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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Simple Saturday**

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“Simple Saturday” columns are meant to improve basic technique and develop logical thinking.

Assumption is said to be the cause of most disasters. As a defender, never assume that declarer’s trump suit is rock-solid.

Today’s West led the king of hearts against four spades, and East correctly overtook with the ace to get out of his partner’s way. West won the heart return with the jack and led the queen, and East discarded a diamond.

Declarer ruffed, led a diamond to dummy and returned a trump: five, king, deuce. He went back to a high club and led a second trump. East took his ace and led a diamond, but South won, drew West’s jack of trumps and claimed.

two diamonds and you raise to three diamonds. Partner next bids three hearts. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Your partner is trying for game and is painting a picture of his distribution so you can tell whether your honors are useful. His shape is likely to be 5-3-4-1. Bid five diamonds or, maybe better, bid three spades to show your tolerance for that suit.

West dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 7 4  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ A K J  
♣ A Q 8 7

**WEST**  
♠ J 3 2  
♥ K Q J 7 5 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ 9 2

**EAST**  
♠ A 5  
♥ A 4  
♦ 9 8 5 3 2  
♣ J 6 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 9 6  
♥ 10 9  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ K 10 4

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ A 5 ♥ A 4 ♦ 9 8 5 3 2 ♣ J 6 5 3. Your partner opens one spade, you respond INT, he bids

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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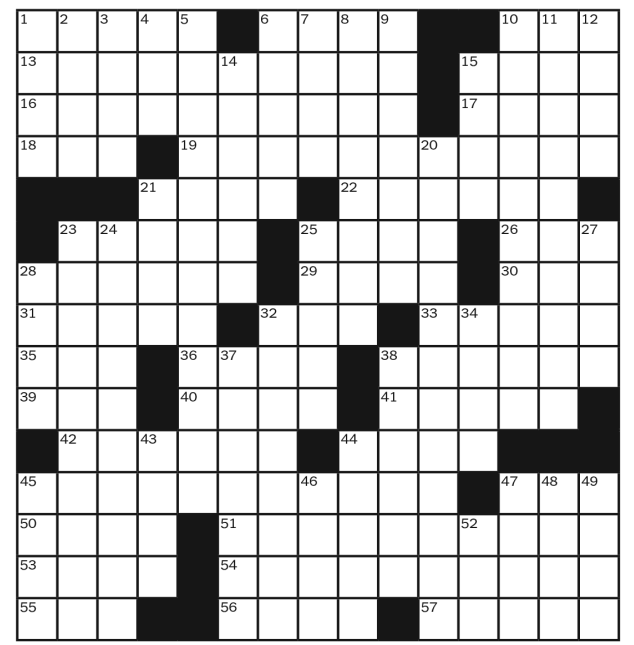
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor Sean of “Stranger Things”
  - 6 “Right on!”
  - 10 Driver’s place
  - 13 Ancient allegory paralleled in the plot of “The Matrix”
  - 15 \_\_\_ Addams, first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
  - 16 Tales of woe
  - 17 Prod
  - 18 Some short releases, for short
  - 19 “Oh, gimme a break!”
  - 21 Spots for fighter jets, in brief
  - 22 Journalist who wrote the 1990s-2000s comic strip “Capitol Hill”
  - 23 Ice cream dessert
  - 25 One who’s taken a vow
  - 26 Chafed, say
  - 28 Gobble up
  - 29 Locale near the headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates, some believe
  - 30 Dating inits.
  - 31 Unmotivated, and then some
  - 32 Holy \_\_\_
  - 33 Sustenance
  - 35 Cheyenne, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 36 “That’s a \_\_\_”
  - 38 Forces (upon)
  - 39 Inebriate
  - 40 “Young Man With a Skull” painter
  - 41 Throws heavenward
  - 42 Split
  - 44 Really soak up the sun
  - 45 Cassius Dio said it went “from a kingdom of gold to one of rust and iron”
  - 47 Mac
  - 50 Winter Olympics feat
  - 51 Product of tissue engineering, such as artificial skin
  - 53 Contemptible sort
  - 54 “Come help me with this”
  - 55 Contemptible sort
  - 56 Doesn’t check, say
  - 57 Big buttes

