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Daily Bridge Club

Staying motivated

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A club player brought me today's deal from a duplicate game. He told me his wife hadn't liked his defense, and he hadn't been thrilled about hers.

"North-South climbed up to 3NT," he said, "and my wife led the deuce of spades. Declarer won with the queen and led the six of clubs: four, deuce, queen. I returned a ace, and South took his ace and led another club: jack, king, ace. We cashed two spades, but South won my wife's heart shift with the ace and claimed nine tricks."

bids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is a basic situation. Your partner has "reversed" the normal order of showing two long suits — higher-ranking first — and so promises substantial extra strength. He also suggests greater length in his first suit. For the moment, bid three diamonds. Partner will bid again.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 4
♥ A 8 4
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K 10 9 3 2

WEST
♠ K J 9 2
♥ 10 7 2
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ K J 6 3
♦ 8 3
♣ A Q 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A K Q 5
♣ 8 7 6

South 1NT West Pass North 2NT(!) East Pass
3NT All Pass

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 7 4 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ K 10 9 3 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond 1NT and he

Opening lead — ♠ 2

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

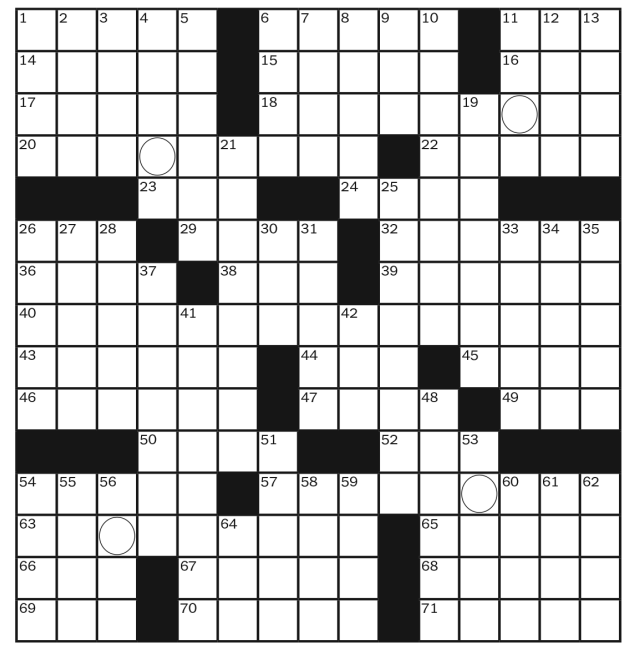
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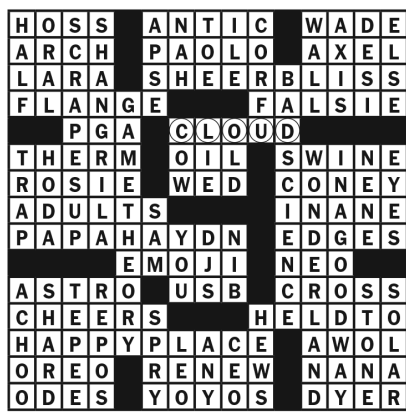
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mint ____
 - 6 Franz who wrote "I think we ought to read only the kind of books that wound and stab us"
 - 11 Dream time, in brief
 - 14 Everything together
 - 15 "... the bombs bursting ____"
 - 16 I
 - 17 Prospect
 - 18 Interval for a scheduled blastoff
 - 20 10th and 11th, e.g.
 - 22 Serves and receives, say
 - 23 Westernmost country in continental Afr.
 - 24 Quick haircut
 - 26 Blizzards are produced in them, familiarly
 - 29 Press (down)
 - 32 Extremely
 - 36 They intersect in Montréal
 - 38 ____ Paulo
 - 39 Kind of planning
 - 40 Carriers of meteorological instruments ... as suggested by this puzzle's theme?
 - 43 Immediately following
 - 44 Cloth that goes to waist?
 - 45 Overindulger of the grape
 - 46 Beginnings
 - 47 Lawless figure with legendary fighting skills
 - 49 Office linkup
 - 50 Repeated things in "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers"
 - 52 Worker for a hosp., maybe
 - 54 Gradually faster, in mus.
 - 57 Rend
 - 63 Wonder-ful product?
 - 65 Locale of 1974's Rumble in the Jungle
 - 66 ____ Honor
 - 67 Absinthe flavor
 - 68 Kind of account
 - 69 "...-hool!"
 - 70 Speeches that go off the rails
 - 71 Smooth and lustrous
- DOWN**
- 1 Malarkey
 - 2 Pioneering computer operating system
 - 3 Word with dance or chance
 - 4 High rollers?
 - 5 World
 - 6 Place for a firing
 - 7 Stands up for dustpans, say: Abbr.
 - 8 Inspiration for "Damn Yankees"
 - 9 Family
 - 10 Like a newspaper's morgue files
 - 11 Puts back in its original state, as a videotape
 - 12 Barbra Streisand collection?
 - 13 Does a landscaper's job
 - 19 ASDFGHJKL; on a keyboard
 - 21 More or less



