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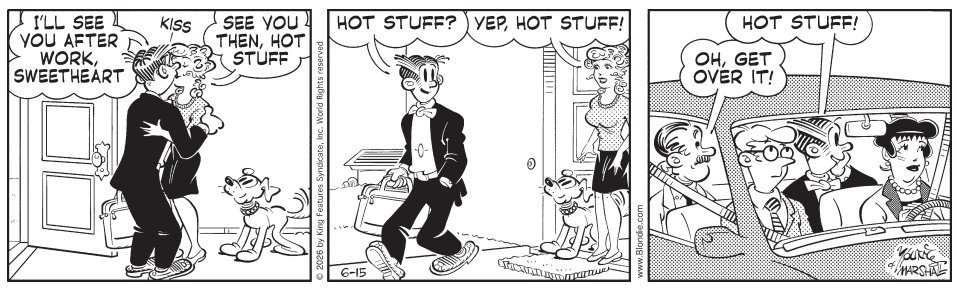

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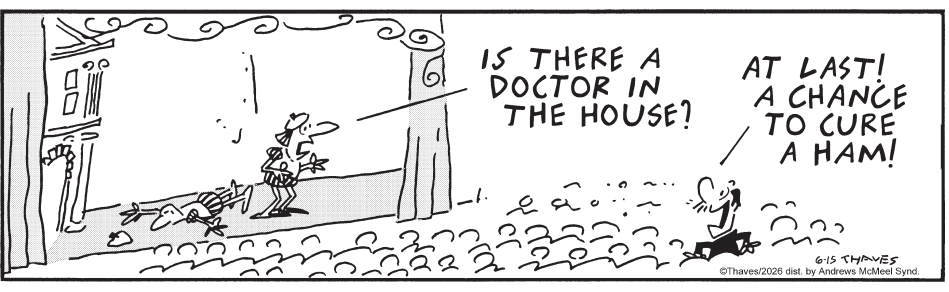

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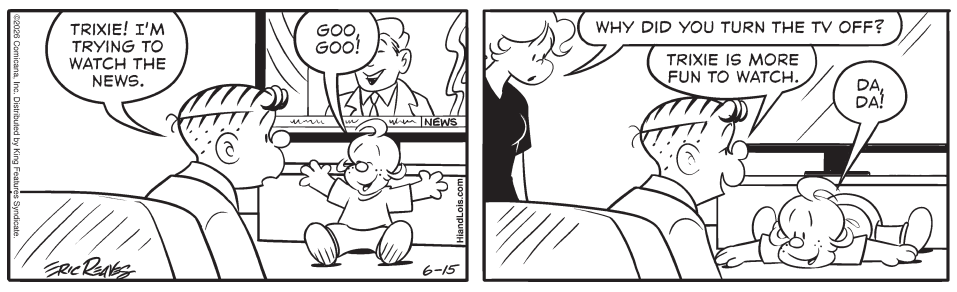

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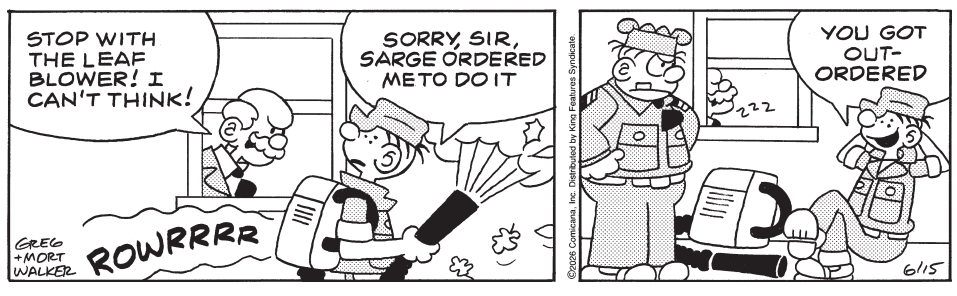

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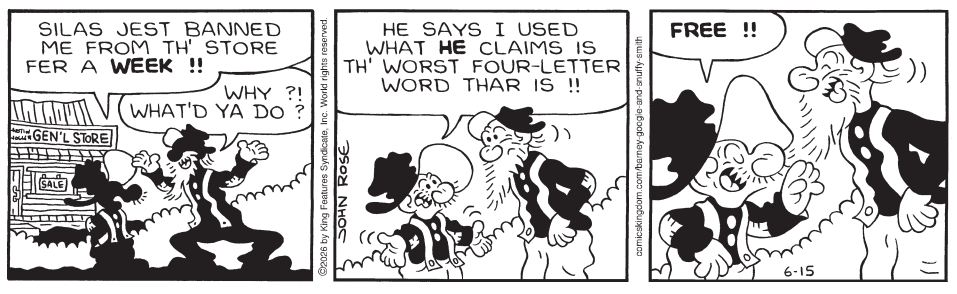

