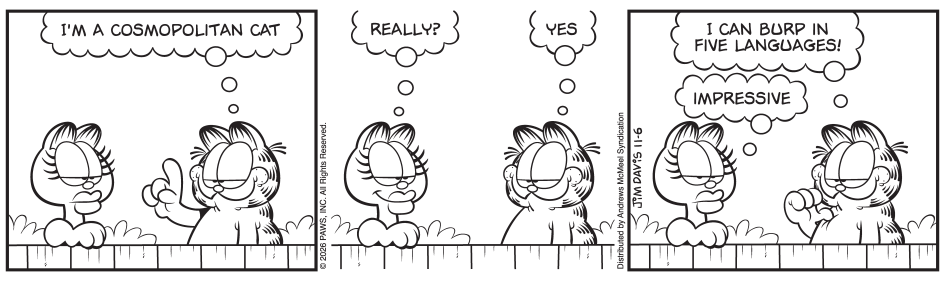
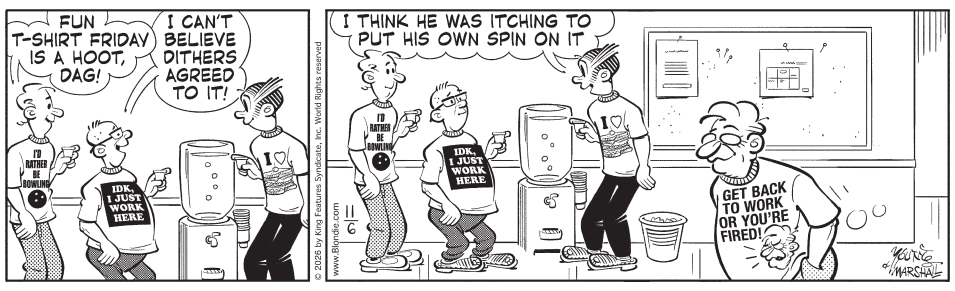
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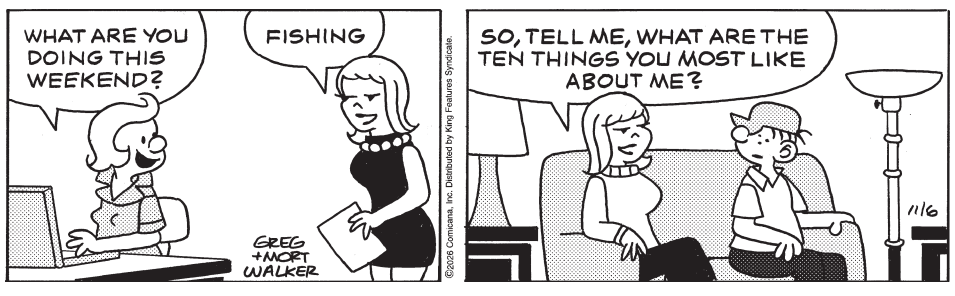
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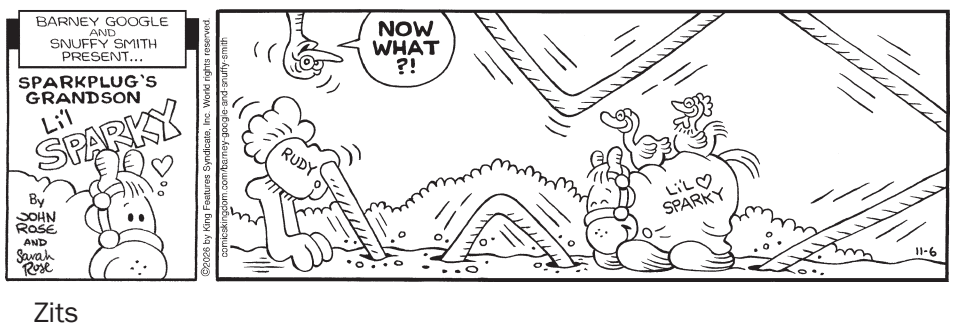
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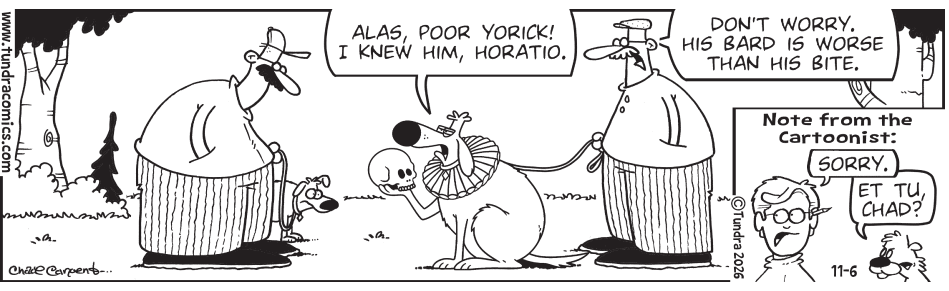
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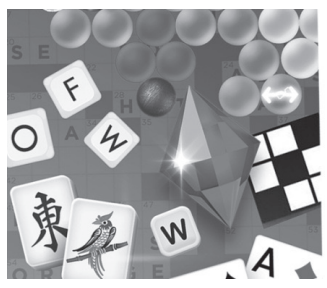


