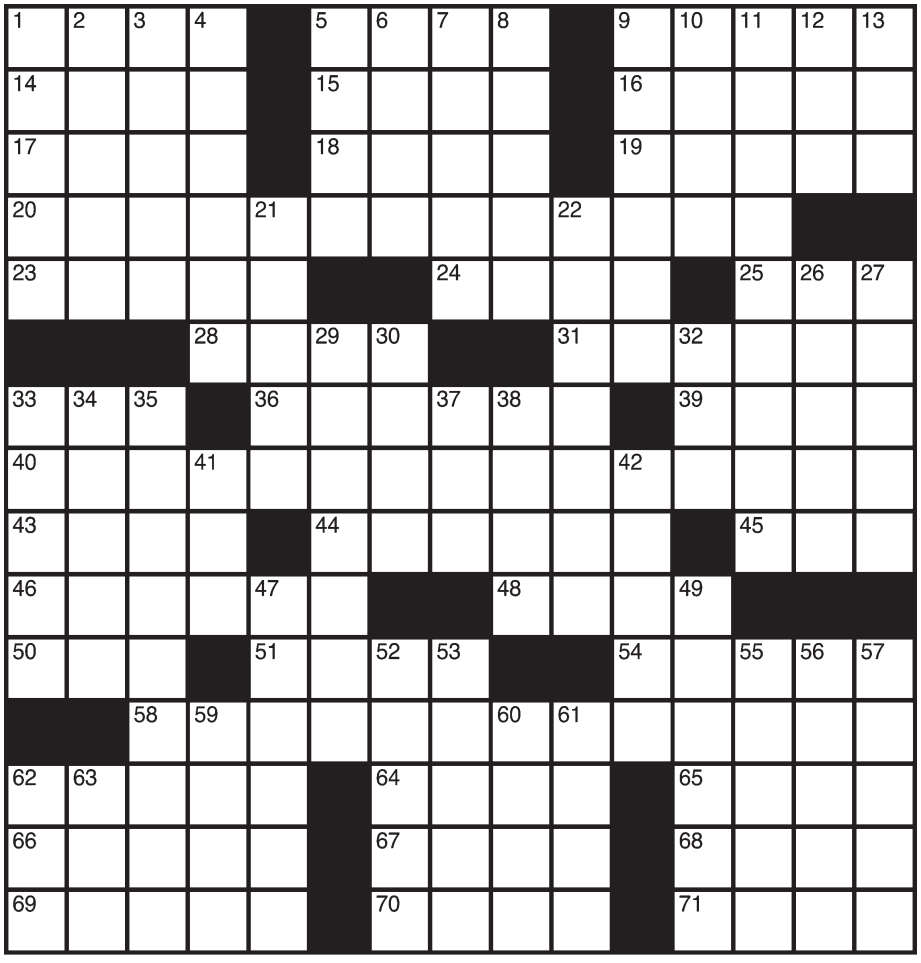
THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE



ACROSS

1 "Dracula" author Stoker
5 + or - particles
9 Ocean movements
14 Wine city near Sacramento
15 "The Bridge on the River __": 1957 film
16 "Step __!": "Out of my way!"
17 Goes on to say
18 Pizzazz
19 Trademarked copy
20 Runner on a corridor floor
23 Derisive expression
24 Harbor structure
25 Public health agcy.
28 Brake part
31 Actress Loren
33 Sunscreen letters
36 Twenty-one-gun show of respect
39 Multi-vol. references
40 Runner in a long race
43 Steam-emitting appliance
44 "__ Fideles": carol
45 Qt. halves
46 Dry twigs for a fire
48 Old Russian ruler
50 DDE's predecessor
51 Eye protector
54 Stiller's comedy partner
58 Runner in a nursery
62 Sheikhdom of song
64 Sunburn soother
65 Golden Fleece ship
66 Access Facebook, say
67 Prefix with bucks
68 Vitamin __: PABA
69 Noisy migratory birds
70 Subtle call for attention
71 Satisfy to the hilt

