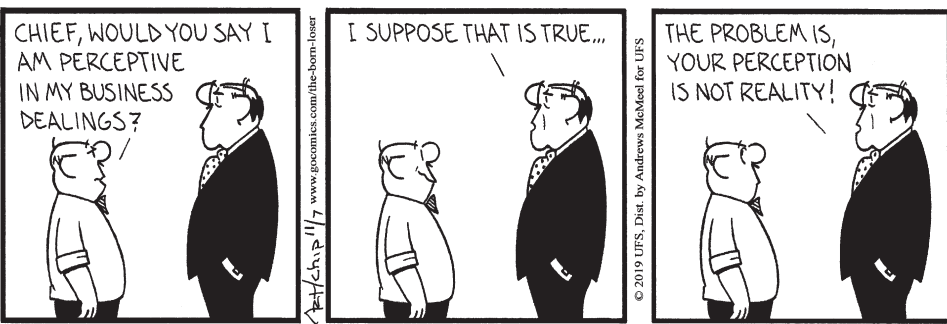
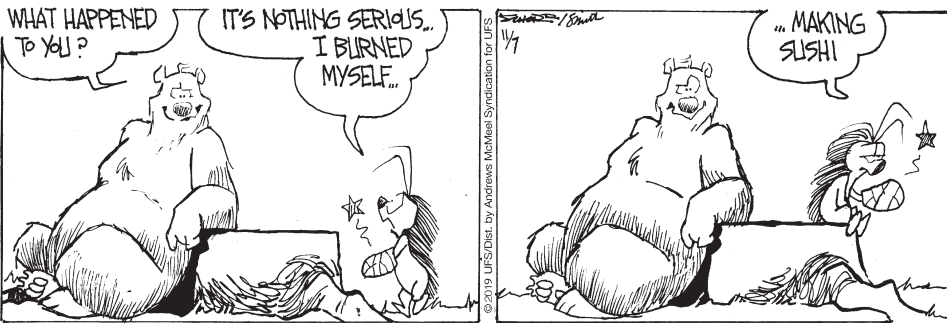


