



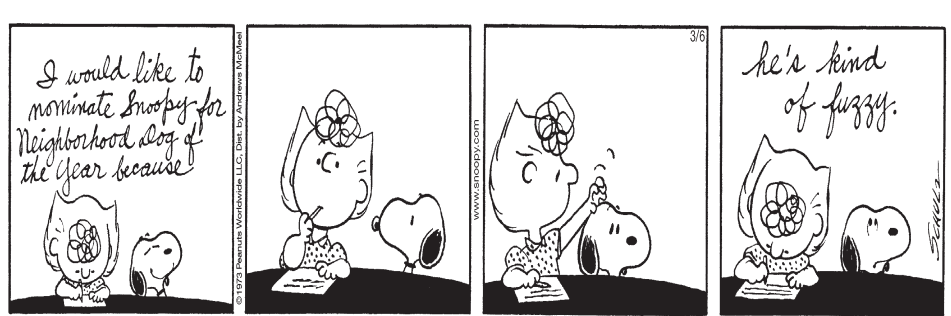
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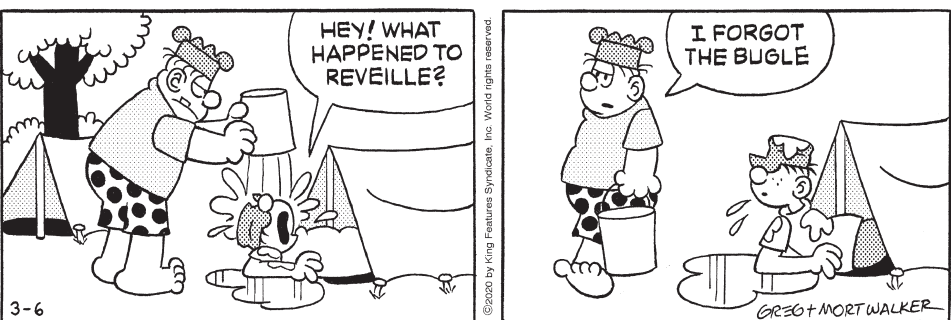
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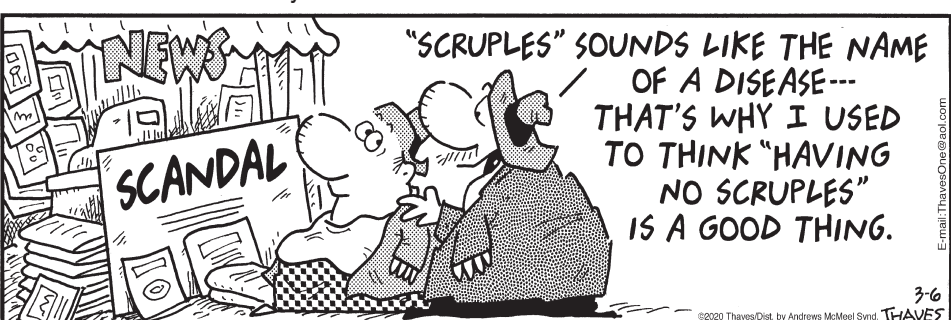
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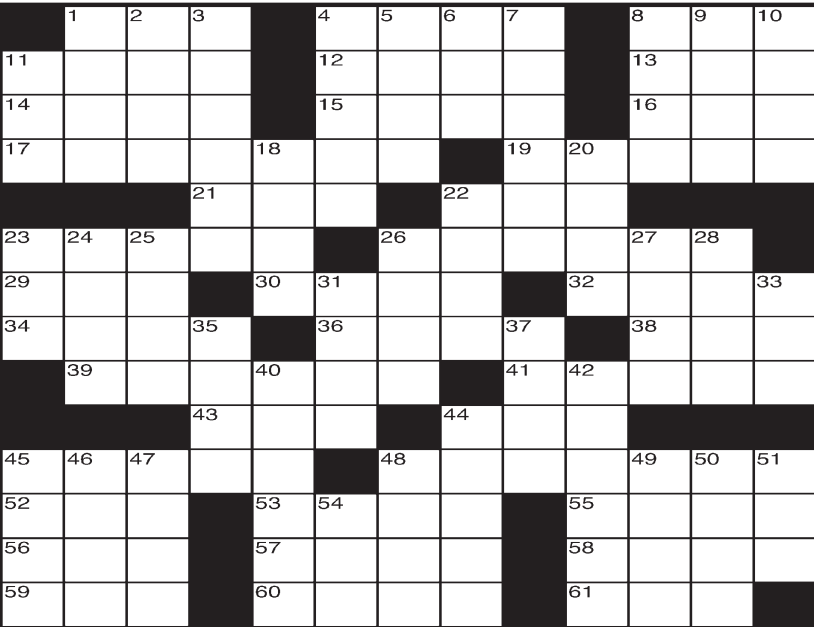
NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hogwash!
4 Ruminat
8 EMT technique
11 Display model
12 Sandwich cookie
13 Unhatched fish
14 Molecule part
15 Bread spread
16 Physicist's study
17 Plant books
19 Old tale
21 Narrow inlet
22 Research site
23 Played poker
26 Saw
29 Turkish title
30 Mr. Greenspan
32 Designer label
34 — -ho
36 Moby Dick pursuer
38 Adversary
- 39 Principles
41 Exploiters
43 TV brand
44 European airline
45 Paid homage
48 Hot sauce
52 Long, long time
53 Norwegian monarch
55 Mixer for rum
56 Actress Tyler
57 Stuff the suitcase
58 Sailor's pride
59 Be nosy
60 Wee bit
61 PFC boss
- DOWN**
- 1 Mr. Seeger
2 Romance, to Pedro
3 Durango dude
4 Lettuce
5 WWW addresses
6 Jeans brand
7 Vegetable sponge

