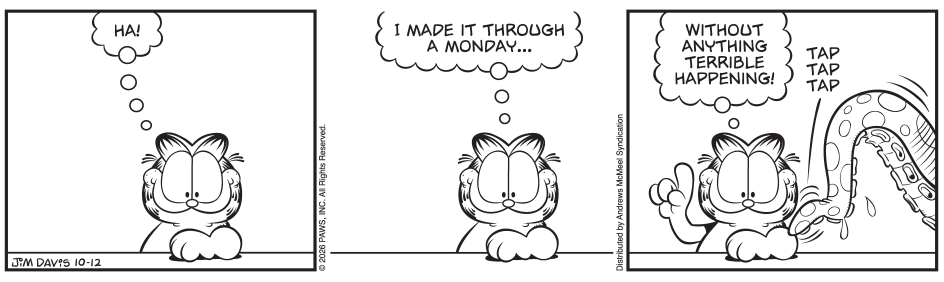
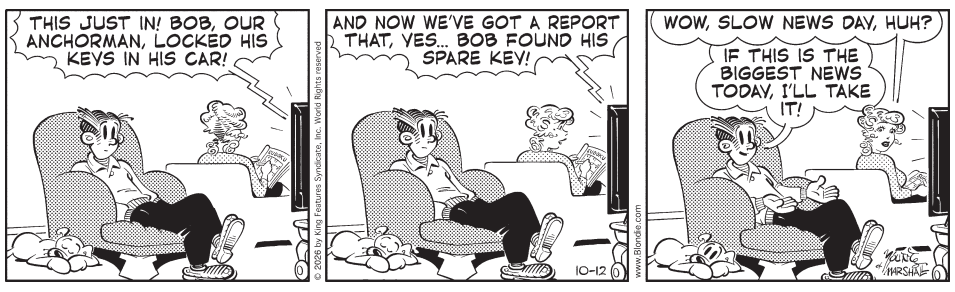
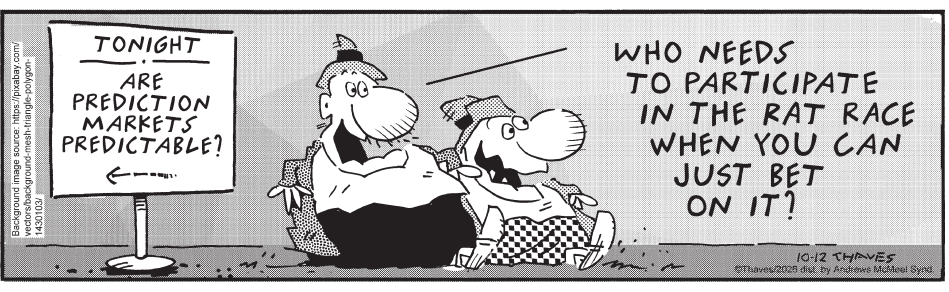
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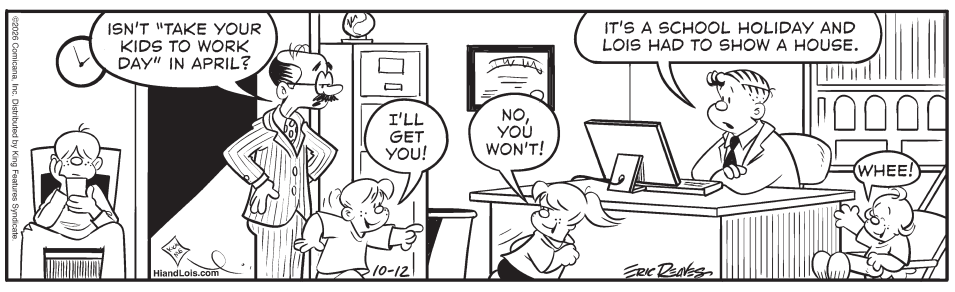
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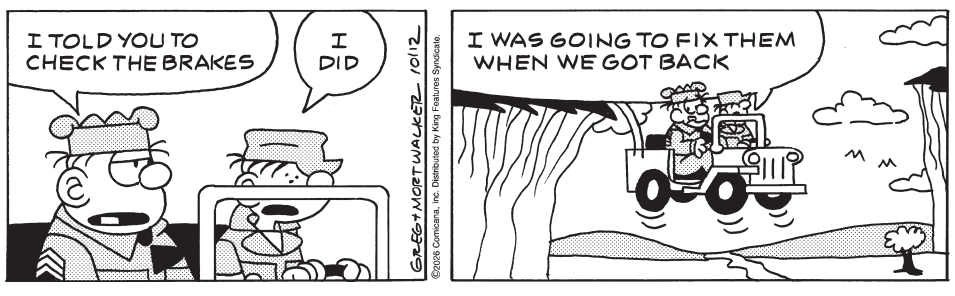
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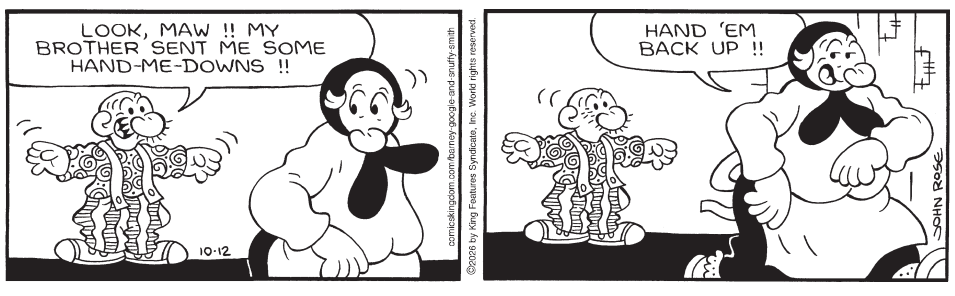
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Baby Blues



