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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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

Today’s North-South have 34 points, enough for 12 tricks at notrump. But their 4-4 heart fit provides an extra trick with a ruff in either hand. When North locates that fit via Stayman, he uses Blackwood and bids seven hearts.

Say South wins the first diamond with the ace and takes the K-Q of trumps. If trumps break 3-2, he draws the last trump and claims. When instead West discards, South needs to ruff a diamond in dummy. He takes the king and ruffs a diamond, but East overruffs.

doubles, you bid one spade and he raises to three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: To pass may look clear, but your hand might be worse. Your fifth spade will be a winner, and you will be able to ruff hearts in dummy. Partner has a mountain to commit to a nine-trick contract. Bid four spades. He may hold A K 9 3, 3, A K J 7 6, A 5 4.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 6 3
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ A 3
♣ A J 6 3

THIRD SPADE

WEST
♠ J 9 5
♥ 7
♦ Q J 10 8 4 2
♣ 9 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ 9 5
♣ 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A 2
♥ A J 3 2
♦ K 7 6
♣ K Q 10 5

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 8 7 4 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 8 7. The dealer, at your left, opens one heart. Your partner

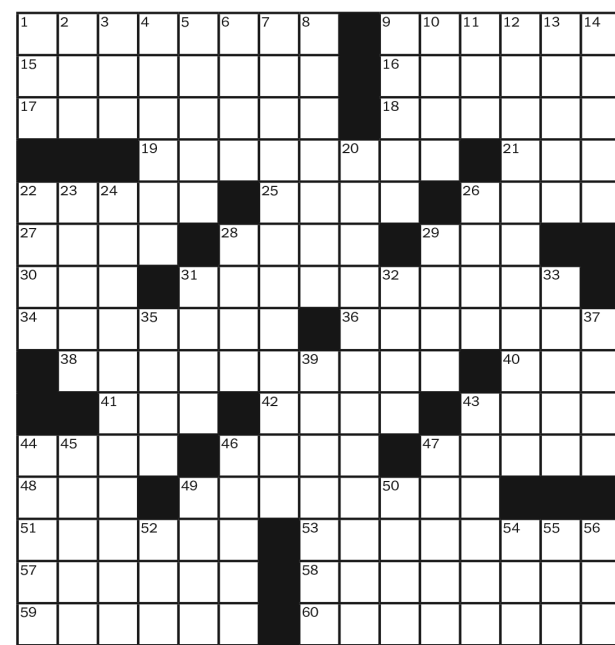
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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Colorful Pillsbury cake with a portmanteau name
 - 9 Designs
 - 15 The Wright stuff?
 - 16 Grading aid
 - 17 Dave of rock
 - 18 If the shoe doesn't fit ... wear it?
 - 19 Some Renaissance-era scientists
 - 21 Kind of garden
 - 22 Input
 - 25 Where things might be left hanging
 - 26 270°
 - 27 Male hedgehog
 - 28 ___ Star
 - 29 Something opened with a click
 - 30 ___ bike
 - 31 Brie, e.g.
 - 34 Rest stop?
 - 36 Personification of limpness
 - 38 Zoom participants?
 - 40 Head across the pond
 - 41 Crackerjack
 - 42 Linguist Chomsky
 - 43 Copies, as from a CD
 - 44 Risky thing to do close to flight time
 - 46 1040, e.g.
 - 47 ___ blue
 - 48 Bother
 - 49 Some nervous responses
 - 51 Latitude
 - 53 Thanksgiving aftermath, maybe
 - 57 Prompt
 - 58 Aspire
 - 59 Small sample, to Brits
 - 60 Like this clue among the Acrosses
- DOWN**
- 1 Ones closest to you, informally
 - 2 Sch. whose athletes are nicknamed the Hoos
 - 3 Annual coll. basketball event
 - 4 Pop
 - 5 Clear sky
 - 6 Ranking component
 - 7 Mathematical puzzle with movable disks
 - 8 Snap
 - 9 Neck problem
 - 10 Homecomings?
 - 11 Targets of leg raises, informally
 - 12 Safe to skate on, say
 - 13 Decorative features throughout Spain's Alhambra palace
 - 14 On the ___
 - 20 One getting a big scoop?
 - 22 Weakens
 - 23 Lead-in to "land" in a hit 2020 film



