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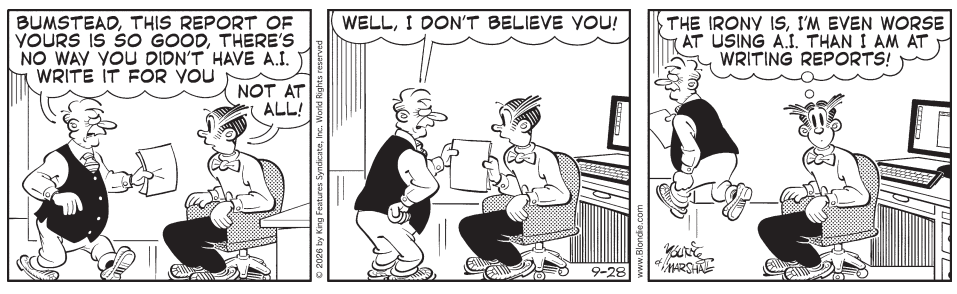

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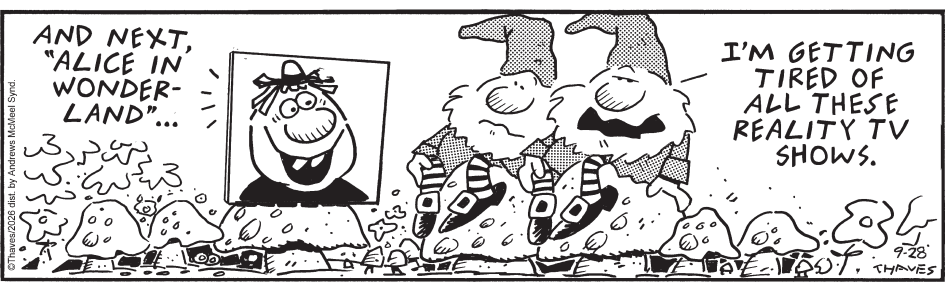

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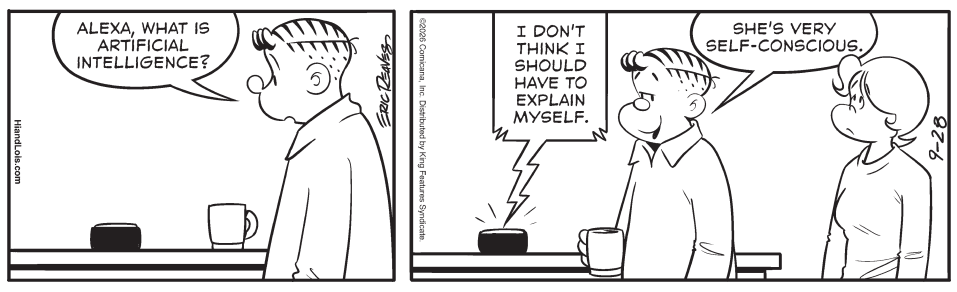

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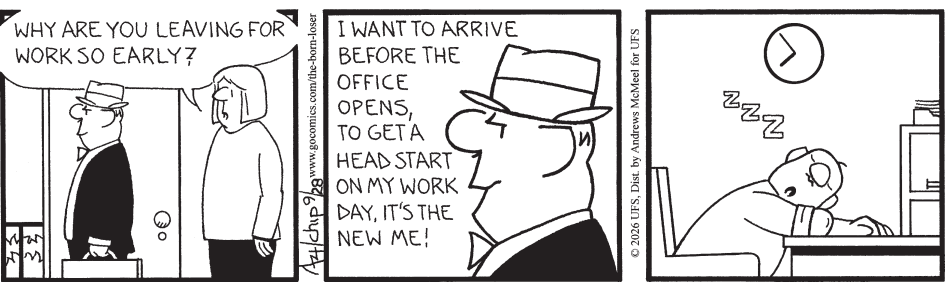

