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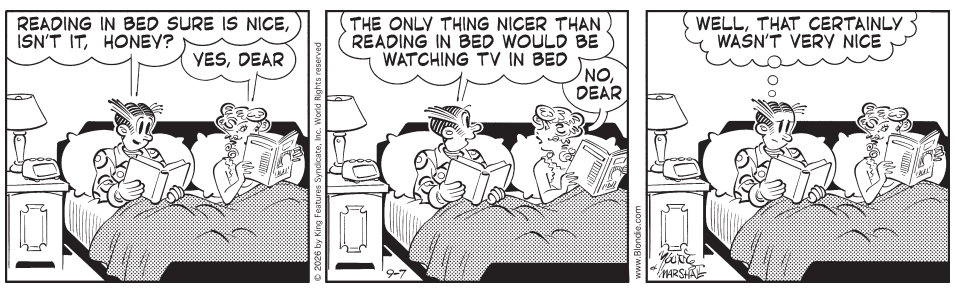

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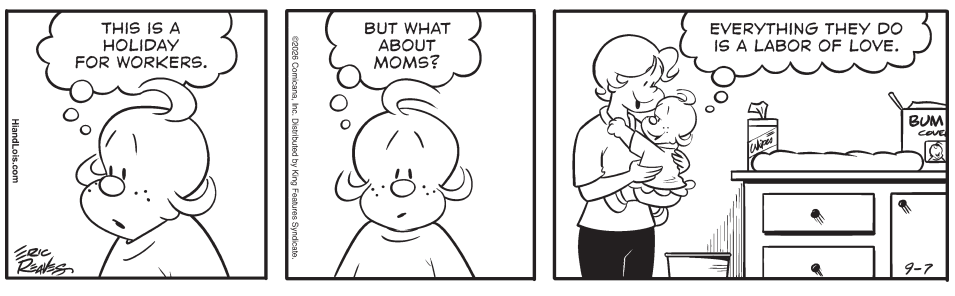

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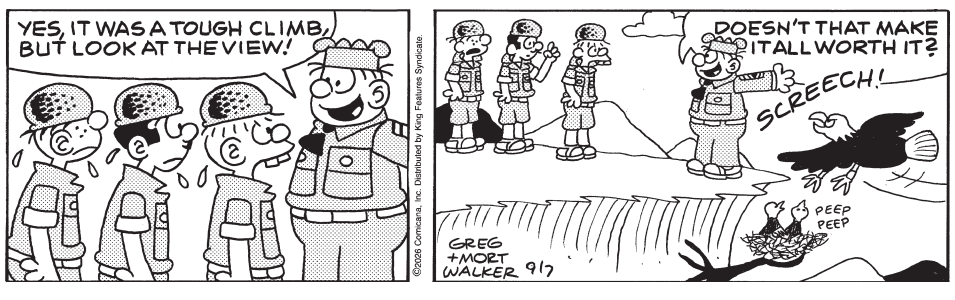

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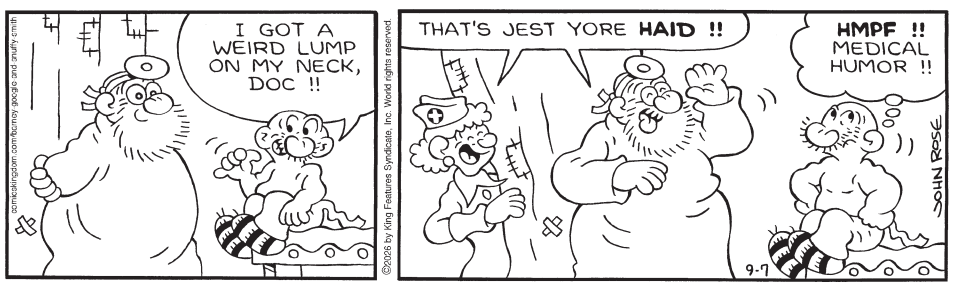

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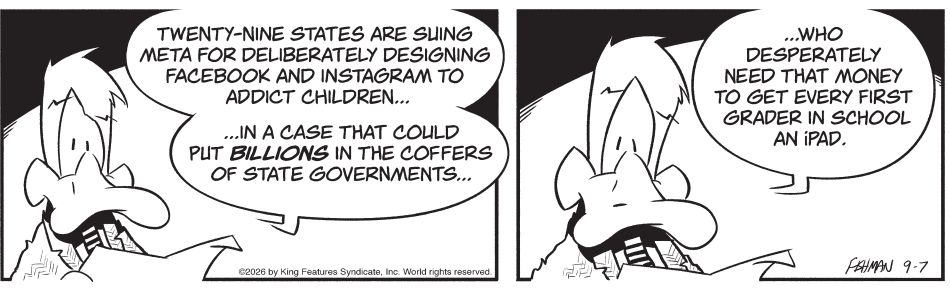

