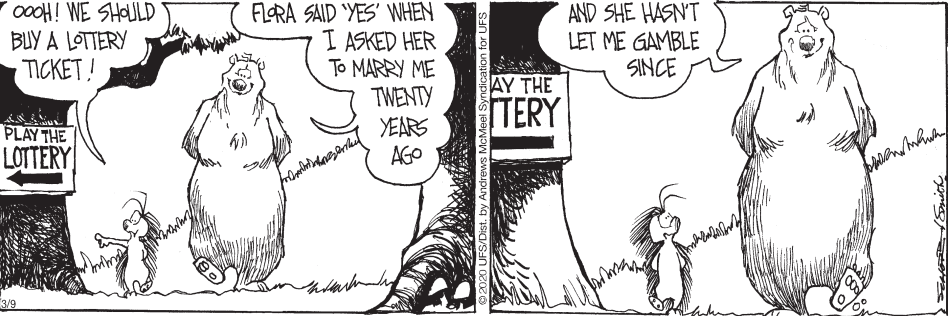


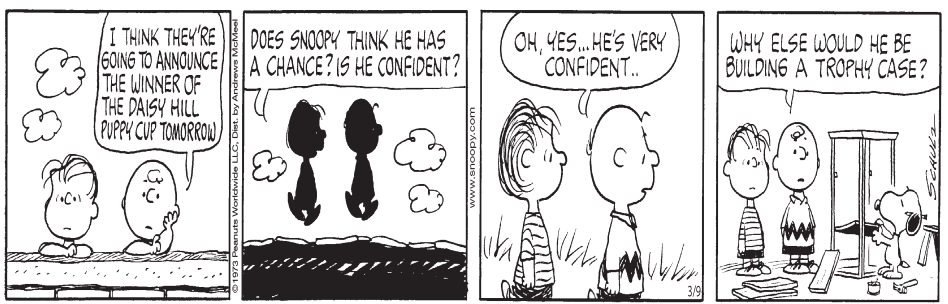
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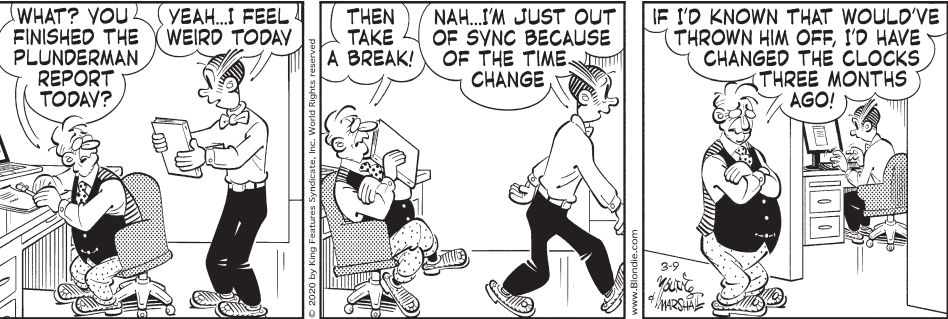
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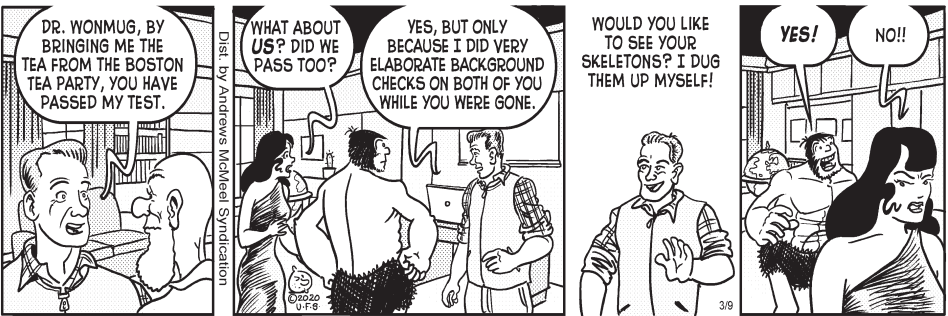
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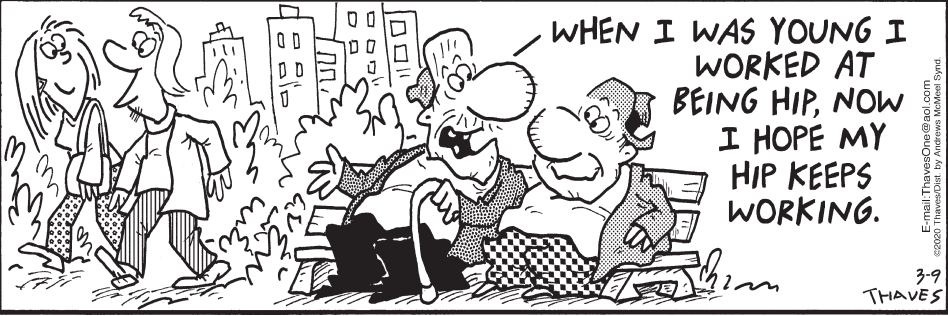
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Connect
5 Big —
8 Halftime marchers
12 In a while
13 Outback bird
14 Fake butter
15 Consumer gds.
16 Vinyl records
17 Wield a hammer
18 Manually
20 Big bother
22 Put down
23 Mont. neighbor
24 Brittle
27 An antiseptic
30 Food cooker
31 Footed vases
32 Actress — Thurman
34 Navajo foe
35 Signs one's name to
36 Waiter's reward
37 Hits or kisses

