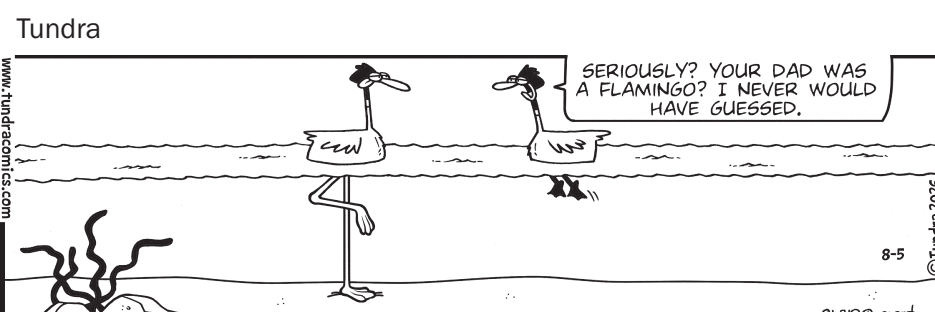
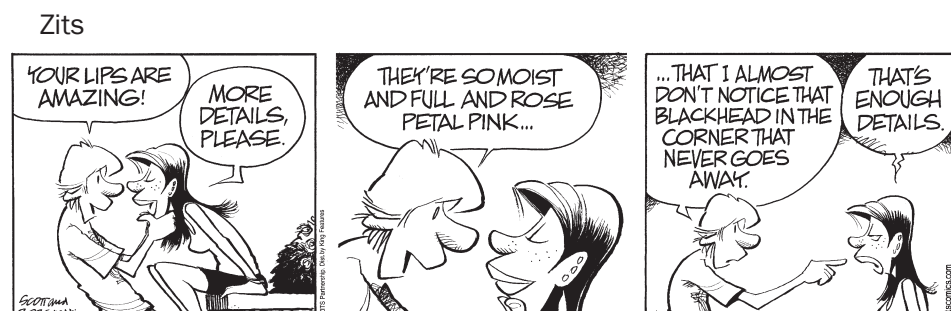
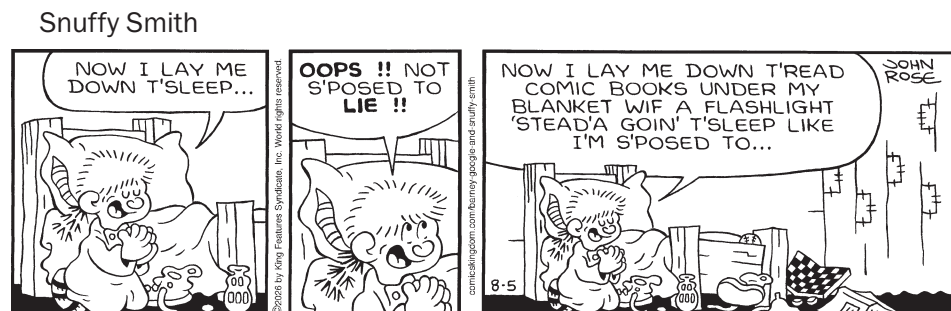
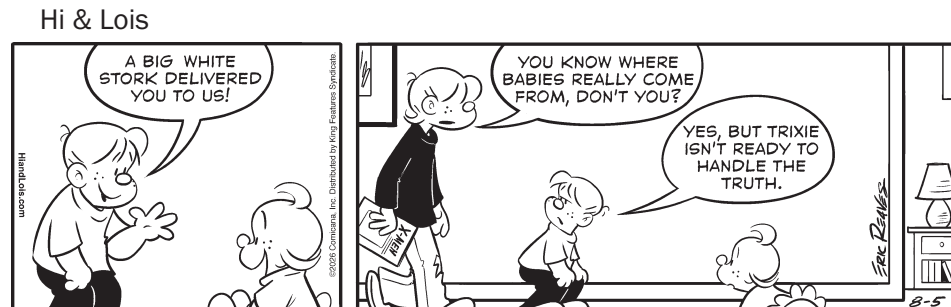
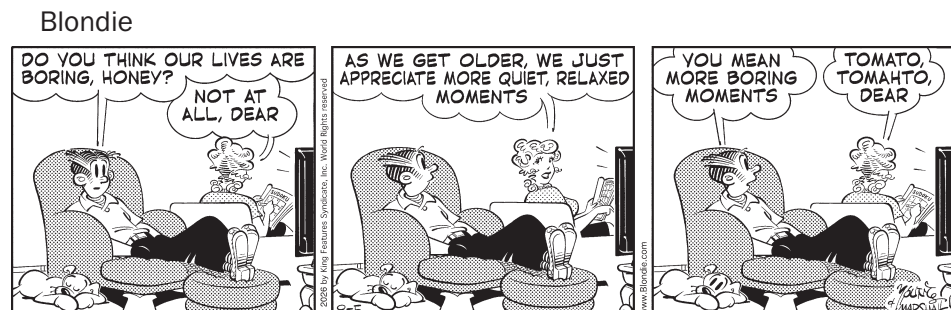




Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

Bridge — By Steven Becker

Word Sleuth

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Across

1 Virtuous one
6 Rigging support
10 Alaska peninsula
11 Midwest airport
12 Furious
13 Seminar group
14 Marshy areas
15 Saskatchewan city
16 GI-entertaining grp.
17 Road goo
18 Coral island
19 Quebec city
22 Vega's constellation
23 Final, for one
26 Alberta city
29 Road sign word
32 Corn unit
33 Sturgeon eggs
34 Ontario city
36 Night fliers
37 Kitchen come-on
38 Like good brownies
39 Cruise vessel

Down

40 "Tomorrow" musical
41 Declares
42 Did some modeling

Yesterday's answer

11 + or -, in math
15 "Norma —"
17 Escalation of
20 Uno plus due
21 Writer Deighton
24 Tries hard
25 Foot, in slang
27 Goat sound
28 Like Russian dolls
29 Targets
30 Parts of hearts
31 Unfeeling
35 Iowa State setting
36 U2 singer
38 Atlas page

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9
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37						38			
39						40			
41						42			

Life on the edge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7 4 2
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ A 9 6 4
 ♣ K 9

WEST
 ♠ Q 10 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ J 8 5 2
 ♣ Q J 8 3

EAST
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 8 6 5
 ♥ A Q 7 5 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A 10 7

The bidding:
South West North East
 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Anyone who has spent enough time at the bridge table can tell you that a defender's life is not an easy one. The slightest slip, no matter how inconsequential it may seem at the moment, can spell the difference between success and failure.

Take this case where North-South bid aggressively to reach four hearts, and West led the queen of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's king, led a heart to the queen and, after it held, cashed the ace.

South then played the king of diamonds and a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed the

ace of clubs and ruffed a club. North came another diamond ruff, which East discarded a spade, carefully retaining his remaining card. East did this so that if declarer put him on lead with the king of hearts, he could exit with a club and not be forced to yield a trick to dummy's king of spades.

All would have been well had West been paying closer attention to the bidding. When declarer did in fact lead his last heart after ruffing dummy's last diamond, West was to decide what to discard. He knew from the play thus far that declarer had started with five hearts, three clubs and two diamonds, and had three spades left. West therefore elected to keep his three spades, discarding his last club, the eight of spades.

Disaster! When East won the heart lead with the king of clubs, he returned the six of clubs. South simply discarded a spade. East then had to yield the last trick to dummy's king of spades, handing South the contract.

Of course, if West had retained his "worthless" eight of clubs, he would have won East's club return and led a spade through dummy's king to defeat the contract. West had seemed a harmless discarder until he lost 720 points and a great deal of grief in the post-mortem.

As we said, a defender's life is not an easy one.

Tomorrow: Hot potato.
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

A X Y D L B A A X R
 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.

