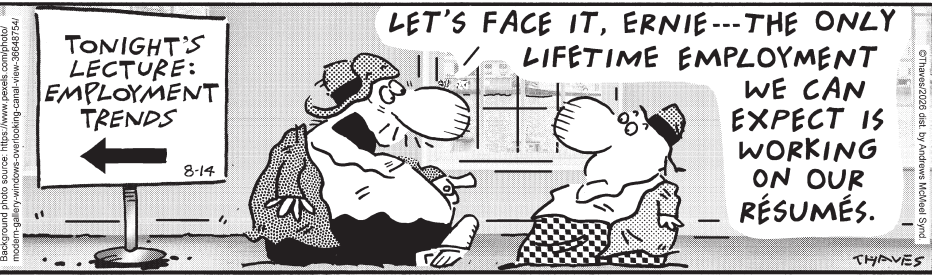




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Born Loser



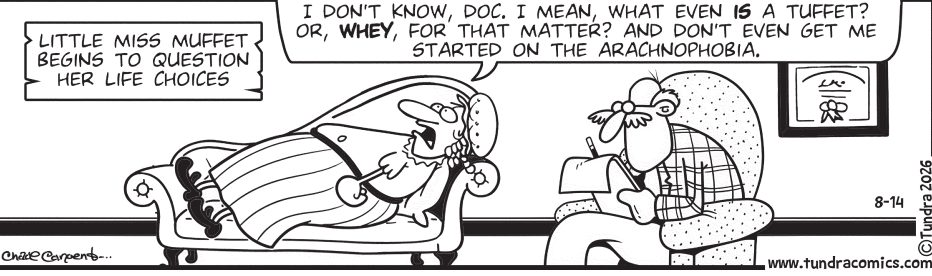
Baby Blues



Mallard Fillmore



Tundra



Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Bounded	1 Gloss
6 Increase	2 Freud
11 Dome	3 Classic
12 Boredom	4 Jabs
13 Bohemian	5 Swamp
14 Plow	6 Garden
15 Pioneer	7 Conve-
16 John	8 as a
17 Dosages,	9 store
18 informally	10 Classic
19 Winter	11 soap
20 glider	12 Confident
21 Madigan	13 Even
22 and	14 Sung
23 Poehler	15 story
24 Opposed	16 Bank
25 to	17 robber's
26 Director	18 disguise,
27 Besson	19 at times
28 Parodied	20 Stroller
29 "Fiddle-	21 user
30 sticks!"	22 Bowling
31 28 Sung	23 site
32 story	24 Stance
33 Bank	25 Says
34 robber's	26 further
35 disguise,	27 Blue hue
36 at times	28 Neigh
37 Stroller	29 sayer
38 user	30 Suspect's
39 Bowling	31 defense
40 site	32 Stagger-
41 Stance	33 ing
42 Says	34 Com-
43 further	35 petitor
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Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Friday, Aug. 14, 2026:

You're observant and you love to express yourself. You are incisive, strong-willed and outgoing. Exciting changes will give you increased personal freedom this year. Let go of whatever has been holding you back. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Trust your intuition. Expect to travel.

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)
★★★ Although you might be focused on work today, your best bet is to relax as much as possible and focus on artistic, creative projects. After all, you are the artisan of the zodiac. You can do anything with your hands. This entire day is a Moon Alert, which is excellent for creativity and schmoozing! Tonight: Just coast.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ This is the perfect day to entertain at home. It's also a good day to explore fun activities with kids, sports events, the arts, romantic

dates and a pleasant stroll outside, especially if you check out other people's gardens. This entire day is a Moon Alert. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Socialize!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Despite a restless feeling you might have to get out and do something, because of today's placement of the Moon, you will also enjoy relaxing at home and taking it easy. Romance might be very promising today. (One can always hope.) Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Seek out siblings, relatives and neighbors, because you're eager to share your thoughts. A short trip might appeal. Be aware there's a Moon Alert all day, so restrict your spending to food and gas. Avoid important decisions. Tonight: Friendly conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be careful today! With the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter in your sign, you're ready to set out doing exactly what you want. However, all day today is a Moon Alert! Furthermore, the Moon is in your Money House. (Gulp.) Definitely restrict spending to food and gas. Make no important decisions. Tonight: Maintain your

possessions.

