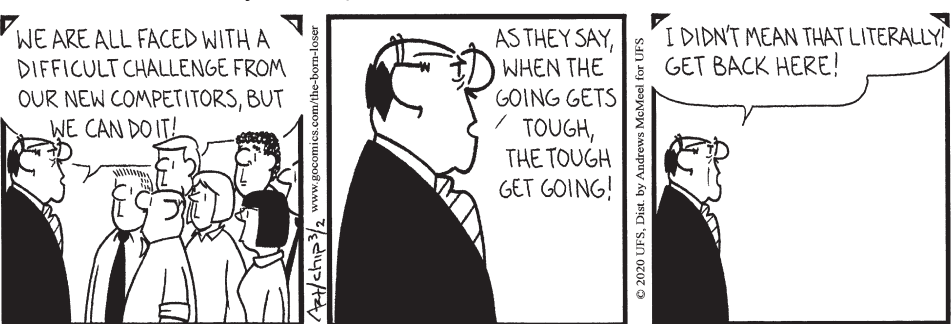




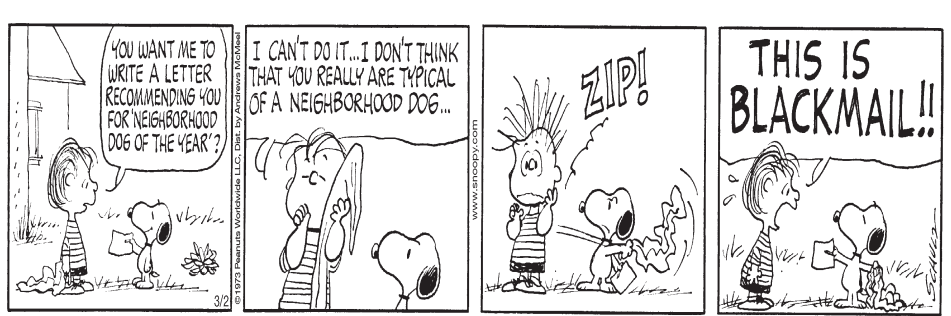
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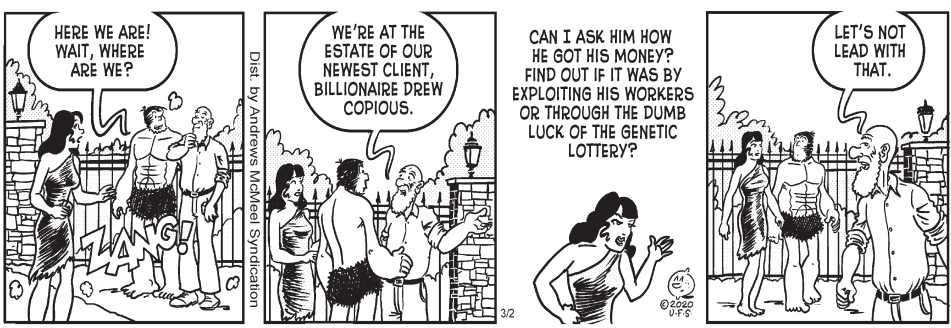
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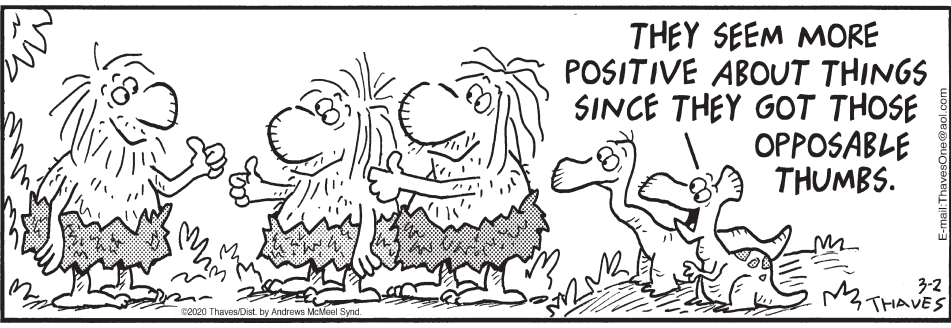
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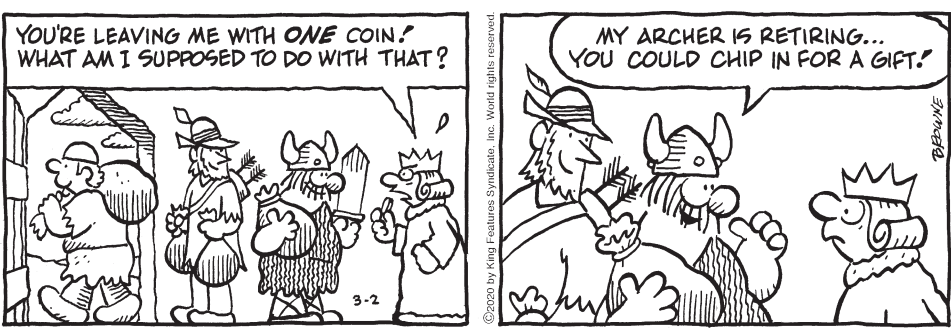
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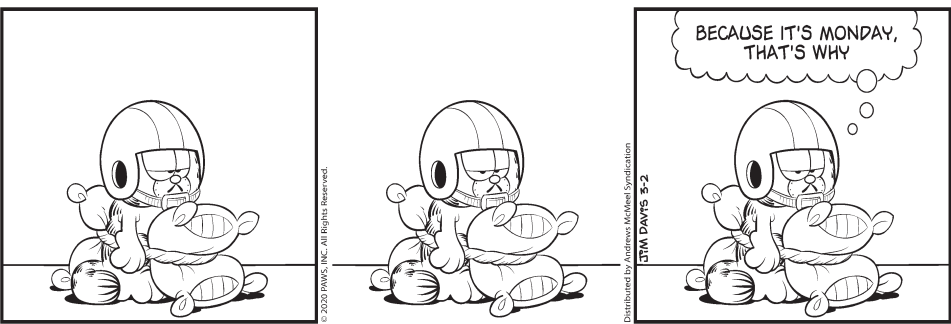
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scoot along
 - 4 Immediately
 - 8 Mammoth entrapper
 - 11 Pale brown
 - 13 Broad bean
 - 14 Wildebeest
 - 15 Twelve, maybe
 - 16 Sluggish
 - 17 Swing voter (abbr.)
 - 18 At a discount (2 wds.)
 - 20 Friday's creator
 - 22 Ms. Arthur
 - 23 Turn sharply
 - 24 Modesto vintner
 - 27 Nulls
 - 30 Old barge canal
 - 31 Wind burst
 - 32 Shaggy flower
 - 34 Fannie —
 - 35 Knew somehow
 - 36 Costa —
 - 37 Agency
- 39 Promises**
- 40 Make a mistake
 - 41 Admin. head
 - 42 Question
 - 45 Novel ending
 - 49 Resistance unit
 - 50 Annoys
 - 53 Cook in the microwave
 - 54 Tear apart
 - 55 Wall Street stats
 - 56 Joie de vivre
 - 57 Oct. and Nov.
 - 58 Parrot
 - 59 Strong alkali
- DOWN**
- 1 Stoic founder
 - 2 Click-on item
 - 3 Votes in favor
 - 4 Wouldn't hurt —
 - 5 — Paulo
 - 6 Dow Jones fig.
 - 7 Ore (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

