

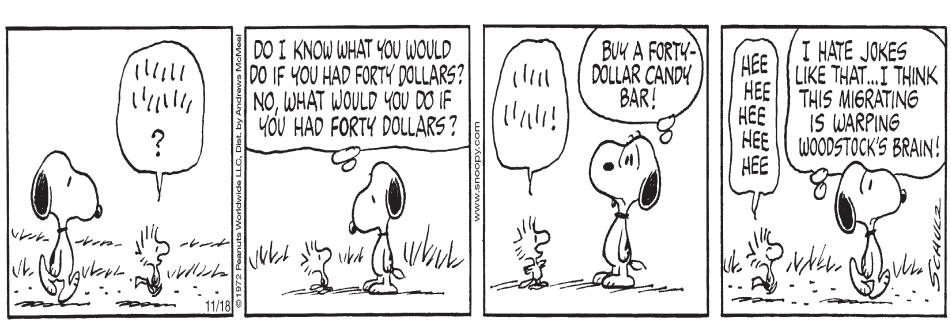
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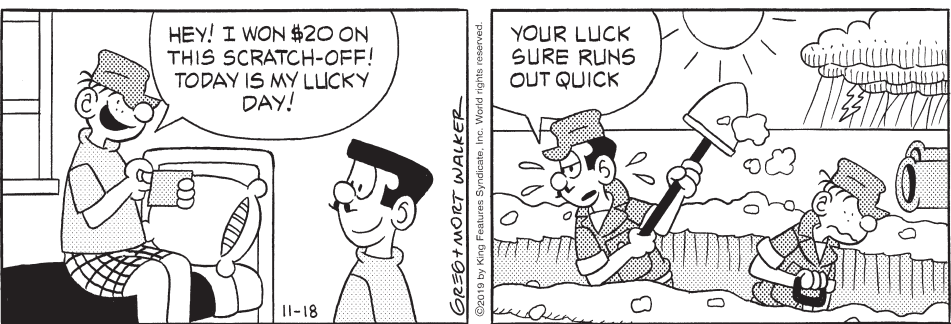
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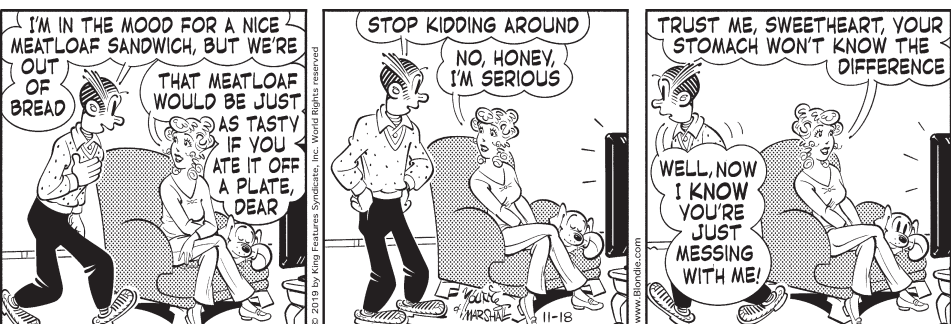
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mr. Sharif
  - 5 Karate level
  - 8 Joint problem
  - 12 — noire
  - 13 Klutz
  - 14 Reddish-brown horse
  - 15 Tailor's need
  - 16 Pool necessity
  - 18 Some sweaters (hyph.)
  - 20 Furniture movers
  - 21 Neon or ozone
  - 22 Loft filler
  - 23 Founded
  - 26 Throbs or beats
  - 29 Mon. follower
  - 30 Loch — monster
  - 31 Puppy plaint
  - 33 Web addr.
  - 34 Bottle stopper
  - 35 Faxed, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Kimono accessory
  - 2 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
  - 3 Oodles (2 wds.)
  - 4 Backs out
  - 5 Wharves

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	R	T	B	A	B	A	D	A	D
E	L	I	A	O	R	A	L	A	C	E
W	I	S	P	W	I	N	G	U	M	A
S	K	E	I	N	S	A	M	B	E	R
E	R	N	E	S	E	A				
Q	U	I	R	O	T	E	T	I	S	P
T	R	O	D	Y	E	A	H	M	A	C
S	L	U	E	E	M	M	Y	S		
S	O	D								
Y	A	N	K	S						
O	B	I								
D	E	L	A	H	A	B	A	R	C	S
A	D	E								

