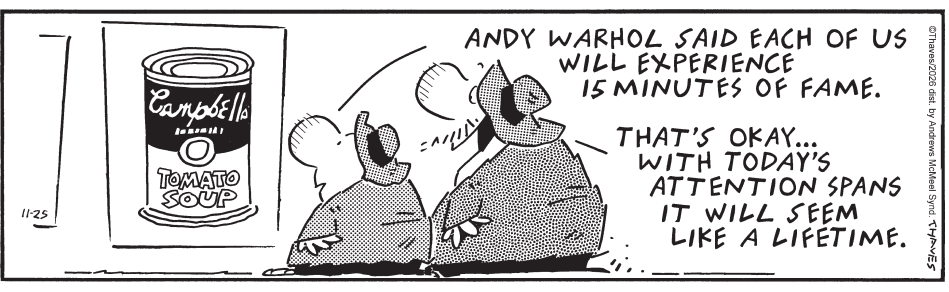
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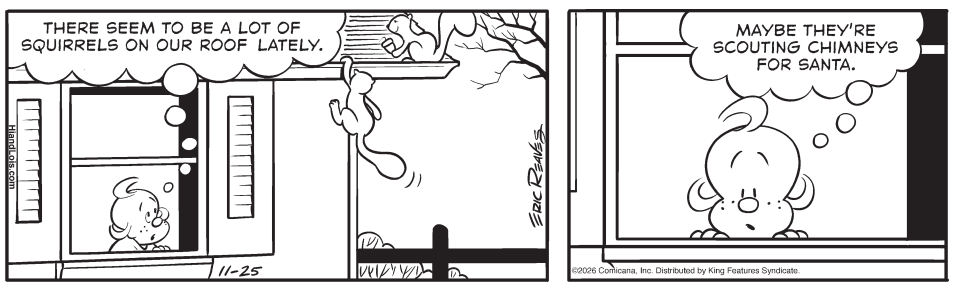
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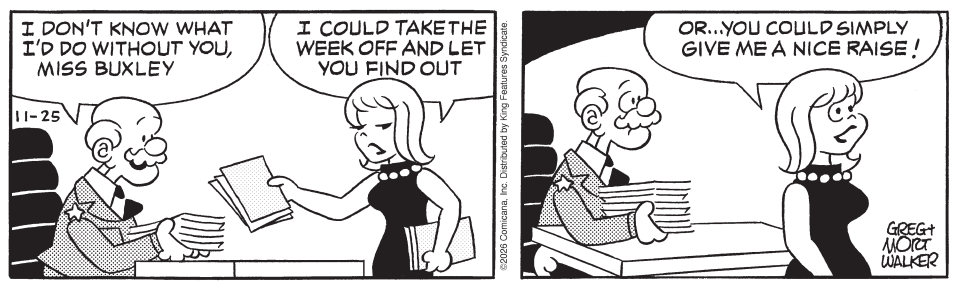
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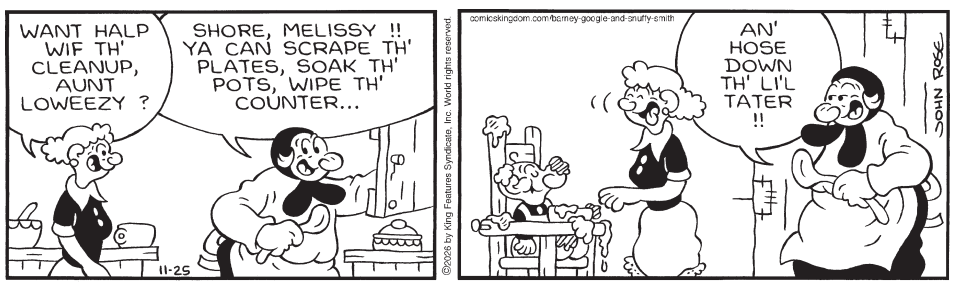
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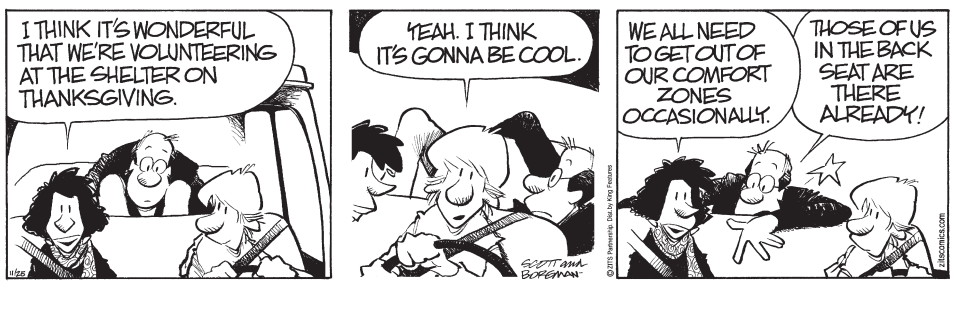
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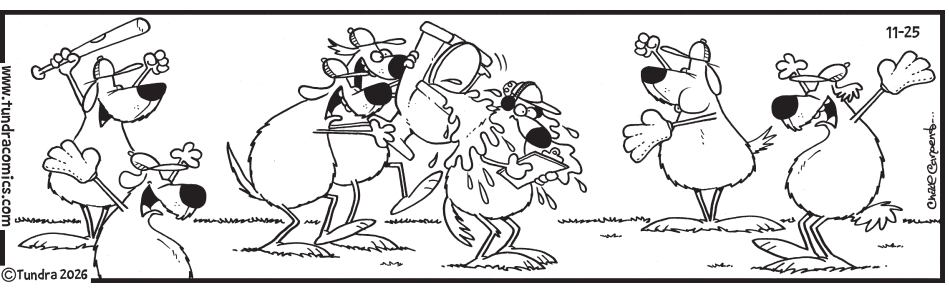
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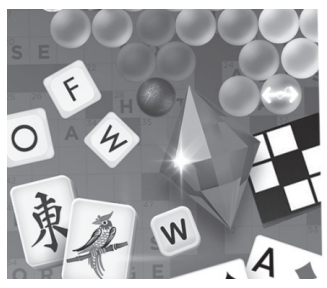


