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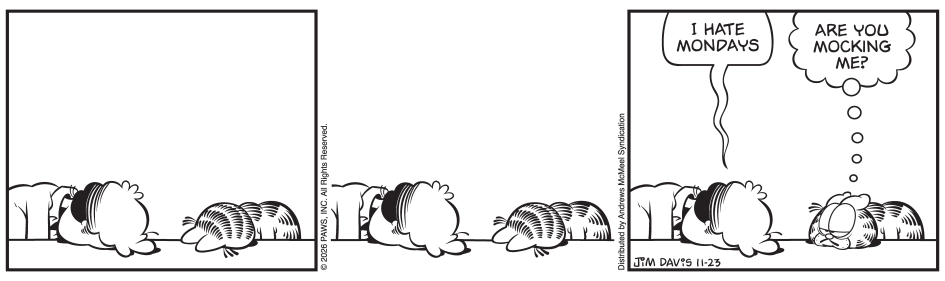

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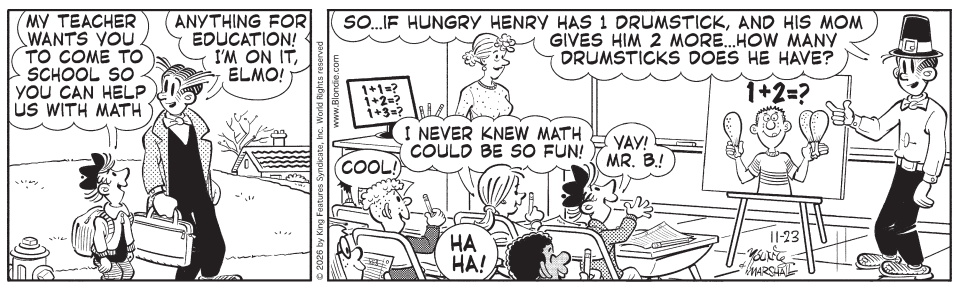

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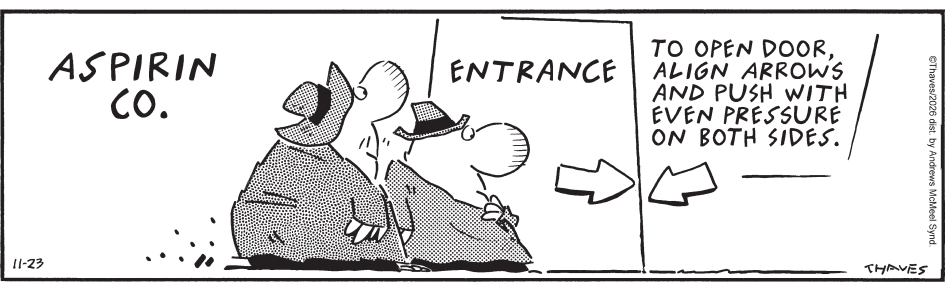

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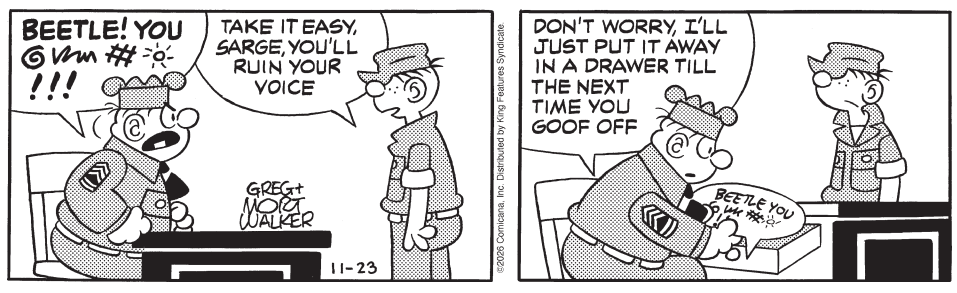

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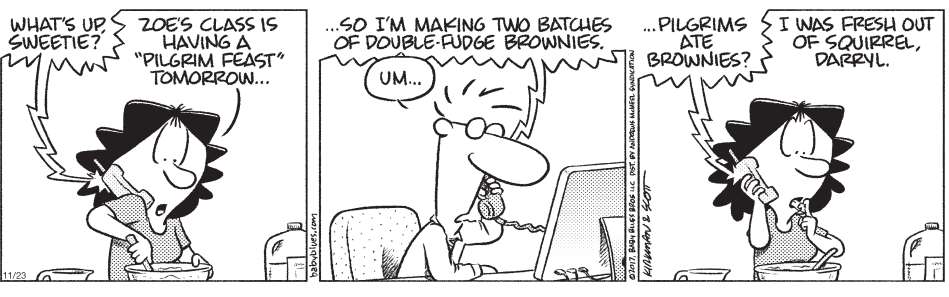