DOWN

1 Slight depression, with "the"
2 '50s sci-fi monster
3 Confuse
4 Gave false clues to, e.g.
5 Swedish furniture chain
6 Big-eyed
7 Civil rights org.
8 Mount climbed by Moses
9 Many an H&R Block employee
10 "It's clear now"
11 Very inexpensive
12 Old name for Tokyo
13 Male or female
21 What a cuff may cover
22 Is indignant about
26 Failed to
27 Lets the lure fly
29 Desertlike
30 Bumbling sort
32 __ ejemplo: Juan's "for example"
33 Patti of punk rock
34 City on the Seine
35 Where the major headlines are
37 A, in Arles
38 Diagnostic aid
41 "What's more ..."
42 Tigers and Cubs
47 Comical Boosler
49 Fixes up, as a fixer-upper
52 Snail-mail attachment
53 Putters' targets
55 Primary artery
56 Name synonymous with synonyms
57 More than apologize
59 Debt-laden corp. takeovers
60 Clouds (up)
61 Accomplishment
62 Calc. prerequisite
63 Fish delicacy

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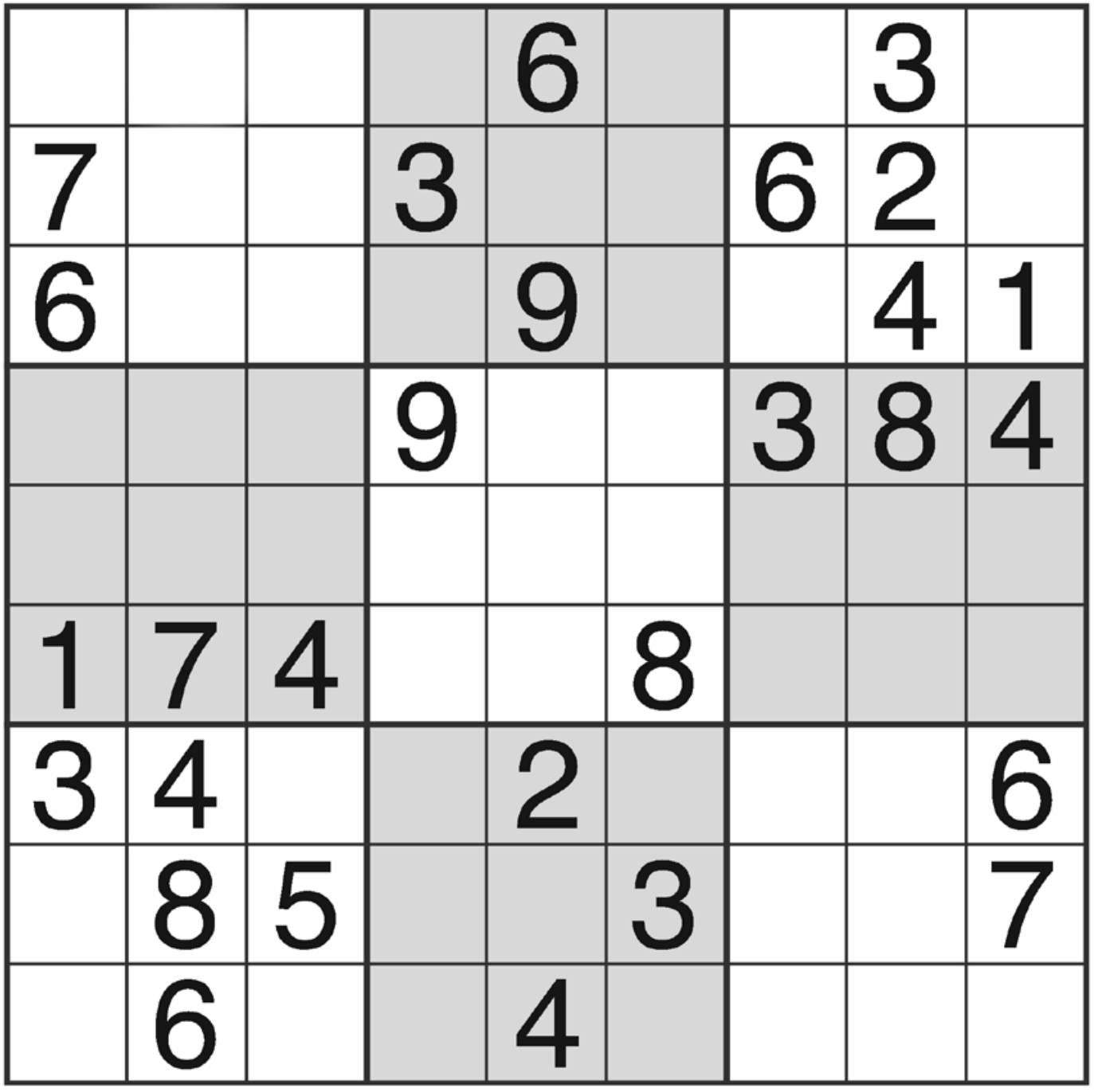
Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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