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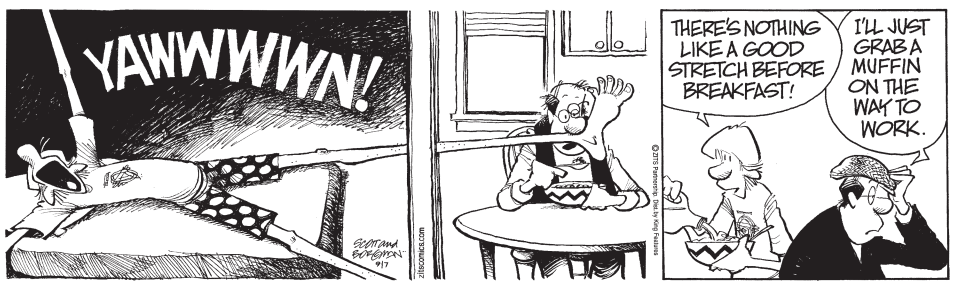

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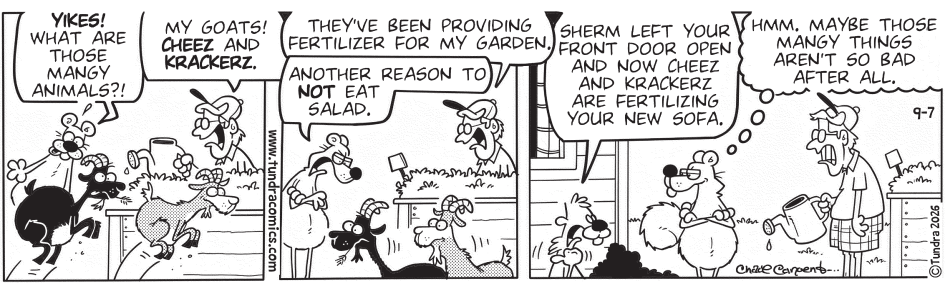

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Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Bowlers and derbies
5 Toil away
10 TV's Falco
11 Lucky charm
13 Explorer of kids' TV
14 Grand Canal setting
15 Mischievous gnome
17 Dachshund doc
18 Infinite
19 Wedding words
20 Ordinal number ending
21 New driver, often
22 Unrefined
25 Deck units
26 Towel word
27 Me, to Miss Piggy
28 Poem of praise
29 Like some beaches
33 Lupino of film
34 New York university
35 2001's "Ocean's Eleven," for one
37 Bus. sch. course
38 Traps
39 In need of a massage
40 Wasn't thrifty
41 Hearty dish

DOWN
1 Bushy boundary
2 Decorate
3 Ready for bed
4 Smooth, as a transition
5 Sumptuous
6 Church replies
7 Hot dog holder
8 "Sleuth" actor
9 Ebbed
12 Wyoming range
16 "Why don't we!"
21 Like toads and guinea pigs
22 Hymn singers
23 Blushes
24 Hotel giveaway
25 Make do
27 Unassuming
29 Reserved
30 Orlando attraction
31 Wave setting
32 Tendon
36 Verb for you

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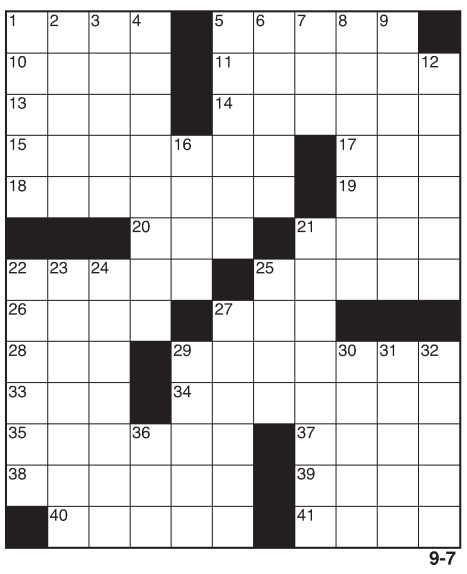
Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ A Q 8
♣ K 8 7 6

WEST
♠ A J 5 3
♥ A J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ A J 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 7 6 4
♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ Q 10

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ Q 9
♦ K J 10 7 5 3 2
♣ 9 5 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3 ♦	Dble	3 NT	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Dble		

Opening lead — ace of spades.

If you look at all four hands, it seems impossible to make five diamonds. Declarer apparently must lose two club tricks, as well as a heart, and go down one. But when the deal was played in the match between Taiwan and Austria at the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad, Patrick Huang of Taiwan made the doubled contract.

It is true that he was assisted by the opening lead of the ace of spades, which was induced by East's four-spade bid. However, this lead in itself did not present Huang with the contract; he still had to play his cards correctly.

After ruffing the spade ace, Huang drew two rounds of trump, ending in his hand, and then led the nine of hearts, placing West on the horns of a dilemma. Had West followed low, declarer would have won the heart with the king, discarded his queen of hearts on the king of spades, and later lost two club tricks to bring the contract home.

In practice, however, West took the nine of hearts with the ace and returned a heart to South's queen. With dummy's king of spades and king of hearts now available to furnish two club discards, Huang eventually lost only one club trick after leading a club toward dummy's king. Making five diamonds doubled was worth 550 points.