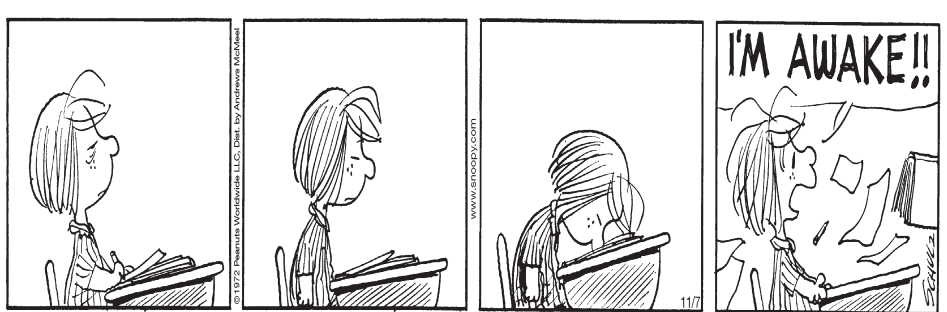
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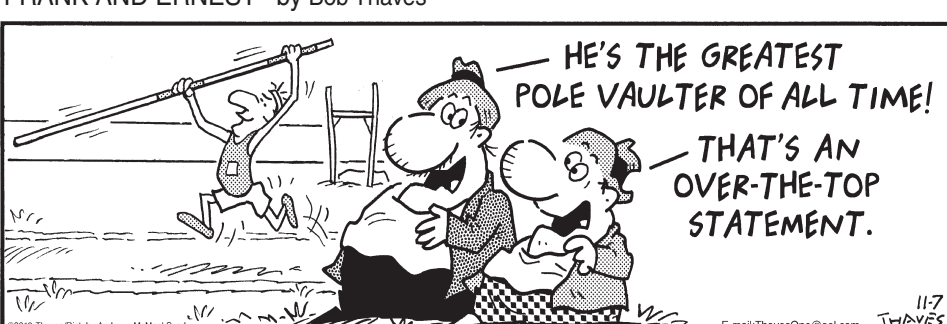
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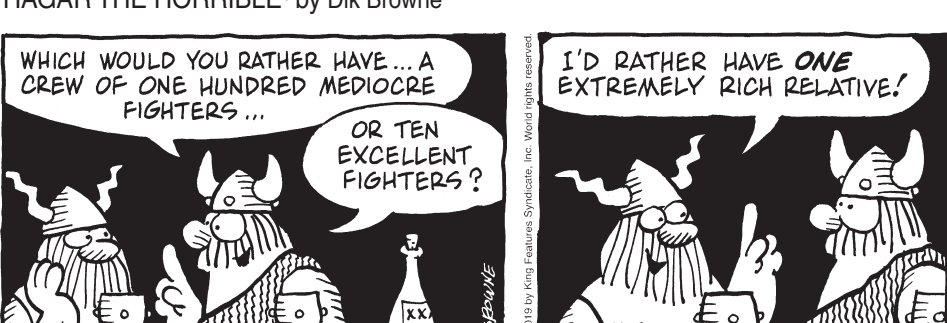
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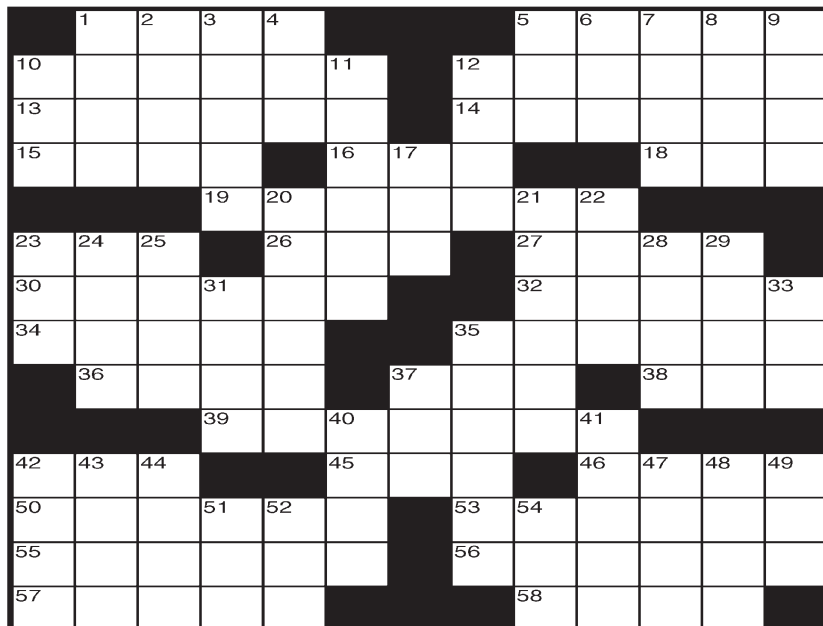
NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sugary drink
 - 5 Type of vinegar
 - 10 Funny play
 - 12 Adult
 - 13 Starr or Vaccaro
 - 14 Hit the tab key
 - 15 Email command
 - 16 "Bien" opposite
 - 18 Harper or Majors
 - 19 Most frugal
 - 23 Sixth sense
 - 26 German physicist
 - 27 Sand, silt and clay
 - 30 Pistil top
 - 32 Take the lid off
 - 34 Brown-tinted photo
 - 35 Drill through
 - 36 Lay down cards
 - 37 — -tac-toe, sometimes
 - 38 Bailout key,
- DOWN**
- 1 Innermost part
 - 2 Ominous sign
 - 3 Advances, as money
 - 4 Find the sum
 - 5 Paint container
 - 6 — be an honor
 - 7 Pistol fight
 - 8 Flying piscivore
 - 9 Solar plexus
 - 10 NBC rival

