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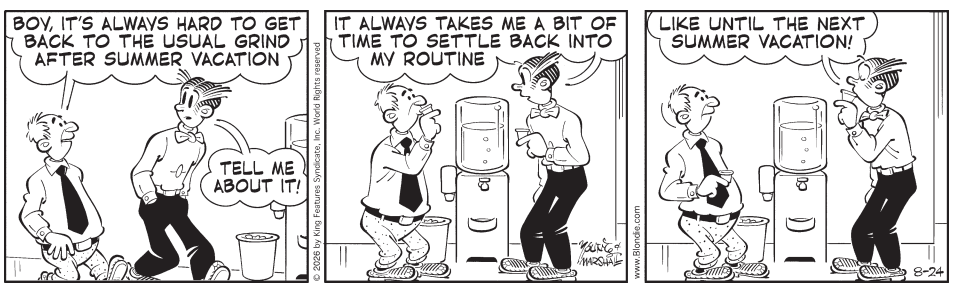

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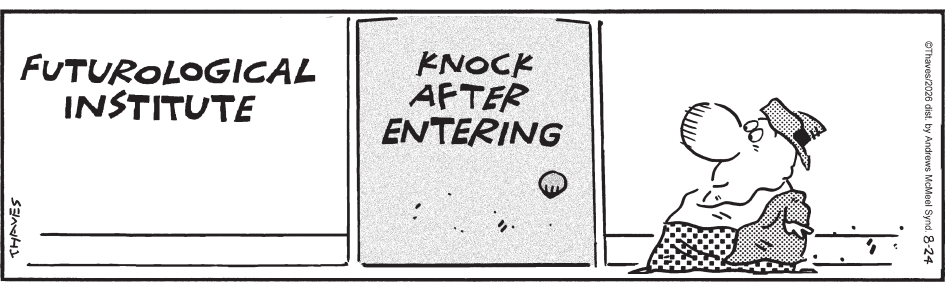

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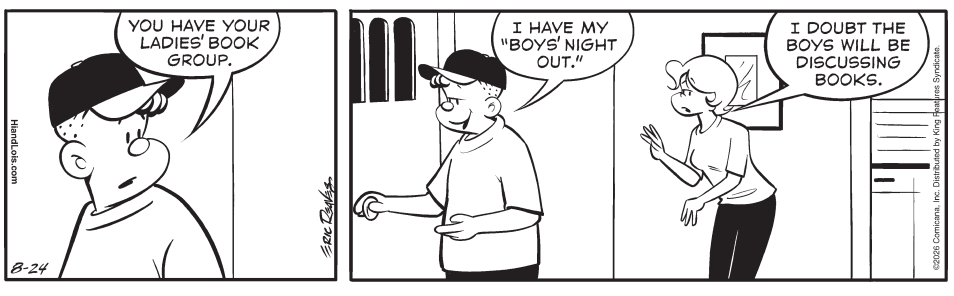

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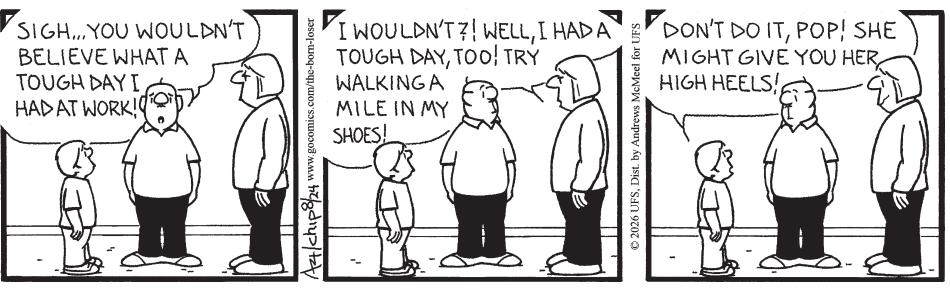

