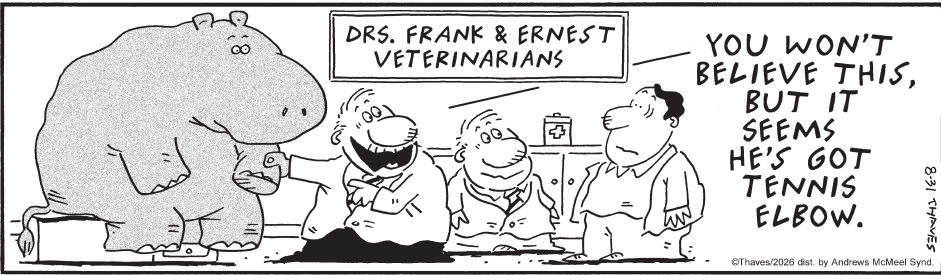




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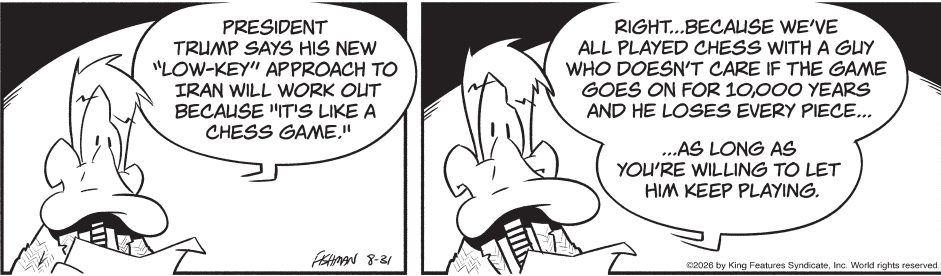
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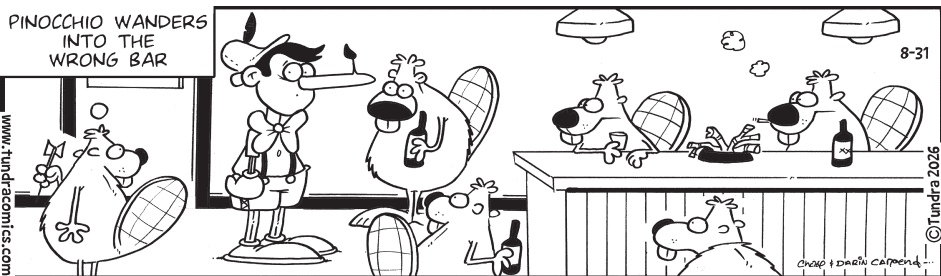
Baby Blues



Mallard Fillmore



Tundra



Crossword — By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS

42 Scruffs

1 Temporary

43 Com-pletely full

6 Soft drink choice

44 For fear that

10 Spring bird

45 Newspaper essays

DOWN

1 Liberty Bell feature

2 Scoundrel

3 Ease up

4 Pimple, in slang

5 Foes

6 "Be quiet!"

7 Need to pay

8 Court action

9 Newspaper story

12 Old Testament book

17 Music's Yoko

20 Monopolize the mirror

21 Basketball's Shaquille

24 Gather, as wealth

25 Unending

26 Enthuses

27 Painter Pablo

29 High pt.

31 Namely, in Latin

32 Gladden

33 Felt unwell

34 Must have

39 Director Anderson

41 Beanie or beret

Saturday's answer

B	O	W	S		S	A	G	E		
T	I	B	I	A		A	M	E	N	D
H	E	I	S	T		L	I	N	G	O
E	B	W	H	I	T	E		T	I	P
T	E	A		A	A	M	I	L	N	E
A	R	N	E	T	T		S	E	E	D
S	A	G	A		O	U	T	I	D	I
T	S	E	L	I	O	T		E	D	U
A	T	M		C	S	L	E	W	I	S
G	R	I	M	E		A	L	L	O	T
S	O	N	A	R		S	L	A	M	S
S	I	P	S		T	A	P	S		

Bridge — By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

10 9 2
K 6
J 6
A Q J 9 7 4

WEST

J 5 4 3
Q J 10 9 8
10 7
K 6

EAST

—
7 4 3 2
Q 9 8 5 4 2
10 5 3

SOUTH

A K Q 8 7 6
A 5
A K 3
8 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	Pass

Opening lead — ?