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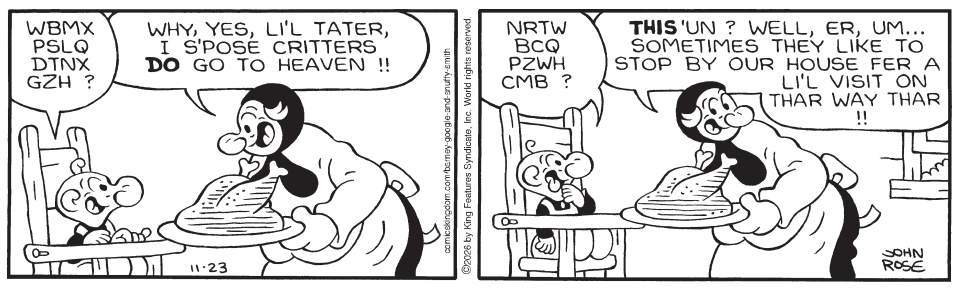

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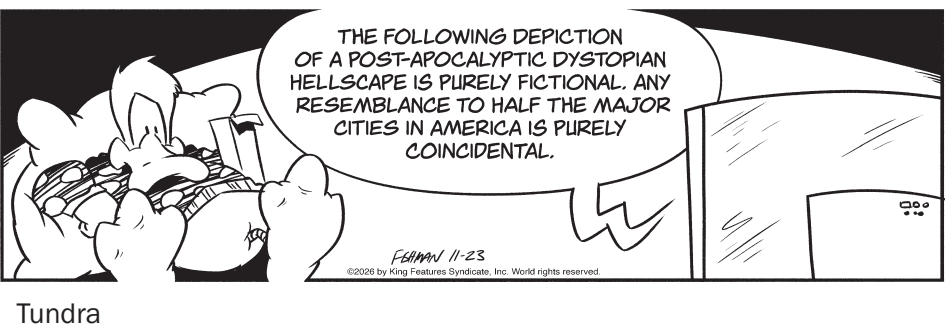

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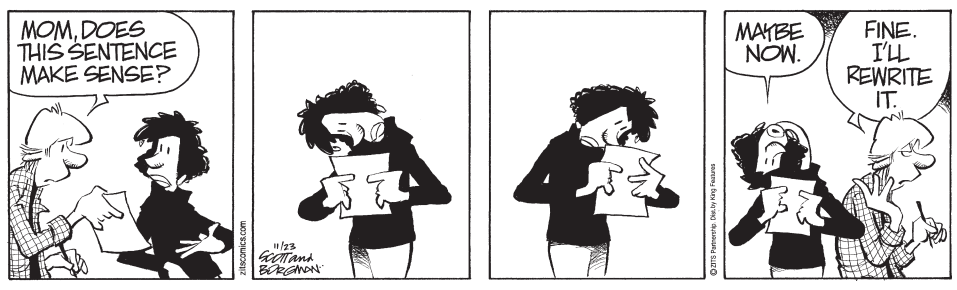

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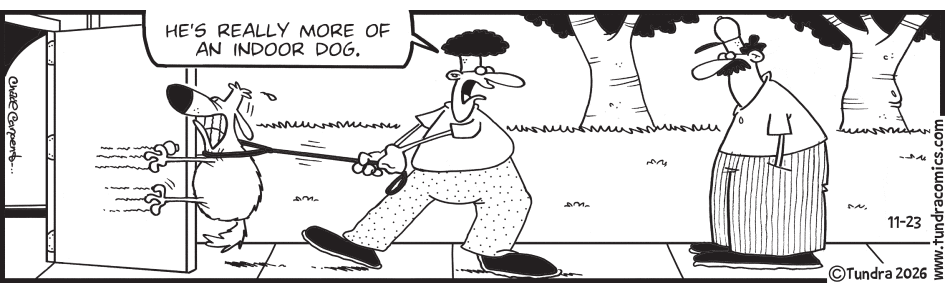



