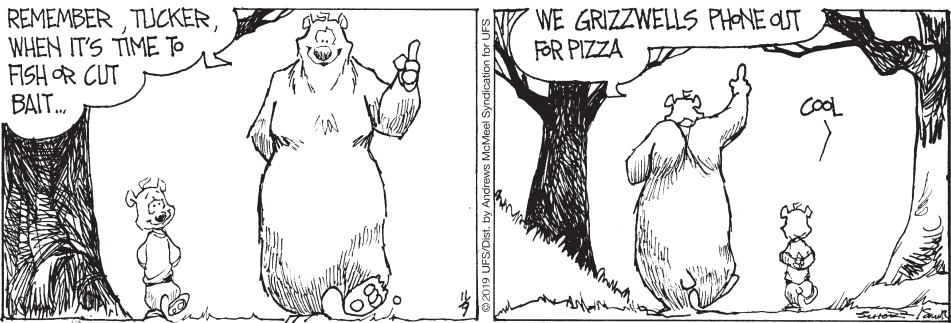


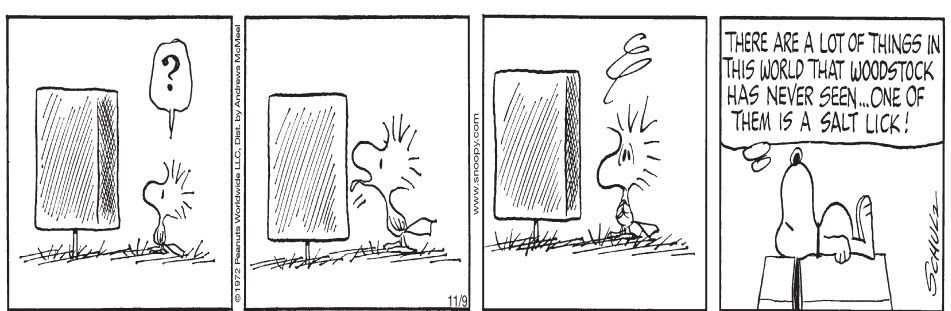
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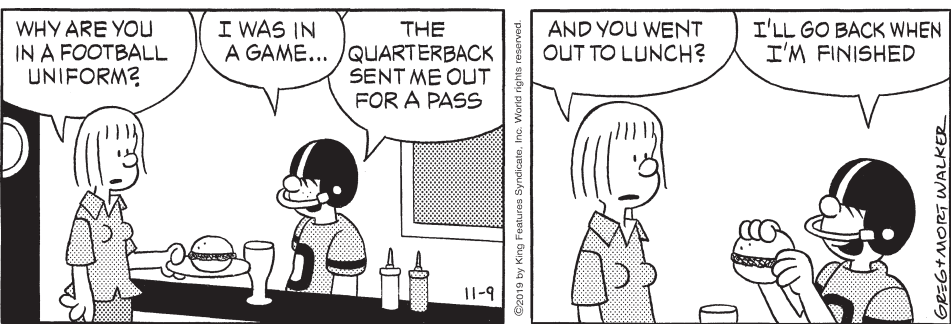
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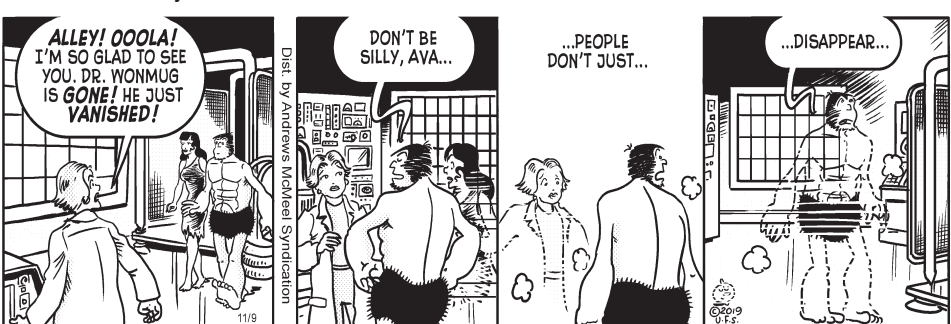
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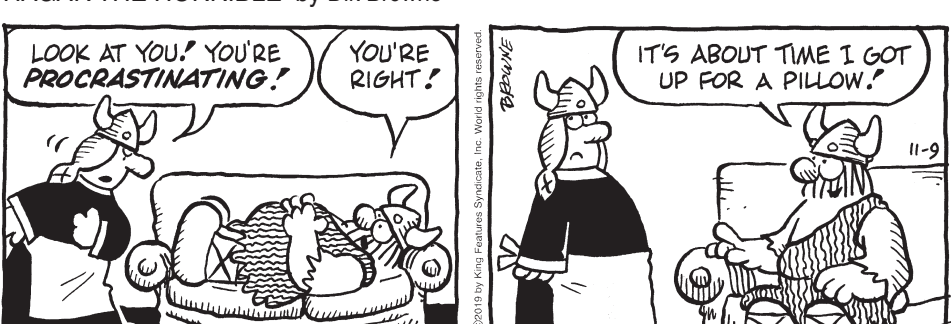
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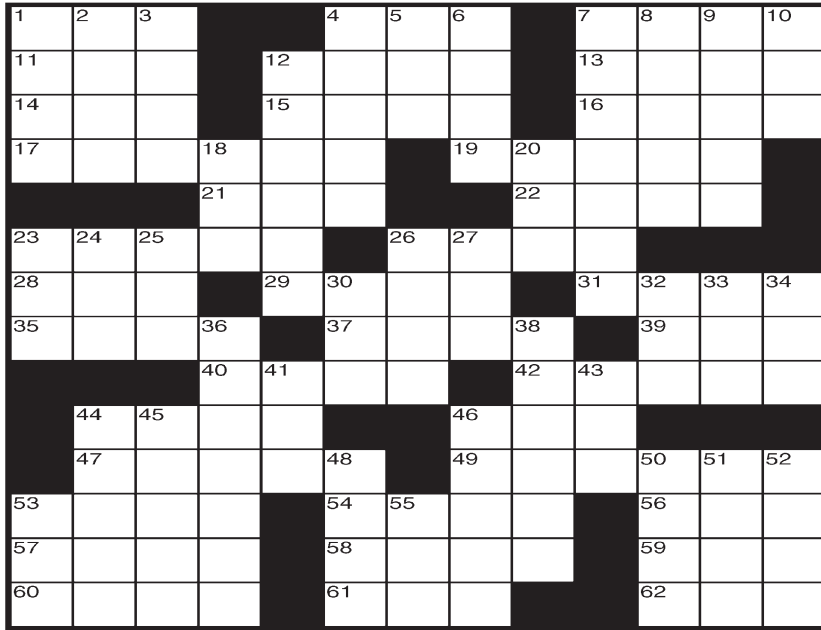
NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Selleck or Hanks
 - 4 Printer's supply
 - 7 100-meter event
 - 11 Flightless bird
 - 12 Quarry
 - 13 Nobel Prize city
 - 14 ER staffers
 - 15 Smirk's kin
 - 16 Chase flies
 - 17 Hand warmer
 - 19 Useful skill
 - 21 Poetic tribute
 - 22 Stand up
 - 23 Deceitful
 - 26 Ultimatum word
 - 28 Long, long time
 - 29 Ms. Ferber
 - 31 Film unit
 - 35 Canvas-back
 - 37 Pen points
 - 39 Actress — Thompson
 - 40 Be a bookworm
- 42 View from Giza**
- 44 Gush out
 - 46 Turf
 - 47 Played charades
 - 49 Stair parts
 - 53 Ground corn
 - 54 Chills
 - 56 Currently
 - 57 Hindu royalty
 - 58 Repair
 - 59 RV haven
 - 60 Mineral supplement
 - 61 Violin part
 - 62 Elec. unit
- DOWN**
- 1 Semester
 - 2 All, in combos
 - 3 Has to
 - 4 Curie daughter
 - 5 Born as
 - 6 Actress — Sedgwick
 - 7 CIA file
 - 8 Volcano emissions
 - 9 Blackboard