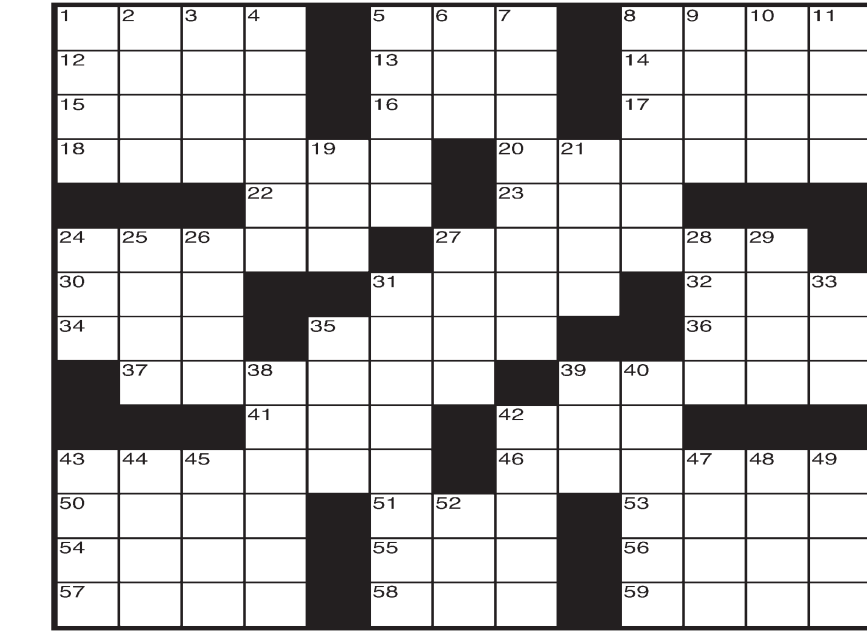
DOWN

1 Gentle one
2 Memorial Day race
3 Snack
4 Prepares dough

39 Sauce with basil
41 Russell or Olin
42 Tony-winner — Hagen
43 Self-defense art
46 Thin
50 Come into view
51 Say I do
53 Ibsen woman
54 Social climber
55 Kilt-wearer's refusal
56 Dead-locked
57 Scandinavian city
58 Big —, California
59 Take it easy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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



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THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Not wanting to serve jury duty, Dave wore his squirrel skull necklace to the juror selection hearing.

Astrograph

Your Birthday

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

Take the initiative and make your dream a reality. Focus and determination will lead to success. The right attitude and lifestyle will bring peace of mind and the happiness you deserve. Change begins within. Choose your path and follow through.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Share your feelings and discuss your intentions. Reach out to like-minded people and work in unison with them. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be conscientious and add detail and depth to whatever you do. The little extras will count. If you present yourself and your intentions with precision, you will come across as intelligent and efficient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Observe a certain situation and prepare to make changes. Discuss your intentions with someone knowledgeable. Take the plunge and explore your options. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. A romantic encounter will boost your morale.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do things at a speed that feels comfortable. If you rush to do something that you feel uncertain about, you'll fall short. An emotional issue will spin out of control if you let it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do things your way. Share your thoughts and put a group together that will help you achieve your goal. Changes at home will be advantageous. Don't fight the inevitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Do your research before you commit. A change of heart will be telling. When someone challenges you, stand tall and don't budge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Talk to someone with experience. A neighbor or good friend will shed light on a situation you face. A good idea can turn into a profitable arrangement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Think about the past. Remember why it's so important to take a break and to nurture what's important to you. Consider your motives and follow through with your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you step outside your comfort zone, you'll discover something that not only intrigues you, but helps you choose a path that offers personal and spiritual growth. Romance is on the rise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Refrain from making a snap decision. Back away from anyone pressuring you to commit. Getting angry won't help matters. Chill out somewhere you feel safe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Make a decision or move that will bring things to a head. Address joint finances and changes that aren't working. A work-related matter will turn into a new opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A change is worth considering. Don't let your emotions get in the way of doing what's right. A partnership will take an unexpected turn. Make a change to your living arrangements.

Bridge

North 03-09-20

♠ 5 4 2
♥ K 5 3
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ K J 10

West East

♠ Q J 10 8 3 ♠ K 9
♥ Q 8 7 ♥ J 10 9 4
♦ J 10 8 ♦ K 9
♣ 3 2 ♣ 9 8 6 5 4

South

♠ A 7 6
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 7 6 3
♣ A Q 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

CAN WEST GET BACK ON LEAD?

In many deals, either the declarer does the right thing and makes his contract, or he doesn't & he doesn't! But there are some deals that give both sides a chance for good play. Today's is an example that occurred in a three-table pairs event.

Every West led the spade queen against three no-trump. Each East made the textbook play of overtaking with the king. After the Souths ducked, back came East's second spade.

At the first table, South ducked again. West overtook with the spade 10, then returned the spade eight, his middle spade. Oblivious, East discarded a low club. Needing East to hold the diamond king, declarer played a club to dummy's 10, then he led a low diamond. East went in with the

king; a moment later, declarer claimed his contract.

At the second table, when West overtook and returned the spade eight, East got the suit-preference message. He made a spectacular play, discarding the diamond king. Now South could do no better than take his eight top tricks.

At the third table, South correctly won trick 2 with his spade ace. He crossed to dummy with a club & led a low diamond, but East smoothly played the nine -- second hand low! Declarer won with his queen, then led a low diamond.

If West had played the 10, declarer would have known to duck in the dummy. But West did well, putting up the jack. Now South had a guess. Playing East for three diamonds, declarer won with dummy's ace and led a third round. West cashed out for down one.