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### Daily Bridge Club

## Simple Saturday

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My "Simple Saturday" columns are meant to improve basic technique and develop logical thinking.

The ubiquitous Murphy's Law applies to dummy play: Whatever can go wrong, will — and at the most inopportune time. Against today's four spades, West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace and eight. South ruffed East's ten and saw a possible overtrick by ruffing two diamonds in dummy. He took the A-K and led a third diamond, ruffing with dummy's six.

Whatever can go wrong, will — and did. East overruffed with the ten and returned a trump, and South's jack of diamonds was a loser at the end. Down one.

#### SAFETY

Part of your planning as declarer is to ask yourself what can possibly go wrong, then play as safely as you can. South must ruff the third diamond with dummy's ace of trumps.

South takes the ace of hearts, returns to his hand with a heart ruff and ruffs his last diamond with the six. The defenders get only East's ten of trumps, and South makes his game.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A6 ♥ AJ732 ♦ A6 ♣ 9 4 3 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and

he bids one spade. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** At your second turn as responder, you often have enough information to place the contract or suggest a contract, but that is not so here. Your partner's strength and distribution are both undefined. Bid two clubs, a forcing bid in a new suit. When you hear his next bid, you may have a better idea what to do.

North dealer  
E-W vulnerable

#### NORTH

♠ A 6  
♥ A J 7 3 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ 9 4 3 2

#### WEST

♠ None  
♥ Q 10 8 6  
♦ Q 9 8 5 4  
♣ A K J 8

#### EAST

♠ 10 5 4 3 2  
♥ K 9 4  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 10 7 6

#### SOUTH

♠ K Q J 9 8 7  
♥ 5  
♦ K J 3 2  
♣ Q 5

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

Opening lead — ♣ K

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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## The New York Times Crossword

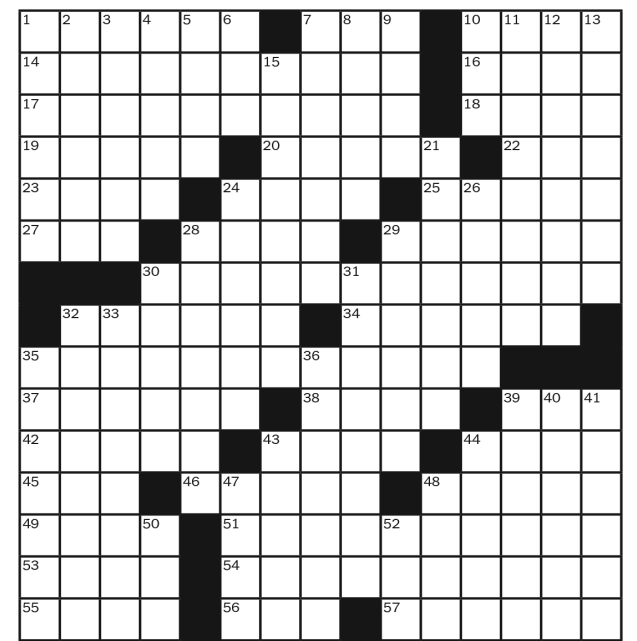
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No. 0213

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like the emo genre
  - 7 Chocolate or caramel
  - 10 Contretemps
  - 14 Wait here!
  - 16 See 4-Down
  - 17 Holiday production?
  - 18 Really feeling
  - 19 Item on a toothpick
  - 20 Insects that may lack mouths
  - 22 Subject of many a conspiracy theory
  - 23 Hajj, e.g.
  - 24 "And ... we're —!"
  - 25 Overplay
  - 27 Word with red or reason
  - 28 The Atlantic, but not the Pacific, for short
  - 29 Devour, with "up"
  - 30 Metaphorical setting in which everything is inverted from the norm
  - 32 Be peeved with
  - 34 Sometime
  - 35 Many are under the influence of this at college parties
  - 37 Covered with fat
  - 38 "Sure, I'm game"
  - 39 Breathing exercises, in brief?
  - 42 Vehemence
  - 43 Bottom lines
  - 44 Mind
  - 45 Sorting label for a Twitter search
  - 46 Jazzman who was a pioneer of Afrofuturism
- DOWN**
- 1 Shady spots
  - 2 Bly who traveled around the globe in 72 days
  - 3 Set of programs including Drive and Docs, once
  - 4 With 16-Across, championship-winning head coach of the Golden State Warriors
  - 5 Stun, in a way
  - 6 Compliment to the chef
  - 7 Entertains
  - 8 Bond
  - 9 Really impress?
  - 10 Emulate Olympian Lindsey Vonn
  - 11 Visual effect from a partial eclipse
  - 12 With cunning
  - 13 Moved en masse
  - 15 Brood
  - 21 Springtime forecast
  - 24 Monitor, e.g.
  - 26 Digs, so to speak
  - 28 They have many small teeth
  - 29 Freak out
  - 30 "Lincoln in the —" (2017 best-selling novel)
  - 31 Stuff in stuffing
  - 32 Main course?
  - 33 Nickname for the White House Correspondents' Dinner
  - 35 Part of a company
  - 36 Popular ice drink
  - 39 Redeem, as at a casino
  - 40 Gets ready for a date, maybe
  - 41 Morning omen for sailors
  - 43 It's not a good look
  - 44 Apt rhyme for "stash"
  - 47 Something an ascetic might fight
  - 48 Actress Blanchett
  - 50 Sister channel of Flix, for short
  - 52 Kind of milk

