# THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

#### ACROSS

- Crossword hint 1
- Three-sided sails 5
- 9 Crook
- 14 Home plate crossings
- 15 Middle layer of the eye
- 16 Main blood vessel
- 17 "Put a lid !"
- 18 Pickle containers
- 19 "No bid," in bridge
- 20 Place for a brewski
- 23 Wood decay
- 24 Keep in reserve
- 25 Scientist Wernher
- Braun
- 28 Ms. enclosure
- 30 Affluent Los Angeles district
- 32 Bygone intl. carrier
- 35 No longer valid
- 38 "The \_\_ of the Ancient Mariner"
- 40 Linden or Holbrook
- 41 Opening for a coin
- 42 Imbalance of income distribution
- 47 "That's \_\_-brainer"
- 48 Credit card ID
- 49 Feels poorly
- 51 Confucian "path"
- 52 Northern Nevada
- county or its seat
- 55 Launched capsule
- 59 Introductory remarks ... and, in a different
- sense, what the ends of
- 20-, 35- and 42-Across are
- 61 Insurance giant
- 64 Baseball family name 65 "The Scarlet Letter"
- letter
- 66 '70s New York congresswoman Bella
- 67 Ore layer
- 68 Qatari bigwig
- 69 Rough up
- 70 Plays the wrong golf
- ball, say
- 71 Witnesses

#### DOWN

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1 Two: company :: three

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- Module: moon 2 lander
- 3 Togetherness
- Fragrant compounds 4
- 5 Japanese self-defense method
- 6 Netman Lendl
- 7 Antarctic floaters
- 8 Youngest Obama
- 9 Caboose's place
- 10 Cross one's fingers
- 11 Golden-yrs. income source
- 12 "Mars Attacks!" enemies. for short
- 13 Notes before sols
- 21 Reddish equine

- 22 Where baguettes bake 25 String quartet mem-
- ber
- head gesture
- 29 Pre-college, for short
- 31 Walgreens rival
- 32 Reward for a pet trick
- 33 Modern witch's reli-
- gion
- 34 BP merger partner
- 36 Fond du \_\_, Wisconsin
- 37 Pond organism
- 39 Tonsillitis-treating MD
- 43 Recommended ré-
- sumé length

- 44 Burrowing animal
- 45 Pellet shooters
- 46 Work the fields
- 50 Crosses home plate
- 53 Jack in a deck
- 54 Crude carrier
- 56 Krispy \_\_: doughnut
- chain
- 57 Actor Redmayne of
- "The Theory of Everything"
  - 58 Old Russian rulers
- 59 Burden
- 60 Gritty film genre
- 61 Duracell size
- 62 Flow back
- 63 Shih \_\_: Tibetan dog

- 26 Vidalia veggie
  - 27 Acknowledge with a

### EDITOR'S NOTE: Today's Crossword, Sudoku Puzzle and Jumble solutions are included below.

## BRIDGE

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

**&** K 8  $\heartsuit$  A Q J 6  $\diamondsuit$  J 8 7 3 **&** A K 6

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \textbf{SOUTH} & \textbf{WEST} & \textbf{NORTH} & \textbf{EAST} \\ 1 \diamondsuit & \textbf{Pass} & 1 \heartsuit & \textbf{Pass} \\ ? \\ \textbf{What call would you make?} \end{array}$ 

**A** - This hand revalues to 19 points in support of hearts — too good for three hearts. Bid four hearts.

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

**▲** J 6 5 4 3 ♡ Q J 6 ◊ A Q 4 **▲** 8 6

## SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST Pass Pass Pass 14

What call would you make?

**A** - Barely enough for one bid. Should you double, showing support for all three un-bid suits, or overcall that feeble spade suit. We would overcall with slightly better spades, but we prefer double with this hand.

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

#### **A** J 10 5 ° A Q 3 ◊ A K Q J 5 **A** A 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 2NT Pass 3♡\* Pass ?

\*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

**A** - A two no trump opener should be pretty aggressive about accepting a transfer when he has a fit. Any bid but three spades shows a good hand for spades. Bid four diamonds.

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

**♦** Q J 9 6 ♡ A 6 ◊ 10 9 3 2 **♣** A J 9

$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{SOUTH} \\ \textbf{1} \Diamond \end{array}$	WEST Pass		EAST Pass
? What call	would y	ou make?	

**A** - It's a poor idea to raise partner's minor to the three-level with only three-card support and a minimum hand. We like two spades, but if that shows extras in your system, bid two no trump.

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

#### **A** A A 3 <sup>O</sup> Q J 3 <sup>O</sup> A K Q J 9 **4** 10 8

As dealer, what call would you make?

**A** - Many experts today will treat a 17-point hand with a five-card suit as worth 18 points. We like it! Open one diamond, planning to re-bid two no trump.

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

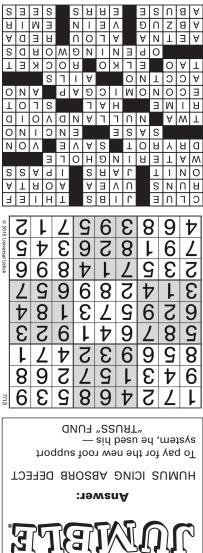
#### **A** $\heartsuit$ 9 8 7 2 $\diamondsuit$ Q 9 2 **A** Q 9 6 3

With the opponents silent, you open one club and partner responds one spade. What call would you make?

A - This is a choice between bidding one no trump with a singleton or two clubs with only a five-card suit. They are both lies, but we prefer one no trump.

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## SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES



## universal Sudoku Puzzle

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



