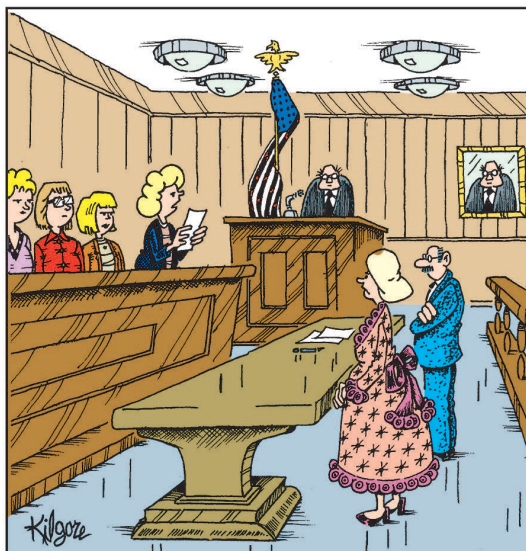


JUST LIKE CATS & DOGS

Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"We recommend a suspended sentence... Wearing a dress like that is punishment enough."

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: B equals O

CKZX M SMXEOOP SBLXY VP

OBXH-VMQUOEFZY KBOZ-

ULXFKMXH WBBO, M EXXBLXFZY

"ECO MQ XBW OBQW."

"Aw! is not lost."
unching tool, I announce
long-misplaced hole-
When I finally found my
answer

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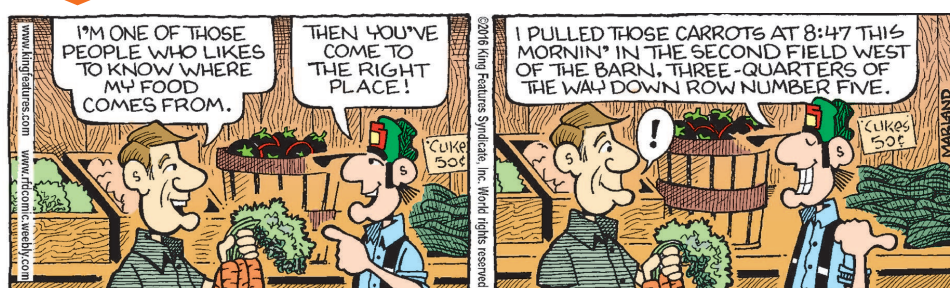
SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various cells.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★★

R.F.D

by Mike Marland



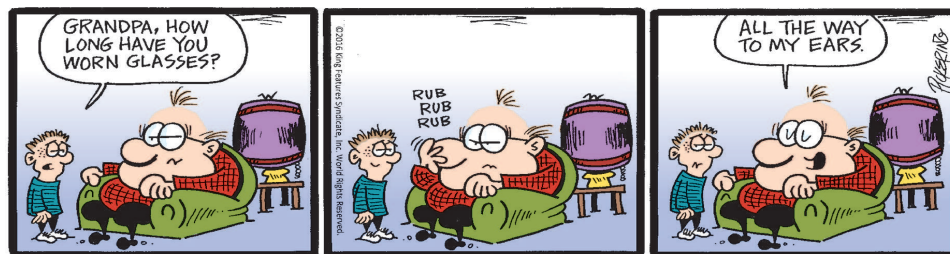
AMBER WAVES

by Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

by Jeff Pickering



FLASHBACK

by Mick Harper

- 1. Name the artist who wrote and recorded "Pillow Talk."
2. Who wrote "Strawberry Fields Forever"?
3. What was wrong with the label on the single for Jethro Tull's "Sunshine Day"?
4. Who was Lily in "Pictures of Lily"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "His clothes are dirty but his hands are clean, and you're the best thing that he's ever seen."

