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Daily Bridge Club

Bruising play

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I've heard it said that failure is a bruise, not a tattoo. Every player must deal with failure. It's a difficult game, and perfection is unattainable. The key is to learn from your errors. Today's West led a trump against four spades, and South won and came to his ace of hearts to try a club finesse with dummy's queen. East took the king and led a second trump. South then drew trumps and led the king and a third heart, hoping for a 3-3 break, but when West held Q-10-8-2, South had only nine winners.

raises to two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner promises at least 17 points. He couldn't raise you with fewer since you might have responded to his double with no points and a ratty suit. Since you have a fair five-card suit and a side ace, game is possible. If you trust your partner, bid at least three spades.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
AKQ
K653
AJ62
AQ

WEST
753
Q1082
K104
J95

EAST
62
J9
Q975
K10862

SOUTH
J10984
A74
83
743

North East South West
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 3

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 9 8 4 ♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 3 ♣ 7 4 3. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your partner doubles, you bid one spade and he

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?
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The New York Times Crossword

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BLACK PUZZLEMAKERS' WEEK

Every daily crossword this week, Monday to Saturday, is made by an African-American contributor. Jacob Yonas is a software engineer in Manhattan. This is his sixth crossword for The Times. To read more about the puzzle, see nytimes.com/wordplay.

ACROSS

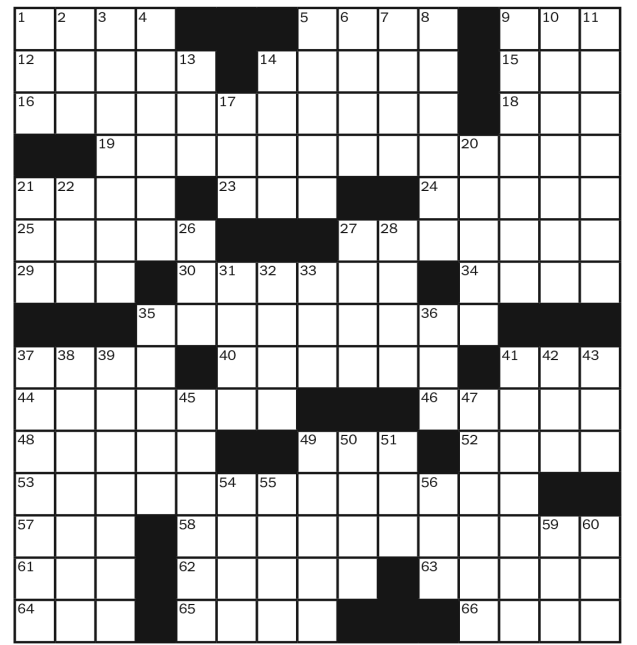
- 1 Some trivia venues
5 Airport queue
9 Bookend letters of "Google Maps," appropriately
12 Oscar \_\_\_\_, star of "Inside Llewyn Davis"
14 Unit of courage?
15 Face card in a French deck
16 Principle of the type of activism practiced by 35-Across
18 Zoom, for one
19 Congressional district represented by 35-Across from 1987 to 2020
21 Live (together)
23 Outlaw
24 Starter course?
25 Heartless
27 Popular cryptocurrency
29 Do something
30 The "O" of A.O.C.
34 Years abroad
35 Civil rights icon who led a historic march from Selma to Montgomery on 3/7/1965
37 Japan's largest lake, located NE of Kyoto
40 Like much avant-garde music
41 \_\_\_\_, Tomé and Príncipe
44 Flower that shares its name with a sea creature
46 Natural ability
48 Trickster
49 Sharp or flat, say
52 Those in favor
53 Group including 35-Across that protested the segregation of public buses
57 \_\_\_\_, card
58 Oxymoronic coinage of 35-Across
61 Impossible N.B.A. game outcome
62 Some succulents
63 Seat at a counter, maybe
64 Took a load off
65 Teri of "Tootsie"
66 "My mistake!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid with answers: HATTON, DAP, BOP, AIROUT, SEGA, ANA, GRASSHOPPER, LDS, LIST, REE, ESTES, MINUS, MANO, NICE, INSP, HARD, KNOCKS, LEE, AYN, STEW, KSTATE, HOSERS, SONS, YEN, CEL, CLAYMATION, RONA, DATE, SACS, BETTY, RIOTS, NOH, ASOF, ADD, TENNIS, SCOURT, CUD, AXIS, ANDREA, KPS, ROC, LESSEN

