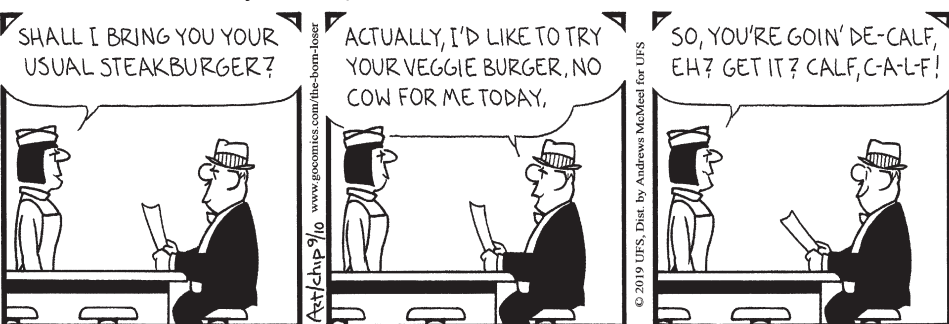




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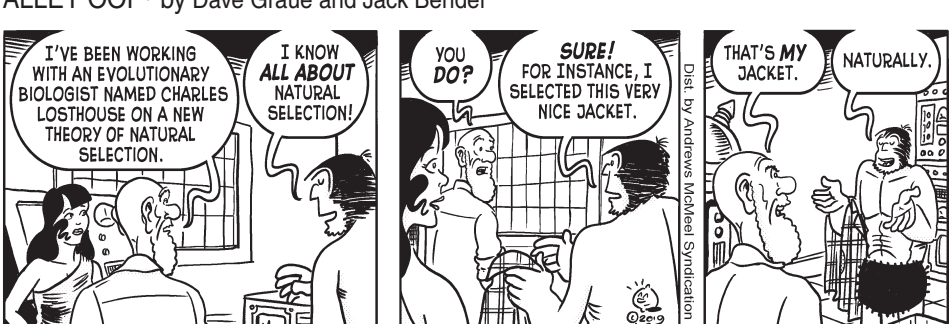
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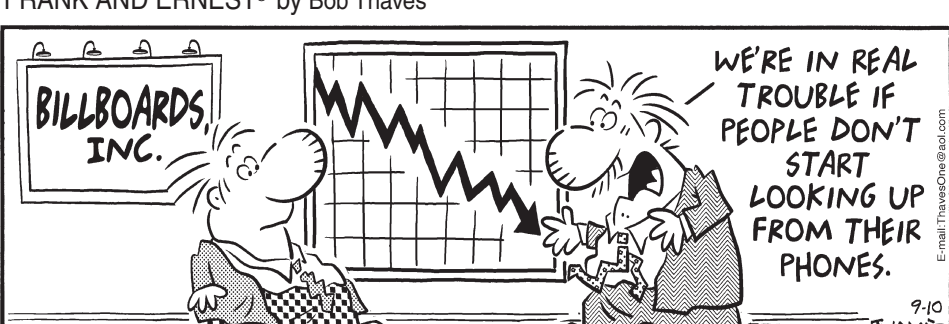
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Journal
- 4 Sweater letter
- 8 Piano support
- 11 Clean air org.
- 12 Tiny particle
- 13 Ms. Hatcher
- 14 Pierre's nose
- 15 Grey of Western novels
- 16 Wise owl
- 17 Bullrings
- 19 Mournful
- 21 Vast continent
- 22 Astrologers of yore
- 25 Cranky
- 29 Swing voter (abbr.)
- 31 RPM meter
- 34 King, in France
- 35 Italian wine city
- 36 Aid and
- 37 Two, in Chiapas

38 Jacket style

- 39 du Diabie
- 40 Writer
- 42 Athletics channel
- 44 Polygraph flunker
- 47 ER personnel
- 49 Jigsaw components
- 51 Muslim mystic
- 54 Chicken style
- 56 Pep rally syllable
- 57 Part of an agenda
- 58 Ocean bird
- 59 Bachelor's last words (2 wds.)
- 60 Loud thud
- 61 Unites
- 62 Do batik

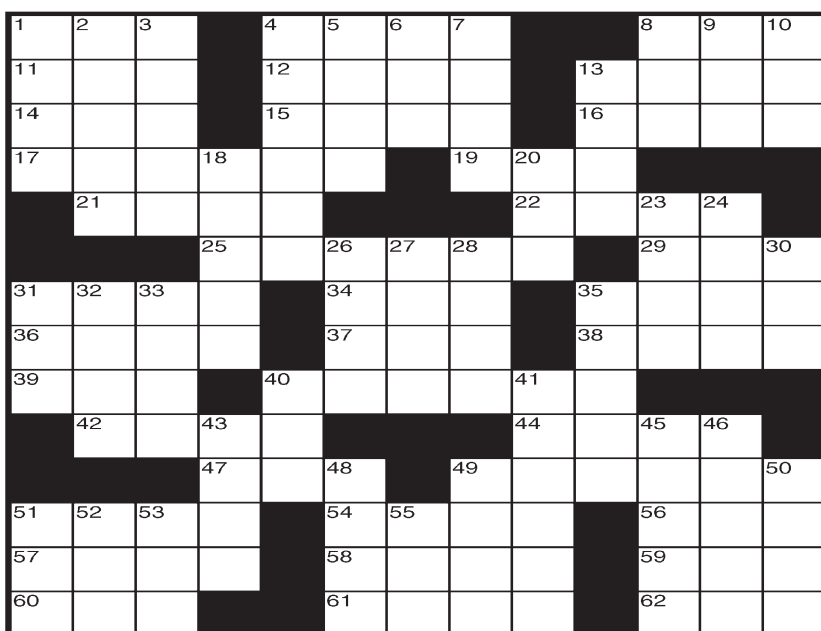
DOWN

- 1 Swedish actress
- 2 "Carmen," for one
- 3 Peers at
- 4 Market-place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

