# THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

### ACROSS

- 1 Ancient calculators
- 6 Off-ramp
- 10 Makes a quick get-
- awav
- 14 Low-ranking noble
- 15 Move to another
- town, for short
- 16 Sheltered, at sea
- 17 Church area for en-
- thusiastic responses
- 19 Bolivia neighbor
- 20 Open just a crack
- 21 Painting course
- 23 Point a finger at
- 25 Clears a whiteboard 26 English sculptor Hen-
- ry
- 27 Clairvoyant's claim
- 30 1-Down member: Abbr.
- 31 Pieàla
- 32 SeaWorld tanks
- 34 Bullring bravo
- 35 Summer coolers,
- briefly, and a hint to this puzzle's six longest an-
- swers
- 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

- Law gp. 1
- **Emeril** interjection 2

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- 3 One often precedes it
- Pull out of thin air, 4
- seemingly, with "up" Words before "of 5
- 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.

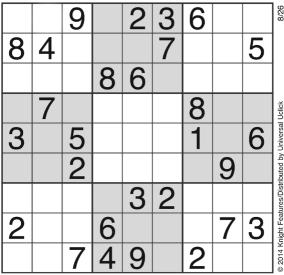
- 22 Award-winning detec-
- tive fiction writer Robert
- 23 Bullets and such
- 24 Poised under pressure
- 27 Up (to), as a task
- 28 Branch of Islam
- 29 Baseball Hall of Famer
- Satchel
- 32 Unlike this ans.
- 33 Hwy.
- 35 Room accessed via
- ladder, maybe
- 36 Military uniform jack-
- 37 Knucklehead
- 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 cup-
- board
- 54 Kind of whiskey or bread
- 55 Nashville awards org.
- 56 Fight enders, briefly

- et

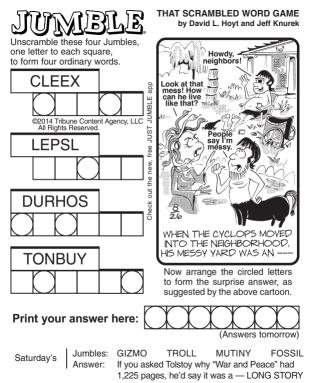
## U N I V E R S A L udoku Puzzle

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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



Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH **KO7** ♡ A K 10 8 4 3 ♦ 5 **K** K 4 2 WEST EAST **98432** ▲ J 6 5  $\heartsuit 9765$ ♡ **Q** 2  $\diamond \tilde{A} 6 2$ ♦ 107 +097 A J 6 3 SOUTH **A** A 10  $\heartsuit \mathbf{J}$ **OKQJ9843** + 10 8 5 The bidding: NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 10 20 Pass Pass 30 **3NT** Pass Pass

Pass Opening lead: Nine of  $\clubsuit$ 

Pass

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?

# BRIDGE

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 queenjack-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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# ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 - 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  $1 \heartsuit$  Pass  $1 \blacklozenge$  ? 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 1NT 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 2

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 ♡ 985 ◊ K Q J 9 3 ♣ 10 7 6 4

The bidding: **NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST**   $1\diamond$  1 $\heartsuit$  ? What call would you make?

A - Modern bridge allows for a cuebid 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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