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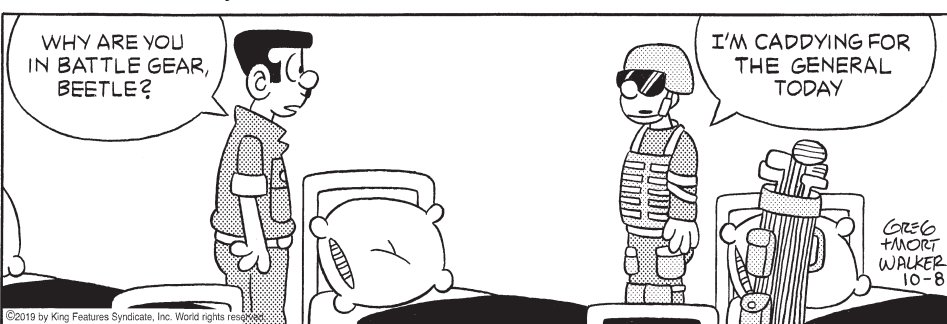
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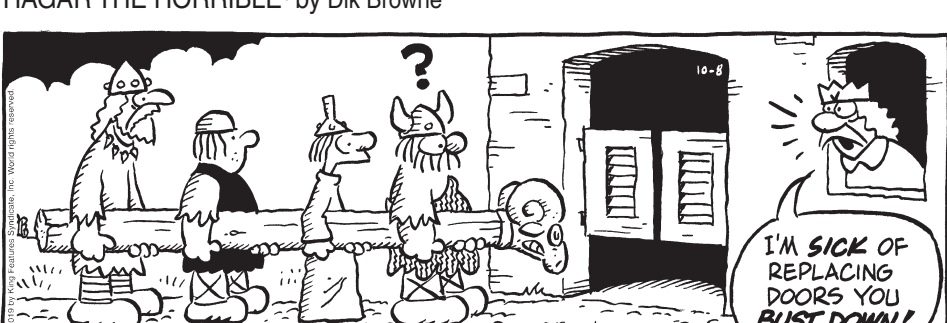
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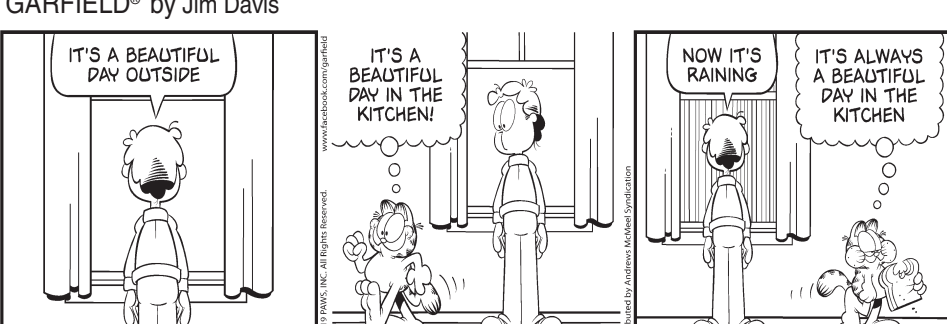
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Help go wrong
- 5 "90 Day Fiance" network
- 8 Shower alternative
- 11 Delhi attire
- 12 Step on it
- 13 On a voyage
- 15 One-time page layouts (hyph.)
- 17 Mongrels
- 18 Ship's record
- 19 Treats with contempt
- 21 Witch's group
- 24 Paddle kin
- 25 Itch
- 26 Miscellany
- 27 Zone
- 30 Pour forth
- 32 Oahu welcome
- 33 Cookbook amts.
- 37 Is, in Segovia
- 38 Asian language
- 39 He directed Marlon

DOWN

- 1 Cobra kin
- 2 Ewe's plaint
- 3 Sounds of hesitation
- 4 Author's concern
- 5 Gangster target
- 6 Gloss target
- 7 Termination

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	A	R	K	O	I	L	S	A	D
C	H	A	N	P	L	O	D	H	M
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B	E	G	A	N	A	S	S	I	S
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R	I	D	F	A	C	E	D	O	W
O	V	E	R	B	I	T	E	R	Y
S	A	N	E	P	E	K	O	E	
A	T	V	S	P	O	P			
E	R	U	P	T	S	H	E	I	D
M	G	M	E	R	G	O	L	O	N
M	O	M	S	T	A	N	O	O	D
A	N	Y	A	G	E	G	O	Y	A

- 8 Cantina fare
- 9 Loan shark's practice
- 10 European capital
- 14 Part of PBA
- 16 Ages upon ages
- 20 --Magnon
- 21 Canary's home
- 22 Blame
- 23 Expansive
- 24 Shark domains
- 28 Duke of jazz
- 29 Rural addr.
- 31 Orders for dinner
- 34 Wallop
- 35 Heap
- 36 Put to sea
- 41 RV stop
- 42 Decade part
- 44 Barely open
- 45 Lox locales
- 46 Postage
- 49 TV tube gas
- 51 Simpson kid
- 52 Hard work
- 55 Bewildered response
- 56 Ames inst.
- 57 Caribou kin
- 58 Unhatched fish