Answer to Previous Puzzle

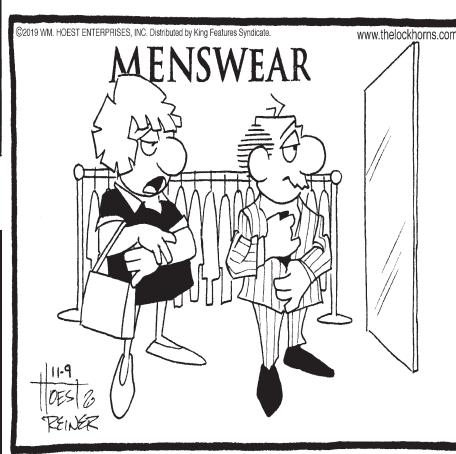


- 10 Monopolize
- 12 Oath
- 18 Big weight
- 20 Almost-grads
- 23 Pioneered
- 24 Not I
- 25 Small business mag
- 26 Novelist — Bagnold
- 27 Chemist's lair
- 30 Genetic letters
- 32 Actor — Wallach
- 33 Always, to Poe
- 34 — tzu ("Tao" author)
- 36 Moscow citadel
- 38 Made a basket
- 41 Bleater
- 43 Fruit cooler
- 44 Slander
- 45 Steinway product
- 46 Smarted
- 48 Clammy
- 50 "Lonely Boy" singer
- 51 Adverse fate
- 52 Trade
- 53 Hi-tech scan
- 55 "Golly!"

