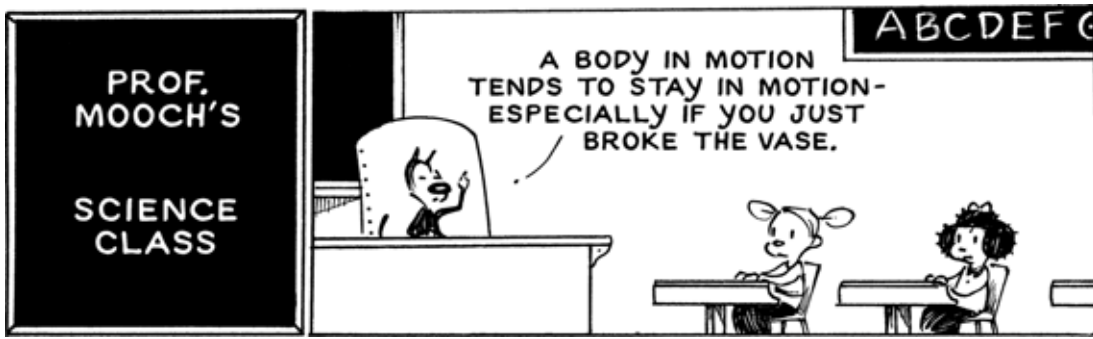


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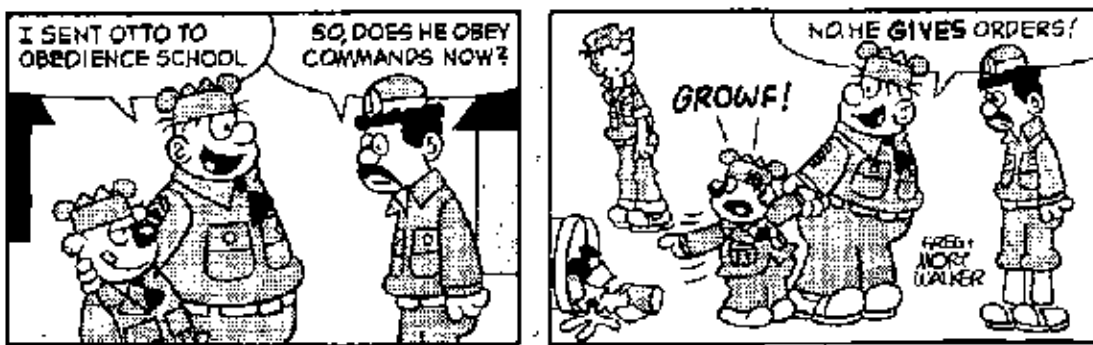
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Hagar The Horrible — By Chris Browne



