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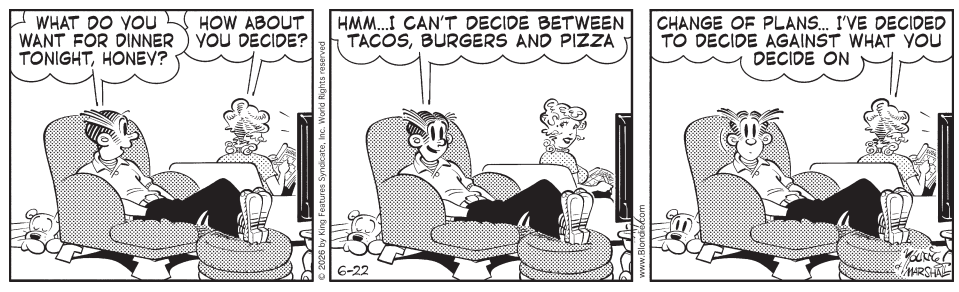

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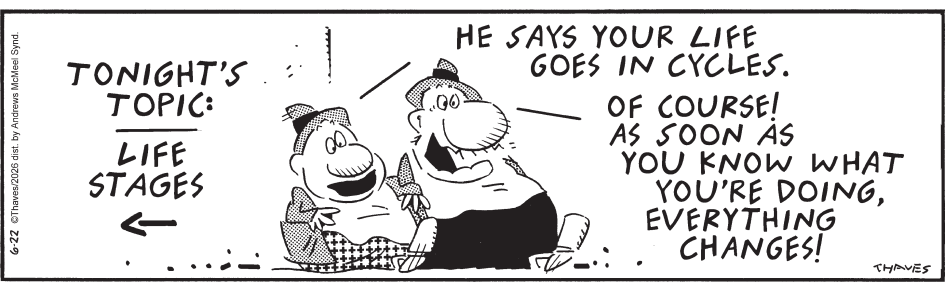

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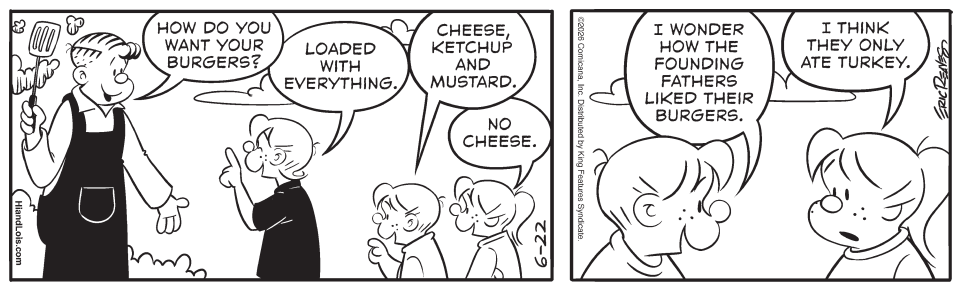

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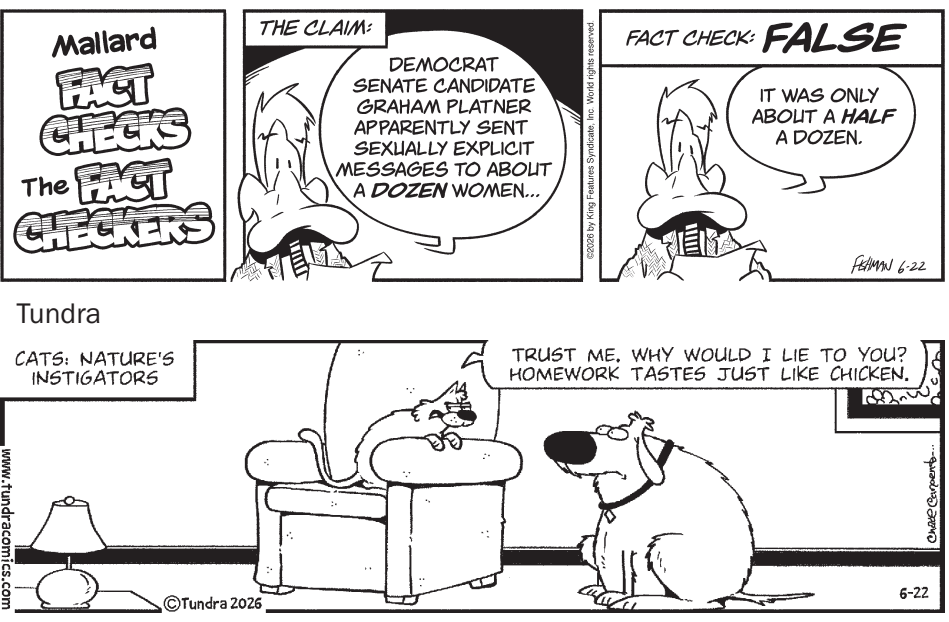
Beetle Bailey

