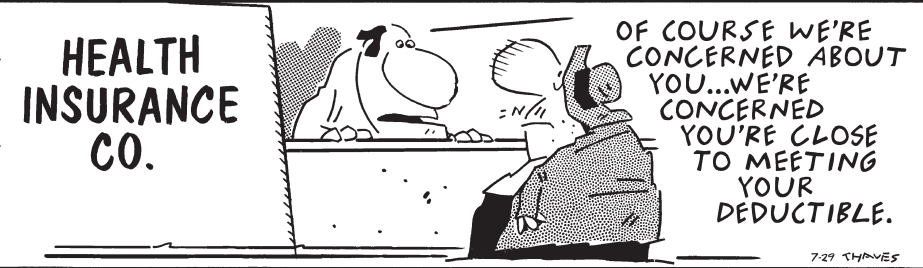


Frank & Ernest



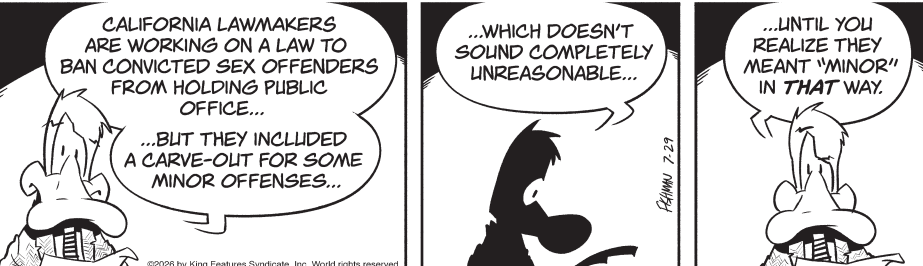
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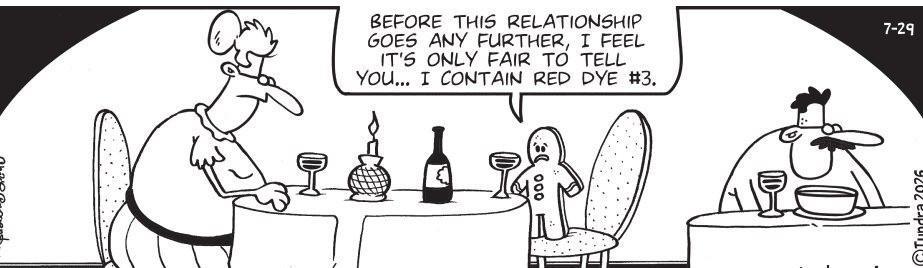
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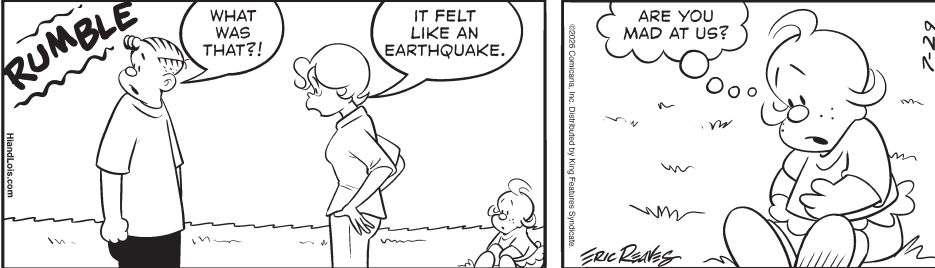
Mallard Fillmore



Tundra



Beetle Bailey



Snuffy Smith



Zits



Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS

1 Goes by taxi

7 Rotisserie part

11 Incite

12 Washed out

13 Arc unit

14 Land in the sea

15 Uses a foil

17 Waiting rewards

20 First letter

23 Math-ematician Lovelace

24 Faint

26 — amis (my friends)

27 Have debts

28 Apt. ad abbr.

29 Master opener

31 Suit accessory

32 "Sea-scape" playwright

33 Meat-rating org.

34 Starts

37 Singer

39 Leave base, perhaps

43 Came to

44 Baltimore player

45 Red-ink amount

46 Shake-speare poem

DOWN

1 Bounder

2 Is for two

3 Marsh

4 Rides the waves

5 "Got it"

6 New driver, often

7 Sales pitches

8 Travel needs

9 Suffering

10 Casual shirt

16 Batter of verse

17 Lightning home

18 Perfect

19 Onetime banking items

21 Muggy

22 Be-wildered

24 Jabs

25 Reverent

30 Detects

33 Bolt on a track

35 They may be inflated

36 Bull, in

37 Cobbler's tool

38 Pasture sound

40 Took the title

41 Flamenco cry

42 Rent out

Yesterday's answer

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

43 44 45 46

Bridge – By Steven Becker

When to bid a three-card suit

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

Q 6 5

A K Q J 8 2

Q 3

7 4

WEST

10 9 6 3

6 5

A K 8 6 3

EAST

A 7 4 3 2

7 5

9 4 2

Q 9 5

SOUTH

K J 8

4

A K J 10 8 7

J 10 2

The bidding:

South 1♦

West Pass

Pass 2♦

Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

This deal occurred in a match between Italy and the United States many years ago. The bidding went as shown when an American pair were North-South. West led a low club, and the Italian East-West pair quickly collected five club tricks and the ace of spades to put the contract down two — 100 points. Three notrump was a very poor contract, and the question is whether the much better contract of four hearts should have been reached. Of course, North could have bid

Tomorrow: Six plus seven equals 13.