The year was 1958. Lee Hazen and Sidney Lazard were playing a practice session in preparation for their forthcoming world championship match against Italy. Hazen was West and Lazard East when this hand came up.

Perhaps South should have opened with a strong two-bid, but he didn't. However, when North responded to one spade with two clubs and then raised three spades to four,

Tomorrow: Circumventing a guess.
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

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 day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

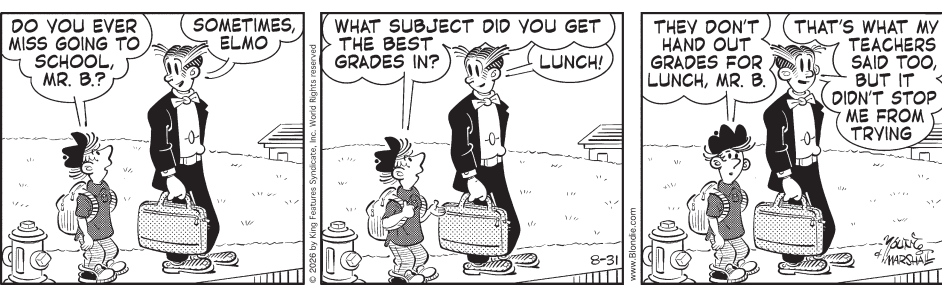
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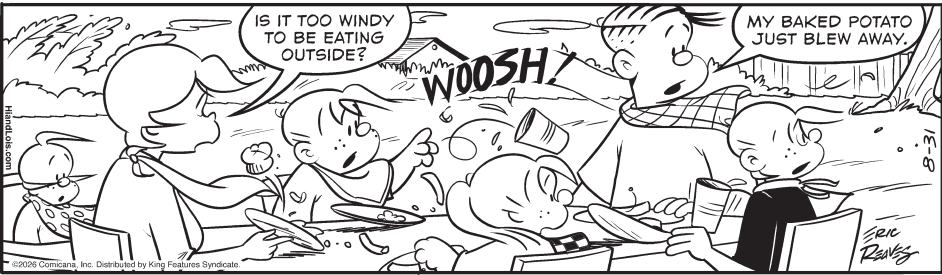
G U N N J . — O D W X L U W Y E W Z H N Z

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IT'S A MAGICAL WORLD, HOBBS. OL' BUDDY ... LET'S GO EXPLORING! — CALVIN, "CALVIN AND HOBBS"

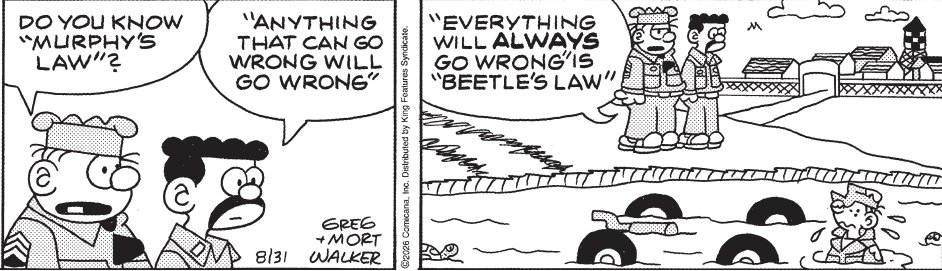
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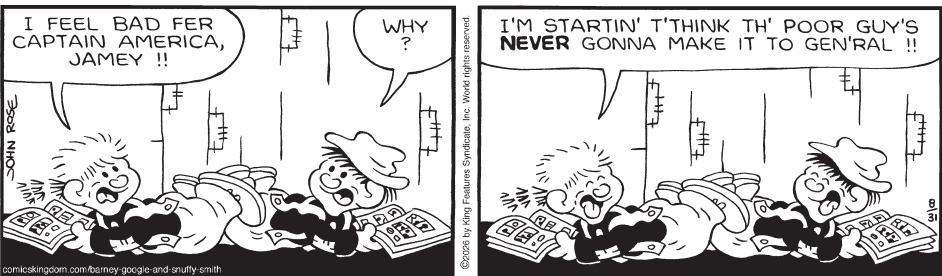
Beetle Bailey



Snuffy Smith



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T Q O A M J H O O F C A E Y W

