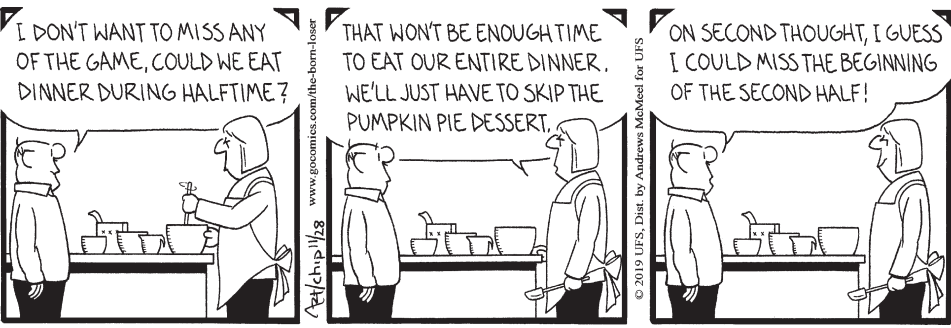


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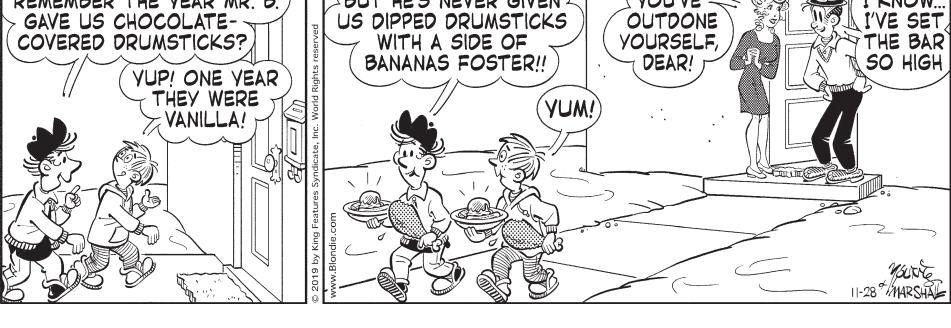
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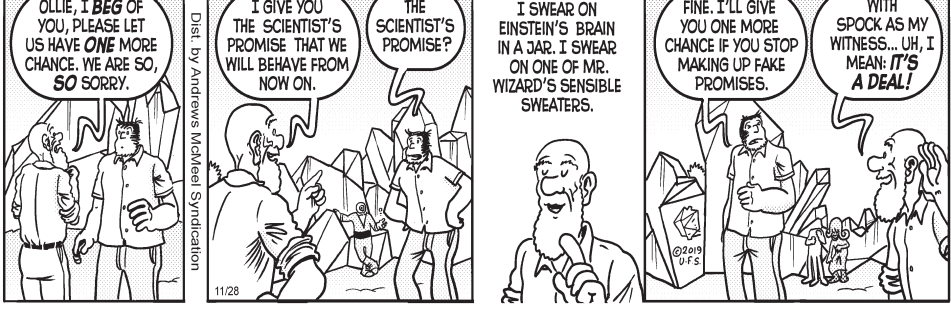
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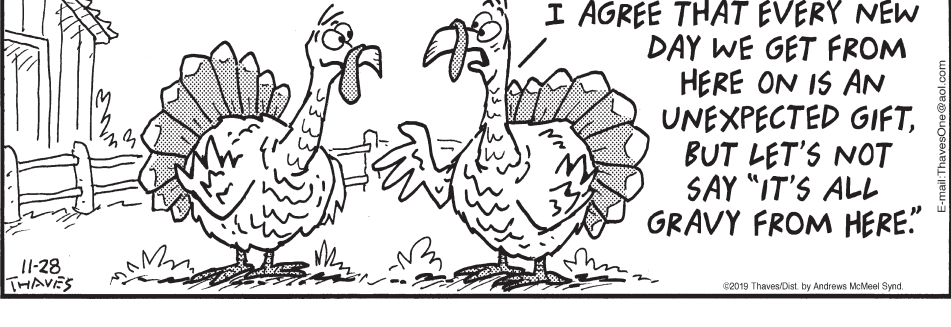
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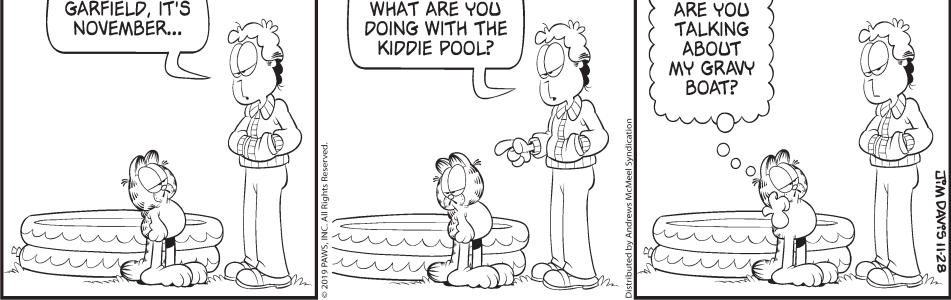
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 College credit
- 5 Pet adoption org.
- 9 Flying fox
- 12 Bear in the sky
- 13 Get wind of
- 14 Wood ash product
- 15 Hidden valley
- 16 Murray or Baxter
- 17 Not well
- 18 Computer networks
- 20 Katmandu locale
- 22 Chit
- 23 Orange tuber
- 24 Patches socks
- 27 Informal
- 30 In a tizzy
- 31 L. — Hubbard
- 32 Family mem.
- 34 Kind of student
- 35 Fine (hyph.)
- 36 Make a cake
- 37 Blue jeans

