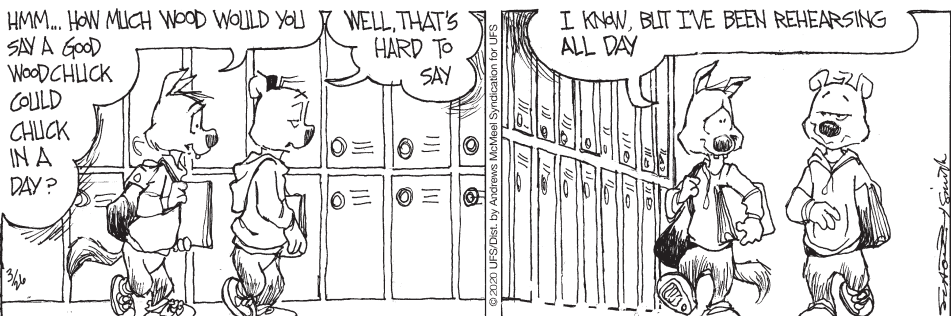


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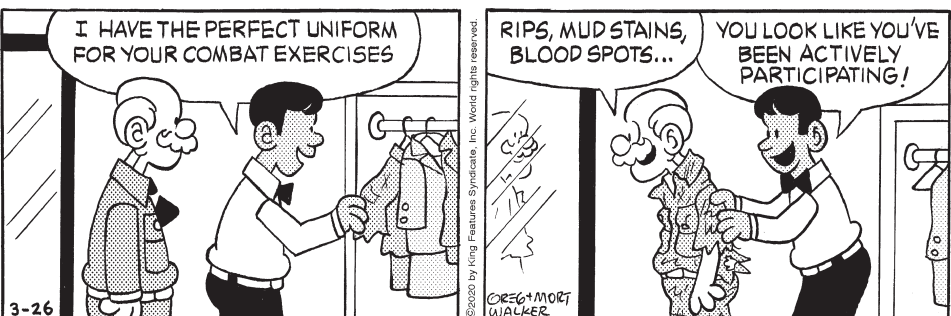
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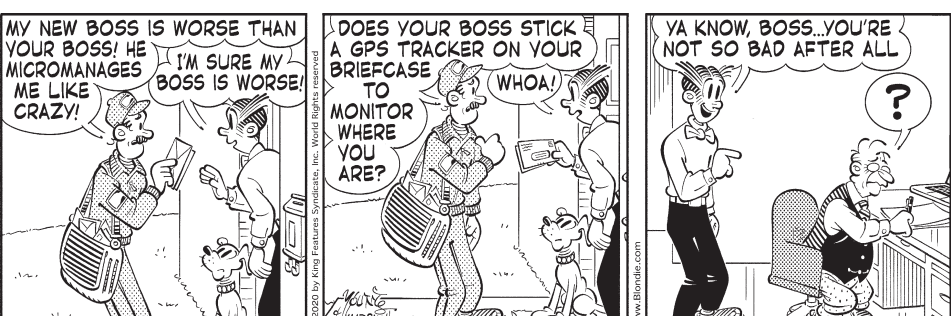
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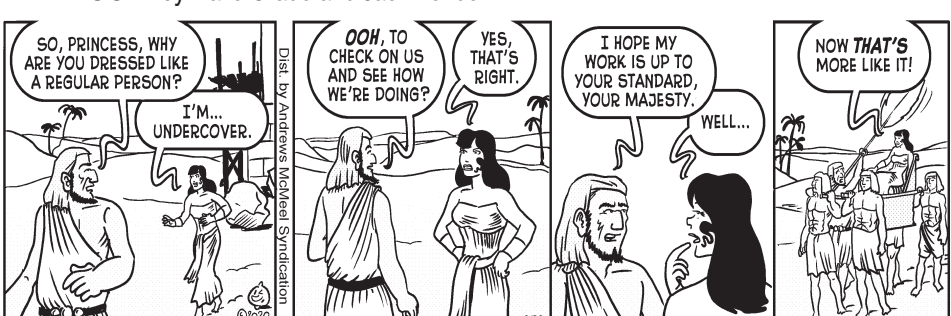
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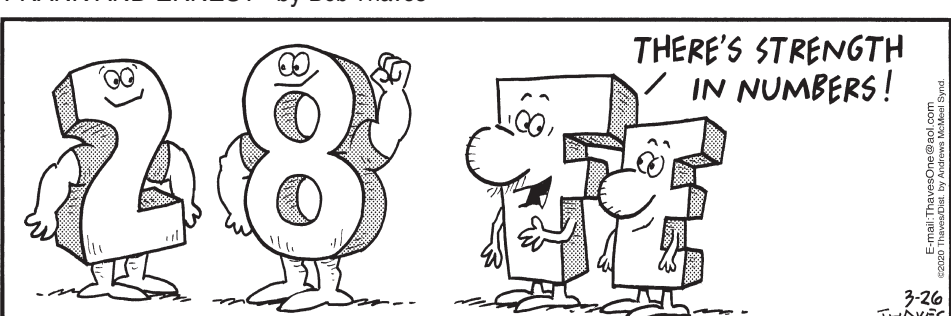
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE® by Dik Browne



GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Put on ice
6 Speck of land in the ocean
11 Imposed taxes
13 Diamond-shaped knitting pattern
14 Halloween hue
15 Array
16 It may be spliced
17 Minor falsehood
19 Have supper
20 Postponed game
24 Curved path
27 Sz. option
28 Dallas cagers
31 Thawed
33 Prepare an egg
35 Ache
36 Sneezer's need
37 Applied henna
38 Cosmonaut space lab

DOWN

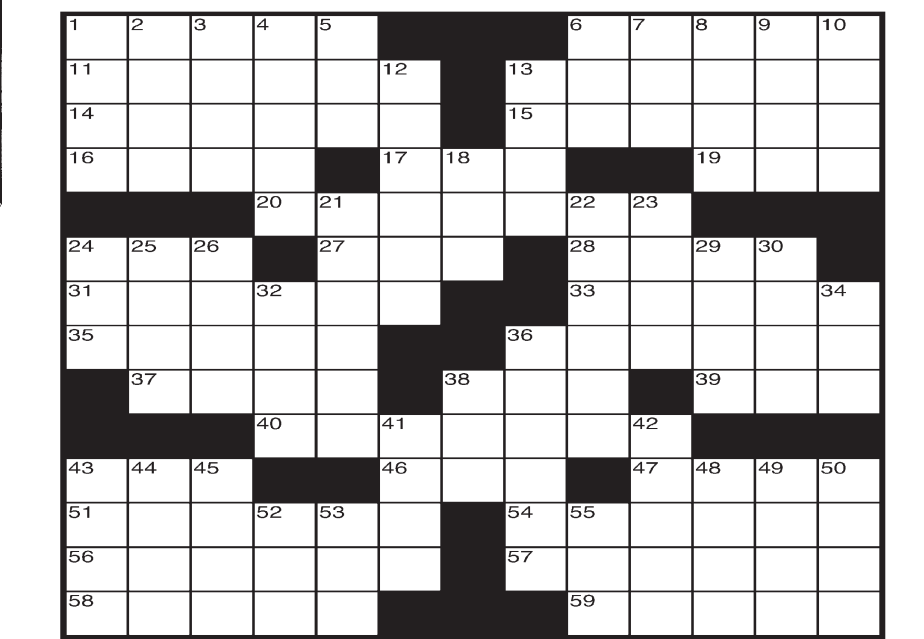
1 Folk dance shoe
2 This spot
3 Physiologist — Pavlov
4 Cruise ship
5 Chair part
6 Keogh relative
7 Pfc. boss
8 Ancient harp
9 He directed Marlon
10 College book