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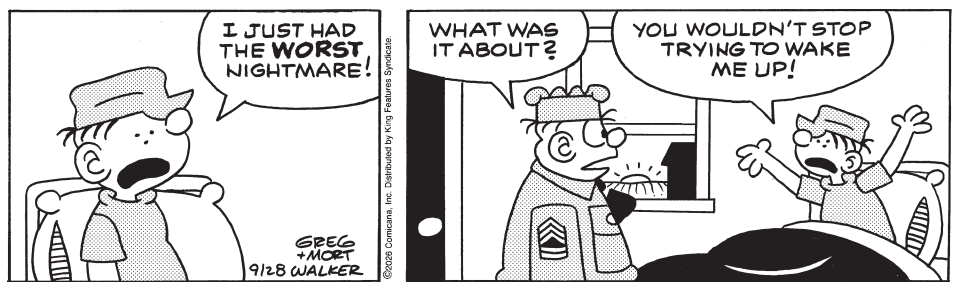

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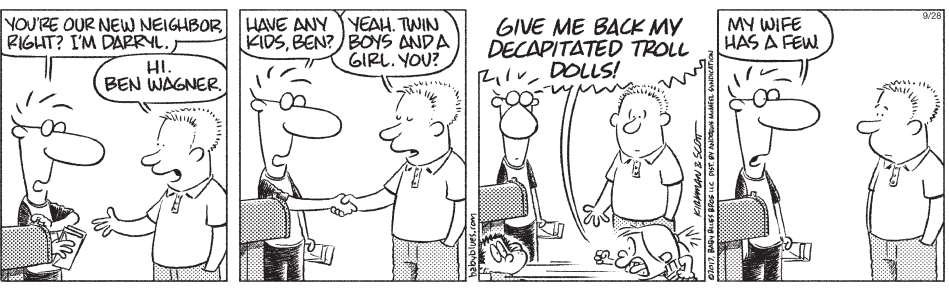

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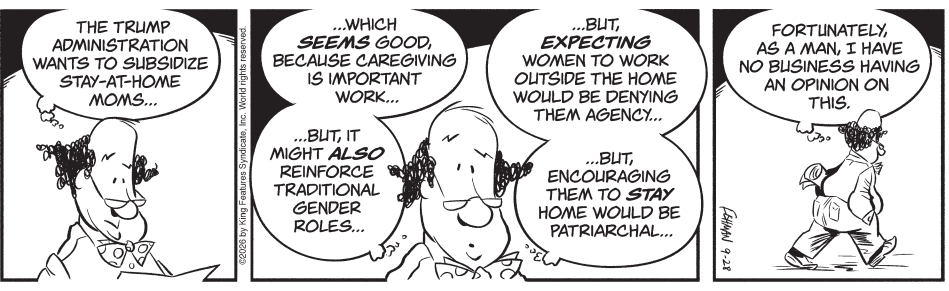

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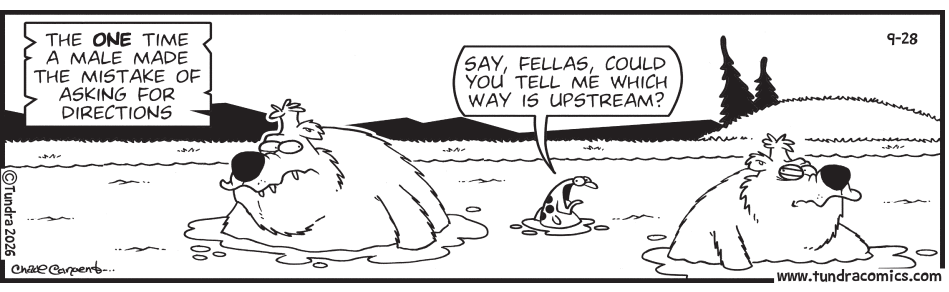

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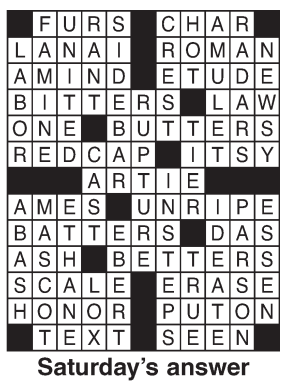
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS

