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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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

You don't know how little shampoo you can get by on until the bottle is almost empty. Just a little bit of good technique — a knowledge of handling suit combinations — will solve many of your dummy-play problems.

At 3NT, today's declarer has eight tricks: two spades, two hearts, a diamond and three clubs. He wins the first heart with the king, saving the ace as a dummy entry. What next?

OVERTAKES

If South needed five club tricks, he would take the A-Q, lead a heart to dummy and take the king of clubs, hoping the jack fell. But since South needs only one extra club, he should take the ace, then overtake the queen with the king. When East's nine falls, South leads the ten to force out West's jack, setting up the eight and four.

If instead East-West played low clubs, declarer would lead a third club hopefully. The correct play gives him the extra chances that a defender has J-x or 9-x.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 4 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ A 6 5 3 ♣ A Q. The dealer, at your

right, opens one spade. You double, and your partner bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your hand is potent, and your queen of clubs, positioned behind the opening bidder, is likely to be a winner. Still, the hand contains several losers, and your partner was obliged to respond to your double and may have nothing. Give him a little room; raise only to three hearts. South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH

- ♠ 7 6 3
♥ A 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K 10 8 4 3

WEST

- ♠ J 9 2
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ Q J
♣ J 7 6 5

EAST

- ♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 6
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ 9 2

SOUTH

- ♠ A K 4
♥ K 7 4 2
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A Q

South 2 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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The New York Times Crossword

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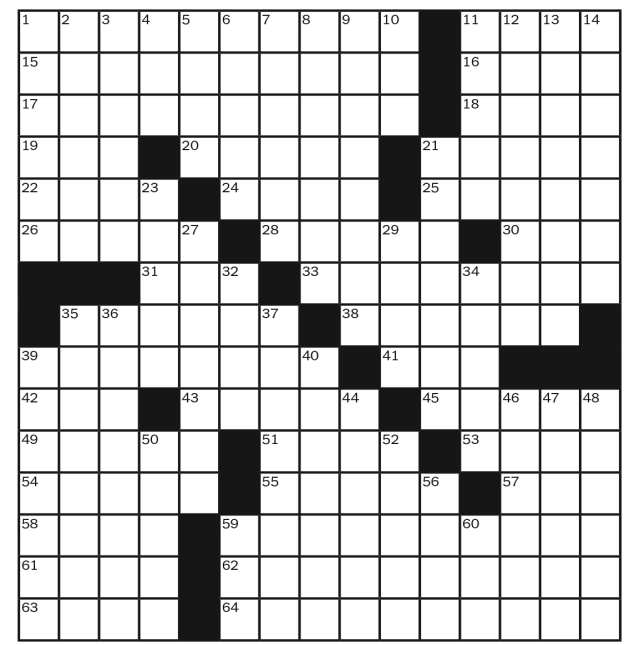
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ACROSS

- 1 Hoopster's mantra
11 Two-time FIFA Women's World Player of the Year (2001, 2002)
15 "My point is ..."
16 Like castaways, before being cast away
17 Set for the afternoon?
18 Clinches
19 A couple of dollars?
20 Material whose name is a Scandinavian country in French
21 Moves like a butterfly
22 Countenance
24 Stingray feature, once
25 Pioneer in 35mm cameras

DOWN

- 1 "Buzz off!"
2 Renato's wife in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera"
3 Some deals from dealerships
4 "Mañanitas" (Mexican birthday song)
5 Woman's name that's also a plural suffix
6 Work it, on the runway
7 Four-time Grammy winner Lyle
8 George Sand title heroine
9 [I'm such an idiot!]



