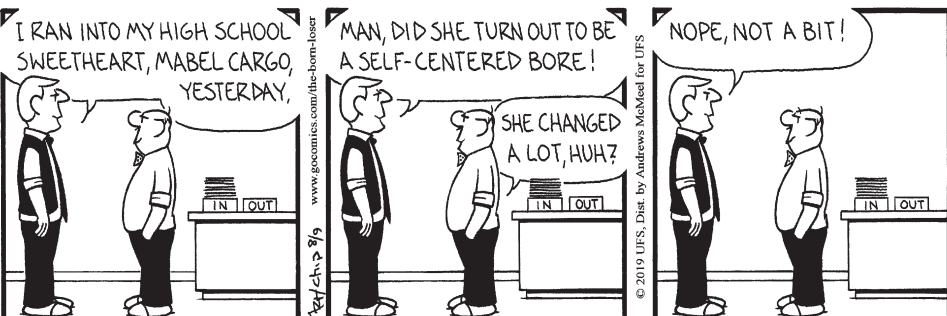


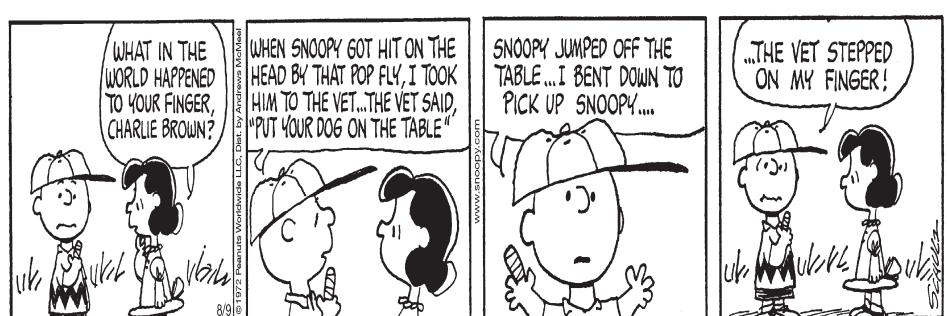
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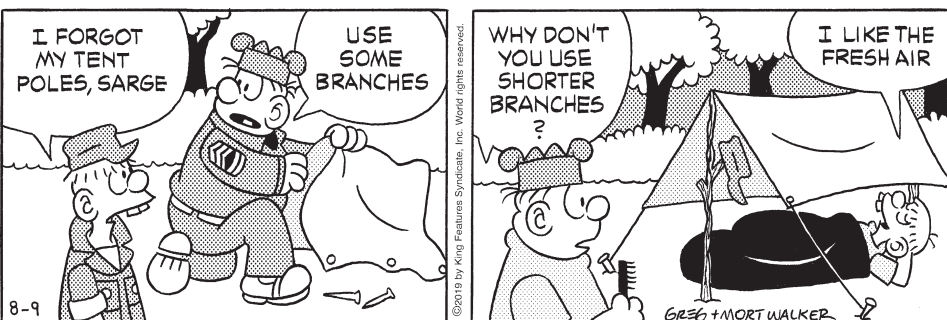
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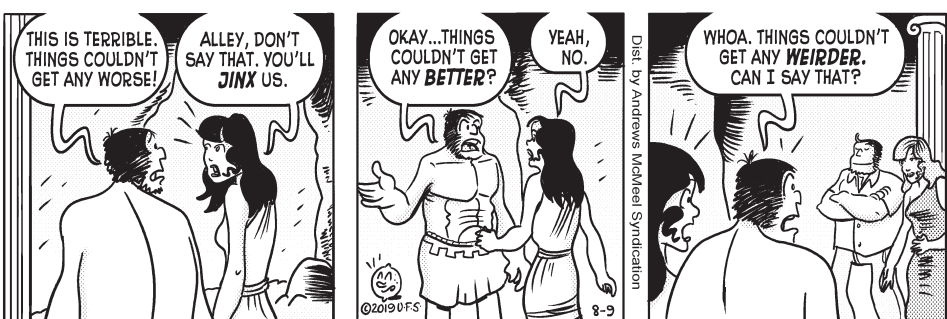
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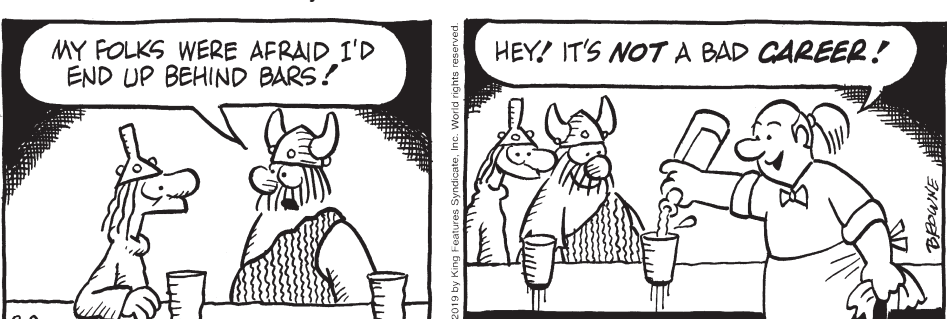
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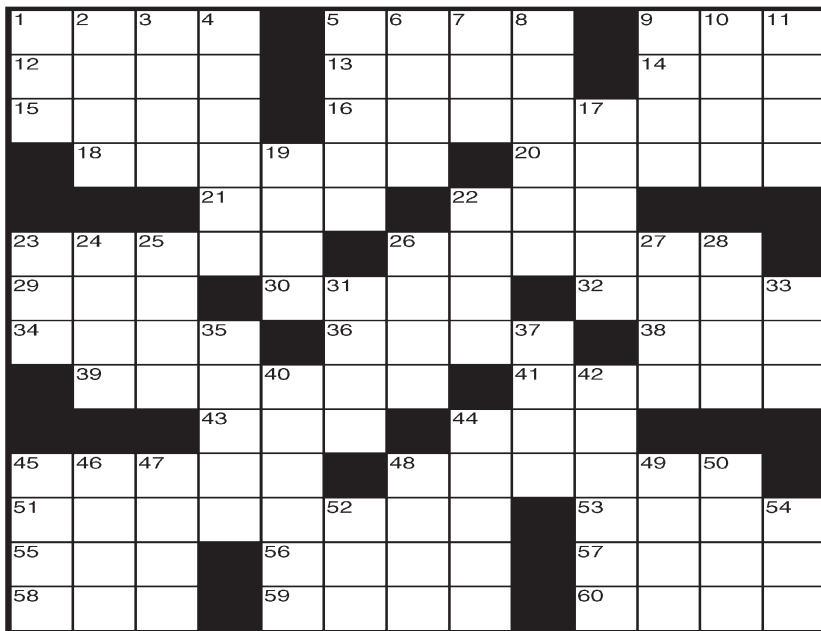
ACROSS

