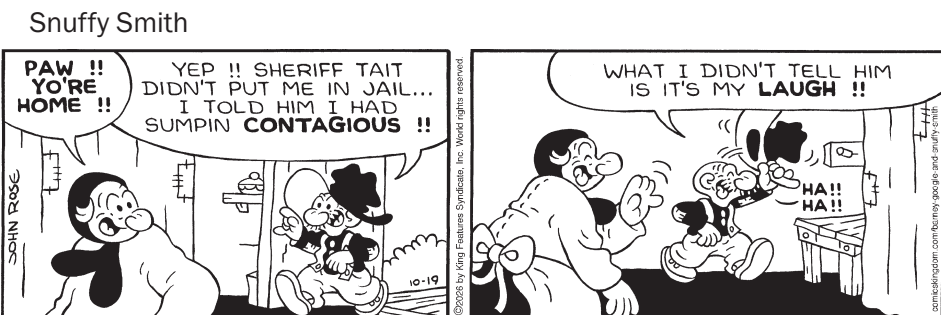
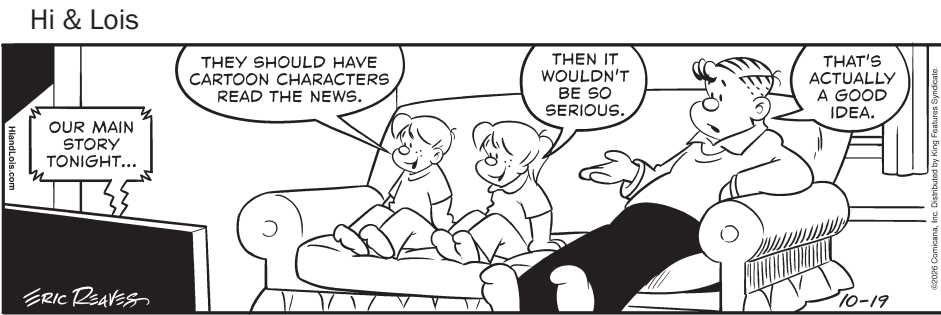
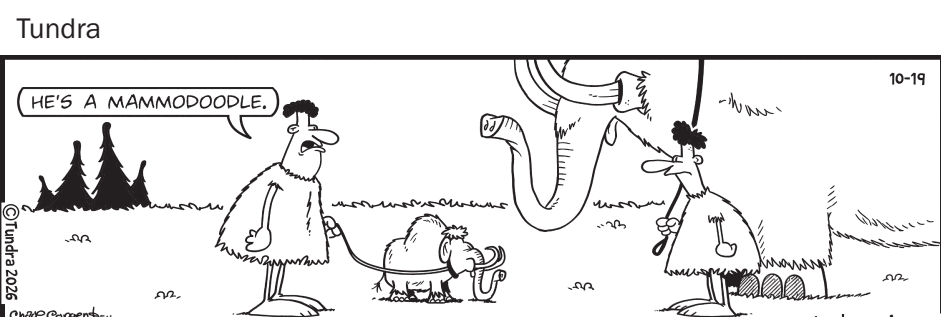
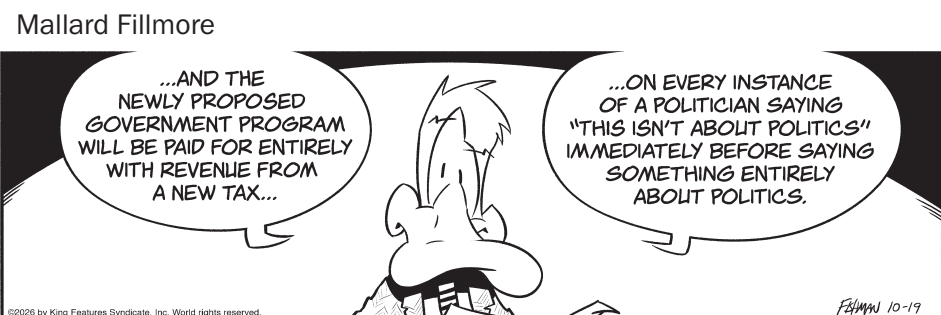




Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

Bridge – By Steven Becker

Word Sleuth

MEMO TAMP S
AXONS APORT
MADEA RETIE
ACE PGA ICE
STRIPESLED
ANNOTATES
ARENA
INNOVATES
OBOE ELEVEN
VET ANY EDU
ARIEL STRAD
LIFTS TASTE
SAYSO GOES

Saturday's answer

ACROSS

1 Casual eatery

5 "Very funny!"

9 Like a green-house

10 Make suitable

12 Give a speech

13 Gets some shut-eye

14 Taking it easy

16 "— little teapot ..."

17 School near Windsor

18 Comic Gilda

21 Hankering

22 Libel

23 Labyrinths

24 Like "Hamlet"

26 Relaxing resort

29 Au — potatoes

30 Yemen neighbor

31 Designer Claiborne

32 Looking intently

34 Sheep-like

37 Valleys

38 Cellar stock

39 Resided

40 Gets older

41 Pertness

DOWN

1 Do a museum job

2 Brazilian river

3 Conform

4 Genesis garden

5 Owned

6 Commotion

7 Initiation ordeal

8 Early hominids

9 Like colanders

11 Nicholas II, for one

15 Pasture activity

19 Guinness of film

20 Slight, in slang

22 Christmas travelers

23 Small rug

24 Quiz show fodder

25 Tearing down

26 Shows pleasure

27 Comic strip make-up

28 Uneasy feeling

29 Radiance

30 Maestro

33 Totals

35 Maiden name label

36 Snaky shape

Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ K 10 8 4
♣ Q J 4 3

WEST

♠ A Q
♥ Q 9 7 5 4 3
♦ J 7
♣ 7 5 2

EAST

♠ K 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ K J
♦ 5
♣ 10 9 6

SOUTH

♠ 8 7
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 9 6 3 2
♣ A K 8

The bidding:

North Pass 3 ♣
East Pass 4 ♣
South Dble 5 ♣
West Pass

Opening lead — ace of spades.

