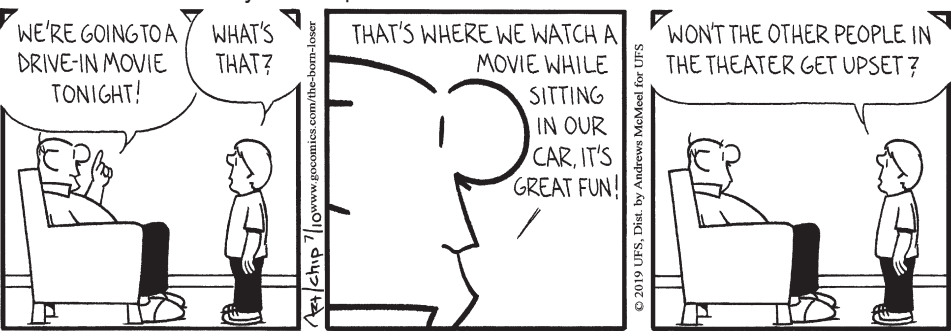
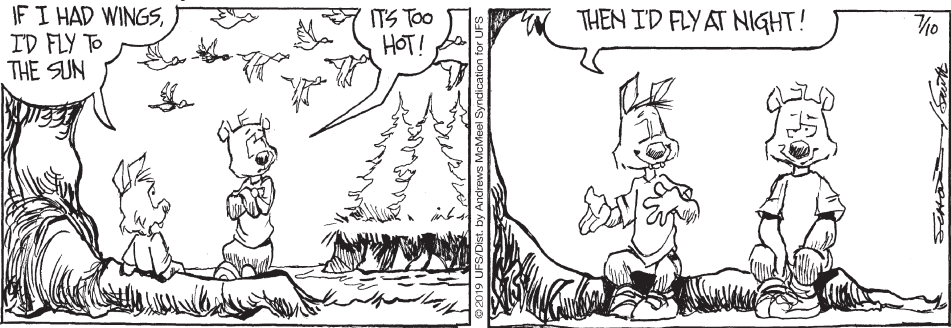




