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Daily Bridge Club

The key card

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"My partner disliked my bidding in this deal," a fan writes. "She said I should have tried for a grand slam. Something is wrong with her logic or my play. I didn't take even 12 tricks."

rebids three spades. What do you say? ANSWER: Partner's jump-rebid in his own suit promises a good six-card suit...

South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH
J 8 7 6
8 4 3
K 8 3
K J 7

WEST
5 3
K J 10 2
10 6
10 9 8 5 2

EAST
4
9 7 5
J 9 7 2
A Q 6 4 3

SOUTH
A K Q 10 9 2
A Q 6
A Q 5 4
None

South West North East
2 Pass 2 Pass
6 Pass 3 Pass
2 All Pass

Opening lead - 10

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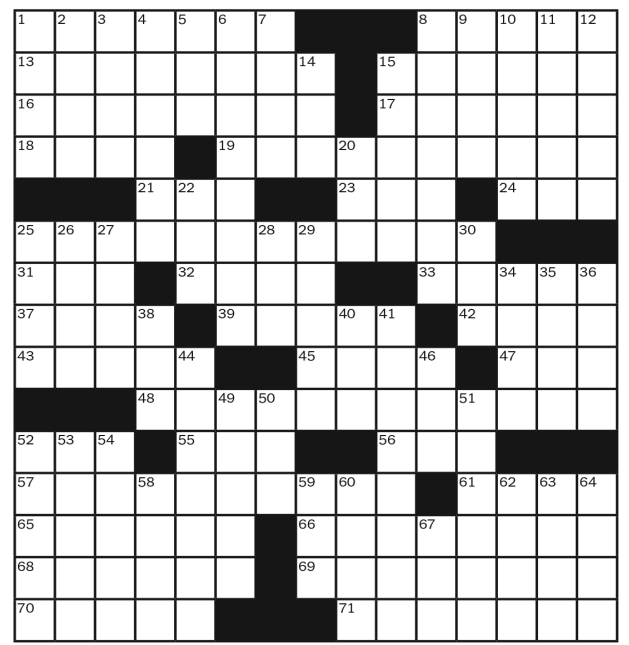
The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 Prattle
8 Public square
13 Like records stored for research
15 Popeye's profession
16 Browser's start-up point
17 Buses, as tables
18 Freshly
19 Nonsense
21 Second letter after epsilon
23 Tic-tac-toe win
24 Prohibit
25 Worthless talk
31 Fury
32 Financial claim
33 Hanker (for)
37 Neighs : horses :: : sheep
39 Landscaper's tool
42 Raft for a polar bear
43 =
45 It's not odd
47 R.N.'s touch
48 Unintelligible jargon
52 "So that's it!"
55 Itinerary preposition
56 Inexperienced reporter
57 Twaddle
61 Line down the length of a skirt
65 Signing-on info
66 Sudden thought that makes you go "Wow!"
68 Poisons
69 Goes through hurriedly, as during a robbery
70 Jacket alternatives to buttons
71 "Huh?" ... or a possible response to 1-, 19-, 25-, 48- and 57-Across

- DOWN
1 \_\_\_ Men, group with the 2000 hit "Who Let the Dogs Out"
2 Scientology founder \_\_\_ Hubbard
3 Highest point
4 Where spiders get their information?
5 Way cool
6 Actress Saint of "North by Northwest"
7 Alternative to Prego
8 1957 title role for Frank Sinatra
9 In \_\_\_ of (replacing)
10 March goes out like this, as the expression goes
11 "\_\_\_ the Greek"
12 Pyromaniac's crime
14 Old NASA moon-landing vehicle
15 Great Dane of cartoons, informally
20 Short hairstyle
22 \_\_\_ Aviv, Israel
25 Match up (with)
26 Baghdad's land
27 Boyfriend
28 Bartlet of "The West Wing" or Clampett of "The Beverly Hillbillies"



PUZZLE BY SARAH KELLER AND DEREK BOWMAN

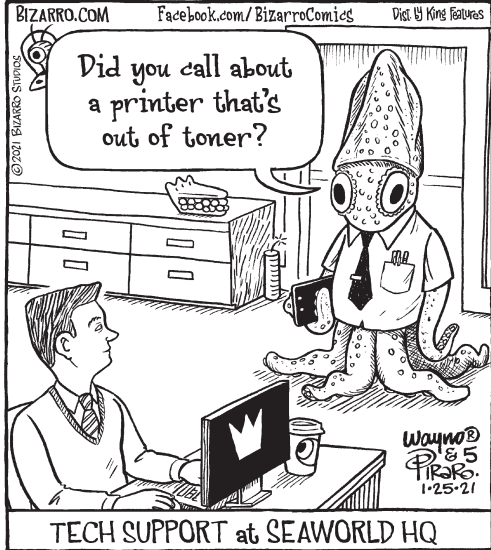
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OTIS AHEM MOTH S
NOLA BELIKETHAT
TOLD CRIMESCENE
ORBITS ZIPS RDA
ADIEU TACT ROLL
SET SNUB RISES
TREASURETROVES
MAINTHEME
ABOUTTHEAUTHOR
CLOUD WILL ORE
ODOR BEAR UTTER
HEM PURR TSETSE
ONEMANARMY TATA
STRIPSTEAK OKED
TESLA ONCE NES S

