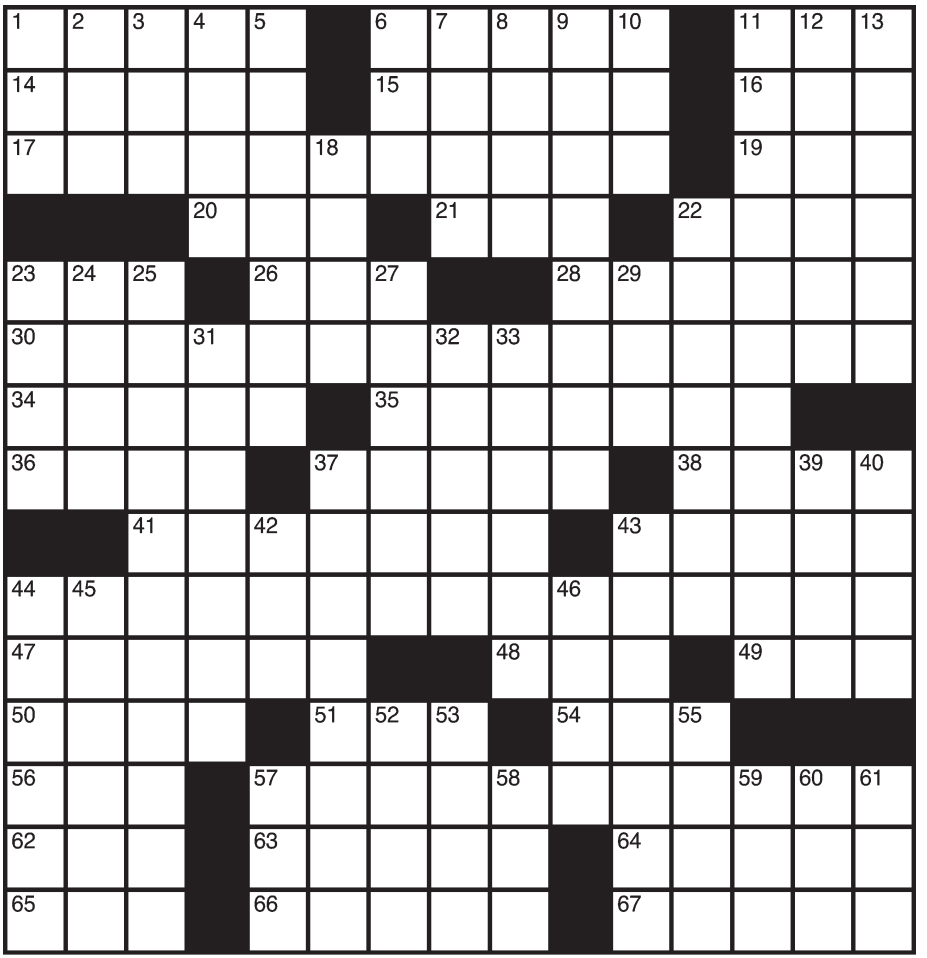
THE CLASSIFIED CHALLENGE



ACROSS

1 Limo rider
6 Skilled
11 Old map letters
14 Smetana's "The Bartered Bride," e.g.
15 Super Mario World dinosaur
16 Own, to Burns
17 Like him or her
19 Morticia's cousin
20 Roman sun god
21 Bon __
22 Years in Madrid
23 Campfire remains
26 Cleaning tool
28 Easily perturbed
30 Reagan/Carter debate catchphrase
34 Disney film based on Chinese folklore
35 Steed's partner
36 Giant thing in a kids' game
37 Problem with pictures
38 Neeson of "Taken"
41 "Dead Souls" novelist Gogol
43 Summation symbol in math
44 Fail completely
47 Mobster's code of honor
48 Bart, to Homer
49 __-Mex
50 "Alice" diner
51 Nonetheless, briefly
54 "Oedipus __"
56 Completely
57 Weakening, in a way, or what 17-, 30- and 44-Across are literally doing
62 Inconclusive result
63 Edmonton skater
64 Gladiator's venue
65 Row
66 First name on a historic B-29
67 Long and lean

DOWN

1 Base bed
2 Bk. before Philippians
3 Hawaiian ring
4 Messes up
5 13, to many
6 Sailor's agreement
7 Temporary quarters
8 Canadian gas brand
9 Occasions for shooting stars?
10 Its chemical symbol is Sn
11 Illuminate, with "on"
12 Zen enlightenment
13 Certs ingredient
18 Sneaky tactic
22 Like cherubs
23 Alternatives to tellers, briefly
24 Close
25 "Light in My Darkness" author
27 Grapefruit cousin
29 Singer Carly __ Jepsen
31 Slender swords
32 Like some legends
33 Columbia garb
37 Add gradually to a cycle
39 Gallic girlfriend
40 Tailless feline
42 Young fox
43 Dakar is its capital
44 __ paste
45 Bloomer of bloomers fame
46 __ of plenty
52 Radiant ring
53 Hershiser of ESPN
55 Ad come-on word
57 Angst
58 Portfolio holding, briefly
59 Egg layer
60 Octopus' defense
61 Bit of Senate dissension

BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9
♡ 10
◇ A K Q 3
♣ A K 8 7 3

WEST
♠ 7 5 3
♡ A 8 3
◇ 8 7 4
♣ J 10 9 5

EAST
♠ K J 10 2
♡ K J 9 7 6 2
◇ 9
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ 8 6 4
♡ Q 5 4
◇ J 10 6 5 2
♣ 6 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	Pass	2♡	Dbl
Pass	3◇	Pass	3♡*
Pass	4◇	Pass	5◇
Pass	Pass	Pass	

***Cue bid, forcing, tell me more**

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

South was anxious to see the dummy, but he was pleased with what he saw. North had done well with his massive hand and the contract was reasonable.

West shifted to a low spade at trick two. Considering East's opening bid and West's opening lead, the spade king was sure to be offside. South played the nine from dummy, losing to the 10. East shifted to the nine of trumps, won in dummy with the ace and declarer continued with the trump king. When trumps failed to split 2-2, South started on clubs. He cashed the ace and king, then ruffed a club in hand.

A heart was now ruffed on the table, followed by another club ruff, establishing the long club. Declarer could ruff his last heart in dummy, but he could not return to hand to draw the last trump and drifted down one.

This contract could have been made with careful timing. South was correct to draw two rounds of trumps, but the second round should have been low to his jack. A heart ruff on the board would come next and he could then start on the clubs. Ace, king and a club ruff as before, but note the difference in timing. Declarer could now ruff his last heart with dummy's trump king and then ruff a club back to hand. The long club would be established and he would be in the right hand to draw the last trump, shedding the queen of spades from dummy.

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SOLUTIONS TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLES

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

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

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

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

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ROPIR

SEGUT

TOXCIE

TAMETR

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

Print your answer here: " ○○○○ - ○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WINDY DRIFT SLEEPY VIABLE
Answer: The hawk saw the whole incident, thanks to her — BIRD'S-EYE VIEW