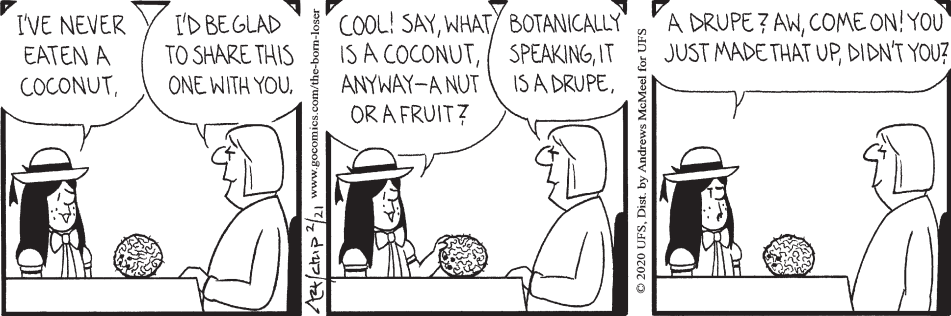
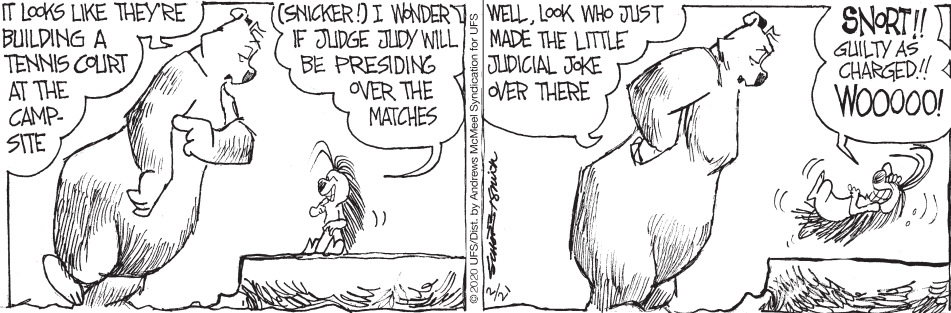


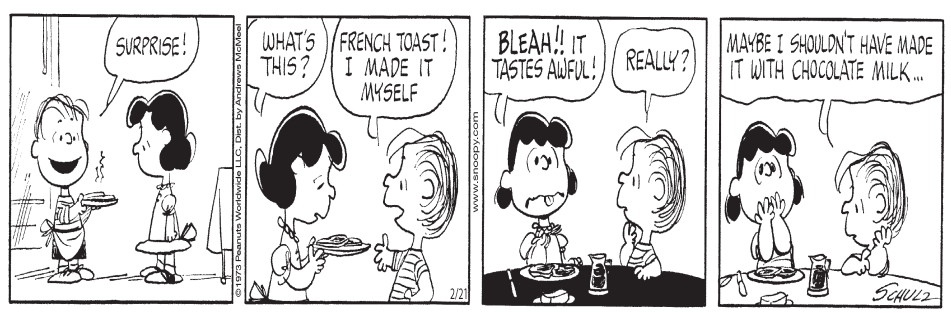
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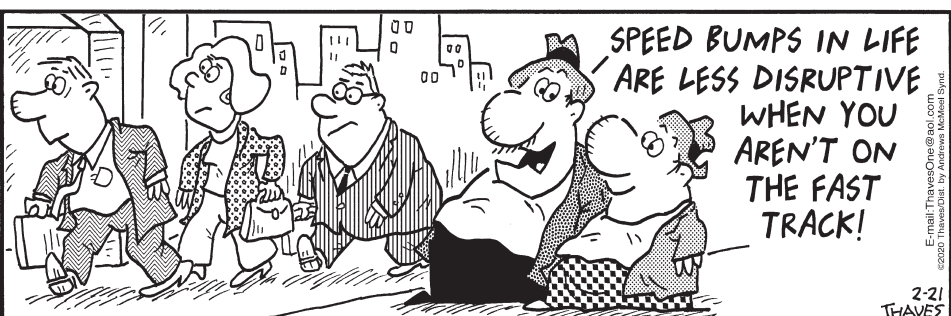
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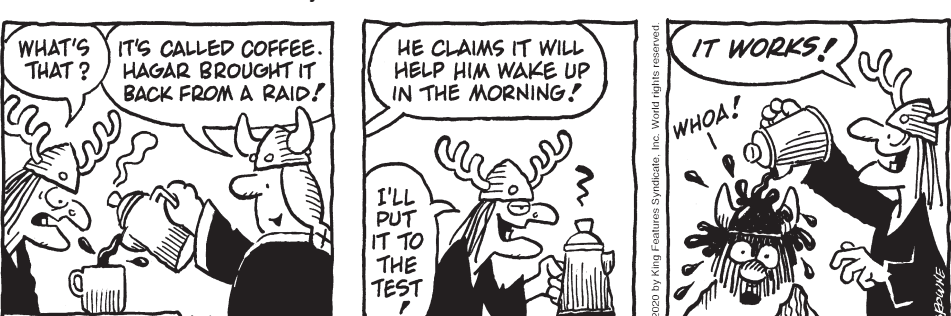
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Cozy place to sit
4 Drain stopper
8 Gullet
11 Percent ending
12 Of great size
13 Fashion
14 Ostrich look-alike
15 Ottoman title
16 Mimicked
17 Put into words
19 Scoundrel
21 Ship's position
22 Wife of Osiris
25 Adorned
29 Windy and cold
31 Mongolian desert
34 Call — cab
35 Stare stupidly
36 Love god
37 TV spots
38 Quaint lodgings
39 Resin
40 Kiss targets

