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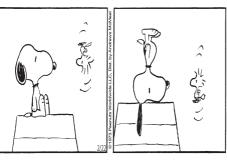


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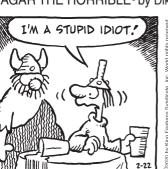




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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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7 Attempt

8 Chicken

9 Fashion

10 Solidified

18 Meadow

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21 Dairy

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24 Billion

25 Jab at

27 Round

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ACROSS 1 Curve

- 4 Get the drift
- 7 Barely makes
- ends meet 11 Afternoon
- social 12 Cathedral
- part 13 Toolbox
- item out
- (relax)
- 15 Harness gear
- 16 Matted wool
- 17 Bills 19 Symbol
- of peace
- 20 Prepare
- to fire 21 Debussy
- subject
- 22 Lawful
- 25 Stout 28 Jackie's
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- affirmative 33 Large
- 34 Mounted
- 36 Sandy's
- second 31 Monsieur's
- reply

- 37 Secreted 40 Jacket features
- 42 Same old grind
- 43 Japanese delicacy
- 44 Society 46 Deduce
- 49 Herr's abode
- 50 Ordered 52 Narrow
- opening 54 Alice's chronicler
- 55 Drew on 56 Stone or
- Ice
- 57 Envelope sealer
- 58 EMT
- technique 59 It glistens
- **DOWN** 1 Dune
 - buggy kin 2 Plant in a swamp
 - 3 Hamster's
 - digs 4 Muscular tic
 - 5 PC bailout
 - 6 Mouse
 - alert
- - key

- 30 Worry too
- much 32 Conditions
- 35 Made level 38 Friday's
- companion 39 Wheel part 41 Folkloric
- being 43 Quilt filler 44 Actor
- Reiner
- 45 Humdinger 47 Old-time
- oath
- 48 Fly off the 23 Mr. Clapton
 - handle

 - 49 Harpy
 - 50 Tampa Bay
 - **NFLer**

 - 51 Serpent 53 Seat for a sermon

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THE LOCKHORNS by Bill Hoest

THEN THERE'S LORETTA'S COOKING."

Your

a stress-free lifestyle.

ing potential.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) --

things you cannot change.

North

South ♠ A Q J 9 8 3 ♥ K Q 4

♦ Q83

Vulnerable: Both

West North

Redbl

Dealer: East

Pass 4NT

Pass

Opening lead: ??

♥ 10 8 7 5 3 2

♦ J 6

♠ K 10 5 4

♥ AJ96

♣ AKQJ

East ♠ 762

♦ AK10975

East

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All Pass

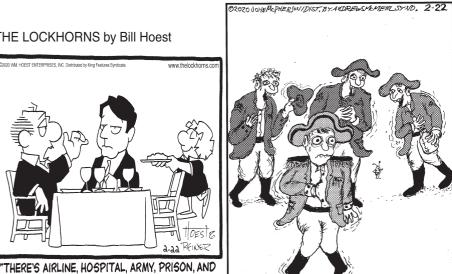
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CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Napoleon's habit of keeping his right hand under his shirt was actually due to some pranksters and a can of itching powder.

<u>Astrograph</u>

upset over. Strive for peace,

productivity and patience. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Escapist tendencies will lead to trouble. Refuse to get involved SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 with indulgent people or Do your own thing and be engage in questionable pasinnovative, confident and optitimes. Focus on health and mistic. Opportunities to test happiness. Make peace and your abilities and strengths will love priorities.

come your way. Learn as you CANCER (June 21-July 22) go and collaborate with people Share information with heading in a similar direction someone you find interesting. as you. Aim to acquire greater Sign up for something that will security, personal freedom and expand your mind and boost your creativity. If you team up PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) with someone you feel comfort--- Lending a helping hand will be a life-changing experience. able with, positive change will take place.

Your perception and ability to **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Stay find solutions will bring welfocused on what's important to come results and new prosyou. Invest time, effort and pects your way. A professional money in what makes you hapchoice will improve your earnpy. Fócus on personal gain. Don't let others interfere with your plans.

Keep an open mind, a stiff **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) upper lip and a positive attitude You can get a lot done, but to avoid getting into an unnec-essary spat. Don't fret over don't run yourself ragged. Know when to remove yourself from a situation. Call the shots

and live life your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --An emotional incident can ruin your day. Stay out of trouble by Get together with supportive recognizing when something or people. You can make personal someone isn't worth getting improvements if you take time

for your own needs instead of trying to please everyone else. Don't give in to demanding people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Time is on your side. Refusé to let someone mess with your emotions or upset you with an unexpected change. Do what's best for you and stop worrying

about others SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Delays are likely if you travel. Getting together with someone you don't see often will be confusing. Offer positive feedback, but don't make promises or assumptions with-

out first checking the facts. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A personal situation will surface if you aren't sensitive to issues someone is experiencing. Be a good listener so you can be a help, not a hin-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider your options regarding money matters. Invest more in knowledge, skills and personal growth. Set up a reasonable budget that will encourage building equity and security while easing stress.

He knew that his partner's Lightner double asked for an

unusual lead. Diamonds (East's

Bridge

LIGHTNING STRIKES FROM TIME TO TIME

mean? South overcalled three spades. North, with a huge hand, used Blackwood. Then, learning that

suit) and trumps were out. West had to choose between hearts and clubs, knowing that partner was void in one of those suits. Since he had one more heart, he led that suit. East happily ruffed and cashed the diamond ace to defeat the slam. East-West were plus 400 --double what they would have received if North had not redoubled. If the contract had made, North-South would have scored 2070 instead of

North was risking 200 points to gain 410. When Teddy Lightner first had this idea, he doubled a small slam with a side-suit void and an ace. When an opponent redoubled, he was feeling happy. But there was a problem -- it was his lead!

1660 for doubled and made. So

Willie Tyler, a ventriloquist, comedian and actor, said, "The

reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time." Good point. In bridge, we have a Lightner double, which

strikes a few times a year, but on different deals, & probably with different players. What does it After East opened 3 diamonds,

an ace was missing, he signed off in six spades. Three players picked up their scorecards to inscribe the contract, but East said, "Just a moment, please. I double." North redoubled,

arguing afterward that it was mathematically justifiable. What did West lead?