**DOWN**

- 1 Locale of the Chair of Saint Peter in Saint Peter’s Basilica
- 2 Unappetizing bowlful
- 3 Things often seen in windows
- 4 “\_\_\_ magic!”
- 5 Statement of inevitability
- 6 The Taj Mahal complex has 42 of them
- 7 Eldest of the Pleiades
- 8 When a vesper bell rings
- 9 Beverage brand portmanteau
- 10 High on the job?
- 11 Pets that commonly have different-colored eyes, such as one blue and one amber
- 25 Is lachrymose
- 27 Brings together
- 28 Brings down
- 32 Place of drudgery
- 34 Riddled
- 37 Marathon runner’s wear
- 38 Like bootleg pants
- 43 Eponymous founder of a San Diego research institute
- 44 Really stinks
- 45 Hindi for “king”
- 46 Amanda Gorman, e.g.
- 47 Diagonal kind of cut
- 48 It has coronoid and styloid processes
- 49 Spots for shams
- 52 When italicized, word before something exemplary

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



PUZZLE BY JOHN GUZZETTA

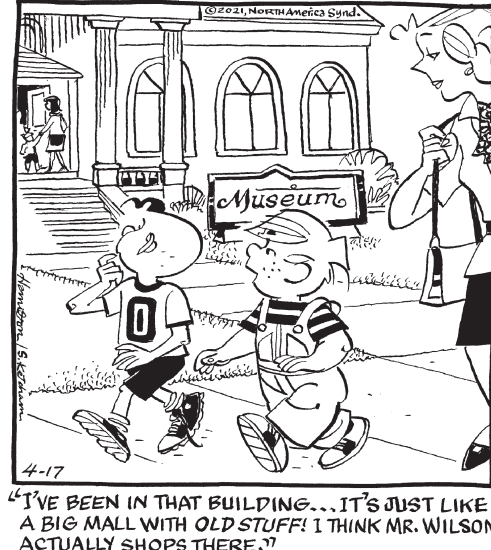
- 12 Existed
- 14 Like many minor-key compositions
- 15 Sharp increase
- 20 Hardly a test of one’s memory
- 21 “Mi \_\_\_” (Spanish words of endearment)
- 23 Portable lunch options from Japan
- 24 Dingy kitchen items?
- 25 Is lachrymose
- 27 Brings together
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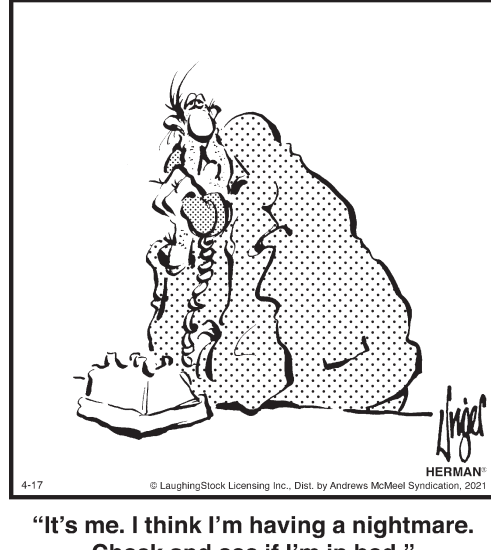
**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

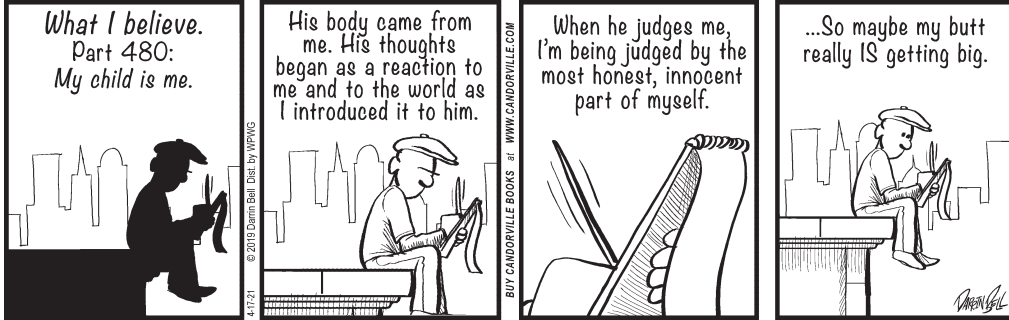
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NCUDE  
NRILE  
VYRSUE  
TRWMHA

Print your answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers Monday)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: WEIGH SUEDE TEDIUM DOLLAR  
Answer: The poker player got the card he needed for a royal flush, which — SUITED HIM WELL

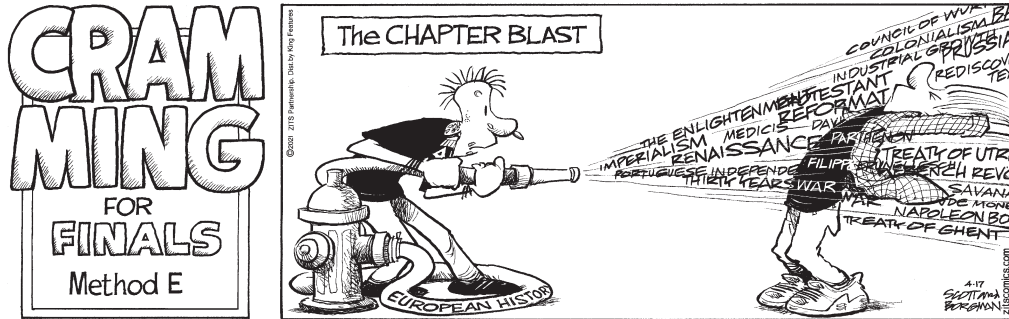
**CANDORVILLE**



**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**

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

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

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

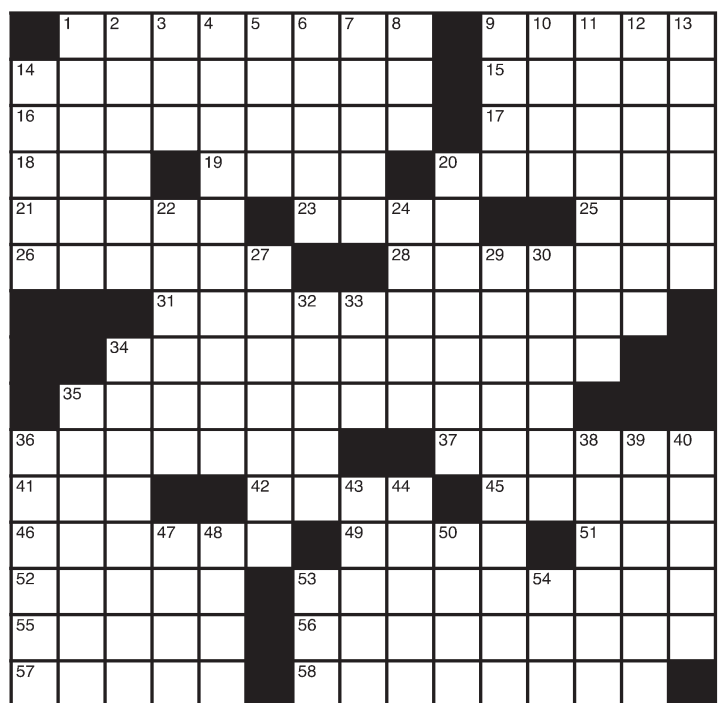
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Technique providing percussion with a string note
  - 6 Even slightly
  - 7 Fifth-cen. pope called “The Great”
  - 8 Monkey’s do partner?
  - 9 As well
  - 10 Long way to go?
  - 11 Look here!
  - 12 Depressions
  - 13 \_\_\_ Jamison, one of two NBA players with 20,000+ points who’s not in the Hall of Fame
  - 14 “From your mouth to God’s ears”
  - 20 Rears
  - 22 Feel bad about
  - 24 Succeeded in
  - 27 1992 Mamet drama
  - 29 Three-time WNBA MVP
  - 30 Synagogue text
  - 32 Performs surgery on, in a way
  - 33 Cambridgeshire cathedral city
  - 34 Like a sure thing
  - 35 Company founded in 1939 as Auto Avio
  - 36 Key of Beethoven’s Violin Concerto
  - 38 Submission to a radio station, briefly
  - 39 Garden guardians
  - 40 Will of “Blue Bloods”
  - 43 Ice cream alternative, casually
  - 44 Moved between banks, maybe
  - 47 Berserk
  - 48 Refuse
  - 50 Amps (up)
  - 53 Once-big storage unit that’s now quite small
  - 54 Farm female

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

S	C	O	T		S	C	A	M		W	H	O			
A	L	U	M	S		P	O	L	E		C	H	A	P	
W	I	T	C	H	T	R	A	I	L		H	A	R	P	
L	P	S		A	B	A	T	E		O	U	T	D	O	
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G	R	A	T	E		R		L	A	T	E	F	E	E	
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D	O	T		S	T	A	L	E		A	S	T	I		
I	N	V	A	L	I	D			S	T	E	P	O	N	
L	E	I	D		D	E	T	E	C	T	O	R	R	P	G
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M	O	O	R		S	H	I	F	T	Y	E	E	S		
M	U	L	E		R	O	L	F		S	W	E	A	T	
A	S	S			O	W	E	S		E	R	R	S		

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- DOWN**
- 1 Makes a point?
  - 2 Unleashes on
  - 3 Big letters in security services
  - 4 Is far from a good sport

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