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JUMBLE®

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

DURPO

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YHLSY

ROBHET

RATSAY

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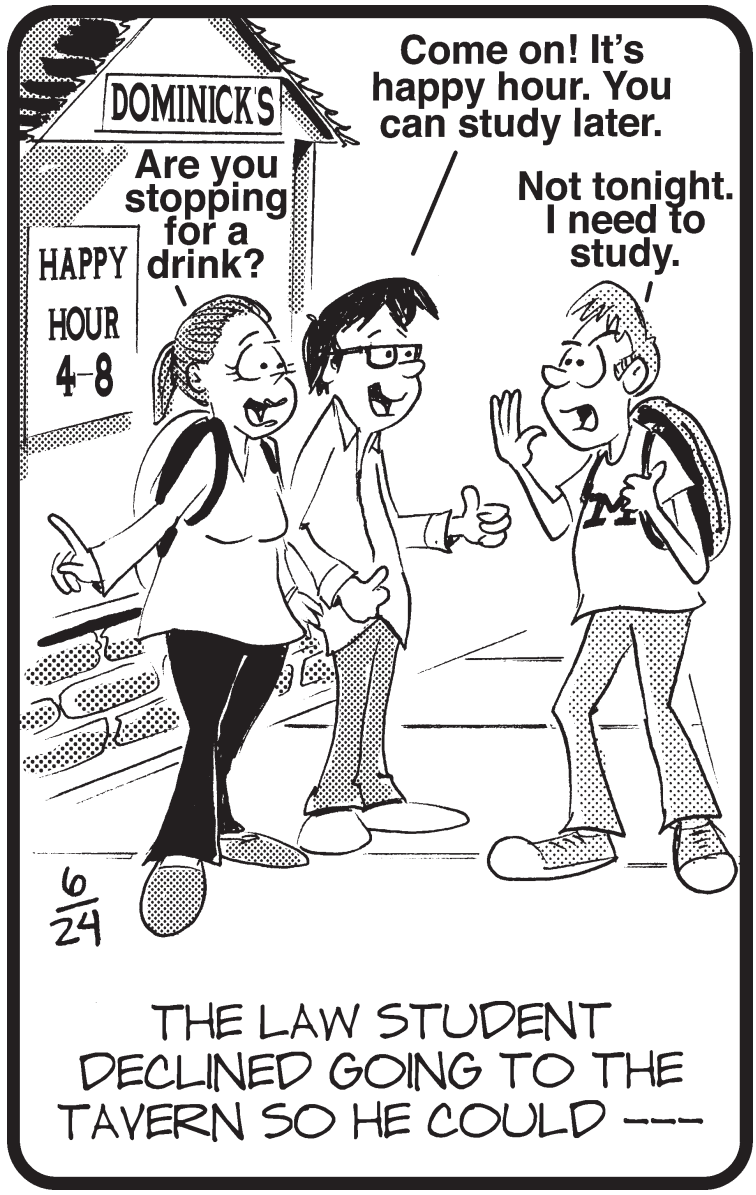

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's | Jumbles: ROBOT BATTY IGUANA ENSIGN
Answer: He bought the tavern because it was a — BAR-GAIN

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 2 ♡ A K 9 3 2 ◇ A Q 10 5 ♣ Q 10 3

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

A - This nice hand is worth two bids. Start with a simple overcall, showing your five-card suit. Should the opponents persist in spades, double at your next turn to show that you can also support the other two suits. This sequence is not as strong as doubling and then bidding again. Bid two hearts.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q J 5 ♡ 8 ◇ 6 ♣ A Q 10 9 5 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2◇
?			

What call would you make?

