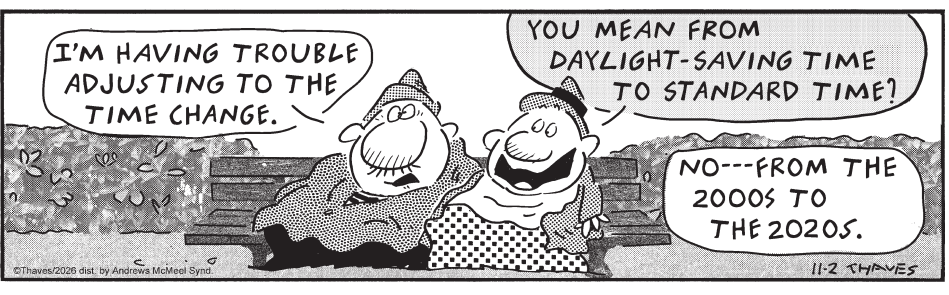
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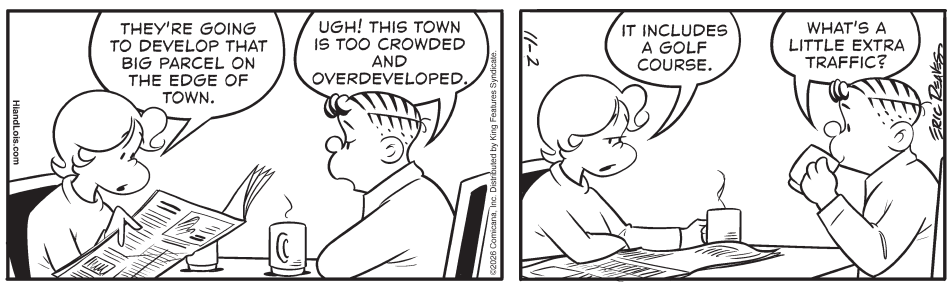
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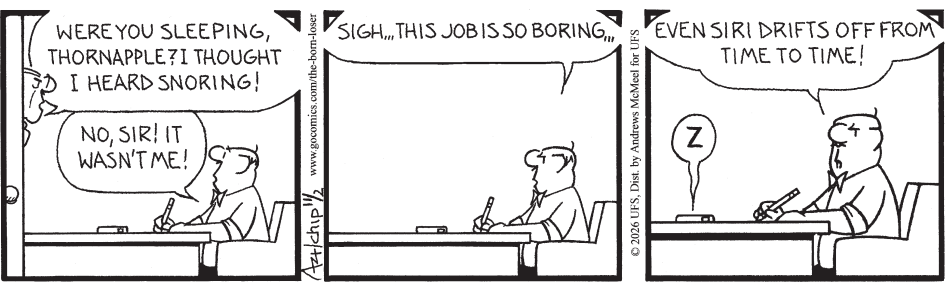
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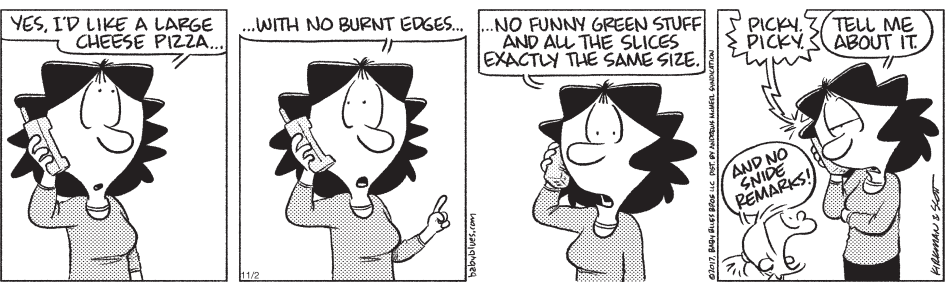
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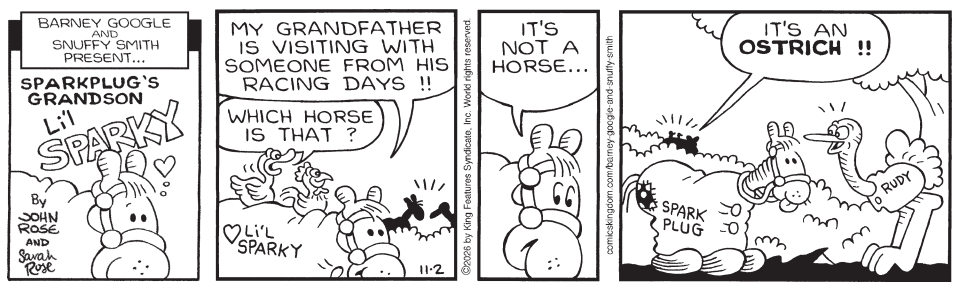
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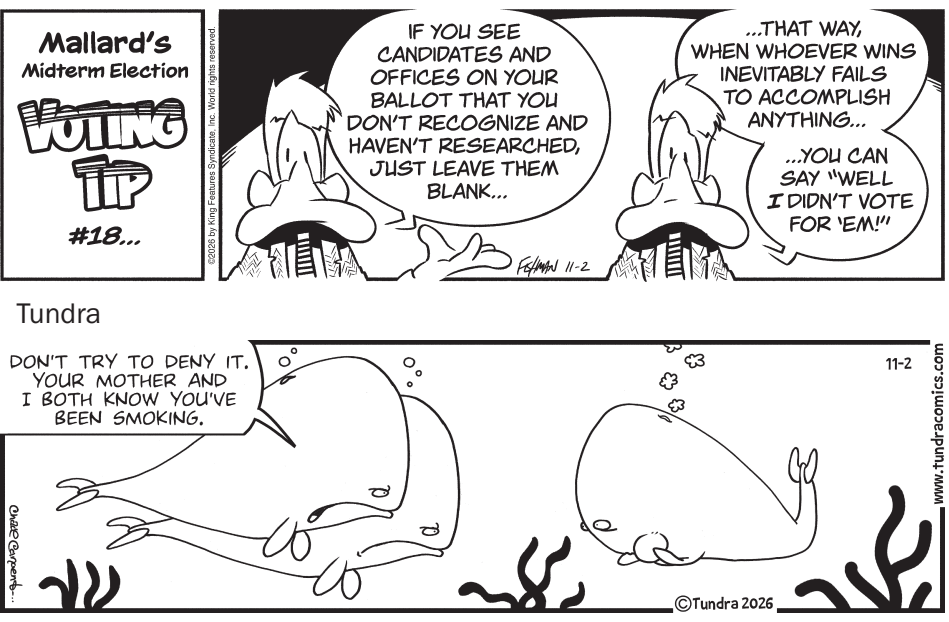
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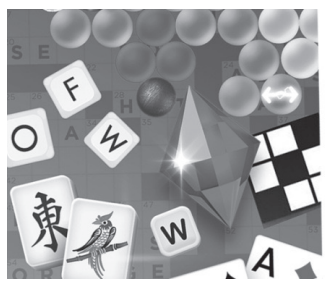