PUZZLE BY YACOB YONAS

- 12 What this is an example of: \ (^ . ^) /
13 Trope seen in rom-coms
14 Rub the right way?
21 Switched (on)
23 Alternative to polyester
27 Home for a drone
29 Jokester
32 Props of sorts
34 Target
35 Vehicle equipped with photovoltaic cells
36 Schroeder plays one, in the comics
37 Dig for insights, digitally
39 Annual N.Y.C. event hosted by Vogue
40 Some Pepperridge Farm cookies
44 Begrudge
46 "Get Out" star Kaluuya
47 Like, now
48 Birth control pioneer Margaret
50 Like some drones
52 Forfeits
56 What comes before old age?
59 "Of course it looks good on you!," maybe
60 Zip

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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DENNIS THE MENACE



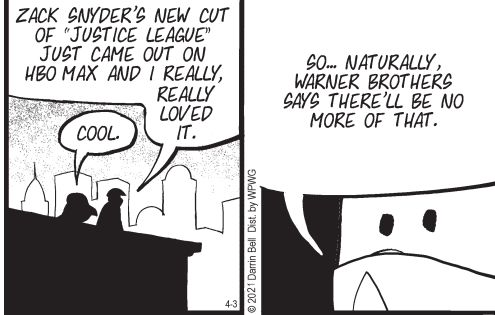
HERMAN



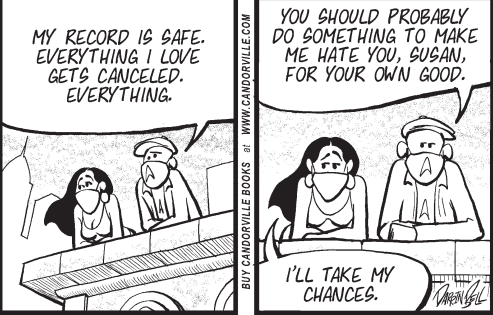
JUMBLE

Jumble word game section with scrambled words REETX, LYATL, PMHEAR, SCMATO and a cartoon of Babe Ruth.

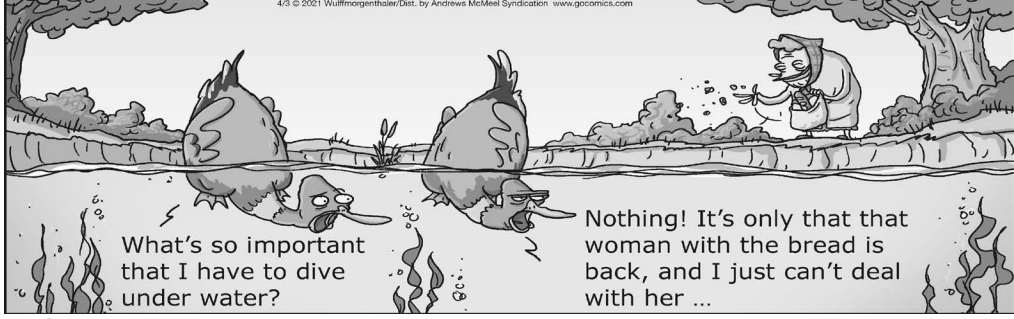
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WUMO



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS: 1 One may be planted on a cheek, 5 One who gets famous just for kicks?, 15 Volunteer's words, 16 Use sound to get around, 17 Large volume, 18 Reaction that can be grateful or sarcastic, 19 Call from a brooder, 21 Getting better, 22 Arrive by car, say, 24 Perception, 25 Make a typo ... or miss one, 26 Surprising sound, 28 Setting of van Gogh's "Café Terrace at Night", 30 Stop shooting, 32 Let the air out of, 35 Area where skateboarding likely originated, briefly, 37 Activity cube user, 38 One may get rubbed out, 40 Failed to uphold, 43 Gorilla researcher Fossey, 44 Turning part, 45 Directed, 47 With 42-Down, unlikely racetrack pick, 48 Milwaukee draft pick?, 50 One obsessed with guns?, 52 Utensil in Valencian cooking, 56 Isle off the Sorrento Peninsula, 57 Captured soundly?, 59 Hardly promising, 60 Walk-in clinic focus, 61 Fashion, 62 Espies, 63 City on the Skunk
DOWN: 1 Retiring groups?, 2 Film genre for Shyamalan's "The Happening", 3 Competitor who's over the hump?, 4 Prepare to talk to a tyke, maybe, 5 Prepared, 6 Figure eight, in tango parlance, 7 Harry Potter love interest Cho ___, 8 Independent ___, 9 South Bend suburb, 10 Larva that attacks Valentine's Day plants, 11 Ran playfully, 12 Fabulist's work, 13 Buckets or barrels, 14 Out of a job, perhaps?: Abbr., 20 Trivia site, 23 __ fly, 27 Arena for the stars, 29 Annual coronation event, 31 Impressive displays, 33 Rest for a bit, 34 Transport service for the disabled, 36 Much less, 39 Armageddons, 41 Lose it, 42 See 47-Across, five major sports, 49 Croquetas or caracoles, 51 It forms igneous rock, 52 Microsoft co-founder Allen, 53 Intangible quality, 54 Norm-challenging, 55 Role in the Monteverdi opera "The Coronation of Poppaea", 58 Big-screen TV site

