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"Goodness no, we haven't even considered a verdict yet — we're still exchanging  
\_\_\_\_\_!"

### 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!

Grimace  
**CLOWS** □ □ \_\_\_\_\_

Declare  
**PEAKS** \_\_\_\_\_ □ \_\_\_\_\_

Avoid  
**WEECHS** □ \_\_\_\_\_ □ \_\_\_\_\_

Rule  
**GERNI** □ \_\_\_\_\_ □ \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

## Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1 5 3 1 2

5 4 1 3 4

3 4 3 1 5

4 4 2 3 3

2 1 5 4 4

1 5 3 2

5 1 3 4

3 4 1 5

4 2 3

2 1 5 4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

3	4	5	2	6	6
5	6	6	6	4	2
1	2	1	3	5	5
4	5	2	6	5	3
1	5	4	6	2	3
6	5	3	6	1	3

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Match the field of study on the left with its meaning on the right.

1) hagiology

2) selenology

3) apiology

4) orology

5) trichology

a. study of the moon

b. study of mountains

c. study of hair

d. study of bees

e. study of the saints

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## CryptoQuote

**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 week the code letters are different.

U KW K RNWKOUXZ JVAKNXV

U ZRUOQ RNWKOUZI AKO, FUZR

ACOXZKOZ WCBKD LNUHKOAV,


ABVKZV K BVKXCOKJDI HVAVOZ

XCAUVZI. — GKWVX WUARVOVB


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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spoon handle is added; 2. Curtain is wider; 3. Box design is different; 4. Faucet is missing; 5. Bow is different; 6. V-neck is added.

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## Super Crossword

REPEATED NOTES

**ACROSS**

1 Synagogue leader

6 Mojave plant

11 Pinnacle

15 Czech-German river

19 — Island (former immigration gateway)

20 Carpentry rod

21 With 71-Across, act all-powerful

22 Usual thing

23 Many supermarket entrances

25 Glass sheet

26 Large mop

27 Ruhr article

28 With gusto

29 Chilean money

30 Kagan on the high bench

31 Big hit

32 Collect deserved benefits

34 Crime boss John

37 Roll out, as a flag

40 Flood zone protections

41 Long strip of high-end shops along a road

44 — -fi

46 Water swirl

47 Pottery base

48 Satire device

49 "Beetle" of comics

52 Jewel box contents

53 1986-2001 space station

54 Swell out

55 Lock horns

60 Mauna — Observatory

61 Uncles, e.g.

62 "Charlie's Angels" co-star

65 Notwithstanding

67 Jungle jaunts

68 More cruel

69 Many a metal alloy, chemically

71 See 21-Across

72 Turin-to-Milan dir.

73 Tendency

74 Like ruled paper

75 Part of ABA

76 24/7 care ctrs.

77 "Goodness!"

79 Singer Cole

81 Meat cut

83 Magnetism

87 Ireland's — Lingus

88 Bright blue gem

90 Book before Jeremiah

92 Semi engine

94 — beat (falter slightly)

95 What you can hear from an audible clock

98 Garbage

101 Put in a tomb

102 Torchiere, e.g.

103 Ineffective

105 Block of history

108 Fashion's von Fürstenberg

109 Cakewalk

110 Yoga pose with hands and feet on the floor

112 Artful dodge

113 Son of Adam and Eve

114 Fuse

115 "— Meenie" (2010 hit song)

