

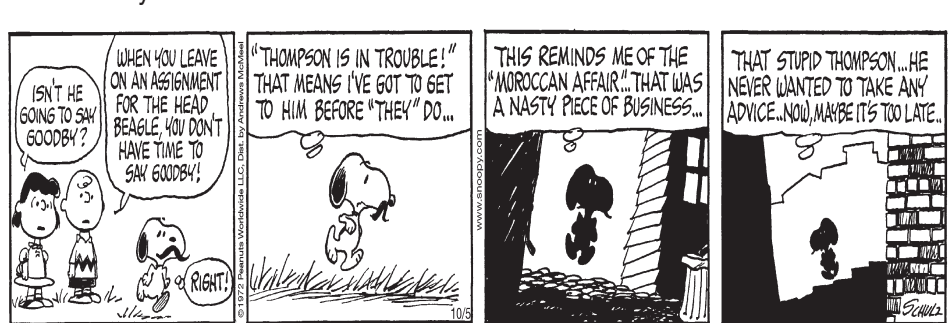
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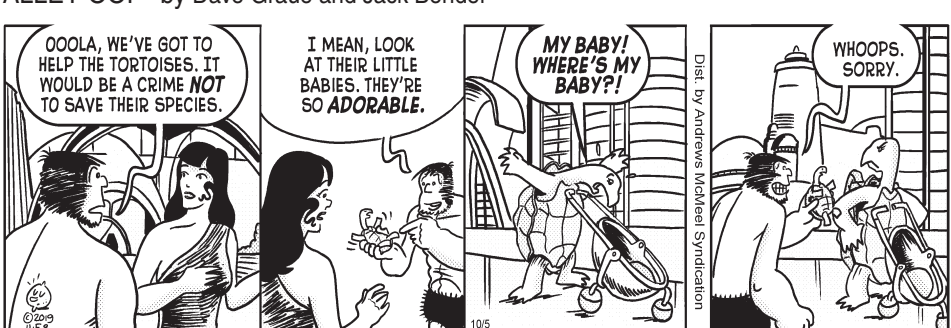
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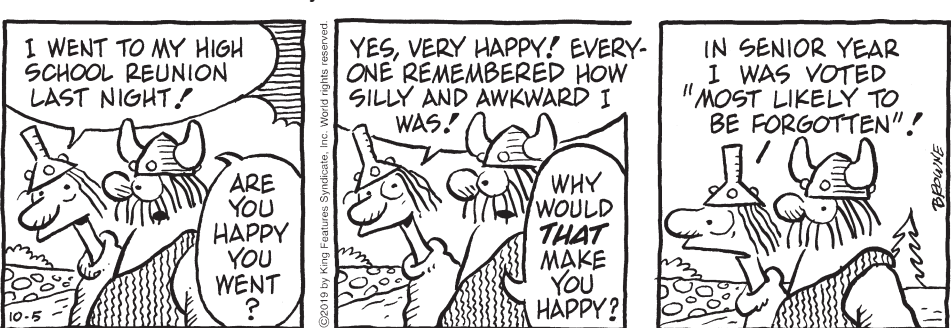
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Offer
- 4 Ms. Hagen
- 7 — Mahal
- 10 Sonnet cousin
- 11 Copy a drawing
- 13 Wildebeest
- 14 Princess Di's niece
- 15 Of durable wood
- 16 Gary's st.
- 17 Sporty sock
- 19 Crusoe's creator
- 21 French article
- 22 Snare
- 23 Avarice
- 26 Cardinal
- 30 Fishing spot
- 31 Humor
- 32 Yes, in Kyoto
- 33 Pass near Pikes Peak
- 34 Magazine execs
- 35 Ibsen heroine
- 36 Lingerie items
- 39 Fend off
- 40 Passe