Snuffy Smith



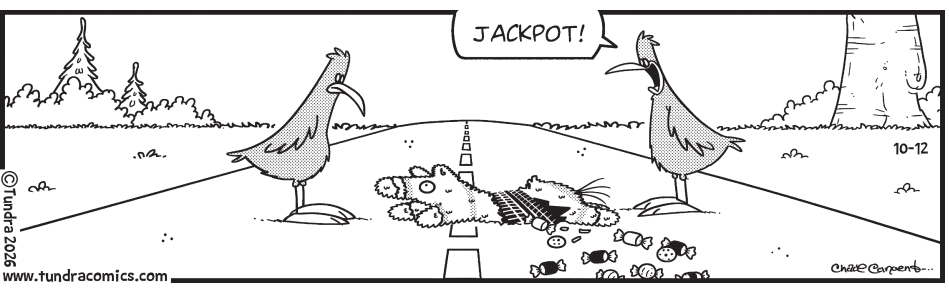
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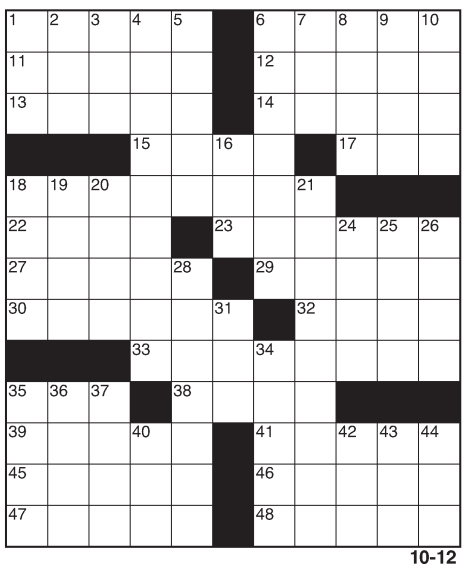
Crossword – By Thomas Joseph