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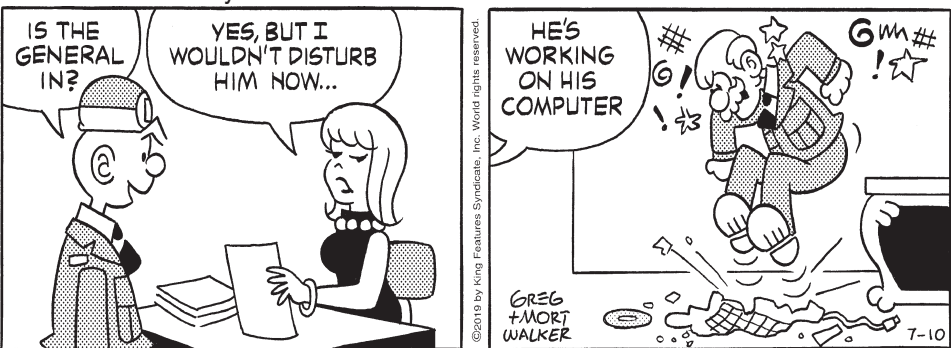
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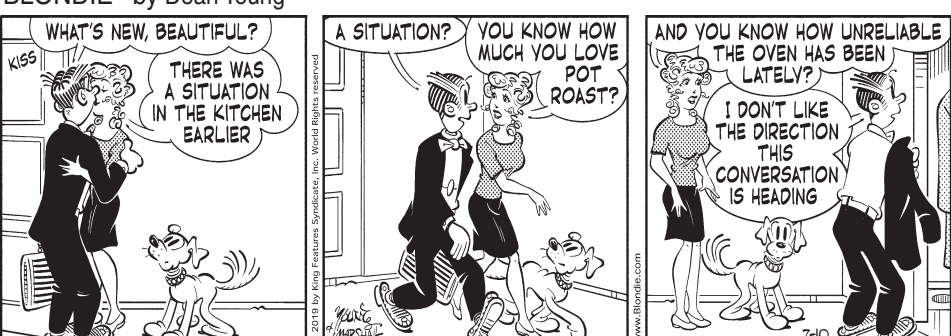
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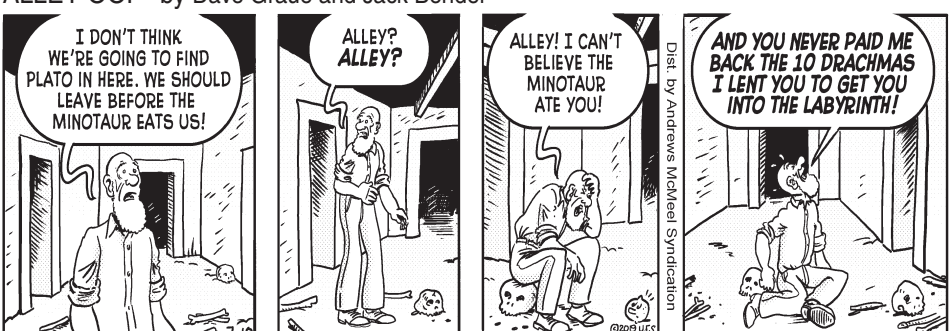
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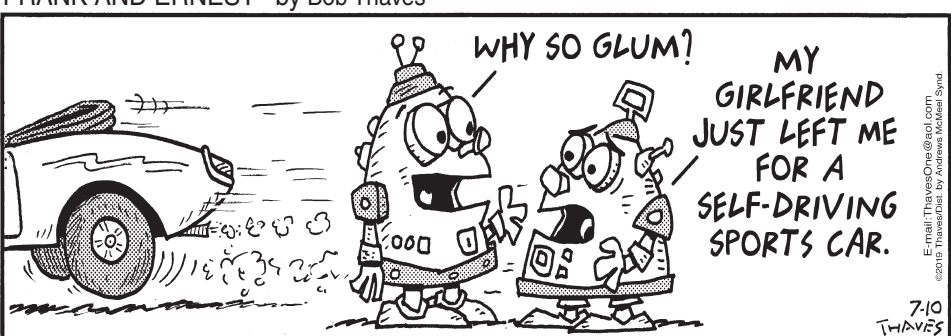
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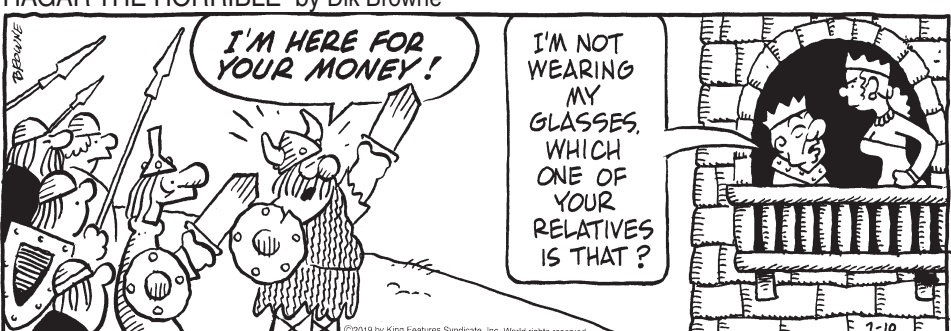
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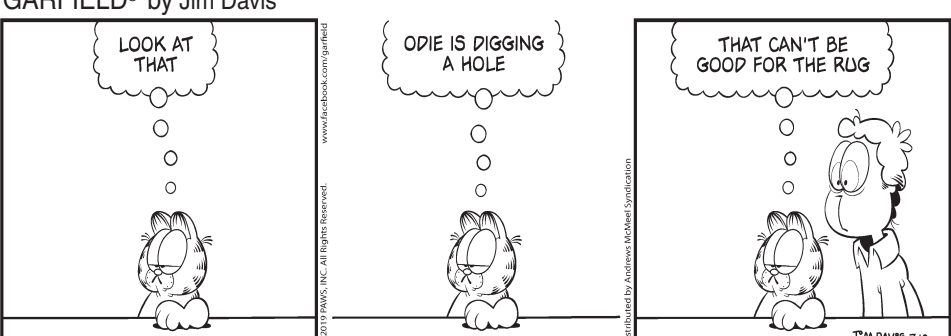
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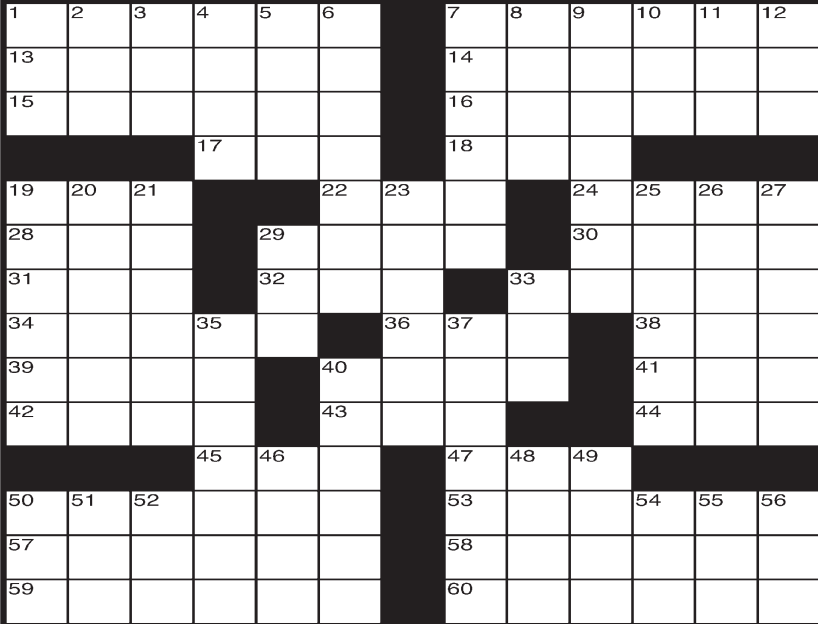
NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**  
1 Weasels out of  
7 Expand  
13 An antiseptic  
14 Made level  
15 Heavy  
16 Starbucks orders  
17 Freightier's place  
18 German conjunction  
19 CA clock setting  
22 Wedding rental  
24 Valhalla honcho  
28 Unhatched fish  
29 Answering machine sound  
30 Dine's companion  
31 Sprite  
32 Jackie's second  
33 Put into law  
34 Two-faced  
36 Answer  
38 Morse click  
39 Desktop symbol  
40 Central part  
41 Hot time in Paris  
42 Lucy Lawless role  
43 TLC providers  
44 Glove sz.  
45 Big green parrot  
47 Vane dir.  
50 Slowly  
53 Get cozy  
57 Maria Conchita  
—  
58 Damage  
59 Motto  
60 Hot coal  
**DOWN**  
1 Part of RSVP  
2 Tool for cultivation  
3 NW state  
4 Disposes of  
5 Leg joint  
6 Lawmaker  
7 Sumptuous  
8 Film director  
— Reitman

