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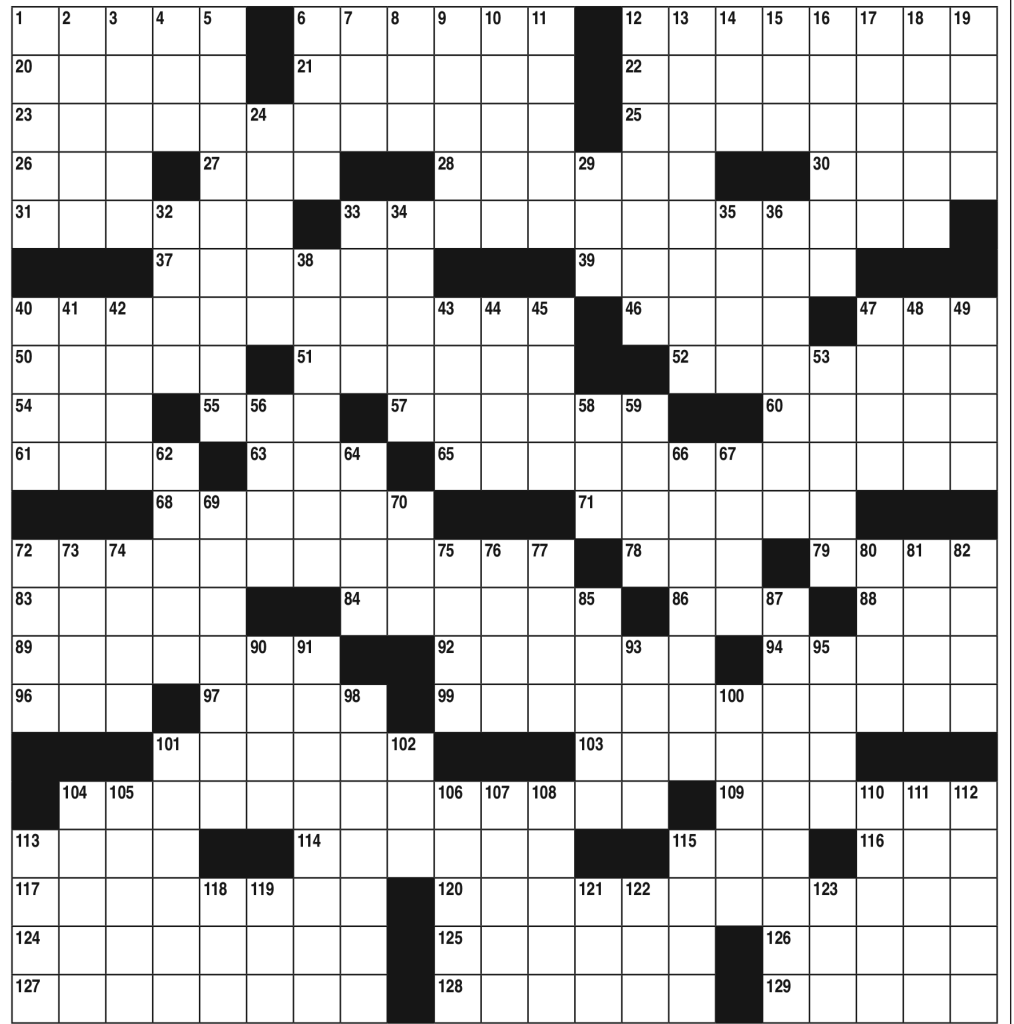
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GAME CHANGERS

