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### Daily Bridge Club

## When to draw trumps

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"Addicted to seaweed? Seek kelp." — graffiti  
"You often write about waiting to draw trumps," a club player said to me. "My partner is addicted: If there are trumps undrawn, he displays undrawal symptoms."

My friend's partner was declarer at four hearts. West led the queen of clubs, dummy's ace won, and East unblocked his king.

"Partner led a trump next, of course," I heard, "and East won and led another club. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps; he had none left. When he led a spade to dummy and let the jack of diamonds ride, West won and cashed three clubs. Down two."

rebids two hearts. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner has a minimum hand with six or more hearts. He would never have to rebid a five-card suit here; he would have a better option. You have enough to invite game. Bid three hearts. (North in today's deal responded two clubs with this hand. One spade is fine, especially if two clubs would force to game.)

South dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ K 6 4 2  
♥ K 4  
♦ J 9  
♣ A 6 4 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9  
♥ 8 6  
♦ K 7 4 3  
♣ Q J 10 9 7

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 7  
♥ A 5 3 2  
♦ 8 6 5  
♣ K 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 5 3  
♥ Q J 10 9 7  
♦ A Q 10 2  
♣ 5

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

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 6 4 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ A 6 4 3 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and he

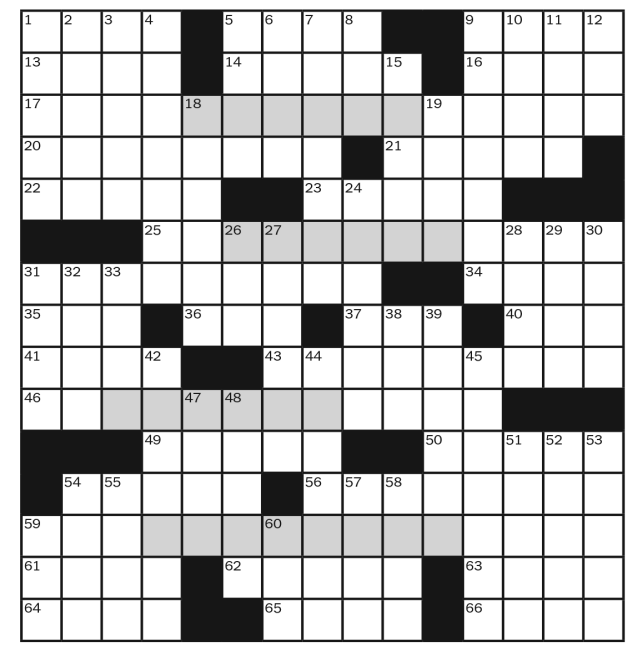
**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**  
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0211

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spider-Man villain — Octavius
  - 5 Beefeater and Bombay Sapphire
  - 9 Woes
  - 13 Prefix for many Ocean Spray products
  - 14 Oak, in a nutshell?
  - 16 The Big Easy
  - 17 What a pratfall may be done for
  - 20 Communist party systems
  - 21 YouTube count
  - 22 Actress Anne with four Emmy nominations
  - 23 Some theater honors
  - 25 Program followed in Alcoholics Anonymous
  - 31 Proper way to pass
  - 34 Sour-tasting fruit
  - 35 A Stogie
  - 36 What a swish misses
  - 37 Agency HQ'd in Atlanta
  - 40 May day celebrant
  - 41 Bedouin, e.g.
  - 43 Title that translates to "great sage"
  - 46 Sing under pressure
  - 49 Talk a big game
  - 50 Change in the Middle East, say
  - 54 In a jubilant fashion
  - 56 Bug
  - 59 Where magazines may be laid out
  - 61 Apartment listing info
  - 62 Apartment listing info
  - 63 Way to go
- DOWN**
- 1 Razor handle?
  - 2 Meet-cute in a romance film, e.g.
  - 3 2021 Super Bowl host city
  - 4 Where we are
  - 5 Mother to the Titans
  - 6 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
  - 7 Doesn't make it through a lecture, say
  - 8 Honorific from Sanskrit
  - 9 Overruns
  - 10 Movie magnate Marcus
  - 11 Entities with pass-through taxation, briefly
  - 12 Got into the swing?
  - 15 \_\_\_ Shute, "A Town Like Alice" novelist
  - 18 Part of a cabinet
  - 19 Vassal's plot of land
  - 24 "\_\_\_ By Golly, Wow" (1972 hit by the Stylistics)
  - 26 Judge of the Bible
  - 27 Proof parts



PUZZLE BY ALEX EATON-SALNERS

- 28 California : palms :: New England : \_\_\_
- 29 "That's nonsense"
- 30 Match before the final
- 31 Its flag displays a curved dagger known as a khanjar
- 32 Filmmaker Ephron
- 33 \_\_\_ player
- 38 It holds water
- 39 Props, so to speak
- 42 Something kids often lose
- 44 Like some glasses
- 45 Question one might ask when looking at a banana taped to the wall
- 47 \_\_\_ contendere
- 48 \_\_\_ McCheese of old fast-food fame
- 51 Padmé Amidala's home planet in "Star Wars"
- 52 Rockefeller Center statue
- 53 Orchestra section
- 54 Feature of a creature feature, perhaps
- 55 Some
- 57 Cowboys QB-turned-broadcaster
- 58 Antarctica's \_\_\_ Sea
- 59 Let go
- 60 Part of Italy where Calabria is found

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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

MEEEC  
RYFTO  
RRYATO  
SKOPNE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I think we should choose to live there for a year. Then we can either resign a lease or move on.

