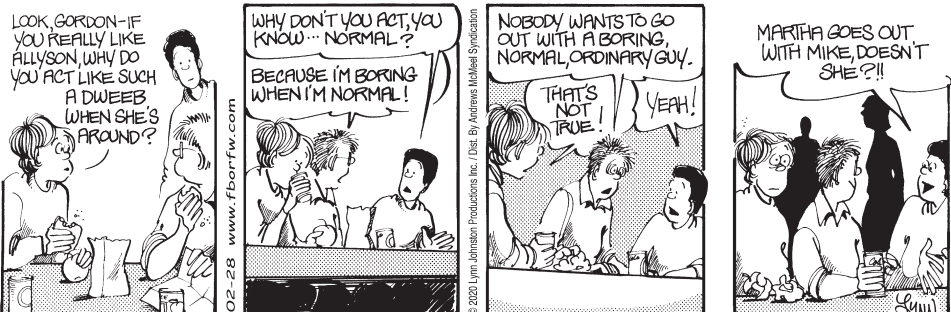




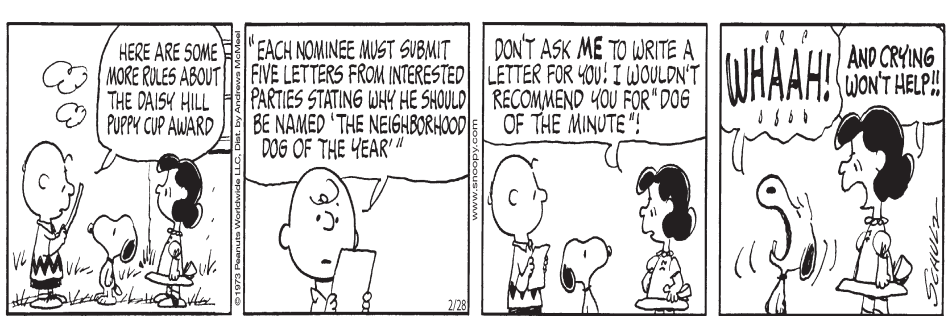
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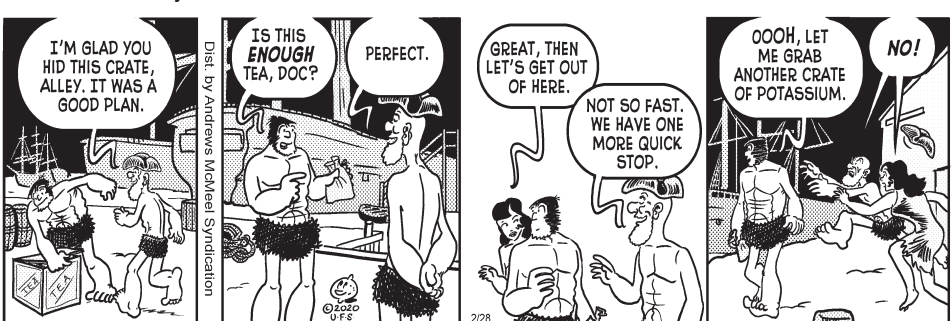
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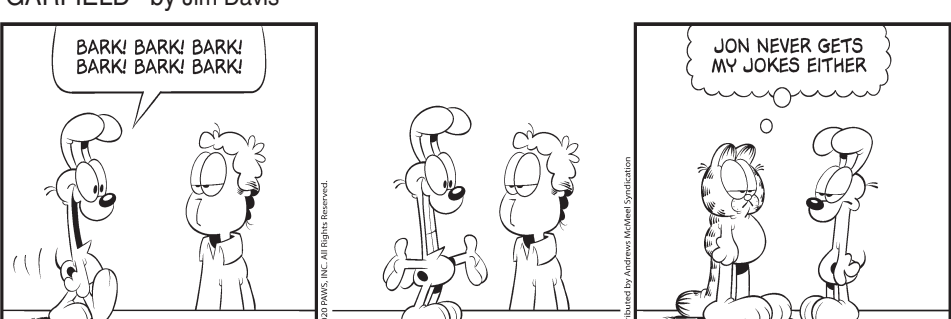
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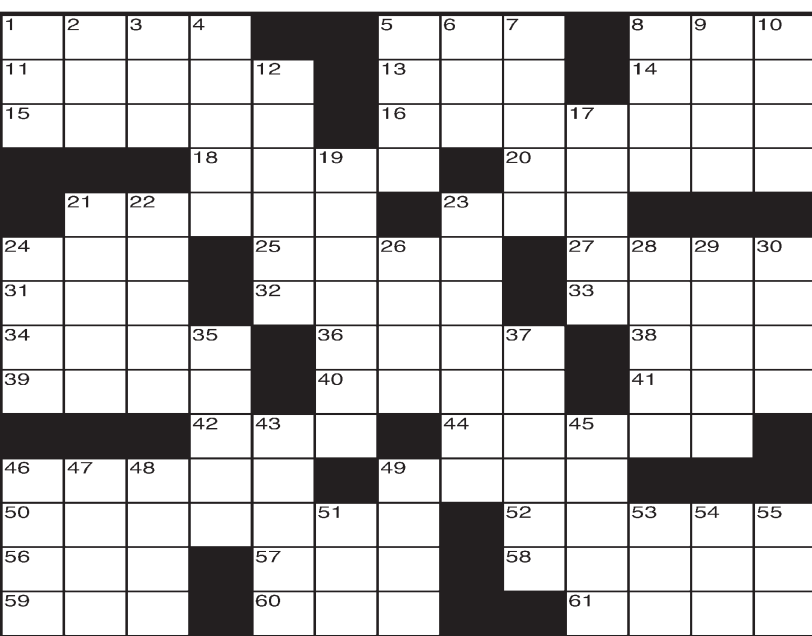
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sheathed with metal
 - 5 Blimp title
 - 8 Scold
 - 11 Auspices
 - 13 Monsieur's affirmative
 - 14 Unrefined metal
 - 15 San —
 - 16 Agenda
 - 18 — 500
 - 20 Deadens
 - 21 Hindu lute
 - 23 Venomous snake
 - 24 Freshly painted
 - 25 Muscle spasms
 - 27 Vanishing sound
 - 31 Goodall subject
 - 32 Tien Shan range
 - 33 Arizona city
 - 34 Frosty coating
 - 36 Med. staffers
 - 38 Just bought
 - 39 Get fresh
 - 40 "Iliad" or "Odyssey"
- DOWN**
- 1 Heel
 - 2 Don Ho's neckwear
 - 3 Mature
 - 4 Finger or toe
 - 5 Xerox
 - 6 Not just my
 - 7 Veld stalkers
 - 8 Average
 - 9 Speedy steed
- 41 Cooper's channel**
- 42 Sailor**
- 44 Where hackles rise**
- 46 Following**
- 49 Desiccated**
- 50 Kenya's capital**
- 52 Clean a slate**
- 56 Aunts and uncles**
- 57 \$1,000,000, slangily**
- 58 More ticked off**
- 59 Yeasty brew**
- 60 Yahoo rival**
- 61 Genial**

- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
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- 10 Opal and topaz**
- 12 Piano piece**
- 17 Pet shop buy**
- 19 Wildcatter**
- 21 Brownish pigment**
- 22 Checkout units**
- 23 Totally stupid**
- 24 All-out fights**
- 26 Daisy Mae's creator**
- 28 Postal meter unit**
- 29 Comets, to an ancient**
- 30 Bow and scrape**
- 35 Fragrant compound**
- 37 Terrifies**
- 43 Smell**
- 45 Evita or Juan**
- 46 "My Way" composer**
- 47 Stop working**
- 48 Sharp point**
- 49 Threshold**
- 51 Library sect.**
- 53 Jackie's tycoon**
- 54 Jiffy**
- 55 Before now**



