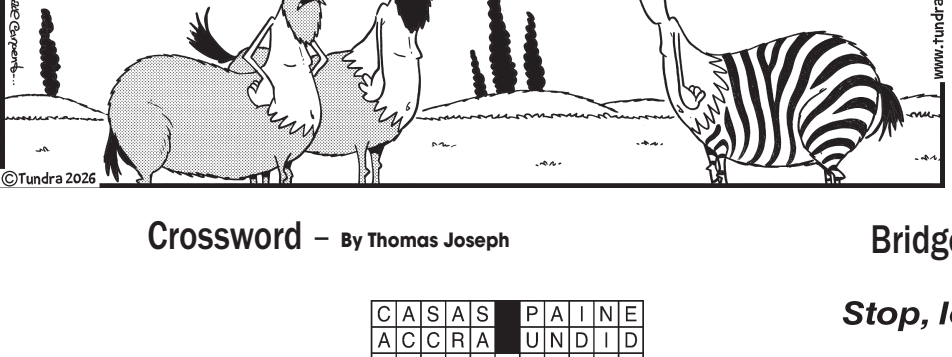
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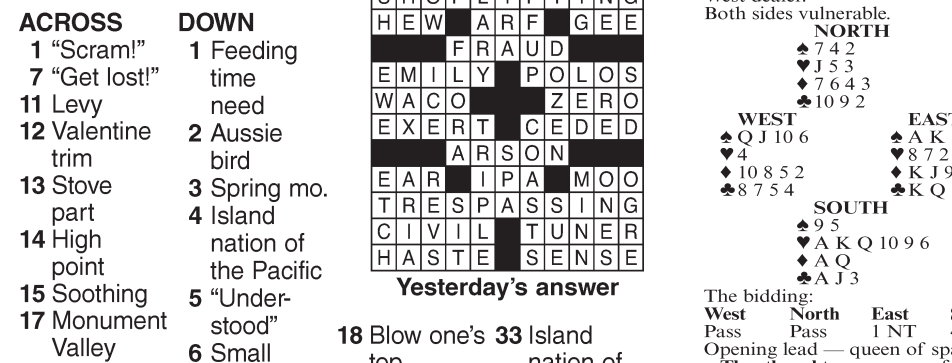
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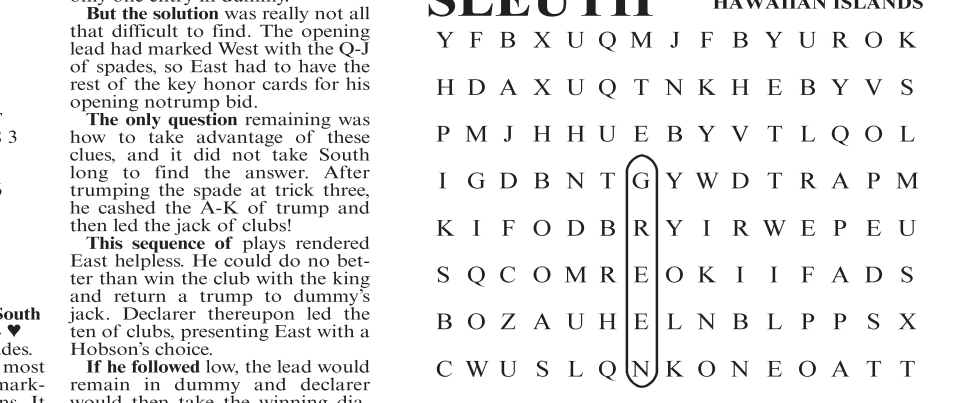
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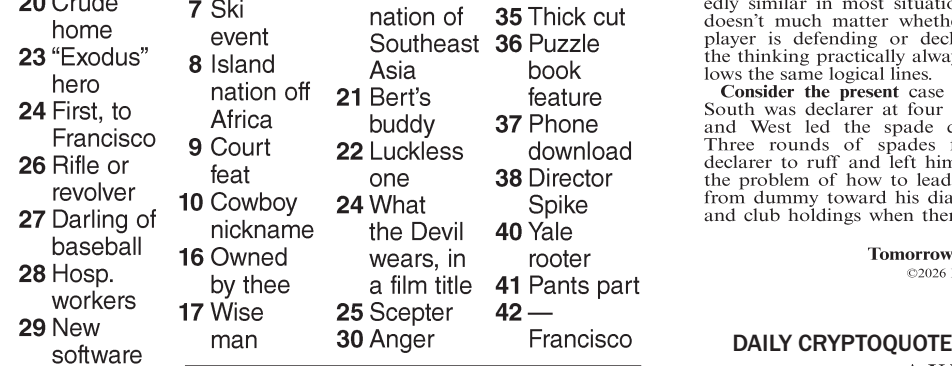
