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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.

As declarer, start by counting winners (usually at a notrump contract or a low-level suit contract) or losers (at a high-level suit contract where you shouldn't have many losers to count). But it may help you to count both winners and losers at any level.

Today's West led the jack of hearts against four spades, and South saw four possible losers: two diamonds and two clubs. He ruffed in dummy, led a trump to his hand and tried a club to dummy's ten.

#### DOWN ONE

East took the jack and returned a club. When West won and shifted to the ten of diamonds, South had to lose two diamonds for down one.

South was overly concerned with losers and forgot to count winners. He has six trumps in dummy, two club ruffs in his hand and the ace of diamonds. To get a 10th trick, all South must do is discard a diamond from dummy at Trick One. When East takes the ace, South's king scores later.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 7 ♥ A Q 6 4 2 ♦ K J 8 ♣ K J 9 4. You open one heart, your partner responds one

spade, you bid two clubs and he rebids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has six or more spades but fewer than 10 high-card points. Your game chances are next to zero, and his hand may win a few tricks only if spades are trumps. Pass. Don't bid 2NT. When you have no trump fit and no extra high-card values to compensate, stop bidding.

East dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♥ J 9 6 5 3 2  
♠ None  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ Q 10 5 2

**WEST**  
♥ 8  
♠ J 10 9 8 7  
♦ 10 9 7 6  
♣ A 8 6

**EAST**  
♥ 7  
♠ A Q 6 4 2  
♦ K J 8  
♣ K J 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 4  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ 5 3 2  
♣ 7 3

East 1♥ South 1♠ West 4♥ North 4♠  
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ J

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

Find five games weekly online at [bendbridge.org](http://bendbridge.org)

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0515

#### ACROSS

- 1 Event with kings and queens
- 9 Avon lady, for one
- 15 Beverage such as huangjiu or cheongju
- 16 “We absolutely aren't doing that!”
- 17 Put off paying, say
- 18 What might go through the wringer
- 19 “Dumb and Dumber” duo
- 20 Odorless hydrocarbon
- 21 Runs or walks
- 22 Willing participant?
- 24 Dome of Notre-Dame?
- 25 Iconic sports cars, for short

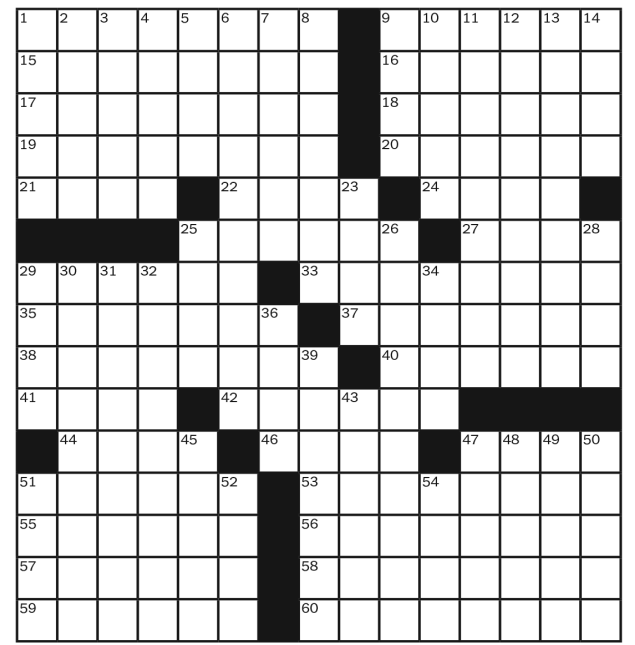
- 27 Jolly laugh

- 29 Worked in Starbuck's business
- 33 Patronize farm stands and farmer's markets, say
- 35 Co-star of TV's “thirtysomething”
- 37 Terra firma
- 38 Apocalyptic event in Norse mythology
- 40 Revises
- 41 Lumber
- 42 Locks you pick?
- 44 Took some steps
- 46 Word on a Champagne bottle
- 47 Triangular sails
- 51 “\_\_\_ Twain” (platinum album of 1993)

- 53 iPhone on display at an Apple Store, e.g.
- 55 Rise
- 56 “You don't need to tell me ...”
- 57 Fixed
- 58 Moonstone, for Florida
- 59 No fans
- 60 Hip joints