Answer to Previous Puzzle

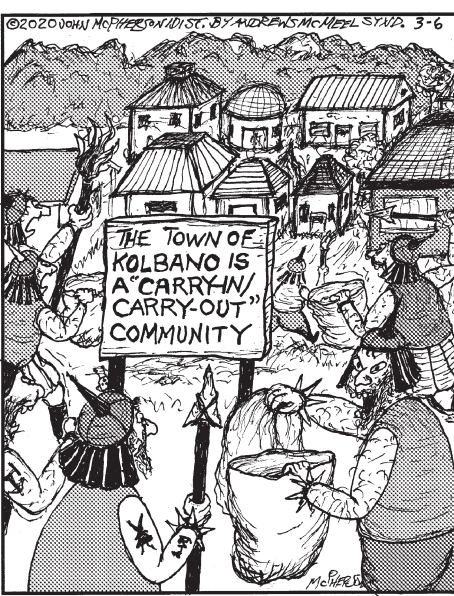
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- 8 Storage bin
9 Combine
10 Lacoste of tennis
11 Morse syllable
18 Met role
20 Sleeping
22 Horne of jazz
23 Practical joke
24 Water, in Tijuana
25 Tailless cat
26 Derisive snorts
27 Vitality
28 Kind of prize
31 Tibetan monk
- 33 Lawyer's thing
35 Young lady
37 Tulip-to-be
40 Ink shooters
42 Loud kisses
44 Writer Franz —
45 Iodine source
46 Roulette color
47 Jealousy
48 Diplomat's forte
49 Tune
50 Thicken
51 Fiber-rich grain
54 Thai language



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"We may be barbarians, but we are NOT LITTERBUGS! Take a bag and clean up after you destroy everything!"

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



"I AM A GOOD LISTENER, LORETTA ... WANT TO HEAR WHAT I'M LISTENING TO?"

Astrograph



FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

Keep moving forward. Refuse to let an emotional matter consume you. Don't make unnecessary changes. Take your time and leave no room for error. Be prepared to do the work yourself if you want things done to your specifications. Make hard work, discipline and stability your priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Listen to others and assess situations, but don't be too eager to share your opinions or sign up for something that will benefit someone other than yourself. Do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Speak your mind. Head in a direction that helps you utilize your skills and qualifications. If you socialize, you will encounter someone who can help you succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have flushed out

any flaws that may draw opposition. Learn by watching others, and you will know precisely how to get your way. Romance is featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll have different choices to make. Don't give in to peer pressure. Do what's right and best for you, and don't look back. Someone you respect will give you good advice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Work on your to-do list. You'll be surprised at how much you achieve and the help that's offered. Once everything's done, plan something enjoyable. Entertainment doesn't have to be expensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A positive attitude will affect the way things unfold. The joy you bring others will improve your day. Discuss personal plans with someone special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Gather facts, make choices and see what happens. Someone who has something unique to offer will attract your attention. A good idea will lead to a new adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Travel, communicate and find

out where you stand with people whom you'd like to get to know better. An unusual opportunity will come your way. Go over your options carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Follow a creative dream. Someone will try to put a damper on your day or stand in your way. Make choices based on your needs. A change will lead to personal growth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't take a financial risk. Someone close to you will withhold information. Refuse to let anger overcome you. Patience and understanding will bring the best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you mix business with pleasure, you will do well. Your power of persuasion will help enlist the supporters needed to get things done on time. Romance is featured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take care of personal business. Make changes at home that will add to your comfort and ease your stress. A compromise will help keep the peace with a loved one.

Bridge

North		03-06-20	
♠ Q 5 4 2			
♥ K Q 5 4 3			
♦ —			
♣ A K Q 3			
West		East	
♠ 10		♠ K J 9 8	
♥ 7 6		♥ 9	
♦ A K Q 9 8 4		♦ J 7 6 5 3	
♣ 10 8 7 4		♣ J 9 6	
South			
♠ A 7 6 3			
♥ A J 10 8 2			
♦ 10 2			
♣ 5 2			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
	3♦	Dbl.	5♦
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

SAILING CLOSE TO THE GUSTY WIND

Aggressive competitive bidding is a three-edged sword. It may push your opponents overboard. Or it may blow them into a lucrative contract they weren't going to reach if left unimpeded. Or the information you give to the declarer may allow him to find a safe route into harbor. If you had passed throughout, he would have run aground.

An old-fashioned player opens the West hand with two diamonds, a weak 2-bid. But a modern gladiator, thinking that is wimpy, starts with a 3-bid. After North's takeout double & East's raise to five diamonds, South, under pressure, competed with 5 hearts. North could hardly do less than raise to 6.

Declarer ruffed the opening diamond lead on the board, drew trumps and ruffed his last diamond. Next, he cashed

dummy's top clubs, discarding a spade from hand, and led the last club. If East had followed, South would have discarded another spade to leave East endplayed. Instead, declarer ruffed the club three.

Without any intervening bidding, declarer would have cashed the spade ace & played a spade toward dummy's queen. However, that tack couldn't work here. West was known to have started with two hearts, four clubs and at least six diamonds. He had at most one spade.

Instead, South led a low spade from hand and also played low from the board. Declarer knew that the defender who won the trick would be endplayed. West would have to concede a ruff-and-sluff. East would have to do likewise or lead away from the spade king.