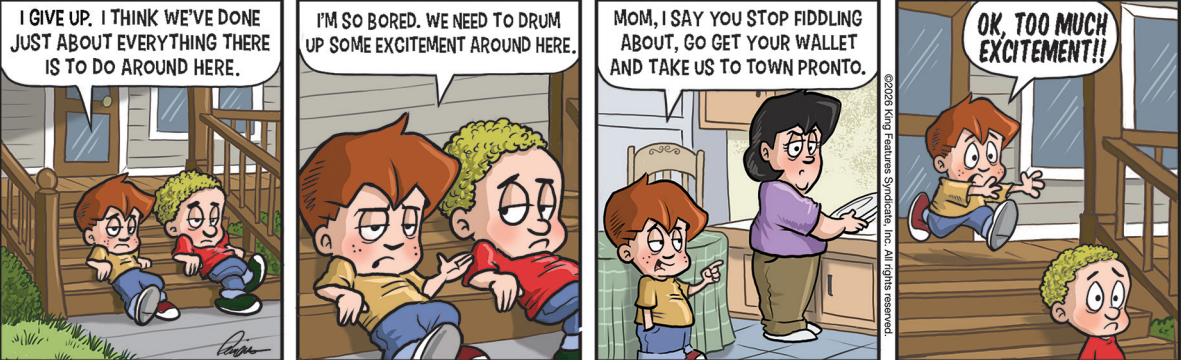


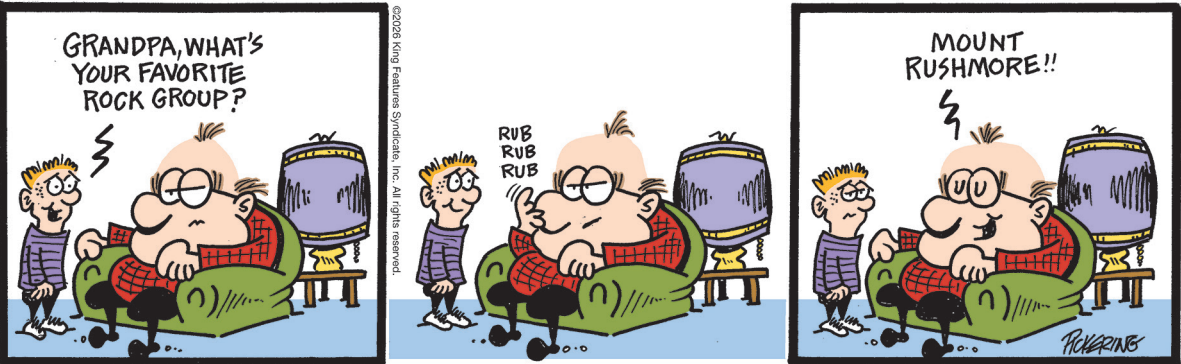
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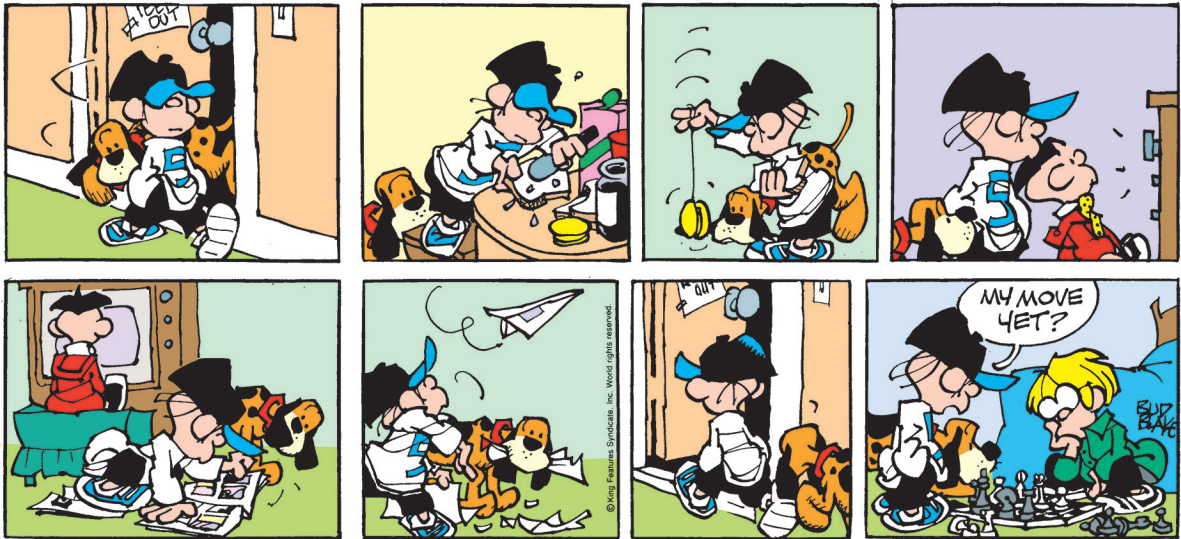
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