Answer to Previous Puzzle

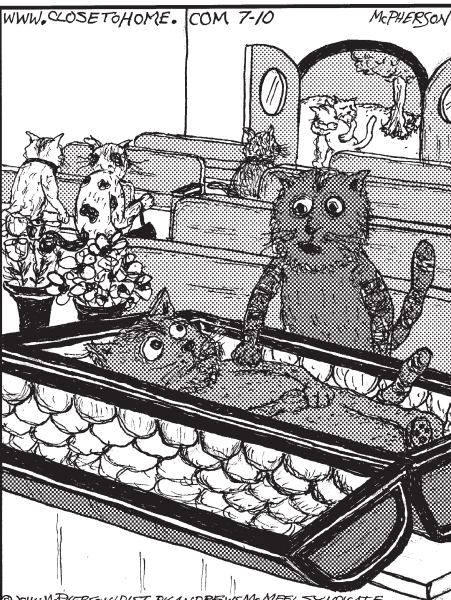


9 Disap-  
pointment  
10 Pantry pest  
11 Item for a golfer  
12 Publishing execs  
19 Word starter  
20 Comfort  
21 Nonstick material  
23 Perfect accord  
25 Crown  
26 Stir up  
27 Made after taxes  
29 — kwon do  
33 Look at  
35 Winding around  
37 Whodunit poison  
40 Coloring stick  
46 "Born Free" lioness  
48 Freight hauler  
49 "NBA Friday" broadcaster  
50 — Vegas  
51 Omitting none  
52 Menagerie  
54 Tiny amount  
55 Fib  
56 Drop the ball



