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Crossword - By Thomas Joseph

Bridge - By Steven Becker

Word Sleuth

ACROSS

1 Canal feature of South America

9 Studio sign

11 Before, in Brest

13 Sci-fi, for one

14 Spotted horse

15 Ump's call

16 Gruesome

18 Balls

20 Pollen collector

21 More confident

22 Tofu base

23 Mob pariah

24 Beam of light

25 Much of history

27 Disinfectant targets

29 Tan in the bookstore

30 Muted colors

32 Recital star

34 Illuminated

35 Bear out

36 Eat away

DOWN

38 Thrifty one

39 White Cliffs setting

40 Eye part

41 Shore flier

1 Company symbols

2 Outdoes

3 "You -" (Su-premes song)

4 Cassis cocktail

5 Mamas' mates

6 Bird to Brutus

7 #1 Beatles song

8 Elk feature

10 Wish undone

12 Trifled (with)

17 That lady

19 Important times

22 Shopping aid

7 #1 Beatles song

24 Took a breather

25 Hornets' kin

26 Ignoring ethics

27 Tank fill

28 Mini burger

30 Berth places

31 Somber

33 Kitchen fixture

37 Go bad

Yesterday's answer

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Bidding quiz

You are playing rubber bridge, and partner bids One Diamond, neither side vulnerable. The next player passes, and you have a partscore of 60. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ KJ8 ♥ A94 ♦ J62 ♣ AQJ7
2. ♠ 94 ♥ K6 ♦ KQ83 ♣ AJ952
3. ♠ K7 ♥ K93 ♦ Q75 ♣ K10642
4. ♠ AKQ62 ♥ K4 ♦ K986 ♣ K8

1. **Two notrump.** A response of two notrump to partner's opening bid of one of a suit normally indicates a balanced hand of 13 to 15 high-card points with stoppers in the side suits. Ordinarily, the opener is required to continue bidding until at least a game is reached.

But in rubber bridge, when the bidding side has a partscore of 60, the two-notrump response has a different meaning. This is because one notrump would constitute a game contract, so the two-notrump bid, being one level higher than necessary, amounts to a slam try. Opener is not compelled to bid again and, in fact, is expected to pass with minimum values.

2. **Three diamonds.** The same principle applies when responder raises a suit one level higher than necessary. This is intended to alert opener to the possibility of a slam.

Tomorrow: Hard work pays big dividends.

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WORD SLEUTH - A STAY IN THE HOSPITAL

STPNKIFSCAXVSQS
OHLJHECARXVTRPN
NELJHFDBNOBYXVO
TRRPOMKIWLGTGEPI
D(ADMISSION)BCRIT
ZPXWUUSOGNTRORA
QYONRLDLJTUITDC
GFEGADNABRDRIVI
CAETRYEGRAHCSID
XRIAHCLEEHWWIEE
YVWVYREVOCERTM

Thursday's unlisted clue: CROQUET

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: TIME SPENT HEALING

Admission Bandage Blood draw Chart
Discharge Doctors Gown IV drip
Medications Nurse Surgery Therapy
Visitor Vitals Wheelchair

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CUT THE GRASS BEFORE PLAYING

WIMBLEDON

RECCOSDATH IO
FKWNNSBS LLO
ELLUIEEO
TSDOMSSVP
YBGURDESSORCAL
LLABTFOSO JB
LLABTOOF H

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)
★★★ This is a slightly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Plans might suddenly change today. Stay loose so you can go with the flow. Bright ideas might suddenly occur. Expect to see new places and meet new faces. Check the Moon Alert! Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ This is a tricky day with spending money. For starters, check the Moon Alert. Try to restrict your spending to food and gas. Nevertheless, a totally different influence will encourage you to make spontaneous financial decisions and impulsive purchases. Tonight: Someone will notice you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be careful, because today fiery Mars is lined up with unpredictable Uranus in your sign. This is an accident-prone influence. It makes you impulsive and quick to change your

mind. Pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid regrets. Tonight: Learn something new. Explore ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ There's an electric energy that can make people say and do things they might regret today. Fortunately, the Sun in your sign gives you steady strength. Nevertheless, Mercury is also retrograde in your sign, which might create confusion. Check the Moon Alert. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ It's a good thing that with Venus in your sign you will be diplomatic and charming with others, because today friends and groups might surprise you or catch you off guard in some way. Plans will change. You might meet someone new who is unusual. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Double-check all your dealings and communications with bosses, parents and VIPs today because sudden changes might take things in a direction you did not expect. (See the Moon Alert.) It's a poor day for important decisions as well as spending money (except for food and

gas). Caution! Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be aware that unexpected changes to travel plans are likely today. Double-check your agenda and travel details. Legal or medical matters also might create some surprises, along with school schedules. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Socialize with someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Make friends with your bank account today because issues related to banking, finances, shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances are subject to sudden changes or goofy errors. Make sure you know what is happening. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ By nature, you are a friendly, outgoing sign who likes other people, especially interesting characters. Today friends, spouses, partners and even members of the general public might do something you didn't expect. Take a beat before you react. Keep your eyes open. Check the Moon Alert! Tonight: An interesting conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your work routine might be interrupted today because of staff shortages, power outages, technical problems or late deliveries. Give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Restrict spending to food and gas. (See the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Take care of your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today to make sure that accidents with their kids don't happen. Keep your eyes open. Make sure you know where they are at all times. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. They might be cancelled or you might receive a surprise invitation. Tonight: You're strong and confident.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur, or surprise company might appear at your door. Meanwhile, this is a great time to party and schmooze. Stay on top of things so that you're not caught off guard. Stock the fridge to avoid shortages. Check the Moon Alert. Tonight: Enjoy some privacy.

Jumble

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

IOLCG
LSBIS
GTACUH
TMYSS

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Ans. here: -

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: FAITH MOUSE GRUMPY BUTTER
Answer: When the stand-up comedian took a tumble, he broke his - HUMERUS