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76 Literature Nobelist

Bellow

69

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24 Takes over (from)

25 More than just a

32 Indian lentil dish

schedule

35 Carefully avoid

43 Unlikely Oscar

winners

49 Opening for

50 Pro fighter?

a computer

technician?

52 Swampy stretch

57 Phenomenon by

observer

have a

Zappa

61 Mil. leader

53 V.A. concern, for short

which electrons

heated filament, so

named for a famous

country unless you

an airline": Frank

radiate from a

59 "You can't be a real

45 Tiny bit

47 G

34 "No info yet," on a

39 Composer Bruckner

talker

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A SHOT IN THE DARK BY JOE DIPIETRO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Joe DiPietro, of Brooklyn, owns a bar called One Star in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. He previously owned a bar called No Idea, which made a confusing answer to the question "Where do you want to go tonight?" As a crossword constructor, he hates partial phrases (answers like TUG OF and IF I) and grids with "S" in the lower-right corner. This puzzle has neither of those.

ACROSS 1 Dude, slangily

- **5** Toaster Swirlz brand 9 Country singer
- Haggard
- 14 Lhasa (dog
- breed)
- 18 Metallic fabric _: Legacy" (sci-fi 19 "
- sequel)
- 20 Hymn of joy
- 21 Loud thudding sound
- 23 Shot in the dark
- 26 Get to the point?
- 27 Steps up?
- 28 Court plea, in brief
- 29 Winner's sign 30 Alternative to a blitz
- 31 False start? 33 Improved version of
- an existing product
- 38 Skipping syllables?
- 40 Reward for a big hit, say
- 41 Two-legged stand 43 Fix for a bald spot
- 46 48 Shock
- 51 Oscar-winning Hanks role of 1994
- **54** Tiny bits
- **56** Byway connection
- **58** Voice-mail prompt 59 Hasbro game
- requiring increasingly quick reflexes
- 60 Tiny bit
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- 61 Mensch
- 63 Meals with Haggadah readings
- 64 Award to wear
- 65 Real deal 66
- 68 Like cabernet sauvignon
- 69 Go over
- 71 Start of many Portuguese place names
- 73 Be angry
- 75 Suffix with age

78 Highly resistant

- elastomer
- 84 Skyscraper support
- 88 Like some ballots 90 Breakfast drink sans
- creamer
- 92 Ill-advised move 93 Intangible qualities
- **94** Do
- **95** Anonymous surname **96** Causes of pocket
- buzzes 97 Loud, sharp sound 98 Like Golden Raspberry-
- "winning" films 100 Detectives
- 104 Whispered sweet
- nothings 106 It's a sign
- 108 Unsmiling
- 110 Like some roller chains and ball bearings
- 116 Leaves zip for a tip 119 One given orders
- around the house 121 Tract of land

- 122 Nickname for the Wildcats of the Pac-12
- **124** Smut
- 126 Collection on Facebook
- 127 Shot in the dark 131 Three-time American 36 Heating option
- League M.V.P. of the 1950s
- 132 Varsity 133 Hurt badly
- 134 Disneyland transport 44 Fighting 135 Bill blockers
- 136 Ta-tas
- 137 Polishes off
- 138 Fore-and-aft-rigged sailboat with two

DOWN

- 1 Photo mishap 2 Amassed
- 3 Congregational chorus
- 4 Tools for landscapers 5 "You get the idea":
- Abbr. 6 Food found in some
- bars 7 Most-often-used
- 8 Net wt. of many pasta packages
- 9 Sticker stat **10** It's water under le
- 11 Teller of the third tale in "The Canterbury
- Tales' 12 Surgical tool
- 13 Like some casts
- 14 Makes a scene 15 "Hallelujah!"
- 16 Marvelous
- -3
- 22 Slice and dice, say
- 75 Apple on the teacher's

letters

74 When the first

appeared

"Peanuts" comic

72

77 Innovation in push-**62** Catch ups 63 Arc on a music score

- 79 It can represent a 65 Investment goal folder 67 Trucker on a radio
- 80 First offer? 70 Pitchfork-shaped 82 "I touched your
 - nose!" sound 83 Coffin frames
 - 85 Squarish
 - 86 A jokester might say "And the pot thickens" after one
- "Friends"

113

121

127

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136

- 89 Very easy living
- 94 French explorer who
- founded Detroit 96 Duty
- 98 According to
- 99 Bad P.R. for a celeb, maybe
- 101 Baseball announcer's
- 102 One doing a Spot check?

nicknamed

87 Drug kingpin?

93 Bank offering,

95 Ancient ascetic

102 Former Fords

Madrid

104 CVS pickups

105 Conger catcher

107 Chopper blade

composer of the

first symphony

composed by

an American

woman

111 Mimic's talent

113 "To be" is one,

poetically

118 Fishing guide?

123 Like some hard

117 Busybody

122 Liveliness

drives

124 Altogether

125 Tradesperson 126 Reveal

96 Getaway driver?

for short

94 Advanced

92 "Yuck!"

