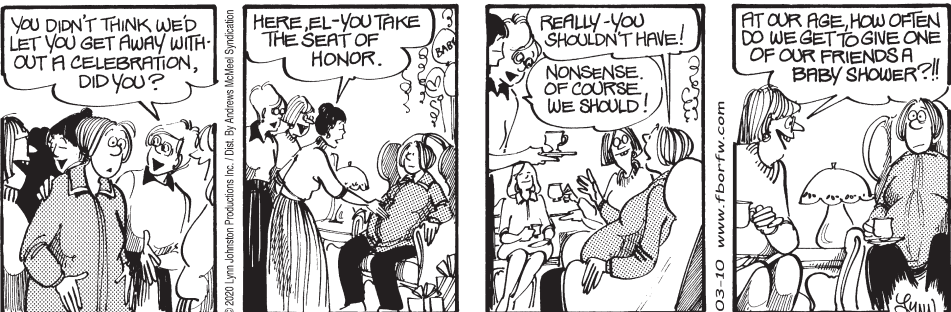
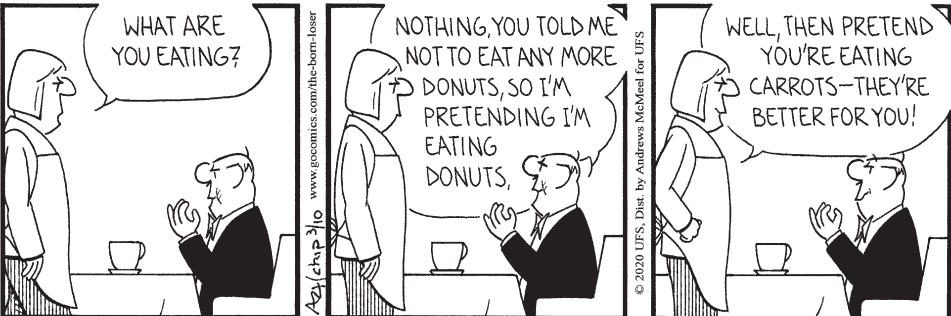
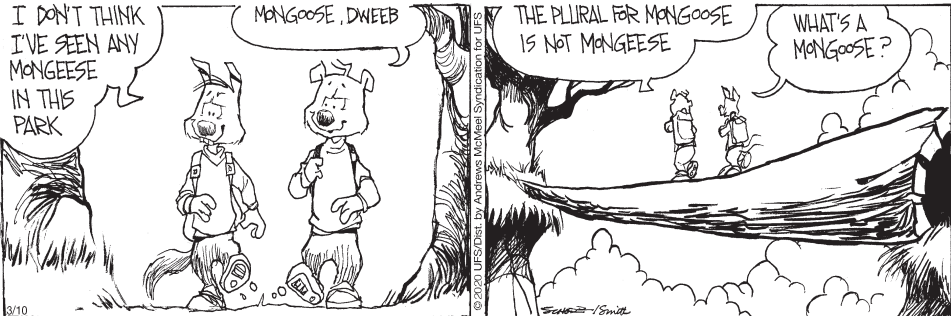




