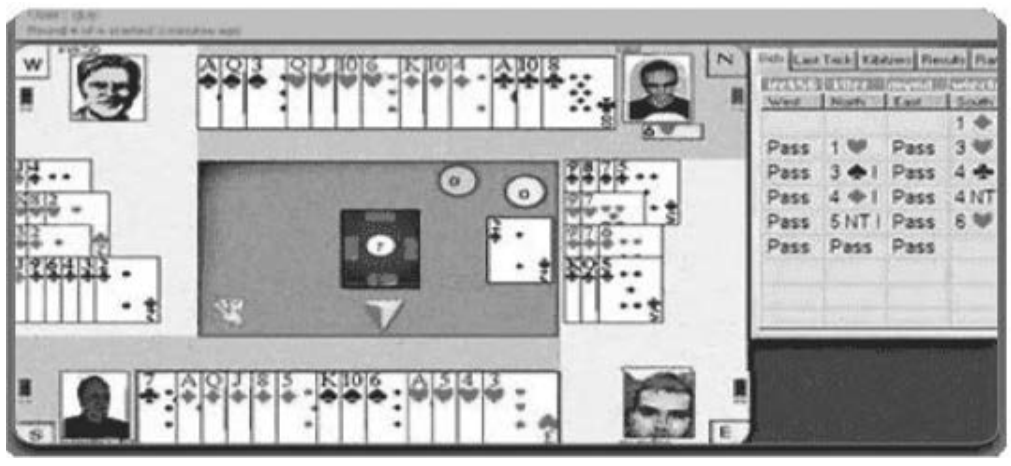
DIVERSIONS

BRIDGE Ante up!



Famous Hand

Many years ago, The Bridge World magazine ran a series of articles called "Favorite Hands." The top experts were invited to submit one or more of their favorites, and a sizable collection of interesting deals was published as a result. Most of the articles showed the experts in a favorable light, but Charles Lochridge found his favorite to be one where he came to a sad end.

Lochridge was South; Ted Lightner, North; Mrs. Louise Wainwright, East; and Sam Fry, West. They were playing at New York's Regency Club, and, according to Lochridge, when he leapt to six diamonds, Fry was so startled that he doubled without a moment's thought.

Lochridge's partner, the ever-lugubrious Lightner, gazed at Lochridge as though he had been stabbed in the back. The rest of the story is best told in Lochridge's own words:

"West led the jack of clubs, and when I saw dummy I was so awed by my brilliance that I forgot to cover. This play qualifies me as a full-fledged moron. When the jack held the trick, Fry went into a coma.

"How long this might have continued there is no way of telling, but I could see that Lightner was suffering unbearably (and, besides, my time at the bridge table is extremely valuable), so I spread my hand and claimed the balance. No one has ever accused Sam of being unable to count to 13; he shifted to a heart and his partner trumped.

"I grabbed Lightner before he jumped out the window, and tried to console him with the fact that the opponents could have made six spades. But even today, after all these years, when Lightner sees me, his mumbled greeting sounds suspiciously like, "You big jerk."

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.

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East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q 6 5
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ Q 7 4

WEST
♠ K Q J 8 6
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ 4 3
♣ J 5

EAST
♠ A 10 9 4 3
♥ —
♦ 7
♣ A K 10 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K 9 7 4 2
♦ A K Q J 10 5
♣ 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Pass (!)	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass (!!)	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	6 ♦	Dblc	

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

libra

You might be high-viz for some unexpected reason, especially when dealing with parents, bosses and VIPs. (Incidentally, this includes the police.) Be aware.

aries

If you can play hooky today or cocoon at home, you'll be happy to do so. Somehow, you don't feel ready to greet the world this Monday morning. (Sigh.)

scorpio

Travel plans and schedules for postsecondary schools are subject to unexpected changes and delays today. You can count on this. Allow extra time so that you have wiggle room to cope.

taurus

Today you will use your emotions to make important decisions. However, be careful, because hunches are not always right. Use caution to prevent accidents today.

sagittarius

Stay on top of matters related to inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property so that you are not caught off guard today. Something unexpected will affect these areas.

gemini

Be mindful of your money and your possessions today, because something out of the blue might cause you to lose money or break something you own. Be careful.

capricorn

Conversations with your partner or a close friend will be touchy today, because people are rebellious and independent. This person doesn't want to cooperate. He or she wants to do things his or her own way. Everything is unpredictable.

cancer

You feel restless and rebellious today. You might be obsessed with an idea or something unusual or different. Guard against accidents. Slow down.

aquarius

Your work routine will be interrupted with equipment breakdowns, computer crashes, staff shortages and canceled meetings today. Just be ready for unexpected detours to your day.

leo

Today is a tough Monday. Things are unpredictable, and it's hard to stay focused. Just do your best to keep treading water. (That's all you can do.)

pisces

This is an accident-prone day for your children so be extra vigilant. Likewise, social plans might suddenly change. Oops! This also is a rocky day for romance.

virgo

A friend might surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet a real character - someone who is different or unusual. Either way, this is not a boring day!

IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY You are a creative leader with the willpower and ambition to master any situation. Something you've been involved with for nine years will end this year. Scrutinize old values, ideals and the ideas that you thought were important. This should be a time for getting more involved with others, and giving may become more important. Get ready for a fresh, new cycle waiting in your future!
BIRTHDATE OF: Joanna Lumley, actress; Jamie Dorman, actor; Wes Anderson, director.

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Crossword/Quote Word Sleuth

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

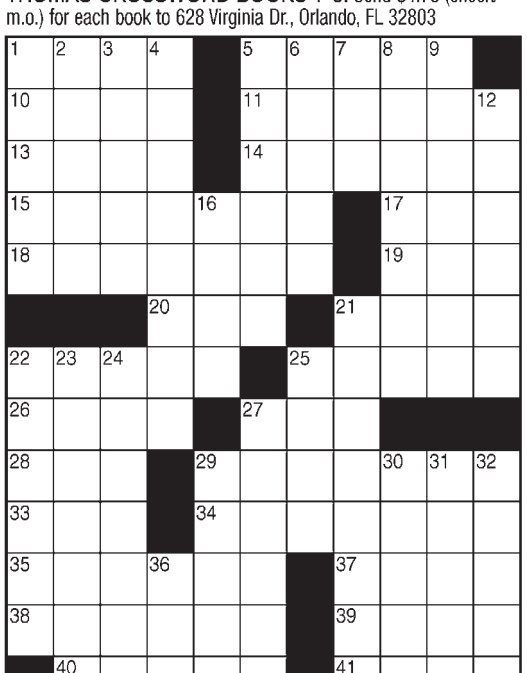
ACROSS
1 Basketball's O'Neal, for short
5 Suit pieces
10 Bean curd
11 Visitors from space
13 Boo-boo, to a tot
14 Foundation garment
15 Bug's kin
17 Golf peg
18 Cross-reference direction
19 Mine rock
20 Tourney pass
21 Campus area
22 Trait carriers
25 Finishes a golf hole
26 Fencing sword
27 Fish eggs
28 Opposite of "yup"
29 Set free
33 Used a shovel
34 Pirate's place
35 Go by
37 Auction nods
38 Store business
39 Border
40 Sea birds
41 Title paper

DOWN
1 Puts away
2 Comic Mandel
3 Burning
4 Hive VIP
5 Leave empty
6 Wed in secret
7 Knight's title
8 Put through the paces
9 Treat derisively
12 Spirited horses
16 Gifts for kids
21 Furniture between full and king
22 Sex
23 Shoulder ornament
24 Famous London prison
25 Barber symbol
27 Pushes away
29 Violinist's need
30 Stage comment
31 Grassy plant
32 Moved slowly
36 Golf goal

C	A	R	A	T	S	■	H	O	P	S
A	Z	A	L	E	A	■	A	C	H	E
B	U	N	T	E	D	■	G	A	O	L
A	R	G	O	N	■	M	A	N	E	D
L	E	E	S	■	C	Y	R	A	N	O
■	■	■	A	L	O	E	■	D	I	M
■	L	U	X	U	R	Y	T	A	X	■
B	A	T	■	B	E	E	R	■	■	■
A	R	I	S	E	S	■	A	S	H	E
G	A	L	A	S	■	R	I	P	E	N
E	M	I	T	■	P	A	T	E	N	T
L	I	Z	A	■	A	T	O	N	C	E
S	E	E	N	■	C	A	R	T	E	R

Saturday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



5-1

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 5/01

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 4/30

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WORD SLEUTH • FOUND IN THE SAND

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

Saturday's unlisted clue: TORONTO

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

Bottles, Crabs, Dunes, Fish, Footprints, Golf balls, Gravel, Lifeguard, Lines, Sand dollars, Sculptures, Seaweed, Silicon, Sunbathers, Turtle eggs

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A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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.

5-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

J P A I Y P A O X K C S C U C V V O K ! J P A B C R ' S M K I C X Z V J P A K C S C U C V V O K ! — O C A W K R H J W C B O K

Saturday's Cryptoquote: SOLITUDE EITHER DEVELOPS THE MENTAL POWER OR RENDERS MEN DULL AND VICIOUS. — VICTOR HUGO