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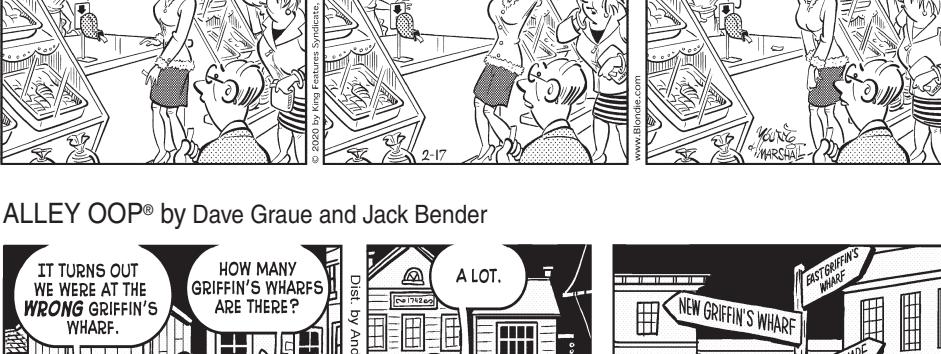
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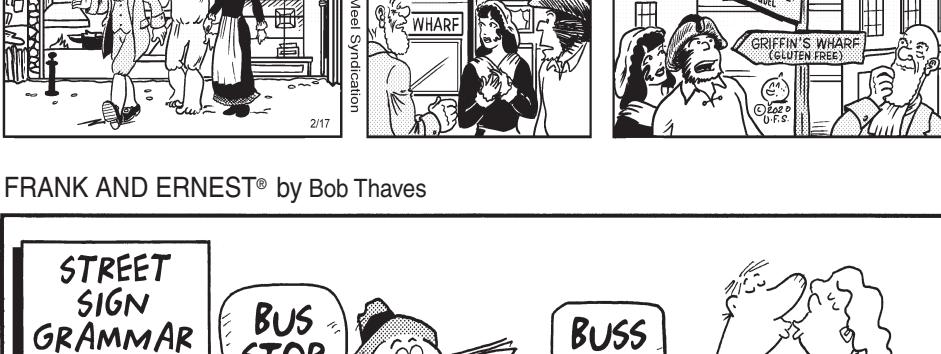
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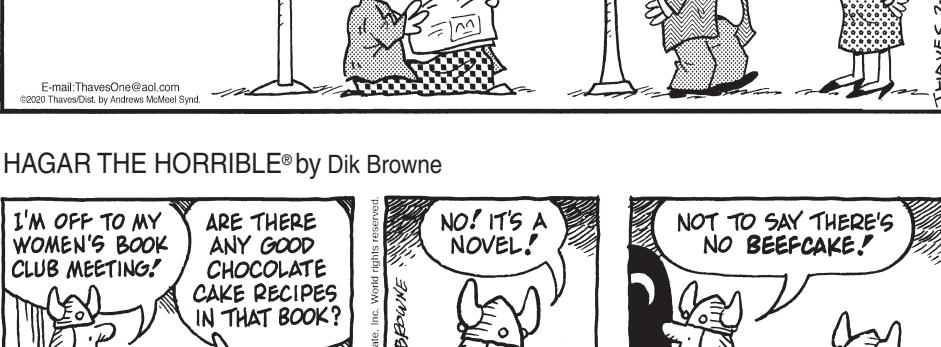
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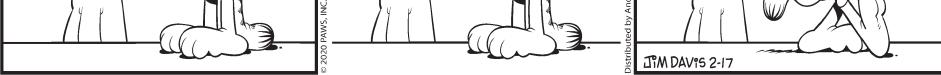
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Capsule
5 Sauna site
8 Faculty mem.
12 Cleve-
land's lake
13 Mountain pass
14 Greek letter
15 Selleck and Jones
16 Addendum
18 Get cozy
20 Highland miss
21 Come to a conclusion
22 Hose down
23 Short outing
26 Venice byways
29 Holy terrors
30 Zeus' wife
31 Yale athlete
33 Flower planting
34 Audition goal
35 Soon, to a poet
36 Like ants