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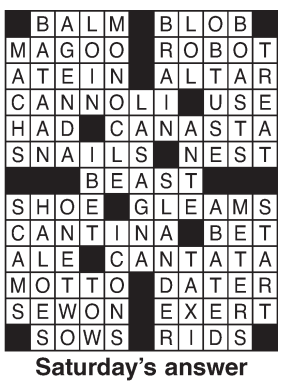
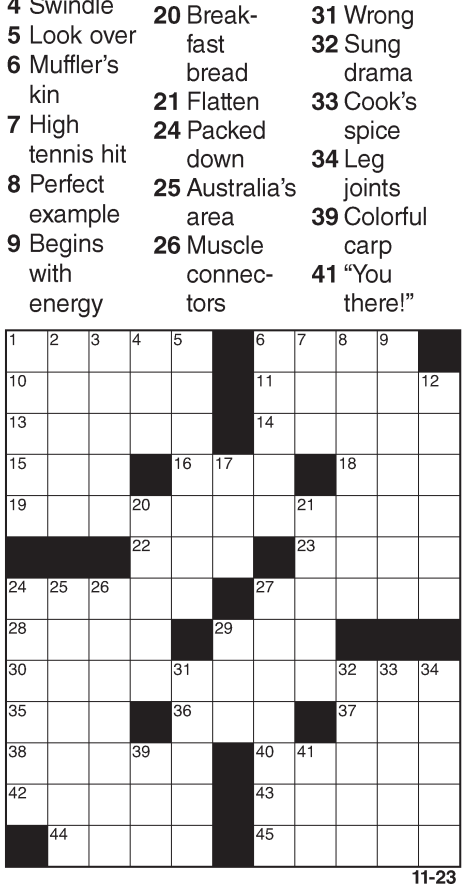
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Satellite setting
6 Whole bunch
10 Bronze or brass
11 Clinic cost
13 Singer Frankie
14 Tolerate
15 Had lunch
16 Tavern
18 Brewed beverage
19 Between-teeth cleaner
22 Bullring cry
23 Give off
24 Complete
27 Bakery needs
28 High cards
29 "Roses — red"
30 Inability to recall
35 Small tablet
36 Avril follower
37 Groan inducer
38 Cook's mushroom
40 School paper
42 "Jurassic Park" critters, for short
43 Spine-tingling
44 Tag sale words
45 "— Hope" (old TV soap)

DOWN
1 Leafy lunch
2 China piece
3 Visitor from space
4 Swindle
5 Look over
6 Muffler's kin
7 High tennis hit
8 Perfect example
9 Begins with energy
12 Bakery needs
17 Tavern drink
20 Breakfast bread
21 Flatten
24 Packed down
25 Australia's area
26 Muscle connectors
27 Satellite
29 In the style of
31 Wrong
32 Sung drama
33 Cook's spice
34 Leg joints
39 Colorful carp
41 "You there!"



Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 5
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 4

WEST
♠ J 8 3 2
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ 10 7
♣ 6 5 2

EAST
♠ 9 7 6
♥ 4
♦ J 9 8 6 4
♣ J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K 9 8

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

Anyone who's played the game long enough has learned from experience that occasionally even the most hopeless-looking situations can be salvaged.

One critical factor in such successes lies in declarer's willingness, when the outlook seems bleak, to start visualizing hands the defenders might have that would render the impossible possible.

Consider the present deal from the 1980 World Team Olympiad match between Canada and Israel. South was Eric Murray of Toronto, who arrived at seven notrump after having denied four cards of either major.

West led the six of clubs (top of nothing), taken by Murray with the king. Had the hearts been divided 3-2, the grand slam would have been laydown. But when the A-K of hearts were cashed, East discarded a spade, leaving Murray with only 12 sure tricks.

Many declarers might have folded their tents at this point, but not the unflappable Murray. He saw two ways he might still make the contract. First, if West had four diamonds, he would be squeezed when the black-suit winners were cashed. Second, East might be coaxed into making a discarding error.

Accordingly, Murray next cashed the A-K-Q of spades — the suit in which he was known not to hold four cards. East parted with a diamond on the third spade, but when the heart queen was next played, East had to guess whether to discard a club or a diamond. After long thought, East opted to part with a diamond, and Murray's five of diamonds became his 13th trick.

Seven notrump was also reached at the other table, but here the Israeli declarer cashed his clubs before his spades. This clarified the club situation for East, who held onto four diamonds to defeat the slam.

Tomorrow: Reward for good behavior.

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Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH • RED —: ANIMALS

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: BOEING

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

Bat	Grouse	Lionfish	Snapper
Crossbill	Kangaroo	Panda	Squirrel
Deer	Kite	Salmon	Wolf
Fox	Knot	Shank	

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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.

