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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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"Simple Saturday" columns focus on improving basic technique and developing logical thinking.

It takes four tricks to beat a major-suit game, but because defenders have so much to think about, they may forget that simple proposition. Don't play on impulse. Count your defensive tricks and plan how you will defeat the contract.

In today's deal, West leads his singleton spade against four hearts. For West to lead his singleton is quite reasonable because he has a weak hand. East will surely have some high cards. When East takes the queen, he can easily recognize the lead as a singleton from the bidding. How should he defend?

he bids INT and you jump to three hearts. Partner then bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner probably has three-card spade support (though sometimes he might judge to show a spade preference with a doubleton honor). Still, your five spades are poor, and your pattern is semibalanced. Bid 3NT. If partner wants to return to four spades, fine.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 4
♥ K J 5 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ A 7

WEST
♠ 7
♥ 8 6 2
♦ J 10 7 3
♣ J 9 6 5 2

EAST
♠ A Q 8 2
♥ 9 4
♦ Q 8 4
♣ K 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ J 9 6 5 3
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ A 9
♣ Q 3

South 1♠ West Pass North 2♦ East Pass
1♥ Pass 2♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 7

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CLUB SHIFT

If East cashes the ace and leads a third spade, West can ruff, but South will make his game. He can win a club shift with dummy's ace, draw trumps and discard dummy's club loser on a good spade.

To prevail, East leads the deuce of spades at Trick Two, retaining his ace. When West ruffs and leads a club, South is sure to lose four tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 9 6 5 3 ♥ A Q 10 7 ♦ A 9 ♣ Q 3. Your partner opens one club, you respond one spade,

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1226

ACROSS

- 1 "Unquestionably"
- 4 Creators of quipus, knotted strings used to record census data and other information
- 8 Make disappear
- 14 Show the door
- 16 Iris feature
- 17 It adds color to a sidewalk
- 18 Part of certain percussion instruments
- 19 Ones making good use of the hands?
- 21 #1, informally
- 22 Singer India, ___
- 23 Whose house might be in Aarhus
- 24 Not very bright
- 25 Start of a romance
- 28 One of many that Bugs Bunny appeared in
- 29 The eucharist, e.g.
- 30 Going out for a while?
- 32 Embroidery loop
- 33 Field of product liability
- 36 Retries
- 38 Like some queens
- 39 Basilica di Santa Chiara locale
- 41 ___ State, home of the Golden Flashes
- 42 One "A" in the Michigan, nickname "A2"
- 43 Powerhouse
- 47 Over the ___
- 48 Aromatic attire
- 50 Italian sculptor ___ Lorenzo Bernini

51 Some Craigslist listings: Abbr.

52 Protector of a quarterback's blind side, often

55 Hurt

57 Words in a foreign language that bear a deceptive resemblance to those in another, like the French "décevoir" ("disappoint") and the English "deceive"

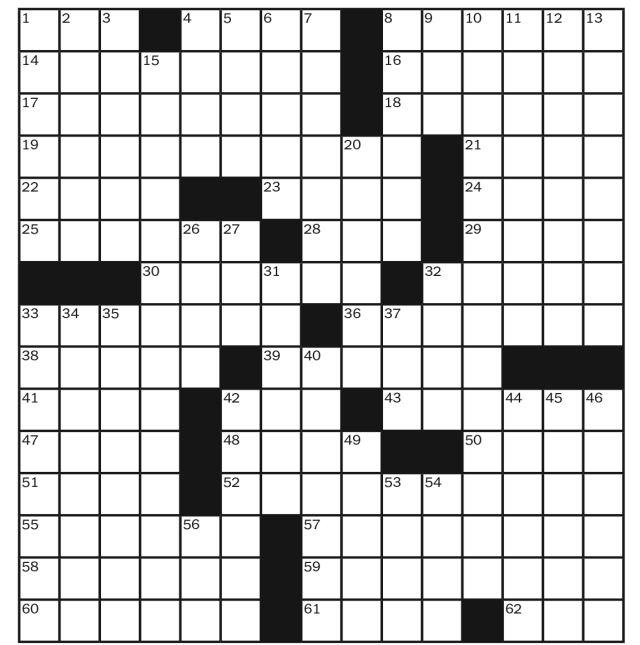
58 Pet from the tropics

59 Showbiz's "Mr. Showmanship"

60 Lilliputian

61 Rules might define them

62 Major chip maker



PUZZLE BY JOHN GUZZETTA

10 Something for which a dealer might tell customers "Hands off!"

11 Cap material

12 Kind of music or pitch

13 No-nos at a racetrack

15 Respected figure

20 Works with the hands

26 Lime might be added to one

27 "Hands Across the ___" (John Philip Sousa march)

31 River of song

32 Bunch of flowers

33 Suffer some damage

34 It has its opinions

35 Add up, so to speak

37 Suffix with prism

40 Cold evidence

42 From dawn to dusk

44 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer who was the 1993 Super Bowl M.V.P.