PUZZLE BY JULIANA TRINGALI GOLDEN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 25 Premium movie theater seat
- 26 Long-running sci-fi show, for short
- 27 Contestant on "RuPaul's Drag Race"
- 28 Roebuck's onetime business partner
- 30 Bang up, e.g.
- 31 Alternative to a street address
- 33 Grease up again
- 34 Ingredient in some medicinal teas
- 35 Director Welles
- 37 Saturated (in)
- 41 Where drinks may be charged to a room
- 42 Lisa Simpson's grandpa
- 48 Wows
- 51 Writer Gertrude
- 53 Scary cry on a beach
- 54 Like most fireplace grates
- 55 Royal role for Liz
- 56 Enemy of Antony, in ancient Rome
- 58 From Eden to the land of Nod, e.g.
- 59 Fruit drinks
- 60 Product offering "round the clock protection"
- 61 Composer Satie
- 62 Trust
- 64 Aid in protein synthesis

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PALEOLITHIC DEEPTAKE

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THAT MONEY, DENNIS?"
"YOU LEFT IT ON THE TABLE AT THE RESTAURANT?"

HERMAN

"What's it gonna be: go for walkies, or have this bone and watch the game on TV?"

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

ATTOL
IDVIV
NRAENM
LAPLOW

THEY WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO INSTALL THE NEW SHINGLES BUT NEEDED TO ...

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEIGH VINYL JACKET AGENDA
Answer: When she had the feeling that she'd seen the movie before, she experienced — DEJA "VIEW"

CANDORVILLE

DID YOU KNOW PLANET HUNTERS THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO SEE EXO-PLANETS IN DISTANT STAR SYSTEMS BY STARING STRAIGHT TOWARD OUR OWN SUN?
THE GRAVITATIONAL LENSING EFFECT COULD BEND LIGHT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LET US SEE THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLY FAR AWAY.

ZITS

SO, WHAT'S THIS CAT'S NAME?
THE PEOPLE AT THE SHELTER CALLED HER "CINDERELLA."
PURRRRR
BUT THEY SAID WE COULD GIVE HER ANY NAME WE WANT, SO...
I WAS THINKING "MISS MEON."
I DUB THEE "CLAPTON!"

WUMO

Why can't I get a play kitchen? I wanna be a chef!
It's not our fault that your dream is a gender stereotype! You will play with your jackhammer!

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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

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

	3			9	7					
	1	7		4	8					
	4	5	2							
	7	8								4
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						2	9	3		
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