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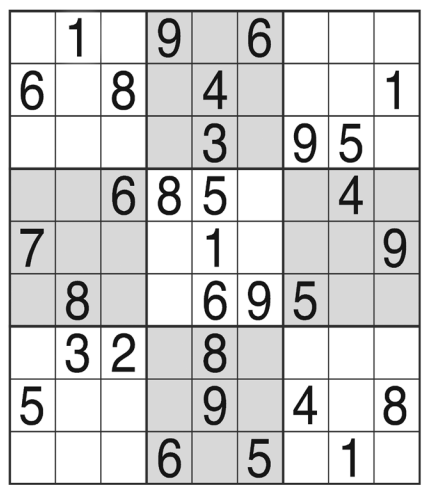
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Chow down on | 1 Bird that can spend up to 10 months in the air without landing |
| 6 "Exactly like this" | 2 Absolute bottom |
| 12 Word with mild or well | 3 Digital assistant |
| 20 Character often found in children's books | 4 Food packaging abbr., once |
| 21 Emotionally process, in modern lingo | 5 What's heard at many a coffeehouse |
| 22 Repeated cry in 1931's "Frankenstein" | 6 Group sometimes said to be "out" |
| 23 *Perfect curveball? | 7 French article |
| 25 Ivy League city | 8 Pampering place |
| 26 Jam | 9 In use |
| 27 Crucial | 10 Candle choice |
| 28 White coat? | 11 Gumbo pods |
| 30 Course standards | 12 Goddess with a sacred owl |
| 31 Emergency-room concern | 13 Designers' studios |
| 33 *Batting coach's instruction to a lackadaisical hitter? | 14 Its capital is Sydney: Abbr. |
| 37 Habitual drinkers | 15 "Uh-uh" |
| 39 Opposed (to) | 16 Go by |
| 40 *Apprentice groundskeepers? | 17 Compete with |
| 46 Singer/songwriter Parks with the 2021 album "Collapsed in Sunbeams" | 18 Part of EGBDF |
| 47 It might get pulled in both directions | |
| 50 New York's Mount _____ Hospital | |
| 51 Dark wine grape | |
| 52 Part of a heartbeat | |
| 54 Diplomatic official: Abbr. | |
| 55 Corn core | |
| | 117 Trouble, metaphorically |
| | 120 Ballgame extenders ... and what can literally be found in the answers to the asterisked clues |
| | 124 Beekeeper |
| | 125 _____ to go |
| | 126 Run-D.M.C. and the Jonas Brothers, for example |
| | 127 Bands' performance sheets |
| | 128 Unruffled |
| | 129 _____ Domingo |
| | 19 Places to play cards, often |
| | 24 The Daily _____ (online news site) |
| | 29 _____ culpa |
| | 32 It plays a role in arm-twisting |
| | 33 "Venerable" saint |
| | 34 Manual readers |
| | 35 Air France hub |
| | 36 It brought Hope to the world |
| | 38 When doubled, a Nabokov protagonist |
| | 40 Pre-bar challenge, briefly |
| | 41 "Je t'_____" |
| | 42 Org. with Fire and Sparks |
| | 43 It was first won by the N.Y. Mets in 1969 |
| | 44 Snowblower brand |
| | 45 Word on some Oreo packages |
| | 47 Nothing special |
| | 48 Tina Turner, voicewise |
| | 49 Goldenrod, e.g. |
| | 53 Append |
| | 56 Instrument with a flared end |
| | 58 Chinese steamed bun |
| | 59 Ratio of an angle's opposite side to the hypotenuse |
| | 62 Blueprint details |
| | 64 Runs out of juice |
| | 66 Eye cream ingredient |
| | 67 Symbol on Captain America's shield |
| | 69 Villainous English king in "Braveheart" |



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|---------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 70 Outstanding pitcher | 81 Speedskater Johann _____ Koss, winner of four Olympic golds | 95 Butterlike spread | 110 Land between Togo and Nigeria |
| 72 Former Ford models | 73 Seller of Belgian waffles and French toast (fittingly, considering the "I" in its name) | 98 French West Indies resort island, familiarly | 111 Insider's vocabulary |
| 74 Super Soaker Soakzooka brand | 75 Like some orders | 100 Keep from flying, maybe | 112 Catch with a throw |
| 76 Ancient halls | 77 Eldest Stark son on "Game of Thrones" | 101 Profession | 113 Alternative to Chuck |
| 77 G.I.'s garb, at times | 80 G.I.'s garb, at times | 102 Camera inits. | 115 Wistful sound |
| | | 104 "With any luck ..." | 118 Man's name that's 123-Down reversed |
| | | 105 Tag line? | 119 Stanza contraction |
| | | 106 Fancy pourers | 121 Home of the world's largest carnival |
| | | 107 Paper route hour, maybe | 122 Word with red or army |
| | | 108 Headliner's cue | 123 Man's name that's 118-Down reversed |

SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

JUMBLE

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

AXLHEE
TYIRRA
KUBREE
SEWBOT
SNGEIN
NTCUUK

THE SHOP THAT SOLD CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, ETC. IN STOCKHOLM WAS A ---

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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"DIAMOND JUBILEE" BY JERRY MICCOLIS

ACROSS

1 "Yummy!"
7 "Bein' Green" singer
13 Best bro
20 Cry from a balcony
21 "Whatever works"
22 Fats Domino's first name
23 With 32-Across, stately sailors fearlessly face full-bodied fish?
25 A, to Morse
26 Lots
27 Place for un étudiante
28 Actor Epps
30 Monsieur's mine
31 Dodger great Hodges
32 See 23-Across
33 It can follow land or sea
38 Sea eagle
39 "___ silly" question ...
40 Made foam
45 DDE opponent
47 Courtroom art
52 With 66-Across, public park patrollers faced feathered facsimiles?
58 Yale founder
59 Saigon soup
60 Cowboy's catcher
61 Port abuser, say
63 Press
64 "Amazing" magician
66 See 52-Across
70 Hirsute Himalayan
72 A, in Austria
73 Mosque holy man
74 With 92-Across, energetic New Englanders filch turry fledgling felines?
82 Scam with spam, say
85 Munich Mrs.
86 Texter's "As I see it ..."
87 Eponymous obstetrician Fernand
89 Title for Tom Jones
90 Loses one's head?
92 See 74-Across
96 Address
98 "Livin' Thing" gp.

