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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Simple Saturday**

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“Simple Saturday” columns focus on improving basic technique and logical thinking.

Some players think success at bridge requires adopting a host of bidding gadgets, but winning players rely on sound fundamental skills in the play. Say you are declarer at today’s five diamonds. (Yes, 3NT might have been easier.) West leads the deuce of hearts. East takes the ace and returns the jack to your king. How do you proceed?

What do you say?

**ANSWER:** A jump to three diamonds would be fine if forcing, but most partnerships treat such a jump-lead by responder as invitational. (You might hold A 10 4, J 9 4, A Q 9 8 5 3, 10.) Since your best contract is unclear, you must create a force. Bid one spade, the “fourth suit,” asking partner for further description.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**CLUB HONORS**

East probably has at least one of the missing club honors; West might have led the king of clubs otherwise. Lead a trump to dummy, take the ace of clubs and lead the jack for a ruffing finesse, throwing your last heart if East plays low.

West wins and tries to cash a heart. You ruff, lead a trump to dummy and return the nine of clubs. If East plays low, discard a spade. If he covers, ruff and return to dummy with a trump to discard spades on the high 8-7 of clubs.

Learning bridge technique can be a slow process, but quitting won’t speed it up. Persevere!

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ A 10 4 ♥ K 9 4  
♦ A Q 9 8 5 3 ♣ 10. Your partner opens one club, you respond one diamond and he bids one heart.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 5  
♥ 7 5 3  
♦ K J 10  
♣ A J 9 8 7

**WEST**  
♠ K 8 7 3 2  
♥ Q 10 8 2  
♦ 6  
♣ K 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 6  
♥ A J 6  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ Q 5 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 4  
♥ K 9 4  
♦ A Q 9 8 5 3  
♣ 10

South 1♦ West Pass North 3♦ East Pass  
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass  
5♦ All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 2

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**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**

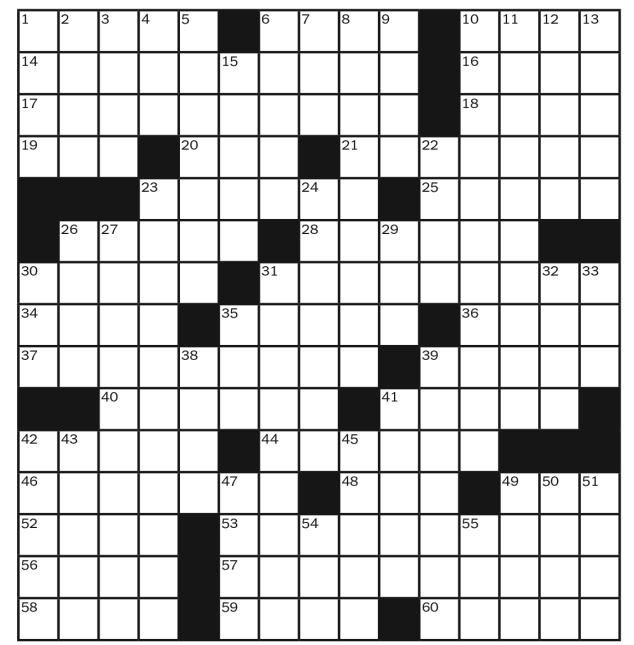
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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0327

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer with a supporting role in 2019’s “Hustlers”
  - 6 Women’s soccer star Wambach
  - 10 So
  - 14 Staples, e.g.
  - 16 Some legwear
  - 17 Start of a nudge
  - 18 Form of the Latin “sum”
  - 19 One who’s got the bug?
  - 20 What the name Frances is often misspelled with
  - 21 Carrier based near Kuala Lumpur
  - 23 No small favor
  - 25 Word with field or sales
  - 26 Heart-to-hearts, say
  - 28 Lexicographical listings
  - 30 Pest control target
  - 31 Spot to have a look sea?
  - 34 The Phantom in “The Phantom of the Opera”
  - 35 “Caligula” writer
  - 36 Trouble, with “at”
  - 37 “Not even close!”
  - 39 Topping that becomes the food it’s eaten with when its vowels are changed to A’s
  - 40 Makes blush?
  - 41 Tangles up (in)
  - 42 /
  - 44 Some museum displays
  - 46 Onetime name in weight-loss supplements
  - 48 Prosecution figure, for short
  - 49 It began as a comic book with the tagline “Humor in a jugular vein”
  - 52 Spanish for “weight”
  - 53 Entry point in the walls of Babylon
  - 56 Follower of new or golden
  - 57 “Not my fault!”
  - 58 Bolted
  - 59 \_\_\_ Park, New York birthplace of F.D.R.
  - 60 Blasts with junk
- DOWN**
- 1 Components of some calculators, for short
  - 2 Where to order a Rooty Tooty Fresh ‘N Fruity
  - 3 Bonkers
  - 4 It might be right under your nose
  - 5 One way to accept something
  - 6 Openings in the hotel business?
  - 7 Locale for moss
  - 8 Soars to success
  - 9 Figure on Disney’s Expedition Everest ride
  - 10 Franchise that includes three top-10 highest-grossing films of all time
  - 11 Smarts
  - 12 Bolting Bolt
  - 13 Assail



PUZZLE BY MICHAEL HAWKINS

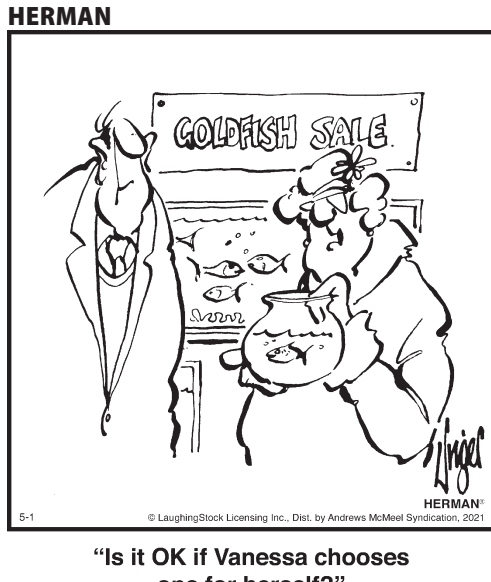
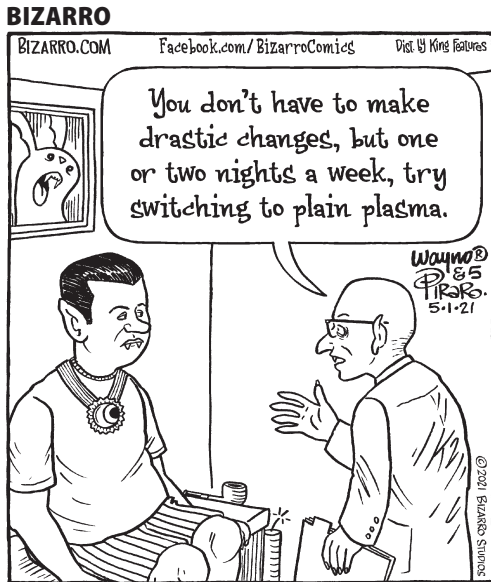
- 15 Apple Music tab
- 22 Rules, informally
- 23 Unable to stay away, say
- 24 Reckon
- 26 Celebrity chef Cat \_\_\_
- 27 It’s a fright
- 29 Reactions to something sweet ... or something disappointing
- 30 One making a call
- 31 Out of the picture, say
- 32 Senior moments?
- 33 Divisor in the golden ratio
- 35 It may be in the works
- 38 Wishes undone
- 39 Rogues
- 41 \_\_\_ touch
- 42 Eponym of an N.Y.C. cathedral
- 43 Polite response in Palermo
- 45 Not your average joe?
- 47 Crux of the matter
- 49 Six-time W.N.B.A. All-Star Moore
- 50 A little bit of everything?
- 51 “Titat \_\_\_” (Arizona’s state motto)
- 54 Snookered
- 55 Economic fig.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