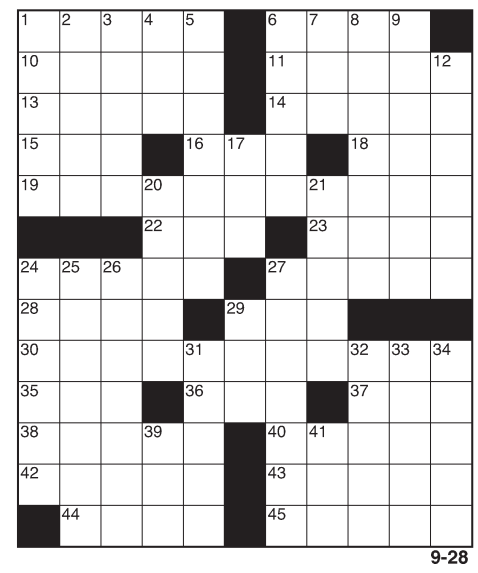
1 Roguish fellow
6 Scruff of the neck
10 Less bright
11 Martini garnish
13 Ham it up
14 Rubber source
15 Corp. bigwig
16 Used a chair
18 "You — Here"
19 Convertible couch
22 Workout unit
23 Ultimate
24 Michelangelo statue
27 Ashtray buildup
28 Composer Charles
29 TV's Danson
30 Specialized naval vessel
35 Yoga need
36 Cooking vessel
37 Director DuVernay
38 Piano piece
40 Red Square name
42 Column type
43 Put up
44 Smell awful
45 Mariners

DOWN

1 Blueprint data
2 Unbilled role
3 Coldly distant
4 Convened
5 Ironed
6 Nick of "Affliction"
7 In the style of
8 Heartbeat sound
9 Himalayan peak
12 Brings to bear
17 Swiss peak
20 Spring up
21 Dodge
24 Lowered, as lights
25 Pilot
26 Business gamble
27 Fireflies, e.g.
29 Binary base
31 Tiny dot
32 Seminar group
33 Boot out
34 Tirades
39 Game cube
41 Memorable time



Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ J 8 6 2
♥ 9
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

This hand was played in South Africa in 1982 by Sami Kehela of Toronto. The renowned Canadian star reached six notrump as shown, and West led a diamond.

Kehela won with dummy's king, led a heart to the ace and continued with the king, unblocking dummy's ten after West discarded a club.

Declarer next led a diamond to the ace, finessed the eight of hearts and cashed two more hearts, West discarding another club and two diamonds. For reasons that at the time mystified the large audience present, Kehela discarded two spades from dummy on his Q-3 of hearts instead of a club and a spade.

Kehela then cashed the diamond queen, West discarding the nine of clubs, to produce this position:

North
♠ A K 10 9
♣ 3

West
♠ J 8 6 2
♣ A

East
♠ 4
♣ Q J 10 8

South
♠ Q 5
♣ K 5 2

The partisan South African audience heaved a collective sigh of relief when Kehela cashed the queen of spades and continued with a spade to the king (instead of finessing the ten).

But their joy was short-lived. When Kehela next led dummy's club to his king, poor West found himself on lead with the ace of clubs and forced to return a spade from his J-8 to dummy's A-10.

Thus Kehela brought home the slam, at the same time solving the mystery of why he had retained dummy's three of clubs. And in true sporting fashion, the South African audience enthusiastically applauded Kehela's masterful display of technical proficiency.

Tomorrow: It works like a charm.

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Word Sleuth

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: DRAM

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

Baja
Bel Air
Calais
Colorado
Dakota
Denali
Le Mans
Lucerne
Malibu
Monte Carlo
Riviera
Santa Fe
Tacoma
Tahoe
Tucson

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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.

