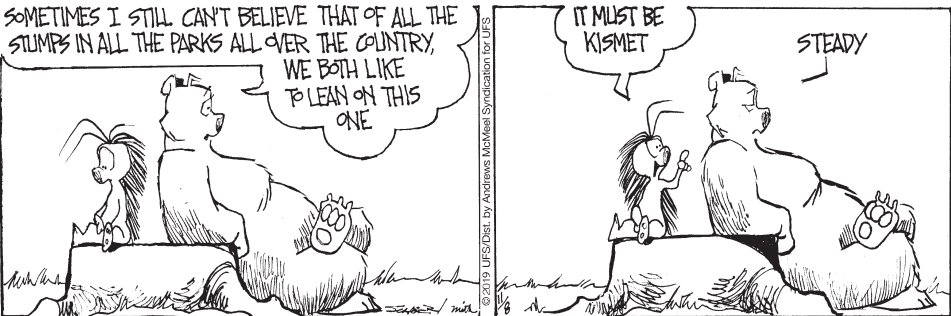


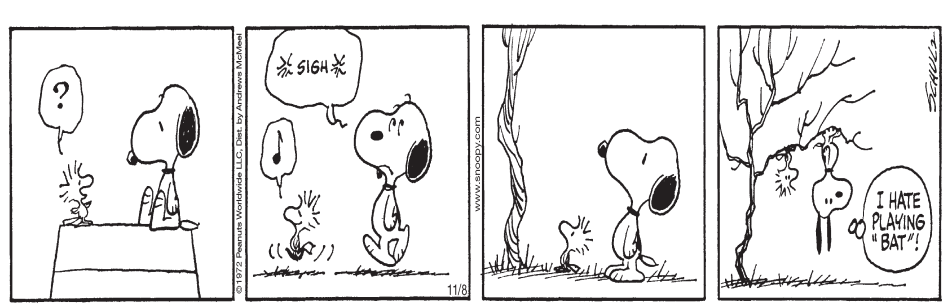
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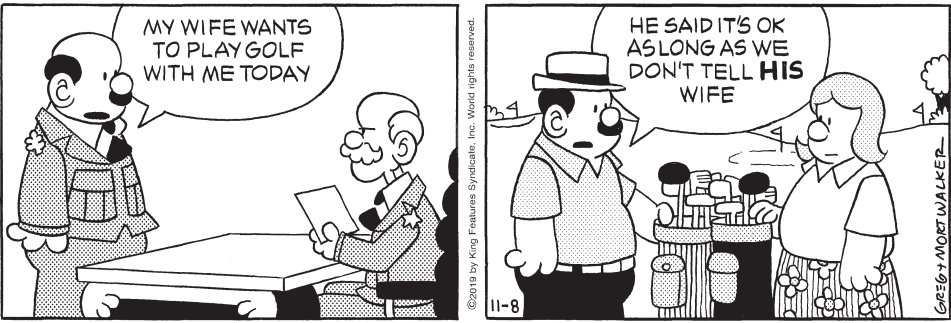
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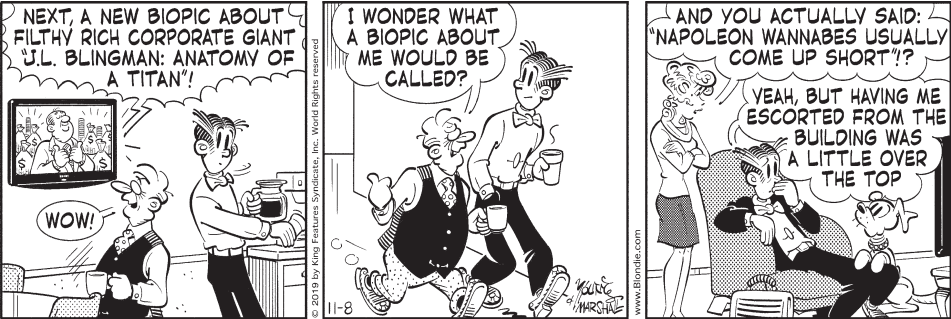
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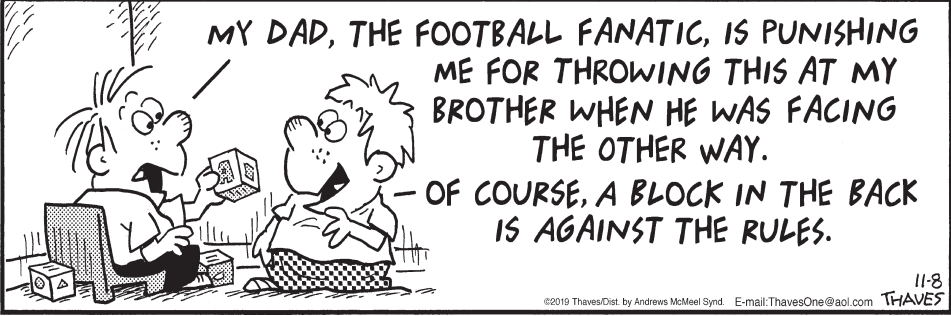
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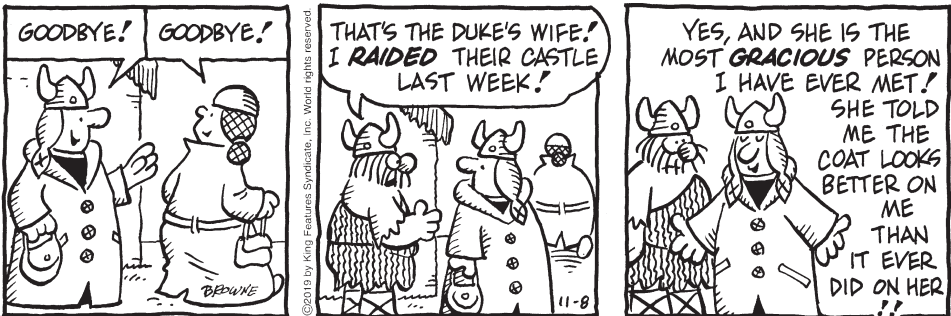
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE® by Dik Browne



GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Haul
5 Play a part
8 Showed up
12 Stretchy fabric
13 Worthless coin
14 Butter substitute
15 Shriek of pain
16 Colorful carp
17 Inferior
18 Zip over the ice
20 Give lessons
22 State-of-the-art
23 Wabash loc.
24 Gave out
27 Go on a cruise
30 Spanish gold
31 Collected sayings
32 Tattered cloth
34 Brief time
35 Fall mo.
37 Blvd.
38 Uses a razor

40 Alpine refrain

- 42 Poor review
43 Handle roughly
44 Muscular
46 "— vincit amor"
49 Teasdale of poetry
50 Famous Khan
52 Lazily
54 Partly open
55 Mdse. bars
56 Rocket part
57 Actress Tyne —
58 Stadium yell
59 Fervor

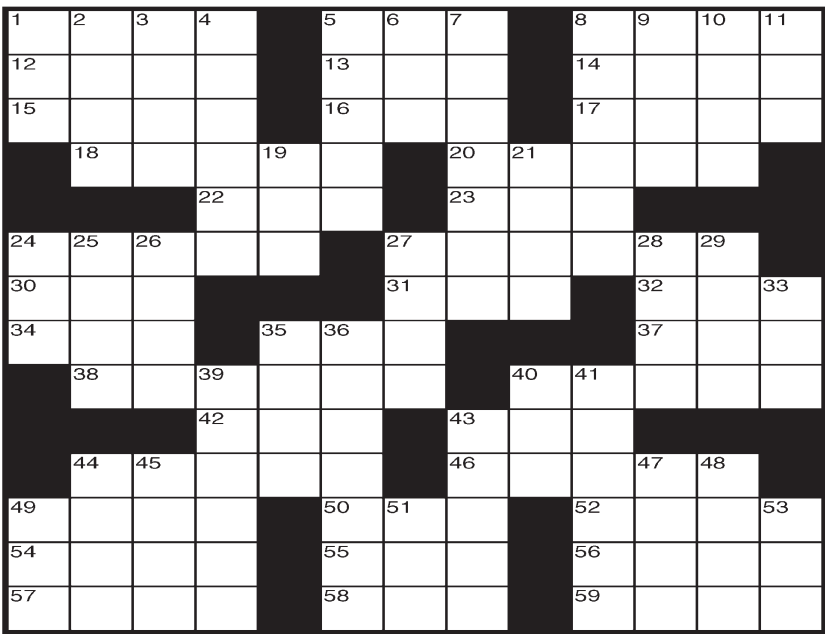
DOWN

- 1 Boxing stat
2 Burden
3 Woods insect
4 Flammable gas
5 At an angle
6 Cote murmur
7 College fee
8 Pina —