U R P N T L S S R S J H N F E

D B Z X V O T I R D K Q E O T

M K I H F F K D R D A C V B T

Z Y W I V T (S A V A N N A H O

R Q A O N A L M D E P K I J L

H F D C L A I G R O E G A Z R

X W V L I N C O L N I T S U A

U S A R Q O L N M A N E L E H

K D J I H F A I R O T C I V C

Saturday's unlisted clue: HAIR DOG

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

Monday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF MONTANA

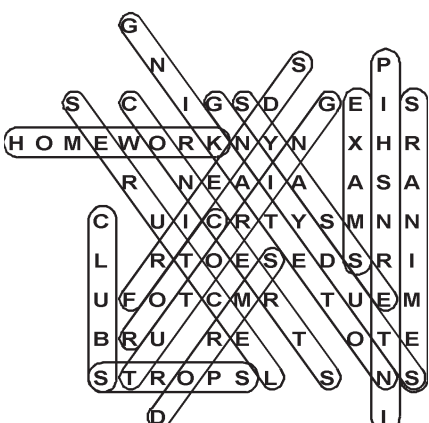
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Dakota	Georgia	Madison	Victoria
Dallas	Jackson	Paris	

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

MEMORIES OF COLLEGE



Jumble

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EZBAL

SYIFH

CSNTEH

IKGNBA

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Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: LATCH COMMA STUDIO BATTER

Answer: She was going to quit her job at the acting school because there was — TOO MUCH DRAMA

Horoscope

— By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Aug. 31, 2026:

You're charismatic, focused and motivated. You're also charming, efficient and committed to your goals. This is a year of work and construction. Create foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health, perhaps through martial arts or yoga. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

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)

★★★★ This is a powerful day for you because the Moon is in your sign, and there is a lovely trine between Jupiter and Saturn happening today. This will encourage you to make plans -- cautiously. Meanwhile, you're ready to roll up your sleeves and work! Tonight: You're strong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today is a mixture of work and play for you. Opportunities to enjoy sports events, fun times with children, the arts, the theater and the entertainment world are at hand.

However, you might see ways to secure something related to home and family. Tonight: Enjoy your privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Even though your strong focus now is on home, family and perhaps home repairs, Venus wants you to play! In addition to this, today is a good day to think about long-range future goals, especially in practical terms. Be aware of the Moon Alert. Jot down your ideas for future reference. Tonight: Be friendly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You have lots of energy this week with fiery Mars in your sign. In addition to which, both the Sun and Mercury will keep you busy with short trips, appointments, errands and chatting to everyone. You'll enjoy entertaining at home as well. Today is a good day for solid financial plans. Tonight: Respect someone in authority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Money, cash flow and earnings have been on your mind. However, today Jupiter in your sign is dancing favorably with Saturn (for the first time since 2014). Trust your ability to make plans about future travel, publishing, medicine, the law and higher education. Tentative, but a

beginning. Tonight: Explore and learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ The Sun and Mercury are in your sign, which makes you chatty and eager to talk to others. You might want to buy beautiful things, if so, check the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Take a moment to do some serious thinking about shared property and your debt. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ If you're involved with a friend, group or organization today, you might help others make a mission statement or come up with a group goal. This is an excellent day to explore this, but don't settle on anything. Don't agree, just yet. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today you might make some plans about your future, especially your profession, your career and your name in the community. Nevertheless, commit to nothing. (See what happens after tomorrow.)

Tonight: Get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You make an excellent impression on others now, which is why it's a great time to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs. Meanwhile, you might discuss travel plans and issues

related to children, the arts or social outings. Wait until later in the week to agree to anything. Tonight: Be creative and playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Family discussions might have profitable suggestions for home and family or dealing with shared property. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything today because things might change, especially after tomorrow. Just put things in your databank. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A discussion with a partner, spouse or close friend will be enthusiastic, practical and productive today. You might even want to jump on the bandwagon to get things rolling. Don't be too eager. Tomorrow will have some obstacles. Wait to see how things pan out. Tonight: Discussions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Today you have increasing optimism about your job and ability to earn money. You might listen to the advice of someone who is enthusiastic and encouraging. Nevertheless, get your data, but wait until later in the week to act because tomorrow could be a game-changer. Tonight: Check your possessions.