

THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 1 Barge, for one
 5 Go up to one's ankles
 9 Saw to a seat
 14 Laundry
 15 Obi-Wan portrayer
 16 Maine college town
 17 Oft-pickled fish
 20 Kit for Mr. Fixit
 21 Bygone
 22 London facilities
 23 Otologist's concern
 24 Cartoon still
 25 Studious-looking dwarf
 26 Strikes out
 29 Educational stage
 33 Part of a Latin trio
 34 Subatomic particle
 35 Colleague of Sonia and Clarence
 36 Musical dir.
 37 Feature shared by the women vocalists concealed in 17-, 29-, 45- and 59-Across
 40 P&L column
 41 Not from around here
 43 Word in a dramatic warning

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- 44 Shout for the picador
 45 Keep out
 48 Bargains
 49 Blvd. cousin
 50 Bargain bin abbr.
 51 Big ___
 53 "So that's your game!"
 54 Had a little lamb
 55 "Just walk away"
 59 Comes to terms
 62 Razz
 63 Ordering aid
 64 Sea birds
 65 "Waiting for Lefty"
 playwright
 66 Cad's comeuppance
 67 Fries, say

DOWN

- 1 Rescue acronym
 2 Roman statesman
 3 Capital once called Christiania
 4 They have very big calves
 5 Super Soaker, e.g.
 6 Ended a flight
 7 Cal. page
 8 Bounced off the walls
 9 "Downton Abbey"
 title
 10 Drop the ball
 11 1964 Ronettes hit
 12 How an embarrassing question may be asked

- 13 "Mission aborted"
 18 Org. chronicled in "The Puzzle Palace"
 19 Glamour rival
 24 More crafty
 25 Sci-fi author Lester ___ Rey
 26 Capacitance unit
 27 Well in the lead
 28 PassŽ
 30 Wade's opponent
 31 Jeans choice
 32 Stows, as cargo
 34 "___ Lisa"
 38 Much of 19- and 48-Down

- 39 Really drops the ball
 42 Potato spot
 46 Credit card issuer
 47 Beats badly
 48 Magazine with many white dresses
 52 Actress Hagen
 53 Aware of
 54 Court figures: Abbr.
 55 Horne on stage
 56 Garr on screen
 57 Wedding choice
 58 "What ___ could it be?"
 60 Prov. where the CN Tower is located
 61 Bus. card number

BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A J 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 6
♣ J 6

WEST

♠ 8 5
♥ 7
♦ A J 8 5 4
♣ 8 7 4 3 2

EAST

♠ K Q 9 6
♥ K 9
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A 10 5

SOUTH

♠ A J 10 7
♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ K Q
♣ K Q 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♥**	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Transfer

**Max with 4 hearts

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Today's deal is from a tournament in Brazil a few months ago. South was a top Brazilian player, Marcelo Branco.

East won the opening club lead with the ace and shifted to the king of spades. South won with the ace as West played the eight, discouraging

in their methods. Declarer led the 10 of hearts for the ill-fated trump finesse. East won his king and cashed his queen of spades while Branco smoothly followed suit with the jack!

East-West were using "third and fifth" leads, so East knew that South had started with exactly three clubs. Who could blame him for thinking that South also started with a doubleton spade, ergo four diamonds. Not wanting to make a diamond play for declarer, East returned what he thought was a safe club. OOPS! Branco won his king, drew the remaining trump with the queen, and discarded one diamond from dummy on the queen of clubs.

Branco knew that West did not have the nine of spades, or he would have played that card to discourage at trick two rather than the eight. He crossed to dummy with a trump and led dummy's last spade, inserting his seven when East played low. The 10 of spades provided a discard for dummy's last diamond. Contract made!

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SOLUTIONS TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLES

A	N	S	W	E	R	B	A	S	K	Q	I	D
M	O	T	I	V	E	O	P	I	E	U	N	I
P	L	A	N	E	F	I	G	U	R	E	I	R
S	O	R	E	I	D	S	P	E	R	E	Z	
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U	Z	I	P	E	N	A	L	C	O	L	O	N
T	O	E	E	D	I	T	A	D	E	S	T	E
S	D	S	R	A	P	S	N	E	S	T	E	D

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

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GINTE

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OCIVE

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PAAREP

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SOWDAH

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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



HE POKED HIS SKEPTICAL BUDDY WITH THE NEW SPEAR TO ---

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

A: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: DRESS UNFIT DEGREE ABSORB
Answer: He asked if the mattress came with a warranty, and the salesman told him he could — REST ASSURED