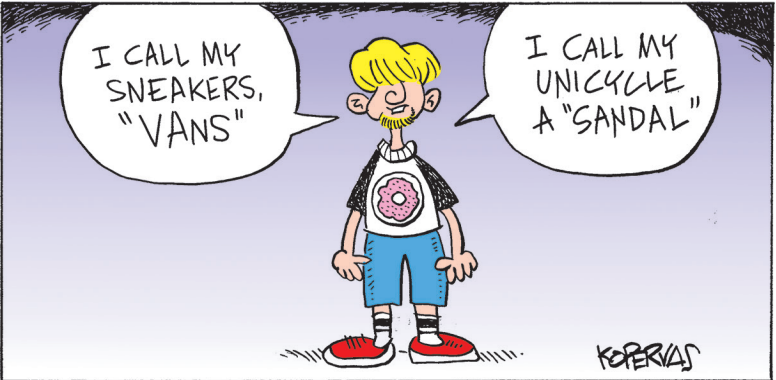
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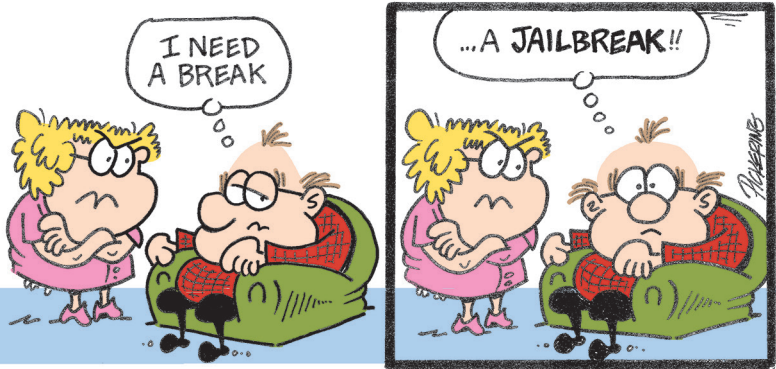
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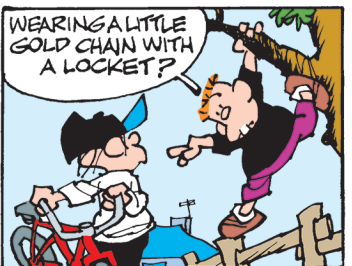
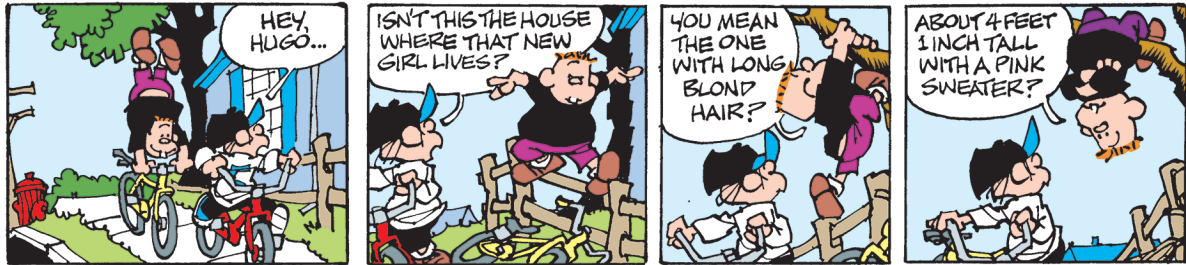
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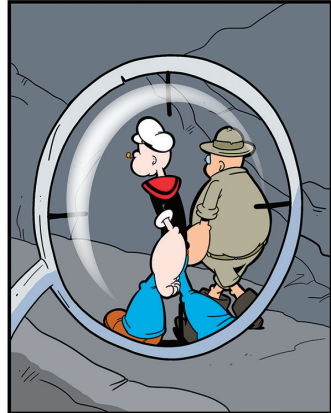


