

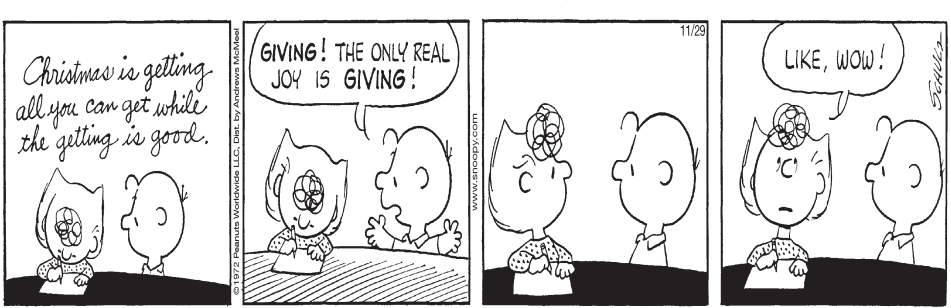
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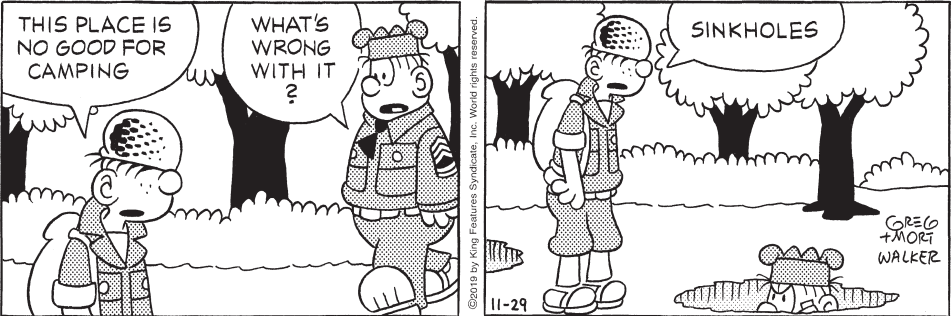
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Confine
5 Deli counter buy
8 Exclamation of disgust
11 Circle sizes
13 Smog monitoring grp.
14 Without warmth
15 Needing bleach
16 Pinpointed
18 Wax-coated cheese
20 Humiliate
21 Dawns, in poetry
23 Scale note
24 Lose brightness
25 Jazzy — James
27 Loosen, as a grip
31 Pub order
32 Wild tale
33 Regrets deeply
34 Bowling alley part
36 Jot
38 Brief swim
39 Scholarly org.

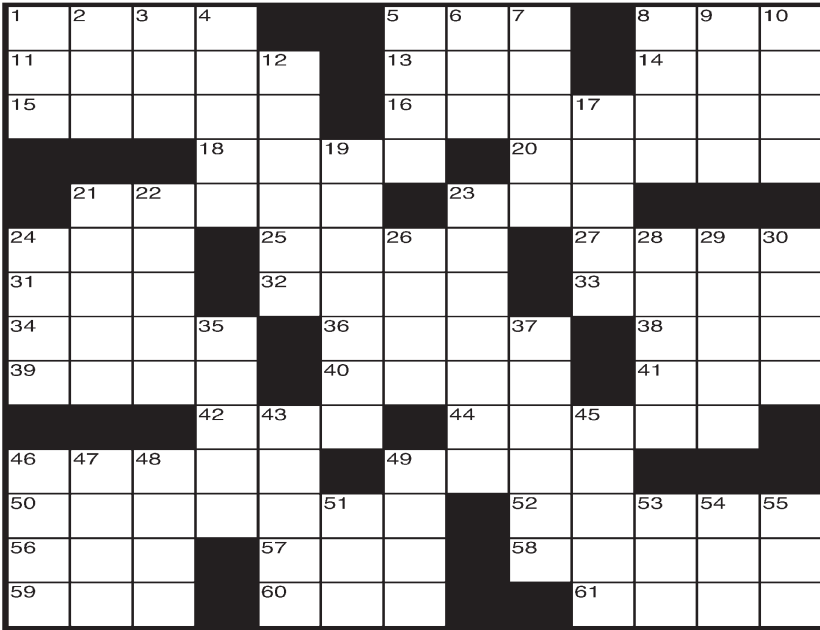
40 Pitcher Nolan —

- 41 Hostel
42 Sporty truck
44 Particular talent
46 Tolkien hero
49 Prefix for "trillion"
50 Rhine nymph
52 Map collection
56 Simile center
57 Arith. term
58 Reeves of "John Wick"
59 Comrade
60 Sauce in a wok
61 Injury result