38 Concrete foundations

39 Not strict
40 Machine part
41 Add warmth
43 Kind-hearted
46 Congress member

48 — Scotia

50 Beg pardon!
51 Be billed

52 From square one

53 Big steel town
54 Mich. neighbor
55 Apple remnant

DOWN

1 — peeve
2 Common metal
3 Cement component
4 Waness
5 Recipe direction
6 Bishop of Rome
7 Climber's challenge

Answer to Previous Puzzle

EYE	PIGS	DENT
LAD	IDL	UTAH
BRA	NAPA	LUKE
ADM	IT	GOLDEN
MATE	BOK	HEED
APEX	NADIR	
ORD	OLEO	CUL
PLAT	MARY	
JOLIE	ERNE	
PAUL	RUN	
PIXIES	BUNDY	
EPIC	TRIO	ARI
RENE	AYLA	MAP
ERGS	BEET	EWE

30 Practical joke

32 Connections

34 Gaucho's rope

35 Fact book

37 Damp

38 America's Uncle

40 Healed

41 Big laugh (hyph.)

42 Pitcher in a basin

43 Chopped-down

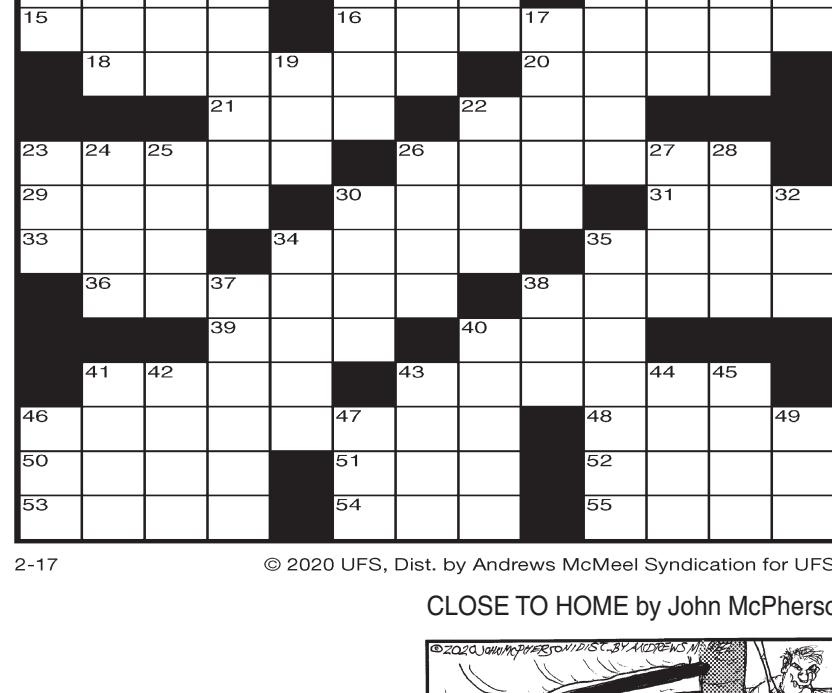
44 Taboo (hyph.)