DOWN

1 Hip-hop tops
2 Steamy
3 Name associated with Jesuit schools
4 Somali supermodel
5 Poivre partner
6 Go deep or go yard
7 Former name of the Mariinsky Ballet
8 Novelist Zola
9 Weasel out
10 West of Hollywood
11 Home of 123-Acr.
12 Company that makes Ball Park Franks
13 Polite titles
14 Arctic parkas
15 Addams cousin
16 Bump-related
17 American Airlines
18 Williams of "Happy Days"
19 Classic sodas
24 2010 health law: Abbr.
29 NYC subway org.
32 "Mind your manners!"
33 Present-day Persia
34 Rare blood type, for short
35 Croupier's tool
37 Trident-shaped letter
41 A, in Argentina
42 School closing?
43 Writer Wiesel
44 "Damn!"
46 In stitches
48 Seder prophet
49 Dessert made with mascarpone cheese
50 Bok ___
51 Attila's army
52 "All Things Considered" network
53 "Eureka!"
54 Emmy-winning portrayer of Gary Walsh in "Veep"
55 Enjoying crumpets, maybe
56 Kid
57 NBC show since 1975
62 "Certainment!"
65 Fool
67 Pitching stat
68 Trimming tape
69 Large penguins
71 "Lord, is ___?"
74 Andrews and Edwards: Abbr.
75 Subtle stratagem
76 Diminutive devil
77 Greek X
78 Time long past
79 Grub
80 Send out
81 Stuffing stuff
83 Member of the fam
84 Time sheet abbr.
88 Buddhist discipline
91 Sign of healing
93 Protected, at sea
94 Afghanistan's ___ Bora
95 Show with Miami and NY spin-offs
97 More intoxicating
101 Martini garnishes
102 Phillies' div.
104 "The Joy Luck Club" novelist
106 Main Milky Way makeup
107 W.J. Clinton successor
108 Wintry, in a way
109 Creepy film motel
110 Motrin alternative
111 Stuttgart starter
112 Pass
113 Clumps
114 Polynesian
115 Disney heroine
116 Prayer possessive
117 Red Sea resort
122 Composer Schifrin
124 Saturn SUV
126 Exist
127 Sister
128 DDE's WWII command

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Daily Bridge Club

Using the clues

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"Courtroom artist arrested and jailed; details are sketchy" — newspaper headline

Clues from the bidding, opening lead and defense are dangling in front of declarer's nose on almost every deal. Some inferences are clear and would be valid even against a beginning defender. Others are subtle and valid only against an expert defender who can be trusted to play logically. In still other situations, declarer must judge whether to act on a possible inference.

In today's deal, North leaped majestically to slam after his partner's opening bid and West's overcall. When West led the king of spades, South took the ace, drew trumps and led the queen of clubs: king, ace. South next took the ace of diamonds and led a second diamond to his queen. Alas for him, West took the king and cashed the jack for down one.

South had to guess which defender had the king of diamonds, and the clues were a bit sketchy. Some players would have overcalled, vulnerable, at the one level as West even with a hand that lacked the king of diamonds. Still, West was more than likely to have that card.

How should South play if he infers that West has the king?
After South draws trumps, he can ruff a spade in dummy, take the ace

of clubs, ruff a club, ruff a spade and ruff the last club. South then leads his last spade, and when West covers, South discards a diamond from dummy as a loser-on-loser.

West has only losing options. If he leads a diamond, South can let it ride to his queen. If instead West leads a black card, South discards dummy's last low diamond and ruffs in his hand.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♥ 7
♠ A J 8 7 3 2
♦ A 5 3
♣ A 6 3

WEST
♥ K Q 10 9 4
♠ 6
♦ K J 6
♣ K 9 8 4

EAST
♥ J 8 3
♠ 5
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ J 10 7 5 2

SOUTH
♥ A 6 5 2
♠ K Q 10 9 4
♦ Q 4 2
♣ Q

South 1♥ West 1♠ North 6♥ East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

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