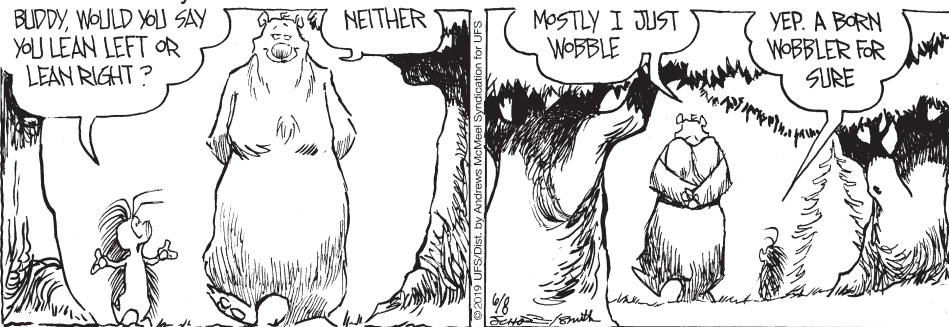


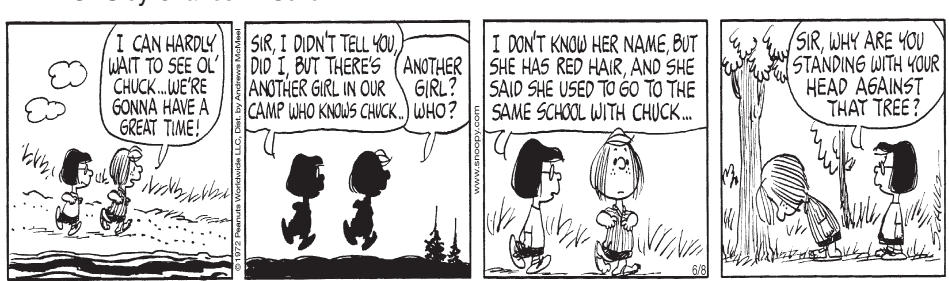
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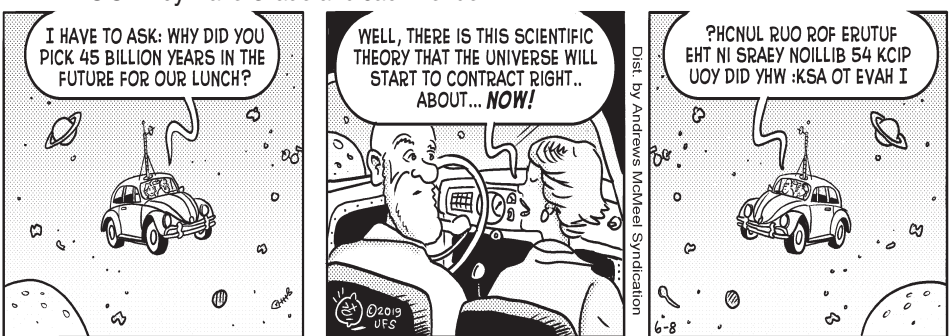
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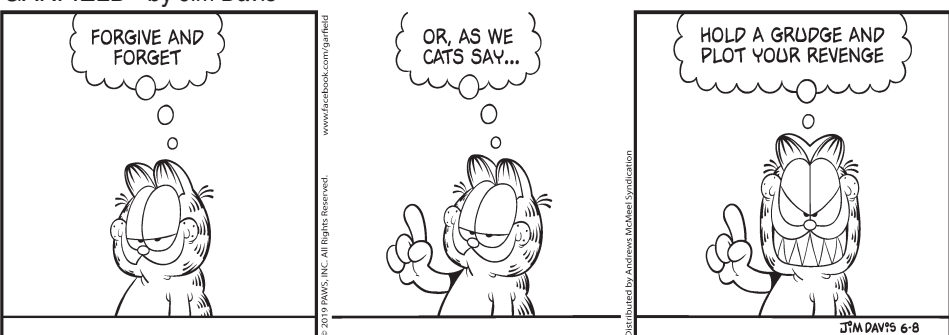
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lettuce layer
  - 4 Dispose of
  - 7 Bad cut
  - 11 It has long arms
  - 12 Singer Nat
  - 13 Diet spread
  - 14 Just bought
  - 15 Yard tool
  - 16 Slant
  - 17 Yellow-stone attraction
  - 19 Strike out
  - 21 Journal VIPs
  - 22 Cotton seeders
  - 23 Handbag logo
  - 26 Unskilled laborer
  - 28 Zeta follower
  - 29 Town near Santa Fe
  - 31 Foot warmer
  - 35 Antony or Chagall
  - 37 Muzzle
  - 39 Louis XIV, e.g.
  - 40 Ardor
- DOWN**
- 1 Loud sound
  - 2 Thrust-and-parry sword
  - 3 Fresh
  - 4 Laughs heartily
  - 5 Class
  - 6 Heroic feat
  - 7 Malicious elves

