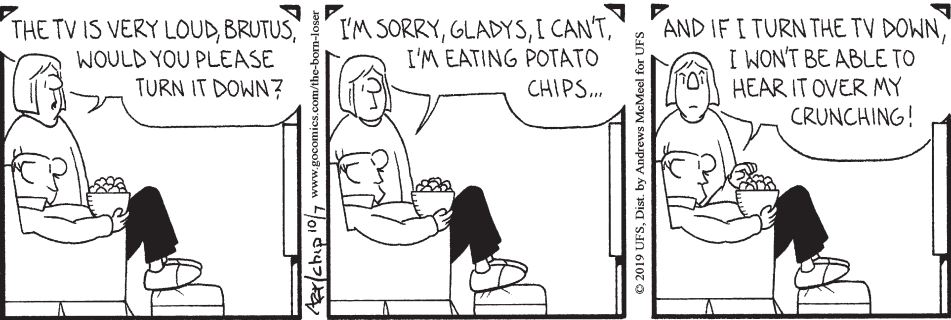
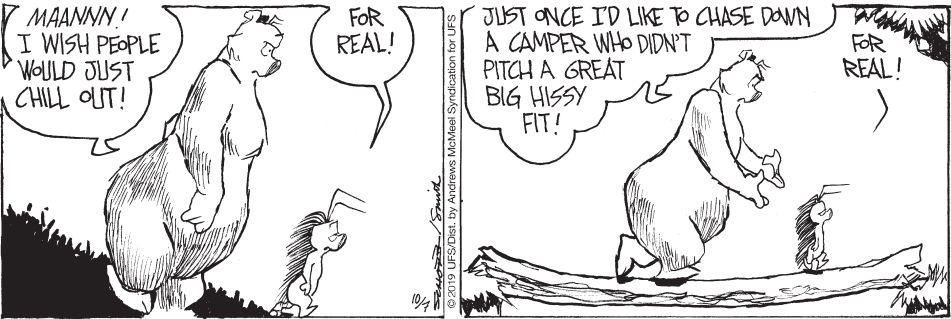