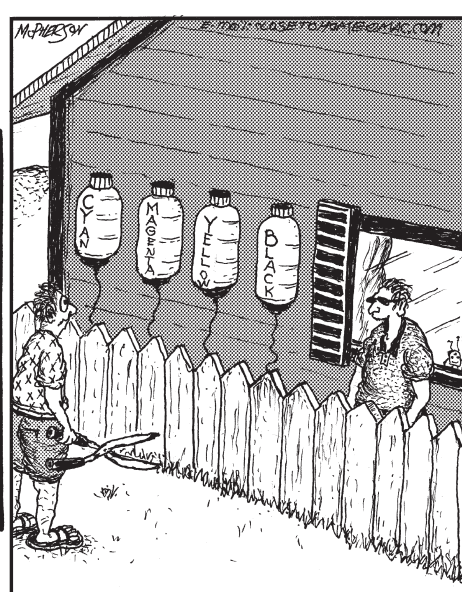


- 5 Depot info
- 6 Weight unit
- 7 Iowa campus site
- 8 "Miz" (hyph.)
- 9 Historical period
- 10 Martini base
- 13 "I did it!" (abbr.)
- 18 Vampire's time
- 20 Actress - Irving
- 23 Main point
- 24 Gung-ho about
- 26 Karachi language
- 27 Debatable
- 28 Word of contempt
- 30 Racket
- 31 - chi ch'uan
- 32 Competent
- 33 So-so grades
- 35 Condor's abode
- 40 Ms. Jillian
- 41 Bartender's stock
- 43 Proper's partner
- 45 Caustic
- 46 All set
- 48 Distort
- 49 Await judgment
- 50 Brake pad
- 51 Family mem.
- 52 Actress - Hagen
- 53 Not masc.
- 55 Ill temper



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"With four kids at home, it's cheaper to buy our printer ink in bulk."

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



"HERE LEROY WAS DETERMINED TO BEAT THE LENHARTS AT A CHARITY AUCTION."

Astrograph

Your Birthday
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
 Think matters through. Time is on your side, and taking care of every detail will lead to the success you are looking for this year. Concentrate on inner growth, personal happiness and achieving a lifestyle that promotes good relationships with the people you love. Make romance a priority.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Participate in activities that challenge you to look and feel your best. The positive changes you make will attract attention and give you the incentive to take on bigger objectives.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Do your homework. Make only the necessary changes. Protect the status quo and be patient with people who need your help. Update personal documents and medical, contractual or financial records.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Control your emotions when dealing with people who don't share your beliefs. If you listen, you will gain insight into the

best way to bring about positive change. Romance is featured.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A past experience will help you figure out whether someone is being up-front with you or using manipulative tactics to get his or her way. Don't share personal information.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Refuse to let anyone interfere in your life. Do whatever feels right and will help you maintain your standard of living. A financial move will lower your overhead.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Emotions will surface if someone makes a change you don't like or you disagree with. Refuse to let the actions of others stand between you and your goal.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Listen, observe and gather facts. What you know will help protect you and your objective. Helping others will result in getting something you want in return.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Put more emphasis on how you manage money, relationships and medical issues.
 Don't underestimate a challenger or competitor. Protect your reputation and job, and pay close attention to detail.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be the one to investigate what needs to be done. Take a stand, state your thoughts and offer solutions. Your prompt and efficient attitude will encourage others to pitch in and help.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Stick close to home and surround yourself with people you know you can trust. Listen more and talk less. Don't give away secrets or believe what others tell you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Let others do as they please. As long as you don't get involved in something risky, you will make progress. Making home improvements, nurturing a meaningful relationship and encouraging romance should be priorities.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Networking is an art. How others perceive you will determine your effectiveness when it comes time to promote your plans. Don't overspend. You can't buy respect or support.

Bridge

North 09-10-19
 ♠ K 6 5
 ♥ K Q 7 4
 ♦ A 10 2
 ♣ 6 5 2
 West J 10 9 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 9 8 6 5
 ♣ K 10 8
 East 8 3 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K 7 4 3
 ♣ J 9 7 3
 South A Q 7
 ♥ A J 10 9 3 2
 ♦ J
 ♣ A Q 4
 Dealer: North
 Vulnerable: Neither
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 4NT Pass 5♣ Pass
 6♥ Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: ♠ J

BOTH FIGHT WELL, BUT WHO WINS?
 George Bernard Shaw said, "Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity."
 Yesterday, I gave a deal in which both East & South played to the maximum. Here is another. What should happen in 6 hearts after West has led the spade jack?
 In the auction, after North raised hearts, South launched Roman Key Card Blackwood. North showed two key cards (the diamond ace & heart king) & the heart queen. South then bid what he thought he could make. He wondered about a grand slam, but realized that his partner couldn't have both black-suit kings, because he would have either opened one no-trump or rebid three hearts.
 South saw that he was faced with two potential club losers.

Was there any chance if West had the club king?
 Yes, declarer spotted one possibility. He won with his spade ace, drew trumps leaving the king on the board, cashed the diamond ace, ruffed the diamond 2 & took his other 2 spade winners, ending on the board. Then he called for the diamond 10.
 If East had carelessly played low, thinking South was going to ruff, declarer would have discarded the club 4. This would have employed West, forcing him either to lead away from the club king into South's ace-queen, or to concede a ruff-and-sluff. However, East was wide awake. He put up the diamond king.
 Now declarer did his best. He ruffed, cashed the club ace, crossed to the board & played a club toward his queen. However, he had to fall to defeat. Well played East & South!