SUPER CROSSWORD: PROPELLING ANSWER

- CROSS: 1 Syria's president since 2000, 6 Devalue, 13 Most optimistic, 20 Fry lightly, 21 Pilot in "Star Wars", 22 Everywhere, 23 Start of a riddle, 26 Bull-themed tequila brand, 27 Bewildered, 28 Fore and —, 29 Baseballer Stengel, 30 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us"), 32 Top-secret gov't group, 34 Be a slinker, 36 Riddle, part 2, 47 Thwart, 48 Big name in elevator safety, 49 — Lankan, 50 Farmer, e.g., 51 Grain tower, 52 P.O. part, 53 Like forests, 55 Singer Falana, 56 Riddle, part 3, 59 Morale restorer, 60 General Electric co-founder, 61 Ending for switch, 62 Venom, 64 Curtain fixture, 65 Cheer at a 59-Across, 67 "Miami Ink" channel, 69 Not talking, 70 Chinese philosophy, 73 Neighbor of Mozambique, 76 Fit of petty annoyance, 79 Defiant sorts, 81 "Fer — out loud!", 84 Riddle, part 4, 87 Biker's bike, informally, 88 Voting sheet, 89 Seeing things, 90 Best Picture of 2012, 91 Illusion artist M.C. —, 93 Fritz's "the", 94 Pop singer Lisa, 95 Swimming star Janet, 96 End of the riddle, 100 Put frosting on, 101 President pro —, 102 Greek letter after pi, 103 Turn to hit, 107 "Give — kiss!", 109 Having skill, 112 Vigorless state, 117 Riddle's answer, 121 Dermal art, 122 3-D model of a scene, 123 Sasha's sis, 124 Patroness of Quebec: Abbr., 125 Pen user's stain, 126 Lute of India, 8 Slaughter in baseball, 9 Climbs, 10 Fertilizer compound, 11 "Xanadu" band, briefly, 12 Director Ephron, 13 One giving a tirade, 14 On in years, 15 Smooth raincoat, 16 Fort Dodge's state, 17 Days before holidays, 18 Dried and withered, 19 Deuce topper, 24 Rhino part, 25 "Yes, alas", 31 In on — thing, 33 Big name in old fables, 35 Jumpy, 36 Dyer go-with, 37 Spanish city or province, 38 Installed anew, as floor tiles, 39 Kris — ('90s rap duo), 40 Common answer at the door, 41 Saltpeper, 42 Organization Christopher, 44 Many a missing GI, 45 "Little" Dickens girl, 46 Strong cart without sides, 52 Prescribing punishment, 53 Tam-o'-shanter, e.g., 54 Wedge filling a gap, 57 Mosque holy book, 58 Kiddie, 59 Foe of Paris, 63 is an Internet explorer, 66 "Funny joke!", 68 Mongrel mutt, 70 Largest city in Iran, 71 Makes flush, 72 Absorb gradually, 73 Power of kids' TV, 74 Crazy notion, 75 Archipelago makeup, 77 Fluid in refrigeration, 78 Lobby, 80 "Huzzah!", 81 Gnat on the door, 82 Itchy eruption, 83 Service org. for females, 85 Kazakh journalist of film, 86 Giant in grills, 88 — a-brac, 92 Book version, 94 Loosens (up), 95 People who land their names to things, 97 Downfall, 98 "Sure, whatever", 99 Persian ruler, 103 Rented residences: Abbr., 104 "— does it!", 105 Eight-bit unit, 106 Dog in "The Thin Man", 108 "... — can't get up!", 110 Clear hurdles, 111 Red monster of kids' TV, 113 Morales of "Freemjack", 114 Thaw, 115 Large pelvic bones, 116 Way yonder, 118 Hoodwink, 119 Victory, 120 Tit for —

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-126.

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SALOME'S STARS HOROSCOPE



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Aries' heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some opposition as you plow new ground -- but supporters will outnumber detractors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a far-distant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision you'll soon be asked to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a golden investment opportunity. That "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of Kitty Glitter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keep that positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about that job change.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Control that possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new project holds some challenges you hadn't expected. But don't be discouraged; you'll find you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of the celestial Chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and that new Leo in your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your "royal" Leonine nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

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