S	C	U	B	A	■	J	A	P	E	S
L	O	G	O	S	■	A	P	O	R	T
A	P	A	R	T	■	M	E	T	R	O
N	I	N	E	R	S	■	■	P	A	R
T	E	D	■	O	P	A	L	I	N	E
S	R	A	■	L	I	S	T	E	D	■
■	■	■	D	O	N	T	S	■	■	■
■	G	E	I	G	E	R	■	M	I	C
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A	L	I	■	■	S	N	A	R	E	D
R	O	L	E	S	■	O	L	I	V	E
P	R	O	V	O	■	M	O	N	E	T
S	E	G	A	L	■	Y	E	A	R	S

Saturday's answer

ACROSS
1 DEA agents
6 Pesto herb
11 Hawaiian greeting
12 Rust, for example
13 Piper of rhyme
14 Inert gas
15 Puts into words
17 Overhead trains
18 Listing of priors
22 Crocus cousin
23 Parade site
27 Basic belief
29 Hayek of "Frida"
30 Spring holiday
32 "What — now?"
33 Japanese farewell
35 Phone download
38 Aegean and Ionian, for two
39 Bartlett's snippet
41 "We R Who We R" singer
45 Sports surprise
46 Old anesthetic
47 Fire remnants
48 "Bye Bye Bye" boy band

DOWN
1 Catch some z's
2 Tavern drink
3 Go bad
4 They include pawns and rooks
5 Singer McLachlan
6 Some music collections
7 Log chopper
8 Trig function
9 Revered star
10 Eye part
16 "You bet!"
18 Solemn act
19 Geometry calculation
20 Sewing aids
21 They use small tracks
24 "Frozen" queen
25 Mideast ruler
26 "Toodle-oo!"
28 China collections
31 Deli bread
34 Like the old bucket
35 Blue hue
36 Young dogs
37 Swanky
40 Player's peg
42 Bashful
43 Egg layer
44 Pendulum path



10-12

Bridge – By Steven Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ K
♥ Q 10 9 5
♦ K Q 10 9 8 7 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 5 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ K 10 9

SOUTH
♠ 3 2
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ —
♣ J 8 7 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dble	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Dble	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	Dble	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This deal occurred during the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the round-robin match between Brazil and Poland, which went on to win the title.

The Polish declarer, Tomasz Przybora, got to six clubs doubled as shown. It might seem that he should have lost a club and a heart to go down one, but he managed the play brilliantly and wound up making the slam.

The Brazilian West led the king of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Przybora then finessed the queen of clubs, losing to the king. East returned a heart, West's nine forcing dummy's ace.

Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade, and then played the ace of spades, on which West produced the king. Analyzing the situation perfectly, Pryzbora continued with the jack of spades and discarded a heart after East followed low. (The outcome would have been the same had East covered the jack with the queen.)

Next came the club ace, followed by a spade ruff and two further rounds of trump, producing this deadly position:

North
♥ K 7
♦ J

West ♥ Q 10 ♦ Q
East Immaterial
South ♥ J 8 ♣ 8

When Przybora now led the club eight, West found himself at the end of his rope. If he parted with a diamond, dummy would discard a heart, and if he parted with a heart, dummy would discard a diamond. Either way, declarer could not be stopped from scoring the last three tricks and the slam.

Tomorrow: Bridge on a high level.

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Word Sleuth

WORD SLEUTH • **SELDOM USED ADVERBS**

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: IRONING

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: BEST-LAID PLANS CAN GO —

Abruptly	Asininely	Thither	Withal
Amiss	Erstwhile	Thrice	Yesteryear
Anew	Hitherto	Thusly	Yonder
Anon	Nigh	Whither	

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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.