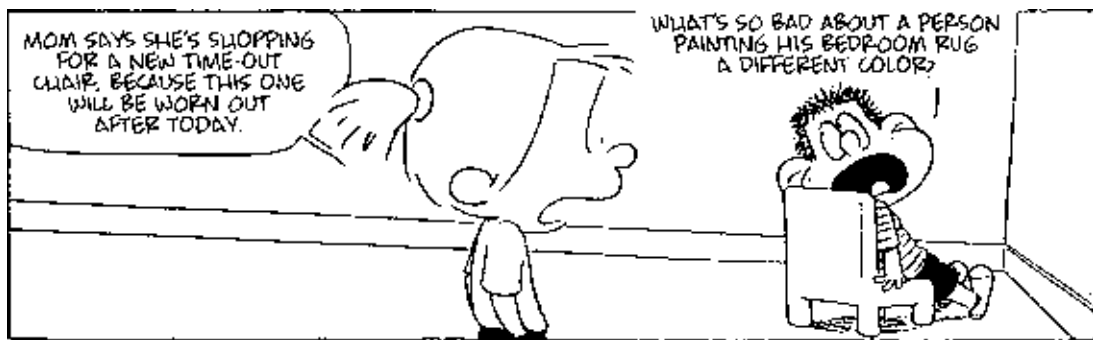
Beetle Bailey — By Mort Walker



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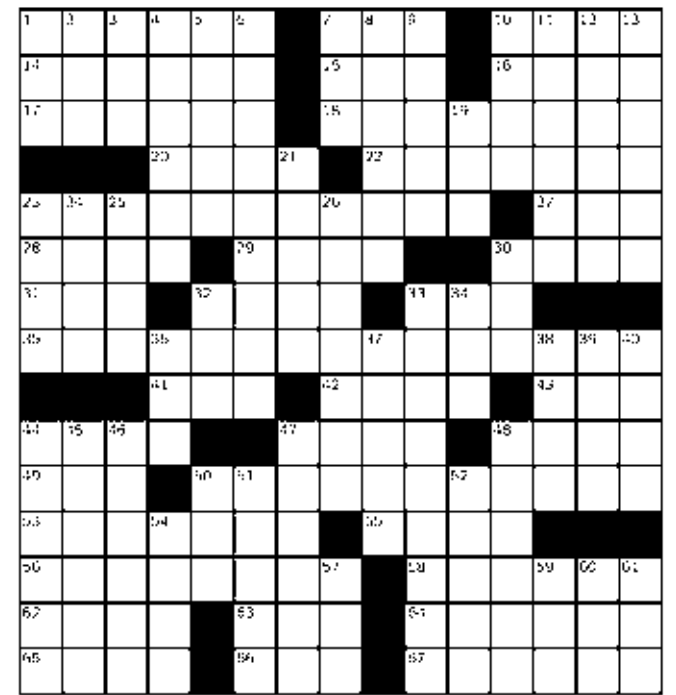


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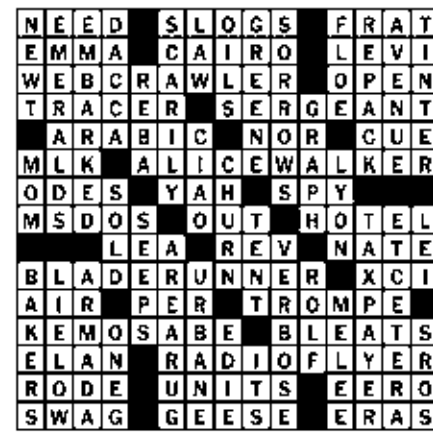
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Marsupial that looks like a small bear
 - 7 Mrs. en français
 - 10 Price
 - 14 Much-discussed program of the 1960s-'70s
 - 15 Smallish batteries
 - 16 Empire
 - 17 Cash in
 - 18 [1948]
 - 20 St. Louis landmark
 - 22 Home of the Belmont Stakes
 - 23 [1977]
 - 27 Formerly
 - 28 W.W. II foe
 - 29 See 30-Across
 - 30 One 29-Across of the U.S. in W.W. II
 - 31 Flit (about)
 - 32 "Picnic" playwright
 - 33 Place to be pampered
 - 35 [2015]
 - 41 Money-saving way to make repairs, for short
 - 42 Inevitable ruin
 - 43 Hosp. diagnostic
 - 44 Touste, as the hair
 - 47 Commercial prefix with postale
 - 48 1 1 1
 - 49 Sch. in Terre Haute, Ames or Pocatello
 - 50 [1973]
 - 53 "On the Road" novelist
 - 55 Descriptive of some undesirable consequences
 - 56 [1978]
 - 58 Nullify
- DOWN**
- 1 Man-o-... (old battleship)
 - 2 Uncover, poetically
 - 3 Cool in the mid-1960s
 - 4 Meadow sounds
 - 5 A serious one might be red
 - 6 "Patriot Games" novelist
 - 7 Bully
 - 8 For the most part
 - 9 First name at the cosmetics counter
 - 10 Louisville or Baltimore
 - 11 They might make you cry
 - 12 Numbers on the board
 - 13 Petroleum ship
 - 19 "Isn't she cute?!"
 - 21 Hagar's wife, in the comics
 - 23 Many a Viking tale
 - 24 Final, for one
 - 25 Congressional staffer
 - 26 Thin
 - 62 Contest with lightsabers
 - 63 End of a university's domain
 - 64 Garden figures
 - 65 88 or 98 of autodom
 - 66 "Get my point?"
 - 67 December shopping mall figures



PUZZLE BY ROY LEBAN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 30 Onetime Midwest grp.
- 32 Roman trio
- 33 Events for the police blotter
- 34 Spray in the kitchen
- 36 Hwys.
- 37 Studied, with "over"
- 38 Upscale chain hotel
- 39 Infield, for one
- 40 Pulitzer Prize category: Anbr.
- 44 Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with "The"
- 45 Worth having
- 46 Browsed, as the Internet
- 47 Consent, as to a request
- 48 ... Trail
- 50 California's Big
- 51 Eponymous chair designer
- 52 Sports venue
- 54 De-squeaks
- 57 Like many payments on the first of the month
- 59 Qty.
- 60 Word with black or blended
- 61 Curve of a sort



This 2011 photo provided by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) shows a selfie taken by a macaque monkey on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi with a camera that was positioned by British nature photog-

odds 'n' ends

SAN FRANCISCO: A macaque monkey who took now-famous selfie photographs should be declared the copyright owner of the photos, rather than the nature photographer who positioned the camera, animal-rights activists contend in a novel lawsuit filed Tuesday.