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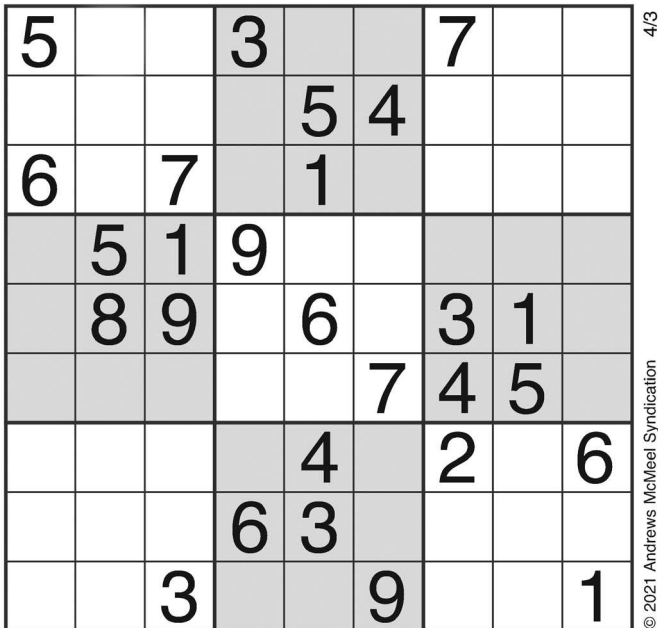
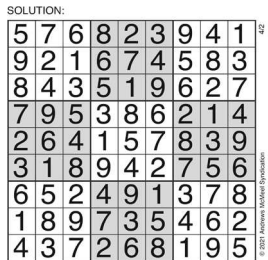


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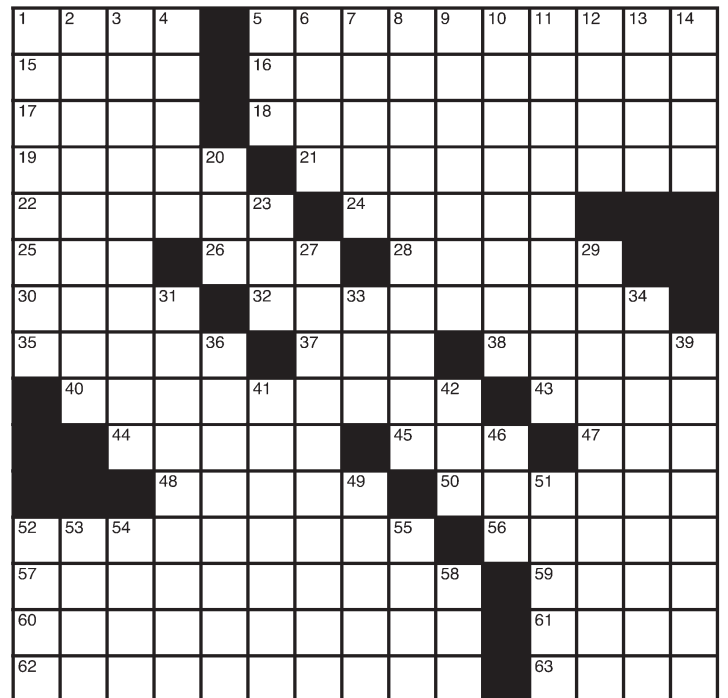
SUDOKU

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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