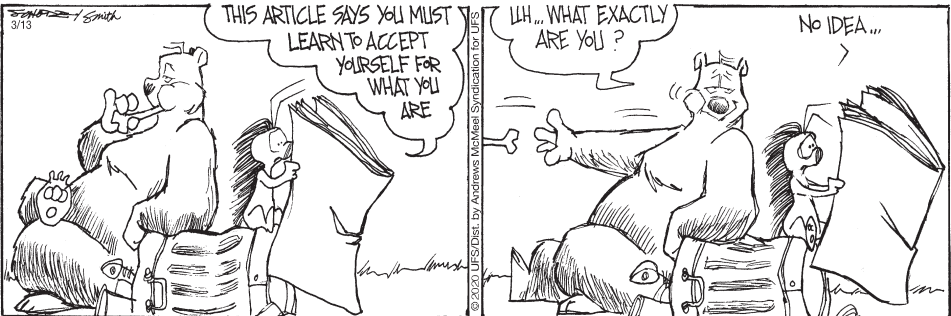




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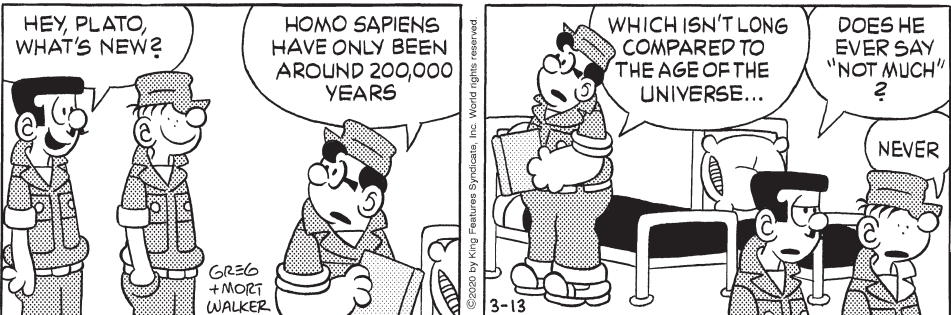
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Watch
5 Oz. or lb.
8 Engineer's place
11 Field units
13 Estuary
14 Have — at
15 Express gratitude
16 Sang door-to-door
18 Smidgens
20 Public sentiment
21 Ristorante fare
23 Flavor enhancer
24 Table part
25 Jazz's — Fitzgerald
27 Mane
31 Nest-egg letters
32 Leaf through
33 Antoinette lost hers
34 Plant parasite
36 Crazy about
38 — Juan
39 "Jeopardy!" host

DOWN

1 Cauldron
2 Berlin pronoun
3 Baseball stat
4 Makes one's way
5 Eyebrow shapes

40 Consumer
41 Passe
42 Sidekick
44 Full of suds
46 Harsh-voiced bird
49 Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
50 Dental filling
52 Serious theater
56 "Nova" network
57 Letter before sigma
58 To date (2 wds.)
59 Familiar digit
60 Chatter
61 Wineglass feature

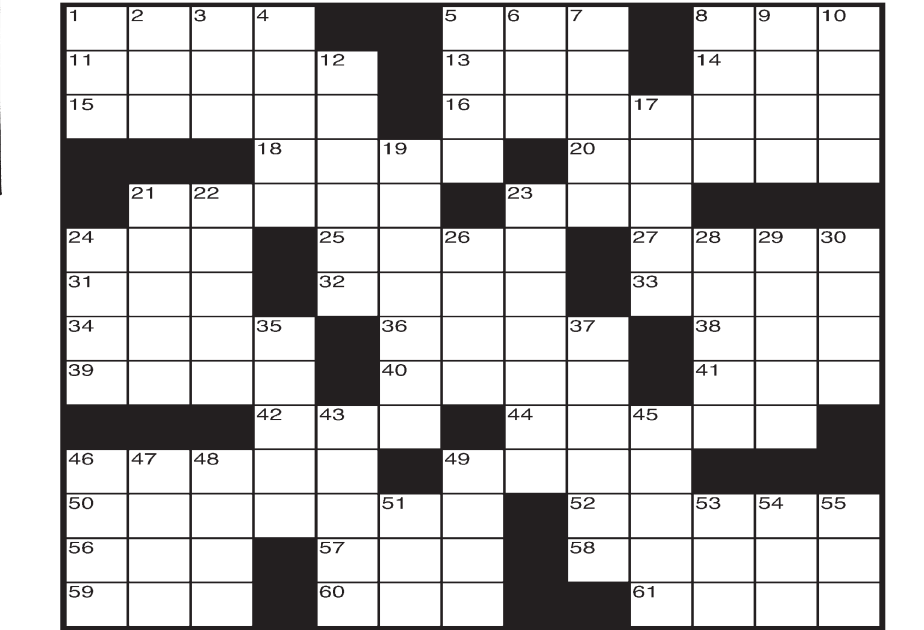
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24 Succotash bean
26 Cambodia neighbor