The contract would have failed had West led a trump, a heart or a club originally. However, the actual ace-of-spades lead gave declarer an advantage in the play from which the defenders could not escape, and Huang made the most of it.

Tomorrow: A triumph of mind over matter.

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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.

9-7 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

L J T T R K ' L M R Q L R B Q F B

Q M M F D D L B D K F Q

X Q F R . — O U M M U Q T

L B Q Z R L H R Q K R

Saturday's Cryptoquote: PEOPLE SAY NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I DO NOTHING EVERY DAY. — WINNIE THE POOH

Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH • — ALL —

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: RUMORS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: **After the Race I Was — All —**

Above else	I'm in	Tell book	We're here
At times	It's over	That's folks	Work day
End wars	Not bad	Up night	You're wet
Go out	Start over	Walk over	

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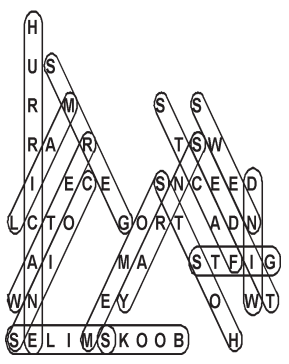
YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

THINGS THAT CIRCULATE



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Sept. 7, 2026:
You're energetic, independent, determined and ambitious. You're tenacious about pursuing your goals. This year will bring benefits from all your hard work. Expect power and leadership. It's time for major decisions and accomplishments. You'll be busy. Seize opportunities and deal with them. Awards, kudos and acknowledgement are yours.
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)
★★★★ Hang in there. As this day progresses, it becomes more lighthearted and fun-loving. Admittedly, power struggles with a friend or a member of a group might squelch things. Be patient with kids. Basically, this is a friendly and productive day. Tonight: Be playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Home and family are your focus today, and you will be wise to avoid power struggles with parents and older family members. Instead, seek out supportive, gentle interactions with others, and all will be well. Enjoy the company of children. Enjoy socializing. You're in the mood to teach. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Like TAURUS, home and family are a strong focus for you. Family discussions and home repairs will take place. Be very clear in all your communications with others. Note: Don't be demanding. Take a gentle approach. (You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.) Tonight: Friendly discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ The secret to this day is to surround yourself with kind, gentle, supportive people. Avoid ego battles about money and possessions, because you won't like it. However, with Mars in your sign, you can take care of yourself. Seek out people you like today! Entertain at home. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ After the Moon moves into your sign, things will tend to go your way if you align yourself with friendly, caring people. Avoid power struggles with partners, spouses and close friends. You don't need this angst. Discussions about money, cash flow and earnings are on the table. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Protect yourself today by avoiding emotional vampires and people who bring you down. You don't need this, especially today. On the other hand, you have a strong need to talk to someone so you can share your ideas. Find a sympathetic ear. (It's out there.) Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Today is a mixed bag when it comes to dealing with friends, members of groups and organizations. You might bump into power-hungry people who are too aggressive and off-putting. Or you might be lucky enough to find agreeable, sympathetic friends. That's your best choice. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Steer clear of power struggles with parents, bosses and authority figures today, which could arise. (This might not happen, but the possibility exists.) Ironically, a boss or an authority figure might be sympathetic to you at work or with issues related to your health or a pet. (Go figure.) Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ This is a terrible day to get involved in controversial discussions about politics, religion or racial issues. Don't do it. Instead, explore romantic connections, playful times with kids, socializing and the arts. Let your imagination soar! Tonight: Explore and learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Tread carefully with financial discussions today or talks about mortgages, loans or shared property, because you could reach an impasse with someone. However, a family member might be helpful if you are sensitive and receptive. That choice is a no-brainer. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be your own best friend today and surround yourself with people who are friendly and supportive. Avoid people who are difficult -- it's that simple. Explore ideas that require imagination and a sympathetic resonance with your surroundings. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Work-related issues, as well as anything to do with your health or a pet, could be challenging today. However, if you choose to be with generous, thoughtful people, it will be a whole different story. It's all about who you surround yourself with. Be discerning. Tonight: Get organized.

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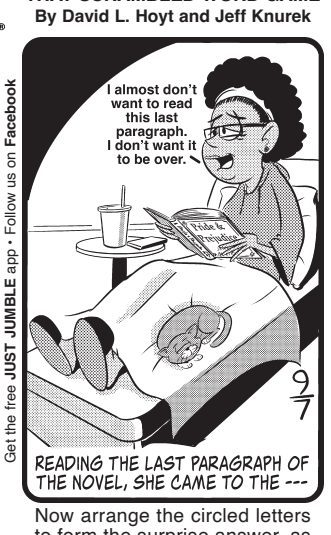
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print your answer here: " ○○○○ " ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SWORN NEWLY FILTHY SQUASH
Answer: She couldn't decide if she would do the laundry today. She was being — WISHY-WASHY