

THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 1 D.C. fundraisers
 5 Throat-clearing word
 9 Square root of 64
 14 Marathon aftermath
 15 Singer Horne
 16 Versailles send-off
 17 Moscow : nyet :: Berlin : ___
 18 Paper or plastic choice
 20 Detective Pinkerton
 22 Protest singer Phil
 23 "Okay, ___ do it!"
 24 Waitstaff boss
 27 Gravy container
 28 Cocktail
 31 Online company with many drivers
 33 Tot's piggies
 37 Religious symbols
 39 "___ culpa"
 40 Misfortune
 42 Tales of ___: misfortunes
 43 Bamboo eater
 45 Watson of "Harry Potter" films
 46 Learning by memorization
 47 Carrier that added "ways" to its name in 1997
 49 Butter toffee bar
 51 Popular climb from Lone Pine, California
 57 Car rental giant
 60 Most of the Jolly Green Giant's laugh
 61 "Done!"
 62 Fries, slaw, etc. ... and what this puzzle's circles represent
 65 "Terrible" tsar
 66 Coral island
 67 West Point initials
 68 Take a break
 69 Oater law group
 70 Gas company with toy trucks
 71 Neighborhood

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- 2 High-speed Amtrak service
 3 Legumes used in cook-offs
 4 McCain or McConnell
 5 Math subj.
 6 King of Judea
 7 Firstborn son of Cain
 8 Ultra-manly
 9 Corn piece
 10 Peaceful
 11 Barb
 12 Furnace output
 13 Harbor craft
 19 Cornerstone abbr.
 21 Gun lobby org.
 25 Kett of old comics
 26 Christine's lover in "The Phantom of the Opera"
 29 Ultimatum words
 30 Tie the ___: marry
 31 Strike caller
 32 Older brother of Jeff Bridges
 34 "___ to Billie Joe"
 35 Large shade tree
 36 Total in math
 38 "Understand?"
 40 Scott of "Happy Days"
 41 Flea market payment
 44 Ones "in distress" in old films
 46 Tax-sheltered nest egg
 48 German coal valley
 50 Modeler's buy
 52 "Obviously, Einstein!"
 53 "___ are the times that try men's souls": Paine
 54 Early-bird catches
 55 Rub out
 56 Gossipy sort
 57 Without delay, in memos
 58 Don Corleone's first name
 59 Nuptial vows
 63 Barcelona cheer
 64 Carrier to Copenhagen

DOWN

- 1 Old TWA rival

BRIDGE

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

♠ **Q 10 4** ♥ **3 2** ♦ **K 10 9 6 3** ♣ **10 7 6**

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent overcalls one heart. What call would you make?

A - The reason modern players use a cue bid of the opponent's suit as a good raise for partner, is to free up the jump raise as a pre-emptive bid. Bid three diamonds.

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

♠ **10** ♥ **10 9 8 6 3** ♦ **A J 9 8 4** ♣ **K 6**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

*Transfer to hearts

What call would you make?

A - We think that this hand, with exciting distribution and great intermediate cards, is worth forcing to game. Bid three diamonds and raise three hearts from partner to four. Pass three no trump, if partner bids that instead.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ **K Q 9 8** ♥ **A K Q** ♦ **A 10 8 3 2** ♣ **3**

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	Dbl	2♣	Pass
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

A - A two-diamond bid here would show a hand too good to overcall the first time, 18 or more points. However, that would also retract any promise of support for the majors. We have great support for the majors, so we would double again.

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

♠ **K 8 7** ♥ **A Q 5** ♦ **A K Q 4** ♣ **9 8 4**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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What call would you make?

A - A two no trump rebid shows 18-19 points and does not absolutely promise stoppers in all of the suits, any more than a one trump opening does. Bid two no trump.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ **A Q 10 9 8 5** ♥ **5 2** ♦ **3 2** ♣ **Q J 4**

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

A - This would qualify, for most people, as a simple one-spade overcall. However, you have the ability, and the suit, to take the two level away from your opponents. Bid two spades.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ **A J** ♥ **A J 8** ♦ **K 7 6 3** ♣ **A K Q 10**

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Opening no trump ranges have come down slightly over the last 60 years. One no trump is now 15-17 rather than 16-18. Two no trump is 20-21. This hand should open two clubs and rebid two no trump, showing 22-23/4.

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SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

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SLUGGER
The player who became a baseball player was a —

GUEST EQUAL FROSTY TAUGHT

Answer:

JUMBLE

