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AP's Corner

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Abstract

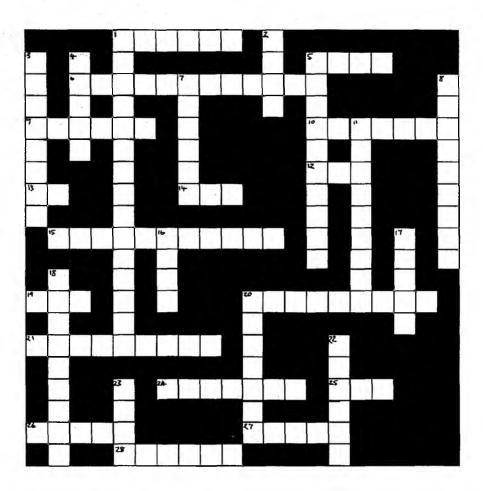
Crossword and bridge problem.

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ACROSS

- 1 Cross card game (6)
- 5 A saintly man, our shopping guru (4)
- 6 Anorexic eating for a special occasion? (6,6)
- 9 Life member collapsed and expressed pain (6)
- 10 Compliments, we hear, to our leaders (7)
- 12 Garibaldi in Naples originally drank this (3)
- 13 Back to front, back to front for this person (1,1)
- 14 Bothersome person upside-down in gantry (3)
- 15 Scared of dance music? No, just computers (11)
- 19 Confusingly ate this drink (3)
- 20 Lithe cats perform these sports (9)
- 21 Financial type who holds things dear (9)
- 24 Suit men rearrange details of a meeting (7)
- 25 Make like a cow in this room (3)
- 26 Erode after time, and have faith in this body (5)
- 27 This woman sounds colourful (5)
- 28 See 16 down

(Answers on inside back cover)

DOWN

- 1 Anne bends Hodges around for a smoke (6,3,6)
- 2 Accountant over the poles gives machine's contents (4)
- 3 Clear throat, sir, sounds like a professor (8)
- 4 Sounds like a seabird, our Ernie (5)
- 5 Support a male goose, we hear, to publicise falsely (10)
- 7 Dutch town in a bundle identified (6)
- 8 Cream side order for a mighty organ (3,6)
- 11 Permanent fixture from a taunt, ie patronising (6,3)
- 16 (&28 across) Crab oils I'm preparing for permanent secretary (4,6)
- 17 Fellow plays guitar riff for AP's daughter (5)
- 18 Bird in the office (9)
- 20 German car on hill call in the taxman (7)
- 22 Controlled slaughter in French in this room (6)
- 23 They shoot horses, don't they? (4)

Bridge Problem

Your cards are:

S A,K,5 **H** A,Q,J,7,2 **D** A **C** J,10,6,4

You are South, and open bidding with one heart. West passes, North bids three hearts, East passes, you bid six hearts and the bidding closes.

Dummy has:

S 7,3 H K,8,6,5 D K,Q,8,3 C K,7,2

Q1: How many bidding points (4 for an ace, 3 for a king, etc...) do you and your dummy have?
How many do east and west have?
How will this affect play?

West leads with the jack of spades, you play the 3 from dummy, east plays the queen and you win with the ace.

You draw trumps for the next two rounds. Then you play the ace of diamonds (throwing the 3 from dummy) and then the king of spades (throwing the 7 from dummy).

Q2: To play back to the dummy, what card do you play?

On this last hand East discards the 3 of clubs, instead of a spade.

Q3: How many trumps are left in play and how many do you possess?

In the next two hands you play the king and queen of diamonds from dummy, discarding two clubs from South.

You play the last diamond from dummy and east discards the 5 of clubs.

Q4: What cards did East begin the game with, and what does he have left?

Q5: So what did West have and what does he have remaining?

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Q6: Why do you now NOT trump it, but play a club and let West win?