**6 Contented murrums**

**7 Gridiron org.**

**8 Orderly displays**

**9 Fountain toss-in**

**10 John, in Germany**

**11 Vane dir.**

**17 Racetracks**

**19 Boor**

**22 Corn shuck**

**23 Heat meas.**

**24 Mystique**

**25 Person's nature**

**26 Paris papa**

**27 Leered at**

**28 Calculator key**

**30 Icy burg**

**32 Qt. fractions**

**34 Social stratum**

**35 Nourish**

**37 Totally botched**

**38 Radio personalities**

**40 School kid**

**41 Je ne sais —**

**42 Coax**

**43 Boring**

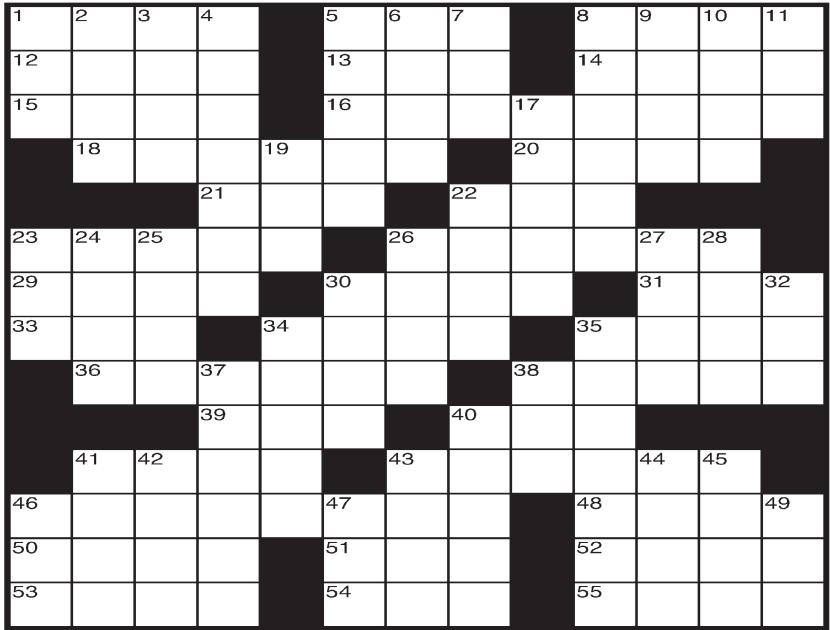
**44 Neutral color**

**45 Somber**

**46 Lunch counter order**

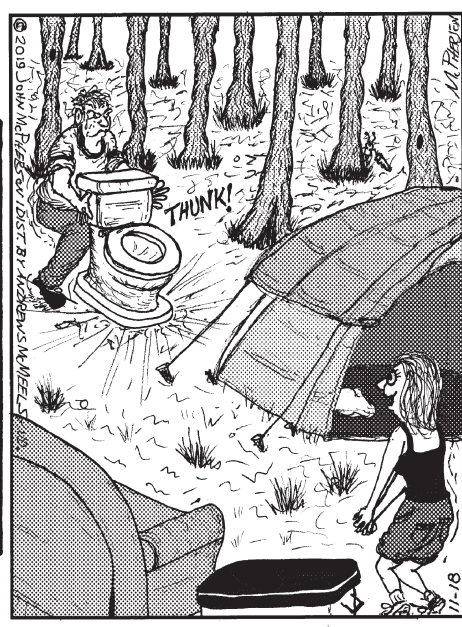
**47 Aberdeen's river**

**49 Space widths**



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Astrograph

**Your Birthday**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

This is a year of discovery. Be open to suggestions and ready to learn. With the right information, you can turn over a new leaf. You will receive a wakeup call to improve the way you live and to protect what you have. Acknowledge, learn and adapt.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't get involved in someone else's drama. Pursue your dreams. Find the path that encourages you to release what no longer works for you and to embrace what does.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Personal improvements can be made. Look at the budget you have to work with and concentrate on being and doing your best. Put your energy into things you enjoy doing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't expect everyone to agree with you. Be prepared to reveal precisely what you are trying to achieve to

those who may challenge you. Intelligence will win over bravado.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't stop until you get the results you are searching for. Be open to suggestions and to discussing your feelings and expectations. Romance is on the rise.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't let confusion set in or interfere with your ability to do the right thing. Make your position clear and don't stop until you reach your destination.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Gravitate toward activities and projects that you enjoy. Make an effort to improve your fitness and diet regimens. Love and romance will enhance your day and a special relationship.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Take on anyone who stands in your way. Make adjustments to your schedule to avoid missing out on something entertaining. Encourage someone you care about to join your quest.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Be open and up-front about your feelings and plans. Sticking to the truth will encourage others to support you and follow in your footsteps.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Don't lose sight of your destination. Share your intentions and persuade others to get involved. Be exact and factual, and avoid taking on too much. Offer less but give more.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Look for a new adventure. Using your skills differently will give you a new outlet to explore. Make physical fitness, moderation and good health your goals. Romance will enhance your life.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Ask questions if something isn't apparent. Keep a close eye on what others are doing. Take charge rather than let someone else make decisions for you. Say no to temptation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Make personal improvements. Pampering and relaxation will give you a new lease on life. Say no to anyone trying to persuade you to do something that isn't in your best interest.

Bridge

HE INTENDED ONE BUT ENDED WITH TWO

Randy Baron decided to write "The Only Bridge Book You'll Ever Need" (Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies). But he had trouble finishing, so we have two books, with that title preceded by the word "Almost."

The books are aimed at players who have all of the basics straight and wish to do better in their local club and other tournaments. Each book also includes vignettes by well-known bridge celebrities.

The first book concentrates on constructive bidding, with some card-play included. The second volume starts with competitive bidding, then moves into declarer-play and defense. They contain lots of good advice. In addition, Baron mentions movies, songs, sports stars and countries that he particularly likes. His personality comes through loud and clear.

In this deal from book two, how should South play in three spades after West begins the defense with his 3 top clubs, and East follows throughout?

Sitting East, would you open three hearts when vulnerable? North's takeout double with only a doubleton spade was dangerous, but at least he did not panic on round two.

Declarer seems to have nine tricks: 5 spades, 3 hearts and 1 diamond. But clearly hearts must be 0=7, & the defenders are threatening to take a heart ruff.

If South trumps the third club and plays on spades, West will take the second round and shift to a diamond, leaving declarer stranded in the dummy. Instead, South should discard a diamond at trick three. Then West will wish he had shifted to a diamond at trick two.

North	11-18-19		
♠ K J			
♥ A K 4			
♦ A 7 4 3 2			
♣ J 10 6			
West	East		
♠ A 6 4 2	♥ 7		
♥ —	♦ J 10 9 8 7 6 5		
♦ J 10 9 5	♠ K Q		
♠ A K Q 8 3	♣ 5 4 2		
South			
♠ Q 10 9 8 5 3			
♥ Q 3 2			
♦ 8 6			
♣ 9 7			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ A			