Baby Blues

Snuffy Smith

Mallard Fillmore



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Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS

1 Accumulate
6 Aids illegally
11 Last inning, usually
12 Milk buy
13 Croc's cousin
14 Loosen, as laces
15 Mountain lion
17 Boar's mate
18 Combinations
22 Asian desert
23 Softener measure
27 Unrefined
29 Sleep disturber
30 Excalibur's wielder
32 Pine or palm
33 Shrimp boats
35 Got together
38 Bangkok native
39 Online messages
41 Snow house
45 Pleased expression
46 Rose feature
47 Corridors
48 Mall business

DOWN

1 Director Lee
2 Hamm of soccer
3 Crumb carrier
4 Intersection feature
5 Sign of indifference
6 Superhero from Atlantis
7 Hot dog holder
8 Has dinner
9 Half of a sextet
10 Hearty dish
16 Buddy
18 Taj Mahal city
19 Marshy wasteland
20 Touch on
21 Star illuminator
24 Smoke source
25 Manual reader
26 Sediment
28 Moves with speed
31 Cheering cry
34 Is patient
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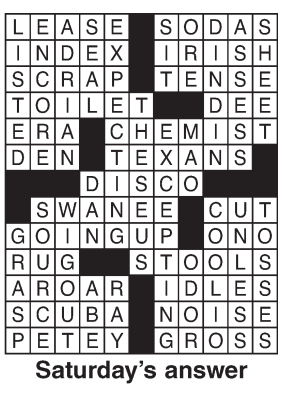
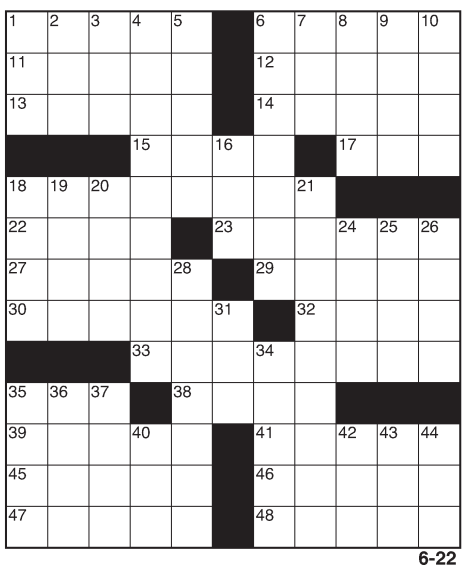
36 Jane Austen book
37 Kite part
40 Under the weather
42 Old card game
43 Hockey great Bobby
44 Binary digit



Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ A Q J 9 3
♣ A 7

WEST
♠ K J 10 9 5 4
♥ 6
♦ 10 7 6 5 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ Q
♥ K Q J 9 4
♦ K 8
♣ Q 10 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 6 3 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 2
♣ K J 9 3 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3 ♠	Dble	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

The hero of today's deal is Zia Mahmood, one of the world's all-time great players. Aside from his many successes, the charismatic Pakistani is noted for his daring and imagination at the table, and his wit and charm away from it.

Today's deal is vintage Zia. After West's offbeat three-spade preempt and North's double, Zia, South, took a stab at three notrump.

West led a diamond, and Zia inserted the nine! This brought immediate results when the nine forced East's king, but the contract was still a long way from home.

East shifted to the spade queen, taken by the ace, and a heart was ducked to East's nine. When East returned the heart king, Zia ducked again, then won the queen continuation with the ace. The A-Q-J of diamonds were then cashed, East showing out on the third round of the suit.

With five cards remaining to be played, the opposing hands were virtually an open book. West was known to have started with six spades, five diamonds and one heart, so he had only one club. East, forced to discard a heart in order to guard clubs, was known to be holding four clubs and the heart jack.

To make the contract, Zia needed four club tricks, which might seem impossible given East's holding. But such things are child's play for Zia. He simply led a low club from dummy and finessed the nine(!), returned to dummy with the club ace and played the heart ten. East was forced to win and lead a club from the Q-10 to South's K-J, handing Zia his ninth trick.

In the post-mortem, the self-effacing Zia pointed out that he had in fact erred by ducking the second heart, which eventually forced him to risk losing a trick to the singleton ten of clubs in the West hand. Had Zia taken the second heart, he could later have played the ace and another club to the nine before exiting with his remaining heart to force East to make the same losing return in clubs.

Tomorrow: The end justifies the means.