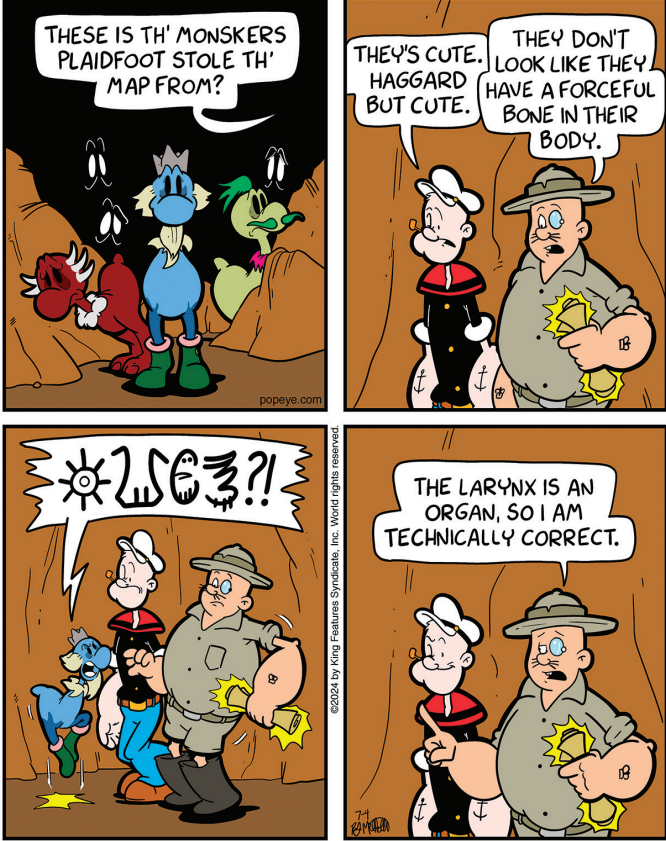
The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE & POPEYE



Just Like Cats & Dogs



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!

