

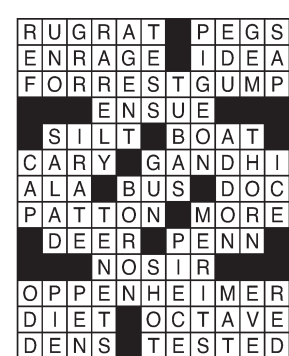
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Crossword - By Thomas Joseph



- ACROSS**
- Risque
 - Engine gunk
 - Loafed around
 - Rock formed from clay
 - Muscat native
 - Pound parts
 - Singer McGraw
 - Unable to eat another bite
 - Banged, as one's toe
 - Surgery sites, for short
 - Harpoon
 - Form 1040 org.
 - Ready for war
 - Make a choice
 - Homer work
 - One, for Juan
 - Like some motorcycle jackets
 - Gaping, perhaps
 - Spoil
 - Asian capital
 - Writer Zola
- DOWN**
- Anarchic events
 - Lets in
 - Stop talking
 - Longing
 - Restaurant VIP
 - Sought, as office
 - Workers' ailments
 - Monopoly cards
 - Prevent from practicing
 - Tater
 - House muncher
 - Trounce
 - "What — for Love"
 - (A Chorus Line" song)
 - Dodged
 - Like some audio-books
 - Spring
 - Look up to
 - Buy and sell
 - Broad-way worker
 - Peeved state
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- Yesterday's answer**
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Bridge - By Steven Becker

By the sweat of the brow

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 4
♥ A 10 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q J 10 5

WEST

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K J 9 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

EAST

♠ K 10 7 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ A Q 8 6 4
♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ A Q
♥ Q J 9 8 5 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A 7 2

The bidding:
East 1♦ South 1♥ West 2♦ North 3♥
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

It may at times seem amazing how some declarers are able to figure out what to do when they are faced with a difficult decision. While many might attribute this to a mystical quality known as "table feel," in reality it is simply the ability to place the cards from clues gleaned during the bidding and play.

Consider this deal where South got to four hearts as shown and West led the diamond deuce. East won with the ace and returned the eight of clubs, a play that had all the earmarks of a singleton.

Given this development, declarer

realized that the contract was in serious danger. East's play of the ace of diamonds had marked West with the king and simultaneously indicated that East had to have the king of hearts (as well as the king of spades) for his opening bid. There was consequently a strong possibility that whenever East gained the lead with the king of trump, he would lead a diamond to West's king and get a club ruff to defeat the contract.

But South worked out a sly solution to this problem: He took East's club return in dummy, led the four of spades to the queen and cashed the ace of spades. He then led the queen of trump to the ace and returned the jack of spades, discarding his remaining diamond when East covered the jack with the king.

By thus exchanging his diamond loser for a spade loser, declarer assured that East could no longer put his partner on lead to return a club. As a result, South lost only a diamond, a spade and a trump to make his contract.

In effect, declarer played the entire hand as though he had seen all 52 cards from the word "go." In a sense, he did — after East's first two plays — but that is typical of any declarer who makes the effort to read the cards from the clues he obtains. The critical information he needs is frequently right there if he simply stops to think about it.

Tomorrow: The possible vs. the impossible.
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

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.

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X O A M V ' N F N M D Y M B V Y N M

F K G M M T X G O V X O Y S J A Q J N O .

— K J S M T W Q S V O N N

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU WANT TO FLY, YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP THE THINGS THAT WEIGH YOU DOWN. — TONI MORRISON

Word Sleuth

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

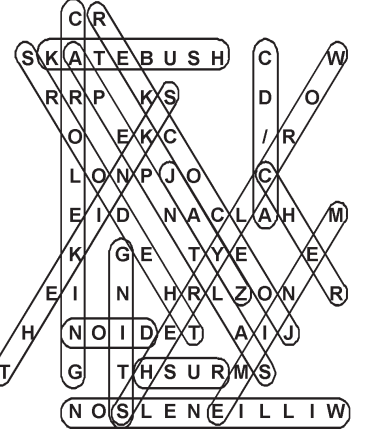
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: CZECH —

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| Burkina Faso | El Salvador | New Zealand | San Marino |
| Cape Verde | Ivory Coast | S. Africa | Sri Lanka |
| Costa Rica | Marshall Is. | S. Korea | Vatican City |
| East Timor | N. Korea | S. Sudan | |

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME



Horoscope

- By Georgia Nichols

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Continue to focus on home and family issues, especially repairs and improvements. This is a lovely day to socialize and enjoy fun activities with kids; however, disputes about shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances could create power struggles. Tread carefully. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ This is a busy time for you with short trips, appointments and conversations with everyone. You might be redecorating at home and entertaining. You have lots of energy because fiery Mars is still in your sign boosting your vim and vigor. Be patient with partners and authority figures today. Stay chill. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ It's fortunate that fair Venus is in your House of Communications,

smoothing difficult conversations that you might encounter today. This is because power struggles related to your job, your pet or your health are hard to avoid. Guard against being obsessive. Tonight: Get busy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You are a nurturing sign, and today you might feel compelled to have your way with issues related to your kids, social outings and the arts. This could put you at odds with someone, especially about funding or the cost of something. Make sure to listen to what others have to say. Tonight: Socialize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Today has its challenges because the Moon and Pluto are at odds with your sign. This could create sudden urges and impulsive behavior at home, within the family or with a spouse or partner. Something might upset you to the point that you lose focus on everything else. Deep breaths. Deep breaths. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ This is a popular time for you, and you might be interacting with younger people more than usual. Travel and educational plans, along

with medical and legal issues, also might be on the table. For your own good, avoid emotional power struggles today. Don't let people manipulate you. Tonight: Discussions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You like pleasant harmony in your surroundings. Furthermore, you are noticed now because the Sun is high in your chart making you look good, which is fortunate. These are good reasons to avoid public money squabbles with your kids or a romantic partner. Tonight: Check your money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with your ruler Pluto, making you emotionally intense, perhaps even obsessive about something. You are a strong-willed sign, and when you want something, you can be threatening or overpowering. Turn down the volume today. Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Something going on behind the scenes is filling your thoughts. It's all you can think about. To break free from this obsessive grip, focus on work and being productive today. You also might travel for pleasure

-- something that always pleases you.

Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be easygoing and cooperative when talking to friends and members of groups and organizations today, because personality clashes will easily arise. Why not channel this playful, competitive energy into something enjoyable? Let go of what is creating your angst. Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Increased chaos and activity at home might be frustrating now. Fortunately, you're prepared to work. Today, however, power struggles with authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police -- might arise. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Tonight: Others notice you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Focus on playful opportunities to socialize with others and enjoy sports, the arts and fun times with children. Work colleagues will also be pleasant and supportive. Therefore, don't get bogged down in politics, religion or racial issues, which might upset you. Not today. You need a clear mind to address these matters. Tonight: Learn and explore ideas.

JUMBLE

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

SINOY

NGRPO

RMEMHA

NCPAOY

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DITCH CRUSH SCRIBE FRENZY
Answer: After a burglary next door, they installed an alarm system to help with their — INSECURITY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Since the 16th century, more than 140 natural satellites have been discovered orbiting Saturn.

How did they even see them back then?

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TITAN WAS DISCOVERED ORBITING SATURN BACK IN 1665 WHICH WAS --

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

(Answers tomorrow)