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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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

Your opponents are not obliged to sit quietly and let you conduct a leisurely auction to your best contract. They may try to get in your way. When they bid a lot with little in high cards, they will have good distribution. If you become declarer, beware of bad breaks.

Against seven spades, West led the king of diamonds, and South discarded his heart loser on dummy's ace. He drew trumps and cashed the ace of clubs ... and was stunned when West discarded. East got a club trick for down one.

ANSWER: This is a matter of personal style and judgment. Many experts would open with some number of diamonds. Some might even be willing to ignore conventional wisdom and preempt in diamonds — and then bid hearts! My personal view is that no opening bid accurately describes this hand. I would pass and plan to act later.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 4
♥ A J 9
♦ A
♣ K 10 6 4 2

FEW POINTS

Since East-West had bid to the five level with 12 high-card points, South should have worried about a bad break. He must discard a club on the ace of diamonds and draw trumps.

When South takes the ace of clubs next and sees West show out, South is still safe. He takes the Q-K of clubs, ruffs a club and returns to dummy with the ace of hearts to discard his last heart on the good fifth club.

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ K 7 6 4 2
♦ K Q J 10 7 4
♣ None

EAST
♠ None
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 6 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ None
♣ A Q 5 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	2 NT
3 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	All Pass
5 ♥	Pass	7 ♠	

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 7 2 ♥ K 7 6 4 2 ♦ K Q J 10 7 4 ♣ None. You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable. What is your opening call?

Opening lead — ♦ K

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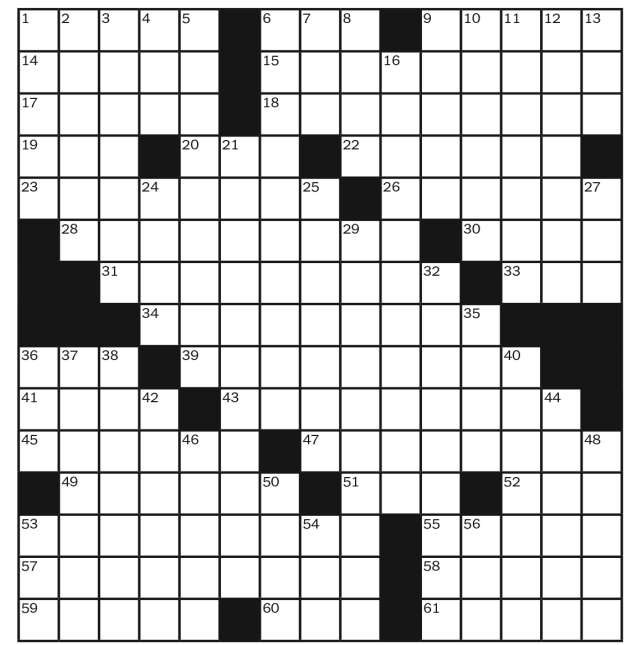
ACROSS

- 1 Like faces around a campfire at night
- 6 One whose business is home-based?
- 9 Part of a diplomatic address, maybe
- 14 Spot for an umbrella
- 15 Pickup line?
- 17 Perfectly timed
- 18 Fluffy four-footed friend
- 19 Fire ____
- 20 Smart remarks?
- 22 Popular camp assemblies
- 23 Aid in preventing a soup stain, maybe
- 26 Passes
- 28 They're worn on the road
- 30 Seljuk Empire citizen
- 31 Cozy chairs for pairs
- 33 Word with base or combat
- 34 Side dish in Cajun cuisine
- 36 Vaccine target
- 39 Acute bronchitis, familiarly
- 41 Bill
- 43 Motif in much Christian art
- 45 Squirt-squirt-squirt-squirt
- 47 Screwballs
- 49 W.W. I headgear
- 51 "It's just OK"
- 52 With 60-Across, East Asian cuisine style
- 53 Print source

- 55 Go off with a hitch?
- 57 Former home of the San Antonio Spurs
- 58 "Ha, fell right into my trap!"
- 59 Neuter
- 60 See 52-Across
- 61 Sudden blasts

DOWN

- 1 In-depth subject for a war historian?
- 2 Tip with ink
- 3 Milk-producing
- 4 Frequent setting on "Chicago Med"
- 5 Historic London venue
- 6 ____ triple play, baseball feat rarer than a perfect game
- 7 Chaps
- 8 Cello quartet
- 9 Comedian Marc
- 10 Peak overlooking Armenia's capital
- 11 Backgammon accessory
- 12 2019 sci-fi film starring Brad Pitt
- 13 Came across



PUZZLE BY RYAN MCCARTY

- 16 Break
- 21 Where many a drive ends, unfortunately
- 24 Hunk
- 25 Pursues for food, say
- 27 Hit high in the air
- 29 Old-timey hearing aid
- 32 Deep-fried British treat wrapped with sausage and bread crumbs
- 35 Essayist who wrote "Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever lays one down without a feeling of disappointment"
- 36 Focus of middle management?
- 37 Skink or gecko
- 38 Places where things are all tied up?
- 40 Throw back some Jack, say
- 42 Checkers cry
- 44 Online companion animal
- 46 2021 Chinese zodiac sign
- 48 Inhibits
- 50 Classic moonroof alternative
- 53 44-Downs, once
- 54 Online qualifier
- 56 ____ Hoover, first lady before Eleanor Roosevelt