116 Floored it

117 Nothing but

118 Swamp critter

119 Repeated musical sequence in this puzzle

**DOWN**

1 Funny Foxx

2 First-aid plant

3 Make fuzzy

4 Spill-catching neckwear

5 Like Iran's religion

6 — Ababa, Ethiopia

7 A genial mood

8 Missing GI

9 Really

10 Overhead trains

11 Magnetism

12 Purse part

13 Estate house

14 Face part

15 Place in bondage

16 Devalued

17 Not generic

18 Emissary's residence

24 Mendes of "Hitch"

29 For every

30 She-sheep

31 Doesn't go

32 Feel regret about

33 Novelist Wiesel

34 Truck and SUV maker

35 Common painting medium

36 Suitable to be bartered

38 Diarist Anaïs

39 Aviate

42 Restricts

43 Journalist

44 Audible exhalations

45 Musical symbol

49 Donkey

50 Writer Locke

51 Swerved

54 Interweave

56 Big TV brand

57 Bighearted

58 Knives, e.g.

59 To be, in Aries

60 Make it

61 Little buddy

62 Animal life

63 Succeeding

64 Ethically indifferent

66 Ruhr article

67 More artful

70 Antique, quaintly

71 Lassies

75 Made an intrinsic part of

76 "Popeye" cartoonist Segar

78 Violinist Hilary

79 Step in ballet

80 Oafish type

82 Actress Vardalos

83 People showing sympathy

84 Exhausting

85 Milk sugar

86 Analogized

88 Actor Bruce

89 Electric current units

91 Be televised

92 Chin feature

93 Bratty tot

96 Small world?

97 Less feral

99 Oar wielder

100 "This — surprise!"

103 Actress Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"

104 Tease

105 Saucy Aussie "Dame"

106 Stir up, as waters

107 "The African Queen" scriptwriter James

109 He-sheep

110 Used a shovel

111 Yr. ender

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LAW: What is the subject matter of the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- HISTORY: What was the bloodiest single-day battle of America's Civil War?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for somnambulism?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of British Columbia in Canada?
- MUSIC: What was Elvis Presley's last No. 1 hit?
- SCIENCE: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at standard room temperature?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Pritzker Prize given for?
- LITERATURE: Which novel was the first to feature a place called King's Landing?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV character's favorite expression was "Hokey Smokes!"?

Answers

- Right of trial by jury in civil cases
- Antietam
- Sleepwalking
- Victoria
- "Suspicious Minds"
- Mercury and bromine
- John Tyler (15 children by two wives)
- Lifetime achievement in architecture
- "A Game of Thrones," the first in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire"
- Rocky Squirrel on "The Bullwinkle Show"

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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## MAGIC MAZE

FIRST OR LAST NAME?

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: — CLOONEY

Bradley Charles David Douglas

Frank Gregory James Joyce

Kelly Nelson Norman Paul

Rose Terry Tracy

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## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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+		+		+	
	÷		×		20
—		×		÷	
	×		—		13
10		15		2	