45 Venom

46 "Be right with you"

49 Locale near a landing

53 One likely to end on a low note?

54 Chops

56 Couple of pennies?

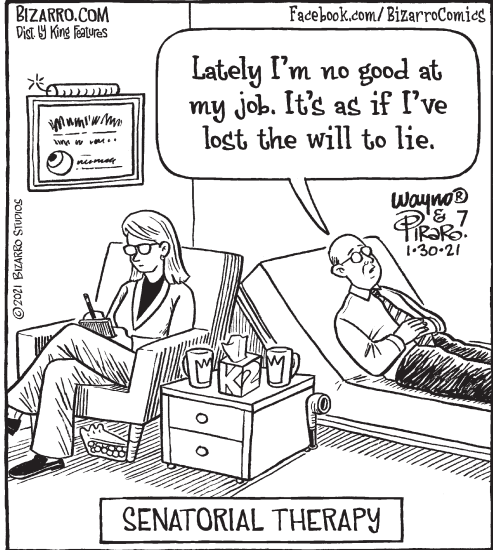
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 1 Joshua trees, e.g.
- 2 F equivalent
- 3 "The way," in Islam
- 4 Ruffles
- 5 Organizer of a couples cruise?
- 6 Big name in bandages
- 7 Draw
- 8 Maiden
- 9 Keogh alternative

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

CUTHH
TUCOL
EMNOYK
BMFLUE

WHEN IT CAME TO TV EPISODES OF THE BRADY FAMILY, THERE WERE A...

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TINGE ADAGE MERLEY HIATUS
Answer: To come up with revenue projections, the owners of the inn — "GUEST-IMATED"

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Ones who usually know what to do with their hands
- 11 She taught Butch and Sundance Spanish for their Bolivian robberies
- 15 Turn yellow
- 16 Level
- 17 Italian menu word meaning "hunter"
- 18 Rig
- 19 Spot about being green, for short
- 20 Earthquakes or Fire, briefly
- 22 Kind of engine
- 23 Lhasa ___
- 24 Snack chip
- 26 Row houses?
- 29 Agamemnon pair
- 32 In again
- 33 Only
- 34 Social science classic
- 36 DEA employee
- 37 Research Triangle city
- 38 Green of "Casino Royale"
- 39 French archipelago
- 41 Cello's lack
- 42 City with a Cleveland Browns training facility
- 43 Network operated by the U.S. Space Force
- 44 Hosiery thread
- 45 Theater company?
- 47 Vet school subj.
- 49 DIRECTV parent
- 50 Hotel convenience
- 53 Get rid of
- 56 "Kills bugs dead" brand
- 58 It doesn't affect a starting pitcher's win-loss record
- 60 Permanently mark
- 61 Hard to follow, facetiously
- 62 True
- 63 Trials with blindfolds, perhaps

DOWN

- 1 Soyuz initials
- 2 Revelations
- 3 Like una heredera
- 4 XXV x XXVIII
- 5 Cuts corners
- 6 Recovers
- 7 Snack with an unappetizing name
- 8 Square ___
- 9 Unmitigated
- 10 Place
- 11 Start at the beginning?
- 12 Nerves
- 13 Cause of many fictional paradoxes
- 14 "Did it start already?"
- 21 Transmute
- 23 Put away the dishes?
- 25 Portuguese royal
- 26 Olympics opening ceremony VIP
- 27 Threat to world peace
- 28 Ross Sea locale