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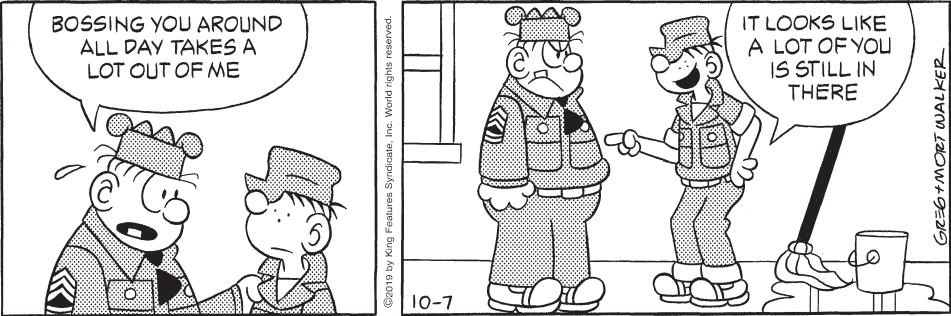
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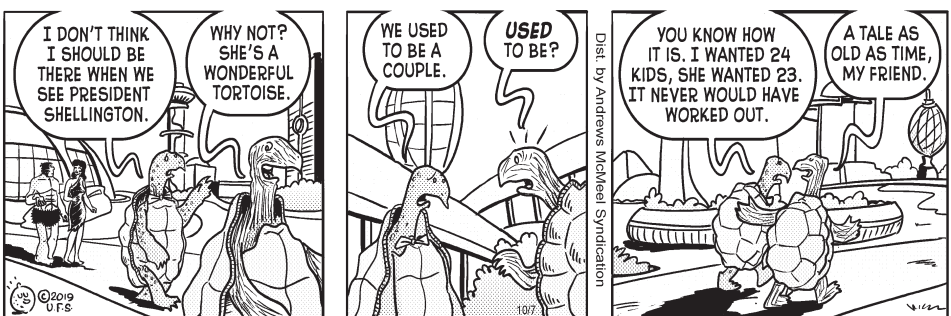
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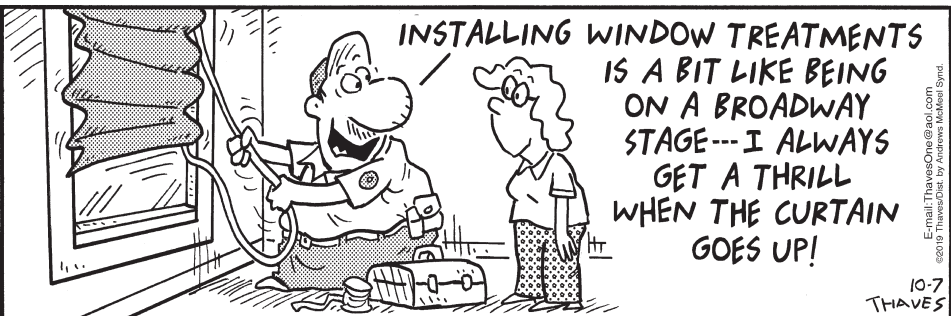
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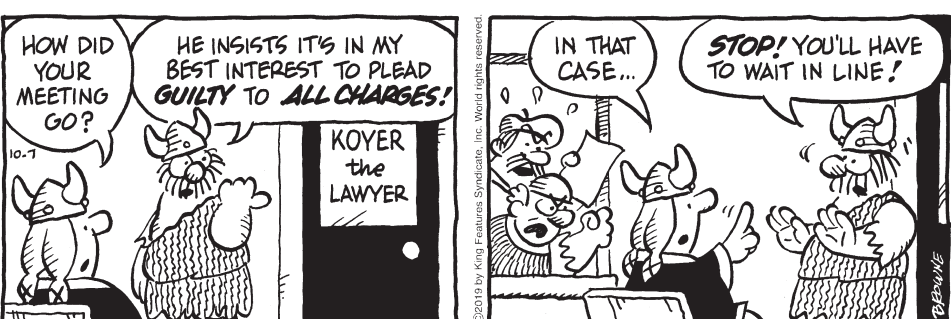
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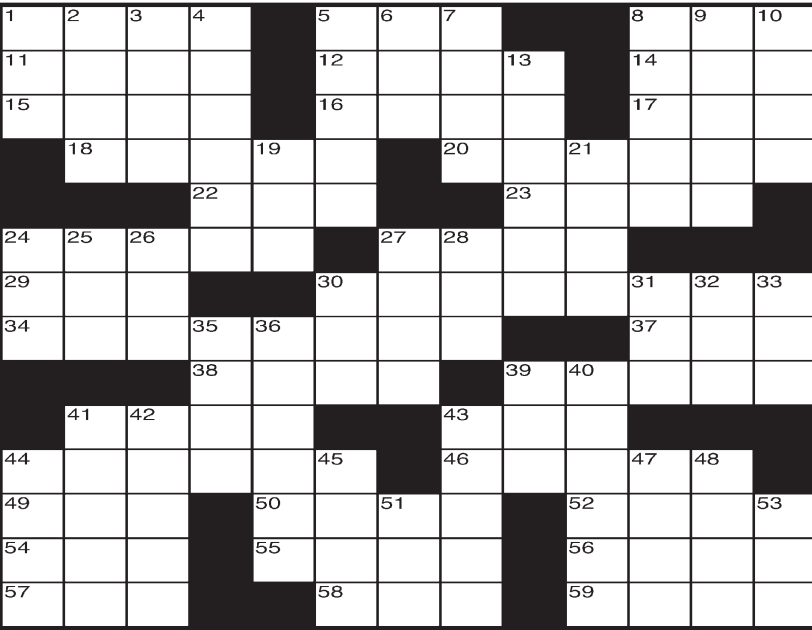
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Picnic place  
5 Olive yield  
8 Merry's opposite  
11 Film star Jackie  
12 Trudge  
14 Hosp. plan  
15 Munro's pen name  
16 Fashion mag  
17 German article  
18 Started  
20 Pitch in  
22 Coll. credit units  
23 Classes  
24 Dinnerware item  
27 Conflagration  
29 Disposed of  
30 Prone  
34 Dental problem  
37 Ham on —  
38 Rational  
39 Black tea  
41 Off-roaders, for short  
43 Fizzy drink  
44 Spews ash
- DOWN**
- 1 Dell wares  
2 Moby Dick pursuer  
3 Tidy the lawn  
4 Round Table member  
5 Unwraps  
6 Sick  
7 Ms. Falana  
8 Arab leader  
9 Faulty  
10 Parent's warning  
13 Want
- 46 Kid's classic**  
**49 Universal rival**  
**50 Cogito — sum**  
**52 Solitary**  
**54 Tattoo word**  
**55 Getz or Musial**  
**56 Probabilities**  
**57 Whichever**  
**58 Grow older**  
**59 "Naked Maja" artist**

- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| O | D | E | T | R | A | C | E | N |
| B | E | A | T | O | K | E | N | I |
| A | R | G | Y | L | E | D | E | F |
| L | E | S | W | E | B | I | R | D |
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| O | E | R | D | R | I | E | R | L |
| W | E | S | S | R | S | R | A | M |
- 19 — you kidding?**  
**21 Slide downhill**  
**24 For**  
**25 Actress — Tyler**  
**26 Sugary drink**  
**27 Fortune**  
**28 Cola cooler**  
**30 Plane's stabilizer**  
**31 Mork's planet**  
**32 Grand Teton st.**  
**33 Born as**  
**35 Party thrower's plea**  
**36 Tacks**
- 39 Baltimore bard**  
**40 Play postscript (var.)**  
**41 Inert gas**  
**42 Bread-basket**  
**43 Get on the horn**  
**44 Madame Bovary's name**  
**45 Sp. miss**  
**47 Extinct bird**  
**48 — 500 (car race)**  
**51 Joke**  
**53 That, in Acapulco**