PUZZLE BY LESLIE ROGERS

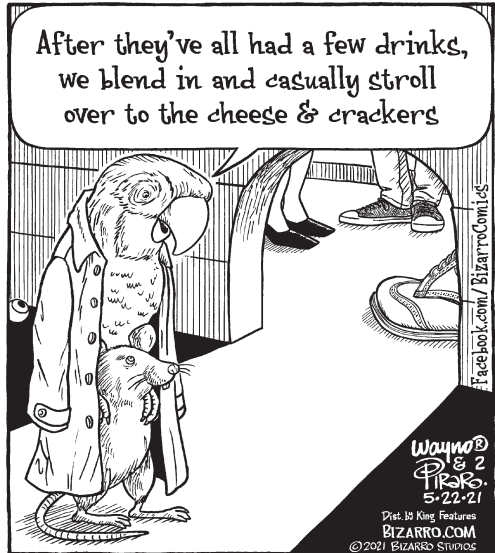
- 24 They vary according to income
- 26 Do some yardwork
- 28 Series set in Middle-earth, for short
- 29 Categorizes
- 31 Common additive to melted butter in Italian cuisine
- 32 Wrongdoing
- 33 Emulate Desdemona and Othello, in a way
- 35 Browser command
- 37 Befuddled
- 39 Like some chickens on farms
- 43 Miscreant
- 44 Start of a series
- 45 Impressive spot to sell out
- 46 Circular
- 47 Yielded
- 49 "The perfume of heroic deeds," to Socrates
- 50 TV host Kotb
- 52 "___ has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words": Dorothy Parker
- 54 Beginnings of life
- 55 Several of them are named for gods: Abbr.
- 56 A word with thou

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

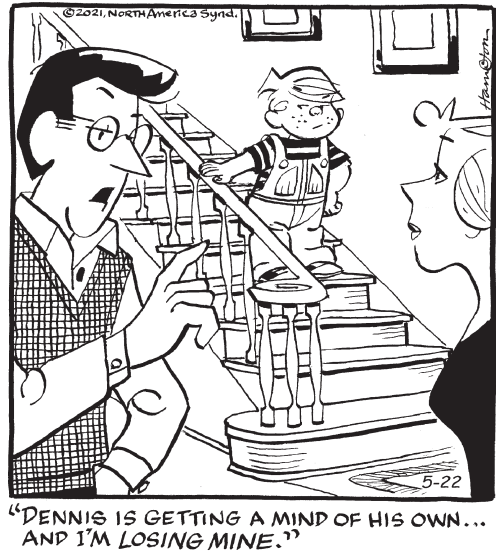


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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

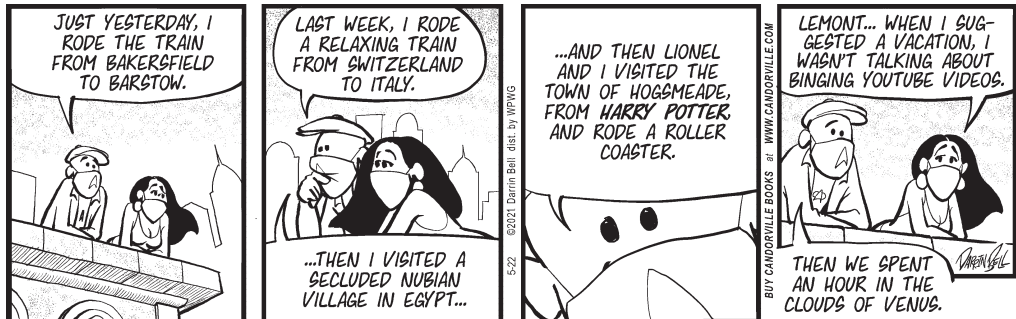
GEEHD
NHUPC
RSILAP
CLUSTP

TO QUIET THE DOGS THAT WERE ASKING FOR FOOD, THEY GAVE THEM A FEW ---

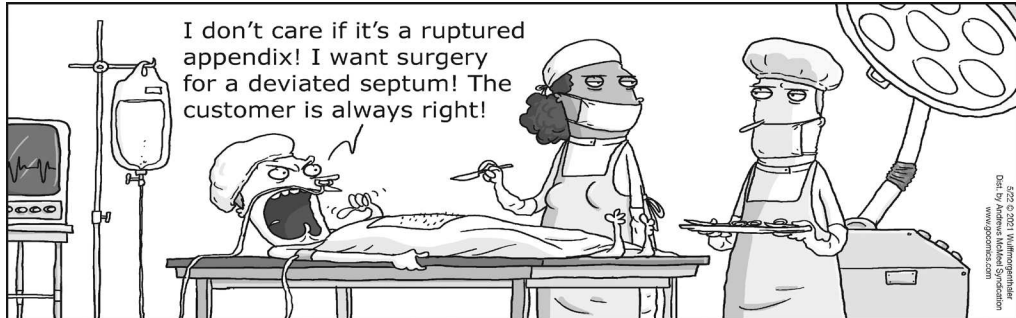
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)
Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE SPELL SMOKER TIRAIDE
Answer: After studying how propositions are the basis of arguments, the students — LEFT THE PREMISES