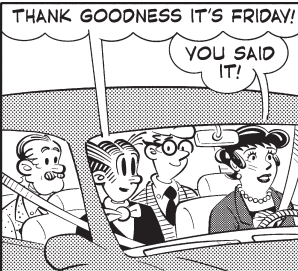
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, and for this entire day there's a Moon Alert. Be aware of this! Don't volunteer for anything. Don't agree to anything important. Avoid important decisions. Restrict spending to food and gas. However, have fun! Be creative! Socialize! Tonight: You're strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You're popular! And because there's a Moon Alert all day, it's a wonderful day to schmooze and socialize with everyone. Just remember not to agree to anything important or make big decisions. And don't shop! (Except for food and gas.) Tonight: Enjoy time alone.

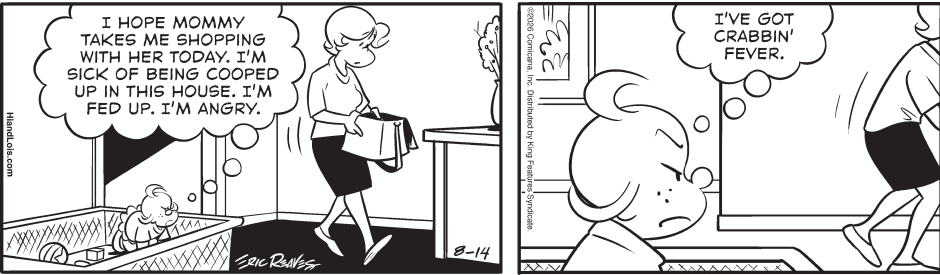
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Travel appeals. Your ability to talk to authority figures is strong now. However, because there's a Moon Alert all day today, keep things light. Get information, but make no decisions. Restrict spending to food and gas. Get your info and wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Seek out a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You're high-viz today. People notice you. This is fine, but don't stick your neck out by making import-

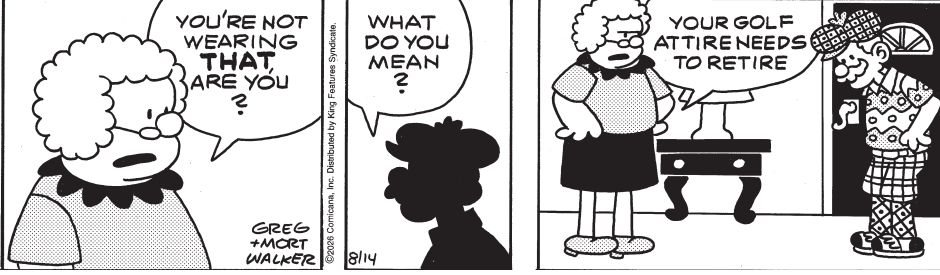
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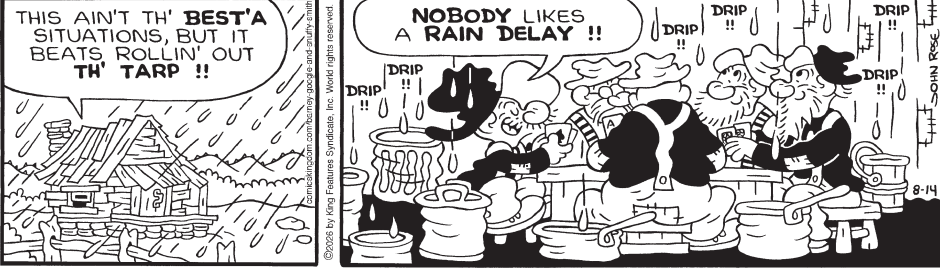
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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South and have the following hand:
♠K6 ♥83 ♦AK952 ♣AQJ4

1. The bidding has gone:
South 1♦ North 1♥
2 ♣ 4 ♣
?

What would you bid now?
2. The bidding has gone:
North 1♠ South 2♦
2 NT 3 ♣
3 NT ?

