



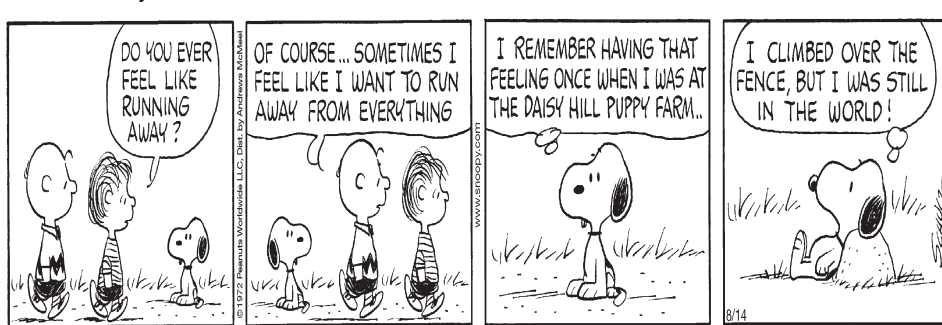
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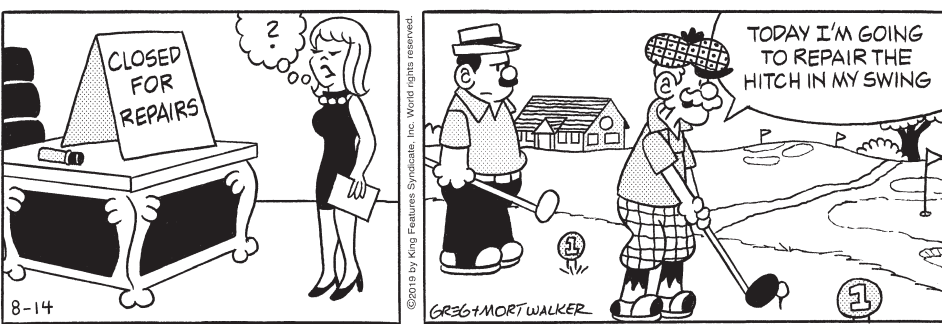
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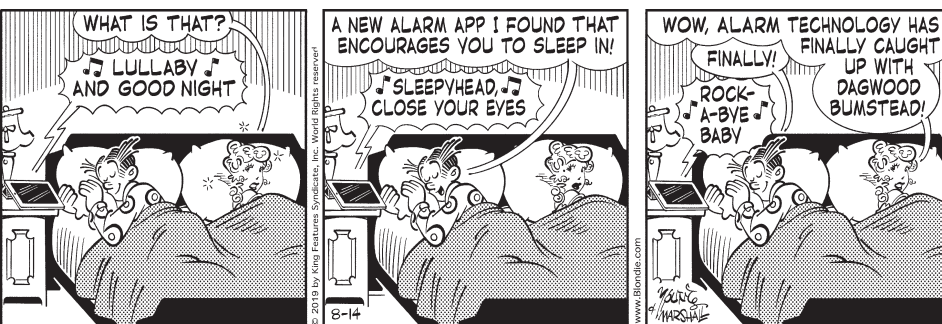
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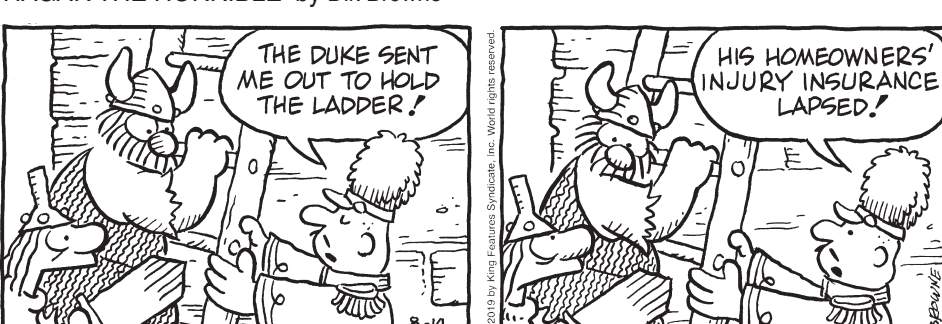
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Measurement system
- 7 Hangs listlessly
- 13 Not genuine
- 14 Scolding
- 15 Bach contemporary
- 16 Attractive
- 17 Water, on the Seine
- 18 Arm opposite
- 19 Portuguese title of respect
- 22 Chinese chairman
- 24 On a rampage
- 28 Afore
- 29 Memorial Day weekend race
- 30 No, to Frauline
- 31 Storage container
- 32 Weather-vane dir.
- 33 Eucalyptus muncher
- 34 Give feedback
- 36 Grade school org.
- 38 Reno loc.
- 39 Cuzco founder
- 40 Remain in one spot
- 41 Fury
- 42 Stair part
- 43 Tilde neighbor
- 44 Curvy letter
- 45 Pipe material
- 47 Lock turner
- 50 Noose
- 53 Big name in trains
- 57 Maria Conchita
- 58 Type-setting mistakes
- 59 Chanteuse
- 60 Oozed