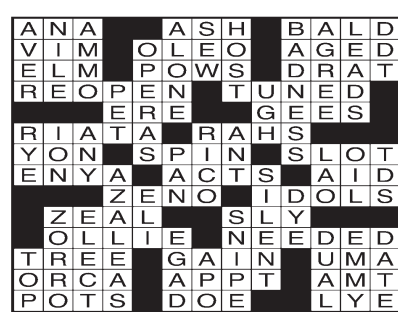
41 Glass container

- 42 Hindu sage
- 45 Laid low (2 wds.)
- 48 Psi preceder
- 49 Slide sight
- 51 Decent grade
- 53 Above, to poets
- 54 More boring
- 55 Youth
- 56 Director — Craven
- 57 Almost-grads
- 58 Singer — Grant

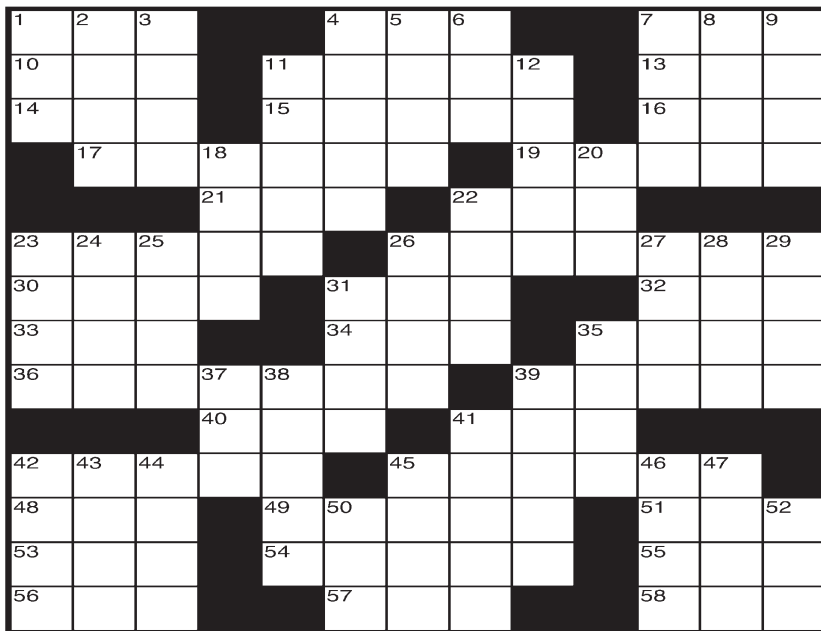
DOWN

- 1 Dylan or Cousy
- 2 Sudden thought
- 3 Expensive
- 4 Eurasian mountains
- 5 Sign up for, as a class
- 6 Do very well
- 7 Nine-to-five's cry
- 8 Part of A.D.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

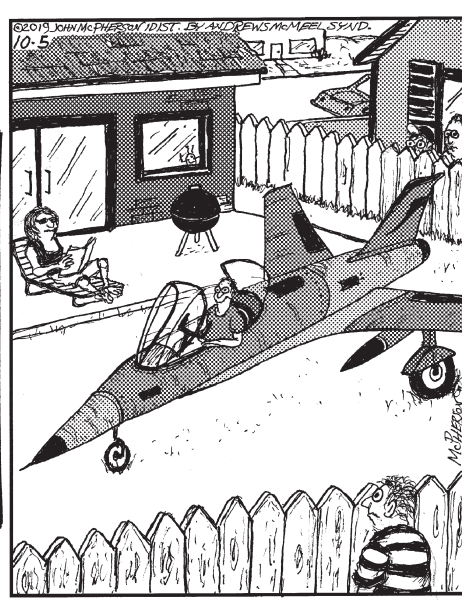


- 9 Patron of lost causes
- 11 Fiddled idly
- 12 Broke off
- 18 Delight
- 20 Recede
- 22 Hoses down
- 23 Huge excess
- 24 Hourly fee
- 25 Used thriftily
- 26 Eliminates
- 27 Flapjack chain letters
- 28 Seldom seen
- 29 Indicator
- 31 Hoe
- 35 Despot who fiddled
- 37 Monk's title
- 38 Epic of Troy
- 39 Speed trap device
- 41 Agrees
- 42 Flat-bottomed boat
- 43 Roller coaster cry
- 44 Tunes
- 45 Whodunit suspect
- 46 USC rival
- 47 Squad
- 50 " — Doubtfire"
- 52 Ben & Jerry rival



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



After 23 years of carefully sneaking single pieces out of the office, Frank at last had his own stealth fighter.