What would you bid now?
3. The bidding has gone:
North 1♥ South 2♦
2♥ 3 ♣
3♥ ?

What would you bid now?

1. **Four notrump.** Slam is a near certainty — you have 17 high-card points instead of the 13 you might have had for your first two bids, and strong trumps. The chief purpose of the Blackwood bid is to cover the possibility that partner has no aces. You plan to bid six clubs if partner shows either one or

two aces.

Alternatively, you could bid six clubs over four, which is a less scientific but more definitive choice. This would not bar partner from going on to a grand slam if he has the ace of spades, A-K of hearts and king of clubs.

2. **Pass.** You've made two slam tries, and partner has turned a deaf ear to both of them. If you have faith in partner, you must pass, as you have no values beyond those you've already expressed. You should assume that he is as anxious to reach a slam as you are, and his two discouraging rebids make it clear that there is only a game in the combined hands.

3. **Four hearts.** Obviously, partner has a skippy opening bid and a lot of hearts. But just as obviously, your hand is too good to justify a less-than-game contract, so the only problem is to find the best spot.

With partner having bid hearts three times, indicating at least six or seven of them, your 8-3 constitutes adequate trump support. You could bid three notrump, but four hearts rates to be a safer contract.

Tomorrow: No way out.
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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.

8-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

RKS BVG MK YSID MSCMDNCG

NC GQGV R MOSBVG NCID.

— LBPU LDNUYBC

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ON THE BEACH, YOU CAN LIVE IN BLISS. — DENNIS WILSON

Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH • CONTRONYMS: WORDS ACTING AS THEIR OWN OPPOSITE

CHEBYVSPMJHEBYV

TQOOLIGDBYWTRPM

KIRVFDMBYWUSQOM

KIFEDEOBZXDWUSQ

OHNR TLLJHLUFDC A

YWS SERBRVESTSDQ

PNUILHAKIDTHFNE

CCBGNETUZORPYUW

VUSHWRS AQMIRTOR

NOITCNASELK CUBQ

PNMLJIFGCWEHFED

Thursday's unlisted clue: GOALIE

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

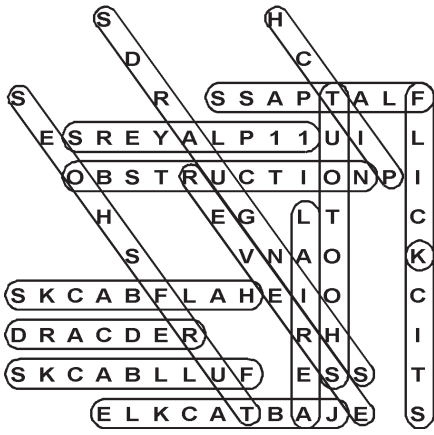
Friday's unlisted clue hint: RUNWAY WALKER

Bound	Dust	Quarter	Trim
Buckle	Fast	Sanction	Wear
Clip	Garnish	Strike	Weather
Custom	Oversight	Table	

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

FIELD HOCKEY



Jumble

JUMBLE

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

SIUHS

FNYUI

GLUPNE

EEFBOR

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

What is goin' on in here? Take that outside!

AFTER HEARING LOTS OF BARKING, HE SAW THAT HIS DOGS WERE ---

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

“ (Answers tomorrow) ”

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHAWL MOOSE FLINCH ADJUST
Answer: To find out if the kids liked his act, the shadow puppeteer asked for — A SHOW OF HANDS