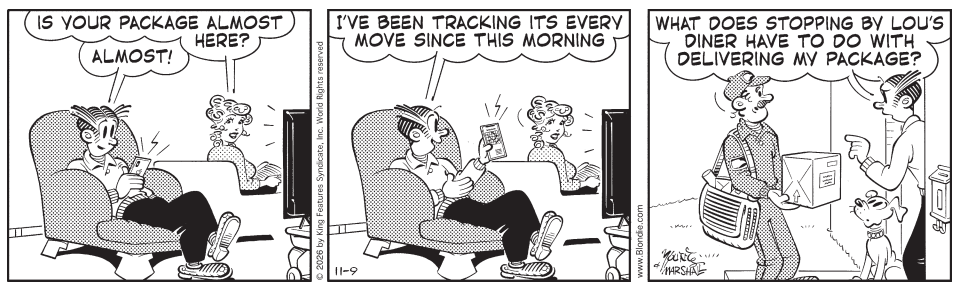
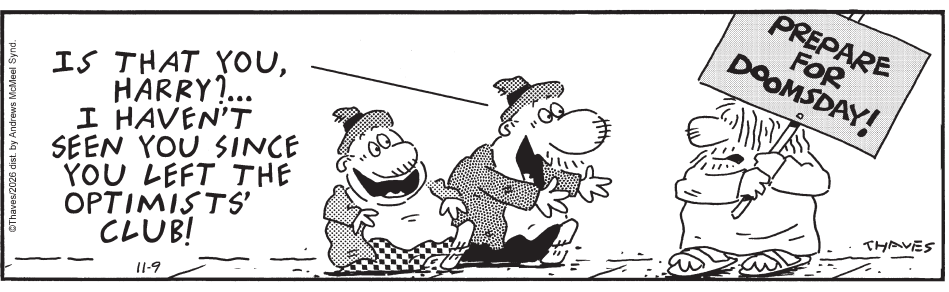
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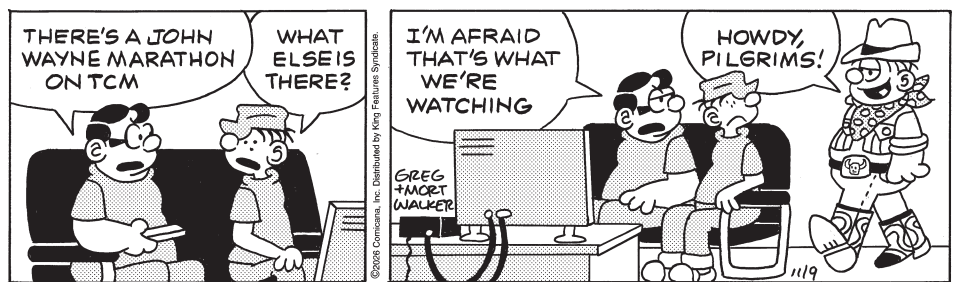
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Beetle Bailey



