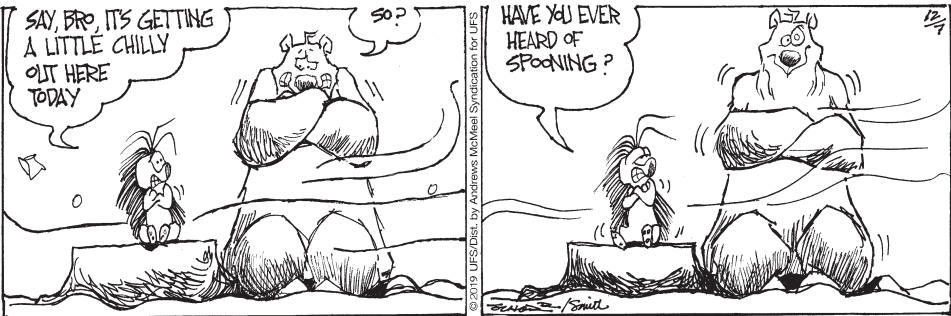




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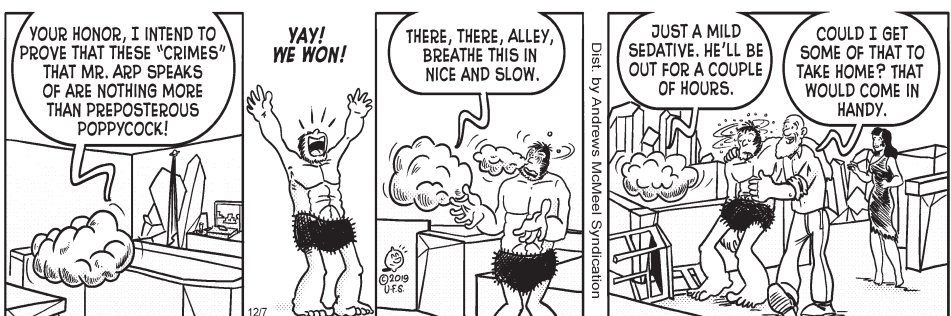
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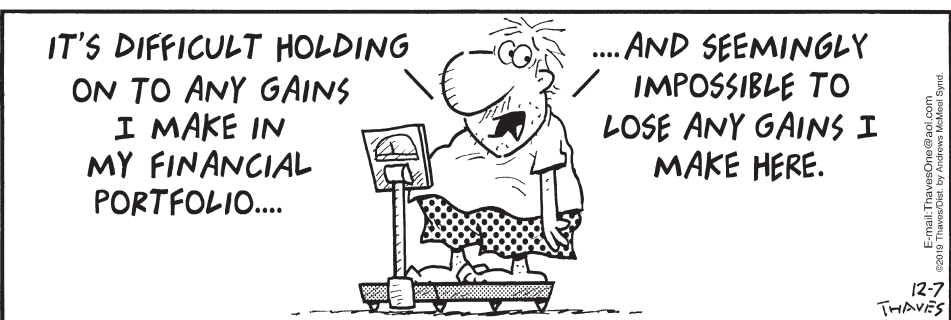
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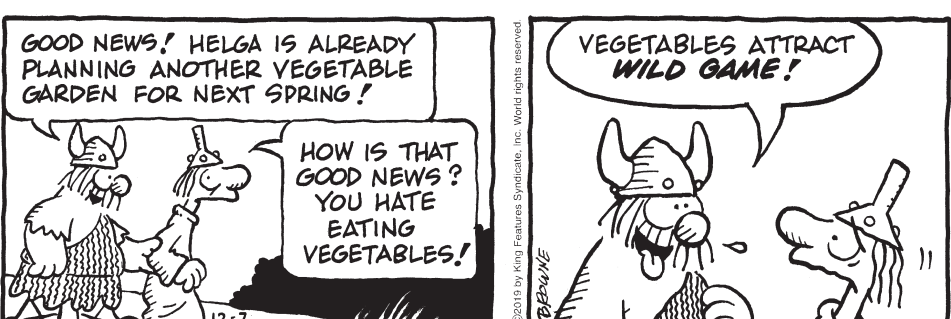
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Casino "coin"  
5 Ben & Jerry rival  
8 Pore over  
12 Heroic tale  
13 Elf-sized  
14 Mighty Dog rival  
15 Norse god  
16 Outshone  
18 Clumsy vessels  
20 Gore and Capone  
21 Turmoil  
22 Military school  
25 Subside  
28 Got older  
29 News article  
33 — del Fuego  
35 Ceremonial fire  
36 Director — Ephron  
37 Tyrant  
39 Italian wine city  
40 Wallop  
42 Mountain curve  
43 Like the Bedouins  
46 Devotee's suffix