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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.

7-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

G Z G A I L R G W G S U L U B , G J J

M J C T Q S L J C C U J A U Q

M A S Q T C S U L . — Z A J H Q S R U .

P X Q L R Q S R C I

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I GREW UP POOR, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE POOR DREAMS. — MAGIC JOHNSON

Horoscope – By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, July 29, 2026:

You are positive and energetic and will work tirelessly to achieve success. You're protective and influential. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. What you do now will bring great benefits in the future. Prepare for leadership. Take action and define your goals.

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 you might feel tension with romantic partners. Because of the Full Moon energy, you also might feel at odds with a friend, a member of a group or even your kids. This is gone in about a day or so. Don't get your belly in a rash. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today you might be pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career, your job or your responsibilities to society. This is because of the Full Moon. Each Full Moon is different, and this one encourages your

focus on home and family. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do because this is a mildly accident-prone day due to the Full Moon. Take a moment before you act or say something that you might later regret. Be aware of your surroundings. Tonight: Explore and learn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You're never casual about money, and today is no exception. The Full Moon might create confusion, tension or disputes between your wealth versus what somebody else claims or wants. This includes debt and discussions about inheritances. Stay chill. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place, which could create tension between you and those who are closest to you, especially spouses, partners and dear friends. Don't make a big deal about anything. This tension is gone in 24 hours. Tonight: Be cooperative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be patient with co-workers today. Likewise, be patient with people who might be involved in

health procedures. You might need more patience than usual if dealing with a pet. That's because these are the areas that could feel stressed by today's Full Moon. Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ This is a dicey day for social occasions, the arts, friendships and especially romance. (It can also be stressful for parents dealing with their kids.) On the upside, you might see things that you never realized before. You might have increased clarity about something, especially a relationship. However, feelings could be running high. Tonight: Socialize with someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today you might feel like you're caught in a tug-of-war between trying to please the demands of home and family versus dealing with your career and your outer world. You can't please both. For this particular Full Moon, you can't ignore your career and your responsibilities to society. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ The energy of today's Full Moon can introduce an accident-prone influence for your sign. This means, be mindful and alert. Pay attention to everything you say and

do. Slow down and keep your eyes open. This applies to driving, jogging, walking and talking! Tonight: Share your thoughts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Financial issues might come to a head today. This might concern your debt or how you're handling your money or taking care of your possessions. It also might relate to shared property or something to do with something that someone else owns. It is what it is. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Today the Full Moon is in your sign, which is why you might feel tension dealing with those who are closest to you. Something you've been working on might be completed. Certainly, your feelings are heightened and your focus on partners and close friends is stronger. Tonight: You're strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Relations with co-workers might be strained today because of the energy of the Full Moon. However, it's also possible that you will have wrapped up some old business and you feel good about it. Meanwhile, increased chaos and busyness at home continue. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

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WORD SLEUTH

WORDS CONTAINING DAYS OF THE WEEK

S M J H E C Z X U S Q N L J G

E C A E Z X V S S D S T T R P

N L S N T J T H N E E C H A Y

W V U T T A R E G P U N G A L

K I N H T G I D T E C T I F B

Z X D U W R E T U S S R R R P

O M E S F W L J A I U G F I E

D S R E S W E D I S H N F C V

B A B Y L I T H U A N I A A X

G N O M A G N U S N U I W M U

T D N O M L A Y N O M R A H I

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ICE

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

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: 2ND LARGEST CONTINENT

Affright Almond Asunder Befriend Enthuse Among Insatiate Lithuania Statues Swedges Swedish Tsunami Unsung Virtues

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

THE MANY USES OF WATER

N O N N N N N N N

I I I I I I I I I

M L T N M K H

M I N I A O N C T A

I O E T E E E E I

W B V A T L R T G O

S L O S C D C A I O P

O B H Y D R O P O W E R C

S G N I H T A B G N I H S I F A

JUMBLE

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

BAEVO

DIHCE

EDIRDL

NAISDL

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Answer here: O O O O - O O O O O O O O

Yesterday's Jumbles: BISON SWEPT Answer: One moment the cows were content, then irritable, resulting in — "MOO-ED" SWINGS

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

It says here I can get supplements that will help. They even have a link here

Dad! You know that's just a scam. Call your doctor now.

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

TRUSTING MEDICAL ADVICE FROM THE INTERNET CAN BE ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: BISON SWEPT DAMAGE GROUND Answer: One moment the cows were content, then irritable, resulting in — "MOO-ED" SWINGS