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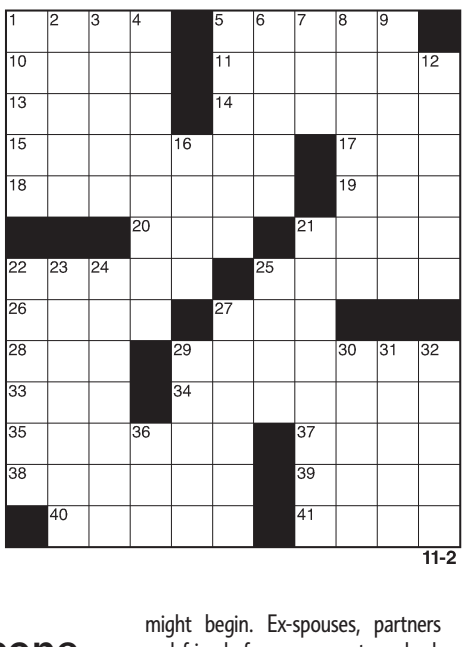
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Commotions
5 Anticipate
10 Mouth-wash flavor
11 Slow musical passages
13 "Give — me straight"
14 Place for a mani-pedi
15 Desk accessory
17 Spring mo.
18 Grain bins
19 Pants part
20 Snaky shape
21 Royal address
22 Practices for a bout
25 Game with rooks
26 Running pros
27 Pigeon sound
28 LP speed unit
29 Police, in slang
33 Hoppy pint, for short
34 Having a knack for
35 Prof protector
37 Move carefully
38 Pencil end
39 Solemn act
40 Sings like Ella
41 Open-handed hit