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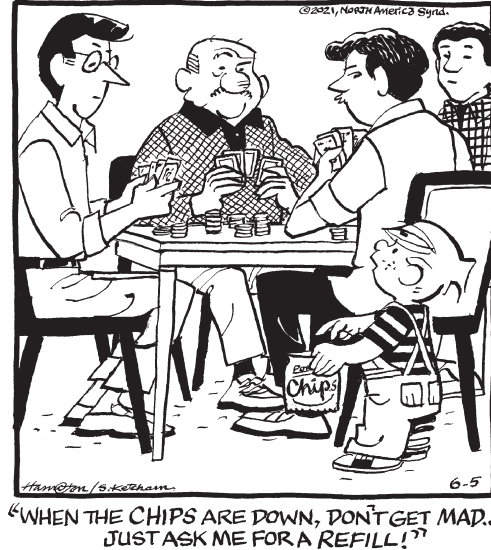
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



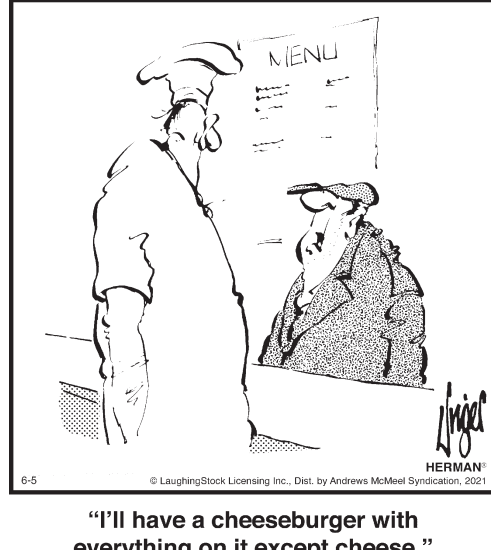
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

SIPEO
SDERS
FRNIMO
TROPYS

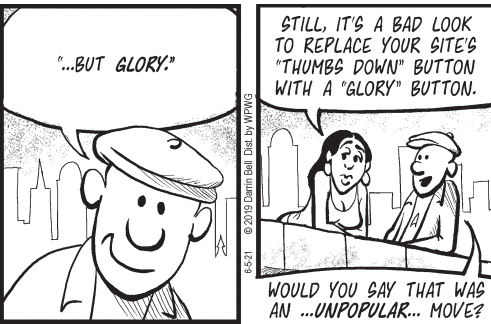
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THE TERMITE AND COCKROACH THAT GOT TOGETHER AFTER WORK WERE ...

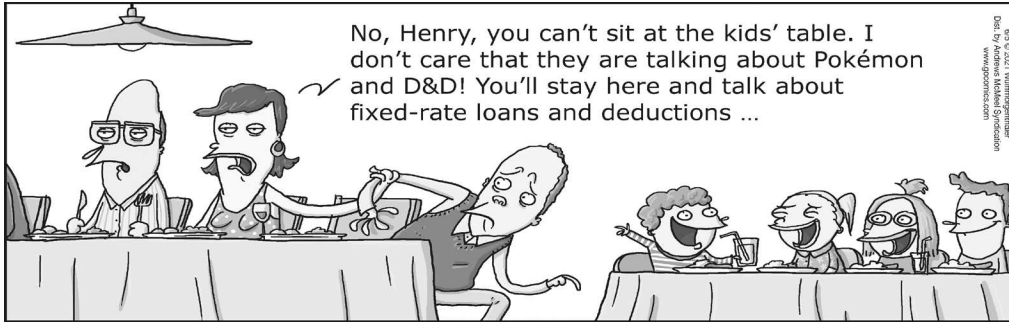
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)
Yesterday's Jumbles: NIPPY KUDOS GAMBIT JANGLE
Answer: Purchasing another billboard to expand her advertising business was — "BUY" DESIGN