42 Fill the hull
44 Egyptian sun god
47 Charged particle
49 Gloomy
51 Shaving mishap
54 Cheers for toreros
56 Caviar
57 Musical sound
58 Exclusive
59 Catch some rays
60 Attila the —
61 Rapunzel's "ladder"
62 Wapiti

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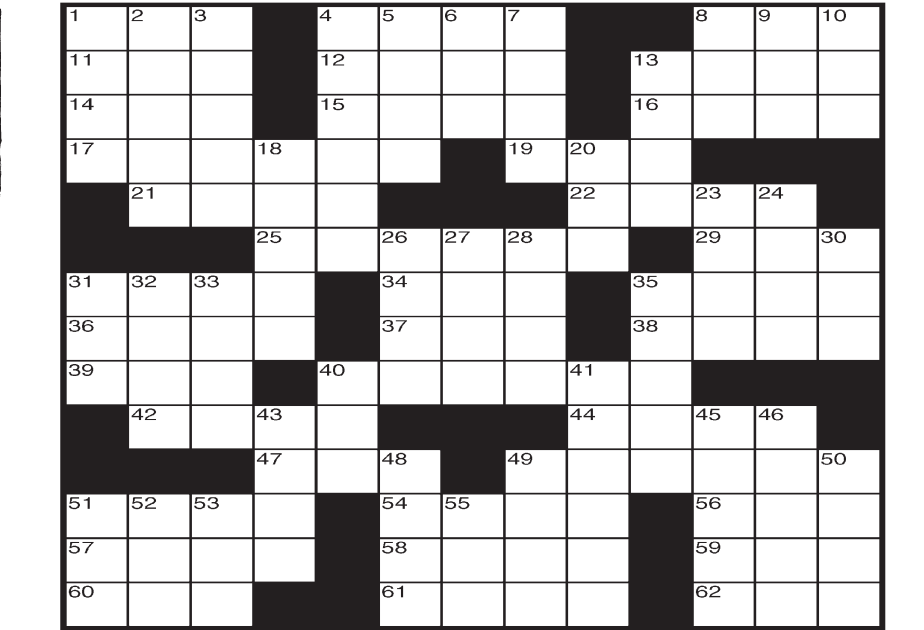
1 Walk haltingly
2 Kahuna's hello
3 Lustrous gem
4 Sci-fi weapon
5 Kind of sled
6 Cry of distaste
7 Toothed wheel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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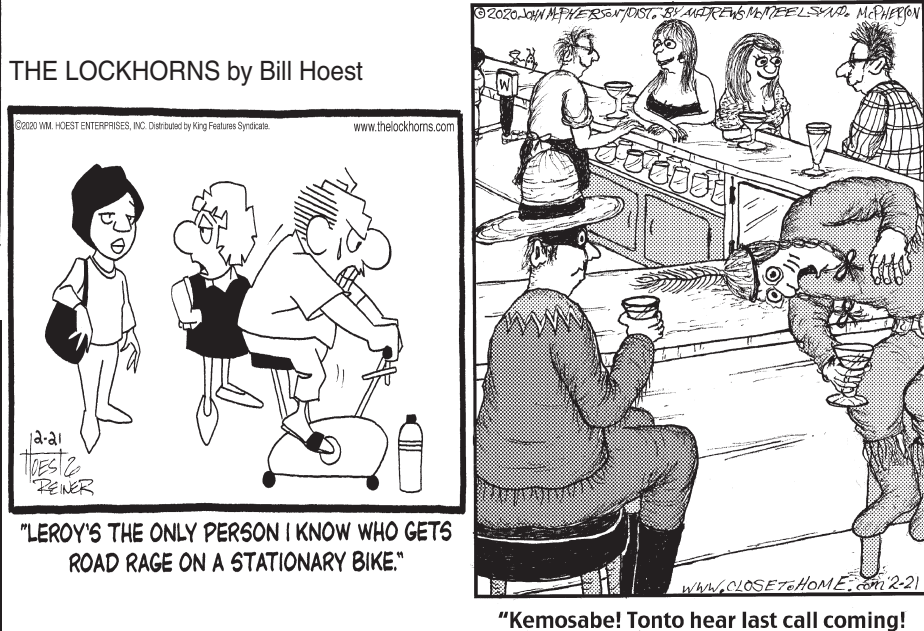
8 Cleaning tool
9 Lemon cooler
10 Meld
13 Gym pads
18 Patronage
20 Bail out
23 Big oil supplier
24 Cut, as logs
26 Rani's servant
27 Give up land
28 Moderate
30 Mo. fractions
31 Congeal
32 Vaccine type
33 — Raton

35 Main points
40 Co. honcho
41 German ruler
43 Dutch barrier
45 Overact
46 One academy
48 Grab a cookie
49 Pastrami purveyor
50 Rangy
51 Utmost degree
52 Debt letters
53 "Early Start" ailer
55 Mauna —



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Your Birthday

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Superior organization, preparation and intuition will be your strengths. Be open to suggestions and concepts that will stretch your imagination and skills. If you follow your heart instead of others' actions, you will stand out. Put impulse on the shelf and choose discipline and stamina to achieve your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take the initiative, look at your options and make adjustments that will help you get ahead. Assisting others is admirable, but you have to help yourself first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Greater involvement in a humanitarian cause will affect the way you set your priorities. A change of heart and plans is heading your way. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You'll discover something that will encourage you to adjust your goal or professional plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Spend time with someone who

Astrograph

You'll have greater insight into what you want to do and how you can make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Go about your business and leave nothing to chance or unfinished. Observe what others are doing, but don't get involved in gossip or risky investments. A personal gain should be your focus.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Address money, legal and health matters before they become difficult to handle. Try to come up with a plan that will help you alleviate stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Relationships take work, understanding and compromise. Do your best to see all sides of whatever situation you are facing. Fair assessments, less judgment and more peace and love will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Contracts, joint money matters and health issues will take time, effort and patience. Do your best to be sensitive to the needs of others. Positive change is worth your time and effort.

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Given East's double, how logical would it have been for South to put North into six no-trump? Note that that contract makes if declarer reads the end-position after cashing all of his black-suit winners. The curious may work it out.

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