Answer to Previous Puzzle



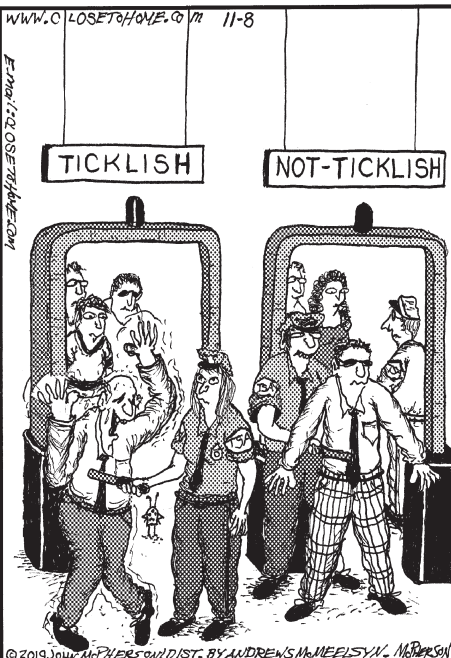
- 9 Baldwin of films
10 Chicken wire
11 Dawn goddess
19 Danson or Kennedy
21 Gaelic singer
24 Fancy parties
25 Unrefined metals
26 — Ness
27 Huge containers
28 Degree holder
29 Gutter locale
33 Mousse alternative
35 Pecan shape
36 Mythical beast
39 Beehive
40 Root vegetable
41 Possessing
43 Fish without a license
44 Lower California
45 Caspian Sea tributary
47 Graven image
48 Too
49 Mournful
51 College stat
53 Evergreen



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Astrograph

Your Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Keep your life simple and concentrate on what's important. How you conduct yourself and present who you are and what you want will determine the type of people you attract and the help you will receive. An intellectual approach to life and love will help you achieve happiness. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- An interesting lifestyle change should be on your mind. Consider ways to lower your overhead and decrease stress. A smart, unexpected maneuver will pay off. Invest in you. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- An improvement to your home can be made. Ease your stress by avoiding people who tend to meddle in your affairs. Keep your life and plans simple and be precise when sharing information. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Stop being so hard on yourself. You've got more

going for you than you realize. If there is something you don't like, change it and keep moving forward. Trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A change to the way you handle your money needs to be looked at carefully before you commit. A fast-cash scheme someone offers to you will end up being a disappointment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Minimize your intake and maximize the time you spend getting fit and living a healthy lifestyle. Walk away from anyone who tries to pressure you into something that isn't good for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Emotional matters will surface if someone you do business with tries to bully you. Protect your rights, integrity and money. Don't sit back when you should take action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Before you decide to take part in a joint venture, medical experiment or someone else's dream, consider the consequences. Make partnerships a priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Talk about your intentions, plans and feelings, and find out where you stand. It's easier to move forward if you know that you have the approval of a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be reasonable. If you over-react or become the problem instead of the solution, little will get done. Think matters through and offer positive suggestions. Keep the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Find out what it will cost to make a personal improvement you've been considering. Looking your best, honing your skills and romancing a loved one should be priorities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take part in something that will bring about positive change. Making a difference will bring you in touch with beneficial people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Spending time with someone who brings out the best in you or signing up for a day of pampering will give you the boost you need.

Bridge

GIVE DECLARER A LOSING OPTION

George Lois, an award-winning art director, said, "Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything."

Some bridge experts are creative, making astonishing plays from time to time. Jeff Meckstroth, Zia Mahmood and Benito Garozzo come to mind. See if you can find an imaginative play in this deal. What happens in four spades after West cashes two top clubs, then shifts to a heart, and East wins with his ace before exiting with a heart?

South's two-club rebid was New Minor Forcing, announcing at least game-invitational values and asking partner to describe his hand further. When North showed 3-card spade support, South went for game in that suit.

When West led the club ace, East played the two, a count signal showing an odd number of clubs. Then, under the club king, East dropped the nine, a suit-preference signal for hearts. (His highest club asked for the higher-ranking of the other two side suits.)

Declarer must avoid a trump loser. He intends to play low to his queen and cash the ace, hoping that East has exactly king-doubleton.

It looks as though South is about to get lucky. But West can muddy the waters. When declarer plays a spade to his queen, West must follow suit with the nine (or 10), trying hard to look like someone who started with 10-nine doubleton.

If South believes West, he will cross to the board with a diamond & lead the spade jack, hoping to pin West's 10 (or 9). Here, though, he will go down one.

		North		11-08-19	
		♠ J 6 3			
		♥ K Q J			
		♦ A 7 5 4			
		♣ Q J 5			
West				East	
♠ 10 9 4				♠ K 7	
♥ 10 8 6 3				♥ A 9 5 2	
♦ 9 8 3				♦ 6 2	
♣ A K 4				♣ 9 8 7 3 2	
		South			
		♠ A Q 8 5 2			
		♥ 7 4			
		♦ K Q J 10			
		♣ 10 6			
Dealer: North					
Vulnerable: East-West					
South	West	North	East		
		1♦	Pass		
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass		
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass		
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass		
Opening lead: ♠ A					