Answer to Previous Puzzle



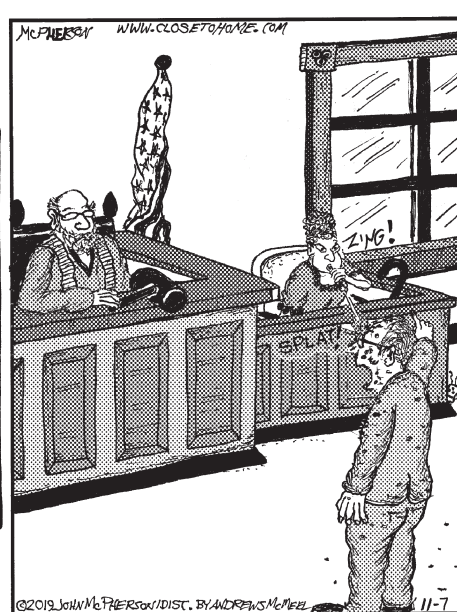
- 11 Big name in pianos
- 12 Runner's unit
- 17 Body part
- 20 Hair ointment
- 21 Floodgate
- 22 Musical note
- 23 Slalom run
- 24 Wineglass part
- 25 Plumbing piece
- 28 Land unit
- 29 Apple computers
- 31 Fish lung
- 33 Muscle used in pushups
- 35 Lobster part
- 37 Hex-, halved
- 40 Retired
- 41 Stray calf
- 42 PIN prompters
- 43 George Bernard —
- 44 Non-soap opera
- 47 Baja boy
- 48 MTV watcher
- 49 Law (abbr.)
- 51 Slip up
- 52 Omph
- 54 Md. neighbor



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Astrograph

Your Birthday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Your imagination will spark ideas, promote new interests and help you plan for a better future. If you coordinate with someone who has helped you in the past, the results you get will lead to stability and a healthy lifestyle. An unusual offer will tempt you. Follow your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A different living arrangement will encourage you to make an emotional decision. Making a commitment to someone will help ease stress and bring you peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep your distance from people trying to make a mountain out of a molehill. Vivid metaphors will send a damaging message that could promote unwanted change. Remain calm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Think before you make a rash statement or a move that could box you in. Know your

boundaries, the facts and your legal rights before you join in someone else's battle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Spend more time preparing and getting things done. The less time you engage in conversations, the easier it will be to avoid being blamed or criticized for leaked information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Use your insight and know-how to help others. A change you make will improve a legal or financial matter. Refrain from making unnecessary purchases. Stretch your dollars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- An unfamiliar environment will broaden your outlook regarding educational pursuits or your family history. A proposal, gift or settlement will improve your life. Romance is emphasized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It's up to you to bring about change. Don't wait for someone else to do the work. Look at your options, find out what you need to know and initiate your plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- An emotional matter will be difficult to control. Go directly

to the source of the information you are given if something doesn't seem right. Don't pay for anything you don't want or need.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Evaluate a proposal and consider how to use what you and the person making it have to offer. An innovative plan will pay off if you split the work and cost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Certain improvements will require you to do a little work. Physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle are in your best interest. Don't let temptation lead you down the wrong path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get out more and spend time with people who offer insight, knowledge and a different point of view. A function or event will lead to a good connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Taking a business trip or checking out a potential offer, school or new direction will make you feel better about the future. Personal gains, family ties and romance are favored.

Bridge

A TOUGH TECHNIQUE TO EXECUTE

Natalie Clifford Barney, a playwright, poet and novelist who lived as an expatriate in Paris, wrote, "Why grab possessions like thieves, or divide them like socialists, when you can ignore them like wise men?"

Why follow bridge defense adages like automatons, or ignore them like ostriches, when you can analyze them on a deal-by-deal basis like an expert?

In today's deal, how should East defend against 3 no-trump after first round leads the spade 9?

When East intervened with two spades, South was tempted to double for penalty. That double ought to be for penalty because a pass by South should be forcing, even in Standard American. Why? North's 2-club response promised a rebid, and as a consequence the auction was

forcing at least to 2 no-trump. Against best defense, 2 spades doubled goes down only one. Not good if North-South can make game, but fine if they cannot.

Well, what happens to South in three no-trump?

The spotlight is immediately on East. If he puts up the spade queen (third hand high, partner), declarer ducks (plays the spade seven) and the contract makes. But if East plays the 10 (or eight), the contract dies. Declarer must win with the jack and play a club. West takes the first club trick & returns his second spade, setting up East's suit while he, East, still has the club ace as an entry.

When wishing to establish a suit in which the opponents have 2 tricks, try to make them use up one of those stoppers as quickly as possible. The first round isn't too early.

North 11-07-19

♠ 6 3

♥ 7 4

♦ A K Q

♣ Q J 10 9 8 7

West

♥ 9 4

♠ J 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 4 3 2

♣ K

East

♥ K Q 10 8 5 2

♠ Q 10

♦ 6

♣ A 6 5 2

South

♠ A J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ J 10 8 5

♣ 4 3

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: Both

South West North East

1♦ Pass 2♣ 2♠

2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 9