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Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Cook's herb
6 Cook's herb
10 Make blank
11 Justice Sotomayor
12 Really excited
13 Washington's successor
14 Gift-wrapping need
15 Beautiful boy
16 Marrying words
17 Stick out
18 DDE's WWII command
19 Cook's herb
22 Shortly
23 Meal starter
26 Cook's herb
29 Cloth scrap
32 Gift from Santa
33 Craggy hill
34 Asimov classic
36 Parcel (out)
37 Very serious
38 Edible mushroom
39 Radiates
40 Map collection
41 Cook's herb
42 Cook's herb

DOWN
1 "Scram!"
2 Fleets
3 1972 Winter Games setting
4 "Understood"
5 Was a pioneer
6 Extinct bird
7 Laughable
8 Constraint
9 Ranch rope
11 "Regrettably..."
15 Summer mo.
17 Mop wielders
20 Bird of myth
21 French refusal
24 Altogether
25 League member
27 Auction buy
28 Threat phrase
29 Gets up
30 Kitchen come-on
31 Shoot for the stars
35 — noire
36 Flame flutterer
38 Yoga need



Yesterday's answer

BASES■CITED
ADULT■ALONE
BOILERPLATE
ART■EYE■SAP
RESOLES■TIE
■■■XES■GELS
LOWER■MIDST
OVEN■REV■■■
VEE■DEMEANS
ARK■ONO■WOE
BREASTPLATE
LANCE■AIRED
ENDED■DEEDS

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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Fine-tuned defense

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ K 6 2
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ 10 7 5 4

WEST
♠ J 9 6 3 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 2
♣ K Q 9 6

EAST
♠ K Q 10 4
♥ J 9 5
♦ A 4
♣ A J 8 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ K Q J 9 8 5
♣ 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 NT	2 ♦	2 ♠	3 ♦
3 ♠	4 ♦	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♦	Dble	

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Defensive play requires complete and unswerving attention at all times. Lapses of concentration are a prescription for disaster.

Take this case from a pairs contest. At several tables, North-South wound up in five diamonds doubled after East-West had reached four spades (which would have gone down one). West invariably led the king of clubs, after which the defensive efforts diverged.

At one table, East signaled with the eight of clubs, and West continued with a low club, ruffed by South. Declarer drove out the ace of diamonds, won the spade shift with the ace, drew the missing trump and ran four hearts, discarding a spade from dummy to make the contract.

At another table, the defenders got a step closer to setting the contract. Here, East wisely played the deuce of clubs at trick one, asking his partner to switch to another suit, and West shifted to the three of spades, taken by dummy's ace.

This put the defenders in position to collect two more tricks, but East fell from grace when declarer next led a diamond from dummy and East followed low. South then played four rounds of hearts, discarding dummy's spade. East could take the diamond ace then or later, but that was the only trick he got.

At a third table, the defense functioned perfectly. East also played the club deuce at trick one and West shifted to a spade. South took dummy's ace and led a diamond, but East rose with the ace and cashed the king of spades for down one.