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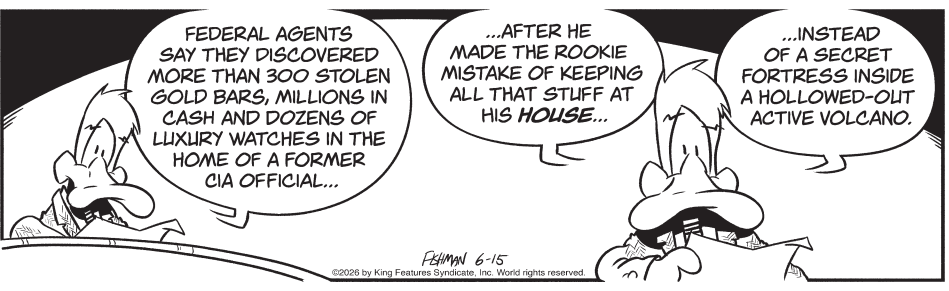

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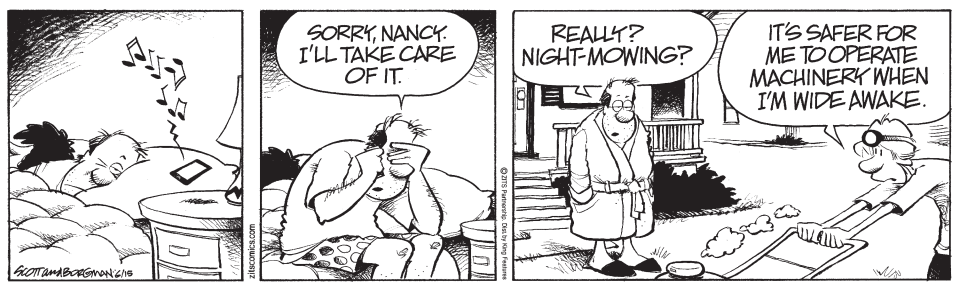

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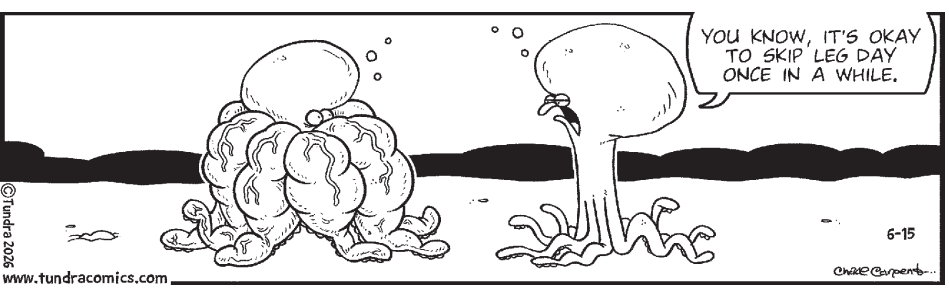

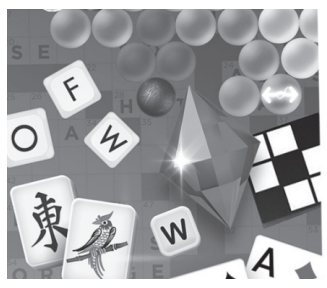

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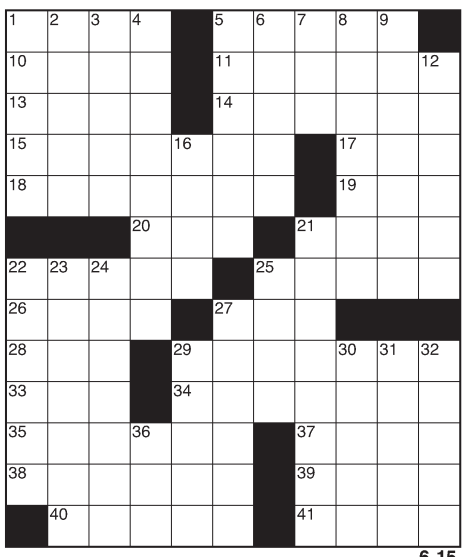
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

Saturday's answer

ACROSS
1 Clinic workers, for short
5 Angry with
10 In a frenzy
11 States one's views
13 Blue hue
14 Cheese choice
15 Cheese choice
17 Deli meat
18 Least challenging
19 Flow out
20 Some military hospitals, for short
21 Mosaic piece
22 Played a role
25 Circus worker
26 Frat dudes
27 Sturdy wood
28 Workout unit
29 Set free, as a dog
33 Cereal grain
34 Cheese choice
35 Cheese choice
37 Dread
38 Become more profound
39 Destiny
40 Attire
41 Goblet part

DOWN
1 Tango or trot
2 Nebraska city
3 Inlets
4 Jumps from a plane
5 Swamp
6 Left, on a liner
7 Poorly lit
8 Home of hockey's Ducks
9 Well-founded
12 Grave
16 Out of play
21 Starts of flights
22 Overseas
23 Folded
24 First-rate
25 Soft mineral
27 Burger toppers
29 Yens
30 Bothered
31 Country division
32 Women's quarters
36 Gorilla or gibbon



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 10 9 7 2
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 5 3

WEST
♠ J 8 6 5
♥ J 3
♦ 8
♣ A K Q 7 6 2

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

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A K Q 6 2
♦ A J 10 9 7 4
♣ J

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♣	3 ♦	3 NT	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal was played in a match between France and Belgium some years ago. It illustrates how a declarer who pays close attention to tiny details can reap a substantial reward for his efforts.