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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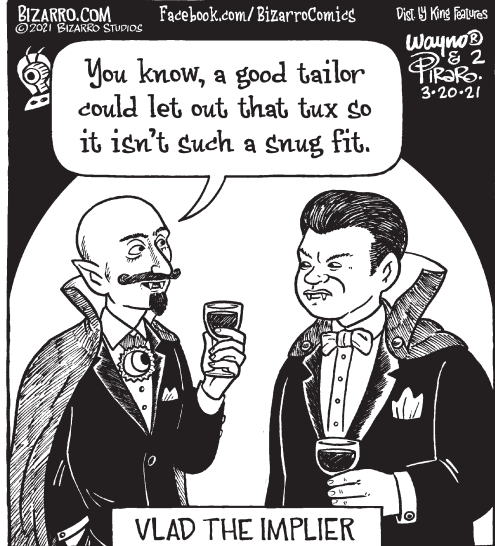


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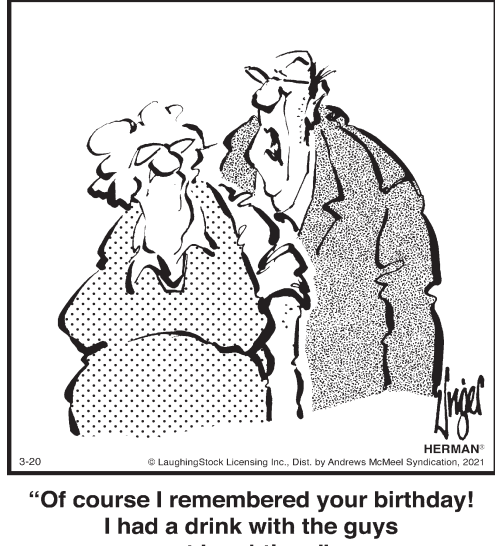
#### BIZARRO



#### DENNIS THE MENACE



#### HERMAN



#### JUMBLE

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

WGLRO  
MTUHP  
LEEFYU  
BDAONU

Answer here:

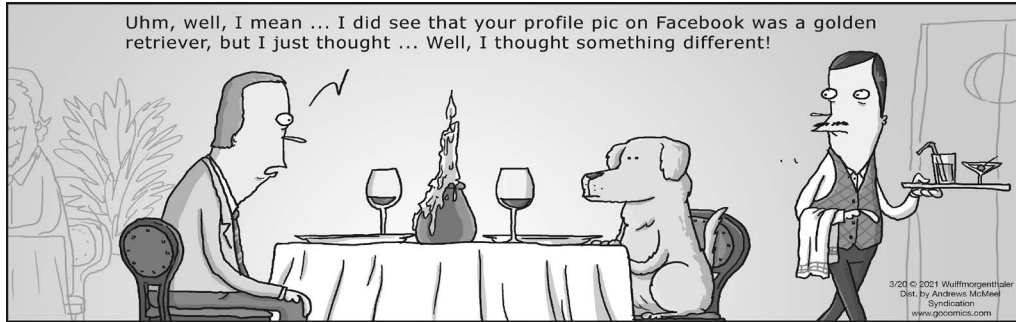
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUTH DAISY DEPICT MODEST  
Answer: Not everyone believes that marriage is for them, but those who do — ESPOUSE IT