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Astrograph



Your Birthday

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019**  
Refuse to let others' words or actions stand in your way. Focus on what motivates you most. Let your creative imagination take you on a journey that will lead to the happiness you deserve. Peace, love and effort will be rewarding.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Help others and you will find joy in giving. The connections you make will encourage you to socialize more. Love and romance are on the rise, and new beginnings look promising.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't let your ego get in the way. Emotional matters will surface if you are too quick to judge and act in haste. Concentrate on personal growth, not on changing others.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Spend time updating your qualifications, appearance and important relationships. Attend functions and network with your peers. If you show interest in others, you'll gain respect.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take in information before you get into a discussion with someone who thinks differently than you. Get your facts straight and have your thoughts in place. Preparation will make a difference.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Let your actions be your voice. It's what you do and how you treat someone that will make a difference. Don't force change on others when you can coax them with incentives, kindness and love.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't be tempted by a false impression that someone's peddling. If you consider the logistics of what's being said or suggested, you'll realize the risks involved. Use your intelligence to combat fabrication.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Focus on your target. Dismiss emotions that could stand in your way. Show confidence and make the changes you deem necessary. Celebrate your victory with a loved one.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

-- Stick to the basics and don't make a hasty decision. Give yourself enough time to adjust to what's going on and to react without letting your emotions get in the way.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Sign up, get started and do whatever it takes to bring about the changes necessary to fulfill your dream. Much can be accomplished if you dig in and make things happen.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Look at every situation open-mindedly. How you come to a decision and carry out your plans should also include how others will be influenced by your actions.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Test your thoughts and ideas on others. Sharing with a close friend or relative will help you decide what's doable and what isn't. Constructive criticism should be valued, not shunned.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Past experiences will help you recognize what's right for you and what isn't. Make changes based on facts and on what you need, not on what someone tells you.

Bridge

North		07-10-19	
♠ A Q 7			
♥ J 9 2			
♦ 9 7 4 2			
♣ K Q 5			
West		East	
♠ 10 6		♠ 5	
♥ A Q 10 8 5 4		♥ K 6 3	
♦ K Q 8 5		♦ J 10 6	
♣ A		♣ 9 8 7 4 3 2	
		South	
		♠ K J 9 8 4 3 2	
		♥ 7	
		♦ A 3	
		♣ J 10 6	
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ A			

**THE SIGNAL IS GIVEN AT THE FIRST TRICK**  
Herb Caen, who was a columnist in San Francisco, said, "A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew."  
I wish I had written that! In this deal, East-West did not judge well in the bidding, but they did not compound the error by letting South's contract make. How did they defeat 4 spades?  
In the old days, that South hand would not have qualified for a 3-spade opening, because the suit would have been deemed too weak. But few players worry about that these days, even when vulnerable. West had a clear-cut 4-heart overcall, but when North raised to 4 spades, should East have bid 5 hearts? It does not look obvious, but 5 hearts is

unbeatable as long as West draws one round of trumps, then ruffs his second spade.  
Against 4 spades, West led the club ace. How should East have analyzed the deal?  
First, he should hope that his partner has led a singleton. (If he hasn't, the East-West cause is probably hopeless.) Then, how should East signal?  
The attitude is known -- East cannot have a useful club. His club count is irrelevant. Therefore, East should give a suit-preference signal to tell West where he has a potential entry. Here, he plays the club 9, the highest card calling for a heart, the higher-ranking of the other two side suits.  
Then West has to be trusting. He leads a low heart at trick 2. East takes the trick & gives his partner a club ruff. West will eventually gain a diamond trick to defeat the contract.