30 Exhaust

31 Flutters with excitement

34 Indian lentil stew

35 Spend time in a cellar, perhaps

37 Provide new pieces for?

40 ___ juvante: with God's help

41 Honda subcompact

44 Roundup tool

46 Bit of color

48 Mother-of-pearl

51 Pelican St. city

52 Shakespearean warning word

53 Designs

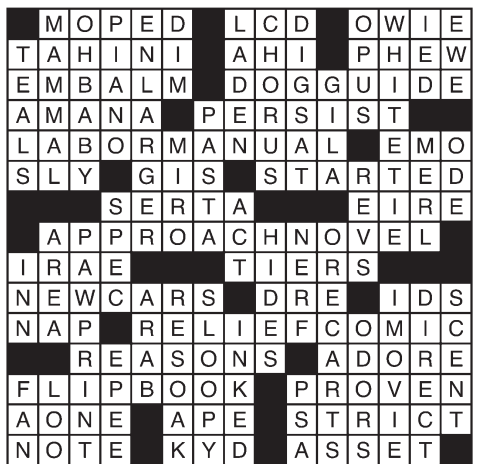
54 Cancel

55 The odds are with them

57 UPS alternative

59 Seattle-to-Reno dir.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

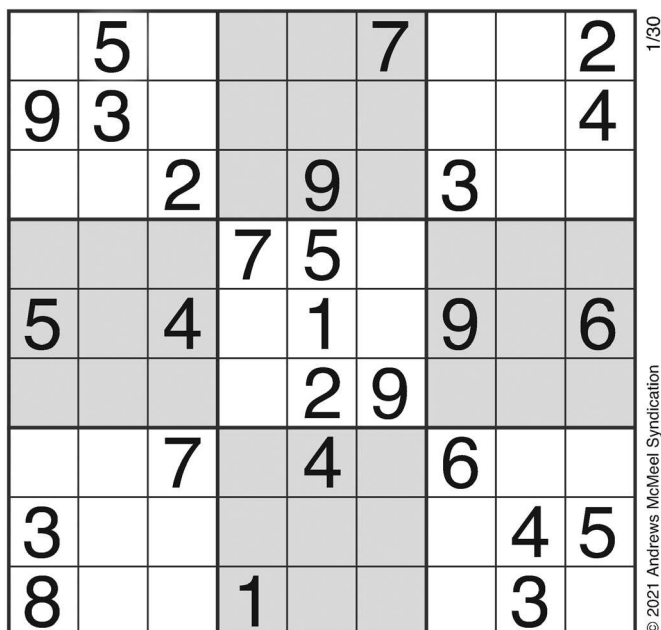
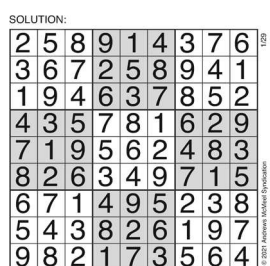


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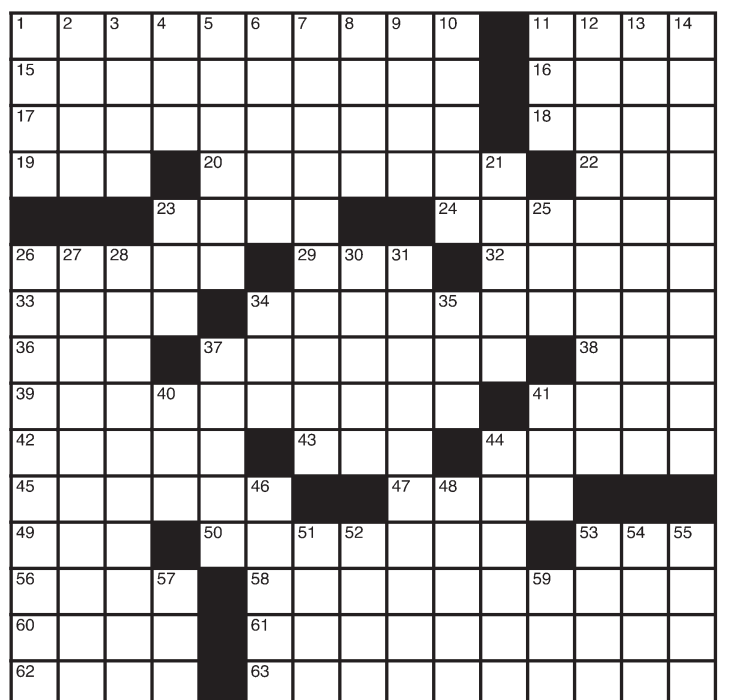
SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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