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Daily Bridge Club

Talking a good game

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Another sign beside a church in my town: "Don't shout 'Amen' any louder than you can live it."

Or in bridge terms, don't expect your partner to play perfectly. Don't hold him to a higher standard than you expect of yourself.

In today's deal, South's play at seven hearts left something to be desired: namely, two tricks. West led a trump, and South drew trumps and took the top spades. When East discarded, South ruffed a spade in dummy, setting up his fifth spade, and took the A-K of clubs. When the queen didn't fall, he lost a diamond finesse with dummy's queen and also lost a club.

hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's jump is invitational to game, not forcing. He has a hand worth 10 to 12 points and may have only four hearts. He had to jump to show game interest; he would bid two hearts with 8 7 4, A 7 6 2, J 4 3, 9 5 3. Since you have nothing beyond what your double promised, pass.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 3 2
♥ K 9 8 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ A 7 4 2

DECENT TRY

North was unforgiving, but South gave the slam a decent try. I wonder if North would have found the winning play: ace of trumps, ace of diamonds, diamond ruff, trump to dummy, diamond ruff, ace of clubs, draw the missing trump, three high spades, spade ruff, king of clubs, good fifth spade.

Don't be a player who talks a good game. None of us are perfect. To that I can say "Amen."

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 3 2 ♥ K 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ A 7 4 2. The dealer, at your right, opens one spade. You double, and your partner bids three

WEST
♠ J 9 8 5
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ Q 10 8

EAST
♠ 7 6
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K J 10 3 2
♣ 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 4
♥ A Q J 10
♦ 4
♣ K J 9

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

Opening lead — ♥7

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

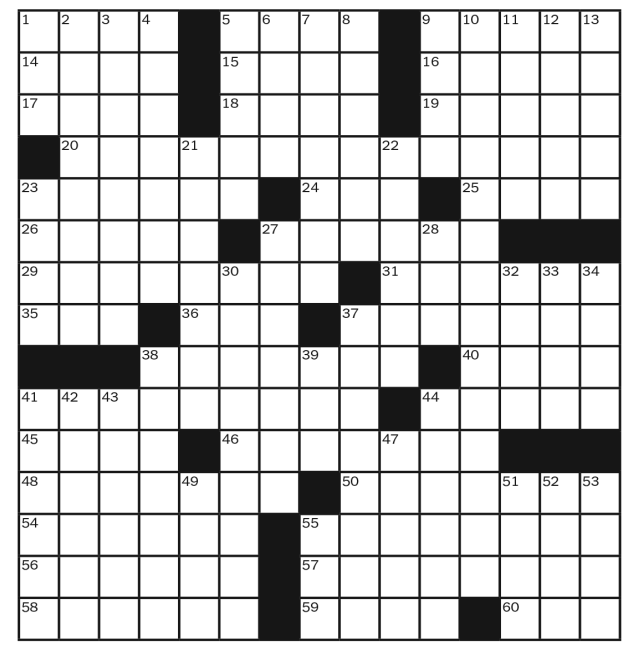
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0507

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tinder and others
 - 5 Appeal
 - 9 Costa ____
 - 14 Activist Copeny known as "Little Miss Flint"
 - 15 City SW of Pyramid Lake
 - 16 Chilled
 - 17 Kind of device used in filmmaking
 - 18 Jafar's parrot in "Aladdin"
 - 19 Big name in kitchen appliances
 - 20 Unexpected
 - 23 Rhythmic
 - 24 Constellation that Regulus is part of
 - 25 Decision-making time
 - 26 Smartphone pop-up
 - 27 Rotation calculation
 - 29 "That fits perfectly!"
 - 31 Cosmopolitan
 - 35 Sarcastic punch line to an insincere remark
 - 36 Energize, with "up"
 - 37 City whose name means "spring hill"
 - 38 Total wrecks
 - 40 Reciprocal of cosecant
 - 41 Best-selling video game that takes place in space
 - 44 Lets, say
 - 45 Running apparel?
 - 46 "Well done!"
 - 48 Endangered
 - 50 Liquor brand that inspired the name of a Grammy-winning rapper
 - 54 Nonkosher deli order
 - 55 Something of interest to a business?
 - 56 Mathematician who lent his name to a test
 - 57 Singer who was an original judge on "The Voice"
 - 58 Flies
 - 59 Ab ____ (absent, in Latin)
 - 60 Good to go



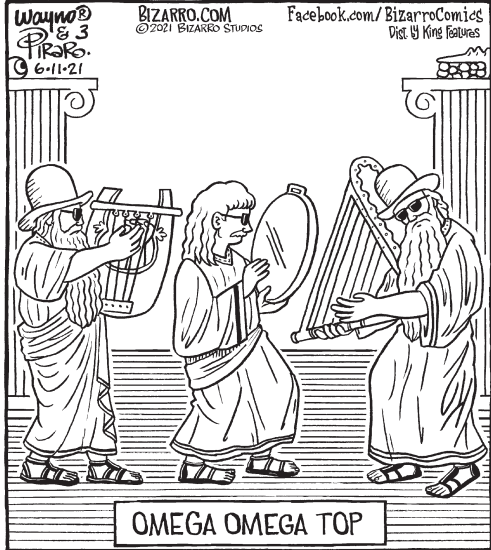
PUZZLE BY BROOKE HUSIC

- DOWN**
- 1 Hype (up)
 - 2 Home of many a tech start-up
 - 3 ____ moment (crowning achievement)
 - 4 Stay-at-home workers
 - 5 Meaning
 - 6 Heartfelt
 - 7 "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die" poet
 - 8 Low speaker
 - 9 Mouth part
 - 10 Esoterica
 - 11 Word that becomes its own synonym when RED is inserted between its first two letters
 - 12 Train that serves three Union Stations
 - 13 Wonkish
 - 21 Relevant
 - 22 Parts of a restaurant's overhead?
 - 23 Caleb represents him in "East of Eden"
 - 27 Part of a ship's rigging
 - 28 Something bookmarked in a bookmark bar
 - 30 Wishes
 - 32 Voracious
 - 33 Young 'un in Yucatán
 - 34 Anticipatory times
 - 37 Common items at merchandise stands
 - 38 Giveaway
 - 39 Banned refrigerator, for short
 - 41 Common items at merchandise stands
 - 42 Build muscle
 - 43 Having the same number of karats, e.g.
 - 44 Coors Field athlete
 - 47 Roman god of beginnings and endings
 - 49 Tear
 - 51 Some deer
 - 52 Truth's counterpart
 - 53 ____ the finish
 - 55 Sweetie

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

NTIEG
GDEAA
DEEGRN
MOSEKR

Print the answer here: _____

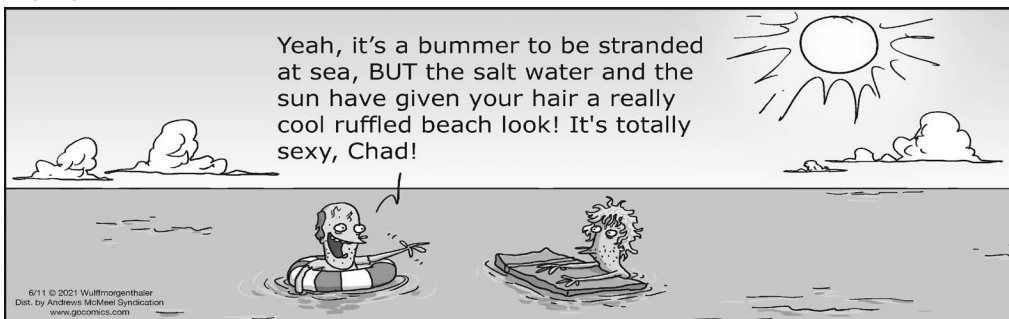
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABATE OFFER SYMBOL NORMAL
Answer: She was able to tell the story about the time she got amnesia because it was — MEMORABLE