DOWN

- 1 Balloon popper, perhaps
2 Grp. that brought Stephen Colbert to Baghdad
3 Do quickly, as an assignment
4 "Help!"
5 Signal as a conductor might
6 Actress Devere Smith
7 Secretly includes on an email
8 Deem appropriate
9 Sue who wrote the so-called "alphabet series"
10 Destiny's Child or the Supremes
11 Sucks up, in a way
13 A.F.L. \_\_\_\_
14 One of the sisters in Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
17 Mercury or Venus, e.g.
20 Ancient Andeans
21 Classic TV brand
22 Elf's foe in "The Lord of the Rings"
26 Can, in Canterbury
27 Common reply to "Cómo estás?"
28 Only state with a two-vowel postal code
31 Jackie of "Rush Hour"
32 Starting stake
33 \_\_\_\_-mo replay
35 Foxx of "Soul"
36 Sort
37 Butter and margarine, nutritionally speaking
38 Sluggishness
39 "No need to introduce us"
41 Utters a sound, informally
42 Nail, as a test
43 Green-lights
45 Pie in the face, e.g.
47 Popular Japanese manga series
49 #1 at McDonalds, maybe
50 Suits
51 First sitting prez to fly in an airplane
54 "Return of the Jedi" dancer
55 Secure, as a ship
56 Dawn goddess
59 Chop or crop
60 Chicago trains



PUZZLE BY JACOB YONAS

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



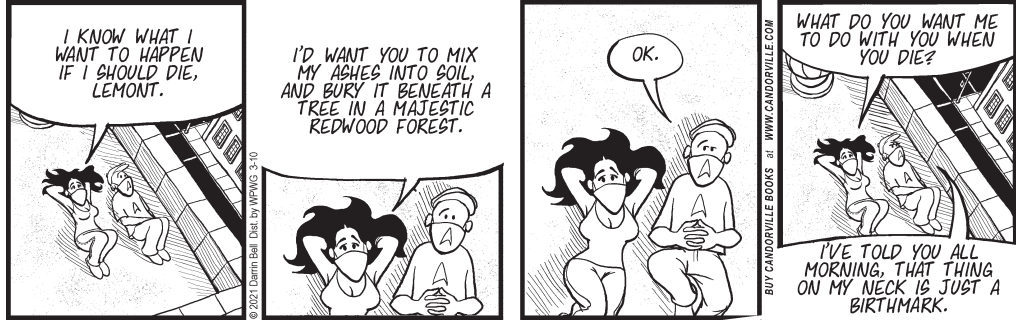
HERMAN



JUMBLE

Jumble puzzle instructions and word lists: MOC AE, SUP AE, CYTIKS, PMASYW. Includes a cartoon of a woman and a man.