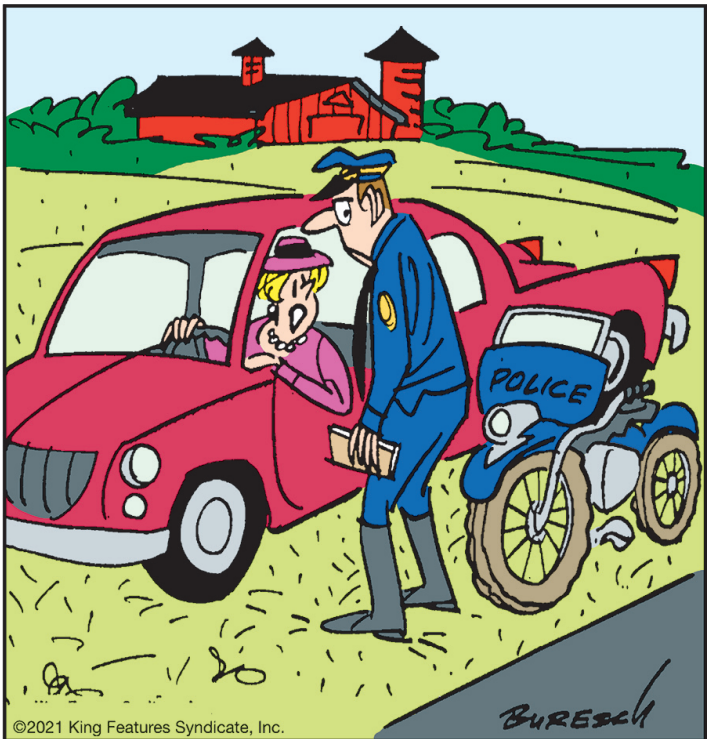
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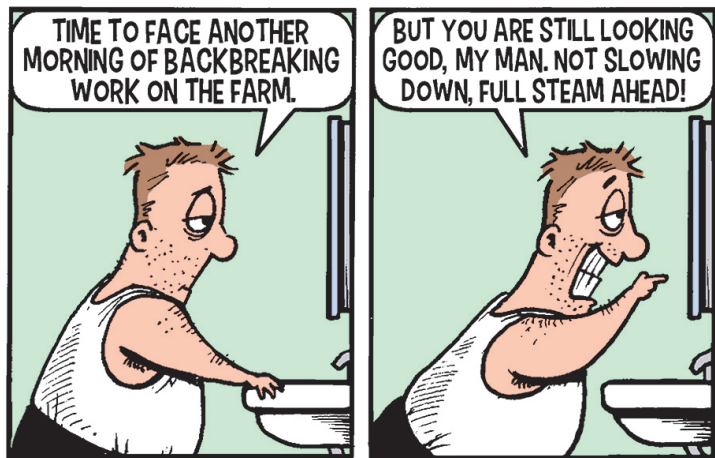
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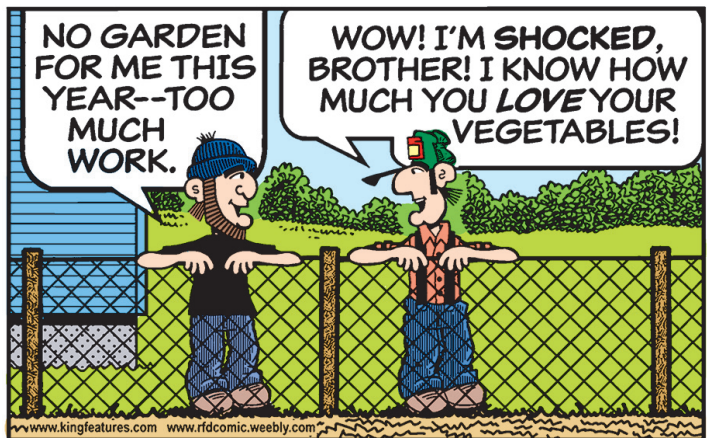


"Oh, dear! Did I miss a stop sign while admiring you in my rearview mirror?"

