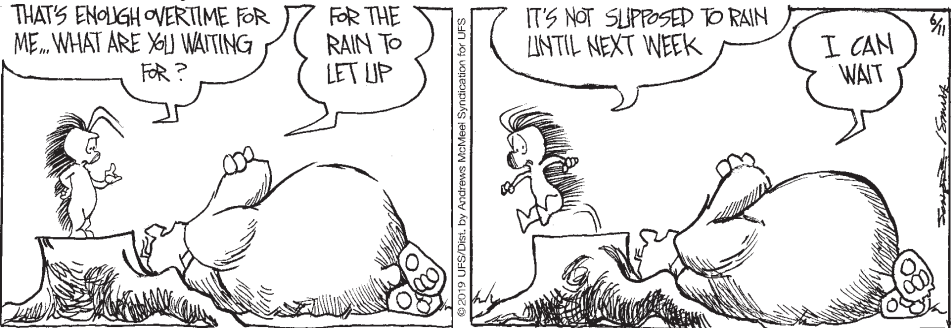


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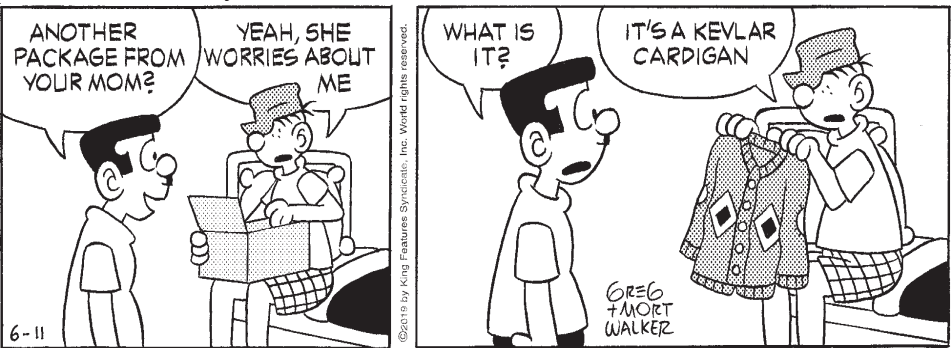
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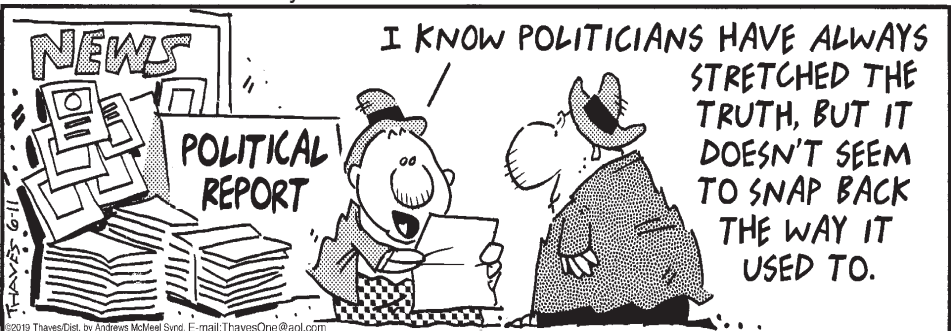
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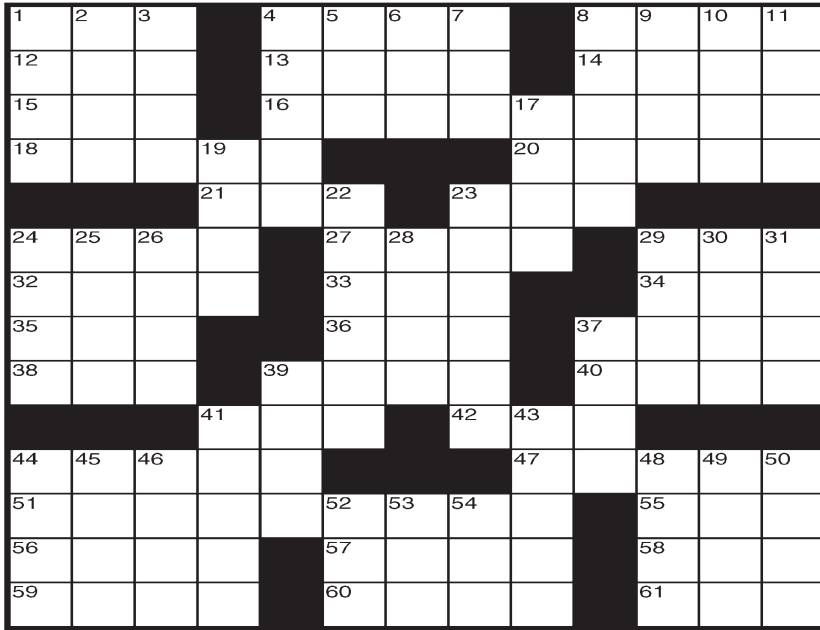
NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Candle count
 - 4 Flamboyant surrealist
 - 8 Portent
 - 12 Rim
 - 13 Party tray cheese
 - 14 Noted star-seekers
 - 15 Cotton gin name
 - 16 Buddy
 - 18 Chocolate bean
 - 20 Wash lightly
 - 21 Chilly remark?
 - 23 Freighter's place
 - 24 Yves' girlfriend
 - 27 Ms. Ferber
 - 29 Start of a German farewell
 - 32 Vapor
 - 33 Spies' org.
 - 34 Halter
 - 35 Raggedy doll
 - 36 Hearing organ
 - 37 Jai —
- DOWN**
- 1 Baldwin or Guinness
 - 2 Colorado feeder
 - 3 Larger-than-life
 - 4 Wallpaper, etc.
 - 5 Bother
 - 6 Hurried flight
 - 7 Bratty kid
 - 8 "— vincit amor"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