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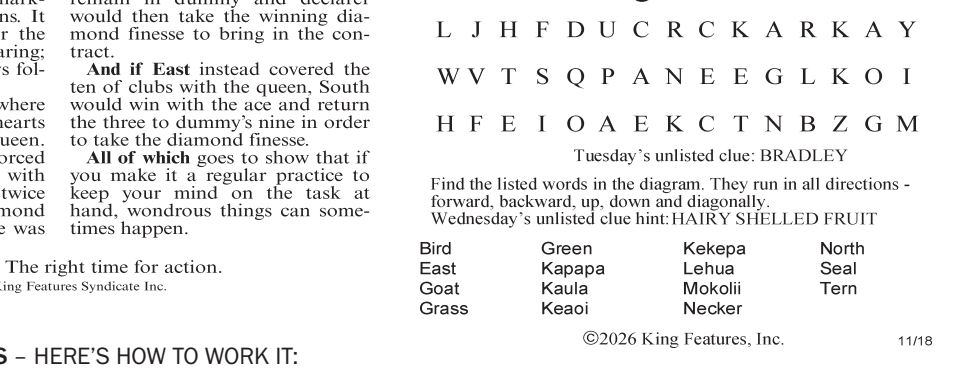
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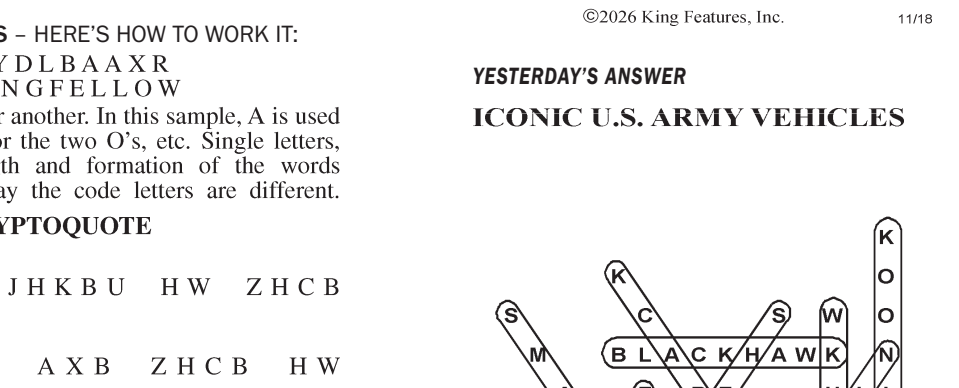
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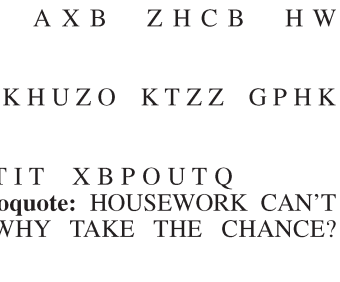