DOWN
1 Barn-raising sect
2 "The same"
3 Like draft beer
4 Plugs
5 Birch shrubs
6 Has on
7 Some amount of
8 "Not true!"
9 Hats or caps
12 Platoon leaders
16 Reduced amount
21 Mall masses
22 Fairy
23 Fried jalapeño snacks
24 Fact book
25 Make do
27 App creators
29 Insertion sign
30 Online business
31 Dread-locks wearer
32 Exorbitant
36 Much of N. Amer.

G	A	L	O	R	E	■	C	A	D	S
A	R	A	R	A	T	■	A	L	O	T
Z	O	M	B	I	E	■	M	A	N	O
E	M	A	I	L	■	D	E	M	O	N
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■	■	■	A	C	H	E	■	D	A	D
■	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N	■
R	E	N	■	A	S	S	N	■	■	■
O	L	D	E	S	T	■	R	A	P	T
W	I	T	C	H	■	N	O	T	R	E
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N	O	E	L	■	A	T	E	A	S	E
A	N	N	E	■	B	I	S	S	E	T

Saturday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 7
♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ Q 8 6
♣ K Q 2

WEST
♠ —
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ A 5 4 3
♣ A 7 6 5 4

EAST
♠ 9 8 4 2
♥ A J 7
♦ 9
♣ J 10 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 6 5 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 10 7 2
♣ —

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal occurred in a match between Italy and France in 1969. The French lost 1,370 points on the deal, and this is how it came about.

At the first table, with Italy North-South, Giorgio Belladonna opened one diamond in accordance with the Canape principle of bidding the shorter suit first. Henri Svarc could not double for takeout because of his void in spades, so he overcalled with one heart. After Walter Avarelli bid one notrump, East, Jean-Michel Boulenger, raised to two hearts. Belladonna then bid three spades, raised by Avarelli to four.

West led the king of hearts, overtaken by East with the ace. The spectators thought Boulenger had made this play in order to shift to his singleton diamond — a move that would have defeated the contract two tricks — but instead he continued with the jack and another heart. As a result, Belladonna made four spades and scored 620 points.

At the second table, with a French pair now North-South, the bidding went:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Dbl
Redble	2 ♣	2 ♦	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	5 ♣
Dble			

Here South opened the bidding with a spade, one effect of which was that the Italian West was now able to double comfortably for takeout, since he had excellent support for the other three suits.

West eventually bid five clubs, doubled by North, and the Italian declarer lost only two tricks — the K-Q of trump. So the unfortunate French team lost another 750 points at this table. C'est la guerre!

Tomorrow: The worst-case scenario.