#### DOWN

- 1 Rubbish
- 2 Smack a baseball hard
- 3 What's on the fast track?
- 4 “The Balcony” playwright Jean
- 5 Lead-in to son or song
- 6 Drop down suddenly
- 7 With money at stake
- 8 Safari destination
- 9 Who defeated Holyfield to become the world heavyweight boxing champion in 1992
- 10 Butler in the old South
- 11 Short
- 12 Incapable fighter, in boxing slang
- 13 Start of a two-part thought
- 14 Informal denial



PUZZLE BY SAM TRABUCCO

- 23 Perceptive sense
- 25 Soccer star Carlos
- 26 Halal cart fare, informally
- 28 Mother and father, slangily, with “the”
- 29 Sitcom station
- 30 Where some sweaters hang
- 31 Pet breed from Turkey

- 32 Slight from Big Ben
- 34 \_\_\_ disease
- 36 One getting pwned in online gaming
- 39 Language spoken in Iraq
- 43 \_\_\_ Vallarta (popular gay vacation destination)
- 45 Where a “houseboat” is a banana split

- 47 Southern refreshment
- 48 \_\_\_ Montoya, swordsman in “The Princess Bride”
- 49 “Carmen” composer
- 50 Sticks in the mud?
- 51 It's fit for a queen
- 52 Puts on
- 54 Overnight \_\_\_ (trendy breakfast)

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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE

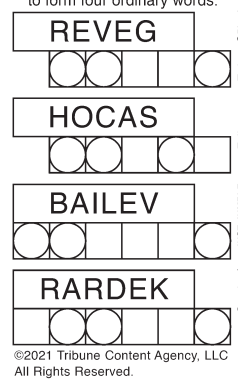


### HERMAN



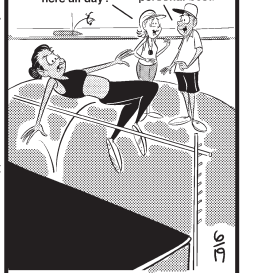
### JUMBLE

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



### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE HIGH JUMPER WHO PRACTICED MORE THAN THE OTHER ATHLETES WAS AN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.  
(Answers Monday)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: KHAKI ITCHY TYRANT MANURE  
Answer: Polynesian items dating back many years were available for purchase at the — “AN-TIKI” HUT

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

#### ACROSS

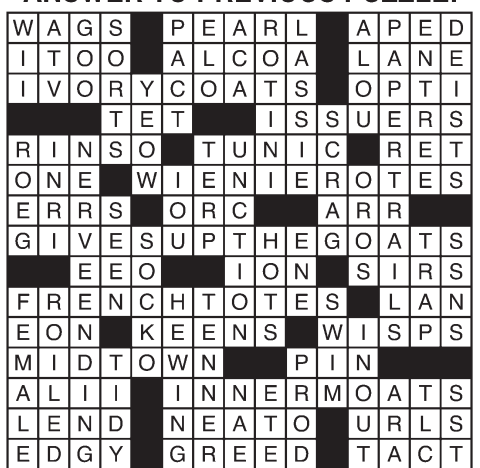
- 1 Epidemiologist's “ground zero”
- 10 Swiss city that hosts the World Economic Forum annual meeting
- 15 Tourist income source for some farmers
- 16 Isfahan inhabitant
- 17 Emphasized
- 18 Big name in skin care
- 19 Is sweet on
- 20 Field fare, briefly
- 21 Mother \_\_\_
- 22 River through Flanders
- 23 Good, to Guillermo
- 25 Wee warbler
- 26 Grumps
- 28 Mil. group integrated with male units in 1978
- 29 Eli of “The Magnificent Seven”
- 33 Fill
- 35 El \_\_\_ Pacifico
- 36 Shredder
- 37 Sells to consumers
- 39 Projecting architectural features
- 40 Ed.'s inbox fillers
- 41 Genuine
- 43 Cease
- 45 Father-and-son actors
- 46 Vertical actions
- 50 Chiwere speakers
- 52 Many a GI
- 53 Solitaire measure
- 54 “Glassheart” singer Lewis
- 55 Many a recital piece
- 57 Twain's “Taming the Bicycle,” e.g.
- 58 Depleted
- 59 Flute features
- 60 “All good?”