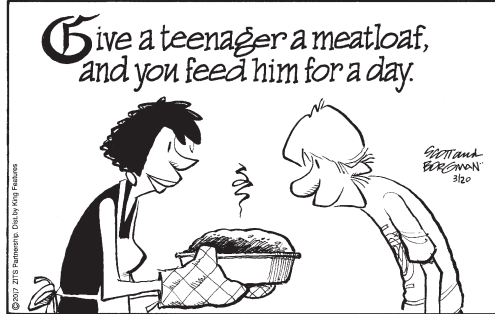
#### CANDORVILLE



#### WUMO



#### ZITS



### SUDOKU

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

#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

2	4	3	6	5	8	7	9	1
5	6	9	4	7	1	2	8	3
8	7	1	3	9	2	6	4	5
9	8	4	5	1	7	3	6	2
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1	2	7	8	6	3	4	5	9
4	9	2	1	8	6	5	3	7
7	5	6	2	3	9	8	1	4
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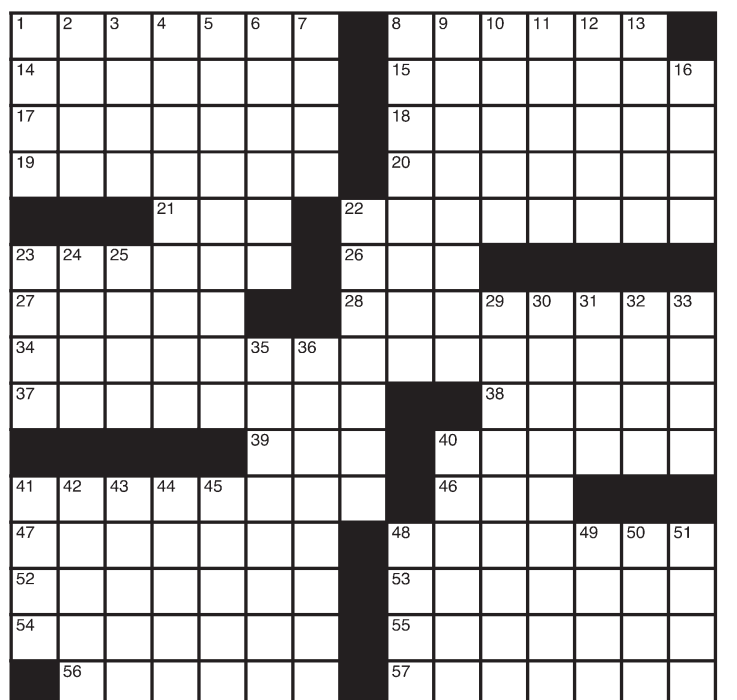
DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Garbage delivery vehicle?
  - 8 World Chess Champion Carlsen
  - 14 Susan Ruttan's "L.A. Law" role
  - 15 Used up a lot of
  - 17 Like some stockings
  - 18 Attorney's knowledge base
  - 19 "Anyone can play," on game boxes
  - 20 Pretend
  - 21 "Who \_\_\_?": New Orleans Saints chant
  - 22 Slowed
  - 23 Intelligence
  - 26 Beginning of an apology
  - 27 One Pillar Pagoda city
  - 28 Riding a Segway, say
  - 34 Free-spirited
  - 37 Bestowed on
  - 38 "Absentia" co-star \_\_\_ Katic
  - 39 Permit
  - 40 Dishonestly obtained
  - 41 Runs on
  - 46 Term of affection
  - 47 Big name in portable illumination
  - 48 Bond first bought by FDR in 1941
  - 52 New York natives
  - 53 Emergency sorting systems
  - 54 Tubular pastries
  - 55 Fruit in some Chinese New Year customs
  - 56 Hardly shines
  - 57 Innocently charming
  - 3 "Beverly Hills Cop" cop Foley
  - 4 All thumbs
  - 5 Less than 2% have this type
  - 6 Beginnings
  - 7 Rizzoli and Isles creator Gerritsen
  - 8 Popular '90s dance
  - 9 How rush-hour traffic often moves
  - 10 Beau \_\_\_
  - 11 Physics Nobelist the year after Albert
  - 12 Hard to see in, at times
  - 13 Chips on the table
  - 16 Wasn't square
  - 22 Comes (to)
  - 23 Homemade knife
  - 24 It may be braided for competition
  - 25 Additions
  - 29 One focused on the past
  - 30 Tallinn natives
  - 31 Too many to name, for short
  - 32 It may be a cue
  - 33 Medical procedure
  - 35 Chatter
  - 36 Umlaut
  - 40 Shepherd formerly of "The View"
  - 41 Coll. QB, stereotypically
  - 42 Turner and Wachowski
  - 43 Office plant, perhaps
  - 44 Pancakes served with sour cream
  - 45 Try to buy
  - 48 Put overhead, maybe
  - 49 Eleven's favorite breakfast brand, in "Stranger Things"
  - 50 Look
  - 51 Ancient being?
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
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