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Davis with two Oscars
 - 6 Also says
 - 10 Say
 - 15 Warranty holders
 - 16 Word with life or world
 - 17 Indication of further installments
 - 18 Monarch known for her sketches?
 - 21 Gridiron strategy
 - 22 It's often filled with things for which it was not intended
 - 23 It has no cutting edge
 - 24 Prince in both parts of "Henry IV"
 - 26 MGM rival
 - 28 Lessons in sympathy?
 - 34 Ownership query word
 - 36 Precipitous
 - 37 Substantial
 - 40 Sitter's bane
 - 41 Starter at some tables
 - 42 ____ culpa
 - 43 Ascend
 - 45 Egyptian talisman
 - 47 Bill
 - 48 "If you hate my work, make your own sweater!"?
 - 51 Zodiac symbol
 - 53 Military bands
 - 56 Judge with a bat
 - 57 Related groups
 - 61 Start a round
 - 62 Like "Ode on an Eaten Apple"?
 - 65 Woodworking tool
 - 66 One working on the house
 - 67 Cyclo- suffix
 - 68 Having multiple leaders
 - 69 "Phooey!"
 - 70 Part of DOS: Abbr.
 - 2 Biblical twin
 - 3 Seagull kin
 - 4 "Taste it"
 - 5 Legal honorific: Abbr.
 - 6 Space
 - 7 Woodland grazers
 - 8 Fox's partner on "The X-Files"
 - 9 Tough go
 - 10 DHL alternative
 - 11 "Taste it"
 - 12 Activate, as a switch
 - 13 Rock ending, in dance
 - 14 Shine partner
 - 19 Way some situations turn
 - 20 Seedless plant
 - 25 Wasted, as profits
 - 27 Kipling title hero
 - 28 Make big, in a way
 - 29 "Last Call" singer Braxton
 - 30 Charged
 - 31 Minute Maid Park athlete
 - 32 "They say ..."
 - 33 Study applicable to many sciences
 - 34 Freak (out)
 - 35 Med. care provider
 - 38 Bubble ____
 - 39 Babble
 - 44 Took the lead
 - 45 French "his"
 - 46 Lib. contents
 - 47 Divides equally
 - 49 Daily Planet reporter
 - 50 Silver with stats
 - 51 Noticed attending
 - 52 Rap's ____ B
 - 54 Roman bills
 - 55 Used up
 - 57 TV screen spots
 - 58 Prestigious English school
 - 59 Vegan staple
 - 60 [Ignore that dele]
 - 63 Distinctive period
 - 64 PO door posting

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

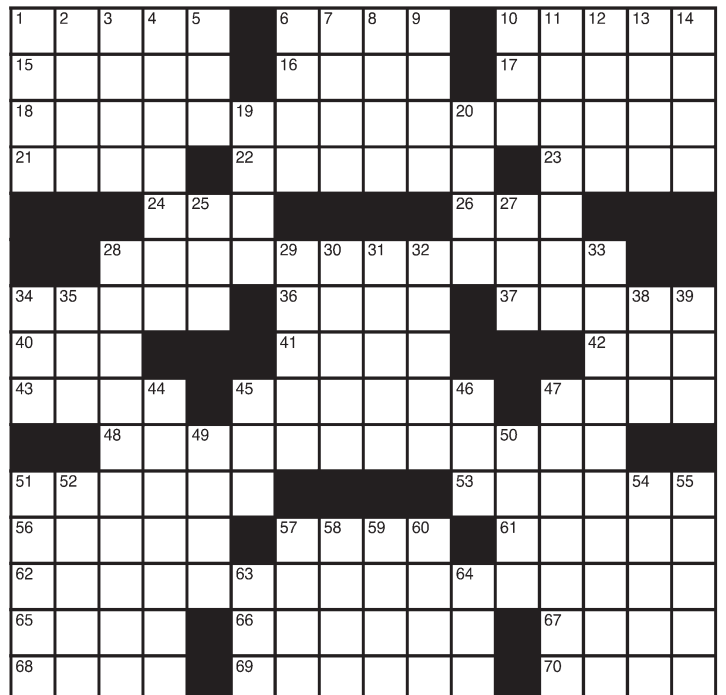
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

DOWN

- 1 Sign suggesting slowing



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