Answer to Previous Puzzle

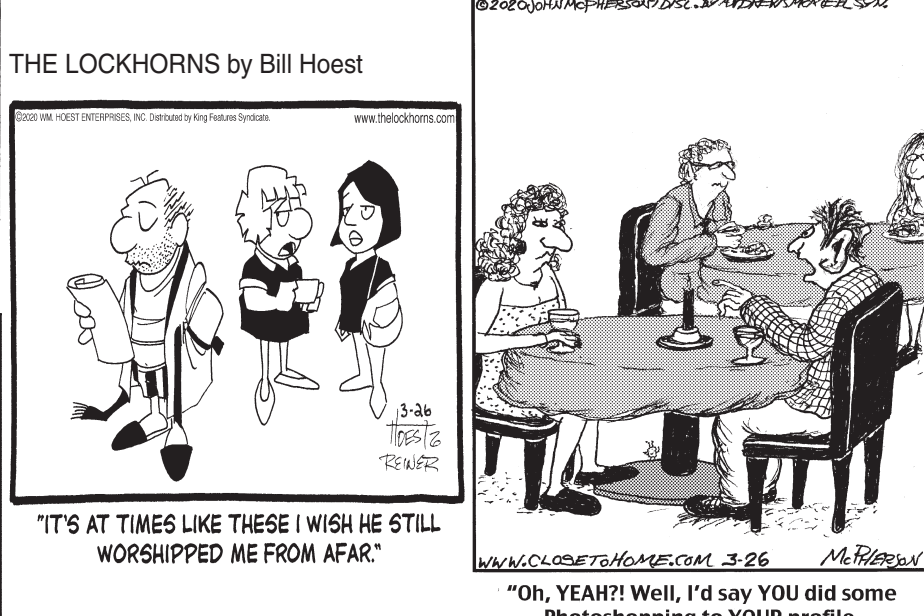
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12 Stood up to
13 Lectern
18 Wabash loc.
21 Improves upon
22 Out caller
23 Art colony town in New Mexico
24 Poet — Lowell
25 Sax mouth-piece
26 Modeling medium
29 Bud holder
30 Wind-driven spray

32 Oak or sycamore
34 Psst!
36 Laugh self-consciously
38 Ginnie —
41 Category
42 Marshy hollow
43 3D shape
44 Between ports
45 NBA officials
48 Slothful
49 Watermel-on leftover
50 Whirlpool
52 Forest mom
53 Web addr.
55 Swear solemnly



CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Astrograph

Your Birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

Channel your energy wisely. Concentrate on what you can do for others and for yourself. Less talk and more action will bring about positive change. Discipline and hard work will pave the way to success. Let your experience help you open doors that have not been accessible in the past.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- An objective attitude will help you avoid trouble. Listen and assess situations before you share your opinion. Approach new topics with curiosity and the desire to learn. Adopt a healthy lifestyle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Others will judge you on your performance as both a leader and a team player. Be prepared to take full responsibility and to fine-tune the ultimate product.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't lose sight of your goal, or you will end up procrastinating instead of accomplishing. An unexpected question will leave

you in a vulnerable position. Be honest and concise with your response.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If you use your imagination on the job, you will impress someone overseeing what you do. Take an authoritative stance if you want to receive more responsibility. Personal gain is apparent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Attend events to connect with people in higher positions. The more contacts you make, the easier it will be to get ahead. Being in the right place at the right time will lead to success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Reevaluate what you want. Being precise when working toward personal or professional goal will help you implement a successful plan. A romantic encounter will spice up your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take a mental health day, or learn something that will help you find a more enjoyable job. Keep in mind that you can be moderate and still have a good time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Let your heart rule your

head, and follow your intuition. A noteworthy change at home will also bring you closer to someone you love. A healthier lifestyle is encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't let stubbornness ruin an excellent opportunity. Be prepared to take advantage of an offer. An adjustment will improve your life and give you the freedom to try something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Refuse to let your emotions get the better of you. Look at what you can do and follow through with your plans. Personal growth will attract the attention of someone extraordinary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stick to a budget and avoid making hasty decisions. Joint money matters will lead to a stressful situation. A responsible attitude will stop others from taking advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Do what comes naturally. Communication and honesty will be necessary if you want to be successful in love, life and finance. A clear conscience will ease stress.

Bridge

DIFFERENT LEADS; DIFFERENT RESULTS

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons."

For a bridge player, the more often he plays his honor cards, the more winning tricks he can count.

When I am teaching inexperienced players about signaling on defense, the first class is usually about playing spot cards -- high-low to encourage and low-high to discourage. But the next week I encourage playing honor cards whenever possible. Even the sleepest of partners will notice an honor card appearing unexpectedly on the table.

There are several reasons for putting up an honor card when you could have played a spot card. This three-no-trump deal features one of the rarest. What

North 03-26-20

♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 8
♣ 6 5 2

West East

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

South

♠ A K
♥ Q 7 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ Q J 7 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q