- 1 "My Way" songwriter
- 5 Viking name
- 9 Pen filler
- 12 Friable soil
- 13 Italian wine
- 14 By way of
- 15 Tijuana Ms.
- 16 Completely
- 18 "The Magic Flute" composer
- 20 Comes in second
- 21 Many times
- 22 Arm opposite
- 23 Miracle food
- 26 Becomes broader
- 29 Temper
- 30 Be footloose
- 32 Solar plexus
- 34 Scarlett's mansion
- 36 Worshipped image
- 38 Life of the party
- 39 Fumble
- 41 Outlandish

DOWN

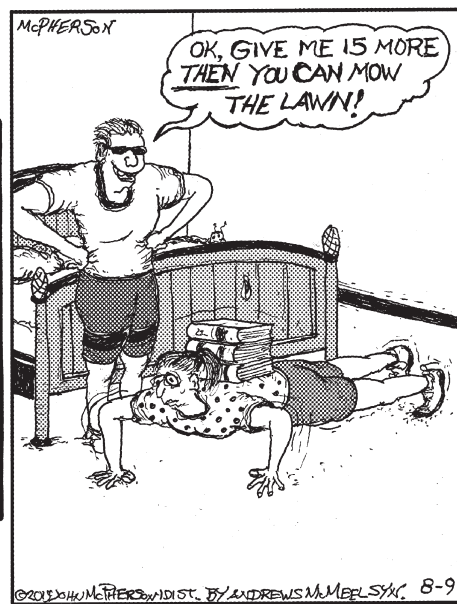
- 43 Startled cries
- 44 Travel stopover
- 45 Black and white animal
- 48 Creeps about
- 51 Make hostile
- 53 Form droplets
- 55 Ely of "Tarzan"
- 56 Perched on
- 57 Skinny
- 58 Fair-hiring letters
- 59 Fall mo.
- 60 Place of exile
- 1 Hirt and Gore
- 2 Yardstick
- 3 Green Hornet's valet
- 4 South American river
- 5 Not secret
- 6 Yarn fuzz
- 7 Emmet
- 8 Thwarted

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Tina began to realize that marrying her trainer was not all it was cracked up to be.

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



Astrograph

ments are favored and romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Protect your reputation. Keep private matters and your ideas or plans to yourself. An interview or business trip will turn into a learning experience. Listen carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take a break, but don't overspend. You want to eliminate stress, not add to it. Being overly generous, indulgent or excessive in any way will invite someone to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Look over any dealings you have with a bank, institution or individual to whom you are contractually obligated. Know your rights before you make changes. Play it safe and come out on top.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A partnership looks promising. Personal training, engaging in health and fitness routines, and spending time with a loved one will enhance your life. Romance is in the stars.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Know what you want. If you are precise and knowledgeable, it will be difficult for some-

one to take advantage of you. Speak on your own behalf or for those who don't have a voice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't take anything for granted. If you want something to work, effort and nurturing will be required. If you love someone, make sure he or she knows how much.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Refuse to buy into someone else's plan if it doesn't suit your needs. Show discipline and use your intelligence to overcome interference. Avoid impulsive purchases or joint ventures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take care of legal, emotional, financial or health matters personally. Concentrate on love, personal growth, happiness and building a secure home base. Romance will improve your relationship with someone special.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A change shouldn't stop you from engaging in something you've never done before. Personal improvements and mental, emotional and spiritual growth will promote new friendships and opportunities.

Bridge

SOME PLAYS ARE EASY TO OVERLOOK

Mae West said, "It is better to be looked over than overlooked."

Yesterday's deal featured a play that is easy to overlook, declarer's ruffing at trick two to start eloping (as it is called) his low trumps. Today's deal also requires a play that goes against the grain.

How should South declare in three no-trump after West leads the spade queen and continues with the spade two when permitted to take the first trick?

In the tournament world, a convention called Lebensohl is popular in this situation. In advance of North's takeout double, a bid at the three-level promises 8-11 high-card points. With fewer than that, South bids an artificial 2 no-trump. But even if you do not employ such science, North's 3-heart rebid promises a strong hand.

North 08-09-19
 ♠ 5
 ♥ A K 9 7 6
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ A 8 3 2

West
 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 9 7 6

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

South
 ♠ A 8 4 3
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J 10 9 8 7
 ♣ Q J 5

Dealer: East
 Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q