87 One of the friends on **105** Whom the Secret Service dubbed Renegade and Renaissance

100

115

133

107

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- 107 Mike who served as a Wyoming senator from 1997 to 2021
- 109 110 Longtime Swedish
- automaker Johnson Sirleaf, 128 The natural order of
- Africa's first elected female head of state 113 Mammal found in the
- Andean cloud forest 114 Utterly lost
- 115 "I'm baffled" 117 Botanist's study

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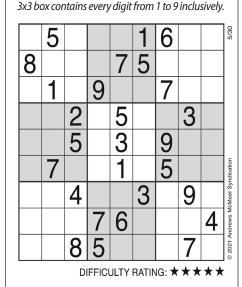
- 118 A sucker for milkshakes, say 120
- 123 ESPNU covers its games
- 125 Web file format, for short
- the universe 129 Chats over Twitter,
- briefly 130 Grp. mobilized by a 911 call

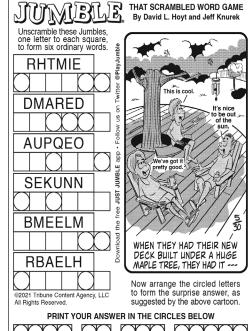
88 Bend

89 Marshy areas

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and





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Daily Bridge Club

Chances are

By FRANK STEWART Tribune Content Agency

Here's a math puzzle for you: A fast-food place sells chicken strips in orders of six, nine and 20 strips only. What is the largest number of strips you can't order?

While you're pondering that, look at today's North-South cards. How good are South's chances of making his contract of 7NT?

North's bids of four clubs and five clubs are the Gerber convention. When North finds that South has one ace and three kings, North can hope for five spade tricks, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs, and if South has a queen, 13 tricks may be easy. (North's bidding may strike you as bold — five spade tricks are not assured — but when South happens to hold a second queen, the grand slam has extra chances.)

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West leads the ten of clubs, and South wins and counts 12 sure tricks: three in each suit. He may be tempted to test the spades next, his best suit, but then on the third high spade, South would have to discard a diamond or heart that might be his 13th winner. Declarer can start by taking the

top diamonds. When East discards,

South continues with the A-K of hearts and a third heart to his queen. When the suit breaks 3-3, South is If the hearts didn't break well either, South would cash his other

two high clubs, then try the spades.

The last club might have squeezed a defender who started with length in both spades and a red suit. Failing that, South would succeed if the jack of spades fell. He would have to be quite unlucky to fail. Puzzle answer: 43 strips. (For an

explanation, visit goodriddlesnow. com/riddles/view/749.) South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A Q 10 7 3 **♡AK3 ♦ A Q 7** WEST

↑65 ♥J95 **♦ J942 4** 10 9 8 6 **SOUTH ∧** K 4 $\heartsuit Q 7 6 2$

♣ A K Q South 1 NT 4♡ West North **East** Pass **Pass** Pass Pass 5 NT Pass

♦ K 10 8 5

Opening lead — ♣ 10

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"WHAT'S MY LINE?" By PAUL COULTER

- **ACROSS** 1 Space station launched in 1973
- _, Inc.": 2001 film 15 Commonly 20 South American
- naval force 21 Turkey, mostly 22 Torment 23 Researcher
- with an outgoing personality? 25 Terry O'Quinn's "Lost" role
- 27 Floors 28 Clamp shape 29 Leveled, with 30 Dot-commerce Two-time
- Super Bowl QB Manning 34 Country name last used in
- 35 R&B singer's hyphenated stage name 37 Clergyman who builds
- cupboards? 44 Links scores 46 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 47 Lennon's love 48 Fall Out Boy genre 49 Bleep button

operator?

- _ boom 55 "Elder" or 'Younaer Roman statesman
- 56 Stuns 57 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr. 58 Marine snail 59 Home of Hercules' lion
- Chunk, in an '85 65 TV monitoring org 68 Dietitian?
- 73 Friend of Athos 75 Big name in pet food 76 Hard-to-ride horse 78 Moved to a
- quieter table, 79 Specia 81 Old apple spray 82 Dept. of Labor

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86 Football's Terrell, 127 1980 TV series 17 Temporary with the episode substitute that 'Harmony of the means "place holder" in Latin Worlds" 18 Huber of tennis

19 Like some

blond hair

freshness 24 Bic Clic 2 Fast food 31 Small dogs 32 "National Velvet" magnate who once owned author Bagnold

DOWN

1 Undesirable

14 Fill to the max

nuclear treaty

assembly areas

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16 Ancient

Riefenstahl Padres 3 Pool site, often -cone 4 Spotted 35 "A Doll's House" 5 Nabokov novel heroine

36 Awards 6 Light wood 7 Retinal area acronym subject to 38 They're ripped in gyms 39 Martinique, e.g. degeneration 8 "Come !" "Welcome!" 40 Anchor

9 Dundee denials 41 About, on a 10 RR stop memo 11 "Sesame Street" 42 Barzini. watcher 12 Bring out 13 Angry reaction

Vito's rival in The Godfather 43 Disturbed greatly 15 Short-lived 1979 44 Discreetly send

50 Was shv?

a dupe email to

45 Hindu teachers

90 Not Rep. or testimony 54 "Look here!" 91 "Cast Away" setting 93 Part of TGIF 60 Gives forth 61 Last word of 97 It's on the record "America the Beautiful" 98 Susan B.

51 Interpret

52 "Accordingly ..

53 Like much

Anthony biographer Ida 63 Allied gp. since 64 "Seinfeld" friend 99 No-tell motel 65 Remote events

66 Embroidery yarn 100 Pine 67 Patient record 101 Garr of "Tootsie" 69 When repeated, Cult Jam 107 Invite request vocalist 108 Turow novel set

70 Competent at Harvard 109 Finished 71 Nana 74 "Wow!" perfectly 110 Dress style 77 Negatively affects the flow Domini

112 Annual May golf 79 Other to Ortiz tournaments 80 Fall preceder? familiarly 81 Court records 114 Tiny bit 115 Con __: briskly 83 Schedule

competitively, 116 Frat dudes as a tournament 119 Shamus 84 Coop group 120 Offline, briefly 85 Is for a few 121 Brian of rock

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