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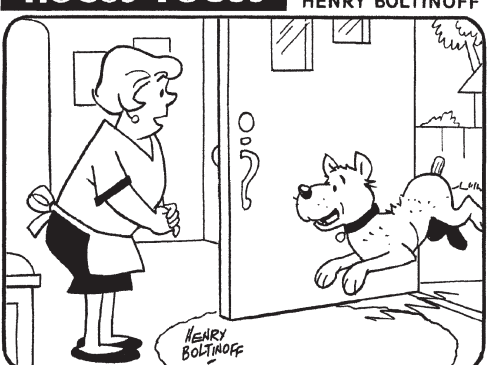
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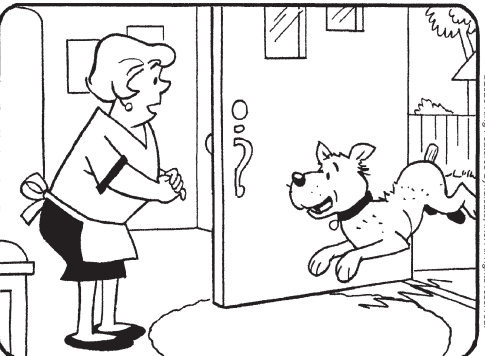
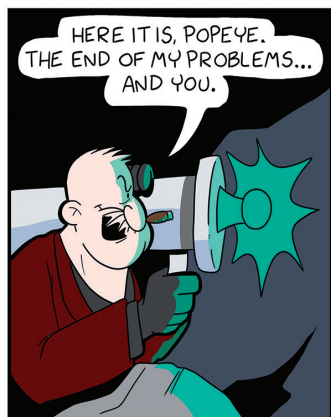


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Dog's leg is moved. 2. Woman's leg is moved. 3. Bush is reversed. 4. Arms are higher. 5. Dog's ear is different. 6. Fence has more boards.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals L

Y C W I P K Q C I D A B R W E E I C N
K U V A E N U I W U V Y N O V I C W I W O N
Q K X N U M D P K V M N C W X K U Q
R C K E S O N U ? M O W I I K I B S N .

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Meddle
S P O O N
Seep
C H A L E
Copy
O N C L E
Pile
P H E A

TODAY'S WORD



July 27, 2026 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Photo, for short
4 Senate staffer
8 Scoff
12 Rx overseer
13 Classic theaters
14 Bohemian
15 Tunes from Trinidad
17 Pinta's companion
18 MSN rival
19 Acapulco native
21 NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
24 Collection
25 — Cruz Kayne of "Barbie"
26 D.C. baseballer
28 Serious
32 Overlook
34 Inherited
36 "Little Caesar" role
37 Group spirit
39 Rug cleaner, briefly
41 Buddy
42 Felon's flight
44 Arctic shoe
46 Bitter orange liqueur
50 French monarch
51 Unsigned (Abbr.)
52 All-important

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
		18			19		20			
21	22				23	24				
25			26		27	28		29	30	31
32			33	34		35	36			
37				38	39		40		41	
			42		43	44		45		
46	47	48			49	50				
51				52	53				54	55
56				57				58		
59				60				61		

- 56 Male deer
57 Notes after "do"
58 Bird (Pref.)
59 Harboring a grudge
60 "I'm a klutz!"
61 Napkin's perch
7 Relaxes
8 Custodian
9 Rocker
10 Sicilian volcano
11 Vanna's "Wheel of Fortune" colleague
16 "— hoo!"
20 Crosses (out)
21 Title for Judi Dench
22 One
23 Droop
27 "Mazel —!"
29 Scripture-based
30 Beige
31 Castle
33 Singer Knowles
35 Highland hat
38 Pouch
40 Actress Jamie Lee
43 PC shortcut
45 Japanese pond carp
46 Mama — Elliot
47 Golden Rule word
48 Den noise
49 Black-and-white cookie
53 Little rascal
54 Hollywood's Gardner
55 Sass

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Atlantic escape

O	U	T	E	R

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

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Answers

1. King Kandy's Castle
2. Five — Portugal, France, Andorra, Morocco and the British territory of Gibraltar
3. "Make it so" and "Engage!"
4. A rich French bread
5. Tungsten
6. The poet Homer
7. Maine
8. The Rockford Peaches
9. Doctor Doom
10. The mantle

CryptoQuip
What might you call the
insolent answers that are
given by misbehaving
children? Brattitude.

Weekly SUDOKU

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

FiveSpot™

O	U	T	E	R
S	K	N	A	B
E	K	A	N	S
S	N	R	A	E
E	R	O	N	S
R	O	N	E	T
R	E	T	O	U

SCRAMBLERS

CHEAP
Today's Word
3. Clone; 4. Heap
1. Snoop; 2. Leach
solution

by Fifi Rodriguez

Trivia test

1. GAMES: What is the goal space in the board game Candy Land?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and territories border Spain?
3. TELEVISION: What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is brioche?
5. CHEMISTRY: Which metal has the highest melting point?
6. LITERATURE: Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Acadia National Park?
8. MOVIES: What is the name of Dot-tie's team in "A League of Their Own"?
9. COMICS: Who is the archenemy of the Fantastic Four?
10. SCIENCE: What is the thickest layer of Earth?

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