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	D	E	L	M	O	D	E	P	T
H	I	E	L	I	A	R	I	D	E	A
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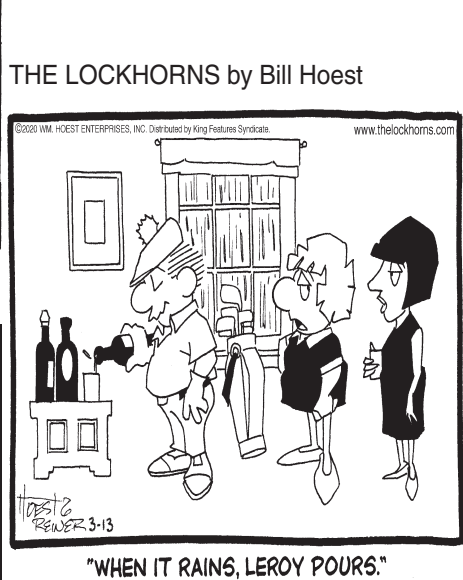
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28 Noted fabulist
29 Where Florence is
30 Tear
35 Oust
37 Robots
43 Steaming
45 Curly coifs
46 Engrossed
47 Lectern
48 Flower container
49 On a rampage
51 Caught ya!
53 Shipboard direction
54 "Diamond Lil"
55 Jacket feature



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Astrograph

Your Birthday

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

Follow through on the promises you've made to yourself as well as to others. Stop talking and start doing, or someone will call your bluff. You'll have plenty of opportunities this year, but only you can take advantage of them. Change is necessary, so get motivated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Look for an excellent investment that will contribute to your security and ease your mind. A positive approach to life will attract interesting people who have something to offer. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It's time to update your living conditions. Consider your options and look for hidden opportunities or a new environment that will stimulate your mind and get you headed in an exciting direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Help a good cause. Your willingness to pitch in will impress someone important. Networking will bring results. Form a

partnership with someone you can contribute something you lack.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Finish what you start and ease tension. You can ask for help, but make sure you know exactly who and what you want in your corner. Protect your reputation and don't criticize others or display anger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Social activity will turn out surprisingly well. A change of scenery will pique your imagination. Visit an establishment you used to frequent. Love and romance are in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Get together with friends or offer help to a deserving organization. If you keep active, you'll feel good about your accomplishments and avoid criticism and complaints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Mingle, network and promote what's on your agenda. Someone may try to steal your thunder. If you offer facts and figures and present your thoughts with passion, you'll come out on top.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Mix business with pleasure

and stick to the facts. You will impress everyone and will be praised for your skill and ability to take action and get things done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Have fun, mingle and get to know creative people like yourself. Use your knowledge and expertise to draw attention. Your unusual insight and approach will intrigue someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Expect someone to oppose you or put you in a vulnerable position if you are too open. Be ready to step up and to do damage control. Keep personal changes secret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Look over your options carefully until you feel ready to make a sound decision. A partnership could develop out of networking functions. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't waste time worrying about things you can't change. Question your lifestyle and consider what you can do to improve your current situation. Use intelligence, not anger, to bring about change.

Bridge

WILL PARTNER READ YOUR SIGNAL?

There are days on defense when you seem to be dealt all of the right cards, so that partner will have no trouble reading your signals. On other days, nothing goes right. Which is it today, the only Friday the 13th this year?

This deal was played in a Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match some years ago. At one table, North became the declarer in 4 spades. East led his singleton club, North won with his ace, drew trumps in three rounds and ran the clubs, discarding two heart losers. Now declarer played a diamond & conceded only three red-suit tricks.

At the other table, the bidding, which is given in the diagram, was very aggressive. Perhaps South should have doubled four hearts, but it takes careful defense to defeat that contract.

North 03-13-20

♠ K Q 7 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 6

West East

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

South

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South West North East

Pass 1♣ Pass 1♥
Dbl. 2♠ Pass 4♥
Pass Pass Pass Dbl.

Opening lead: ♦ A