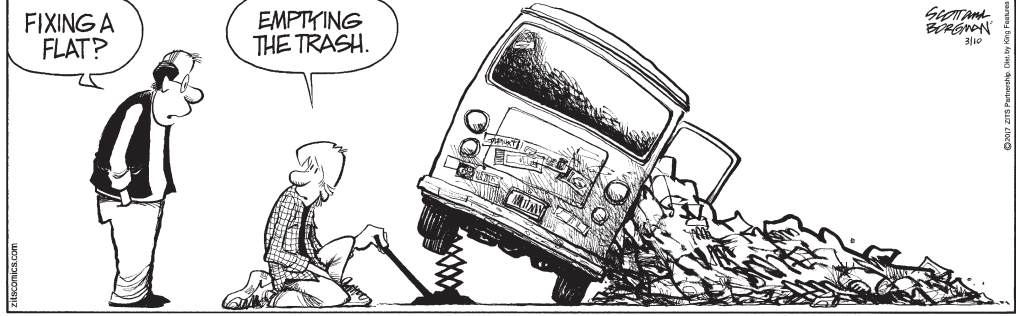
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS: 1 Is sporting, 6 Bobby who lost to Billie Jean King in tennis, 11 Place to unwind, 14 Grenoble's river, 15 Sign up, in Sussex, 16 Reliever's asset, 17 "ABC" group, with "The", 19 USN clerk, 20 Hot state, 21 Heat unit, 22 Ruhr Valley city, 24 Art class subject, 26 Part-plant DC Comics superhero, 28 Compulsive thief, for short, 30 Thoughts spoken onstage, 31 Prefix with comic, 32 "Not for me", 35 Left on a liner, 36 Pioneer's wagon with an upward-curved floor, 39 Popular side, 42 Sore, 43 Makeshift knives, 47 More minute, 49 Without a musical key, 50 Weight loss guru, 54 New Haven Ivy, 55 Stream of insults, say, 56 "It's \_\_\_\_ to you", 58 Given a meal, 59 Printemps month, 60 Skirt, as an issue ... or a hint to the puzzle's circles, 63 Outer: Prefix, 64 Slices in a pie, often, 65 Gold unit, 66 Blue shade, 67 Designer fragrance, 68 Prepared for a TV interview
DOWN: 1 Mischief, 2 Ordinarily, 3 Any of 11 1860s states, 4 Sitcom planet, 5 Outdoor home, 6 Agree to more issues, 7 Start to structure, 8 Big name in fairy tales, 9 Federal URL ending, 10 Makes things slippery, in a way, 11 Closes the marital deal, 12 Peacock, e.g., 13 Surrounded by, 18 Extremely, 23 Shout from the main mast, 25 Momentous victories, 27 Part of UTEP, 29 Excessively, 32 Bench press target, for short, 33 Bat wood, 34 Metaphor for a mess, 37 "Breaking Bad" agent, 38 Prime meridian std., 39 Place near the Pennsylvania Railroad, 40 Relax, 41 Retirement income source, 44 Down, 45 Chemical bonding number, 46 Tobogganed, 48 Ophthalmologist, for short, 49 Lago filler, 51 Wound up costing, 52 Highway through Whitehorse, 53 \_\_\_\_-France, 57 Senior's highlight, 61 Comic strip cry, 62 Non opposite

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Grid with answers: BRITABASSMNS, FADESAHHUHO, FRESHBREZE DADAM, SEALARMARPEGE, ALSOKNORR, BONSAIFANDANGO, ETECLAIRE DJED, BYWAYUNMROALD, OPENINNATE ZEE, PENNANTS BLAZER, GUTSY SAYS, BALLOT PAR TOFU, IRANOVELSERIES, TANERECT DANTE, OLDETSY TYKES

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SUDOKU

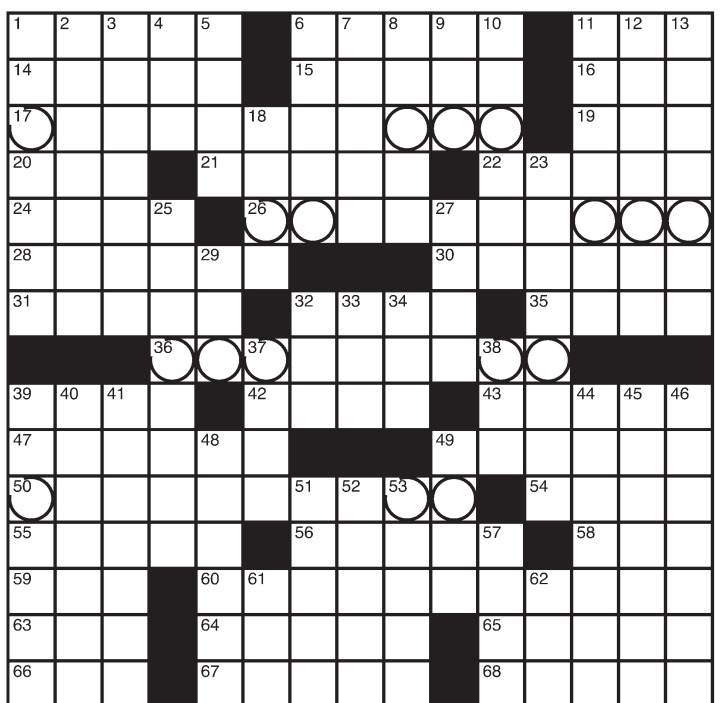
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

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