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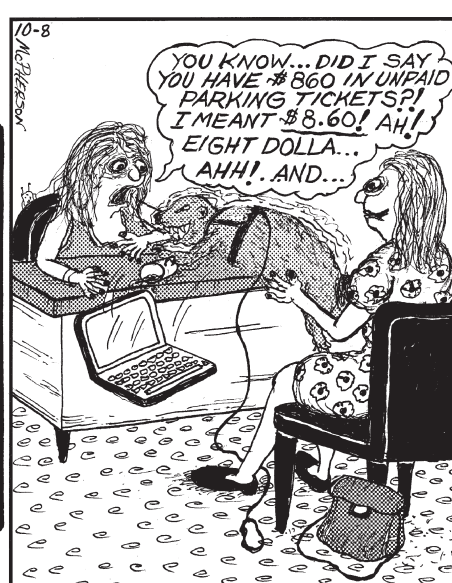
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THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



"I HATE THE WAY SHE READS A CHAPTER, STARES AT ME AND NODS KNOWINGLY AFTERWARDS."

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Cheryl's new therapy wolverine helped her to better manage many areas of her life.

Astrograph

Your Birthday

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019  
Get a grip on your life and what's important to you. If you have a dream, follow your heart and find the path that will lead to happiness. If you are up-front about what you want, you won't regret it. It's time to venture in a direction that meets your expectations.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Say yes to fun, love, exploring new avenues and finding what you want out of life. Don't put up with negativity or people who are holding you back.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't share your feelings or plans. Avoid interference by carefully getting everything in place. Personal change is apparent.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Compassion, understanding and being part of the solution rather than the problem will help

you ward off negativity and people who are trying to lead you astray.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Finesse and charm will help you get things done your way. Changing the way you treat someone will have exceptional results.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Be observant. Simplify your life and focus on following a tight budget. Set your goals and do what it takes to meet them.  
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can be creative without overdoing it. A minimalist approach to life will help you flourish in ways you never imagined. Set your priorities. Romance is heightened.  
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Now's the time to act. Take care of your responsibilities and don't worry about what others do. Arguing won't solve anything, but it will slow you down and hold you back.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If change is what you need, be the one to make it happen. If you hesitate, someone will make choices

for you that are not in your interest. Personal growth is encouraged.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll stand out if you step up and do what needs to be done. Be assertive and open about what you want to see happen. Be a leader and set a good example.  
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do something that will boost your confidence. Discuss what you want with a partner or co-worker. Keep the peace at home and work.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Traveling, attending business meetings and exploring new possibilities will help you move forward. Digest the information you receive, make a choice and act with confidence. A chance to start anew is within reach.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Live within your means and stick to practical activities. If you overstep your limits, you will have to back-track. Don't underestimate a challenger.

Bridge

North	10-08-19		
♠ 6			
♥ 6 4 3			
♦ K Q J 10 7 5			
♣ K 10 7			
West	East		
♠ K 7 5 4	♥ J 9 8		
♥ A Q 9 8	♦ 10 7 5 2		
♦ A 3	♣ 9 4 2		
♣ A J 5	♠ 9 6 4		
South			
♠ A Q 10 3 2			
♥ K J			
♦ 8 6			
♣ Q 8 3 2			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
		3♦	Pass
3NT	Dbl.	All Pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 8			

WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE DISTAFF SIDE?  
All languages have words for male and female. Some of those words arise rarely, like distaff. That word refers to the female side of the equation. But what is the masculine equivalent?  
In yesterday's column, I described a great defensive play by Jacqui Mitchell. To balance the books, as it were, here is an excellent piece of declarer-play by her husband, Victor Mitchell, who died in 1995. Victor was also a great player & universally popular.  
North was Sam Stayman, who died in 1993. He and Mitchell won four national championships as partners. Stayman's three-diamond opening bid promised a decent hand in their methods. West probably doubled in case South was psyching at the vulnerability.

West led the heart eight: three, 10, jack. Mitchell played on diamonds, West winning the second round. If West had had a mirror, he would have cashed his heart ace. But not knowing that the heart king was now a singleton, West switched to the spade four.  
If Mitchell had won East's jack with his queen, West, when in with the ace of clubs, would have had no option but to try to drop the heart king. So Mitchell set a trap: He won with the spade ace! Then he led a low club.  
Suitably duped, West rushed in with the club ace & continued with the spade five. Imagine his surprise when Mitchell won the trick with the spade 10, and when the clubs broke 3-3, he claimed two overtricks for plus 750.  
Apparently, the masculine equivalent of the distaff side is the spear side! Who knew?