40 Was

- optimistic
- 41 Ooola's guy
- 42 Latin trio
- 43 Throng
- 46 Giant stele
- 50 Grassy expanse
- 51 Kinds
- 53 Ms. Falco
- 54 Busy one
- 55 Terrible
- 56 Croissant
- 57 Utmost degree
- 58 Flair
- 59 Piggy's dinner

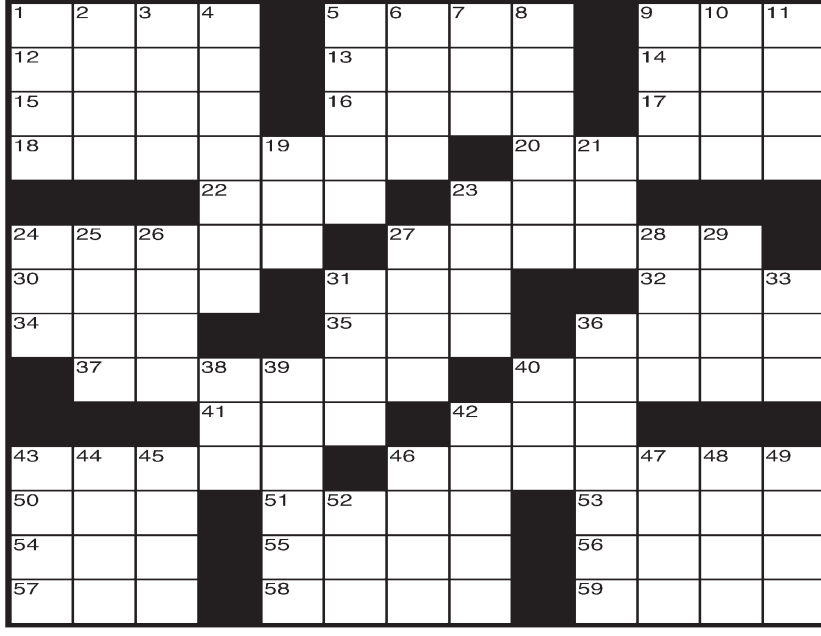
DOWN

- 1 Warm welcomes
- 2 Monsieur's airport
- 3 Puts into service
- 4 Talking wildly
- 5 Famed orca
- 6 Corrals
- 7 Knows how
- 8 Ice hockey venues
- 9 Brief upturn

Answer to Previous Puzzle



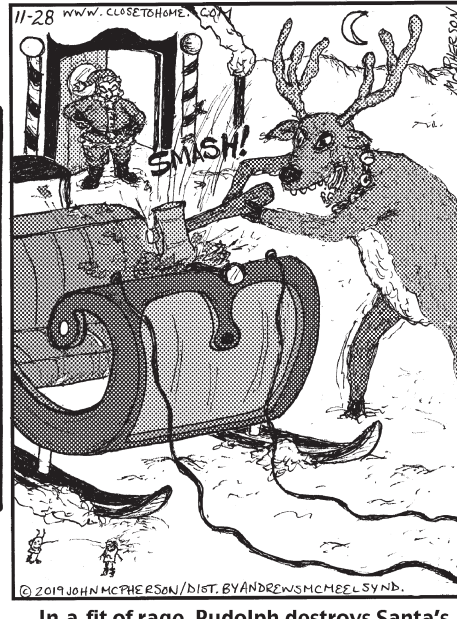
- 10 Jean Auel heroine
- 11 Kiss and —
- 19 Aurora, to Socrates
- 21 Nonflying bird
- 23 Pull
- 24 Block, as a stream
- 25 Matured
- 26 Was a passenger
- 27 Dove sounds
- 28 Pronto
- 29 Take pleasure in
- 31 Turnpike exit
- 33 Flower plot
- 36 Saucepans
- 38 Parent's order
- 39 Cloud-seeding compound
- 40 Dash off
- 42 "Hedda Gabler" author
- 43 Plaid wearers
- 44 Housing fee
- 45 Promise
- 46 Slimy vegetable
- 47 Graven image
- 48 Farm structure
- 49 Edible seaweed
- 52 Small, in Dogpatch