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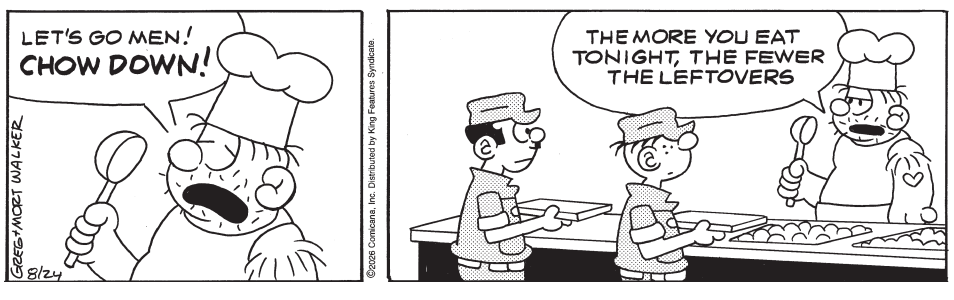

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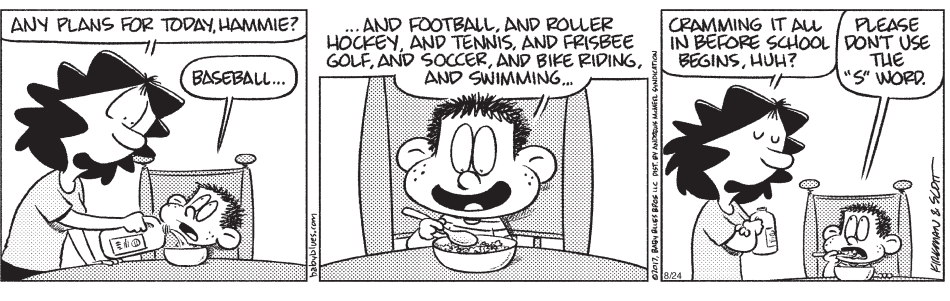

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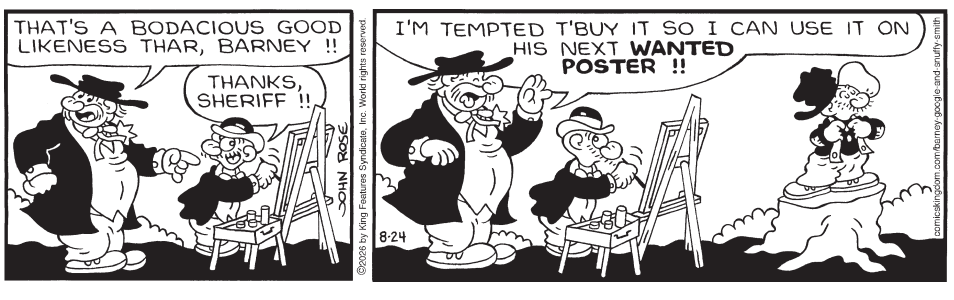

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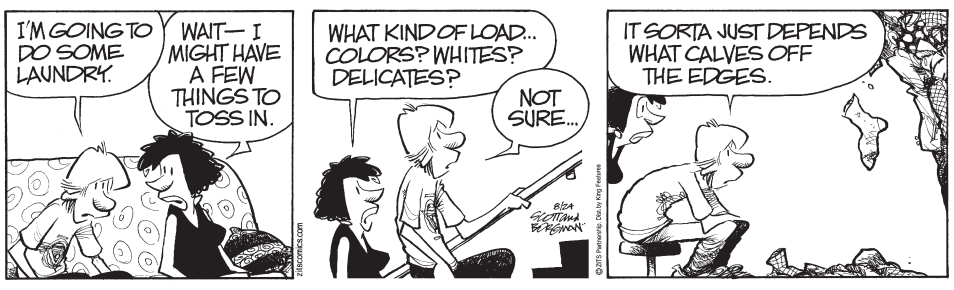

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Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Moistens
5 Supply with a ticket
9 Core group
10 Burning
12 Classic song
13 Grounds
14 Airships
16 Ballpark official
17 Roger of "Cheers"
18 Like potato chips
21 Find a sum
22 Dried plums
23 Rider's straps
24 Amulets
26 Derby or fedora
29 Arrive
30 Hoodwink
31 That fellow
32 Is stingy
34 Signs of the future
37 Glorify
38 Sung drama
39 Trees with needles
40 Jazz singing style
41 Casual shirts