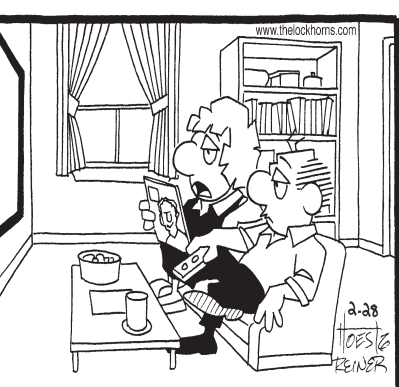
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"WE COULD WATCH A PBS DOCUMENTARY, A STIMULATING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OR... AH, WHO AM I KIDDING, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH A REALITY SHOW, AREN'T WE?"

Astrograph



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Your drive and determination are commendable, but don't overdo it or you will face the consequences. Part of being successful is recognizing your skills and using them with precision. Take the time to prepare, present and promote what you want to do and to execute your plans with confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

-- Invest in projects that will make a difference. Let your instincts lead the way and investment opportunities develop. An innovative idea will pay off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

-- Practice moderation. Taking on too much will decrease your chances of reaching your full potential. Don't make an emotional leap if you are questioning the landing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

-- Your best efforts will result in success. If you let your intuition lead the way, you won't be

disappointed. Keep your private affairs to yourself. Be consistent in your words and deeds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- Use your energy wisely. You'll get run down if you try to do everything yourself. Either extend your deadlines or solicit help. Maintain honesty and integrity to avoid opposition and criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

-- Don't let uncertainty get to you. Keep moving along, regardless of what others decide to do. Putting in the time and energy to reach your goal will pay off. Positive change is heading your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-- Take better care of yourself. Diet, exercise and rest should be part of your daily routine. Take on only what's doable and be sure to balance your schedule between work and play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

-- You can make adjustments, negotiate and set a path that will help you reach your personal or professional goal. Help will be offered if you speak to someone with experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

-- Concentrate on what you have to accomplish. Discipline and hard work will be required if you want to maintain a good reputation. Deliver what you promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

-- Take care of business and sign up for entertaining events or activities. A shift in attitude will help you move on emotionally. An exciting encounter will brighten your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

-- Pay more attention to the way you look and how you handle your cash. Come up with a plan that utilizes what you already have and limits spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

-- Don't run yourself ragged. If rest is required, give yourself a chance to rejuvenate. You'll accomplish more and do a better job if you have a clear head.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

-- Participate in physical activities that will help you get in tip-top shape. Indulgence is the enemy, and moderation is your best friend. Don't give in to temptation.

Bridge

THIS ROAD LEADS TO NOWHERE

Whenever some bridge declarers come to a crossroads, they always seem to crash.

In today's deal, South thought he was driving so cleverly along the main highway when in reality he was heading down a side road that looked superficially attractive but was leading to a cliff top.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart three: four, jack, king. South counted seven top tricks & anticipated getting two more from diamonds. He also knew an avoidance play when he saw one.

South led a diamond to dummy's king, returned to his hand with a spade & led a second diamond. If West had played the queen, South was planning to duck in the dummy, keeping East off the lead. However, when West played the

10, declarer put up dummy's

ace & led a third round. South was pleased to see West win this trick, but he was less happy when West promptly switched to the club 9 (the high card denying interest in the suit) in answer to his partner's encouraging club-7 discard on the previous trick. East won with his ace & returned a heart: down one.

South's path required finding the diamonds 3-2, West's holding the club ace and West's having to win his side's diamond trick. But there was a much better route available. Assuming West's heart three was an honest card, the suit had to be splitting 4-3. If so, South just needed to find West with the club jack. At trick two, South should have played a club to dummy's 10. His nine tricks would have been four spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs.