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That other nutritional supplements such as pineapple extract, grape seed extract and antioxidants help is also known, though these areas

nally crippled and conned the patient to bed.

That scenario is changing. An inexpensive anti-cancer drug called methotrexate and an expensive newer drug

ing and pain in rheumatoid arthritis can be dramatically arrested.

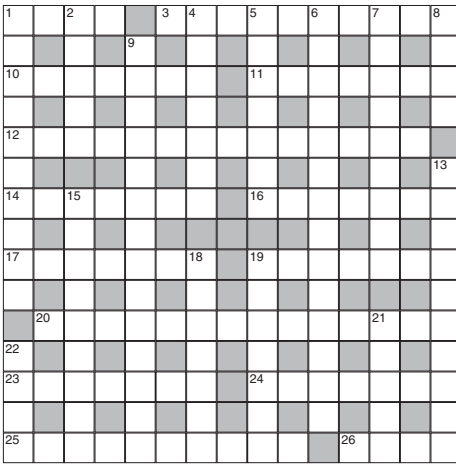
But there is a rub; they cost tens of thousands of rupees and assure no permanent

the media a lot recently, got its share of attention too. Sadly, rheumatic fever, which maims so many of our children and youth and scars them for life with heart valve

you can keep rheumatism and rheumatologists at bay. ■

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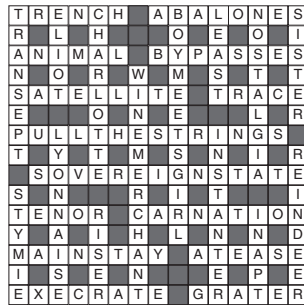
The Hindu Crossword No. 2585



- 26 Not quite nimble enough to escape? (4)
- Down**
- 1 Flower in picture, a monster (10)
 - 2 Italian girl caught parrot (5)
 - 4 Set out with a compass crossing river (7)
 - 5 English copper on winding road in South American country (7)
 - 6 Dancer in Marbella somehow grabbed by unlikely pair (5,9)
 - 7 Steer and tow a broken-down sports car?(3-6)
 - 8 Manual worker given cards (4)
 - 9 Temptation? Ease off gradually (3,4,2,1,4)
 - 13 Influential woman — big cheese — head of Equity (6,4)
 - 15 Perched in small forest in tropical tree (9)
 - 18 Short examination involving poorly aunt reveals an infectious disease (7)
 - 19 Demo disc in superb gallery (7)
 - 21 Centre of operations on line from Swiss city (5)
 - 22 Goddess? Some mother, anyway (4)

- Across**
- 1 Several in Maine like this as a starter? (4)
 - 3 Patter from porter on board with cast (5,5)
 - 10 Social worker, male, put in a single room initially (7)
 - 11 Odd coin in vase depicting heraldic beast (7)
 - 12 Game birds (5,3,6)
 - 14 A socially acceptable street before, without luxury (7)
 - 16 Atomic pile concerning one on the boards? (7)
 - 17 Vagabond, exhausted, in front of shed (7)
 - 19 One helps to control banking loan I arranged round middle of term (7)
 - 20 Difficult issue in France, one that causes embarrassment (6,8)
 - 23 Feeling expressed by English poet (7)
 - 24 A name is given wrongly — the cause? (7)
 - 25 Letter openers, presumably? (10)

Solution No. 2584



IN the 2003 final of the Spring National Championship of the American Contract Bridge League, Nick Nickell's team faced Richard Pavlicek, Lee Rautenberg, Bob Jones, Barnet Shenkin, Marty Fleisher and Michael Kamil, who had upset the odds by eliminating a series of strong teams. The early play was even but the diagrammed deal started Nickell on a path to victory.

Fleisher reached a borderline six diamonds against silent opponents. This would have been easy with an even trump split and had some chances with a 3-1 division. A spade was led and the analysts later pointed out that he could have succeeded by taking the ace and king, collecting the queen. He would then have had to guess what to do. The play of the diamond ace fol-

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lowed followed by a low diamond would win because the 10 would become an entry to the dummy. And if the queen did not fall conveniently, there would still have been chances.

But that was far from clear and what Fleisher did was finesse the spade jack at first trick. That was right in theory but wrong in practice. He ruffed East's queen and hopefully played his top trumps. When they did not divide he was unable to reach the dummy and failed by three tricks.

The replay was totally different. Meckstroth as South opened with one club, strong and artificial. Shenkin, West, tried a weak jump overcall in

QUERIES ANSWERED

My daughter was born in Bombay at 13.50 hours on May 28, 1975. What are her marriage and job prospects? J. Krishnamurthy, Chennai.

MOOON'S dasa was in operation up to January 11, 2000. Moon is aspected by Saturn. In 1995 Saturn's transit was also not good. Now Mars dasa is in operation up to January 11, 2007. Mars is yogakaraka and he has gone to eighth. Moreover Saturn is not transiting favourably at present from moon sign. Pray to Sri Lakshminarasimha or Muruga on Tuesdays and visit Tirunallaru on a Saturday. Better time from September 2005 to September 2006.

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MESHA (Stars - Aswini, Bharani and Kritika first quarter)



Career women have to be w... For some government serv... may be a sudden shift or c... sion to go on long leave. Financial ma... be handled carefully. Expenses over... nance of vehicles and properties. S... ployed and industrialists have a dull

KATAKA (Stars - the last quarter of Punarvasu, Pushya and Aslesha)



Mixed trend of fortune. Pray... vagrahas or family deity for... peace and success. Finan... may not be a favourable week. Unav... travel is seen. Mother's health may... setback. Career women may be on t... out for a change. Some in governm... vice may be planning to go on long