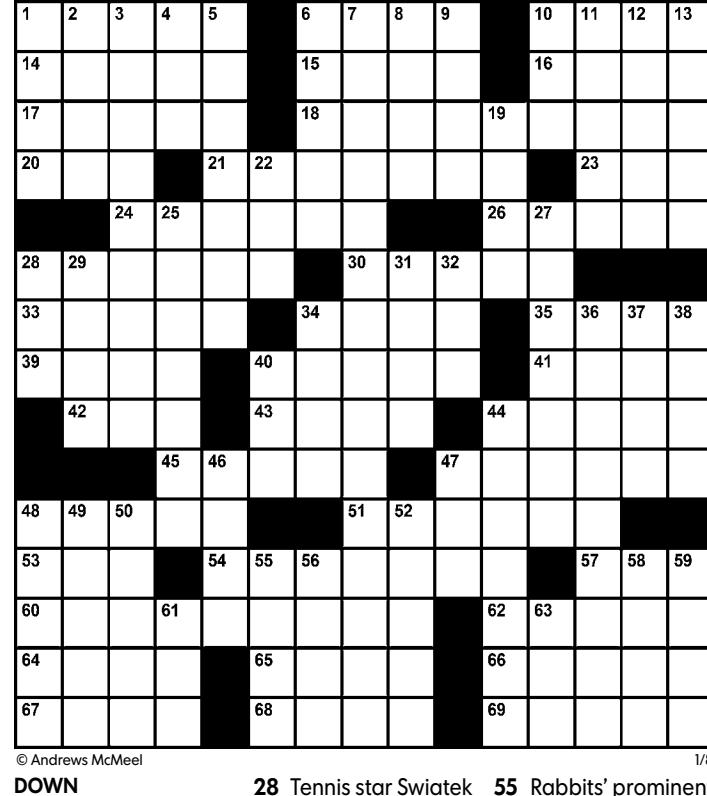


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WRAP UP

ACROSS
1 Angel hair, e.g.
6 Heed
10 Subject of many
Playbill headlines
14 Community spirit
15 Japan's national
sport
16 Pay to play
17 Societal standards
18 Talents
20 "Please stop
talking" letters
21 Rorschach splotch
23 One might say
"Welcome!"
24 Call after an
offsides infraction
in soccer
26 Agenda contents
28 Irritating
30 Wipe clean
33 "This One's for
the ___" (Martina
McBride song)
34 Howls at the moon
35 Help with a heist
39 Brazilian berry
40 Group of experts
41 Went by bike
42 Cornea's place
43 Disencumbers
44 Evade
45 Edinburgh's
residents
47 Kept afloat
48 Scenic view
51 Misgivings
53 Anger
54 Negative answer
57 Move like a
kangaroo
60 Gymnast who
was the first
Hmong-American
Olympian
62 Wear away
64 "Casablanca"
heroine
65 Paper quantity
66 Vintage-looking
photo filter
67 YA fiction's target
reader
68 Drink at a sushi bar
69 Device with remote
access?



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DOWN
1 ___-up (contained)
2 Small matter?
3 Sci-fi device that
miniaturizes objects
4 Male turkey
5 Gives out, like
homework
6 Tennis star Naomi
7 Classic British dish
with an onomatopoeic
name
8 Name found in
"Muscle Milk"
9 "Might as well"
letters
10 Pet known for
loving cardboard
boxes
11 "JoJo's Bizarre
Adventure," for
example
12 Kettle's output
13 Exams
19 "Yes, indeed!"
22 Eggy holiday drink
25 Most greasy
27 Place to enjoy a
cuppa and some
scones
52 Volunteer's words

28 Tennis star Swiatek
29 Nasi kandar
grain
31 Deli loaves
32 Language with
fingerspelling
34 Fishing lure
36 Places to get
bumpers buffed
and scratches
sanded
37 Rim
38 ___ up
(prepared to
drive)
40 Expert
44 Most boring
46 Pixar movie
featuring
a sky-blue
Porsche
named Sally
47 "I'm a sheep"
48 Stop by
49 "Please
admire my
awesomeness!"
50 Touch, taste or
smell
55 Rabbits' prominent
features
56 Boxer's
annoyance?
58 Only animal
character in
"Garfield" comics
without a recurring
voice bubble
59 Bog contents
61 Actor McKellen
63 MLK's title

Wednesday's Answer



Answers: Call 1-900-988-8300, 99 cents a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-320-4280.

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Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.



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Previous Puzzle: ANYWAY, YACHT, THANK, KANSAS, SCALPEL

BRIDGE | FRANK STEWART

Good and bad habits

It's said that good habits come from resisting temptation. Unlucky Louie has the bad habit of playing too fast, and his results show it.

Louie was declarer at four hearts, and West led the king of spades. With not a moment's thought, Louie took dummy's ace, drew trumps and led a diamond from dummy to his queen. East won the next diamond with the jack and returned a spade, and West took his ten and queen. The defense also got a club for down one.

Error

Louie can resist anything but temptation; he made a beginner's error at Trick One. Louie must let the king of spades win [a "Bath Coup"] so West can't safely continue spades.

If West shifts to a trump, Louie wins in dummy and leads a diamond to his queen. He leads a trump to dummy and returns a second diamond.

When East's jack wins, he leads a spade to force out the ace. But Louie ruffs a diamond, dropping East's ace, and returns a trump to dummy to pitch his last spade on the king. He loses a club but makes game.

Daily question

You hold: ♠ J 4 2 ♥ A K 10 9 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A 10 4. Your partner opens one diamond, you bid one heart and he raises to three hearts. What do you say?

Answer: Partner has about 17 points with four-card heart support. He didn't open INT, so his hand will be shapely. A grand slam is likely. Cue-bid four clubs. Then if partner cue-bids four diamonds, bid five hearts to ask him to go on with a "control" in the unbid spade suit. He may hold AQ3, Q852, AKJ94, 5.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

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

WEST
♠ K Q 10 9
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 9 7 2
♣ K J 9

EAST
♠ 8 7 6
♥ 5 2
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 8 6 5 2

SOUTH

♠ J 4 2
♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ Q 8
♣ A 10 4

South 1
1
4
4
West Pass
All Pass
North 3
3
East Pass

Opening lead – ♠ K

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BOGGLE BRAINBUSTERS

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE® RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Answers to Wednesday's Boggle BrainBusters: HARP CELLO VIOLIN GUITAR

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 buying and selling (7)

2 clever comment (4)

3 rough calculation (8)

4 Aspen activity (6)

5 New World namesake Vespucci (7)

6 like a warning tale (10)

7 word for a good babysitter (11)

SOLUTIONS

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141-147

148-154

155-161

162-168

169-175

176-182

183-189

190-196

197-203

204-210

211-217

218-224

225-231

232-238

239-245

246-252

253-259

260-266

267-273

280-286

287-293

294-300

301-307

308-314

315-321

322-328

329-335

336-342

343-349

350-356

357-363

364-370

371-377

378-384

385-391

392-398

399-405

406-412

413-419

420-426

427-433

434-440

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