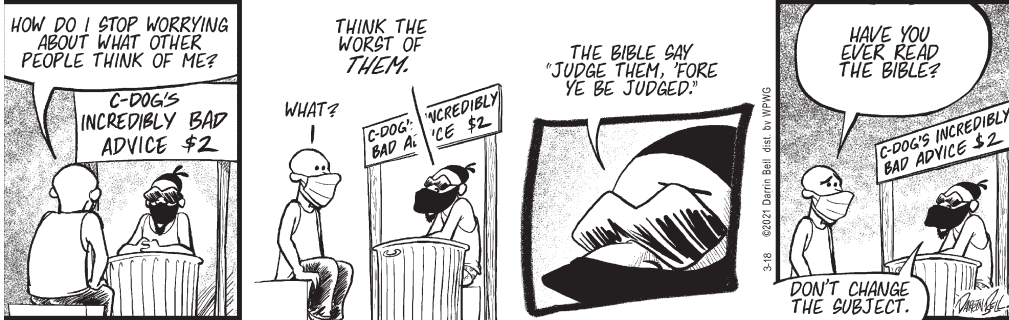
I like that better than buying right now.

THEY LEASED A HOME INSTEAD OF BUYING ONE BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: GAVEL HAIRY GOSSIP ENTICE  
Answer: They got to have the Saint Patrick's Day parade after town officials gave the — GREEN LIGHT

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Winnipeg NHLer
  - 4 Dwellings
  - 10 Retirement outfit?
  - 13 Tailless primate
  - 14 Low-ranked British peers
  - 15 "La Bamba" star \_\_\_ Diamond Phillips
  - 16 "No, no, more user-friendly than DOS. \_\_\_!"
  - 19 Make the same point as
  - 20 Ran
  - 21 Hogwarts letter carriers
  - 22 Throws a bomb, in football
  - 25 "No, no, flatter than sharks. \_\_\_!"
  - 29 Some Strads
  - 30 Hosiery hue
  - 32 "The Great" pope between Sixtus III and Hilarius
  - 34 "Peanuts" character spelled with a hyphen until 1981
  - 35 \_\_\_ chi
  - 36 At home with
  - 39 Also mention
  - 40 "No, no, bigger than Humvees. \_\_\_!"
  - 43 Former Cubs exec Epstein
  - 45 Hardy heroine
  - 46 Watchdog gp. created under Nixon
  - 49 Traffic signals?
  - 51 Two cents
  - 52 "No, no, scarier than iguanas. \_\_\_!"
  - 57 Bottom line
  - 58 Polite refusal
  - 59 Numbered hwy.
  - 60 Asian honorific
  - 61 Leaves befuddled
  - 62 Org. created in response to 9/11
- DOWN**
- 1 Mocking remark
  - 2 Really cool
  - 3 Georgia \_\_\_
  - 4 Disney monkey
  - 5 Mop manager?
  - 6 Promise of dire consequences
  - 7 IKEA kit pieces
  - 8 City about 250 miles NNW of Dallas, TX
  - 9 Govt. ID
  - 10 Clear of snow
  - 11 Fleshy fold
  - 12 Puzzle (out)
  - 17 Alt-tab function
  - 18 GI ID
  - 23 Yves' eager assent
  - 24 Turkey, for one
  - 25 Brine-cured Greek cheese
  - 26 Uneducated group
  - 27 Travel authorization for citizens of a 27-mem. union
  - 28 Zoomed
  - 29 Winter hrs. in IL
  - 31 Terminate
  - 33 Wasn't present?
  - 34 Education support gps.
  - 37 Stretch (out)
  - 38 RB stoppers
  - 41 With 42-Down, city on the Pearl River Delta
  - 42 See 41-Down
  - 43 Starts to disperse, as a crowd
  - 44 Round-tripper
  - 47 Looks (for)
  - 48 Befuddled
  - 50 Serious violations
  - 51 Brand with a paw print on its logo
  - 53 Punctuating word indicating sarcasm
  - 54 Long-legged runner
  - 55 Lake Mead creator
  - 56 Genre for Master P or Heavy D

### 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

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

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6	2			3				5
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	7			8			3	
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			2			5		

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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