Simple Saturday

"If at first you do succeed, try to hide your astonishment." – graffiti.

Suppose you're kibitzing today's deal in a Chicago game, and North-South have a routine auction to 3NT. West leads the jack of diamonds, and declarer wins with the ace, leads a spade to dummy and returns a club to finesse with the queen. He next leads the ace and a third club. When East-West follow, South makes an overtrick with three clubs, three diamonds, two hearts and two spades.

"I was due for some good luck," declarer says. He then turns to you and asks what you think of his play. What do you say?

Low club

Say "Angels could have done no more." But if West's clubs had been K-9, South would have gone down. South needs two club tricks to make game. He should lead a low club from his hand at Trick Two.

South wins the diamond return and takes the ace of clubs. If East-West play low, South goes to dummy to lead a third club toward his queen. He gives himself every chance for a ninth trick.

Daily question

You hold: ♦K 6 2 **♥**A 8 5 **♦**A Q 3 **♣**A Q 7 4. You open one club, your partner responds one spade, you jump to 2NT and he next bids three hearts. What do you say?

Answer: Partner has at least four hearts, but since he bid spades first, his spades are probably longer. Bid three spades. It is correct to show your threecard support for his first suit, which is what he may want to hear. If you bid 3NT instead, you will tell the same story twice.

Can't wait for your answers?

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South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH ▲ A 8 3 ♡K 9 6 \diamond K 5 4 2 *****653 WEST EAST ▲ Q 10 4 🔺 J 9 7 5 ♡J32 ♡Q 1074 ♦ J 10 9 8 **♦76** & K 108 ♣ J 9 2 SOUTH **▲** K 6 2 ♡A 8 5 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ A Q 7 4 South West North East 1 ***** 2 NT Pass 1\$ Pass 3 NT Pass All Pass Opening lead — $\diamond J$

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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.



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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	Boggle BrainBusters Bonus We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them? Find AT LEAST FOUR SPORTS in the grid of letters.
YOUR BOGGLE ⁶ RATING 151+ = Champ 101-150 = Expert 61-100 = Pro 31 - 60 = Gamer 21 - 30 = Rookie 11 - 20 = Amateur 0 - 10 = Try again BOGGLE is a trademark of Hestor, Inc.	Answers to Friday's Boggle BrainBusters: DRY HEAT SAND CAMEL MIRAGE wnt Agnor, Al fights heaved. www.bogglebrainbusters.com

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO SAY I'M AN OVERRATED TROLL, WHEN YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN ME GUARD A BRIDGE, IS PATENTLY UNFAIR. - TINA FEY

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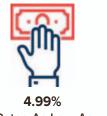
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at Gravity Lending! He was extremely helpful, professional, and made the entire process smooth and easy. Lewis kept me informed at every step and made sure I understood all the details. He went above and beyond to provide excellent customer service, and I felt confident that I was in good hands. I highly recommend working about your vehicle. I'll definitely reach out to him again in the future!



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