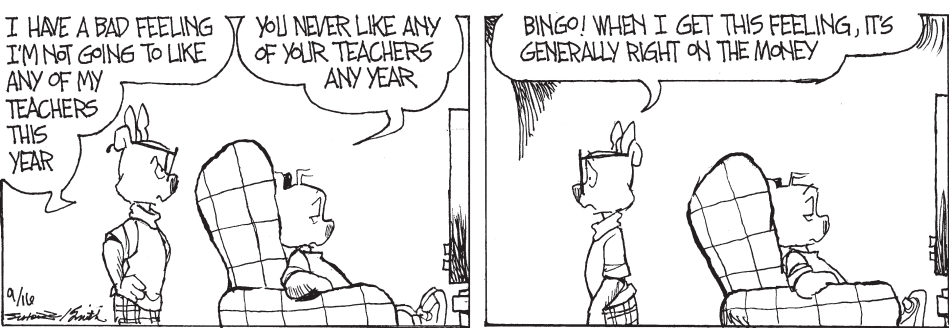


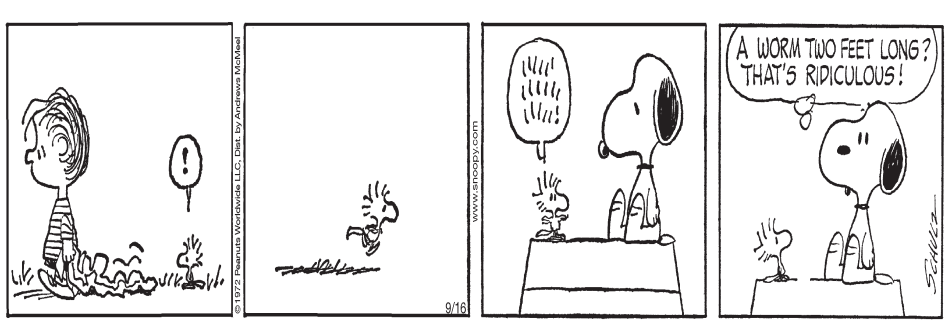
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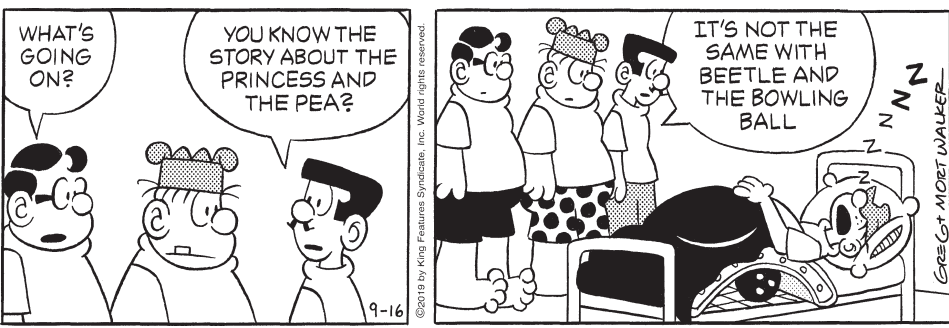
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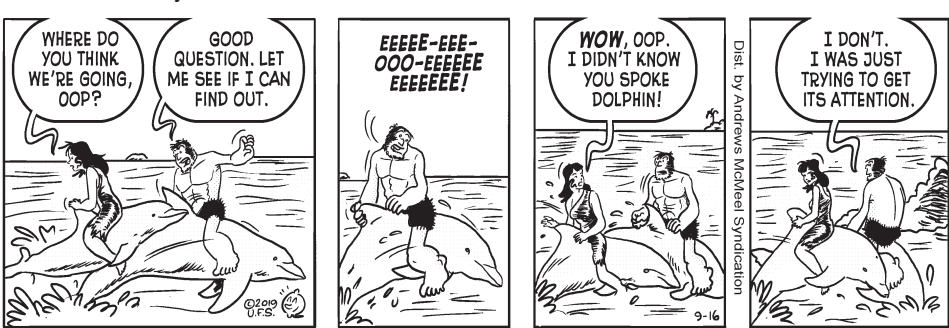
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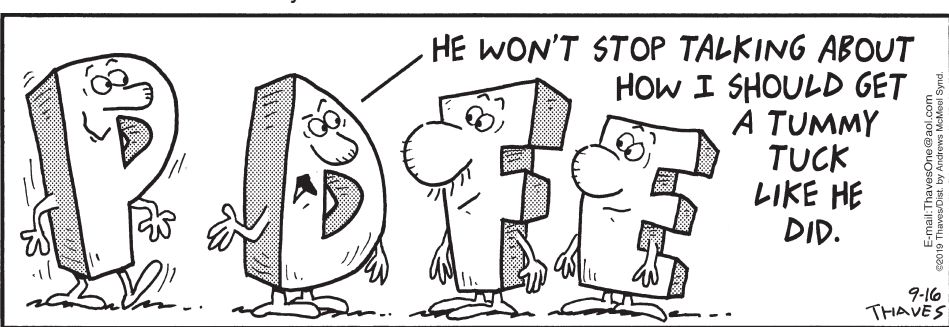
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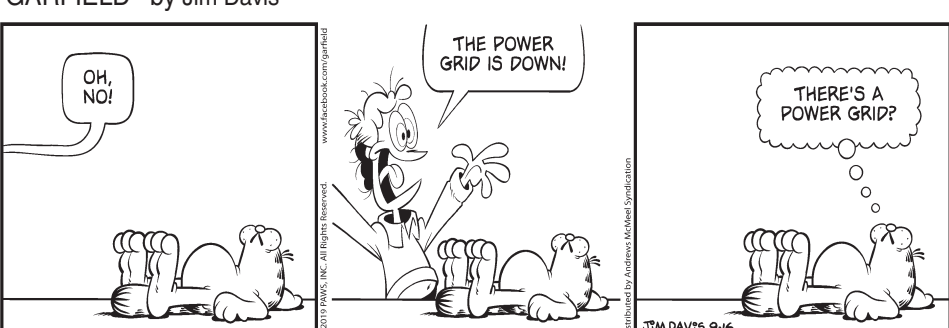
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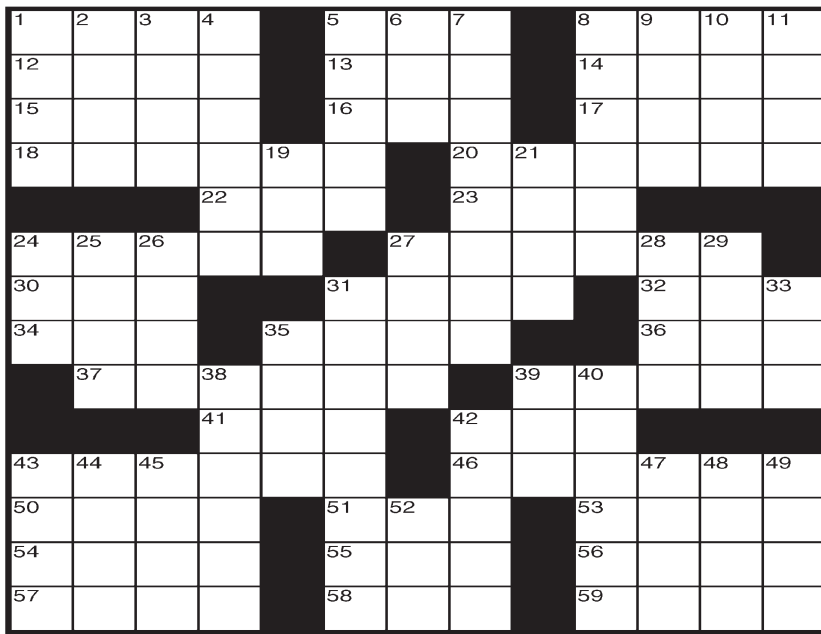
NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wimbledon units
  - 5 Kernel holder
  - 8 Restless ten
  - 12 Spin like
  - 13 Zoologists' mouths
  - 14 lbsen woman
  - 15 Woody's son
  - 16 Peacock network
  - 17 Crest
  - 18 Fit in
  - 20 Inelegant solution
  - 22 Grassland
  - 23 Finish a "j"
  - 24 Hair tint
  - 27 Up and about
  - 30 NOW cause
  - 31 Stratford's river
  - 32 Short hairdo
  - 34 Pro
  - 35 Tread
  - 36 Heat meas.
  - 37 Tree sprites
  - 39 Bright beam
- DOWN**
- 1 Audi rival
  - 2 French I verb
  - 3 Ring the bell
  - 4 Sewing kit items
  - 5 Latin American dance
  - 6 Moon or sun