9-28 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

I R V A P X Y G M N X L B L J D

W X K D B Z L W R D B I G Z H N B I G

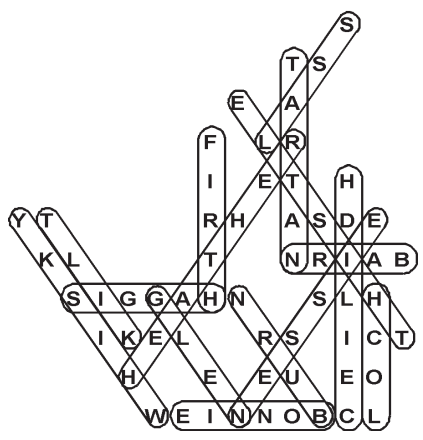
S R P S G R L Z Q X J G R Q Z L J J G P

V I K T I K Z Q M G F ! — B I R J X Z I R R F

Saturday's Cryptoquote: FOR MY PART, I KNOW NOTHING WITH ANY CERTAINTY, BUT THE SIGHT OF THE STARS MAKES ME DREAM. — VINCENT VAN GOGH

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

SCOTTISH LINGO



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Sept. 28, 2026:
You're idealistic, artistic and empathetic. You value fairness and respond to beauty in all forms. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on friendships and partnerships with people who are kind, supportive and have your back. Ask for help if you need it.
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)
★★★ Financial discussions, especially about speculation, sports or dealing with your kids, might be confrontational today. However, the bigger news is that a partner, spouse or close friend might surprise you by saying or doing something you least expect. Stay tuned. Tonight: Check your money.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Today a power struggle with a family member or with someone where you live might take place. Tread carefully! Meanwhile, your work scene might suddenly change because of something unexpected. Give yourself time for wiggle room. Pet owners should be vigilant. Tonight: You win!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ An unexpected invitation might delight you today. However, social plans or something to with sports or the arts might suddenly change. Parents might be surprised with news related to their kids. An unexpected romance or flirtation might excite you. Tonight: Seek privacy.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your home scene might be interrupted in some way today, perhaps by something related to a parent or an older family member. A small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Confrontational discussions about money and possessions will require patience. Tonight: Be friendly.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ New discoveries, new faces, new places and new ideas might be exciting today! When talking to others, you'll be frank and ready to disclose information. This is a fast-paced day with unexpected detours. Steer clear of problems with parents and authority figures. Tonight: You're admired.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Avoid controversial subjects today. They might upset you. Meanwhile, new ways to earn money could emerge. Opportunities for a new job, a way to make money on the side or to buy something special (perhaps high-tech) might delight you. Tonight: Learn something new.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your personal freedom matters a lot to you today, which is why you feel unusually restless and independent. This also might be the reason you will object to certain ideas about taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. Go with your instincts today! Trust your feelings. Tonight: Check your finances.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be prepared to compromise and go more than halfway when dealing with others today, even though tension with authority figures, partners and spouses might be likely. Tread carefully. Very likely, something going on behind the scenes will surprise you or catch you off guard. Fear not: You'll handle this with grace. Tonight: Be cooperative.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Someone you know might surprise you today. Or perhaps you'll meet someone who is new and unusual. A minor struggle at work about travel or politics might be discouraging. Listen to the advice of someone younger, which might be different from what you expect. Tonight: Get better organized.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Either you might surprise someone today by saying or doing something, or a boss, parent or an authority figure will surprise you. Either way, today will have some unexpected consequences. A dispute about the cost of a social event or something to do with your kids or sports might arise. Be reasonable. Tonight: Socialize!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A chance to travel might fall in your lap today. Alternatively, travel plans might be canceled. You also might be surprised by something in the media or something related to higher education, medicine or the law. Avoid domestic disputes that are just power struggles. Stay flexible! Tonight: Relax at home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be patient with daily contacts, siblings and relatives today. You have bigger fish to fry. Something unexpected related to banking, inheritances or shared property might catch you off guard. Check details that could impact your wealth or assets so you're not ambushed. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: Discussions.

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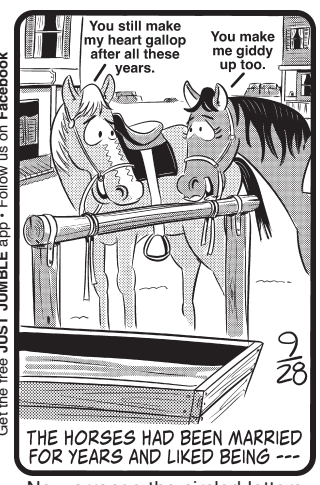

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the answer here: ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: LINEN SLIMY CHARGE LESSON
Answer: Owning a dictionary without any pages is — MEANINGLESS

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