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Word Sleuth

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: CANDLE

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

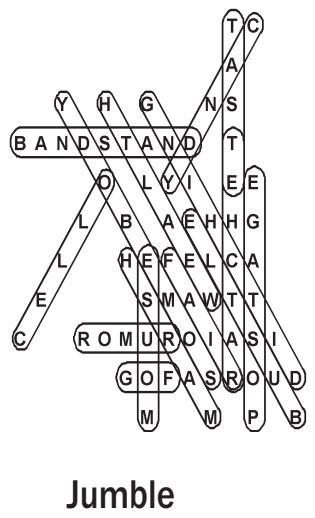
Almonds	Chicken	Okra	Pine nuts
Carrots	Coffee beans	Pecans	Potatoes
Cashews	Duck	Peppers	Tomatoes
Chestnuts	Garlic	Pig	

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

REPLACE FIRST LETTER WITH AN "H" TO MAKE A NEW WORD



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Nov. 2, 2026:

You are genuine, good-natured and logical. You like to promote the welfare of others. Expect exciting changes and increased personal freedom this year. Learn to be more flexible and to let go of whatever holds you back. Seek new opportunities. Expect to meet new friends and travel more. 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)
★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze and socialize with others. Sports events and fun activities with children will also appeal. Romance is definitely energized! Some people will encounter new love. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ This is a feel-good day, particularly at home (even though there is increased activity and chaos on the homefront). Relations with co-workers are positive. In fact, for some of you, a work-related romance might begin. Ex-spouses, partners and friends from your past are back on the scene. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ This is a wonderful day for you, which is why you feel energetic, intellectually alive and eager to talk to others. You want to share your ideas, especially with a romantic interest -- if you can swing this. Be patient with silly mistakes at work. Tonight: Schmooze!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ This is a great day for financial negotiations if you can avoid the Moon Alert. In particular, you might be pleased with purchases made for your home, especially to make your home more attractive. Possibly, you'll buy something you've had your eye on for some time. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ This is a winning day for you because the Moon is dancing with fiery Mars and lucky Jupiter in your own sign, as well as winking at fair Venus. This makes you flirtatious, happy, convivial and ready to enjoy the company of others. Romance is blessed. It's a great day to entertain! Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ This is a feel-good day. Something going on behind the scenes will give you a warm feeling in your tummy. Perhaps you're expecting money or something to come through for you. (It looks like it will.) You'll be pleased with purchases you make today, as long as you avoid the Moon Alert. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself, as long as you can avoid the Moon Alert. It's also a great day to schmooze! Enjoy the company of friends as well as groups. You might be involved in something competitive. Romance is blessed! Tonight: Be friendly!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ It doesn't get much better than this. The Sun and Mercury are in your sign while the Moon, Mars and Jupiter are lined up at the top of your chart. This makes you powerful, charismatic and diplomatically ambitious. Go after what you want today, but be aware of the Moon Alert. Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Be confident about exploring opportunities to travel as well as avenues related to medicine, the law, higher education and publishing. These are all areas that will favor you today! A friendship might turn romantic and surprise you. Tonight: Explore and learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Financial negotiations will favor you today, along with discussions about how to divide or share something like an inheritance, even a debt. You also might get a boss, parent or someone in authority to endorse your side. Hey, whatever works. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ This is a fabulous day to schmooze because people want to see you. Ongoing relations with spouses, partners and close friends are excellent. Travel plans will appeal. Possibly, a long-distance romance or someone from your past will reappear to ignite something exciting. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A work-related romance might begin for many of you today. Certainly, you feel affectionate and passionate. You also might have a strong desire to "get away from all this" and do something different. You want change and adventure! Tonight: Get better organized.

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.

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L J A I G S I B U Y O U Q T T I I G T F J G I

F E I L J B O U Q J X F E I Q I U B .

— I G D Y Q V D R C D L T J L

Saturday's Cryptoquote: WAS DECIDING IF I SHOULD DRESS AS BATMAN OR SPIDER-MAN FOR HALLOWEEN, WHEN I REALIZED I'M A GROWN MAN. SO, BATMAN. — STEPHEN COLBERT

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GLOAT WHOLE AFFIRM FUTURE
Answer: After eating so much candy, the scary-looking trick-or-treaters were — "FRIGHT-FULL"