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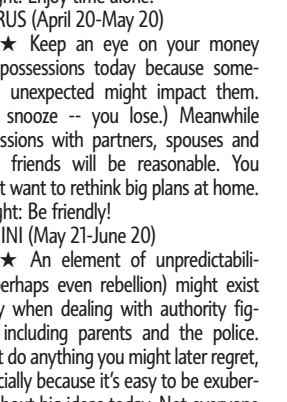
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Crossword – By Thomas Joseph



Yesterday's answer

ACROSS
1 "Scram!"
7 "Get lost!"
11 Levy
12 Valentine trim
13 Stove part
14 High point
15 Soothing
17 Monument Valley sight
20 Crude home
23 "Exodus" hero
24 First, to Francisco
26 Rifle or revolver
27 Darling of baseball
28 Hosp. workers
29 New software version
31 Spotted cube
32 Solemn
33 Taunt
34 Blood component
37 Lotion additive
39 Jacket parts
43 Andean nation
44 Showy shrub
45 Small sound
46 Not harmful

DOWN
1 Feeding time need
2 Aussie bird
3 Spring mo.
4 Island nation of the Pacific
5 "Understood"
6 Small seabird
7 Ski event
8 Island nation off Africa
9 Court feat
10 Cowboy nickname
16 Owned by thee
17 Wise man
18 Blow one's top
19 Island nation of Southeast Asia
21 Bert's buddy
22 Luckless one
24 What the Devil wears, in a film title
25 Scepter
30 Anger
33 Island nation of Asia
35 Thick cut
36 Puzzle book feature
37 Phone download
38 Director Spike
40 Yale rooter
41 Pants part
42 — Francisco

11-18

Bridge – By Steven Becker

Stop, look and listen

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ 10 9 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6
♥ 4
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ 8 7 5 4

EAST
♠ A K 8 3
♥ 8 7 2
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 6

SOUTH
♠ 9 5
♥ A K Q 10 9 6
♦ A Q
♣ A J 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 NT	4 ♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The thought processes of most top-notch cardplayers are markedly similar in most situations. It doesn't much matter whether the player is defending or declaring; the thinking practically always follows the same logical lines.

Consider the present case where South was declarer at four hearts and West led the spade queen. Three rounds of spades forced declarer to ruff and left him with the problem of how to lead twice from dummy toward his diamond and club holdings when there was only one entry in dummy.

But the solution was really not all that difficult to find. The opening lead had marked West with the Q-J of spades, so East had to have the rest of the key honor cards for his opening notrump bid.

The only question remaining was how to take advantage of these clues, and it did not take South long to find the answer. After trumping the spade at trick three, he cashed the A-K of trump and then led the jack of clubs!

This sequence of plays rendered East helpless. He could do no better than win the club with the king and return a trump to dummy's jack. Declarer thereupon led the ten of clubs, presenting East with a Hobson's choice.

If he followed low, the lead would remain in dummy and declarer would then take the winning diamond finesse to bring in the contract.

And if East instead covered the ten of clubs with the queen, South would win with the ace and return the three to dummy's nine in order to take the diamond finesse.

All of which goes to show that if you make it a regular practice to keep your mind on the task at hand, wondrous things can sometimes happen.

Tomorrow: The right time for action.

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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.

11-18 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

K X B P A X B J H K B U H W Z H C B

H C B U E H I B L A X B Z H C B H W

J H K B U, A X B K H U Z O K T Z Z G P H K

J B V E B. — N T I T X B P O U T Q

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HOUSEWORK CAN'T KILL YOU, BUT WHY TAKE THE CHANCE? — PHYLLIS DILLER

Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH ● — ISLAND: UNINHABITED HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue: BRADLEY

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

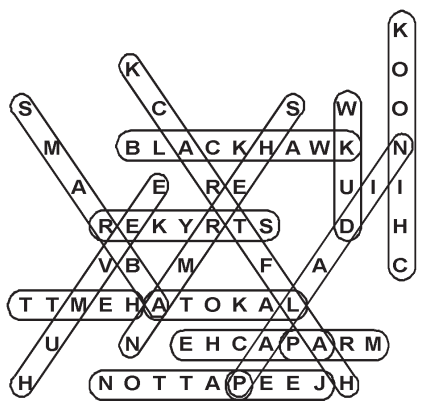
Bird	Green	Kekepa	North
East	Kapapa	Lehua	Seal
Goat	Kaula	Mokolii	Tern
Grass	Keaoi	Necker	

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

ICONIC U.S. ARMY VEHICLES



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Today is full of unpredictable changes. Plans and appointments might change. Your daily routine might have a few detours. Sudden upsets might occur when dealing with others, especially sudden arguments or an unexpected separation from someone. Don't assume that everything will unfold exactly as expected. Fortunately, there's a helpful influence as well today that will promote helpful conversations, practical suggestions and sensible ideas. This makes it a good day for discussions, negotiations, business matters and anything involving writing, communications or the exchange of information. Be realistic about the promises you make and the plans you put into motion. Listen carefully and make yourself understood. George Bernard Shaw said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in PISCES.

