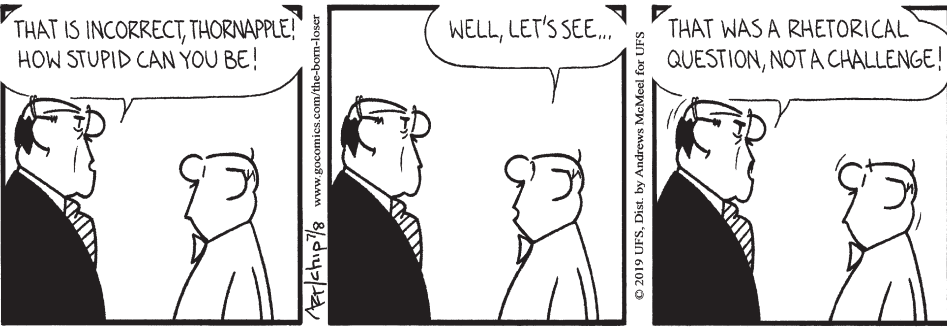
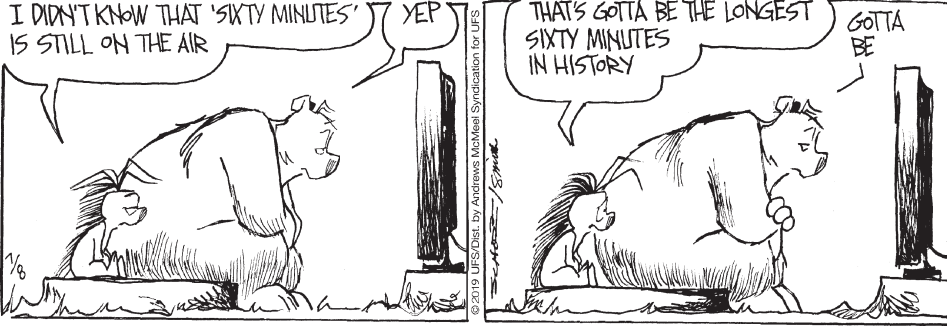