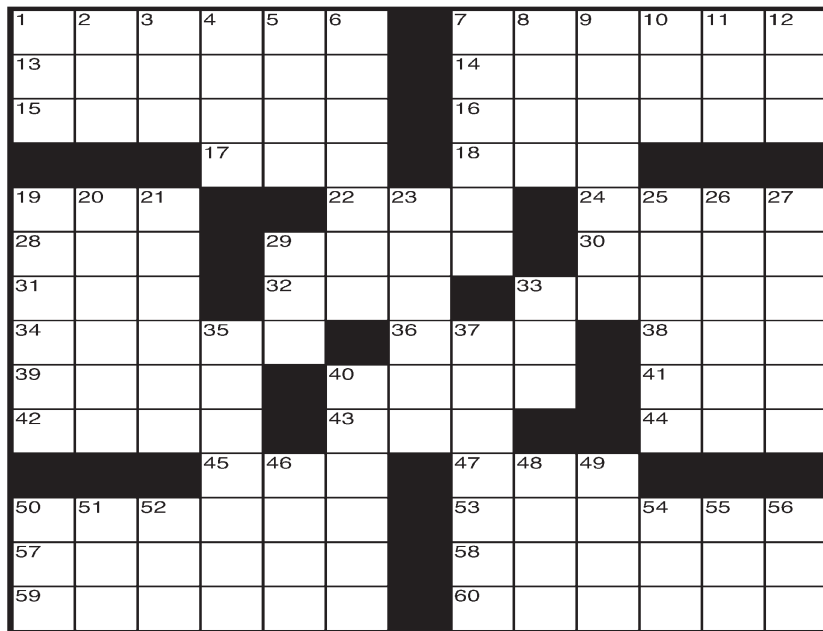
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- 1 Dashboard info
- 2 That, in Acapulco
- 3 Decade
- 4 Uncouth
- 5 Inking

Answer to Previous Puzzle



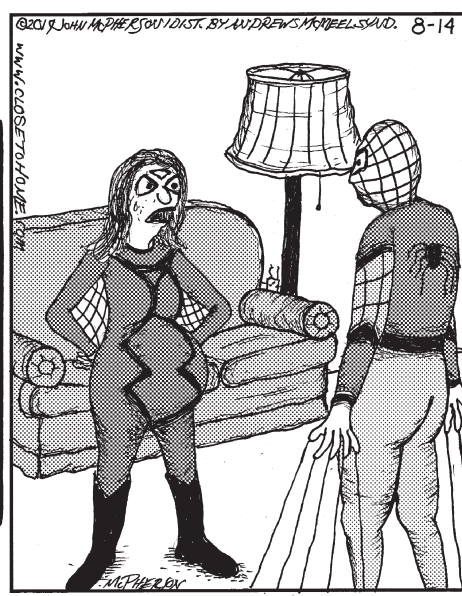
- 6 Newspaper features
- 7 Position, as troops
- 8 Like some steaks
- 9 Spaghetti sauce herb
- 10 Frequently, in a poem
- 11 Stock option
- 12 Cunning or wily
- 19 Wreckage
- 20 Familiarize
- 21 Threaten
- 23 Pros
- 25 Cruel dude
- 26 Fuel carriers
- 27 Dishonest person
- 29 Adherent
- 33 Scarpetta or Starr
- 35 Setting a limit on
- 37 Undertakes
- 40 Zone
- 46 Bud holder
- 48 Blarney Stone site
- 49 Antiquity
- 50 Refrain syllables
- 51 Muhammad
- 52 Howard or Perlman
- 54 Sleep briefly
- 55 Paris season
- 56 Boy