Observe that once West shifted to the three of spades, the winning defense was easy to find. Since West could not have more than five spades — the three was fourth-best — East knew declarer had a second spade. To cater to the possibility that South had the A-Q-x-x of hearts, East made sure to take the first diamond and cash a spade before the setting trick disappeared.

Tomorrow: The science of evasion.

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Word Sleuth

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ANTLERS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: MAINE'S LARGEST CITY

Bar Harbor	Camden	Ellsworth	Rockport
Bath	Castine	Harpswell	Saco
Belfast	Cutler	Kittery	Wells
Brunswick	Eastport	Rockland	

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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.

11-25 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

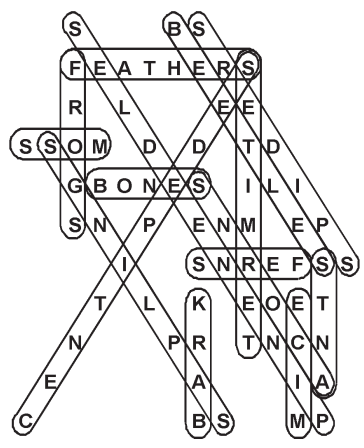
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— E G D M S L G C

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOMETIMES THE SMALLEST THINGS TAKE UP THE MOST ROOM IN YOUR HEART. — A.A. MILNE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

FOUND ON THE FOREST FLOOR



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2026:

You're efficient, even a perfectionist. You're also public spirited, progressive and perceptive. This year is about new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be ready to take action. Define your goals. What you do now will bring great benefits in the future.

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)
★★★★ Be careful because this is an accident-prone day. Nevertheless, it's also a friendly, upbeat day. You will find joy relating to kids as well as social occasions and romance. Likewise, relations with partners, spouses and close friends are warm and supportive today. Tonight: Affectionate discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions to avoid loss, theft or damage. Something unexpected might impact them. Double-check your bank accounts. Resist impulse buying. On the upside, you might attract money to you. (Perhaps buy a little gift for someone special.) Tonight: Check your money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ This is a romantic day, and this evening is the perfect time for a date. The Moon is in your sign dancing with Venus, which is in the most romantic part of your chart. Make an effort to see someone. Sports events and fun times with kids will also be a treat. (A partner might surprise you.) Tonight: You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Secret love affairs might be taking place today. Meanwhile, this is the perfect day to hide at home and relax with your favorite snack. (I never met a carb I didn't like.) However, something to do with your work, your health or even a pet might interrupt your day. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the gift of gab today! Enjoy a surprise invitation that might come your way. Socializing, fun activities with kids and romance will be experiences that get a sudden, unexpected twist. Social plans might suddenly change. Guard against sports accidents. Tonight: Be friendly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You make a great impression on everyone today -- and people will notice. You also might see ways to attract money to you or to boost your income. Meanwhile, relations with a parent or a family figure might be contentious or surprising in some way. Oops. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. However, it's also a great day to travel. Romance with someone "different" might begin. Enjoy schmoozing with groups and organizations today. Tonight: Explore and learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today; something unexpected might impact them. You don't want to lose something or have it damaged or stolen. Meanwhile, a passionate flirtation might secretly take place. It is a great day for romance! Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Today the Sun is in your sign at odds with wild, wacky Uranus, which might affect your closest relationships. Someone (perhaps you) might do something radically different or surprise the other one in some way. You might choose today to speak up. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You make an excellent impression on others today. In fact, some of you might begin a flirtation or a romantic relationship with a boss or someone in authority. Meanwhile, work-related travel is likely. Look for ways to attract money and favors through your work. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Travel for pleasure will delight you today. In fact, a romantic connection might lead to travel or discovering new ideas and seeing new places. (This will excite you.) Meanwhile, a friend or a group might interrupt a social occasion or something to do with your kids. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ This is a romantic day beautifully suited to special meetings and get-togethers. You might do something to expand your work scene, especially if you work at home. However, it's a dicey day for dealing with authority figures. Fortunately, financial matters will go well. Tonight: An interesting conversation.

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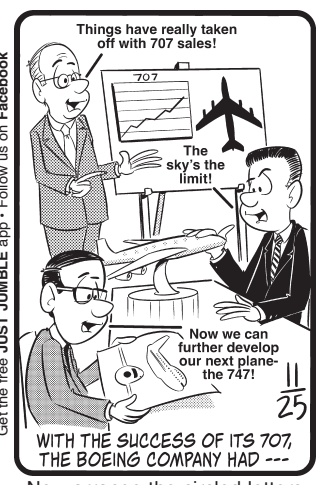
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SIGHT WOULD BUMMER BREACH
Answer: The teacher caught the student with bubble gum in class and — CHEWED HIM OUT