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 7 Scenery hung at the rear
- 8 Enters data
- 9 Steel — boots
- 10 Rocky ledge
- 11 Ocean fish
- 19 Born as
- 21 Pork selection
- 24 TKO official
- 25 Press
- 26 None
- 27 Roman greetings
- 28 Recedes
- 29 Memo
- 31 Fit
- 33 Clingy seedpod (var.)
- 35 Rotisserie part
- 38 Complained
- 39 Truth's opposite
- 40 First name in mystery
- 42 New York borough
- 43 Crawling with
- 44 Norwegian name
- 45 Ordered
- 47 Field's yield
- 48 Evens the score
- 49 Just average (hyph.)
- 52 Serenade, maybe

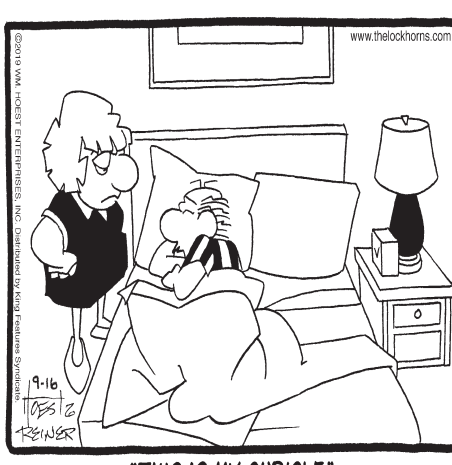


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Astrograph

take charge.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Make changes to your personal life, home environment or appearance. How you present yourself to others will determine what kind of interest you attract.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you overanalyze what you want to do or see happen, you will miss the mark. If a change needs to be made, take the initiative to get things done.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Use common sense when dealing with money matters, joint endeavors and health issues. Look for an opportunity that's cost-effective and interesting. Romance is on the rise.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't let someone else take care of your responsibilities. If you want to excel, do the work. An unexpected change to how you earn your living is apparent.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Look for opportunities to expand your interests or add to your resume. Picking up skills, knowledge and experience will help you maneuver your way into a higher earning bracket.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Change is only as good as your timing. Assessing a situation acutely and making your move confidently are encouraged. Be proactive and seize the moment.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Pay more attention to your appearance, how you present what you have to offer and whom you include in your projects.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- If something needs to be done, do it. By taking the initiative, you will gain control, respect and the support you need to finish what you start. Say less and do more.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Ask questions that will help you understand a nettlesome situation. Talk to experts, older family members or anyone who can offer insight into a choice you have to make.

Your Birthday

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

Invest time and money in where you live and what you want to do next. Set your priorities straight and consider how to make your money stretch further. Making the right move can be a game-changer regarding your standard of living and ability to ease your stress.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Network with people who can give you an idea of how to make the most with what you've got. A positive change is within reach.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't start something you can't finish. Proceed with caution when dealing with matters that could cause a rift between you and someone that you must get along with.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't wait to see what everyone else is going to do. If you want something, go after it. Be the one to initiate change, drum up interest and

Bridge

**DEFENSE REQUIRES PARTNER TO WATCH**

Al Boliska, a Canadian actor and writer, said, "Do you realize if it weren't for Edison, we'd be watching TV by candlelight?"

Some bridge players, when they have made a mistake, say that the light was bad. Of course, it isn't that they needed more candle power, but they should have paid more careful attention to the cards being played, especially when on defense.

In today's deal, for example, what happens in four hearts doubled if West is watching his partner's cards?

This deal occurred in New Zealand nearly 50 years ago during a match between Auckland and Canterbury. In the auction, East opened a vulnerable pre-empt more in keeping with the game today than back then. Probably he was a youngster! South overcalled four hearts, and West confidently doubled.

West led the club ace and continued with the club king. South ruffed and played five rounds of trumps. West, thinking that his partner had to have the spade ace for his bid, continued with the club queen. However, South ruffed and claimed 10 tricks: three spades and seven hearts.

The original scribe who described the action made no comment about this defense. One cannot help but assume that East's first discard was a discouraging spade three. This must have gone unnoticed by West. Then East should have pitched his spade jack and spade 10, his two highest spades as suit-preference signals for diamonds.

In tomorrow's column, we will look at the contract of four spades doubled at the other table. What happened there?

North	09-16-19
♠ K Q 5 2	
♥ —	
♦ 10 8 7 5	
♣ 10 8 6 4 3	
West	East
♥ —	♠ J 10 9 7 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 7 6 4	♥ —
♠ J 9 4 2	♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q J	♣ 7 5 2
South	
♠ A 8	
♥ A K Q J 8 5 3 2	
♦ Q 3	
♣ 9	
Dealer: East	
Vulnerable: Both	
South West North East	
4♥	Dbl. All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ A	