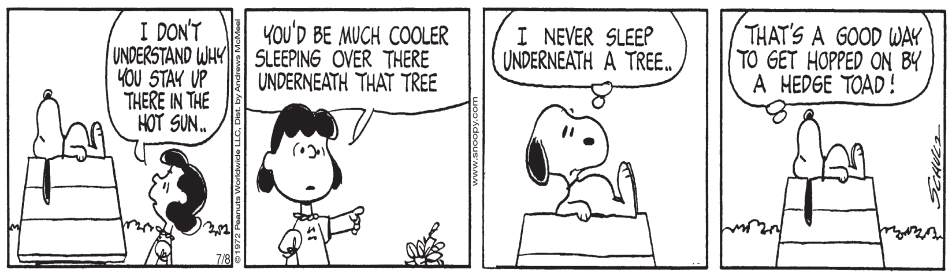
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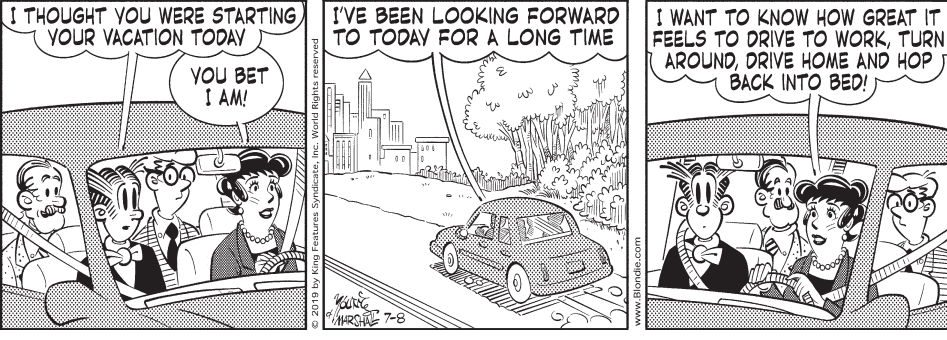
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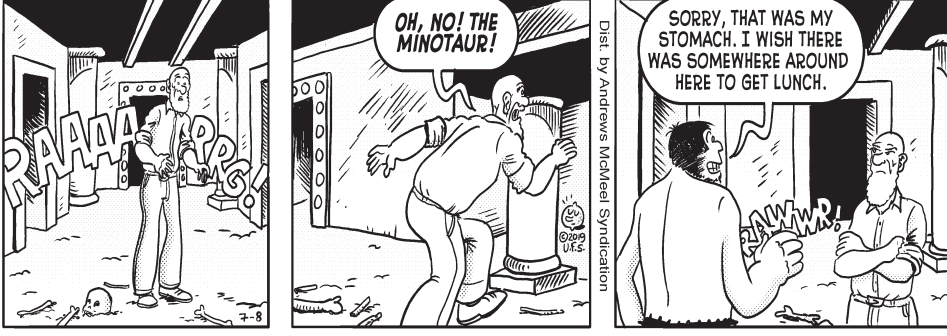
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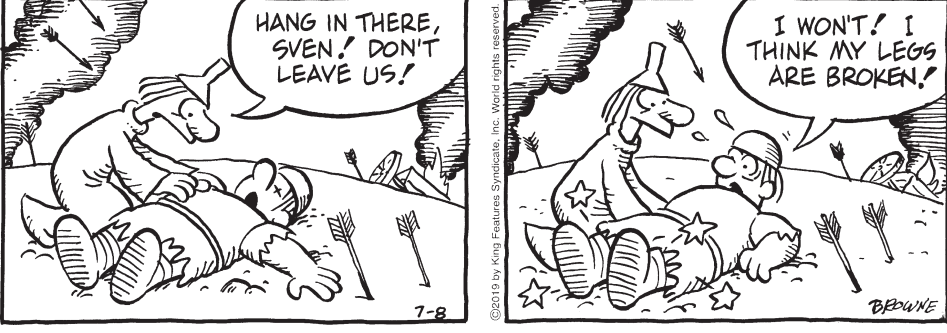
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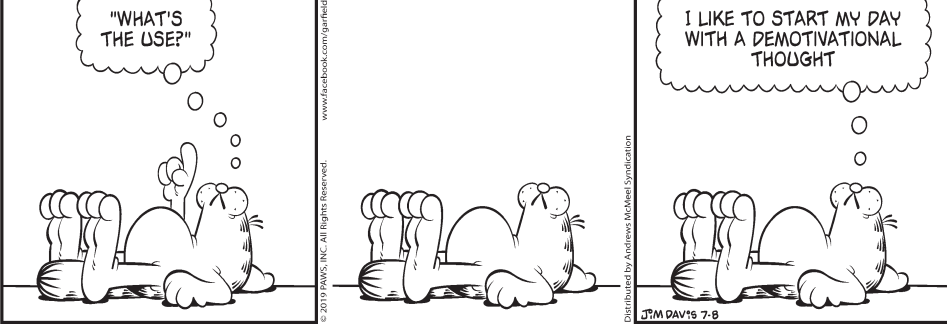
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Inventor — Franklin
- 4 Fall mo.
- 7 Artificial hair
- 10 Pizarro's quest
- 11 Mutilates
- 13 Keogh relative
- 14 Auto fuel
- 15 Mountain range
- 16 House site
- 17 Mogul
- 19 Mme. Curie
- 21 Ms. Hagen
- 22 Big fuss
- 23 Supports
- 26 Twain's real name
- 30 Vogue rival
- 31 Stage prompt
- 32 By way of
- 33 — de cologne
- 34 Vinyl records
- 35 "Casablanca" cafe owner
- 36 Leg bones
- 39 Skirmish
- 40 Sheep
- 41 Army off.

- 42 Small, ornamental mat
- 45 Lyrical
- 48 It may be abstract
- 49 Milestone
- 51 Monastic title
- 53 "The Facts of Life" star
- 54 Landscaper's shrubs
- 55 Bravo, in Spain
- 56 SAS competitor
- 57 A conjunction
- 58 Drop behind

DOWN

- 1 Marshy place
- 2 Latin 101 word
- 3 Too curious
- 4 LPGA star Lorena —
- 5 "Brian's Song" lead
- 6 Prefix for "three"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	E	F	T	S	R	S	I	T	E	M
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- 7 Trickery
- 8 Strong metal
- 9 Fence opening
- 11 Clan members
- 12 Rudely sarcastic
- 18 Salad veggie
- 20 CD —
- 22 Malt beverages
- 23 Red meat
- 24 Asian mountains
- 25 Nightspot
- 26 Holds gently
- 27 Cruel
- 28 Polite
- 29 For Pete's —!
- 31 Mollusk
- 35 Sublet
- 37 Web addr.
- 38 Tier
- 39 Faces
- 41 Hopeless case
- 42 Gloomy
- 43 Not written
- 44 Object
- 45 Pedro's coin
- 46 "American —"
- 47 Burger mate
- 50 — Braun of rockets
- 52 Actress Ryan

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At long last, Michael rows his boat ashore.