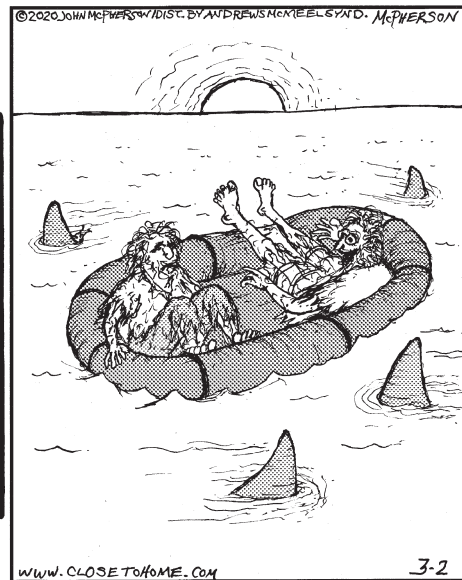
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- 8 Happy hour letters
- 9 Part of A.D.
- 10 Lacking elegance
- 12 Lacking the means
- 19 Mr. Tolstoy
- 21 Self-image
- 23 Vitality
- 24 Garnet or ruby
- 25 Middle Eastern
- 26 Stead
- 27 Bantu language
- 28 Throw off heat
- 29 Of that kind
- 31 Power train part
- 33 More, to Pedro
- 35 Rich and loamy
- 36 Canyon
- 38 Gray-clad soldier
- 39 Caveman Alley —
- 41 Fresco base
- 42 Frosh's digs
- 43 Lima locale
- 44 Out callers
- 46 Break in the action
- 47 Fine by me
- 48 DNA component
- 51 Fabled bird
- 52 Meter reading