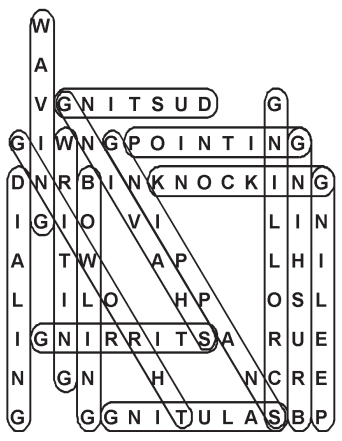
10-12 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

N G N U C E N S K T D N S X T Q E O T T
R Y P N , K E I R R N U O H F K U Y P
R J N S I R I P H R U N N . — N P O E C
Q U Y H R N

Saturday's Cryptoquote: WOMEN GROW RADICAL WITH AGE. ONE DAY AN ARMY OF GRAY-HAIRED WOMEN MAY QUIETLY TAKE OVER THE EARTH. — GLORIA STEINEM

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

THINGS WE DO WITH ONE HAND



Horoscope

– By Georgia Nichols

Happy Birthday for Monday, Oct. 12, 2026:
You're pleasure-loving, sensual and self-indulgent. You're also independent, imaginative, organized and resourceful. Exciting changes are bringing you increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever holds you back. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Be prepared to travel and expand your horizons.
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)
★★★ Tread carefully today, because it's easy to get into an argument, especially with your kids or even a romantic partner. Very likely, the dispute will be about shared expenses, shared property or perhaps differing values. Do what you can to keep the peace. Tonight: Check your finances.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Issues with others might be stressful today because the Moon is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars, which is sitting in the part of your chart related to home and family. This is the classic indication of needless disputes, irritability, tension and grievances. Yikes! Run away! Tonight: Cooperate.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Avoid arguments related to your work, your health or even a pet today. There also might be disputes related to money, cash flow or something that you own. Instead, focus on playful, fun-loving times. You're up for this! Go with what works. Tonight: Get better organized.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Home, family and interactions with a parent might be your focus today. However, disputes with romantic partners or your kids might arise, especially regarding disagreements about money, possessions and who should pay for what. Take the high road. (The view is better.) Tonight: Socialize!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Squabbles with family members can arise easily today. Knowing this ahead of time, consider this an opportunity to practice patience, which is a marvelous virtue to cultivate. When you think about it, you can only practice patience when it's being tested. Capisce? Today is your chance! Tonight: Relax at home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Avoid silly, irritable squabbles with siblings, relatives and daily contacts. They might escalate into something nasty and regrettable. They can also ruin your peace of mind and the peace of mind of everyone around you. Instead, focus on the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: An interesting conversation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Did you know that people are more secretive about their money than they are their sex life? Oh yes, money is a big deal. This could be one reason you might be in an argument with a friend or a member of a group. Questions about money, cash flow and possessions will arise today. Be cool. Tonight: Check your possessions.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ This is a challenging day for you. The Moon in your sign is at odds with fiery Mars at the top of your chart, which is a signal that you might be irritated with authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police. How's that working out for you? Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: You win!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be smart and steer clear of controversial subjects related to politics, religion and racial issues. These conversations will become arguments that could ruin your day -- and someone else's. Why even go there? Instead, be friendly! Tonight: Enjoy privacy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your reputation matters to you because respect is important. Right now people admire you because the Sun is at the top of your chart. You look good. Meanwhile, it's easy to get bogged down in silly arguments with friends or groups about shared expenses and shared responsibilities. Remember: You're noticed. Tonight: Be friendly.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Your main objective today might be to avoid saying something you will later regret. (I'm serious.) This is because people notice you, and you might get involved in an argument with a partner, spouse or close friend. Make smart choices. Tonight: You're admired.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Avoid arguments and disagreements about political, religious and racial issues today. You'll only end up with egg on your face. (Ketchup helps.) Instead, decide to use your energy to sort out things and get organized. Travel and explore new ideas. Avoid conflict. Tonight: Explore and learn.

Jumble

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EERITN
AFNNTO



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Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GIZMO FLING PHOTON ANYWAY
Answer: The old dog just couldn't finish chewing the whole bone, and it was — GNAWING AT HIM