## ACROSS

1 Place to wipe your boots
4 Vice squad strategies
9 "Darn!"
14 Sister of Zsa Zsa
15 Flynn of film
16 Main artery
17 Green Day's "American Idiot," e.g.
19 Govt.-backed bond
20 Secretary of the Interior under FDR
21 Navel type
23 Commuting start?
24 NASCAR winner's celebration
29 First-class
31 Sales incentive
32 Send to the statehouse
35 "¿Cómo ?"
36 Commonplace, and what the start of 17-, 24-,
51- or 60-Across is
41 Shade of green
42 German steel city
43 __energy
46 Sleeveless shirt
511995 Stephen King novel
54 Prefix with space
55 English Channel port
56 Fashionista MaryKate
57 Bolt on a track
60 Spare tire
63 Red Sea peninsula
64 Pi , for one
65 Tempe sch.
66 Prop for a clown
67 Hacienda brick
68 Fall mo.

## DOWN

1 Inherent rights and wrongs, as of a case
2 Long-legged shore bird
3 Take on, as a challenge

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4 Vintage cars
5 Dadaism founder
6 Rage
7 Greek architectural style
8 Viewpoint
9 "The Colbert Report"
stock-in-trade
10 Winged stinger
11 Gold, in Guadalajara
12 Polo Grounds hero
Mel
13 __Bo
18 Ship stabilizer
22 "... a borrower $\qquad$ lender ...": "Hamlet" 24 Low-lying land

25 "Me, Myself \& $\qquad$ Jim Carrey film
26 In the cellar,
sportswise
27 ABA member
28 Pot pie veggie
30 Was in front
33 Rite Aid rival
34 Sample
36 Chihuahua cat
37 Ruckuses
38 Like some skill-build-
ing classes
39 _admiral
40 Bed-and-breakfast,
e.g.

41 Moonshine container

44 "Consider the job done!"
45 Cleveland NBAer
47 Cabbagelike plant
48 Electric cars named for a physicist
49 Ultimatum words
50 Fork over what's due
52 Actress Winger
53 Profound fear
56 Clarinet cousin
57 Naval letters
58 Grab a stool
59 "Give me __!": start of a Hoosier cheer
61 WWII arena
62 Tease

## BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. North deals.
NORTH
A Q J 8765
$\bigcirc$ J
$\diamond$ Q 107
$\because$ A8 3

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WEST
A103
\bigcirc9843
\diamond 9 2
\& K Q 965
SOUTH
A 2
- AKQ 75
\(\diamond\) K 54
\&10742
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The bidding:

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1^ | 2 $\diamond$ | 2 $\circlearrowleft$ | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |  |  |

Opening lead: Nine of $\diamond$
This deal is from an important tournament in Asia earlier this year.

Light opening bids, based upon distribution, often have to "pay the piper" when no fit is found. A twospade contract looks to be cold for North-South, but South cannot be faulted for his two no trump bid many would have bid three no trump.

The opening diamond lead presented a clear problem for
declarer. He needed his king of diamonds for an entry to the hearts and East would surely withhold his ace on the first round. Should South play the 10 from dummy, East would just cover with the jack. Declarer made an excellent attempt to solve this problem by playing the board's queen of diamonds at trick one! Should East now duck his ace, declarer could unblock the jack of hearts and then lead a diamond toward his king as an entry to the hearts and emerge with eight tricks. Should East win and return a low diamond, that would run to the board's 10 for the same result.

East was Martin Reid, a top New Zealand player, who found a neat counter to declarer's play. He won the ace of diamonds at trick one and continued with the jack of diamonds! This sacrificed a diamond trick, but it killed the entry to the hearts. South could take three heart tricks by overtaking the jack, but he could only come to seven tricks in total. Well done by both players!
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SOLUTIONS TO
TUESDAY'S PUZZLES

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## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzale

Complete the grid so that every row, column and $3 \times 3$ box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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JUMELS
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.


THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek


TO LEARN ABOUT THE COSMOS, CARL SAGAN ATTENDED A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A:


Yesterday's

Jumbles: NOVEL ANKLE HICCUP GYRATE Answer: The new robot surgeon wasn't - OPERATING