West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace, whereupon declarer (Georges Theron of France) made the key play of ruffing with the seven instead of the four. Theron then cashed the A-K of hearts and led a low heart, planning to ruff low in dummy and lead the queen of diamonds through East's king.

But West ruffed the third round of hearts with the eight, forcing dummy to overruff with the queen. However, the farseeing Theron was able to take this development in stride. He led the six of diamonds from dummy and played the four from his hand after East followed low. Another trump lead from dummy then trapped East's king.

So, Theron made five diamonds doubled by virtue of his thoughtful unblocking play at trick two. Had he ruffed the second club with the four instead of the seven, he would later have been unable to lead diamonds twice from dummy to pick up East's king.

It takes rare insight for a declarer to recognize the importance of trumping with the seven instead of the four at trick two, but it is little things like this that make the difference between the greats of the game and everyone else.

Tomorrow: A tactical maneuver.

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: FIVE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: — JUNCTION, CO

Blythe
Boulder City
Bullhead City
De Beque
Fruita
Glenwood Springs
Laughlin
Moab
Needles
New Castle
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

U.S. FLAG

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES – HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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 day the code letters are different.

6-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

W O K O K E O W , C B R H V C O Q T Z V T W J P X V C P J Z T M X V W F A W B Q M B V O Q P X V C O E T V V T K C B R H T H V C O P W Z R B J J .

— B R K Z A M P W O

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IN EVERY OUTTHRUST HEADLAND, IN EVERY CURVING BEACH, IN EVERY GRAIN OF SAND THERE IS THE STORY OF THE EARTH. — RACHEL CARSON

Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions until 9 a.m. EDT today (6 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from GEMINI into CANCER.

Happy Birthday for Monday, June 15, 2026:

You're genuinely interested in other people. You're intuitive, compassionate and a great team worker. This is a year of building and construction for you to create both internal and external structures. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Stay grounded and levelheaded. Get organized to accomplish your goals.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay on your toes today, because surprise invitations to fun occasions, social outings or anything related to sports, the arts and the entertainment world might make your day! Children-related activities might be unpredictable. Enjoy short trips and talking to everyone! Tonight: Relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Stock the fridge, because your home routine might be interrupted today. But hopefully in a pleasant way. Surprise company might drop by. You might buy something beautiful or high-tech for your home. A family member might have great news. This is a fast-paced, upbeat day! Tonight: Conversations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ This is a marvelous day to schmooze! It's also a romantic day, so don't hesitate to make your move. Something will happen that makes you enjoy the beauty of your daily surroundings. Unexpected visits with siblings, relatives and neighbors will please you. Tonight: Check your money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Financial matters are a bit unpredictable today; nevertheless, a surprise gift, favor or some money might benefit you out of the blue! Likewise, you might make some spontaneous purchases. Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you an edge over everyone else. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with others. You feel excited and alive! Romance is definitely favored. Someone unusual might pop into your world. Or perhaps someone you already know will do something that surprises you. Stay light on your feet so you can be ready for anything! Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ With the Sun high in your chart, you look great to everyone! Meanwhile, something behind the scenes might surprise you or catch you off guard -- very likely it's pleasant. It might even be a secret love affair or a surprise flirtation. Conversations with friends and groups will go well. Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ There's excitement in the air today, which could be due to an unexpected encounter with a friend or someone you haven't seen for a while. Alternatively, you might meet a real character. In either case, surprise romance might be waiting for you! (Look your best.) Tonight: You're admired.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ When dealing with authority figures today -- bosses, parents, teachers or the police -- something unexpected but pleasant might happen. This could be a flirtation or the beginning of a new romance. It might be a favor. Perhaps someone will recommend you for something. Looking good! Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Remember that you need more sleep this week. Fortunately, unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap. You also might have a flirtation with someone "different" that is thrilling. Meanwhile, discussions about finances, taxes, debt and inheritances will be positive. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep your pockets open, because unexpected gifts, goodies and favors from others might come your way today. Get ready for romantic promise in all your relationships. Even a casual friendship will be warm and friendly. Because you're keen to work, you will accomplish a lot today! Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Exciting romance might sweep you off your feet today! This could be a new love or an exciting injection to a long-term relationship. Co-workers are supportive today. Be patient with family members, because activity and chaos at home might be challenging. Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Two strong influences are at play today: You want to relax and hide at home among familiar surroundings. You also might be more involved with a parent. Nevertheless, romance, social outings and a surprise work-related flirtation might catch you off guard. (This is not a boring day!) Tonight: Socialize!

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ◯◯◯◯◯ ◯◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HONEY TREND GOVERN DETECT
Answer: The old chairs in the clinic were getting new upholstery and would soon be — RECOVERED