

THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 1 Hackneyed
 6 Work out ahead of time
 10 Lily of France garment
 13 Prepared potatoes, as for hash browns
 14 Boxcar hopper
 15 Campus courtyard
 16 Unnamed news supplier
 19 ID theft target
 20 Used a bench
 21 Injector for severe allergic reactions
 22 Slice opposite, in golf
 24 Snappy dresser
 26 Actress Aniston, in tabloids
 27 Automatic setting for highway driving
 33 Nabokov nymphet
 35 Cold draft server
 36 Weed whacker
 37 Wipe off the board
 38 Tidal retreat
 39 Take control of
 41 Rm. coolers
 42 Lao Tzu's "path"
 43 Puts a gloss on, as shoes
 44 Christmas display
 48 Country singer McGraw
 49 Jamaican music
 50 Annual spelling bee ainer
 53 Understood by only a few
 56 Portfolio part, briefly
 58 Exceedingly
 59 Conforms, or what each last word of 16-, 27- and 44-Across literally does
 63 Seatback airline feature
 64 Otherworldly glow
 65 Actress Zellweger
 66 "The Fountainhead" author Rand
 67 Blue books?
 68 Pretty pitchers

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DOWN

- 1 Dumpster fill
 2 Classic Unilever laundry soap
 3 Religious rebel
 4 Bowling pin count
 5 Frozen custard brand
 6 Instagram uploads
 7 Soul singer Rawls
 8 Crunched muscles
 9 Bit of cosmetic surgery
 10 Dinner table faux pas
 11 Kentucky Derby, e.g.
 12 Yemen's Gulf of __
 15 One of five in a maternity ward delivery
 17 Criminal group
 18 Ready for business
 23 Singer Kristofferson
 25 Auto parts chain
 28 Sport-__: off-road vehicle
 29 Chicago ballplayer
 30 Fake diamond
 31 Move like honey
 32 Dregs
 33 Low in fat
 34 Aquatic predator
 38 Grab a bite
 39 " __ Loves You": Beatles
 40 One, in Dresden
 42 "Used to be ..."
 43 Frighten
 45 Sicily's country
 46 Sicily's wine
 47 Headgear on the slopes
 51 Strength
 52 Botanical connecting points
 53 Mennen lotion
 54 One of the Gilmore girls
 55 Kilted family
 57 Land measure
 60 Total amount
 61 Capote nickname
 62 Opposite of fast fwd.

BRIDGE

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

♠ Q 6 ♥ A 8 4 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ K Q J 3

Left-hand opponent opens one diamond, passed around to you. What call would you make?

A- Some would bid one heart, but we prefer a chunkier suit when it is only four cards long. Bid one no trump. In the pass-out seat, as here, that call shows 11-14 points with a stopper. A shaky stopper in the opponent's minor suit is acceptable.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 7 4 ♥ A J 8 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A 8 3 2

The bidding:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass 1♦ 2♥* ?

*Six hearts, 5-10 points

What call would you make?

A- You will probably end up in three no trump, but there is no rush to get there. Double first, negative, to see if you have a spade fit. If not, you can bid three no trump next.

Q 3 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 4 2 ♥ A 9 3 2 ♦ K Q J 7 6 ♣ 2

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

A- Double is possible, but we prefer to bid one diamond, getting our excellent suit into the auction and allowing partner to bid a major, if he has one.

Q 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 9 7 5 ♥ Void ♦ 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ J 9 8 3

The bidding:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

A - Not much to brag about, but partner has shown 22 points or a bit more, so don't pass. Bid three clubs, Stayman, and hope to find a spade fit. Should you not find one, bid three no trump next and smile when you put down the dummy.

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

♠ A Q J 3 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ J 5 3

Partner opens one no trump and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A - Even if you have a spade fit, it is not certain that spades will play better than no trump, and nine tricks are easier than 10. Bid three no trump.

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

♠ Void ♥ A 10 6 3 ♦ A K 10 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 9

The bidding:

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♣ 1♦ 1♠ 2♦
2♣ ?

What call would you make?

A - Distributional hands improve tremendously when their suit gets raised. This hand, already good, has become a giant. Bid five diamonds.

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SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

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D	U	A	D	O	B	O	H	O	E
B	R	A	N	P	L	A	N	T	E

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4	7	9	8	3	6	5	1	2	3	5	6	2	1
5	2	1	8	5	9	4	7	3	6	2	1	8	5
6	3	6	1	2	7	5	8	9	4	3	6	1	2
7	5	2	7	5	2	8	9	4	3	6	1	2	7
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They would let her open her birthday gifts after everyone — WAS PRESENT

WHEEL PERKY SOOTHE SONATA

Answer:

JUMBLE

The Star's on TWITTER

UNIVERSAL 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	9	4	8	1	6		
2	1		9	4	7			
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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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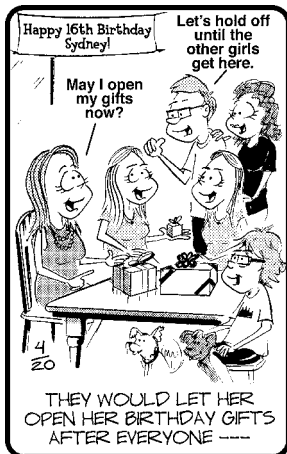


Ans.
here:



Saturday's | Jumbles: STOOD PRISM NOVICE MARVEL
Answer: The arachnid had her legs examined by a doctor after becoming worried about her — SPIDER VEINS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THEY WOULD LET HER
OPEN HER BIRTHDAY GIFTS
AFTER EVERYONE ----

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

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