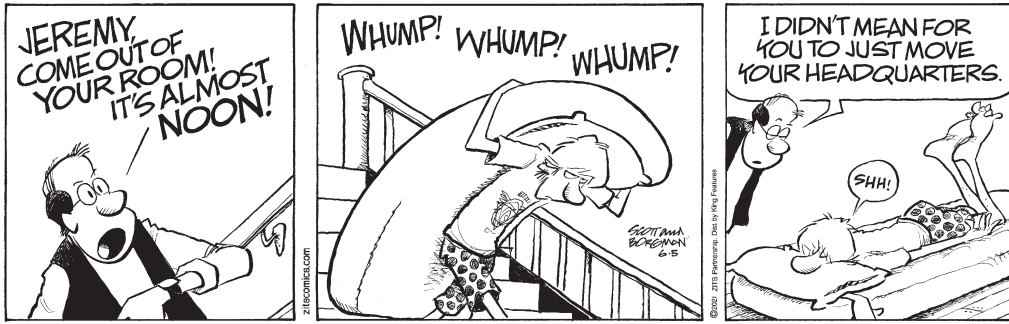
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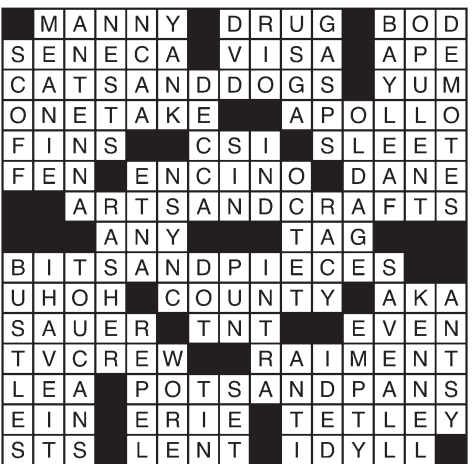


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 "Heck, yeah"
- 7 Area above an eave
- 13 Orange-colored snack puff
- 14 Game with blanks to fill
- 15 Says "I'll say," say
- 16 What might make some people single-minded?
- 17 A baseball era was named for them, briefly
- 18 Trig. calculation
- 19 Top seen by churchgoers
- 20 Provocative
- 21 Punch list items
- 23 Sulk
- 24 Strands inside a cell?
- 25 Kind of shot or gift
- 27 Lincoln's need
- 28 Lifesavers, often
- 31 Creating a disturbance
- 33 Be responsible for
- 35 Card game for two, usually
- 38 Route for shipping vessels
- 39 See 26-Down
- 41 Incessantly
- 43 Incline
- 44 Done some freestyle, say
- 45 Become less green, maybe
- 47 Mariner's hdg.
- 48 Academy Award-winning director who became an army major during World War II
- 49 Fruit brandy that translates to "water of life"
- 51 Rages
- 52 Place to put one's dogs?
- 53 Software provider sharing a name with a Greek prophet
- 54 Liam of "Batman Begins"
- 55 Kids
- DOWN
- 1 More than a little nervous
- 2 "Why would you even consider that?!"
- 3 She played Phoebe's mom on "Friends"
- 4 Like oboe music
- 5 Western natives
- 6 Camera named for a Greek goddess
- 7 It doesn't last
- 8 Sums
- 9 Puts (on) hastily
- 10 Using as an example
- 11 Porto's peninsula
- 12 They may be fixed
- 14 Protection against bleeding
- 16 Northeast paper with 26 Pulitzers
- 18 Serious lapse
- 21 Flowers known as golden buttons
- 22 Shaved-ice treat
- 25 Hold 'em holdings
- 26 Fruit associated with a fabled world?
- 39-Across
- 29 Natter
- 30 "Cheap Thrills" singer with Sean Paul
- 32 Warning on some forwarded emails, briefly
- 34 Mouth-puckering brew
- 35 "It's go time!"
- 36 Move up in the world?
- 37 Public stature
- 40 Present times, briefly
- 42 Second tries
- 44 Capital near the Red Sea
- 46 Verne captain
- 48 Au pair's concern
- 50 Wheels for a move
- 51 Zinger

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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SUDOKU

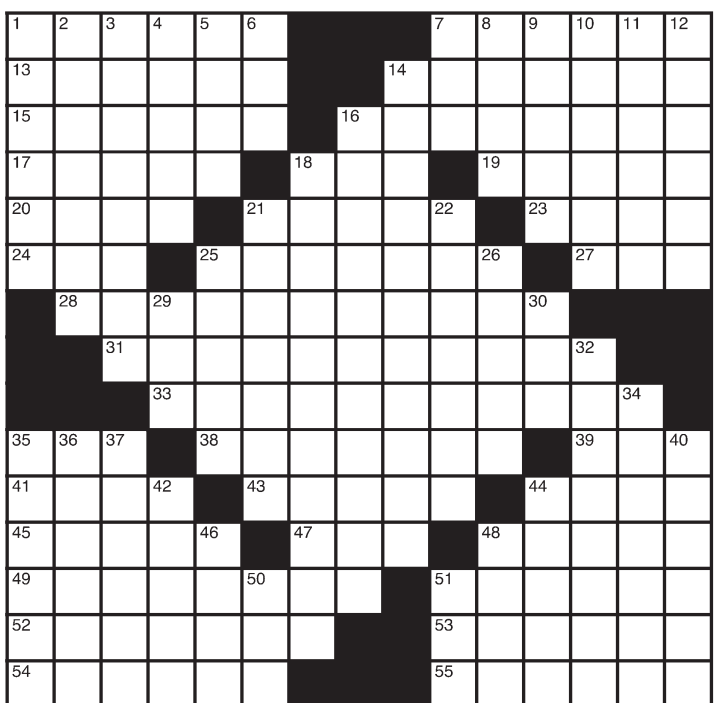
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



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