11-23 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

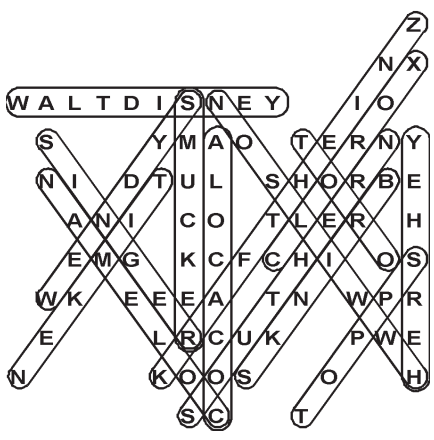
OR IDF D LHDVROJVM LEOBXR DVRVZG SDC, IORX DOE MOQH NOSHE DGS D FQC FK LMVH CKV NKVMS SEKIG OG OR.

— S O D G D B D L D M S K G

Saturday's Cryptoquote: WHAT MOISTENS THE LIP AND WHAT BRIGHTENS THE EYE? WHAT CALLS BACK THE PAST, LIKE THE RICH PUMPKIN PIE? — JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

THE — COMPANY



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Nov. 23, 2026:
You're fair-minded and willing to fight for your beliefs. You're idealistic, independent, courageous and clever. This year you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power, leadership, promotions, kudos and awards. Seize opportunities and act on them. You might discover the spotlight is shining on you.
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)
★★★ Your inner idealism is aroused today, which might make you want to understand your world at a more spiritual level of reality. You might check out profound philosophies, different methodologies, meditation, yoga -- something for a flash of insight. Tonight: Check your money.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign giving you a slight advantage over all the other signs. Yes, the Moon will make you more emotional than usual. However, because you have this advantage, you can ask the universe for a favor. Try it! Tonight: You win!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Today your connections with spouses, partners and close friends are more touchy-feely than usual. Because of this, you might be more inclined to help someone. Or you might feel romantically idealistic about someone close to you. Both impulses will apply. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Friendships are important to you today, as well as relating to people in groups. You also might feel an urge to help someone at work or listen to them with more sympathy. Your Spidey sense is heightened and you can sense what's going on with someone. Tonight: Friendships.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. For example, some people will know personal details about your private life. Meanwhile, romance seems to be more idealistic today, something special. Tonight: You're admired.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ With fiery Mars in your sign, you have energy to burn! As this week begins today, you're eager for a bit of adventure, something different. Meanwhile, you'll feel tenderhearted toward a family member. If you can help them, you will. This is good. Tonight: Explore and learn.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ A conversation with someone might be a bit off-the-wall or kind of a stretch because your idealism is aroused today. You're interested in mystical experiences and things that go bump in the night. This is why you want a conversation to embrace the nuances of things you're not quite sure about. Tonight: Check your finances.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful about your financial decisions today. This is a dreamy day because the Sun is dancing with fuzzy Neptune. Meanwhile, in your chart, the Sun is sitting in your Money House. Oops! Think twice before you part with your hard-earned money. Remember: True generosity is giving what is needed. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Today the Sun is in your sign dancing beautifully with Neptune, which will increase your sensitivity to all aspects of the world around you. You might be attracted to spiritual ideas, idealistic romanticism or ways to help those who are less fortunate. So many opportunities! Tonight: Get better organized.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ There are mixed messages in the air for you today. In one way, you want to socialize, check out sports, playful times with kids, enjoy the arts and explore romantic opportunities. But in another way, you want to savor your own private time. It's your call. Tonight: Socialize.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You always want to save the world before bedtime, and today you might have a discussion about how to help someone, help a community or help society. You might join a group or donate to a group that is charitable. You'll also enjoy relaxing at home. Tonight: Relax.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ In a discussion with others today, you might make a plea to someone in authority -- a parent, boss, teacher, VIP or the police -- to be lenient or kind to others. You might ask that they use their influence for good to help someone. (It never hurts to try.) Tonight: A conversation.

Jumble

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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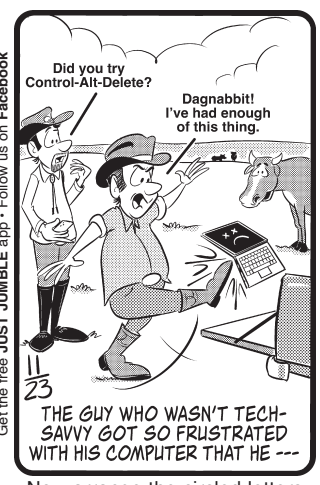

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CLOCK FAINT HAIRDO DREDGE
Answer: He was able to shoot par even though he was in the rough because of — A GOOD LIE