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

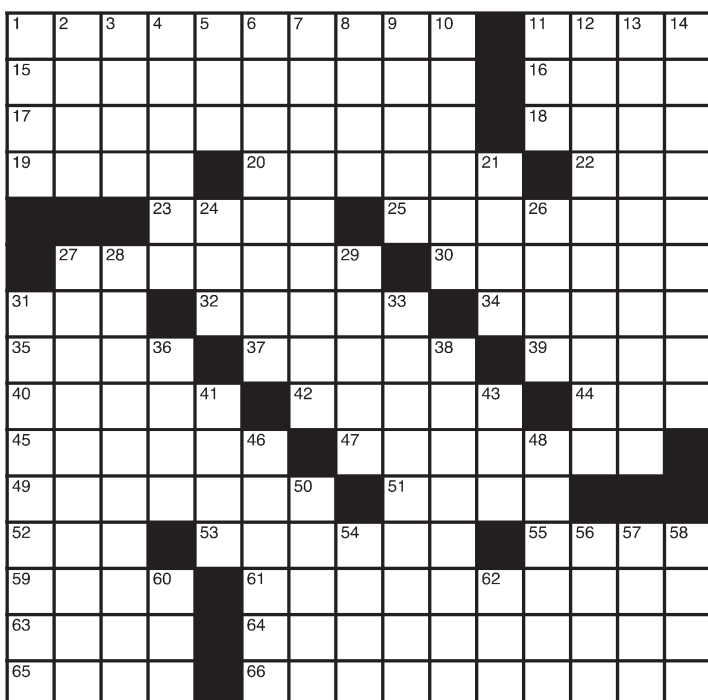
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Yeah, like I believe that!"
 - 11 Yo-yo, say
 - 15 Lozenge flavor
 - 16 Together, on scores
 - 17 Competitively whipped
 - 18 Eighty-six
 - 19 Bailing aid
 - 20 Shiny sheet material
 - 22 NBA Sixers, on scoreboards
 - 23 Brooklyn-based handicrafts retailer
 - 25 Blew off an early appointment, maybe
 - 27 Contractors' needs
 - 30 Maroon
 - 31 Quince follower
 - 32 Put away a game
 - 34 Beetle Bailey nemesis
 - 35 Letters on Drago's track suit in "Rocky IV"
 - 37 Stuffed
 - 39 Board at Belmont
 - 40 "Precision Crafted Performance" sloganer
 - 42 Brawl
 - 44 Recipe word
 - 45 Light cutters
 - 47 Some are made in garages
 - 49 Proficient in
 - 51 "Narcos: Mexico" actor Michael
 - 52 Brainiac
 - 53 Like some mules
 - 55 Fold, as a poker hand
 - 59 "Hitchcock" role
 - 61 Movie in which Ricardo Montalban says, "Kirk, my old friend, do you know the Klingon proverb ... 'Revenge is a dish best served cold'?"
 - 63 Healthy look
 - 64 Hitting close to home
 - 65 Place for roots
 - 66 Comes to one's senses
 - 29 Put in a spot
 - 31 Rebroadcasts
 - 33 Relocates, sci-fi-style
 - 36 Sous-chef's work
 - 38 Foul creature that guarded Azkaban in the Potterverse
 - 41 The "A" that makes STEM into STEAM
 - 43 Loads of lifetimes
 - 46 Some dips
 - 48 Cell component
 - 50 Viscount, e.g.
 - 54 Wan
 - 56 Instruments played by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
 - 57 European aloha cousin
 - 58 Firing place
 - 60 Boring thing
 - 62 Topper for a chirashi bowl
- DOWN**
- 1 Apt "squee" rhyme
 - 2 Deceptive act
 - 3 Not behind
 - 4 Waver
 - 5 Writer Rand
 - 6 Some Beethoven works
 - 7 Its anchor shouldn't weigh it down
 - 8 Fail to mention
 - 9 Pirate hideouts
 - 10 Does floor work, maybe
 - 11 Tub for chocolate program
 - 12 Street cleaner's program
 - 13 Some NFL scores
 - 14 "Well, of course!"
 - 21 Makes
 - 24 "I'll never be able to unsee that!"
 - 26 Keister
 - 27 Petty offense
 - 28 Nice statement of indignation?

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

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

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