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: PATRIARCH

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

Artless
Bawdy
Bootless
Fly-bitten
Frothy
Goatish
Infectious
Loathsome
Lumpish
Paunchy
Rant
Surly
Tickle-brain
Vain
Warped

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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.

6-22 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

A M V Z P P I S , J G I V B M T V A M T V

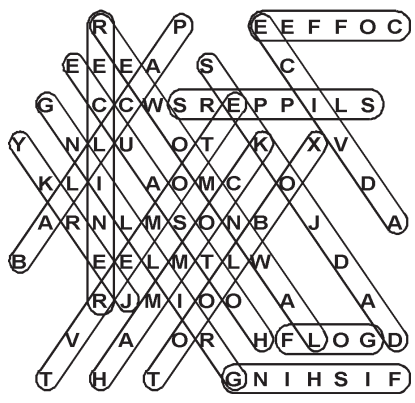
A J V I F E . — L A F F A D P O D S F B V

L A F F A D P V

Saturday's Cryptoquote: DAD IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, MY LIVING, BREATHING SUPERHERO. — BINDI IRWIN

SATUDAY'S ANSWER

OUR DADS



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

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)
★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. In other words, be accommodating and cooperative. (It's not a big deal.) Having said that, a partner or close friend might be critical or difficult today. ("Whaat? After all my patience and goodwill?") Tonight: Cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ The good news is that you have the determination to be productive today. In fact, everything you do will be more powerful and more intense. Late in the day, don't let criticism or comments from someone older discourage you. What do they know? Tonight: Get better organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Parents need to take a lighter touch when dealing with their kids today, because you might be obsessed about something, or perhaps they are. Furthermore, it's easy to feel critical, which will discourage them. Remember the advice of Johann Goethe, "Correction does much, but encouragement does more." Tonight: Socialize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Family discussions will be emotional today, perhaps because someone -- and this someone could be you -- is obsessed about something. This will make you exhausted. Later in the day, difficulties with parents and authority figures might discourage you. (Send out for dark chocolate.) Tonight: Relax at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Today has its challenges. Discussions with others might not be easy. In fact, you might feel isolated or cut off, certainly misunderstood or ignored. Be careful that you are not caught up in a one-track thinking mode, because it's easy to do this today. Don't be discouraged by others or the news. Tonight: Study and learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Today money issues and finances might be important to you. In fact, discussions about taxes, debt, credit, inheritances or shared property might occupy your thoughts, which is why you might overwhelm someone else who is less interested. Take a deep breath and reorient yourself. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Pluto, which can intensify your emotions and make you obsessed about something. Or you might feel compelled to discuss something or act on certain feelings. Meanwhile, partners and close friends lack sympathy. (Hang in there.) Tonight: You win!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Today has its challenges. Accept this right off the bat and decide to move forward carefully, item by item, step-by-step. Don't expect fast results. Do what is right in front of you on your plate. Reduce your expectations of yourself and others. Be proud of what you achieve. Tonight: Privacy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ You might attract someone to you today who seems to be like a zealot. They're so gung-ho about their ideas, they won't let go. (Possibly, you are this person.) Meanwhile, relations with your kids and romantic partners might be stilted and strained. Channel your energy into work. Tonight: Be friendly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You're noticed today. You might be keen about an idea, and yet you feel no one is listening. (There are none so deaf as those who are wearing headphones.) Be patient with family members. It's easy to feel disappointed with someone today. Tonight: You're admired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You want to save the world before bedtime. Perhaps today you're on your soapbox urging others to listen to your ideas because you feel it's important to be heard. You might be right, but if you're obsessed about something, people will turn away. (You know this.) Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Financial discussions might be discouraging today. You might feel broke, and no matter what happens, the light at the end of the tunnel looks like a train. Be reassured that this is a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Courage! Tonight: Check your finances.

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Actress Meryl Streep (1949), singer-songwriter Cyndi Lauper (1953), actor, singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson (1936)

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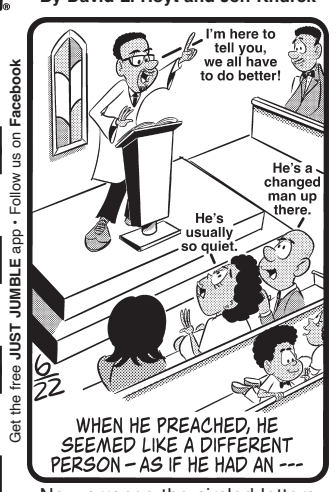

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Print your answer here: " ○○○○○○ " ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: WHEAT TOKEN STICKY PILLAR
Answer: With her dogs getting along so well together, going for a stroll was a — WALK IN THE PARK