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



"NO THANKS... WHY PAY FOR INSULT COMEDY WHEN I CAN STAY HOME AND HAVE YOU DO IT FOR FREE?"

Astrograph

and will make a difference. Romance is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Speak your mind, but spare other's feelings. Diplomacy will be required if you want to avoid damaging your reputation or a meaningful relationship. Proceed with caution and avoid arguments and injury.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Accept change and keep moving forward. Trust your instincts when dealing with health or money matters. Put more energy into what counts and ignore what you have no control over.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep your life simple. The less fuss there is, the easier it will be to get things done. Lend a helping hand to someone who has been there for you in the past.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Let anger dissipate before you get into a discussion. It isn't worth fighting over beliefs. Getting along with others and finding a way to work around your differences will encourage growth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) --

Learn, explore and find unique ways to make your dreams come true. Don't let ego, vanity or stubbornness lead to a stalemate. Be agreeable, or be prepared to do things alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Get moving. Take on a physical challenge that will test your strength and encourage you to live a healthy lifestyle. Don't trust someone trying to coax you to be indulgent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Use your intelligence and discipline to get things done correctly. Avoid getting into a disagreement with someone over something that doesn't really matter. A change will be beneficial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Taking short jaunts to places you enjoy or seeing people you love will help put your life in perspective. A personal adjustment will encourage you to let go of the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Do something creative, use your imagination and explore new avenues. A change will be enlightening and will lead to transformative ideas.

Your Birthday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

An aggressive approach to implementing your goals will be necessary this year if you want to take advantage of the opportunities that are heading your way. Preparation and faith will help you find your way to a place where you feel comfortable and able to launch your efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't mix personal and professional matters. Put everything in its place and compartmentalize what you want to achieve before you get started. Preparation and organization will lead to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Express your thoughts to the people affected by your decisions. Choosing a unique lifestyle is favored, but only if you can do so in a budget-friendly way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Above all else, be honest. Whether it's about a solo or joint effort, the truth matters

Bridge

North 10-05-19

- ♠ K Q 9
- ♥ K J 4 3
- ♦ K 6
- ♣ 10 9 8 3

West

- ♠ 5 4 2
- ♥ 10 8 6
- ♦ Q 10 4 2
- ♣ A Q 7

East

- ♠ A 7
- ♥ Q 7 2
- ♦ J 9 7 3
- ♣ J 6 5 4

South

- ♠ J 10 8 6 3
- ♥ A 9 5
- ♦ A 8 5
- ♣ K 2

Dealer: North

Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East

3♣ Pass 4♠ 1NT Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

FORTY YEARS WITHOUT A WORLD TITLE

We are looking at Edgar Kaplan and Norman Kay, who get my vote as the best pair never to win a world title, despite 40 years of trying. They finished second to the Italian Blue Team in both the 1967 Bermuda Bowl and the 1968 World Team Olympiad.

Kay lived in Narberth, Pa. (a suburb of Philadelphia). He worked for Merrill Lynch, retiring as a vice president. He & his wife, Judy, ran a sports memorabilia business and owned a stable of standardbreds (trotters and pacers). Kay was one of the true gentlemen of the game -- everybody really liked him. He died in 2002, having won 27 national championships.

This deal occurred during the 1986 Vanderbilt, which Kay & Kaplan won with teammates Bill Root and Richard Pavlicek.

Kaplan (North) opened with a weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points. Since they did not use transfers, Kay forced to game with three spades.

West led the diamond two. After winning with dummy's king, Kay called for the spade king, which East had to duck to defeat the contract. That was very tough; instead, East won with his ace & led back a diamond.

Kay didn't give them a second chance. He won with his ace, ruffed his last diamond with dummy's spade queen & led a heart to his 9, keeping East off play.

Maybe this avoidance play would force out the heart queen; or perhaps the hearts would be 3-3; or, if all else failed, East might have the club ace.

As you can see, the second of these possibilities worked out. Kay's 10 tricks were 4 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds & a diamond ruff in the dummy.