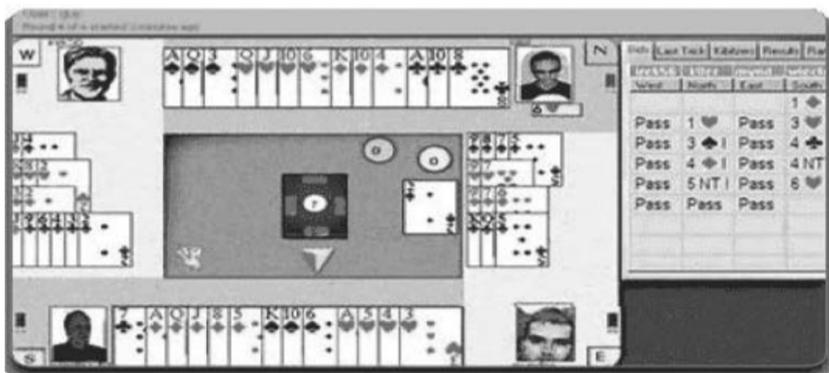


DIVERSIONS

BRIDGE Ante up!



aries

This is a wonderful day for enjoying the company of friends, as well as the company of groups to which you belong. People are in a happy mood, and they are glad to see you.

taurus

You will be briefly high-via today, but this attention will be favorable - so no worries. Enjoy your good press, because bosses, parents and VIPs will support you today.

gemini

You're excited about big travel plans. Similarly, some of you are just as excited about big plans for further training or education. Yes, you are going to expand your world!

cancer

This is an excellent day to discuss shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances, because all parties will be fair and generous to each other. (And you likely will come out smelling like a rose.)

leo

This is an excellent day to deal with partners and close friends. It's also a good day for business and working with members of the general public.

virgo

Work-related travel is likely today. Coworkers are supportive; plus, meetings, classes and groups will be positive experiences for you.

libra

This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of others - especially children - because you are in a warm, loving and playful mood. Expect to meet someone from another culture.

scorpio

Matters related to home and family will be positive today. This also is a good day for a family business. A gathering at your home will be a success.

sagittarius

It's easy for you to be upbeat and positive today, because you believe in yourself! This is important because for Sagittarians, optimism is a survival issue.

capricorn

Business and commerce are favored today. Any financial arrangements you initiate will lead to future profits.

aquarius

Today the Moon is in your sign, dancing with Jupiter, which is why you feel joyful and content. People will be happy to meet you and listen to your positive views.

pisces

You are content today. You realize that appreciating what you have is the key to happiness. (Negativity is wanting things to be different from the way they are.)

IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY You are an adventurous, confident leader. However, you also are helpful to and supportive of others. Your life often has an air of mystery about it. This year you will be excited as you start to see the fruits of your efforts for the past six years. Expect your well-earned rewards soon! Many of you will be a student and a teacher at some point.

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Extra chance

A resourceful declarer tries to give himself as many additional chances as possible before he is forced to resort to the play that will make or break the contract. The trick, of course, is to spot the alternatives and then attempt them in the right order.

Take this case where South is in six notrump and West leads a club. When the deal was played, declarer won the club with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and crossed to the queen of spades. He then cashed the king of hearts, on which East played the nine and West the jack.

Declarer couldn't tell whether the missing hearts were divided 1-1 or 2-0, and, fearing that another heart lead could defeat him before he had a chance to try the diamonds, he decided not to continue the heart suit.

So at trick five, he cashed the diamond king and led a diamond to the jack. West won and returned a heart to defeat the contract. As can be seen, South would have made the slam if he had played a third round of hearts instead of attempting the diamond finesse.

One can certainly sympathize with declarer's fear of continuing hearts when that action might have set him at once. Nevertheless, the fact is that he overlooked a simple way to test the heart situation without risking immediate defeat.

All South had to do was to lead a low heart from dummy at trick four. He could then win the club return, cross to dummy and cash the heart king. If the hearts broke, he was home, while if an opponent showed out, he would still have the diamonds in reserve.

In this way, South would have gotten two chances rather than one to make the contract, and that's what good play is all about.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 7
♥ K 8 7 5 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ 6 5

WEST

♠ 10 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ J 10 9 4

EAST

♠ J 9 6 5 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ 7 4
♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH

♠ K 8 3
♥ A
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ A K 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6NT	

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Crossword/Quote Word Sleuth

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Bird abode

1 One or more

5 Bar supply

10 Clarifying words

12 Before, in Brest

13 River feature

14 Sold for

15 Freud topic

16 Zig and zag

18 Anger, informally

20 Verb for you

21 Nevada neighbor

23 Slugger Williams

24 Rum-soaked cake

26 Copied

28 Wire measure

29 Intent look

31 "Dragnet" alert

32 Gosling's dad

36 Libel's counterpart

39 Fuss

40 Asian capital

41 Wild dog

43 Strike group

44 Fills completely

45 Range features

R	A	J	A	H	S	A	S	T	A
I	T	A	L	I	C	S	T	A	N
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Yesterday's answer

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| 22 Sand | of |
| traps, in | history |
| golf | 33 Inferno |
| 24 Sopwith | chronicler |
| Camel, | 34 Perimeters |
| for one | |
| 7 Court | 35 Perch |
| order | 37 Cranny's |
| 8 Typed | kin |
| 25 Neighbor | 38 Clamors |
| of | 42 McShane |
| Greece | or |
| 27 Farm | McKellen |
| enclosure | |
| 28 Musical | |
| mixture | |

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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9	4						7	3
		1		2		6		
8			3		5			1
		6		1		4		
				4				

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	4	7	6	8	5	3	2
3	5	6	1	2	9	8	4	7
8	7	2	5	3	4	1	9	6
2	6	8	3	4	7	9	1	5
4	3	5	9	1	2	7	6	8
9	1	7	8	5	6	3	2	4
6	8	1	2	9	5	4	7	3
7	4	9	6	8	3	2	5	1
5	2	3	4	7	1	6	8	9

Difficulty Level ★★★

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SPORTS SLEUTH • ATHLETES TURNED ACTOR

O	G	D	A	X	U	Y	R	O	L	J	V	G	D	A
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C	R	R	R	P	M	O	E	O	M	M	R	K	B	I
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G	F	D	C	C	A	Y	J	X	W	V	T	S	R	P

Wednesday's unlisted clue: TREES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: — SCHWARZENEGGER

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| Bradshaw | Jabbar | Namath | Simpson |
| Chan | Jenner | Norris | The Rock |
| Connery | Jordan | Seagal | Van Damme |
| Ferrigno | Karras | Shaq | |

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

WFBXUS DWXTPAOU NFCOI
MHY UH NHAO F VFAOUK
KWFU WFBXUS F VXFUH
NFCOI MHY F VXFUXIK.

— NXDWFOT TOBXUO
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: CHILDREN REALLY BRIGHTEN UP A HOUSEHOLD. THEY NEVER TURN THE LIGHTS OFF. — RALPH "BUS" WYCHERLEY