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)
★★★ In some ways, you might feel restless today. Nevertheless, it's a good day to discuss shared property, inheritances and how to deal with something that's jointly held. Be careful not to go overboard, especially with social plans or dealing with kids. Make sure that your ideas and suggestions are doable. Tonight: Enjoy time alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today because something unexpected might impact them. (You snooze -- you lose.) Meanwhile discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will be reasonable. You might want to rethink big plans at home. Tonight: Be friendly!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ An element of unpredictability (perhaps even rebellion) might exist today when dealing with authority figures including parents and the police. Don't do anything you might later regret, especially because it's easy to be exuberant about big ideas today. Not everyone might agree with you. Tonight: You're admired by someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Double-check details related to travel whether you're traveling or meeting someone else who is coming or going because travel plans might suddenly change today. Also, please know that this is the classic day to go overboard spending money on fun events, socializing and treating kids. Be realistic. Tonight: Do something different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Today you have a lot of energy to get ahead, which is why you might take on more than you can handle. Certainly, you feel generous, but be cautious against extravagance. Likewise, be careful not to be self-righteous. Double-check banking issues, which might have some surprises. (Whaat?) Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Discussions with spouses, partners and close friends will flow smoothly today in part because you feel confident about your ideas and your expectations. However, double-check that authority figures, including bosses and parents, are on your side. Don't go out on a limb. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Trust your moneymaking ideas today, even though you secretly know that they might be a tad optimistic. Nevertheless, it's good to think big to get the overall picture or arrive at a certain concept, and then modify and pull it back into something doable and realistic. Tonight: Get better organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You're eager to talk to others today because you have ideas you want to share. In particular, this is a great day to teach kids. It's also a wonderful day to express your creative talents. Likewise, you'll love to socialize with others and trade opinions that can build on each other. Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Family discussions will go well today. They might pertain to younger people or home repairs. However, something unexpected could impact your home routine; for example, a small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Stay on your toes. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ This is a mildly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Nevertheless, you have good ideas, which is why conversations with daily contacts, siblings and relatives will be interesting and productive. Make sure your expectations are realistic. Tonight: A discussion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ This is a good day to talk to bosses, parents and authority figures, especially about financial matters or something that you own. You'll be inclined to be generous when dealing with others. Parents should keep an eye on their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Check your money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Uranus but dancing beautifully with Mercury. You might feel restless and eager to share your ideas with someone. Travel plans for the future could be exciting, as well as your ideas about publishing, higher education, medicine and the law. Run something up the proverbial flagpole! Tonight: You're in charge.

If your birthday is Nov. 18:
You have humor, goodwill and an excellent intuition. You're an innovator in many fields including science and technology. It's time to nurture the happiness and beauty that you have within yourself. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Have fun but remember your goals.

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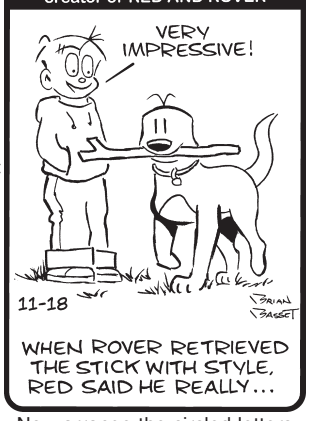
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is **BRIAN BASSET** creator of RED AND ROVER



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ZESTY ONION HUMANE DRENCH
Answer: Curls had one ice cream cone earlier today, so this was her — "SECONEDAIRY"