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

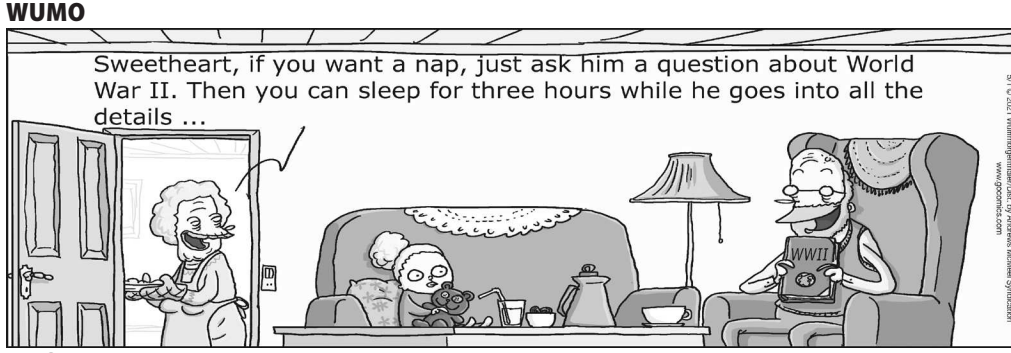
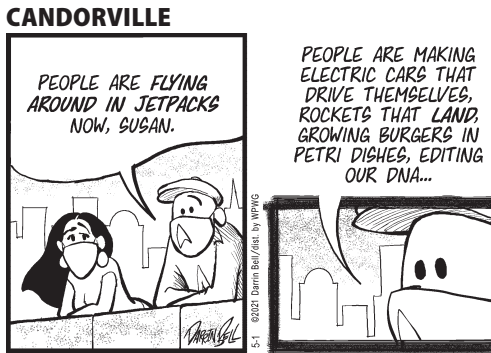
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUEEL  
WYNOS  
GRIEHH  
TARCOV

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: STASH HENCE PAGODA PONCHO  
Answer: When she unknowingly took a pic of the flexing bodybuilder, it was — HAPPENSTANCE

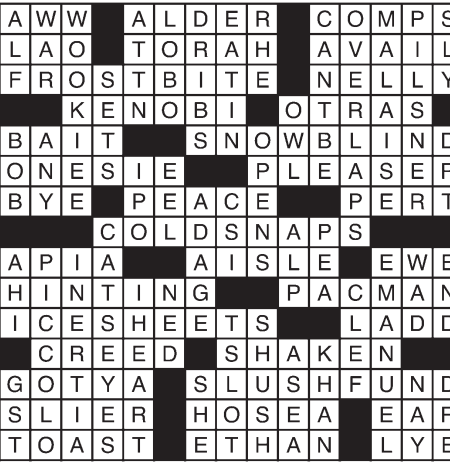


**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mess up
  - 4 Traveler’s reference
  - 7 Botanical garden adjective
  - 11 Fetid
  - 13 Dental facade
  - 15 Shoddily attached, usually
  - 16 Viagra alternative
  - 17 Affair VIPs
  - 18 1960s girl group named for its lead singer
  - 19 Opts for another tour
  - 20 Like some romantic dinners
  - 21 Benedict Cumberbatch superhero role, casually
  - 23 Sonic boom creator?
  - 24 Inflatable emergency transports
  - 26 Bobs and weaves
  - 27 Like some serious accidents
  - 29 \_\_\_ vivat
  - 32 It was initially dubbed “Clinton’s Big Ditch” by its critics
  - 34 Collectible Camaro
  - 36 Listen in
  - 38 Wood stove successors
  - 40 \_\_\_ burger
  - 42 Just below par
  - 43 Jar
  - 44 Arouses
  - 45 Result of a certain property payment delinquency
  - 46 One getting checks for quarters
  - 47 Took part in an ugly campaign
  - 48 Spotted
  - 49 Beneficiaries of exercises called Russian twists
  - 50 Crack
- DOWN**
- 1 Emerge from the wings
  - 2 Racked up cellphone charges, perhaps
  - 3 Aptly named giant in surfing sportswear
  - 4 Amount that’s sometimes larger than it sounds
  - 5 “A Sorta Fairytale” singer Tori
  - 6 Compose, perhaps
  - 7 Stabilize, with “off”
  - 8 Associates
  - 9 Resolved, in a way
  - 10 “Wish me luck!”
  - 12 Slowly comes through
  - 13 Family feuds
  - 14 Jah worshippers
  - 16 Gloomy looks
  - 18 Broke 100, maybe
  - 20 Fairy tale ball arrivals
  - 22 Possible result of not knowing when to stop?
  - 25 Places to see small, colorful trucks
  - 28 \_\_\_ Kelly, woman with the most lifetime “Jeopardy!” winnings
  - 29 Group that includes Chevron and BP
  - 30 Florida harvest
  - 31 What poor instructions make
  - 33 Writing letters, some say
  - 35 Carnival offering
  - 37 Worker with many questions
  - 39 Composer Bruckner
  - 41 Poor
  - 43 Framing piece
  - 45 Org. with Behavior Detection Officers

**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**

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

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