



Crossword - By Thomas Joseph

Bridge - By Steven Becker

Word Sleuth

ACROSS

1 Moisten while roasting

6 Deadly

11 Greek vowel

12 Curaçao's neighbor

13 Will names

14 Ready for bed

15 Brooklyn team

17 Crumb carriers

18 Muscle quality

20 "The King —"

22 Paris pal

23 Pajama material

26 Juicy fruit

28 Skater Fleming

29 Captivate

31 Campaign pro

32 Bulldog's school

33 Misplace

34 Sound of agony

36 Asian language

38 Rainy month

40 Personal

43 Cost as much

44 Stylishly quaint

DOWN

1 Derisive cry

2 Hearty quaff

3 Raconteur's specialty

4 First odd prime

5 Compass point

6 Diet no-no

7 Daughter of Minos

8 Decisive moments

9 Aid illegally

10 Young fellows

16 Mineo of movies

18 Unexciting

19 Mideast sultanate

21 Snoozes

23 Ninny

24 They may clash

25 Singer Lovett

27 Coarse-grained rock

30 Filming site

33 Highway divisions

34 Foa's mother

35 Creative work

37 Take on

39 Bagel topper

41 Pitching number

42 Singer Orbison

Yesterday's answer

UTAH	AFFAIR
ROBE	LIOTTA
SOUL	EGRESS
ANGLICAN	
SOS	ROILS
WELSH	OWNUP
ALI	SCI
LIFTS	APIAN
LOEWE	RID
OVERSEES	
TRACER	COCO
SAFARI	EURO
ENTREE	STUN

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
1♦			?

What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠85♥K8743♦43♣AQ72
- ♠109♥J82♦KJ94♣AQ53
- ♠J642♥754♦83♣KQ107
- ♠Q3♥AQ9743♦7♣Q842
- ♠J853♥A96♦A42♣KQ6

1. Two hearts. Partner's double indicates the values for at least an opening bid and also implies good support for the unbid suits. Because you are required to answer the double regardless of the strength of your hand, you must distinguish between a forced response based on possibly no high-card points, and one where you hold values that could potentially produce a game.

In general, you respond by bidding the cheapest amount of your longest suit with zero to eight points; jump to the next level (as in the present case) with nine to 11; and leap to game or clubbid the opponents' suit with 12 or more points. The single jump-response is highly invitational but not forcing.

2. Two notrump. This hand also has game potential — you have 11 points and might have had none — so again you make a jump-response. The only genuine suit you could have bid was clubs, but there's

Tomorrow: Once in a lifetime.
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - HERE'S HOW TO WORK IT:

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.

6-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

Z B M M F N O W J I J J W I Z .
J C J K F Y W J ! V J ' C J A Y D J T Y S B K
— G O I V J H W Y V V J T I P U U
Z B C J B U Y W L V B F I Y L Y .
— Z B U U J G J K K F

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LIFE IS EITHER A DARING ADVENTURE OR NOTHING AT ALL.
— HELEN KELLER

WORD SLEUTH • WORDS FROM "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

DMKIFSEITSEJAMT
DBZXWAE SGNINIHS
USQNLNLJHFDYEU
OBEAUTIFULCGVAO
YWVTSSV BQNOA EPI
NLKIRHIFEOWECCC
BZMAYWDVDRUOASA
RQEDOOHREHTORBP
PTRETSABALAYGCS
NMCLDEM MIDNUJIH
FEYNIALPDETIURF

Thursday's unlisted clue: NICKLAUS

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

Alabaster	Divine	Mercy	Tears
Amber waves	Fruited plain	O beautiful	Thy good
Brotherhood	Grace	Shining sea	Undimmed
Crown	Liberty	Spacious	

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Horoscope
- By Georgia Nichols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 7 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. EDT today (4 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from LEO into VIRGO.

Happy Birthday for Friday, June 19, 2026:

You're strong, determined and single-minded. You are intellectually inquisitive and intuitive. This is a marvelous year for you because you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect a promotion. Expect kudos, awards and acknowledgement. Seize opportunities and act on them. The spotlight is on you!

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)

★★★★ Pet owners should be extra vigilant today because something unexpected could impact your pet, and it might possibly be an accident. Meanwhile, today your work routine will likely be interrupted. Give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Stay sharp! Tonight: Get organized. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Parents should keep an eye on their kids today because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Toddlers especially need to be protected from hazardous situations. Meanwhile, social plans might be canceled. Alternatively, a surprise invitation might come your way. Tonight: Socialize. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Your home routine might be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock at your door. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything. (Ah yes, food soothes the savage beast.) Tonight: Relax at home. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. Therefore, be smart and think before you speak or act. If you jog or you're out walking, be alert. On the upside, you might dream up genius-like ideas. Who knew? Tonight: Conversations. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today to protect yourself from loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you might find money. Yes, you might lose money. A friend or a member of a group might surprise you. Tonight: Maintain your

possessions. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign; however, it is at odds with wild, unpredictable Uranus, which means you might be hasty to jump to conclusions. You also might choose to do the opposite of what anyone suggests because you feel impatient and independent. Really? Tonight: You win! **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ Today you might feel unsettled or restless in a strange way. This is because the Moon is hiding in your chart, and yet it is challenged by unpredictable Uranus. This combo will trigger an emotional unrest within you. Don't worry, because it's a fleeting influence. Hang tight. Tonight: Enjoy privacy. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ A friend or a member of a group might do something that catches you off guard today. You might even feel offended. Be aware that a disruptive influence exists today, but it's brief and then it's gone. Poof! Don't overreact. Don't take things personally. Be friendly to an unusual encounter. Tonight: Be friendly. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ This is not the day to cross swords with authority figures -- bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs or the police. You might attempt to do so

because you want to feel liberated. (Today, this is the wrong call.) Channel your rebellious independence elsewhere so you'll have no regrets. Tonight: You're admired. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. Or, alternatively, you might suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. Likewise, news in the media might surprise you. School schedules also might change or confuse you for some reason. Slow down and take it easy. Tonight: Explore and learn! **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ Double-check banking details because something related to your financial assets (including bank accounts) might have a glitch today. Stay on top of things so you don't overlook anything. "Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!" Tonight: Check your finances. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Relations with friends, partners and even members of the general public might hold a few surprises today because people are unpredictable. Everyone is impatient with restraints, duties and responsibilities. This is because people feel a strong need to be free and do their own thing today. (And so do you.) Tonight: Cooperate.

Jumble

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

UTNTS
PIVRE
NTIBDA
STTCEU

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Jumble

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

I really don't think I should be here. You did the right thing. We are going to figure out what's been going on with you.

THE ALWAYS KIND AND UNDERSTANDING HEALTHCARE WORKER WAS A ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DIGIT WOUND ACTIVE MYSELF
Answer: To see proof that the car hadn't been well-cared-for, they looked at the "EVI-DENTS"

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