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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Red sky at night, sailors take warning' ... no, no! It's 'Red sky at night, sailors delight!' See? We are FINE!!"

THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest



Astrograph

Your Birthday

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

Look at what you can accomplish this year and put matters that are out of your control behind you. Make financial and professional growth your priorities, and use your skills to make a difference to your family and community. Embrace change and new beginnings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Refuse to let uncertainty hold you back. Ask questions, find out where you stand and discern what's possible. Look for opportunities instead of waiting for them to come to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Make love, not war. Spend quality time with the people you care about most. Address issues causing uncertainty. Ask direct questions and find out what's happening. Avoid making a snap decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A change in attitude will encourage personal growth, better relationships and an opportunity to get involved in

something that will influence what you pursue and the way you learn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Consider the validity of information being offered to you. Knowledge is power, so do your research and avoid being caught in a compromising position. Don't make a decision under pressure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep your feelings to yourself. Use your knowledge and skills in unique ways. Push yourself to be more physical and to make lifestyle changes that will improve your health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Do what you can to help others, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness or generosity. If you crave change, focus on self-improvement, not on trying to alter someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Curiosity will take you in a new direction. Your thirst for knowledge will lead to people who have something interesting to share. Make a change that will improve your health, relationships and personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --

Ignore people who are unreasonable or demanding. You have enough responsibilities to tackle without taking on someone else's chores. Don't spend money on something you don't need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A change of heart will help you move in a fresh new direction. Embrace the future and prepare to let your imagination take you on an extraordinary journey that will lead to satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Say no to people using emotional tactics in an attempt to get you to do something. Look out for your best interest and live within your means.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Look at all sides of a situation before you make a decision. Uncertainty should be an indicator to sit tight and wait to see what unfolds before you get involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Work alone. Concentrate on home- and self-improvements that will help ease stress and make your life more manageable. Personal gain and fitness should be your priorities.

Bridge

PARLIAMENTARIANS PAUSE FOR BRIDGE

Bridge administrators strive to keep politics and religion out of the game. The players don't care against whom they are playing, only against which bidding system. Occasionally governments would instruct their teams not to play against certain opponents in international competitions. Happily, though, those days are in the past.

Three decades ago, a team representing the British Houses of Parliament traveled to Stockholm to compete against the Riksdag & other politicians. Today's deal was played by the Indian Ambassador to Sweden, Pushkar Johari, against the Parliamentary captain, the Duke of Atholl, and his partner, Lord Smith.

In 4 hearts, declarer won trick 1 with dummy's spade king, cashed the heart ace & played a

heart to his king. West's spade discard was an unwelcome sight. How should Ambassador Johari have continued?

To draw trumps would have put the contract all on the diamond finesse. If it won, fine; if it lost, the defenders would have cashed a cascade of clubs.

At the other table, the declarer took the diamond finesse before drawing trumps. Better, but not good enough. East won with the king, put his partner on lead with the club ace and received a diamond ruff. The club king defeated the contract.

The Ambassador found the best play: At trick four, he led a diamond to dummy's ace. As long as it wasn't ruffed, he was planning to drive out the diamond king. He could then handle any defense.

When the singleton king fell, there were cries of, "Keep your cards back, Atholl!"

North		03-02-20		
♠ K 8				
♥ A Q 7 4				
♦ A Q 10 7 3				
♣ Q 7				
West	East			
♠ Q 9 7 5 2	♠ J 10 4 3			
♥ 8	♥ 10 9 5 2			
♦ 6 4	♦ K			
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ K 10 8 6			
South				
♠ A 6				
♥ K J 6 3				
♦ J 9 8 5 2				
♣ 4 3				
Dealer: West				
Vulnerable: East-West				
South	West	North	East	
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass	
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ 5				