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The suit was filed in federal court in San Francisco by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. It seeks a court order allowing PETA to administer all proceeds from the photos for the benefit of the monkey, which it identified as 6-year-old Naruto, and other crested macaques living in a reserve on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi.

The photos were taken during a 2011 trip to Sulawesi by British nature photographer David Slater. Through San Francisco-based self-publishing company Blurb, he has published a book called "Wildlife Personalities" that includes the "monkey selfie" photos.

However, the photos have been widely distributed elsewhere by outlets, including Wikipedia, which contend that no one owns the copyright to the images because they were taken by an animal, not a person. Slater, who is exploring legal action against some of those outlets, said he was "very saddened" by PETA's lawsuit because he considers himself an advocate of animal rights.

Last year, the US Copyright Office issued an updated compendium of its policies, including a section stipulating that it would register copyrights only for works produced by human beings. It specified that works produced by animals, whether a photo taken by a monkey or a mural painted by an elephant, would not qualify.

However, Jeffrey Kerr, a lawyer with PETA, said the copyright office policy "is only an opinion," and the US Copyright Act itself does not contain language limiting copyrights to humans.

"The act grants copyright to authors of original works, with no limit on species," Kerr said. "Copyright law is clear: It's not the person who owns the camera, it's the being who took the photograph."

Citing Slater's own written accounts of his encounter with the macaques, the lawsuit asserts that Naruto "authored the monkey selfies by his own independent, autonomous actions in examining and manipulating Slater's unattended camera."

Slater has been openly dismayed by the prolonged dispute over the photos, and says the British copyright obtained for the photos by his company, Wildlife Personalities Ltd, should be honored worldwide. (AP)

Conceptis Sudoku Challenger

The grid must be so completed that every row, column and 3x3 box has every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

DIRECTIONS:
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
■ Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
■ Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
■ Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's 3 Minutes
30 Seconds
Your Working Time ___ Minutes ___ Seconds

By Lucy Manker

			8		33
		9			34
				8	34
8					34
35	34	34	34	35	

Yesterday's solution

					5
3	1	1	1	1	6
2	2	2	1	7	
2	1	3	2	8	
1	4	2	2	9	
8	8	8	6	10	

Word by Word

Put off (تؤجل) Toajel

Never put off till tomorrow what can be done today. La toajel ela ghad ma yostataj amalaho al yawm.

Numbers لاؤجل إلى غد ما يستطيع عمله اليوم

6988 Six thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight

٦٩٨٨ Setat alaaf wa teso maah wa thaman wa thamanon

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

That Old Black Magic

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 2
♥ A 6
♦ A J 10
♣ Q J 10 9 4

WEST
♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ 5 4 3
♥ J 10 8 5 3 2
♦ K Q 7
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A K 8 7 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♥ 3♣ 4♥
5♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.
The declarer who strives for perfection seeks a way to improve on his chances even when he already has a very good chance of success by adopting the most obvious line of play. Sometimes he may have to do something unusual to accomplish his purpose, but if that's what the situation calls for, he does it.
Consider this deal where South is in five clubs. It seems normal to win the heart lead with the ace, discarding a diamond, then cash the queen of trumps and stake the outcome on

two spade finesses. As it happens, both finesses lose, and South goes down one because he must lose a diamond trick also.
Unlucky, you could say, but if South is a more imaginative declarer, he makes the contract. Rather than rely on the 75 percent probability that East was dealt either the king or queen of spades, or both, which is essentially a matter of luck, South follows a different course of action that eliminates the luck factor.
Instead of taking the king of hearts with the ace at trick one, he plays low from dummy and discards a diamond from his hand! Now the contract cannot be stopped, even though West holds two apparently certain spade tricks.
Let's say West continues a heart at trick two. South discards another diamond on dummy's ace, cashes the queen of trumps and ace of diamonds, then ruffs the ten of diamonds high. This is followed by a trump to dummy's nine and a ruff of the jack of diamonds.
Dummy now has the 8-7-2 of spades and J-10-4 of trumps; South has the A-J-10-9 of spades and A-8 of trumps. Declarer leads the eight of trumps to dummy's ten, then plays a spade to his nine. West wins with the queen but must yield the contract, whatever he returns.
Tomorrow: A farsighted play



"THE FIRST TIME I SAW MY DAD GOING GOLFING, I THOUGHT HE WAS RUNNING