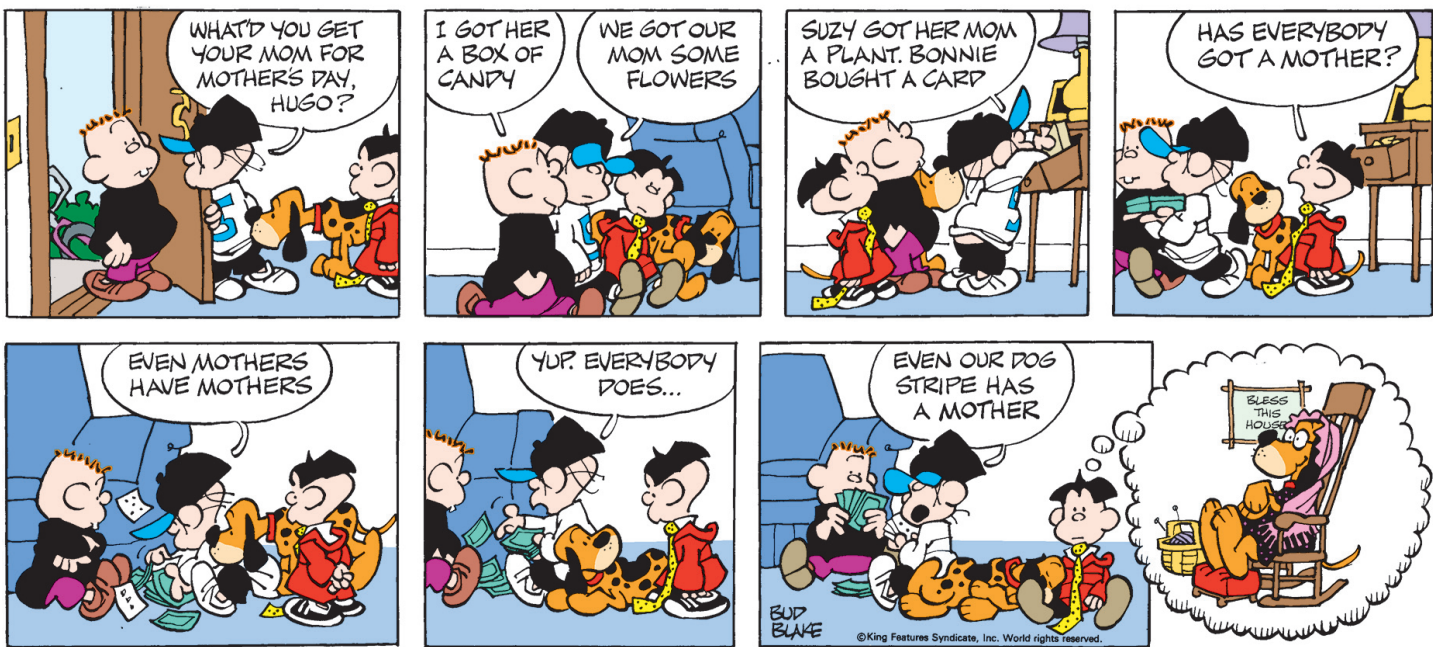
## Amber Waves



## R.F.D.



## TIGER



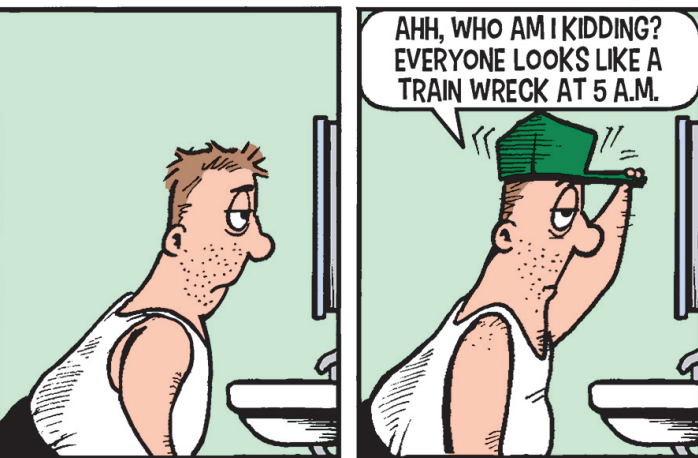
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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