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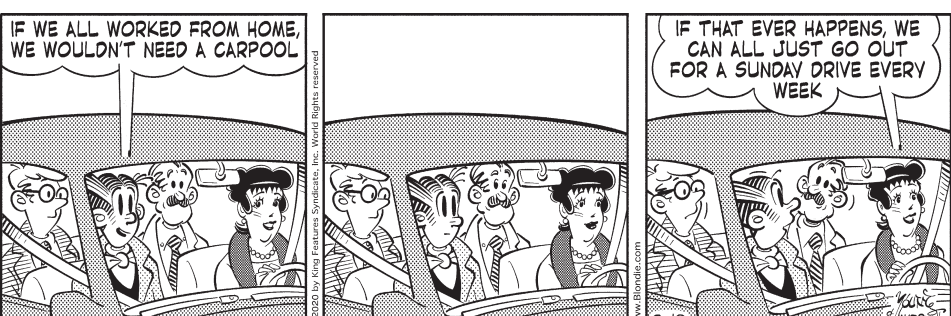
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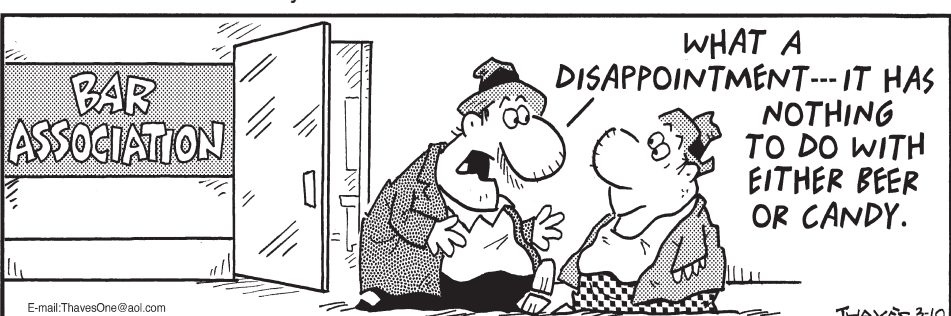
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Gullible one
5 Wild guess
9 Visitor from Melmac
12 Black, poetically
13 Wed. follower
14 Bill and —
15 Japanese clog
16 In a loutish manner
18 Suffered humiliation (2 wds.)
20 Meadow sound
21 Youngster
22 Social insect
23 Minimum
26 Anglers' boots
29 Have a cough
30 Hectic places
32 Shade
34 Paperless exam
36 Banjo cousins

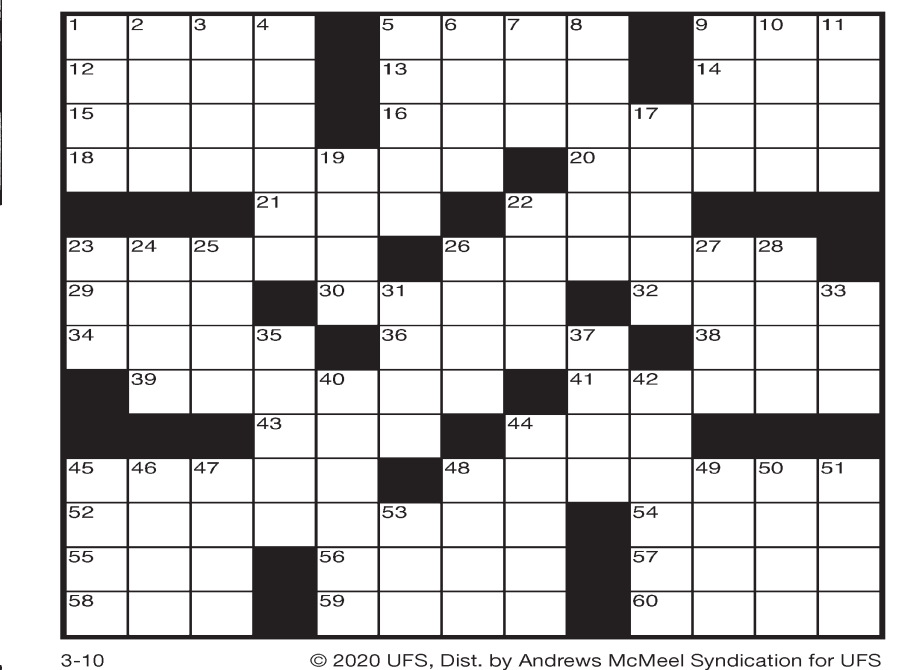
DOWN

1 One million (pref.)
2 Be an accomplice
3 By heart
4 Flairs
5 Waited in line
6 Become liquid

38 Prompt
39 Puts into law
41 Hacienda brick
43 Pump fuel
44 Canine warning
45 Leaks
48 False names
52 Texas panhandle city
54 Guthrie's genre
55 Touch lightly
56 Oz pooch
57 Skimpy top
58 Hundreds of mins.
59 Basic unit
60 Deli serving