A - Partner bids over the double as if West had passed, so his pass shows a very weak hand. We don't mind a two-spade bid, but prefer three clubs. Nothing more than that is sound.

Q 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K Q 8 2 ♡ 5 4 ◇ Q J 8 7 3 ♣ 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2◇	2♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - Our nice 5-5 hand went sour when West bid diamonds. Our side suit may be worthless. Pass.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q ♡ 9 6 ◇ A K J 9 8 6 ♣ A J 8

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♡	2♠	3♡	?

What call would you make?

A - The opponents have strong hearts and you have strong minors, not to mention your spades. What can partner have? We can "see" a sixth and maybe a seventh spade in his hand. Our support is adequate! Bid five spades, asking partner to bid a six spades with second round or better control in hearts.

Q 5 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 5 ♡ Void ◇ 9 4 ♣ K 10 8 7 6 5 4 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2◇	2♡	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A - Three clubs is probably a better contract, but you can't play there. Three clubs is forcing if you bid it. When the hands are misfit, get out early. Pass.

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 ♡ Q 9 7 4 ◇ A 5 3 2 ♣ A 10 4 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A - A club slam is possible, but not likely. Don't get started on a confusing auction. Bid three no trump.

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SOLUTIONS TO SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUNDAY'S SUDOKU

F	I	R	■	T	O	M	A	T	O	J	U	I	C	E
E	M	O	■	I	M	A	G	I	N	E	T	H	A	T
E	G	O	■	B	A	T	T	L	E	F	I	E	L	D
H	O	T	W	I	R	E	S	■	A	F	L	A	C	■
I	N	F	E	A	R	■	■	■	■	■	E	R	I	C
K	N	O	T	S	■	S	C	H	A	V	■	Y	U	P
E	A	R	N	■	B	A	H	A	M	A	M	A	M	A
■	■	■	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	O	■	■	■
C	A	M	P	A	I	G	N	E	D	■	D	O	G	E
I	G	A	■	S	N	E	A	K	■	V	E	N	O	M
C	I	R	C	■	■	■	■	■	P	I	R	A	T	E
■	T	I	A	M	O	■	I	S	L	A	N	D	E	R
D	A	N	I	E	L	C	R	A	I	G	■	A	V	A
S	T	A	R	T	E	D	O	V	E	R	■	T	E	L
M	E	S	O	Z	O	I	C	E	R	A	■	E	N	D

7	8	1	4	9	5	6	2	3	6/22
3	4	5	8	2	6	1	9	7	
9	6	2	7	3	1	5	4	8	
1	3	9	5	7	4	2	8	6	
8	5	4	9	6	2	7	3	1	
2	7	6	1	8	3	9	5	4	
5	9	7	3	1	8	4	6	2	
4	2	3	6	5	7	8	1	9	
6	1	8	2	4	9	3	7	5	

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BRIDGE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10 8 3
♡ 2
♢ 7
♣ A 9 8 6 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 2
♡ K 9 7 5
♢ K Q J 8 2
♣ Q

EAST
♠ 5
♡ J 10 8 6
♢ 10 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 6 4
♡ A Q 4 3
♢ A 6 5
♣ 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♢	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♢

Raising partner's opening one-bid in a major suit directly to game shows a specific hand type, and this meaning is not affected by an overcall. The typical hand contains five-card trump support with a side ace, a side singleton and not much else. Some variation is acceptable, but never less than four-card support. The North hand is quite reasonable for this bid.

South's slam bid was only slightly aggressive. Unless partner's singleton was an unlikely club, slam should have good play. Declarer won the opening diamond lead in hand and tested the trumps by laying down the ace. Providing trumps split no worse than 3-1, he was in good shape. He crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the king of trumps. Next came a low trump over to dummy's jack, followed by another club ruffed with the queen.

The poor split in clubs did not trouble declarer at all. He led his remaining trump to dummy's 10, drawing the last trump, and conceded a club to East before claiming his contract. Six spades bid and made!

Waiting for the right hand-type before making certain descriptive bids is an important part of a bridge player's discipline. The whole idea is to put partner in a position to make a good decision, which is exactly what happened here.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In order to provide a print version of the answers to the Saturday Bridge Quiz, today's puzzle section has been reconfigured.