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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today Mercury enters your sign for the next three weeks, enhancing your ability to express your point of view to others. People will listen to you because you will put more of yourself into what you have to say. Of course, Mercury will also make your mind jump rapidly from issue to issue ght: Conversations.

Tonight: Conversations.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the next three weeks, Mercury will be in a hidden part of your chart, which makes you more inclined to keep your opinions to yourself and not communicate them to others, even when you should. (Kinda secretive.) Welcome chances to ponder life. Tonight: Research solutions.

come chances to ponder life. Tonight: Research solutions. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your life will be busier and more stimulating in the next three weeks! Appointments, trips and demands from others will make you feel like the world is knocking on your door. Short trips will appeal to you. Interactions with younger people are likely. Tonight: Socialize. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today Mercury moves to the top of your chart for the next three weeks. This will make you think more about your professional world and your life direction. It's a lovely time to explore new studies or special training that might boost your career. It's also an excellent time to talk to bosses and ask for a promotion. Tonight: Make plans. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today Mercury moves into your fellow Fire

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today Mercury moves into your fellow Fire sign for the next three weeks, enhancing all kinds of mental work and communications with others. Your mind will be unusually clear, and you'll have good ideas about what you want to do. Mercury will help you organize yourself and travel. Yes! Tonight: Learn.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your desire for privacy and intellectual withdrawal will increase in the next few weeks. You're not being antisocial. Instead, you want time to reflect and think about the ideas that you have encountered recently. Nevertheless, family discussions and home repairs are on your agenda. Tonight: Make practical plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today Mercury moves into the part of your chart that is its "home," which will encourage group discussions and conversations with others. Expect to see new places, meet new faces and be full of innovative ideas! This dynamic energy will last for three weeks. Tonight: Listen and learn. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) In the next three weeks, you'll find ourself more concerned with business and commercial affairs than usual, including earnings, cash flow, taxes and financial planning. You also might have to define or explain your sense of values to someone. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

2025 KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 BRIDGE

Inferences and deductions

West dealer. East-West vulnerable. **NORTH**

> **A** A 8 7 **♥**642

♦ K 5 3

EAST

South

♣Q973 WEST **♦** Q 10 5 4 **♦** J 9 6 2

♥Q1098 ♥KJ5 ♦ Q 7 6 4 **♦** 2

♣A K J 8 4 **SOUTH ♠** K 3

♥A73 ♦ AJ1098 **♣**652

The bidding:

West North East 1 🏚 Pass 2♥ 3 ♦

Opening lead — king of clubs. There are lots of inferences a

declarer can draw from the bidding and/or play of the cards, and those inferences often permit him to play a hand as though the opponents' cards were exposed. Consider this case where West

leads the king of clubs and continues with the ace and a low club, East ruffing dummy's nine and returning the eight of hearts.

Declarer goes up with the ace and

must now find the right way to play the trumps to make the contract. He can play the A-K, hoping to catch the queen; he can play the ace, then continue with the jack and finesse; or he can lead a trump to the king and finesse against East on the way back.

Before South casts his ballot for one of these approaches, he should first try to assemble every clue that can help him make the right deci-

He knows for a certainty that West started with five clubs, and he can deduce from East's heart bid and West's raise that East started with four hearts and West with three. South can also deduce that the missing spades are divided 4-4, because if either defender had five spades, he would have bid them.

By putting all these inferences and deductions together, South can conclude that West started with five clubs, three hearts, four spades and, hence, only one diamond.

He therefore plays a diamond to the king and finesses the jack on the way back. After drawing East's last trump, South crosses to dummy with a spade and discards a heart on the queen of clubs to make exactly three diamonds.

Tomorrow: West rises to the occasion.

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King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

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