DOWN

- 1 Real heel
2 Jackie's No. 2
3 Mil. rank
4 Raring to go
5 Ship's tiller
6 GI mail drop
7 Port near Hong Kong
8 Gyro bread

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Astrograph

them, not you. Listen, observe and do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Offer time, not money or possessions, if you want to help someone. Love and respect will be yours if you keep at it. Set high standards and do what's fair.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Discuss personal matters and resolve your differences with important people. Added responsibilities will leave you on edge. A positive attitude will help you accomplish what needs to be done. Make love, not war.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Make this a memorable day. Spend time with loved ones. Focus on friends, family and those closest to you. A hobby will turn into a lucrative venture. You will benefit from your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep your expenses to a minimum. Good advice will go much further than cash when it comes to someone who needs help. Attend a money-management seminar.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Nurture meaningful connec-

tions. Situations will get blown out of proportion if you don't face problems quickly. A better relationship will be the result of compromise. Choose love over discord.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- An idea you come up with could be a moneymaker. Don't hesitate to turn it into something concrete. A little effort can go a long way. Hard work will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take an innovative approach to life, love and personal happiness. A change to the way you do things will save you money and ease your stress. Romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Avoid risky ventures. Take care of unfinished business to avoid criticism. Refuse to let someone bait you into a dispute or dump unwanted responsibilities in your lap.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Pass along items you no longer need. A donation made to a worthy group will put you in good standing with someone who can help you in the future. Romance is on the rise.

Bridge

OVER-THE-SHOULDER ERRORS FOR A CHANGE

Terence Reese, who was one of England's best bridge players and writers, started the over-the-shoulder style. Another Englishman, Mark Horton, uses a variation on the theme in his book "Misplay More Hands With Me" (Master Point Press).

Horton goes down in a contract, then explains what he should have done and why.

The reader may test himself first. In this deal from the book, how would you play in seven clubs after West leads the heart ace?

The bidding was crazy or super-scientific, according to choice. South was weak in high-card terms for his two-diamond reverse, but he did have good suit quality. North used fourth-suit game-forcing (two spades), then Roman Key Card Blackwood

(four clubs), and finally jumped to seven clubs when South showed two key cards and a major-suit void. (North was lucky the void wasn't in spades.)

Horton ruffed the heart ace, drew trumps ending on the board, ruffed a heart, crossed to dummy with a diamond and ruffed another heart. However, when the king did not drop, he had to try the spade finesse -- down one.

Declarer should have played for these 13 tricks: one spade, five diamonds and seven clubs -- three winners on the board and four heart ruffs in hand.

The play goes: heart ace ruffed, club to the eight, heart ruff, club to the jack, heart ruff, diamond to the jack, heart ruff, spade to the ace, club king (discarding the spade jack) and run the diamonds. That is an impressive dummy reversal.



Your Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

You'll be tempted to take on too much this year. Try to be more selective in the choices you make and the people you associate with. How you conduct your life will determine how successful you will be. Aim high to discover your capabilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A business venture will excite you. Do research to make sure you know what you're getting into. Don't overspend to make an impression on someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Keep your secrets to yourself. Take time to think matters through before sharing your intentions. Spend time with the people you know you can count on for good advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep busy. Don't lose sight of your goals because someone is tempting you with something that will benefit

North		11-29-19	
♠ A Q 6			
♥ Q 10 9 6			
♦ K J 6			
♣ K J 8			
West		East	
♠ 10 8 7 5		♠ K 9 3 2	
♥ A K 8 3		♥ J 7 5 4 2	
♦ 8 3		♦ 9 5 4	
♣ 5 3 2		♣ 7	
South			
♠ J 4			
♥ —			
♦ A Q 10 7 2			
♣ A Q 10 9 6 4			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	7♣	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ A			