#### DOWN

- 1 How an archival might be greeted
- 2 Faux pas
- 3 Initiative
- 4 Log
- 5 'Tis the season
- 6 \_\_\_ Poly Pomona
- 7 Surveyor's measurement
- 8 Like Superman's alter ego
- 9 Early Judaic sect
- 10 Laptop screen meas.
- 11 Feathered flier
- 12 Highly touted computer product we're still waiting for
- 13 Kayak, typically
- 14 Brits' mufflers
- 23 Pastoral
- 24 Figures of speech?
- 26 Salon treatments

- 27 Firewood measure
- 29 Sci-fi passages
- 30 Nails the exam
- 31 Unties, maybe
- 32 Trout's team, on scoreboards
- 34 2007 Will Smith film “\_\_\_ Legend”
- 38 Veggie with an edible pod
- 39 Like many hibiscus leaves
- 42 Blini topper
- 44 Common brunch hr.
- 46 Simple
- 47 University town near Bangor
- 48 Heroic 1920s sled dog
- 49 Potter's perch
- 51 Word before or after “who”
- 53 Geometric solid
- 56 Untested

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

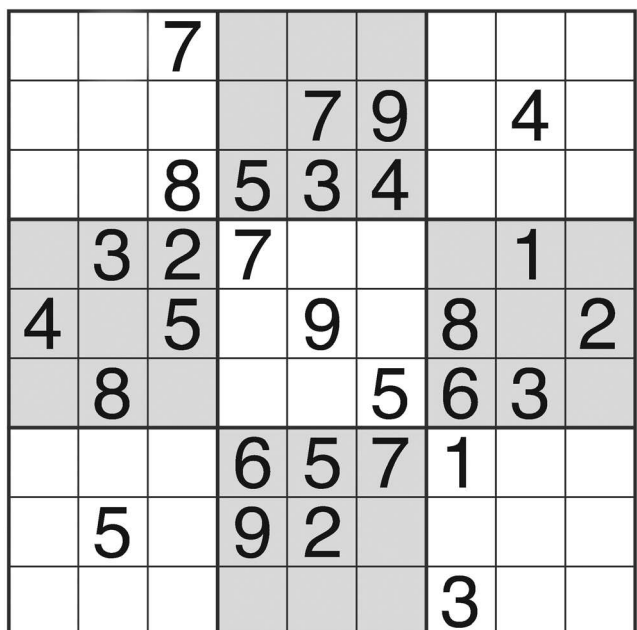
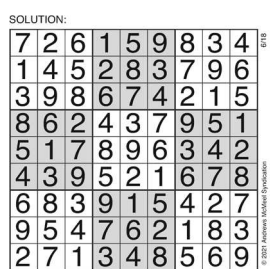


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## SUDOKU

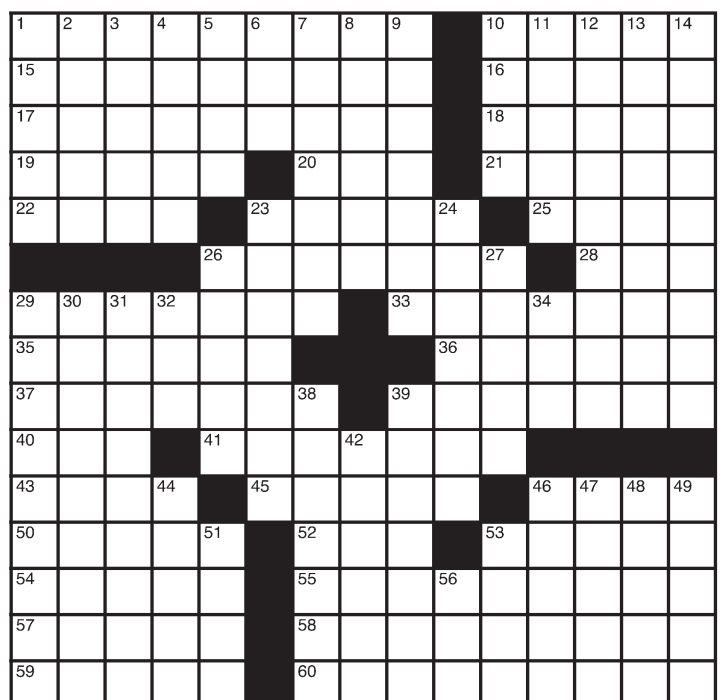
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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