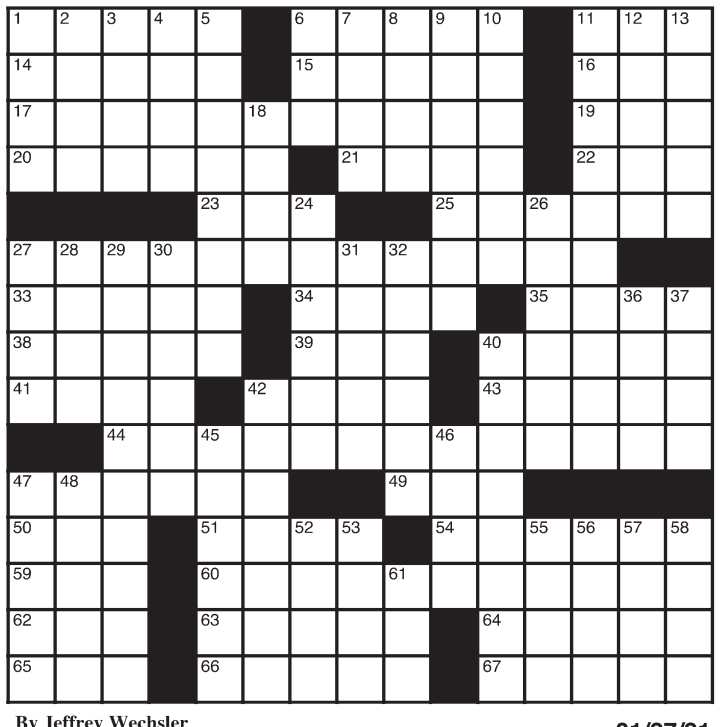
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Make fun of
 - 6 Consecrate
 - 11 Like sashimi
 - 14 Kind of acid in proteins
 - 15 Padded transport
 - 16 Investment acronym
 - 17 Later than late
 - 19 Formal apparel
 - 20 Ultimate goal
 - 21 Welcome word in real estate
 - 22 Prez on a fiver
 - 23 Word with sky or spy
 - 25 "Gypsy" star, 1959
 - 27 Gleeful Bedrock shout
 - 33 Happening, to Holmes
 - 34 Campus leader
 - 35 "Main" road
 - 38 Discontinued iPods
 - 39 [There's another doc]
 - 40 Tearful
 - 41 Food on the trail
 - 42 Ailing
 - 43 ____ strength
 - 44 Busywork
 - 47 Caterpillar casing
 - 49 Bug
 - 50 Word of good cheer?
 - 51 Layered mineral
 - 54 Flannel patterns
 - 59 Salem-to-Boise dir.
 - 60 Moonshine
 - 62 [Not my mistake]
 - 63 Adler of Sherlock Holmes fame
 - 64 Stealthy warrior
 - 65 Sound of disapproval
 - 66 County bordering London
 - 67 Toot one's own horn
 - 4 "Young Frankenstein" role
 - 5 Hipsters
 - 6 Pre-A.D.
 - 7 Metallica drummer Ulrich
 - 8 Root canal procedure, briefly
 - 9 Classic 1967 Sam & Dave hit
 - 10 Like some rye
 - 11 EGOT-winning actress from "West Side Story"
 - 12 Curaçao neighbor
 - 13 Like candles
 - 18 Prince who inspired Dracula
 - 24 Finally got there
 - 26 Rat or squirrel
 - 27 Yin's partner
 - 28 In the distance
 - 29 Employee's end-of-year reward
 - 30 Owie
 - 31 Park seat
 - 32 Start to park, perhaps
 - 36 Acted like
 - 37 Greek food truck offering
 - 40 Moving, as one's toes
 - 42 Many prom attendees
 - 45 Christina Crawford's "Dearest"
 - 46 Big wine valley
 - 47 Pepsodent rival
 - 48 Welcome desert sight
 - 52 Pool equipment
 - 53 Hathaway married to Shakespeare
 - 55 Actor Kapoor of "Slumdog Millionaire"
 - 56 Online sign-in fig.
 - 57 ____ vu
 - 58 Law enforcement acronym
 - 61 Ranch nickname

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

R	A	M	M	E	D	S	A	S	H	R	E	D
O	M	E	A	R	A	P	I	P	E	R	A	
B	A	S	T	I	L	L	E	D	A	Y	A	I
O	S	S	I	E	W	E	R	N	L	C	S	
		S	S	G	T	E	G	O	N			
M	A	S	R	O	A	D	T	O	R	U	I	N
D	E	L	E	T	E	C	O	H	N	M	C	A
A	T	L	H	A	L	O	G	E	N	B	E	A
M	A	P	U	S	E	R	R	A	K	E	I	N
P	L	U	N	G	E	I	N	T	O	E	R	N
R	A	S	P	I	D	E	E					
S	O	P	H	R	E	I	N	E	P	S	O	M
E	M	O	H	O	R	S	E	A	R	O	U	N
G	A	S	R	O	A	M	R	I	F	L	E	S
O	R	E	E	F	T	S	R	E	F	U	S	E

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- DOWN**
- 1 Like blokes
 - 2 "My turn to sing!"
 - 3 Be concerned with

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