

# THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

## ACROSS

- 1 Ancient calculators  
 6 Off-ramp  
 10 Makes a quick get-away  
 14 Low-ranking noble  
 15 Move to another town, for short  
 16 Sheltered, at sea  
 17 Church area for enthusiastic responses  
 19 Bolivia neighbor  
 20 Open just a crack  
 21 Painting course  
 23 Point a finger at  
 25 Clears a whiteboard  
 26 English sculptor Henry  
 27 Clairvoyant's claim  
 30 1-Down member: Abbr.  
 31 Pie à la \_\_  
 32 SeaWorld tanks  
 34 Bullring bravo  
 35 Summer coolers, briefly, and a hint to this puzzle's six longest answers  
 36 TV spots  
 39 Odd  
 40 Dagger in "Macbeth," e.g.  
 41 Negotiator's goal  
 43 Whopper  
 44 St. Petersburg neighbor  
 45 Local dialect  
 47 "Let's wait"  
 48 Road service provider  
 51 Cartel acronym  
 52 Excess  
 53 Morning warning provider  
 57 German "a"  
 58 Actor Grant  
 59 San Antonio shrine  
 60 Clairvoyant  
 61 Banjo spot  
 62 Brit's bye-byes

## DOWN

- 1 Law gp.  
 2 Emeril interjection

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13	
14						15					16				
17						18					19				
		20						21			22				
23	24									25					
26						27	28	29		30					
31						32				33					
34					35							36	37	38	
					39							40			
		41	42				43				44				
45						46				47					
48							49	50		51					
52						53				54				55	56
57						58					59				
60						61					62				

- 3 One often precedes it  
 4 Pull out of thin air, seemingly, with "up"  
 5 Words before "of emergency"  
 6 Goof  
 7 TV warrior princess  
 8 Robert who played a Soprano  
 9 Flourless cake  
 10 Argentina's Río de \_\_: River of Silver  
 11 Yankees' div.  
 12 River to Liverpool Bay  
 13 "Hop on Pop" author  
 18 Bauxite, e.g.

- 22 Award-winning detective fiction writer Robert  
 23 Bullets and such  
 24 Poised under pressure  
 27 Up (to), as a task  
 28 Branch of Islam  
 29 Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel  
 32 Unlike this ans.  
 33 Hwy.  
 35 Room accessed via ladder, maybe  
 36 Military uniform jacket  
 37 Knucklehead  
 38 Squabble

- 39 Vespa, for one  
 40 61-Across bone  
 41 Talking parrot in a 1998 film  
 42 Bring into harmony  
 44 '60s cartoon feline  
 45 Book parts  
 46 Hanging loosely  
 47 Name, in Paris  
 49 Mongolia's \_\_ Bator  
 50 Like Hubbard's cupboard  
 54 Kind of whiskey or bread  
 55 Nashville awards org.  
 56 Fight ends, briefly

# UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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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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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print your answer here:



(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's

Jumbles:  
Answer:

GIZMO

TROLL

MUTINY

FOSSIL

If you asked Tolstoy why "War and Peace" had 1,225 pages, he'd say it was a — LONG STORY

# SOLUTIONS TO SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUNDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

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# BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

## NORTH

♠ K Q 7  
♥ A K 10 8 4 3  
♦ 5  
♣ K 4 2

## WEST

♠ 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ Q 2  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ Q 9 7

## EAST

♠ J 6 5  
♥ 9 7 6 5  
♦ 10 7  
♣ A J 6 3

## SOUTH

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

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

South had a tough choice over three hearts. He couldn't pass, so he decided that three no trump was better than raising hearts on the singleton jack. Right he was — four hearts will be defeated as long as West covers the jack of hearts whenever it is led. Could declarer bring home three no trump?

South rose with dummy's spade queen at trick one to preserve an entry to his hand. A diamond to the king was next, West winning his ace and shifting beautifully to the queen of clubs! Declarer now had some tough decisions to make. He thought that West would likely have led a club at trick one if he held queen-jack-nine, rather than from a weak spade suit, so he covered the queen with dummy's king. So far, so good — ducking would have been fatal.

East won his ace and returned a low club. South had the type of decision that causes gray hair in young men. Should he play the 10 or the eight? In an all expert game, there is merit in putting up the 10. Why had West led a spade rather than a club in the first place? Most of the time, however, when a player leads the queen, he has the jack. Accordingly, South inserted his eight of clubs. West won with his nine and returned the suit to defeat the contract. Great defense!

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# The Star's ON TWITTER

# ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ A 7 2 ♥ J ♦ K Q 6 4 ♣ K 10 7 6 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	Pass	1♠	?

What call would you make?

**A** - A takeout double after the opponents have bid two suits shows at least four cards in each of the unbid suits. This hand is perfect. Double.

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

♠ K 6 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K 10 5 3 ♣ A Q 7 5 2

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

**A** - It is almost always right to pass when an opponent opens in your best suit. This hand is no exception. Pass.

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

♠ 10 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ A J 10 6 3 ♣ K Q 8

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

**A** - Partner has denied a four-card major, so he must have at least seven minor-suit cards. If he doesn't have three-card diamond support, then he has five or more clubs. This hand belongs in a minor. Bid two clubs!

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

♠ K 10 3 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ A K Q 7 2 ♣ 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

**A** - Start with a reverse bid of two hearts, planning to bid three spades at your next turn. Partner might expect an additional queen or so for this sequence, but it is a perfect description of your distribution. This makes it worth the slight overbid.

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

♠ K 6 5 ♥ A J 10 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ K Q J 2

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

**A** - Double, or even one no trump, are possible calls, but this hand is not really an exception to the rule — "It is almost always right to pass when an opponent opens in your best suit."

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

♠ 9 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ K Q J 9 3 ♣ 10 7 6 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	1♥	?	

What call would you make?

**A** - Modern bridge allows for a cue-bid of the opponent's suit, two hearts in this case, to show a fit with at least invitational values. That frees up a jump raise to be pre-emptive, showing a weak hand with an excellent fit. Bid three diamonds.

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