45 Even once

46 Be overdue

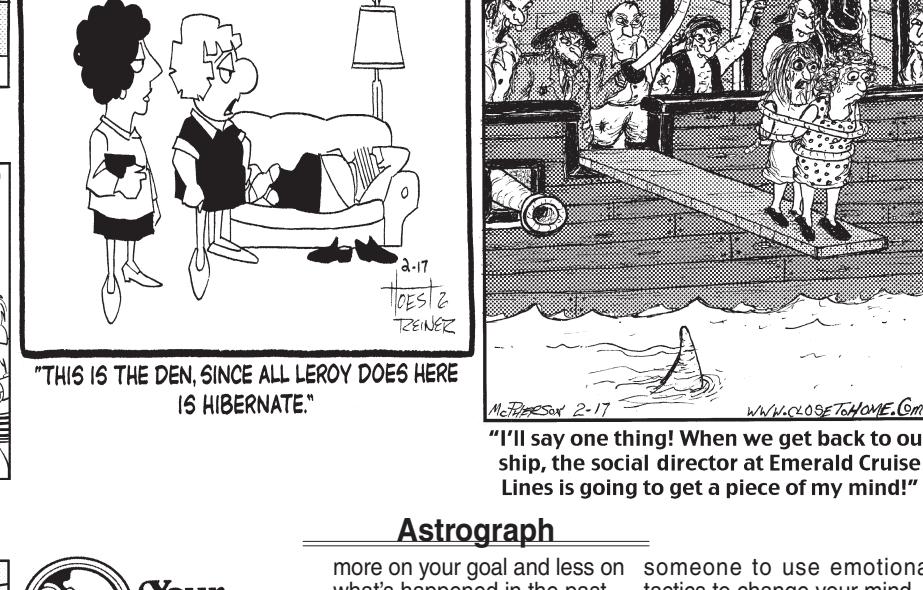
47 Colorful carp

49 Dazzle



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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"I'll say one thing! When we get back to our ship, the social director at Emerald Cruise Lines is going to get a piece of my mind!"

Astrograph

more on your goal and less on what's happened in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

-- A trip or a conference will

change the way you do business.

You will gain popularity if

you put a unique spin on an idea that has potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- You can prosper using your

ingenuity, but don't make

promises you can't keep. A

partnership will be complicated.

Trust issues will arise. Be

direct, ask questions and take

your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

-- Don't shy away from some-

thing or someone because of

unfamiliarity. Open your mind

to new endeavors. Refuse to

let uncertainty come between

you and a chance to advance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-- Mingle, learn and explore

what's available. Make invest-

ments that will change your

direction or location. Romance

is on the rise and will improve

your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

-- Find the best way to approach

what you want, and channel

your energy into attaining the

lifestyle you desire. Expect

someone to use emotional

tactics to change your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

-- Personal problems will lift if

you are willing to adjust and

comply with the necessary

changes required to make life

better. A relationship will take

a positive turn. Romance is

FEATURED

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- Your intuition and expres-

sive way of presenting your

ideas and plans will win the

necessary support from

someone who has something to

offer. Make proposals, close

deals and explore new possi-

bilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec.

21) -- Fix up your surround-

ings to suit your plans. A

change of heart will encour-

age you to branch out and try

something new. Listen to your

heart, not to what an outsider

has to say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) -- Stop thinking about

making a change and do

something. Refuse to let an

emotional situation stand

between you and what you

feel is best.

Bridge

HELP PARTNER'S LEAD WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Oscar Wilde wrote, "The

advantage of the emotions is

that they lead us astray." At the

bridge table, we should try not to

be distracted by our emotions.

Also, there are times when we

should help partner with his

opening lead, not unnecessarily

risk his going astray.

In today's deal, for example,

how does South get on in six

spades after West leads the

diamond queen? How about

after a heart lead?

The auction was fairly

predictable. After North raised

spades on the second round,

South inquired about aces and

kings before settling into six

spades.

If East does not make a

lead-directing double of five

hearts, West will surely lead the

diamond queen. Declarer wins

that, draws trumps and runs

the club queen. The finesse loses,

but South claims the remainder.

He discards his heart loser on a

club winner on the board.

But when East wisely doubles

five hearts, and West leads that

suit, it would be easy for

declarer to go down. If he

adopts the same line as just

proposed, when the club

finesse loses, East cashes the

heart king to defeat the slam.

However, a more-resourceful

South, realizing that East has

both high hearts, will spot a

winning line. He wins the first

trick with his heart ace & draws

trumps. Then he eliminates the

diamonds (ace, king, and a

ruff) before exiting with his last

heart. East is endplayed, having</div