DOWN
1 Enclosed, in a way
2 Swirled
3 Quick barber jobs
4 Ooze
5 Hailed vehicle
6 One — kind
7 Treat badly
8 Fusses in front of the mirror
9 Hooded snake
11 Catch sight of
15 Counts pennies
19 Sprints
20 They hold power
22 Andean nation
23 Uncooked
24 Subjects for Jane Goodall
25 Cooking class, for short
26 Compassionate
27 Orchard crop
28 Exams
29 "Get lost!"
30 Kind of cup
33 Retained
35 Gun owner's org.
36 Used a couch

A	C	H	E			S	T	A	G	S
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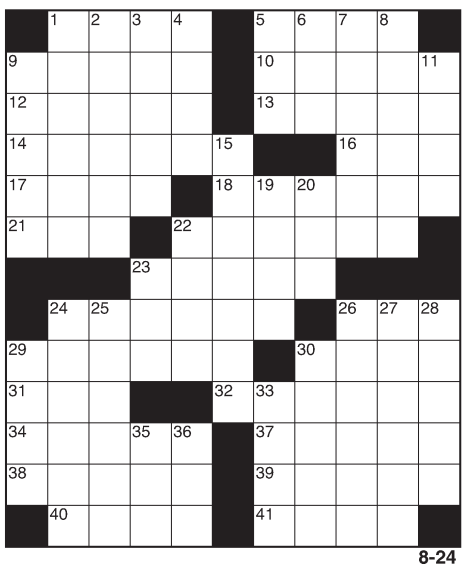
Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A J 4
♦ 10 8
♣ J 9 8 5

WEST
♠ J 10 9 5 3 2
♥ 10 8
♦ K Q 9
♣ 10 7

EAST
♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ J 7 6 5 4
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K 5 3 2
♦ A 3 2
♣ A K Q 4 3 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 2002 Cavendish Invitational, at one time perhaps the most prestigious pairs contest on the annual bridge calendar. The three-day event, which originated at New York's Cavendish Club but then moved to Las Vegas, generated more than $1 million in prizes for the top finishers among the 60 pairs.

Italians Guido Ferraro and Giorgio Duboin reached six clubs after a lengthy sequence that involved several cuebids and a Roman Keycard Blackwood inquiry that disclosed three key cards (here, two aces and the king of clubs) in Duboin's hand.

West, Sidney Lazard, led the diamond king, taken by Duboin with the ace. After the diamond lead, the contract would seem to depend on a successful finesse against West for the queen of hearts — a 50% proposition. Most players would probably have settled for this chance and gone down one as the cards lie, but you don't get to be a world champion, as Duboin is, by settling for the obvious line of play. He spotted another possibility that would cost him nothing to try.

So at trick two he cashed the club ace, then led a club to the jack and returned a low spade toward his hand. This subjected East, Bart Bramley, to a difficult guess. Was declarer trying to steal a trick with the singleton jack of spades, or was he void and trying to lure Bramley into putting up the ace?

Bramley thought long and hard and eventually played the ace. Duboin ruffed, returned to dummy with a trump, discarded both of his diamonds on the K-Q of spades and later lost a heart to the queen to make exactly six. Making the slam was worth 228 IMPs, a huge score after comparison with the results at the 29 other tables.

Tomorrow: The magic number 13.

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Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH • — PARK

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: AMENDS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: A PARK FOR FIDO

Amusement	City	Industrial	Pocket
Ball	College	Memorial	Trailer
Belmont	Double	National	Winter
Central	Estes	Office	

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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.