Mull
ENDROP
Shine
SHIPLO
Bore
CREEPI
Deli
MAILAS

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

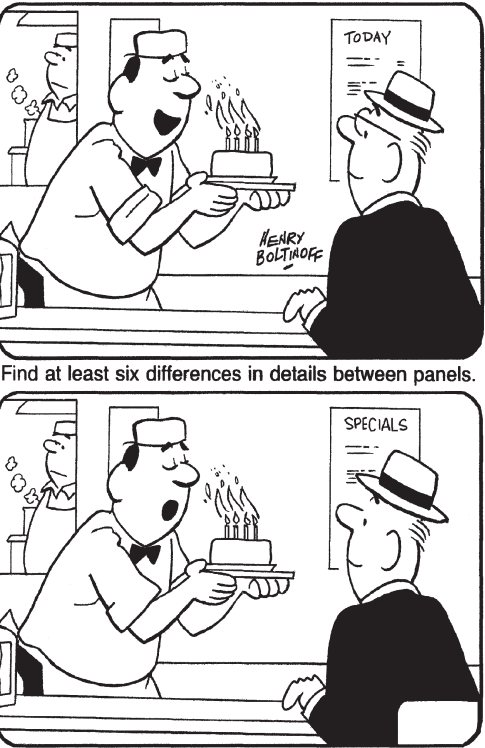
by Gary Kopervas

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is

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: T equals M

VYEJ TZSYJ OQA EUUATG ZU
JYG REXQKZJG NYQNBEG
NEICO QR NEXG-CVGBBZIS
CVEKRU? JQQJUJG JKQBBU.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Use a squeegee
- 5 ACLU concerns
- 8 Oodles
- 12 Valhalla VIP
- 13 — Jima
- 14 Slightly
- 15 Reveals by accident
- 17 California valley
- 18 LAX and JFK overseer
- 19 Bad spell
- 20 Playful sea critter
- 21 Young bloke
- 22 Used to be
- 23 Skewered Thai recipe
- 26 Beach robes
- 30 Four Corners st.
- 31 Gearwheel tooth
- 32 Barrett or Jaffe
- 33 Pond floater
- 35 Unclothed
- 36 Long lunch?
- 37 Tier
- 38 Teapot feature
- 41 Binge
- 42 Hiatus
- 45 Galley gear
- 46 Legendary gossip columnist

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		

- 48 Vicinity
- 49 Soul, to Sartre
- 50 Eager
- 51 Drudge
- 52 PX patrons
- 53 Trawler gear
- 9 Final notice
- 10 Clock reading
- 11 Swizzle
- 16 Horse-drawn carriage
- 20 Klutz
- 21 Revolving tray
- 22 Witty one
- 23 Bando of baseball
- 24 "Exodus" hero
- 25 Up to
- 26 Massachusetts cape
- 27 Fine, to NASA
- 28 Compass dir.
- 29 Blue
- 31 Taxi
- 34 Impose
- 35 Egg drinks
- 37 Demolishes drama
- 38 Daytime
- 39 Rid of rind
- 40 Sweet sandwich
- 41 Rock's Hendrix
- 42 Donate
- 43 Bickering
- 44 Profs' degrees
- 46 Trail the pack
- 47 "Sheesh!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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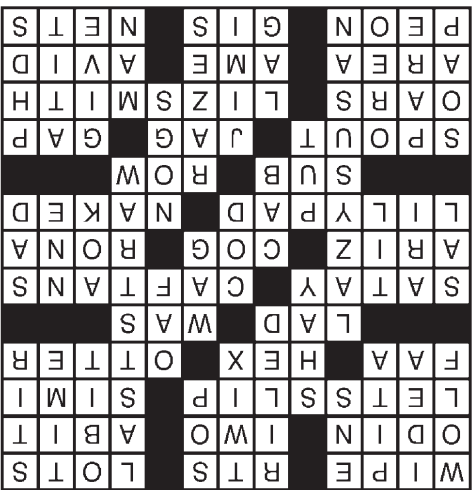
B	A	S	I	C

- Cable subscription option
- Gelatin
- Dog's portion?
- Agricultural output
- Everyday writing
- Narrative device

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Invisible Man"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
- ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
- ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
- GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

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ASPIRINS
Today's Word
3. Pierce; 4. Salami
Solution
SCRAMBLERS

E	P	O	T	R
E	S	O	P	R
S	P	O	C	R
P	A	R	S	C
C	P	I	A	S
C	I	S	B	A

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip
Answer
What might you assume is
the favorite chocolate
candy of cave-dwelling
dwarfs? Toolstie Trolls.

- H.C. Wells
- Istanbul, Turkey
- 687 Earth days
- Ursula
- 120 days
- 2,001
- Orange, green and purple
- "Arrested Development"
- A smack
9. A smack
10. 64