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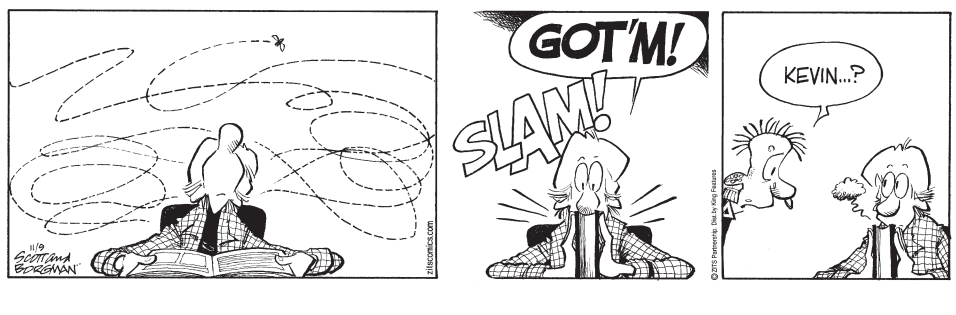
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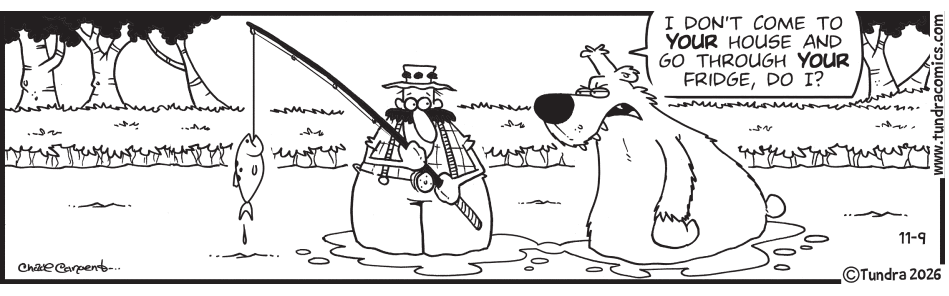
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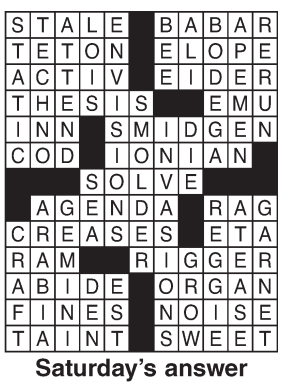
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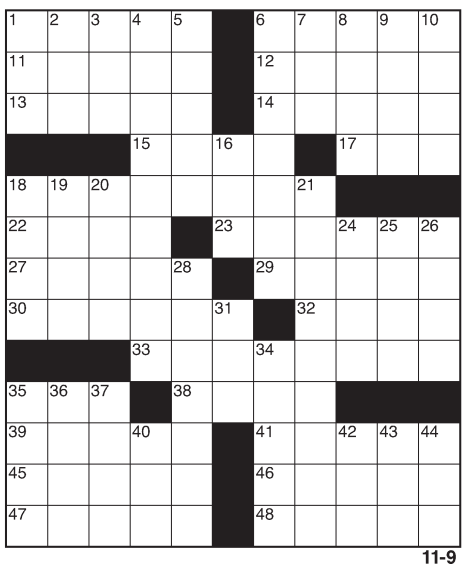
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph



Saturday's answer

ACROSS
1 Raise with ropes
6 Heathen
11 Boise's state
12 Rome's nation
13 Choir member
14 Sioux shelter
15 Floor covers
17 Bus. card abbr.
18 Curated collections given as presents
22 Bad day for Caesar
23 Car parts
27 Theater units
29 Appear unexpectedly
30 Foretelling decks
32 Heap
33 Plant with poisonous purple berries
35 Last letter
38 Tuscany city with a tower
39 Luggage clip-on
41 Rough guesses
45 Ship of 1492
46 Showy display
47 Mailing need
48 Disreputable

DOWN
1 Sold-out show
2 Poem of praise
3 McKellen of "X-Men"
4 Diamond position
5 Bagel's shape
6 Refueling break for a racer
7 Had lunch
8 Stare in disbelief
9 Baseball's Rodriguez
10 Russian denial
16 Sparkler
18 Essence
19 Concept
20 Phobia
21 Race timer
24 Mayberry kid
25 Hold power
26 Went fast
28 Temporary fix
31 Enjoy Aspen
34 Snaky shapes
35 Moves swiftly
36 Fix copy
37 Sicilian peak
40 Money dispenser
42 In the style of
43 Misbehaving
44 Porker's pen



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8 4
♥ A Q J 6
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ 10 3

WEST
♠ K 6 3 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A J 9 2
♣ Q 4 2

EAST
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ 4
♦ Q 8 6 5
♣ 9 8 7 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ K 8 7 5 3 2
♦ 10
♣ A K J 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — two of spades.

In 1993, a team of young players from the Netherlands — their average age was just over 32 — won the world team championship, helping to dispel fears in bridge's inner circles that interest in the game among the young was waning.

Today's deal occurred in the final where the Dutch found themselves pitted against a Norwegian team that itself boasted an average age of only 34! When Bauke Muller and Wubbo de Boer of the Netherlands held the North-South cards, they bid uneventfully to four hearts as shown. With South as declarer, and with West holding the diamond ace and spade king, 12 tricks could not be stopped. In practice West led a low spade, which de Boer ran to the queen, and he lost only a diamond trick.

The auction took a decidedly different turn at the other table, where Norway's Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo were North-South:

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

After an opening notrump bid by Helness and a transfer to hearts by South, Helness ended up in six hearts. As fate would have it, this placed the lead in the East hand, and the Netherlands' Enri Leufkens unerringly found the killing jack-of-spades lead.

