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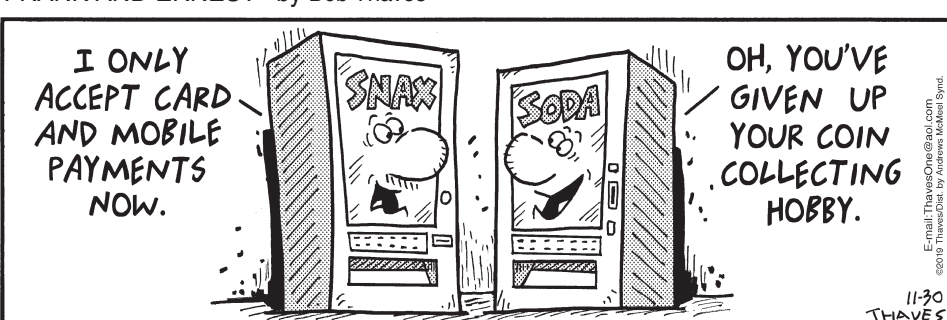
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Moon or sun
- 4 Shaker filler
- 8 Buffalo Bill —
- 12 Torme or Gibson
- 13 Muse of history
- 14 Unit of land
- 15 Ms. Gabor
- 16 Mighty Dog rival
- 17 Pronto
- 18 Landed folks
- 20 Japanese mat
- 22 Aluminum company
- 23 Food additive
- 24 Miserable
- 28 Trireme mover
- 31 Okra morsels
- 34 Fossey friend
- 35 Phillips University town
- 36 Help a malefactor

- 37 Get — of that junk!
- 38 Doctrines
- 39 Sharp turn
- 40 Go higher
- 42 Gray-clad soldier
- 44 Hawk's refuge
- 48 Thin
- 51 Cookwear
- 52 Do dock work
- 53 Trickle down
- 55 Blurbs
- 56 Novelist — Waugh
- 57 Junction point
- 58 Narrow inlet
- 59 Pith
- 60 Floored
- 61 Utter

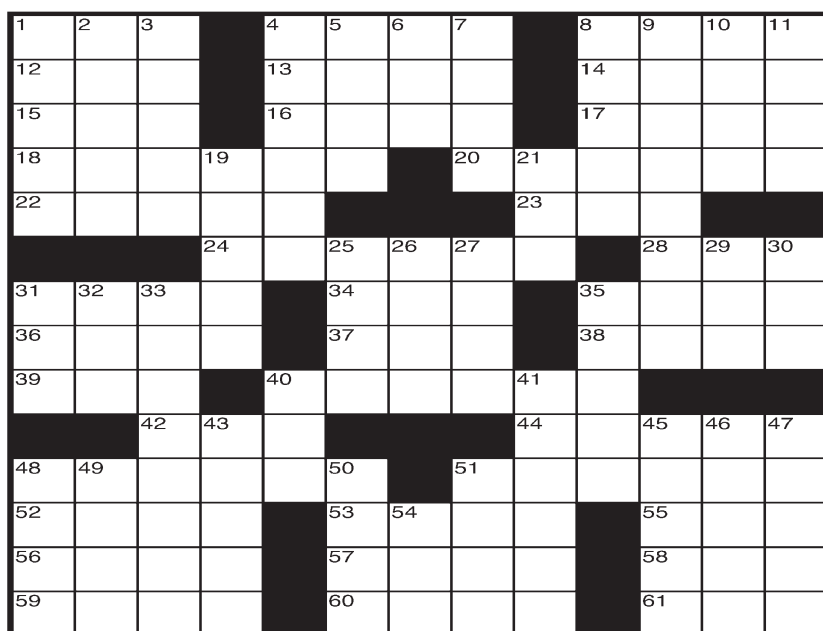
DOWN

- 1 Rolex rival
- 2 Make merry
- 3 Alps' Mont —
- 4 Pharaoh's amulet
- 5 Friend
- 6 Cup edge