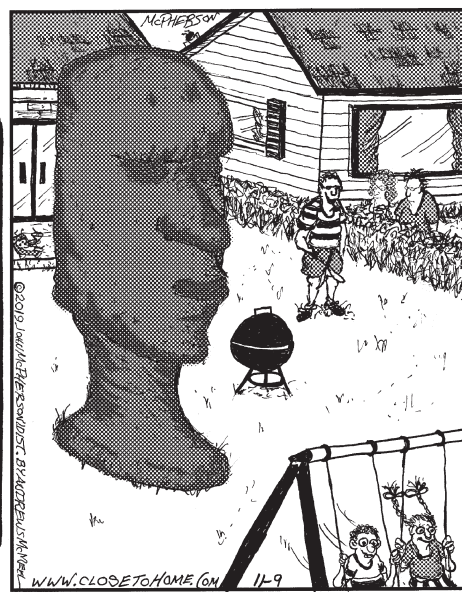


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Astrograph

Your Birthday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

Examples from the past will help you make better choices moving forward. Consider what and who you want to keep in your life and what you are ready to discard. Taking a realistic approach and sticking with supportive people who are heading in the same direction as you will help you become successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A social event shouldn't be lavish, indulgent or risky. A reserved and intellectual attitude will get you further ahead. You can have fun without being impulsive and excessive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Put a strategy in place and proceed. What you accomplish will depend on how prepared you are to launch your plans. Self- and home improvement should be your priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- An unusual connection can be made that will spark your imagination and help guide you down a path that will

bring about positive change. Choose kindness over anger.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Get together with people who motivate you to make better choices. Financial matters can be resolved if you lower your overhead. Do what's best for you, not what someone else decides you should do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Put more time and effort into helping others, but not at the expense of your health and well-being. Resisting temptation will be required if you want to maintain balance and integrity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Check out the possibilities before you decide to take a chance on someone or something. Spend money wisely and offer only what's necessary to someone seeking help. Channel your energy into physical activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It's OK to change your mind, but don't leave things unfinished. If you decide to move on, make it clear that's what you are doing. Don't leave others hanging.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Consider what you can do to

make your community, home or partnerships better. A compassionate, honest dialogue will help you persuade others to see things your way. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Intelligence, desire and imagination will help you stabilize your life and relationships. Associate with people who encourage positive change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Socialize and participate in events that keep you moving, mingling and motivated. A challenge will help you to be a confident, healthy contributor. Pitch in and make a difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If you distance yourself from a personal situation, you will gain insight into how best to handle matters. Don't give in to temptation or manipulative people. Do what's right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put your energy where it counts most. Deal with emotional issues through conversation, not demands. Kindness will get you further than pressure tactics. Romance is in the stars, and personal improvements can be made.

Bridge

FOR AN UNUSUAL PLAY, FIND AN UNUSUAL PLAY

Eva Green, a French actress and model, said, "It's true that I'm drawn to unusual stories. Normal roles don't really attract me."

There is a chance for an unusual play in today's deal. What happens in four hearts after West leads the diamond ace?

The auction was straightforward. When North raised one heart to two hearts, showing 12-14 support points (high-card plus short-suit points), South jumped to game, expecting to have an easy time.

West starts with his three top diamonds. What should East do on the third?

East should assume that his partner's third diamond honor is cashing. If West had started with A-K-Q-J-x-x of diamonds, surely he would have intervened

over 1 heart. Then East should realize that if West leads another diamond at trick four, it will promote the heart king as the setting trick. But how can he transmit that message to partner?

When you need partner to find an unusual play, make an unusual play yourself. What is the weirdest discard you could make at trick three?

Right -- the club queen.

If partner thinks that is a singleton and leads a club, expecting you to ruff, you are justified in wailing like a banshee.

Finally, note that if West plays anything other than a diamond at trick four, declarer should work out the trump position because West passed as dealer. With those five shiny diamonds and the heart king, West would have opened the bidding.

	North	11-09-19	
	♠ K J		
	♥ A 10 9 4		
	♦ 8 5 3		
	♣ K J 7 6		
West		East	
♠ 10 9 3		♠ 8 6 5 4 2	
♥ 7 5 2		♥ K	
♦ A K Q 10 6		♦ 9 2	
♠ 8 4		♣ Q 10 9 3 2	
	South		
	♠ A Q 7		
	♥ Q J 8 6 3		
	♦ J 7 4		
	♣ A 5		
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ A			