Helness tried the queen, covered by the king and ace. In desperation, he led the club ten and finessed, hoping for a miracle. When West produced the queen, the slam was down two, and the youthful Dutch gained 11 IMPs to take a step closer to their first world team championship.

Tomorrow: A bridge player's soliloquy.

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Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH ● BRONZE —

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: HANDLEBAR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: WHERE METAL IS CAST

Age	Bust	Medal	Statue
Alloy	Cannon	Monument	Tools
Armor	Casting	Sculpture	Trophy
Bell	Color	Star	

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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.

11-9 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

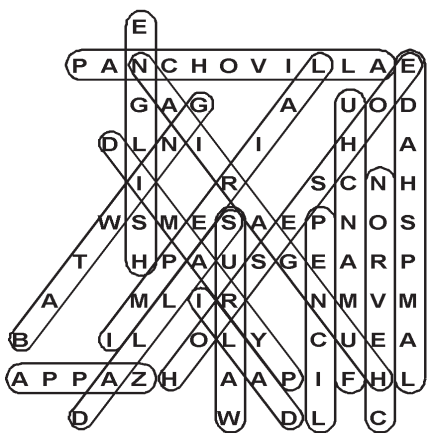
C J O D B G D B L D D H W Y B S C B G D S L C D I O D H E I C C J E E, B G D Y D Y T J W L I K D B G D F B J B L R I K I S Y Y D U B R D I L.

— T G I Z H W K K

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE AUTUMN ROAD, THE MELLOW WIND THAT SOOTHES THE DARKENING SHIRES. AND LAUGHTER, AND INN-FIRES. — RUPERT BROOKE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Nov. 9, 2026:

You're a perceptive, observant trailblazer. You're enthusiastic and socially responsible. Take time to socialize this year, because your zest and creativity are at a pinnacle. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Have fun but don't lose sight of your goals. Old friends might rekindle relationships.

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's New Moon urges you to inject more excitement into your life. What can you do to make your world more interesting? This particular New Moon is also the best time all year to focus on red-tape details and debt. Pull your act together! Tonight: Check banking details.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Because today's New Moon is taking place opposite your sign, it's the best day of the year to think about how you can improve your partnerships and closest relationships. In a successful relationship, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Each New Moon is an opportunity to set intentions. Today's New Moon urges you to think about how you can work more efficiently and be more productive. Conversations with siblings, relatives and neighbors might be testy but enthusiastic! Tonight: Get better organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What can you do to add a little more sizzle and fun playfulness to your life? In part, this is what today's New Moon is all about. Romance also might offer exciting possibilities. Focus on activities with kids, sports and socializing. Tonight: Play!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Today is the best day all year to think about how to improve family relationships and make your home a happier place for you. You don't have to do a big makeover. Just think of one or two things that would be a step in a positive direction. It's a beginning. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You're a clever mimic, and you have a fantastic memory for details, especially trivia. Today the New Moon is taking place in your House of Communications. What can you do to improve your daily conversations with others? Think about this. Tonight: Discussions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You're private about your money. (One hand doesn't know what the other hand is doing.) It so happens that today's New Moon is occurring in your Money House, giving you a chance to think about how you can improve how you handle your money. Ideas? Tonight: Check your belongings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place, which is the perfect time for you to take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself what you can do to improve the image you project on your world. Wardrobe change? Hair? Shoes? Anything? Tonight: You're in charge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Today's New Moon is your opportunity to honestly assess where you are your most self-defeating. Where do you undermine yourself with the very things that you're trying to accomplish? Grrr. (We all do this.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ This is the best day of the year to think about how you can improve your friendships, as well as how to improve your relations with people in groups and organizations. You function well in groups. What might you do to improve this talent? Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. In fact, some know personal details about your private life. Because the New Moon is taking place high in your chart, it's a good day to think about how you deal with authority figures. (You are rebellious and independent.) Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Today is a good day to think about what further education or travel you could get that will enrich your life. After all, why not have the most fulfilling life that you can have? Why settle for less? What is one thing you might like to do? Tonight: Learn something.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HOARD TRUTH MEMOIR SEWAGE
Answer: To move to a bigger facility, the bread company would need to — RAISE MORE DOUGH

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