49 Repartee pro

- 50 Grant  
53 Wondered at  
56 Upper limbs  
58 Sit down quickly  
59 That, to Jaime  
60 Kind of wrestling  
61 The — the limit!  
62 Farm structure  
63 Mild oath

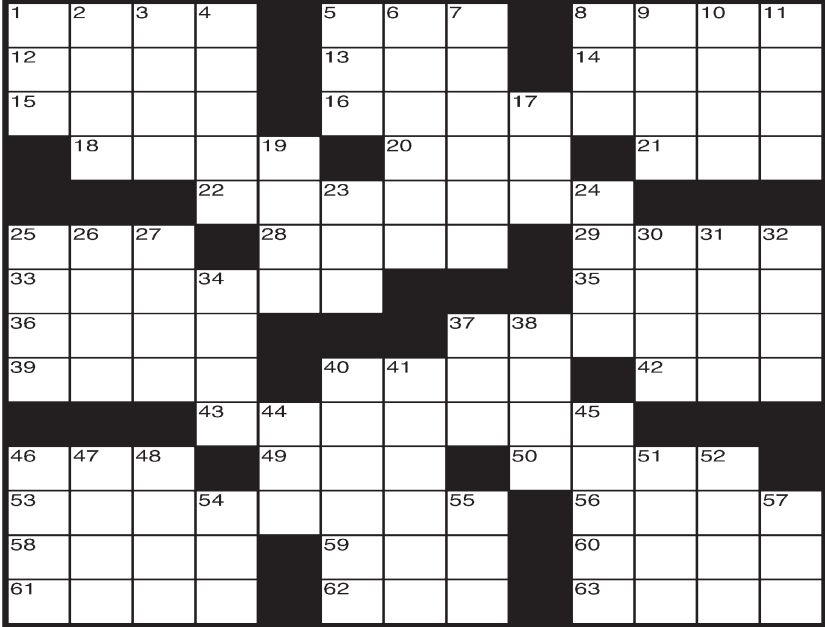
DOWN

- 1 Dallas hrs.  
2 Big laugh (hyph.)  
3 Operatic prince  
4 Winter wear  
5 Farm animal  
6 Ten years  
7 Cheered  
8 Knock  
9 "Born Free" lioness  
10 Copied  
11 Extinct bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle

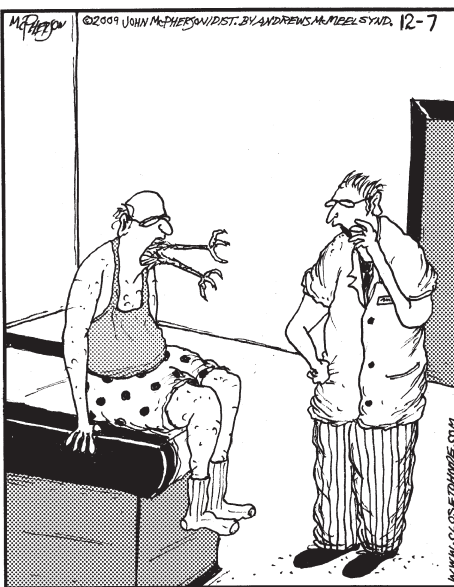


- 17 Suffix for hero  
19 Lasting impression  
23 Turkish official  
24 Small barks  
25 Vulcan's forge  
26 Brief life histories  
27 Ernie's Muppet friend  
30 Sort  
31 Aphrodite's child  
32 New York team  
34 Shower, maybe  
37 June honoree  
38 Film spectacular  
40 Grins  
41 Most current  
44 Have bills to pay  
45 Halt  
46 Scamps  
47 Polio vaccine inventor  
48 Besieged city of old  
51 Medication  
52 Actress — Thompson  
54 Corporate execs  
55 Sunlit time  
57 Lawn cover