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



Astrograph

Your Birthday

**MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019**  
 Focus on the positive and what you can accomplish this year. If you let the little things get to you, opportunities will be missed. Trust in your ability to find solutions, and use your talents to get things done. Don't resist change, as the best is yet to come.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Don't dwell on the negative. Concentrate on doing what makes you happy and helps you feel healthy. Added discipline will help you reach your goal.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If you share your thoughts, the results could be unexpected. Choose your words wisely and show compassion and understanding toward others. Practice what you preach.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Pay less attention to what others do and more attention to what you can achieve. A lifestyle change will be rejuvenating and will spark ideas that

bring you closer to a loved one.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Let your intelligence shine through. Put your emotions aside and do what's right and best for everyone. If someone is challenging you, know enough to walk away. Surround yourself with positive people.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A new change will require a learning curve, but it will ultimately be beneficial. Taking on a new challenge will bring you in contact with someone who shares your interests. Romance is on the rise.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Use your imagination, but also rely on practicality and common sense if you want to get ahead. Don't make hasty decisions without enough information.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you play with someone's emotional vulnerabilities, you will end up dealing with the backlash. Show compassion and understanding if you want to come out on top.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Share what you have to

offer, what you would like to pursue and where you think you should begin. Once you have a plan in place, everything else will flow naturally.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Help yourself before you move on to helping others. You have to be on stable ground mentally, emotionally and physically to give your all.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Expand your mind, learn something new and look for opportunities that allow you to use your many skills. Opportunity is within reach if you follow your heart.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- A physical or personal change will lift your spirits. Stop talking about what you want to do and start doing it. You are the master of your happiness.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- You'll get a quick education regarding partnerships if you are too trusting. Don't make a change just because someone else does. Think and do for yourself, and avoid being manipulated.

Bridge

North 07-08-19  
 ♠ A 8 7 4  
 ♥ 7 6 3  
 ♦ 9 5  
 ♣ A K Q 2

West East  
 ♠ 6 ♠ 5 3 2  
 ♥ 9 2 ♥ A K J 10 8  
 ♦ 10 8 7 4 ♦ K J 6 3 2  
 ♣ 10 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ —

South  
 ♠ K Q J 10 9  
 ♥ Q 5 4  
 ♦ A Q  
 ♣ J 9 6

Dealer: East  
 Vulnerable: East-West

South West North East  
 1♠ Pass 4♠ All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE TRUMP TALLY

Richard Cobden, a 19th-century English politician who believed in free trade, said, "A newspaper should be the maximum of information and the minimum of comment."  
 So, in this brief column, get ready for the start of a week about defenders maximizing their trump tricks. In today's deal, how can East-West defeat four spades after West leads the heart nine?  
 North bid what he thought his partner could make, but if he had taken things slower by cue-bidding two hearts, South would have rebid 2 no-trump, & the laydown 3-no-trump contract might have been reached. However, when you have a nine-card major-suit fit, it is hard to look elsewhere.  
 West leads the heart 9, which must be either a singleton or

high from a doubleton, given that he did not support his partner's suit. (With 3 low hearts, he would have led his lowest.) So, East knows that he can take 2 heart tricks & give his partner a heart ruff. But there is more to the story. East can also tell his partner which suit to lead at trick 4 by sending a suit-preference signal.  
 There are 2 side suits from which to choose: clubs & diamonds. If East wants his partner to shift to the lower-ranking, he leads his lowest heart at trick three. Alternatively, to ask for the higher-ranking, he leads his highest-remaining heart.  
 Here, therefore, East wins with his heart king, cashes the heart ace & continues with the heart 8. Now, as long as West realizes that this is East's lowest heart & trusts his partner, he will shift to a club, which East will ruff for down one. Cool!