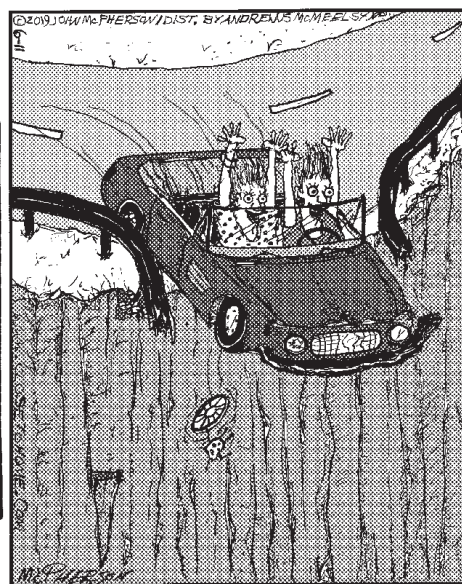


- 9 Primary
- 10 Self-images
- 11 Softball team
- 17 District
- 19 Help in wrongdoing
- 22 Subside
- 23 Caught
- 24 Delhi nursemaid
- 25 Kind of series
- 26 Common contraction
- 28 Cameron — of films
- 29 Having the skill
- 30 Russian range
- 31 — accompli
- 37 Lectern
- 39 "Back in Black" group
- 41 Ms. Papas
- 43 Software purchasers
- 44 Mr. Sandler
- 45 Prudent
- 46 Trapped like —
- 48 Oil lamp cord
- 49 Seacoast eagle
- 50 Telephoned
- 52 Make lace like granny
- 53 — got it!
- 54 Air show formation



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Megan and Nan learned that listening to the book-on-tape version of "Thelma and Louise" while driving was a bad idea.

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



"I WISH I HAD BEEN A VEGETARIAN... THEN MAYBE I WOULDN'T HAVE MARRIED SUCH A MEATHEAD."

Astrograph

Your Birthday
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
 Build confidence by doing something that makes you look and feel your best. If you get involved in activities that require you to use your skills, you will meet people who will help you grow personally and emotionally. Make socializing and romance priorities.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Challenge your physical abilities and see what you can achieve. More significant opportunities will come your way if you set the pace and standard moving forward. Let others see what you can do.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Sharing too much information about your personal life or feelings will lead to trouble. Be observant and base what you say and do on what you see and hear.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Help is on the way. If you offer your time or services, you will get high returns. Be careful while dealing with anyone in a position of authority or while traveling.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll experience a change of attitude if you get a close view of what's going on around you. Talk to experienced individuals and help bring about reform. The connections you make will be surprising.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put your time and energy into self-improvement, learning and making physical changes that help build confidence and strength. Romance is highlighted. Muster the courage to follow your dreams.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You can help others, but don't feel you have to pay for someone else's mistake. Offer suggestions and move on to pursuits that will help you get ahead. Knowledge is power.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Listen to your intuition, not to what someone is trying to lead you to believe. Look for partnerships that are rich in opportunity. Personal improvements will be complimented. Romance is encouraged.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Stick to your plan, regardless of what others do or say. A domestic change will lead to a welcome lifestyle improvement. Keep your emotions under control.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Alter your life for the right reasons. Don't run away from controversy. You must deal with problems swiftly if you want to gain the freedom to move forward without interference.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A productive attitude will be necessary. Refuse to let poor influences disrupt your day or cause you to miss an opportunity. Be smart and avoid discord.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Evaluating your current situation will help you find a way to lead a better life. Love who you are and follow your heart.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You'll have a change of heart once you are given the facts and have had time to assess a situation. Keep an open mind and refrain from abrupt action.

Bridge

A COMMON PLAY THAT IS OFTEN WRONG
 Moliere, a 17th-century French playwright, actor and poet, wrote, "It is a stupidity second to none, to busy oneself with the correction of the world."
 It is sensible to busy oneself with the correction of one's bridge errors. In today's deal, West made a mistake that I see often from my students. They get so nervous that a winning card will suddenly evaporate. How should the defense proceed against four hearts after West leads the spade king?
 In the auction, East might have advanced with 2 spades, but his hand was a tad too weak. South's 3-heart rebid was a game-try with no particular side-suit weakness &, in theory, a 6-card heart suit. North raised to game, liking his point-count, ace & king.
 South apparently had four unavoidable losers: 1 spade, 1 diamond & 2 clubs (& that assumed East had the club ace despite West's takeout double). How could declarer have gotten home?
 It seemed impossible, but South did not give up. He won the first trick with his spade ace & returned the spade jack, under which East unwisely signaled with the 8, suggesting a useful honor in diamonds.
 West shifted to a trump. Declarer won on the board, ruffed the last spade & led a low diamond. Now West fell from grace, winning with his ace. South took the next trump with his king, cashed the diamond queen, crossed to the board with a trump, discarded a club on the diamond king & played a club to his king to get home.
 Playing second hand high with an ace on defense is almost always wrong.

North		06-11-19	
♠	7 5 4		
♥	A J 5		
♦	K 5 4		
♣	10 8 6 2		
West		East	
♠	K Q 10 9	♠	8 6 3 2
♥	3 2	♥	10 4
♦	A 10 7 2	♦	J 9 8 3
♣	Q J 3	♣	A 5 4
South			
♠	A J		
♥	K Q 9 8 7 6		
♦	Q 6		
♣	K 9 7		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Dbl.	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			