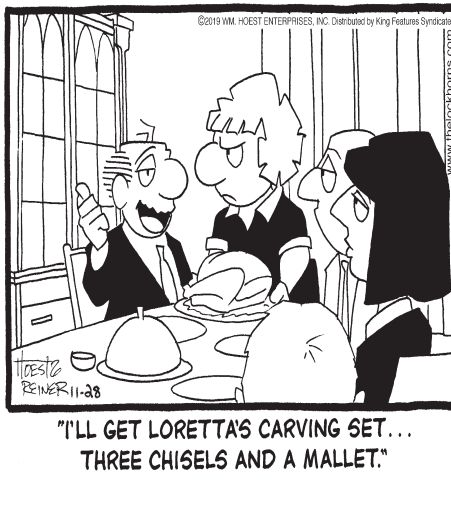
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Astrograph

Your Birthday
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019
 Let go of the past. Embrace new beginnings and take advantage of whatever comes your way. Look at the big picture and assess how best to make the most out of your knowledge, skill and experience. It's time to push for personal success.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Make things happen. Don't let your personal life interfere with your professional responsibilities. Leave no room for criticism, and aim for perfection. Protect your reputation and position.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take care of your responsibilities before you engage in some leisure time. Make plans to do something you've never done before with a loved one. A commitment can be made.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't let anyone stand in your way. If you dig deep and ask questions, you'll find

the information you need to get ahead. Personal improvements will boost your confidence.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Looking out for others or lending a helping hand will make you feel good, but don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity. Romance is in the stars.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Reject overspending or any other form of indulgence. You'll encounter a negative response from someone you share financial interests with if you don't stick to a budget.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You'll have the wherewithal to get what you want. Step into the spotlight and voice your opinion. Spend time with people who bring out the best in you. An unexpected insight will be offered.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You will be all about chitchat today. Make sure you take care of your responsibilities as well. Money will be tight, but if you are thrifty, you'll do OK.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If you share your feelings, you'll get a good response.

Romance is highlighted and plans can be made. If you spruce up your appearance, you'll look good and feel good too.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If you let your Leo charm shine through, you will make notable worthy allies and associates. If you are gracious, everyone will follow you, but if you are aggressive, you will be left out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- An opportunity to help a friend or a youngster will make your day. The more you do to help someone, the better you will feel about yourself. Love is encouraged.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Get your point across and your ideas off the ground. A day trip will lead to information that will help set the stage for future prospects. Expand your interests.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Use your intelligence and be innovative. Make phone calls or meet with people you respect and want to work alongside. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to a loved one.

Bridge

North 11-28-19
 ♠ A 8 7 6 5
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ J 8 7

West ♠ Q 10
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q J 10 9 4 2
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

East ♠ K J 9 3 2
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 6

South ♠ 4
 ♥ A K Q J 10 6
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ A K

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

TRY TO GIVE YOURSELF PATS ON THE BACK
 Englishman Danny Roth scours bridge literature, looking for errors by players and scribes. He has put 60 of these into "Outsmart the Bridge Experts" (HNB Publishing).
 There are declarer-play and defense problems, and you have the chance to do better than the original player or author. Roth describes what actually happened, then asks, "Are you happy with that?"
 In this example from the book, how should South play in six hearts after West leads the diamond queen?
 Three hearts guaranteed a solid suit and set it as trump, three spades promised that ace, and four clubs showed a first-round control.
 Clearly, South must avoid losing two diamond tricks. At the table, declarer, worried

about a 6=1 diamond break, crossed to the spade ace at trick two and returned dummy's second diamond. When East discarded (best), South won with his king and ruffed a diamond with the heart seven. East overruffed and shifted to a club, but declarer won, cashed a round of trumps and ruffed his last diamond with the heart five. When East couldn't overruff, declarer claimed. Are you happy with that?
 As Roth points out, South did well; if he had tried to cash the diamond king at trick two, he would have gone down. But his line could have been improved. Before crossing to the spade ace, cash the two top clubs; maybe the queen will fall. Admittedly it is only a 4% chance, but casinos are often happy with that edge.