

THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 1 Crockpot concoctions
 6 Bar snack made from
 17-Acrosses
 11 USO show attendees
 14 Purity measure
 15 Card for a seer
 16 Hibachi residue
 17 *Source of chips and
 6-Across
 19 Draw upon
 20 Two-thumbs-up review
 21 When directed
 23 Drop in the ocean
 27 Certain female grouse
 29 Round numbers
 30 Lake Erie port
 31 Like Wrigley Field's walls
 32 Baby spoilers, perhaps
 33 Play with, cat-style
 36 Brings home
 37 Words to a hitchhiker, and a literal hint to what spans both words of the answers to starred clues
 38 Anti-art movement
 39 One of football's Mannings
 40 Like 101 courses
 41 Not as loopy

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- 42 "Heathers" actor
 Christian
 44 Terrarium pet
 45 Siri speaks on them
 47 Idiomatic trendsetters
 48 Trembled
 49 They're usually loaded
 50 Cut back
 51 *Cervantes creation
 58 Wolfed down
 59 Poseidon's realm
 60 Hunter of myth
 61 Jamaican "mister"
 62 Grown-up efts
 63 Wyoming's __ Range

DOWN

- 1 Schuss, say
 2 Tiny bit
 3 Procter & Gamble detergent
 4 Sob syllable
 5 Legendary
 6 Housewarming buy?
 7 Designer Spade
 8 Tax-deferred plan, for short
 9 "__ funny!"
 10 Trio in funny shorts
 11 *Wide-legged fashion
 12 Campaign topic
 13 Gold lamé quality
 18 Inflates, as an expense account
 22 Writer Buntline
 23 Newsstand app download
 24 Slanted edge
 25 *Rory McIlroy won it in 2014
 26 Little piggies
 27 __ boom
 28 Arkin of "Argo"
 30 Fleshy-snouted beast
 32 Snouts
 34 Singer with the albums "19" and "21"
 35 Stuff to hawk
 37 Can't stomach
 38 Chance it
 40 Trusts
 41 Solar event caused by magnetic activity
 43 London lav
 44 Oz visitor
 45 Major religion of Indonesia
 46 ID component
 47 "Flag" artist Jasper
 49 Ella's style
 52 Complete perfectly
 53 Improved partner?
 54 "__ you serious?"
 55 Minor objection
 56 Bronx tourist attraction
 57 New England cape

BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7
♥ A K J
♦ Q 9 4
♣ 10 9 7 5

WEST

♠ 10 6
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 6 5 2
♣ Q J 8 4

EAST

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ K J 7
♣ A K 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 5 4 3
♥ 10 9 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

*Spade fit, invitational or better

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Bridge can be an easy game when you know where all the cards are. That is usually the case when you arrive in game after an opponent has opened the bidding.

West's queen of clubs held the first trick and he continued with a low

club to East's king, South ruffing. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds and paused to consider his next move. Had East not opened the bidding, South might well have taken both red suit finesses and been defeated. The opening bid told its tale, however, and South knew that the king of diamonds lay with East, and likely the queen of hearts as well.

At trick five, South led a heart to dummy's ace and ruffed a club. This was followed by a heart to the king before ruffing dummy's last club. Declarer now exited with a heart to the jack, not much caring which defender won the trick. Had West produced the queen of hearts and shifted to a low diamond, South would have ducked in dummy and allowed East's jack or 10 to hold the trick. East would have been forced to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a diamond away from his known king. When East won the queen of hearts, he was end-played immediately. Easy game!

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SOLUTIONS TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLES

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

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

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

JUMBLE

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

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NORGP

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CRAUCE

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DULNEB

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Print answer here:

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOMP SKIES ATTEST ACIDIC
 Answer: After becoming a vegetarian, her decision began to look like a — MISSED-STEAK

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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