



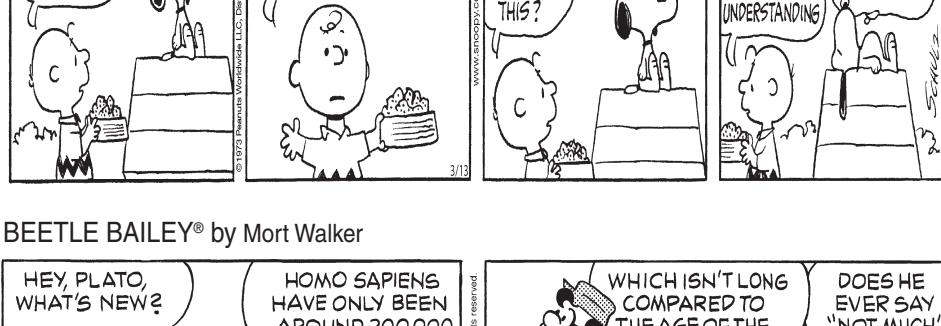
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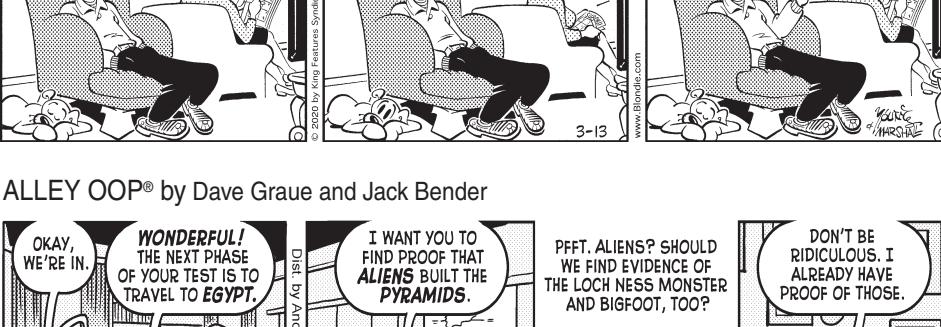
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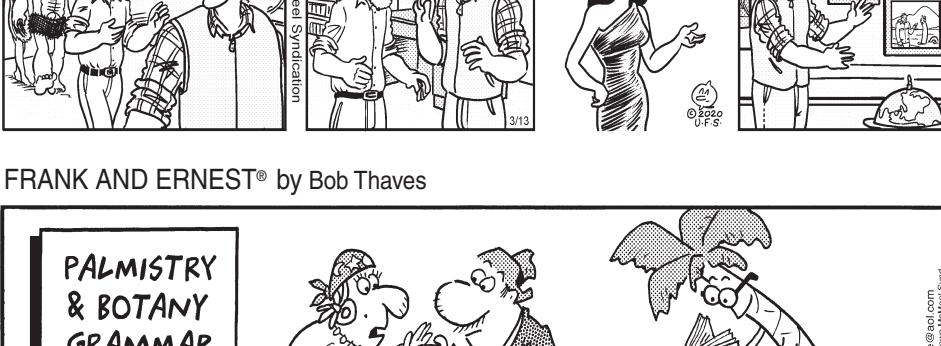
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Watch
5 Oz. or lb.
8 Engineer's place
11 Field units
13 Estuary
14 Have
— — at
15 Express gratitude
16 Sang door-to-door
18 Smidgens
20 Public sentiment
21 Ristorante fare
23 Flavor enhancer
24 Table part
25 Jazz's — Fitzgerald
27 Mane
31 Nest-egg letters
32 Leaf through
33 Antoinette lost hers
34 Plant parasite
36 Crazy about
38 — Juan
39 "Jeopardy!" host