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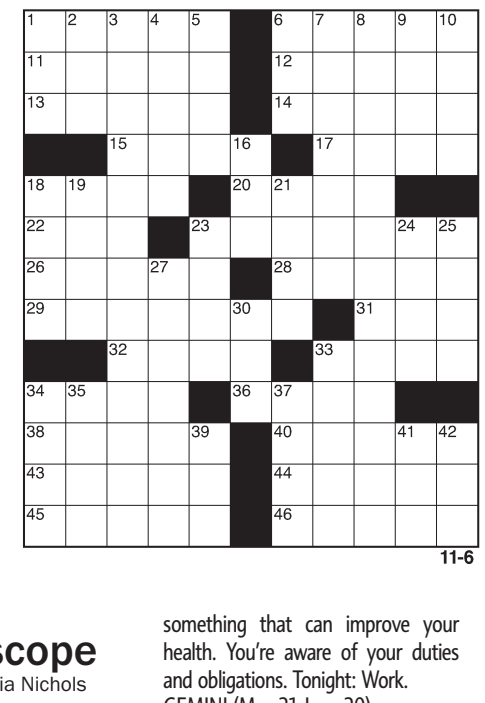
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

ACROSS
1 Ready to swing
6 Owed amounts
11 Madame Curie
12 Skylit lobbies
13 Printer's need
14 Microwave sounds
15 Utah ski resort
17 Reckless
18 Tour de France vehicle
20 Weasel relative
22 Print measures
23 "Guernica" painter
26 Contest form
28 John of music
29 Casual tops
31 Rhythmic sound
32 Adam's grandson
33 Soccer's "Black Pearl"
34 Mansion part
36 Drawer feature
38 "Hello" singer
40 Give an address
43 Home of some alligators
44 Bolshevik leader
45 Briskness
46 Invited

DOWN
1 Band blaster
2 Black goo
3 Informs of recent events
4 Usher's place
5 Final, for one
6 Bit of ointment
7 Unending
8 Wins big at a casino
9 Waiting rewards
10 Window part
16 Bordeaux buddy
18 Borscht veggie
19 Hostels
21 Chilled desserts
23 Firebug
24 Music genre
25 "My treat!"
27 Lock of hair
30 Chiding sound
33 Skin openings
34 Scrub
35 Concept
37 The Big Easy, informally
39 Before, in poems
41 Bind
42 Purpose

M	A	S	T	■	A	T	H	E	N	S
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Yesterday's answer



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Bridge – By Steven Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	?		

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠J2 ♥84 ♦AQ95 ♣KJ963
2. ♠Q95 ♥J104 ♦8 ♣AK9854
3. ♠KJ4 ♥AJ6 ♦10763 ♣Q85
4. ♠J7 ♥AQ962 ♦QJ843 ♣7

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1. Three diamonds. Many of the hard-and-fast principles that govern responses to an opening bid do not apply after a player has passed originally. Thus, while a two-club response to one diamond would be unconditionally forcing without a previous pass, the same response would not be forcing after your initial pass.

The reason is obvious. The opener is frequently in a position to judge that game is virtually impossible once partner has passed. Therefore, if opener has minimal values, he might elect to pass what would normally be regarded as a forcing bid by an unpassed hand.

The recommended jump to three diamonds shows good trump support and values just short of an opening bid. It urges but does not command partner to bid again.

2. Two clubs. There is some temptation to respond three clubs to show your near-opening-bid values, but it is better to proceed slowly in hands where a trump fit is not yet established. Two clubs promises at least 10 points — passed hand or not — and is therefore a constructive response.

3. Two notrump. Ordinarily, two notrump would promise a balanced hand of 13 to 15 points and be forcing to game, but after an initial pass, the range is 11 or 12. Opener is thus free to pass whenever his hand indicates that that would be the wisest thing to do.