8-24 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

R I S K Q Z K K B S Q Z T ,

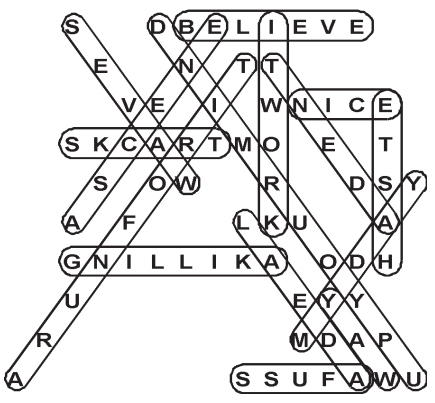
Q L O T B F O T P E N

L B S B . — K I S F A R I O T

Saturday's Cryptoquote: FRIENDS, SUN, SAND AND SEA, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SUMMER TO ME. — UNKNOWN

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

MAKE —



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Aug. 24, 2026:
You have an intellectual desire to understand everything. You are original, observant and artistically creative. The theme for this year is service to others, perhaps to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so that you will be able to help those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage.
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)
★★★ Please know there's a Moon Alert all day today. Meanwhile, you're high-viz. People notice you more than usual. You might have important discussions with bosses, parents, VIPs or the police. If so, agree to nothing important. Don't volunteer for anything today. Stay chill. Tonight: You're admired.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ This is a playful, creative day! Artists can make art and explore new ideas because this entire day is a Moon Alert, which means your mind is wide open, floating like a helium balloon let loose in the sky. Jot down your ideas. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be extra careful today because this entire day is a Moon Alert, which means restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions. Meanwhile, this Moon Alert is taking place in one of your Money Houses, which means you'll be tempted to do some financial wheeling and dealing. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Today has its challenges. There's a Moon Alert taking place opposite your sign. Don't agree to anything important. Restrict spending to food and gas. Get physical exercise. Do something to blow off pent-up steam that might be building up within you. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be careful. Today the Sun and Mercury are both in your Money House; however, there's a Moon Alert all day, which is unusual. Restrict spending to food and gas. Avoid important decisions. Expect shortages at work. Fortunately, your communications with others are charming. Tonight: Work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ This is a powerful time for you because the Sun is in your sign, and tomorrow your ruler Mercury moves into your sign as well. In the meantime, all day today is a Moon Alert, which will heighten your creative juices. Explore the arts. Enjoy socializing. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Have fun!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ This is the perfect day to schmooze and do as little as possible. Enjoy the company of others. This entire day is a Moon Alert, which certainly discourages spending. (Except for food and gas.) Relax with friends or cocoon at home. Tonight: Relax at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ There is a Moon Alert in effect all day today, and it might impact your movements, your conversations and your transportation patterns. Delays and shortages are classic. Meanwhile, restrict your spending to food and gas. This is a great day to socialize. Wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Discussions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be careful because there's a Moon Alert in effect all day today and it's taking place in your primary Money House. Therefore, do not make financial decisions. Don't spend money for anything other than food and gas. On the other hand, it's a great day to socialize and explore creative projects. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Today there is a Moon Alert in your sign all day! You might feel vaguely hesitant. There might be a dreamy quality present. However, a Moon Alert is a wonderful time to be creative and socialize with others, even though it's a poor time to spend money or make important decisions. Tonight: Stay grounded.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your best approach to this day is to be low-key or work alone or behind the scenes. Because a Moon Alert is in effect all day, restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions. Work hard and carry on as usual. Tonight: Privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups; however, don't agree to anything important because there is a Moon Alert in effect all day. Don't volunteer for anything. Explore the arts and enjoy good times. Tonight: Friendships.

Jumble

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MFELAE

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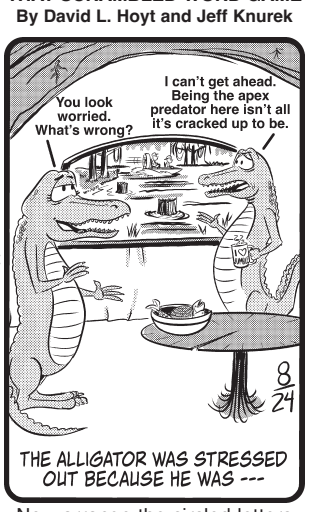
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print the answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: YACHT CELLO BESIDE TWENTY
Answer: Selling more bikes than ever, the dealer invested in additional — "WHEEL" ESTATE