- 29 Figure made by lying in the snow and waving one's arms
30 Sports official, informally
34 Voice below soprano
35 Chocolate/caramel candy
36 Narrow part of a bottle
38 Droop
40 Christmas (December 24)
41 Mao Zedong was its leader
44 1960s hippie gatherings
46 Big Apple sch.
49 Hawks and doves
50 Rebuke to a dog
51 "Pygmalion" playwright, for short
52 Borders
53 Wears, as clothes
54 Amazon's virtual assistant
58 Icicles and burning candles both do this
59 \_\_\_ Lingus
60 Mineral springs
62 Individually
63 Singer/lyricist Paul
64 Classic computer game set on an island
67 "Gangnam Style" singer

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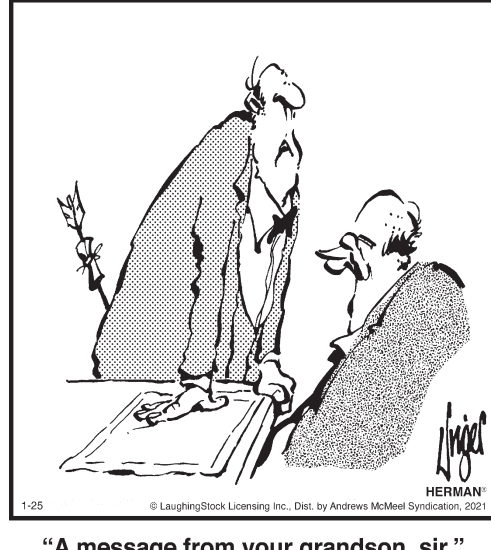
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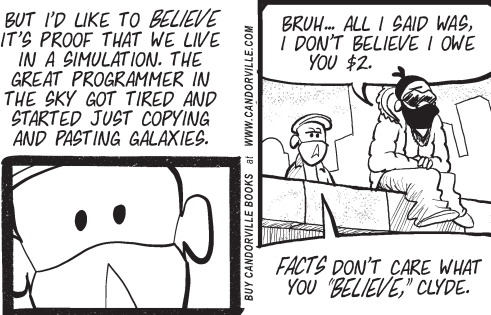
HERMAN



JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle instructions and word lists: SEGSU, NADKR, PRIELT, SAQHUS. Includes a cartoon of a man in bed.

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
1 Hesitant sounds
4 Grand \_\_\_ Auto: video game
9 A and B, for blood
14 Long of "Third Watch"
15 Gung-ho
16 Finnish bills
17 Method
18 Entirety of a manufacturer's goods
20 Sent out
22 Inspiring Greek group of nine sisters
23 U.S. Forest Service mascot since 1944
26 \_\_\_ and found
29 Peace of mind
30 Hightailed it
31 Namesake of a new wing, often
32 Dolphin communication method
35 Oregon city south of Salem
36 4, in 2 + 2 = 4
39 Indoor tanning aid
41 Reuben bread
42 Put-down
44 Inception
46 Lighter brand
47 Degree for a CFO
48 [Purchase at your own risk]
52 Floride, par exemple
53 Out-of-office investigator
56 Late-night host O'Brien
58 Whip (up), as grub
59 Tumbling seed, and a hint to each row of circled letters
63 AAA service
64 Author Asimov
65 Lawful
66 Night before
67 Rock or pop
68 Traditional piano key wood
69 Like half a deck of cards
DOWN
1 Not prudent
2 Swamp gas
3 Final approvals
4 Conical home
5 "Jude the Obscure" author Thomas
6 Big head on the set
7 Nourished
8 Writer Capote
9 Lunar New Years
10 Holiday fireplace blazer
11 "Orange Is the New Black" extra
12 Geological period
13 Toronto-to-D.C. dir.
19 Mangy dog
21 Hawaiian strings
24 \_\_\_ flakes: cereal
25 Body part thoughtfully tugged on
27 PlayStation maker
28 Sloth's hangout
31 Fool
33 Norsk Folkemuseum city
34 Macademia \_\_\_
35 Pair of madmen?
36 Evaluate, with "up"
37 Army outfit
38 Female '80s arcade sensation
40 Like neat freaks
43 As good as expected
45 Graffiti signatures
47 Mix at a party
49 Irish pooch
50 Smitten
51 Slow-boiled, as prunes
53 Convection oven need
54 Water escape route
55 Unc's spouse
57 "Good one!"
59 "The \_\_\_ is up!"
60 Employ
61 Tot's mealtime protector
62 Prefix with friendly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Label GNP S SR TA
ALO HAS HIRT TO OL
CLASS MATES R CMP
EAR TINES CUKES
OLLAS LOGS
A D F R E E W R A N G L E D
S I N G T R U N K L I N E
K E R I R V I N G E D E N
M I S T R U S T S U B E R S
E N T H U S E S C R U S O E
T O N K A B R A S
S P I L T S P Y O N U H S
C O M O T O O T S I E P O P
O L E G S N O W S U N D E R
W I R Y O S L O M O O D Y

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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Los Angeles Times crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-69.

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