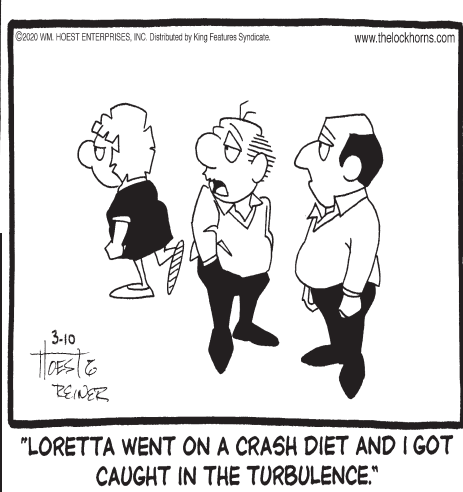
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B	Y	H	A	N	D	H	A	S	S	L
C	R	I	S	P	I	O	D	I	N	E
P	O	T	U	R	N	S	U	M	A	
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"For the hundredth time, NO, I DON'T want to play 'I Spy With My Little Eye!'"

Your Birthday

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
A financial adjustment is in order. Take the helm and get things done. Details matter, and your ability to fine-tune whatever you touch will bring the results you want. Don't sit back when there is so much to do. Don't give anyone the chance to outmaneuver or outperform you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep up the pace, regardless of what others do. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress. Look at partnerships carefully and determine their worth before committing any further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Emotions will take charge if you aren't careful. Think before you speak, and ensure that your points are valid. Put your time and energy into making things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Jump at a career opportunity. Believe in what you have to offer. Contact someone

from your past who has been on your mind. A partnership is not far off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Walk away from what's over and done. A new beginning should occupy your time. You'll get an extraordinary chance to turn something you enjoy doing into a new venture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Think carefully before you reveal something. Consider what you can do, not what you can't, and put your work first so that you can enjoy your accomplishments without feeling stressed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Friends and relatives will stand by you through thick and thin. Taking drastic measures will be necessary to resolve a situation. Live life your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You can make a difference if you follow through with your plans and do what's best for everyone. Don't let someone slow you down or convince you that you can't do something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Try something new. The more

experience you get in an area that will help you get ahead, the better. Research something that will benefit you financially, emotionally or physically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't let uncertainty stand in your way. You have plenty of ideas and raw talent. Choose a path and work your way to the finish line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Tread carefully both at home and at work. Keep your thoughts to yourself and do whatever it takes to avoid an argument. Take heed of advice offered to you and keep a low profile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. Reach for the stars and don't stop until you are satisfied. A personal change looks promising.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- If you show a little passion, you'll drum up interest in what you are trying to accomplish. Listen to suggestions, but follow your intuition when it comes time to make a decision.

Bridge

THE PAST PLAYERS GUIDE THE PRESENT
All games go through a life. The early participants are like children, trying to work out the complexities, but starting from a limited database.

Some of the fledgling bridge players had ideas that were not accepted at the time, only later. S. Garton Churchill, who died in 1992 at the age of 92, comes to mind. Known to his friends as Church, he learned auction bridge in 1916, before progressing to contract in 1928. Many of his proposed bidding methods were ridiculed at the time, but have since been adopted.

Church was proud of today's deal, which he played in 1960 in partnership with Cecil Head, the founder of the sporting goods company. They won the 1948 Life Master Pairs national title with a record average of 65.5% over the four sessions.

Head (North) reversed on the second round because of his excellent diamond fit. 3 clubs was 4th-suit forcing, marking time. 4 diamonds was their "picture bid," promising 4-card support, usually with 2 honors. Knowing his partner had at most 1 club, Church immediately jumped to 7 diamonds. Real bridge players don't need Blackwood! They had reached the excellent grand slam with only 25 combined high-card points.

The play was a simple matter of technique. Church won the spade lead with dummy's ace, played a diamond to his ace, cashed dummy's two high hearts & ruffed a heart high in hand. He took the club ace, ruffed a club & trumped another heart high. A 2nd club ruff was followed by the diamond king &, finally, dummy's established heart 9, upon which declarer threw his spade loser.

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2