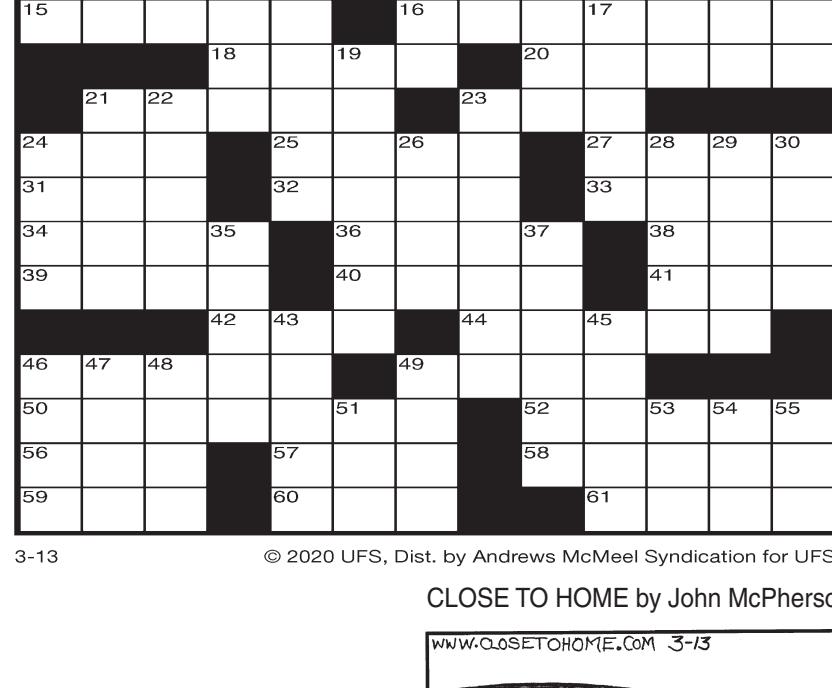
DOWN

40 Consumer
41 Passe
42 Sidekick
44 Full of suds
46 Harsh-voiced bird
49 Yeah, right!
(2 wds.)
50 Dental filling
52 Serious theater
56 "Nova" network
57 Letter before sigma
58 To date
(2 wds.)
59 Familiar digit
60 Chatter
61 Wineglass feature

Answer to Previous Puzzle



6 Actress Farrow
7 Rainproof covers
8 Holler
9 Mellows
10 Portend
12 Ice Capades performer
17 Must
19 Ominous
21 Grave risk
22 Banded quartz
23 Senseless folly
24 Succotash bean
26 Cambodia neighbor



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Walt, you can't kill a fly! So we are letting you go!"

Astrograph

and stick to the facts. You will impress everyone and will be praised for your skill and ability to take action and get things done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- Finish what you start and ease tension. You can ask for help, but make sure you know exactly who and what you want in your corner. Protect your reputation and don't criticize others or display anger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

-- Social activity will turn out surprisingly well. A change of scenery will pique your imagination. Visit an establishment you used to frequent. Love and romance are in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-- Get together with friends or offer help to a deserving organization. If you keep active, you'll feel good about your accomplishments and avoid criticism and complaints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

-- Mingle, network and promote what's on your agenda. Someone may try to steal your thunder. If you offer facts and figures and present your thoughts with passion, you'll come out on top.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

-- Mix business with pleasure

and impress everyone and will be praised for your skill and ability to take action and get things done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

-- Have fun, mingle and get to know creative people like yourself. Use your knowledge and expertise to draw attention. Your unusual insight and approach will intrigue someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

-- Expect someone to oppose you or put you in a vulnerable position if you are too open. Be ready to step up and to do damage control. Keep personal changes secret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

-- Look over your options carefully until you feel ready to make a sound decision. A partnership could develop out of networking functions. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

-- Don't waste time worrying about things you can't change. Question your lifestyle and consider what you can do to improve your current situation. Use intelligence, not anger, to bring about change.

Bridge

WILL PARTNER READ YOUR SIGNAL?

There are days on defense when you seem to be dealt all of the right cards, so that partner will have no trouble reading your signals. On other days, nothing goes right. Which is it today, the only Friday the 13th this year?

This deal was played in a Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match some years ago. At one table, North became the declarer in 4 spades. East led his singleton club, North won with his ace, drew trumps in three rounds and ran the clubs, discarding two heart losers. Now declarer played a diamond & conceded only three red-suited tricks.

At the other table, the bidding, which is given in the diagram, was very aggressive. Perhaps South should have doubled four hearts, but it takes careful defense to defeat that contract.

Instead, he went for his own game.

West led the diamond ace. East was in an ideal position: he dropped the diamond nine. Whether his partner thought this was encouraging or a suit-preference signal for hearts, East held what was needed. West, holding a singleton diamond, read the signal as suit-preference and shifted to a low heart at trick two. East won with the heart queen, cashed the diamond king, gave his partner a diamond ruff and regained the lead with the heart king. Now a fourth diamond effected a trump promotion. If South had ruffed low, West would have overruffed; but when declarer ruffed with his ace, East had to score a trick with the spade jack. The result was down three, plus 500, and a gain of 14 international match points.

North	03-13-20
♠ K Q 7 6	
♥ 8 7 3	
♦ Q J 10 4	
♣ A 6	
West	
♠ 10 4	East
♥ A J 9 2	♦ 5 2
♦ A	♥ K Q 10 5
♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2	♦ K 9 8 6 2
	♣ 8
	South
	♠ A 9 8 3
	♥ 6 4
	♦ 7 5 3
	♣ K Q J 5
Dealer: West	
Vulnerable: East-West	
South	West North East
	Pass 1♦ Pass
1♠	Dbl. 2♦ 4♥
4♦	Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass	Pass Pass
	Opening lead: ♦ A