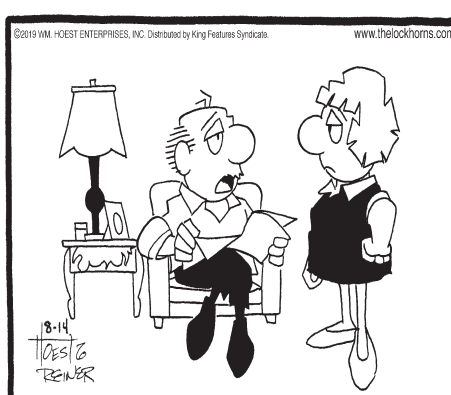
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"RENEW OUR VOWS? WHY MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE?"

Astrograph

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

Take pride in what you do this year. Choose to be meticulous and patient and to walk away from extravagant or unnecessary situations or expenses. Put your energy toward improving your life, relationships and health. Aim to lessen stress and to gain physical strength. Make romance a priority. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Focus on productivity. Get along with others and avoid letting your emotions take charge in professional situations or when you are making decisions that can lead to trouble with authority. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Let others do as they please, and get on with your own business. Don't give anyone the upper hand in situations that concern money, home or partnerships. Strive for equality and fair play. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Get into the swing of things and take part in events that excite you. Updating your

appearance or consorting with people who motivate and inspire you should be your focus. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take care of business before someone complains or tries to take charge. A change may not be expected or wanted, but it should be considered and dealt with responsibly. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Personal gains and improvements are heading in your direction. Don't miss out because you are too busy doing things for someone else. Upgrade, update and outdo. Romance is in the stars. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Size up whatever situation you face and make the necessary adjustments. Emotions and money won't mix well. Avoid joint ventures that are risky or could potentially ruin a relationship. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Express your thoughts, take action and do what you promised you'd do. Set the standard instead of being subject to someone else's rules. Romance is highlighted. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Stick to what's essential.

Don't go overboard or let anyone push you into something outlandish. Discipline will be required if you want to get things done. Avoid temptation. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Head in a direction that you feel drawn to and stick to the people you love to be around. Much can change if you follow your heart. Romance is encouraged. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Change can be expected. Be careful how you proceed and whom you trust. Take your time and focus on detail, precision, facts and truth. Discipline will pay off. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Use your intelligence, and make choices based on what you see, not on what you hear. Home improvements and romance will enhance your personal life and lead to positive change. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- You'll be drawn to unusual people and events, but before you immerse yourself in someone else's beliefs or lifestyle, take a moment to think about it. Don't be fooled into thinking the grass is greener elsewhere.

Bridge

North		08-14-19	
♠ J 10 3			
♥ A K 8 5 4			
♦ 5 2			
♣ A J 6			
West		East	
♠ K 7 2		♠ 6 4	
♥ Q 10 9 6 2		♥ J 7	
♦ J 10 8		♦ 9 7 6 4 3	
♣ 9 5		♣ Q 10 8 3	
South			
♠ A Q 9 8 5			
♥ 3			
♦ A K Q			
♣ K 7 4 2			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ J			

DEVIIOUS OPPONENTS CAN BE SNEAKY
Winston Duke, a Trinidadian actor, said, "The panther is sleek. The panther is sneaky. The panther is covert. Meanwhile, the gorilla will show up and bang on his chest."
Some bridge players are like gorillas, and others resemble panthers; it helps to know who is who. In today's deal, for example, South is in six spades. West leads the diamond jack. Declarer wins with his ace, plays a heart to dummy's king and runs the spade jack. When that wins the trick, how should South continue?
North preferred to raise spades with only three rather than rebid one no-trump with two low diamonds. This prompted South immediately to launch (Roman Key Card) Blackwood.
If the spade finesse is working,

declarer has 12 top tricks: 5 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds & 2 clubs. But if he runs the spade 10 at trick 3, he will learn that West is a panther, having made a sneaky duck. West will take the trick & return his last spade to defeat the contract. South would need the club finesse to work, and, as you can see, it isn't.
However, South should realize that as long as spades are 3-2, he can afford one loser there (and still has chances if East began with four trumps). So, at trick three, he plays a spade to his ace. He continues by cashing his two remaining diamond winners, discarding a club from the board. He leads a club to the ace, throws a club on the king and ruffs his last club on the board. Declarer loses only one trump trick and feels like banging his chest in good gorilla fashion!