- 42 Indy 500 sound**
- 44 Chew at**
- 46 Meditation practice**
- 47 Carrier**
- 49 Marked down (2 wds.)**
- 53 Strauss of blue jeans**
- 54 Rochester's Jane**
- 56 Heavy stick**
- 57 Slippery — eel**
- 58 Uncool one**
- 59 UK broadcaster**
- 60 Composer — Bartok**
- 61 Low card**
- 62 Wood residue**
- 8 Foreign**
- 9 Theater units**
- 10 Nozzle site**
- 12 College unit**
- 18 Off. employee**
- 20 Conceit**
- 23 Topaz or emerald**
- 24 Actress — Hagen**
- 25 Surface transport**
- 26 Lagoon**
- 27 Feminine ending**
- 30 Literary collection**
- 32 Juan's gold**
- 33 Dove's cry**
- 34 Ms. Novak**
- 36 Russian empress**
- 38 Made level**
- 41 Wool giver**
- 43 TLC providers**
- 44 Formation fliers**
- 45 Of ships**
- 46 Masked swordsman**
- 47 Not keep a secret**
- 48 Tore apart**
- 50 "Fernando" band**
- 51 Chocolate-colored dogs**
- 52 Mark with acid**
- 55 Evergreen**



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Following the noble tradition of St. Bernard rescue dogs, many dogs are being trained to perform CPR.

Astrograph

**Your Birthday**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019**

Take time to review the past and rethink the future. Alterations to your lifestyle or certain relationships will affect how this year unfolds. It's up to you to make things happen. Deal with situations that have been holding you back.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- A change at home or to the way you relate to loved ones is encouraged. Don't disregard the needs of others or your own happiness. Synchronicity will lead to tranquility.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Keep your secrets and personal matters well hidden. Taking action without first getting the facts will lead to an emotional situation that could be averted. Offer peace and love, not chaos.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A physical challenge will help ease stress caused by emotional turmoil. Keeping busy and taking the time to investigate what's going on before you take action is in your best interest.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Present and promote what you want to see happen. Networking and collaborating with people who are just as knowledgeable and innovative as you are will pay off. Romance is on the rise.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Spend more time helping a worthy cause and less time dealing with demanding people. Spend your time doing things that matter to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Live life your way. Take the initiative to follow your dreams and engage in adventures that pique your imagination and inspire your creativity. Romance is in the stars.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep a low profile. The less you reveal about yourself and what you are planning to do, the better. Secrecy will help you ward off meddling and interference.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take the lead. Your ability to bring about positive change will put you in the spotlight and help you gain respect and hands-on help.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take it easy and relax with a loved one or good friend. Mull over your options and consider how to best keep your costs down without jeopardizing your goals.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll have some good ideas that will help you improve your surroundings and boost your physical well-being. Clear a space and explore a new fitness routine.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Head in a direction that offers peace and space to mull over your options. Don't feel pressured to make a decision if you aren't ready to do so.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- A change will do you good, but your motives should be solid and logical. Go after the truth and get the facts before you leap into action.

Bridge

IS IT GUESSWORK, OR IS THERE A CLUE?

Jessica Alba said, "My theory is that if you look confident, you can pull off anything -- even if you have no clue what you're doing."

At the bridge table, it pays to look confident, especially if you are blatantly overbidding. At other times, you will not be sure whether partner has holding A or holding B. But usually there will be a clue available to tell you.

In today's deal, look only at the West & North hands. Defending against four hearts, West leads the spade ace: four, nine, five. How should West continue?

At trick one, East's job is to signal whether he has the queen, the honor touching the 2 promised by West's opening lead. If he does, he plays the highest spot-card he has; if he does not, he plays his lowest

spade. However, if East started with a doubleton spade, he drops the higher card, playing high-low with a doubleton & planning on ruffing the third round of the suit. But here, how does West know whether his partner has a doubleton or the queen?

There is not so much a clue as there is the desire to defeat the contract. If East started with 2 spades, & the defense begins with 2 high spades & a spade ruff, from where will the fourth defensive trick come? The next deal!

Given the dummy, the contract will be defeated only if the defenders take 3 spades & 1 heart. West should continue with the spade 3 at trick 2. East wins with his queen & returns the suit. Then West should lead the 13th spade, & East should ruff with his heart jack, which effects an uppercut, promoting a trump trick for West.

	North	06-08-19		
	♠	J 7 4		
	♥	Q 5		
	♦	A K Q 8		
	♣	A K Q 6		
West			East	
♠	A K 8 3		♠	Q 9 2
♥	10 9 6		♥	J 2
♦	J 5 4		♦	10 9 7 6 3
♣	J 7 2		♣	10 8 3
	South			
	♠	10 6 5		
	♥	A K 8 7 4 3		
	♦	2		
	♣	9 5 4		
	Dealer: South			
	Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East	
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
	Opening lead: ♠ A			