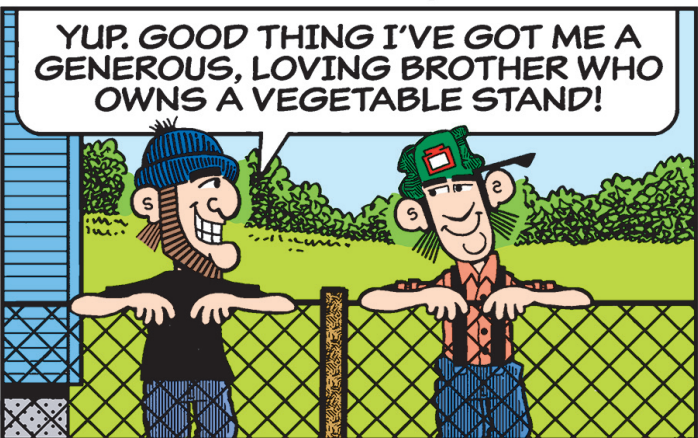
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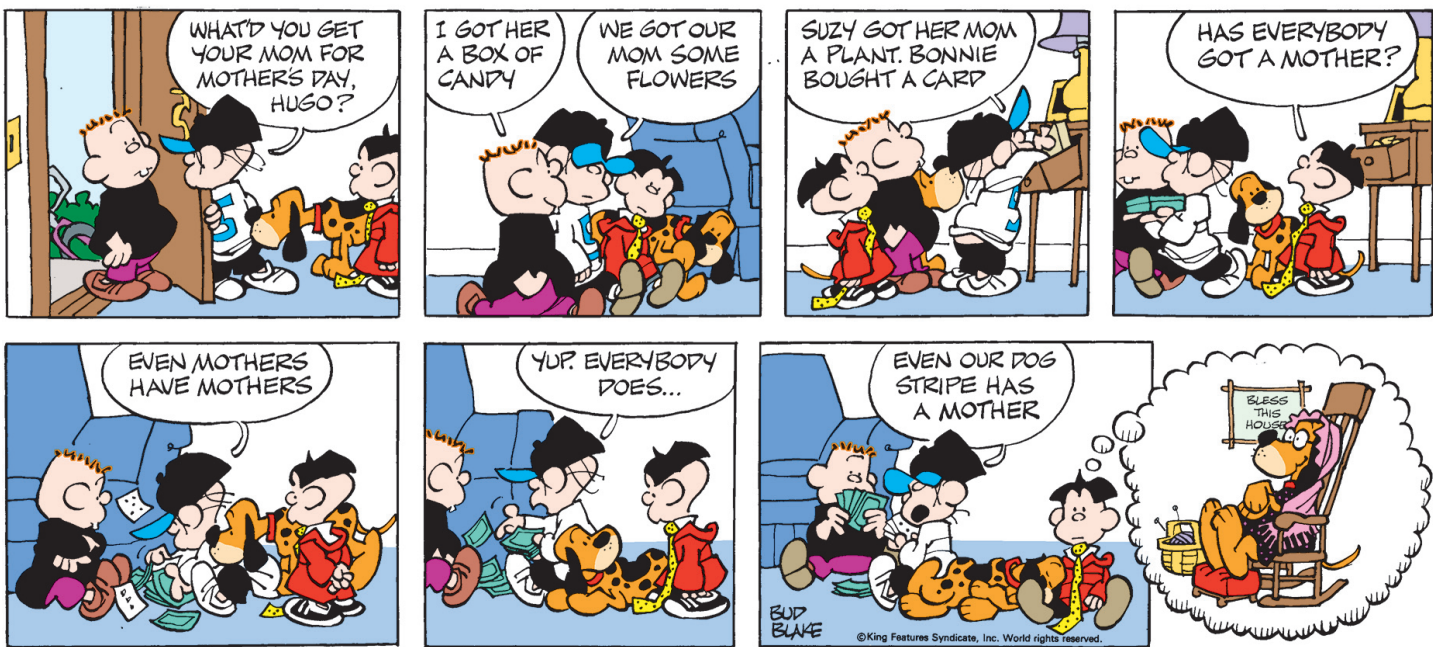
## by Dave T. Phipps



## by Mike Marland



## by BUD BLAKE



## Sticklers Answer

I am a humanist because I think humanity can, with constant moral guidance, create a reasonably decent society. — James Michener

## CryptoQuote

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Scowl
2. Speak;
3. Eschew;
4. Reign

Today's Word

## RECIPES

6	5	3	6	1	3
1	5	4	6	2	3
4	5	2	6	5	3
1	2	1	3	5	5
5	6	6	6	4	2
3	4	5	2	6	6

answer

## Hit!

10	15	2	4	13
4	5	7	13	13
8	2	5	20	20
6	1	9	15	15

answers

## Go Figure!

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

Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

