THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 1 Zen garden growth
- Arthur of tennis 5
- 9 Toss back and forth. as words
- 14 and for all
- Fishing line holder 15
- 16 Be wild about
- 17 What buck passers "play"
- 19 JCPenney competitor
- 20 Former baseball commissioner Bud
- 21 Holiday song first popularized by Eartha Kitt
- 23 Hits gently
- 25 Arrest
- 26 Maiden name intro
- 27 Holiday threshold
- 28 Weeping, perhaps
- 30 In disagreement
- 33 meat
- 34 "A bit of talcum / Is always walcum" poet
- 37 God of love
- 38 You might stand pat in it
- 41 Auth. unknown
- 43 Back of the neck
- 44 Navig. tool
- 47 Some stoves
- 49 Tailor
- 51 Insistent knock
- 52 Drill insert
- 53 "Mazel _!"
- 56 Italian deli sandwich
- 58 Navy stunt pilot
- 62 One with wanderlust
- 63 Countesses' spouses
- 64 Drill sergeant's directive ... and, literally, what the ends of 17-, 21-, 38and 58-Across can each
- have
- 66 Rhubarb unit
- 67 Island near Corsica
- Masterful tennis serv-68
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- 69 Monica of tennis
- 70 Ultra-fast jets
- 71 Brewed beverages

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- 1 Many a character in "The Godfather"
- 2 Temporarily not working
- 3 Sold for a quick profit, as tickets
- 4 Loading dock trucks
- 5 Chile neighbor: Abbr.
- 6 Salty waters
- 7 Muscle beach dude
- 8 Court colleague of Ruth and Sonia
- 9 The Crimson Tide
- 10 Very little
- 11 "Impossible"

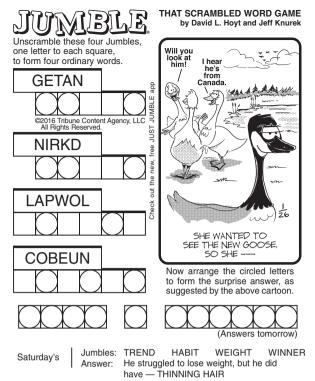
- 12 Signs of prolonged drought
- 13 "I completely agree!"
- 18 Showbiz clashers

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- 24 Grandma
- 29 Light before sunup
- 31 Concert shirt
- 32 Bobby of hockey
- 35 Mother's Day indulgence
- 36 Short plane trips
- 38 Crime family leader
- 40 "___ your chin up!"

- 41 "Have we started yet?"
- 42 Without additives
- 44 Pained expression
- 45 It'll cure all ills
- 46 Little web masters
- 47 Convent overseer
- 48 LIRR stop
- 50 Desire
- 54 Fairy tale baddies
- 55 Bridal shop buys
- Jack Sprat's restriction 57
- 59 InStyle competitor
- 60 Poses a question
- 61 Pride parade letters
- 65 Owns

- - **39** Genetic letters



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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The bidding: WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH $2\heartsuit$ Pass $3\heartsuit$?

Opening lead: ?

This deal arose in a recent team match. At one table, South chose to bid three no trump. The opening heart lead went to East's queen and South had a serious problem — who had the ace of diamonds? He guessed wrong, playing West for that card. He won the opening lead in order to protect his jack of hearts. When it was East who held the diamond ace, declarer had to go two down. Bad luck.

At the other table, the South player

BRIDGE

took a different view. He reasoned that his partner was likely to have a singleton heart from the auction. Should he catch a few diamonds in the dummy, he might have an easy slam, at worst on a club finesse. He chose to bid six diamonds!

West led the seven of spades, covered by dummy's eight. East would have done well to play low, but he innocently played the 10. South won with the king and led the king of diamonds, losing to East's ace. East shifted to the 10 of clubs and South rose with his ace. reasoning that West, who would have led the king of hearts had he held both high hearts, had to hold the club king to justify his bid. Declarer drew the remaining trump, cashed the ace of spades, and crossed to dummy with a heart ruff. He led dummy's jack of spades and bravely discarded the queen of clubs when East played low. It would not have helped East to cover, as the jack pinned his partner's nine and the lowly six in dummy would have been high. Well done!

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ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S BRIDGE QUIZ

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

• K 2 \heartsuit Q 4 2 \diamondsuit A 8 7 3 **•** Q 8 6 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 3♠ Pass Pass ? What call would you make?

A - Over one spade, of course. Over two spades, maybe. This hand just isn't good enough to act at this level. Pass.

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

▲ A Q 9 8 7 3 ♡ A 9 3 ◊ A 8 **♣** K 9

Right-hand opponent opens two diamonds, weak. What call would you make?

A - Doubling and then bidding spades later is an option, but remember the rule: "When their bids are strong, your jumps are weak. When their bids are weak, your jumps are strong." We like three spades.

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

♠ 6 3 2 ♡ 8 ◊ K Q 10 6 4 **♣** Q 10 7 4

Partner opens one spade and righthand opponent bids three hearts. What call would you make?

A - Don't waste time with extra bids, such as a negative double, when you can raise your partner in a competitive auction. Bid three spades. A little light, but he should give you some room here.

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

♠ K Q 4 ♡ A 5 3 2 ◊ K 10 6 4 **♣** K J

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2�*	Pass

. *Transfer to hearts

What call would you make?

A - 16 high-card points, four-card support, and a doubleton is enough to break the transfer. Bid three hearts.

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

▲ A 4 3 ♡ A Q 98 ◊ A Q 10 5 **♣** 9 6

 SOUTH
 WEST
 NORTH
 EAST

 1NT
 Pass
 2♡*
 Pass

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 Transfer to spades

 What call would you make?
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A - This is certainly a maximum in support of spades, but we would not break the transfer without four-card support. Bid two spades.

Q 6 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

▲ K 2 ♡ A Q 8 4 ◊ Q 10 2 **♣** 10 9 8 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1 Dbl 3 * ? *Pre-emptive What only make?

What call would you make?

A - The opponents are out stealing. This is the kind of problem that puts grey hair on young men, but you have to do something. We like four hearts, but either double or three no trump might work better. Just don't pass.

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