An unheralded team from Russia defeated a highly favored United States team in a 96-deal match to win the 2004 World Women's Bridge Olympiad. Throughout the course of the event, the Russians — Olga Galaktionova, Victoria Gromova, Natalia Karpenko, Maria Lebedeva, Tatiana Ponomareva and Irina Vasilkova — established a pattern in their matches of falling behind early and then storming back to win.

It was no different in the final.

Tomorrow: A matter of probabilities.

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WORD SLEUTH • — DOUGH

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: MAYO

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

Monday's unlisted clue hint: DOUGH WITH A TWIST

Biscuit
Choux pastry
Croissant
Danish

Dumpling
Egg pasta
Enriched
Puff pastry
Filo

Flatbread
Lean
Puff pastry
Scone

Semolina
Shortcrust
Sour

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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.

10-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

V Q H J E H W A P K Q R I H Q X A P D O Z

O Q A C S A J E A X E N V Q Y G V Y N E W A

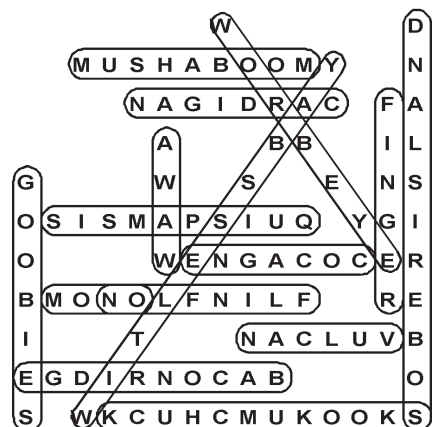
S H T T V W Z A . — A Z V B K W A E N

Y A H P Y A T S A K P A

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE FLAME-RED MOON, THE HARVEST MOON, ROLLS ALONG THE HILLS, GENTLY BOUNCING, A VAST BALLOON. — TED HUGHES

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN CANADA



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Oct. 19, 2026:

You're independent, free-spirited and complex. You appreciate beauty in simple things. You're a fearless peace-lover. This year your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle! Nurture the happiness and beauty you have within. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Have fun but remember 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)
★★★★ Very likely, you'll find that friends and members of groups have strong opinions today. Nevertheless, listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced. Unpredictable events might occur today, and their advice could be practical. Stay light on your feet! Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Today don't contradict authority figures today -- parents, bosses, VIPs or the police -- because people will be pushy. Keep an eye on your bank account and anything to do with earnings and your possessions, because

something unexpected could impact them. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ This is a powerful day! You have strong opinions about politics, religion, racial issues and travel, as well as medical and legal matters. With the help of a friend, you will speak with authority because you've done your research. Travel plans might suddenly change today. Tonight: Explore ideas!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Double-check banking details and anything to do with loans, mortgages, shared property, inheritances and taxes, because something unexpected might arise. People will have heated feelings about whatever occurs. Fortunately, someone with authority will prevail with practical ideas. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A heated discussion with a partner or close friend might take place today, because people have strong opinions. Meanwhile, a friend or a member of a group might throw you a curveball. With Mars in your sign, you're not going to sit back and take anything that comes your way. You will react! Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Strong discussions about your health, a pet or something related to your job might take place today. Financial and practical support is there for you; however, someone in authority might surprise you. They might be forthcoming, or they might put the brakes on your plans. Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today to avoid accidents with their kids. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change today. You also might entertain someone older or more experienced out of social obligation. (With the Sun in your sign, you're strong and composed.) Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your home routine might be interrupted today. Be smart and stock the fridge. People are happier with food in front of them. You might be more involved with an older family member. Support or lack of it from another source might be a surprise. Stay chill. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day for you. Think before you speak. You might have increased responsibilities with children. On the upside, you also

might have some clever and brilliant ideas. (One can only hope.) Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today because something unexpected could impact them. This might even apply to your job. On the upside, someone older or more experienced might give you helpful advice. Old friends and prior contacts with groups are back. Tonight: Check your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign giving you lots of energy because it is supported by stern Saturn. You will work diligently to achieve what you want to do. However, social plans might suddenly change. Parents should know this could be an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant! Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ This is a restless day for you. You have that feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Meanwhile, past opportunities related to publishing, higher education and travel might resurface in your life for some reason. It could even be a romantic interest with someone afar or from another culture. (Most curious.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

JUMBLE

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

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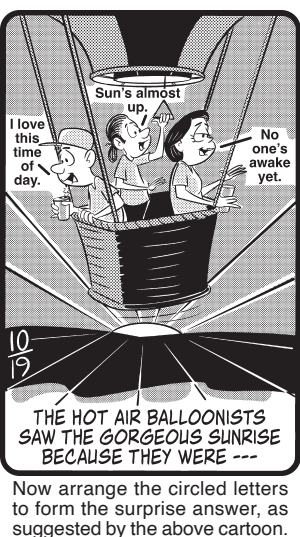
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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)

Jumbles: TALLY PUPIL BUSHEL NUGGET
Answer: King Kong tried out for the Yankees but was too large for the — BIG LEAGUES