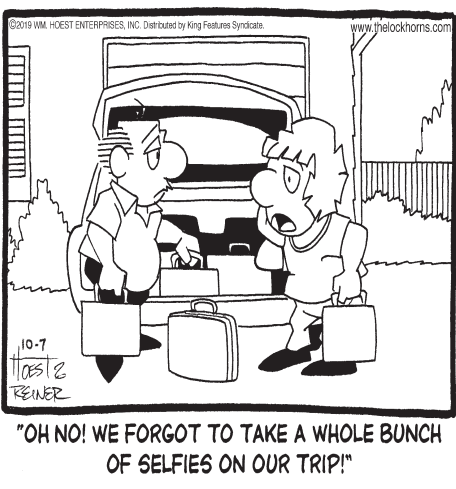


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The new Wedgie Drone 6000 allowed many victims of bullying to seek revenge anonymously and from a safe distance.

Astrograph



Your Birthday

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

Stop fretting over what others are doing and start working on your own strategy to build a better life. Ask yourself what you want, and consider what you need to do to find peace of mind and happiness. Don't sit still when it's time to make life choices.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Consider what truly matters to you. It's time to reevaluate your life and direction. Be honest with those who will be affected by the choices you make.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A change can make or break you. Don't act on impulse or let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. Think before you act, and nurture what you love.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep moving toward your goal. Refuse to let distractions come between you and what you want to achieve. The shortcut someone offers

will lead to a setback. Use common sense.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- He who hesitates is lost. Consider what you want and make it happen. It's up to you to control a situation if you want it to turn in your favor.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Spend more time sorting through your personal papers, and consider your medical or legal options. Refuse to let your emotions stop you from making the right decision.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take time to consider what's best for you. Running with the fast crowd or letting others entice you to get involved in something that isn't good for you should be avoided.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- You'll be drawn to questionable people and concepts. Look for flaws in whatever is being offered to you before you decide to take part. A partnership needs an adjustment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- You'll have too many choices and too many people tempting you. Take a step

back and consider what's realistic and what isn't. Look at the facts before you take a leap of faith.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Keep moving. Physical action will get you closer to your destination than will arguing with someone who doesn't see things your way. Romance is on the rise.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Put your energy into something unique, original or creative. Refuse to let others' actions stop you from reaching your goals. Focus on achieving, not on getting into a debate.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Personal growth, physical improvements and getting things done on time should be your priorities. Don't follow someone else when you have your own responsibilities to complete.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get away from anyone who is causing confusion in your life. Surround yourself with positive people who share your beliefs and complement what you have to offer.

Bridge

THE UNSUNG HEROINE QUIETLY BEATS YOU

Maggie Shayne, an author of romantic novels, said, "I enjoy heroines who grow and come into their own during the course of a story."

That applies to the heroine of this deal, Jacqui Mitchell. She is one of the strongest players ever, but perhaps used to be under the shadow of her husband, Victor Mitchell, who died in 1995. However, Jacqui has the better record. Victor won two silver medals in world team championships and six national championships, but Jacqui has 11 world championship medals: five gold (four team and one women's pairs), three silver and three bronze. She also has 15 national championships.

In the auction, West's two-club overall was a Michaels Cue-Bid, promising at least 5-5 in the majors. Mitchell's two-

heart advance was cautious. With (at least) a nine-card fit, she should have jumped to three hearts. That would probably have silenced South. Then West, with a sixth trump, could have raised to game. Note that four hearts was makable.

When Mitchell bid only two hearts, South sneaked in a three-club rebid and ended in five clubs.

West led the heart 10, showing zero or two higher honors. After winning with the heart ace, what did Mitchell lead at trick two?

Note that a spade switch would not have worked. Declarer would have won with the ace, ruffed her heart loser in the dummy, drawn trumps & played a spade toward dummy's queen.

Mitchell switched to the diamond six! Then the defenders took a trick in each side suit.

North 10-07-19			
♠ Q J 8 2			
♥ Q			
♦ A J 10 8 4 2			
♣ Q 5			
West			
♠ K 10 7 6 3			
♥ K J 10 9 5 3			
♦ Q			
♣ 4			
East			
♠ 9 5			
♥ A 8 7 6			
♦ K 9 6			
♣ 7 6 3 2			
South			
♠ A 4			
♥ 4 2			
♦ 7 5 3			
♣ A K J 10 9 8			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South			
West			
North			
East			
Pass			
1♣	2♣	2♦	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 10			