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Astrograph

Time is on your side, and getting your facts straight will make a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

-- If you look for the good in everything and everyone, you will do well. A change to your financial situation looks promising. Your creative imagination will lead to something prosperous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

-- Keep going until you are happy with what transpires. Refuse to let the actions of others influence you. If you stick to your game plan, you will make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A lifestyle change will give you the nudge you've been looking for. Get involved in projects that interest you, or travel to broaden your horizons.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- Take the initiative to find out the truth. Someone you least expect will misinterpret you or lead you astray. Question others' motives and follow the path that feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

-- What you say will be more effective than what you do. Don't let emotions take the

reins, or bedlam will ensue. A calm exterior and positive encouragement will bring good results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-- Step into the spotlight, do a little presentation and charm your way into someone's heart. Romance is in the picture, leading to exciting possibilities. Let your imagination take the wheel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

-- Make personal financial adjustments and then move on to enjoyable pastimes. You'll have just as much fun if you spend less money on loved ones and offer them more time instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

-- A relationship will need tender, loving care. Balance, integrity and understanding will play a role when it comes to engaging in activities that require a partner. Protect what's important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

-- Change should begin with you. Take a moment to decipher what you want, whom you want to spend time with and how best to proceed. Romance is encouraged.

Bridge

DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY A SNEAKY OPPONENT

Everybody enjoys making or breaking a contract by misleading an opponent. You make him think that the full layout is diagram one when in fact it is diagram two, and a different play would have been successful.

Englishman Danny Roth has written a good book covering this subject, "Don't be Fooled -- Countering Deception at Bridge" (Master Point Press). There are nine chapters covering the various ruses that might be found, followed by 56 problems.

In today's deal, look at the North and East hands. Against six spades, West led the heart nine (top of nothing): ace, six, four. Declarer drew trumps in three rounds (partner followed up the line), then exited with the heart queen: eight, jack, king. What would you have done now?

Two no-trump showed 20-22 points, three clubs was Puppet Stayman, and three spades guaranteed a five-card suit.

For all the world, it looked like declarer started with 5=2=3=3 distribution. Playing a third heart seemed to concede a ruff-and-sluff. So the expert sitting East shifted to the club 9, solving South's problem for him.

As Roth points out, accurate defensive signaling is critical. On the second round of hearts, West gave remaining count. He played the eight because he had two left. If he had started with 9-8-7-3, he would have played the three, low from a remaining odd number.

When you are wondering whether to trust the declarer or your partner, you should always go with your partner. If you cannot, get a different partner!



Your Birthday

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

Speed and accuracy will count this year. Fine-tuning what you have to offer will make a difference. There are no shortcuts. Hard work, enthusiasm and desire will all be necessary. If you play your part well, the possibilities are endless.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Aim high and don't stop until you get what you want. Home, family and personal relationships should be your priorities. Fashion a warm and welcome setting and host an event.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Concentrate on whatever task needs to be done. If you let your emotions take charge, you will not be satisfied with the results you get. Stay focused and finish what you start.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Give yourself a chance to digest what's going on before you make a decision or move.

North		12-07-19	
♠ 10 9 8 4			
♥ A J			
♦ K 10 4			
♣ K 5 3 2			
West		East	
♥ 7 5 3		♠ 6	
♦ 9 8 3		♥ K 10 6 5 2	
♣ 8 6 5 2		♦ Q 7 3	
♠ Q 7 4		♣ 9 8 6	
South			
♠ A K Q J 2			
♥ Q 7 4			
♦ A J			
♣ A J 10			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South		West	
2NT		3♣	
3♠		Pass	
6♠		Pass	
North		East	
3♣		Pass	
5♠		Pass	
Pass		Pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 9			