





THE BORN LOSER by Art Sampson



GRIZZWELLS by Bill Schorr

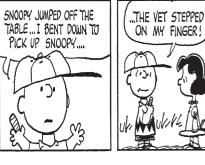




PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz







BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker





BLONDIE® by Dean Young







ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue and Jack Bender







FRANK AND ERNEST® by Bob Thaves







GARFIELD® by Jim Davis







NEA Crossword Puzzle

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

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 **DOWN** 1 Hirt and Gore

Green Hornet's valet 4 South **American**

5 Not secret **Emmet**

Yarn fuzz 41 Outlandish 8 Thwarted

Answer to Previous Puzzle 43 Startled cries 44 Travel stopover

Ν ANDR SPRA SEAR 33 Bastille

9 Currier's partner . Nefertiti's 10 river 11 Starr and

Kyser 17 Pilot's OK 19 Miles away 22 Prom transport 23 With.

to Fritz Yardstick 24 Fast horse 25 Roman emperor 26 Stay near the shore

27 Pond river dweller 28 Cookbook direction Fixes a squeak

40 Safari leaders 42 Powerless 44 Bumbling 45 Whittle down 46 — vera 47 Baja boy 48 Word in a telegram 49 Boat's bottom 50 Volvo rival 52 Wolfed 54 Genetic material

Day

season

35 Residence

Ranger

37 Like one

12 13 14 16 15 21 29 30 32 36 38 35 39 40 48 8-9

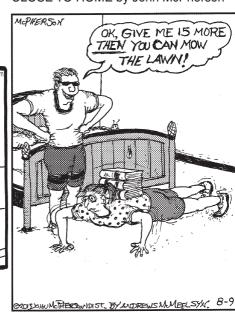
© 2019 UFS, Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



THE FIRST LOVE LETTER I GOT FROM LEROY BEGAN 'TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ...'



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

<u>Astrograph</u>

Your **Birthday**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

Explore new possibilities, but don't feel compelled to share or work in conjunction with someone else. Trust in your ability to get things done this year. Generosity will be your downfall, and using your skills to promote what you have to offer will propel you to new heights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Make plans to have fun with friends or to spend time with a loved one. Physical improvements will lead to compliments, and romance will improve your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -Refuse to let someone close to you bait you into an emotionally charged situation that has no merit. Concentrate on what you can accomplish and let personal matters dissipate. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) ---

Take pride in what you do for others. Your involvement in fundraising events or community projects will lead to exciting friendships. Personal improve-

North

♥ A K 9 7 6

♦ AKQ

\Delta A 8 3 2

South

♠ A 8 4 3 ♥ 2

♣ Q J 5

Vulnerable: Neither West

North

Pass

Opening lead: 🏚 Q

East

Pass

Pass

Dealer: East

Pass Dbl.

Pass

Pass

♦ J 10 9 8 7

East ♠ KJ 10 9

♥ 8 4 3

♣ K 4

West

♠ Q 2

♥ Q J 10 5

South

Pass

3NT

08-09-19

ments are favored and one to take advantage of you. 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

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-

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 légal, 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

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

<u>Bridge</u>

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.

South seems to have nine top tricks: one spade, two hearts, five diamonds & one club. The original declarer did not look further. He took the second spade with his ace, discarding a club from the board. Then he unblocked the three diamond honors, cashed the club ace and played another club. Disaster! East produced the club king and cashed four spade tricks for down two. Declarer needs to unblock the

diamonds. On the second spade, South must ditch a diamond from dummv & let East win the trick. Assuming East plays another spade (here, it cannot help to shift), declarer repeats the procedure, ducking in his hand and throwing a diamond from the board. South wins the fourth spade, unblocking the final diamond, and runs his diamond winners.