8-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

H E S N M O O S U H W M S M P H E S
 D J X W Z M U H E S C P U D S X H J
 H E S B Y S U H M J P, " E J D C X S
 Q J Y ? " — N X M H H C P Q E J D C X Z

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WITHOUT NEW EXPERIENCES, SOMETHING INSIDE OF US SLEEPS. THE SLEEPER MUST AWAKEN. — FRANK HERBERT

WORD SLEUTH • SUBS

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

Today's unlisted clue: BEADS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A PARTIAL SUM

Subdue	Submerge	Subsist	Suburb
Subfloor	Submit	Subsoil	Subway
Sublet	Subpar	Subtitle	Subzero
Submarine	Subset	Subtle	

[illegible]

Horoscope

— By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026:

You are brave, determined and focused. You independently investigate instead of accepting conventional truths. This year change will bring you increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever holds you back. Seek out new opportunities. Be ready to act fast. This is a year of travel and expanding your horizons.

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)

★★★ Resist the urge to get tangled up in financial disagreements with your kids, a friend, a group or a romantic partner. (Actually, anyone who wants to get in a fight with you.) You don't need this. Focus on social outings today. Keep things light. Tonight: Be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign. However, it's at odds with two other planets, which can encourage power struggles and disputes, especially with authority figures like parents.

bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police. Therefore, don't push the river. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: You're strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ This is the classic day for an argument with relatives, siblings, neighbors or daily contacts. Or it might be road rage. Don't go there. Save your energy. The only thing anger does is make everyone miserable. It never helps. Patience is your best friend today. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You're never casual about money, which is why you might end up in a dispute with a friend, group or financial institution. You might even argue about an inheritance or your fair share of something. This tension will quickly blow over. Bide your time, because timing is everything. Tonight: Friendships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ This is a tricky day because you are high-viz, which means people notice you. But you might easily find yourself at odds with authority figures, spouses, partners or close friends. Cool your jets. Think of the impression you create on your audience. Tonight: Be modest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Steer clear of controversial subjects today. Very likely, they will escalate into a nasty confrontation. You can never change someone else's point of view. There are none so deaf as those who are wearing headphones. It is what it is. Stay calm. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Parents might find themselves at odds with their kids today. Likewise, romantic partners also might be angered. And some of you might be disappointed in a friend or a group. It's just what's happening. It's hump day. Cope as best you can with courtesy and patience. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Steer clear of confrontations with partners, spouses, family members and bosses today, because these clashes of egos could escalate quickly into something nasty. People never forget harsh words. You can say you're sorry, but they remember. (Just like you.) Tonight: Cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Interactions at work, politics, religion, racial issues plus appointments and errands that you're juggling today are all reasons you might be at odds with someone. But this doesn't have to happen. You have

the power of choice. Remember, optimism is a survival issue for you. Stay happy. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Avoid money squabbles if you can, especially with your kids, romantic partners and others, because this will only ruin your day. (You need this like a fish needs a bicycle). Instead, buckle down, work hard and get stuff done. Productivity always boosts your self-respect. (You know this.) Tonight: Share time with someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Partners, spouses, close friends and family members might be at odds with you today. If you enter the fray, there's no winning. Instead, take a breath. Step back. Sit this one out. Tomorrow is a delightful, practical and productive day! Don't get your belly in a rash today for no reason. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Although you will be tempted to respond in kind if you are attacked by others today, especially work colleagues or even an enemy, think of your own peace of mind. You matter. Don't let what others say get under your skin. Ignore them. Tonight: Discussions

JUMBLE®

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

EHIGW

HTSAS

TNNEYI

PIDUAN

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: GOOSE
Answer: The deck used by the poker players was so worn out, they agreed it should be — DISCARDED

GLADE
HUTTLE
PRICES

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

Get the free **JUST JUMBLE** app - Follow us on Facebook



Unfortunately, all we have left is our presidential suite.

Pay whatever. We need sleep. It's been a long day.

How much?

THE ROOM WAS PRICEY, BUT WITH NO OTHER VACANCIES, THEY'D HAVE TO ---

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