Answer to Previous Puzzle

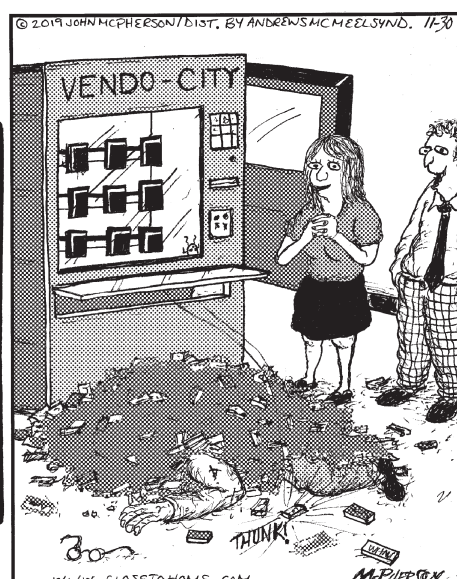


- 7 Hit the horn
- 8 Throws out
- 9 Stop signs
- 10 Tot of whiskey
- 11 Sasquatch cousin
- 19 Brown bread
- 21 Invoice no.
- 25 Grates
- 26 Cast-of-thousands movie
- 27 Yield by treaty
- 29 Goal
- 30 Hwys. —
- 31 La —, Bolivia
- 32 Kyoto sash
- 33 Lowers in esteem
- 35 Pillow filler
- 40 Tummy muscles
- 41 Dozed off
- 43 Vertical
- 45 Jungle warnings
- 46 Guru's domain
- 47 Long answer exam
- 48 Foundry refuse
- 49 Sanskrit dialect
- 50 Ferber or Millay
- 51 Staffer
- 54 Ticket info



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Astrograph

Your Birthday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019
 Take a few moments to reflect. Timing is everything, and you must be a step ahead of what's trending. Don't discard your ideas and plans; elaborate on them and wait until the time is right to unveil them. You have plenty to gain this year if you are patient, thorough and practical. Fewer mistakes mean greater rewards.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't lose sight of your goals or give up on something or someone you care about. Relationship dynamics can be confusing, but with a little faith and encouragement, you'll get good results.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Go over details carefully and put your mind at ease. The more you do, the easier it will be for you. Your ideas will be unique and your instincts on target.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You'll pick up informa-

tion that will prompt you to head in a new and exciting direction. Someone will show an interest in you and in what you are doing.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You will be interested in an unexpected offer. Money can be made, but it will require a lifestyle adjustment. Follow the path that feels most comfortable.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Do whatever you can to form alliances with people trying to make similar improvements. Travel, group discussions and new partnerships will lead to a better future.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take note of what a challenger is doing, and continue doing your own thing. If you lose sight of your goal, it will be tricky to get back on track.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you socialize, it will enrich your life. Take part in activities that will make you think and that will test your endurance. Your creative ideas will be worth developing at some length.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Figure out a way to make

your surroundings more comfortable and inviting for friends and family. Once you make an adjustment, it will ease your stress. Romance is encouraged.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You will attract attention if you participate in community events. A day trip will give you a new perspective on your future.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Refuse to let pettiness bother you. If you focus on taking care of your responsibilities, the people around you will respect you for your efforts. Romance is on the rise.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take advantage of everything that comes your way. Let your ideas be known, and focus on getting what you want. Don't live in the past or dwell on regrets.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- When in doubt, go directly to the source. Getting valid information will help you prevent delays. Protect yourself from someone who wants to lead you astray. Romance is encouraged.

Bridge

North 11-30-19
 ♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 6 5
 ♣ K 5 4 3
 West East
 ♠ K 7 6 3 ♠ J 8
 ♥ 10 9 5 ♥ 4
 ♦ K 8 ♦ A Q J 7 4 3
 ♣ Q J 7 2 ♣ A 10 9 8
 South
 ♠ A 9 5 2
 ♥ A K Q J 8 6 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 6
 Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: North-South
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass Pass 2♦
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: ♥ 10

TODAY'S MILESTONE IS NINE THOUSAND
 This column is my 9,000th! My first byline appeared on April 1, 1991. When I told my editor, he asked if I was prepared to write another 9,000. I replied that I would be happy to do so, except that it would require my living until almost 99 years of age.
 It is possible that my wife and I set a new world record on October 25. We played bridge against two Bridge Base Online robots, mostly at 41,000 feet, though to try to avoid some turbulence, briefly we went up to 43,000. Here is one of those deals.
 Sitting South, I wondered about opening four hearts, but decided that could cost us a slam. After it went one heart, pass, pass, I felt uncomfortable. But when East didn't pass (he might have, being so short in the majors), I leapt to 4 hearts.

Since the robots do not like leading from any suit headed by an unsupported king, West chose a trump. What did I do?
 If West had the club ace, I needed two spade tricks; but if East had that card, I would require three spade winners. What is the recommended way to play that suit?
 I drew trumps and led a club to the king. East won, cashed the diamond ace and played another diamond, which I ruffed.
 In isolation, the best play in spades is low to the 10. If that loses to the jack, then play low to the nine next. Luckily, I did not have the entries for that. I cashed the spade ace and led another spade. Now West made a really bad play, winning with the king. When East followed with the jack, I could claim.
 Maybe the thin air had affected West's CPU.