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#### Probability becomes certainty

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **♦**843

> ♦ A J 4 WEST

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**♣**QJ84 **♣**10 9 5 3 **SOUTH ♠** A Q 10 5 ♥A K 10 7 4 2

**♣**K 6

The bidding: West South North 3 ♥ Pass Pass 4 NT 5♥ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

In many cases where declarer starts out as a strong favorite to make his contract by adopting an obvious line of play, he should seek a way to elevate his chances even further before embarking on the straightforward approach. For example, take this deal where South

**Declarer sees that** the only danger is the possibility of losing two spade tricks. One way of playing the hand, after winning the club

is in six hearts and West leads a

club.

lead with the king, is to draw trump, lead a spade from dummy and finesse the ten. If this loses to the jack, declarer wins West's club or diamond return and tries a second spade finesse.

In the actual deal, both finesses would lose, and declarer would wind up down one — even though he was a 3-1 favorite to make the slam on this line of play.

However, a more cautious declarer would make the slam by adopting an approach designed to overcome the possibility of West's holding both the king and jack of spades. He would not settle for a 75% probability of success without first making an effort to raise his chances to 80, 90 or even 100%. This could be accomplished as follows: After taking the king of clubs,

declarer plays the ace of diamonds, ruffs a diamond, leads a low heart to the nine, ruffs a diamond with the ace, cashes the ace of clubs, ruffs a club with the king and leads a low heart to the queen. This reduces the dummy to three spades and the J-5 of trump, while declarer has four spades and the ten of A spade to the ten then endplays

West. After he wins with the jack, he has to return a spade, a diamond or a club, and whichever he chooses, South scores the last four tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2025 King Features Syndicate Inc

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### Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're a parent, you might need to talk about or to your kids today. Perhaps you want feedback or you need to vent. You might need to discuss a romantic relationship. You need to communicate to someone today and express your feelings openly. Tonight: Have fun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Family discussions have been taking place, and today you feel the need to talk to someone about what's going on at home. This also might relate to your job. Issues that have been on the back burner have come to your services that have been on the back burner have come to your services that have been on the back burner have come to your services.

sues that have been on the back burner have come to your attention, and you have to speak up. Tonight: Relax. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a busy schedule right now.

However, today you want to express your ideas to others. You're ready to take the initiative and tell someone. You might defend your ideas or your stance about something. If so, you'll have no trouble doing this. Tonight: Discussions. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Money issues are on your mind today. Perhaps for some the issues are related more to your posses-

sions or something that you own. Whatever the case, you have strong opinions about what it is and you intend to speak up, especially with family members or about home-related matters. Tonight: Maintain your belongings. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today the Moon and Mercury are both lined up in your sign, which means that you'll be influenced by

your moods today. You'll definitely welcome an opportunity to talk about your feelings. In fact, you might feel overwhelmed by something. Don't worry, these feelings are temporary. Tonight: Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be successful if you do any kind of research today because you have the intellectual and emotional frame of mind to dig for facts and discover new things. You'll relish taking the initiative and finding something obscure but informative. "The game, Mrs. Hudson, is on!" Tonight: Soli-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A discussion with a friend or a member of a group will be full of candor and genuine feelings today, be-

cause you feel the need to speak up and talk about something. You might even surprise yourself about how willing you are to discuss what concerns you. "Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!" Tonight: Be friendly. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) No doubt you're aware that you're high-viz today, to the extent that some people know personal

nigh-viz today, to the extent that some people know personal details about your private life. Perhaps this is why you will be more vocal when talking to parents, bosses or authority figures, sharing your ideas as well as complaints. "Now hear this." Tonight: Show respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is an excellent day to study and learn something new. You have lots of mental energy, plus you're rurious. You also might speak up about lead or medical. you're curious. You also might speak up about legal or medical matters that concern you. Issues related to publishing or higher education might be important to you. Tonight: Learn and dis-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be successful discussing issues related to shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances because you're willing to speak your mind. Furthermore, you have strong feelings about these issues. You're not casual about money. And certainly, you're not casual about your future security. Tonight: Check your finances. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might attract someone to you today who wants to tell you their concerns about something.

Likewise, you might want to share your views about politics, religion or travel plans. Everyone has their opinion about something today. Yada, yada, yada. Tonight: Cooperate.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Work-related issues concern you today, and you intend to speak up about them. This is something that needs to be addressed; furthermore, you have strong feelings about them. Meanwhile, this is a pleasant day to socialize

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Difficulty: ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle												
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