4. Two hearts. Most hands change in value as the bidding progresses. Not many players would regard this hand as worth an opening bid, but once partner opens with one diamond, the hand increases greatly in value and assumes the stature of an opening bid.

The best way to describe such values is by a jump-shift indicating a strong suit and at the same time implying a fit for opener's suit. Partner is thus warned that if he passes two hearts — which he may do in an extremely rare case — he is running the risk of losing a game in either hearts or diamonds.

Tomorrow: A delectable concoction.

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Word Sleuth

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

Thursday's unlisted clue: ARROWHEAD

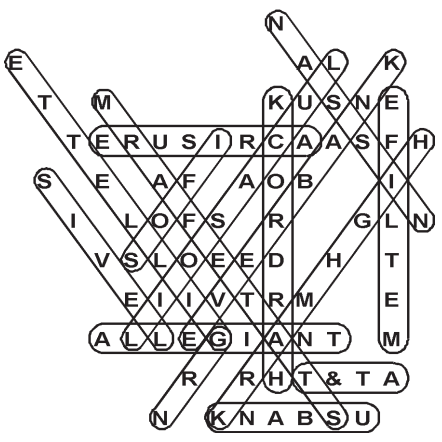
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: A BLUEGRASS BAND STAPLE

Balalaika	Cello	Harp	Ukulele
Bass	Dulcimer	Lute	Veena
Biwa	Fiddle	Mandolin	Viola
Bouzouki	Guitar	Shamisen	

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

— STADIUM: NFL VENUES



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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K F J M Z E X L F J K N C E O E O F

I J K K F B R , J Z L E O F O C K K R

N C K K E J Y F U J M F X G

E O F T R F K I F R . — U X P Z E H J R C F

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE WORLD IS FULL OF MAGIC THINGS, PATIENTLY WAITING FOR OUR SENSES TO GROW SHARPER. — W.B. YEATS

Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Friday, Nov. 6, 2026:

You're a dynamic thinker who is practical and levelheaded. You make things happen because you stay on course. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning.

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 you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others; compromise is your best choice. Fortunately, this will be easy to do, because with Venus opposite your sign, relations are easy today! This is a good day to make peace. Tonight: Be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Discussing agreements openly and exploring relationships with co-workers might be productive today. Your focus is on practicality. You also might be interested in doing something that can improve your health. You're aware of your duties and obligations. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze and socialize, especially with children. You'll enjoy fun times, games and playful activities. Romance is also favored today. Your focus is on amusement, creative expression and enjoying yourself! Simple as that. Tonight: Socialize!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ If you can, try to spend some quiet hours at home among familiar surroundings. Relations with a parent might be prominent today. You also might enjoy redecorating, because your focus is on home, family and your private life. Tonight: Relax at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You're eager to talk to others today. There's something you want to say. The trick is to find someone who is willing to genuinely listen, and not just be waiting for their turn to share their stories. You also might discover how much affection there is in your daily world. Tonight: Discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Financial issues will flow easily today. It might be an easy day for you to borrow money. It also might be a good day to invest money. You will tend to attract money and wealth to you today. Double-check all contracts and agreements because of Mercury retrograde. Tonight: Check your assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ The Moon is in your sign today, which can make you a bit more emotional than usual. However, it can also slightly improve your good luck over that of all the other signs, which means today is the day to act. Why not ask the universe for a favor? Tonight: You're in charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Solitude will please you today. You need some time to pull your act together before you take it on the road. Some of you also might have to care for someone else today. Fortunately, you're willing to help others unselfishly, which is an admirable thing. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Today is an excellent day for schmoozing with friends and being involved in group activities, because it's easy to feel loving and affection with others. You also might want to bounce your ideas about future goals off someone to get their feedback. It might be helpful. Tonight: Be friendly!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Today you're high-viz, which means people notice you more than usual. In fact, some people will know personal details about your private life. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. A new romance with someone of an age difference might begin. Tonight: Be modest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Some of you might be able to travel today and explore new ideas and see new places. If you can't get outta Dodge, then check out art exhibits, galleries, museums, concerts or anything that will offer you delightful stimulation and an appreciation of the arts. New love with someone different might begin. Tonight: Learn something new!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ This is a passionate and affectionate day for romance. New connections that begin today will be intense and memorable. Something might occur that allows you to see the deeper elements of what's going on in a relationship. You might have that Eureka moment. "Ah ha!" Tonight: Check banking details.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SALSA UDDER SENTRY UPHELD
Answer: Even without a tuxedo, the porcupine was — SHARPLY DRESSED