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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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

I'm sure all my readers would bring home today's contract, but to make sure all bets are covered, we'll go through the play.

South's game-forcing opening bid of two clubs was bold — he was short on playing tricks — but to open one spade wasn't safe either. Against four spades, West leads the king of hearts and continues hearts. South ruffs the third heart and counts 10 winners: five trumps, two diamonds and three clubs. But he must preserve an entry to dummy to score all his club tricks.

or waiting) and he bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: A textbook call is available. Bid four hearts, showing good support but denying any side-suit ace, king, void or singleton. Your call discourages slam. If your ten of diamonds were the king, you would raise to three hearts, leaving room for slam investigation.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 4 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ J 10 7 6

WEST

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ Q 9 8
♣ A 9 4

EAST

♠ 7 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 8 5 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 9
♥ 5 2
♦ A K J 2
♣ K Q

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 7 6 ♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 10 6 5 ♣ 8 5 3 2. Your partner opens two clubs (strong, artificial), you respond two diamonds (negative

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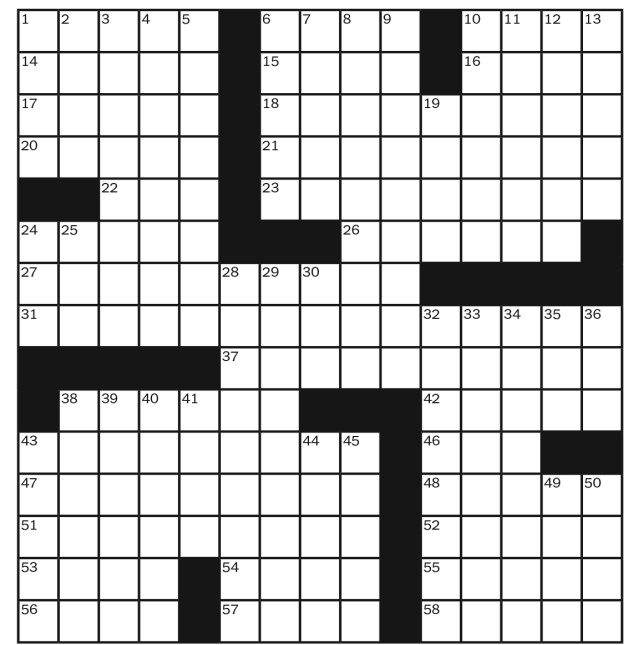
The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Regarding
 - Take back, in a way
 - Start of an aside
 - Omega competitor
 - Something hitting a nerve?
 - Papyrus, e.g.
 - "Take me with you!"
 - Begin flirting with someone, so to speak
 - Assign
 - Hoth, in "Star Wars"
 - ___ rule
 - They don't hold water
 - Feudal figure
 - Panegyric, e.g.
 - Sci-fi enemy collective, perhaps
- DOWN**
- Home to 41-Down
 - Convince
 - "I wanna know all the details"
 - Start of a modern inquiry
 - Drink similar to sarsaparilla
 - Co-star of 1984's "Ghostbusters"
 - Right on
 - Aces with aces?
 - Like some households
 - Designer with an eponymous hotel in the Burj Khalifa
 - Currency units in West Africa
 - Grievous
 - "Golden Boy" playwright
 - Actress Shawkat of "Arrested Development"
 - Anchor

- Best Picture-nominated 2011 film based on a children's book
- Certain Caribbean, informally
- Self-___
- What might help you get out of a rough spot?
- Is just awful



PUZZLE BY SID SIVAKUMAR AND MATTHEW STOCK

- "___ noticed ..."
- Great Hindu sage
- Late-Triassic flier
- It can be found right on a clock
- "100 Years ... 100 Stars" and others, in brief
- The world's largest desert capital, after Cairo, Egypt
- Like a relationship with an ex, maybe
- Utterance while chewing on a pencil
- One often sent packing?
- Deity that becomes a given name when its fifth letter is moved to the front
- Beat
- Looking to steal, say
- So-called "Land of a Million Elephants"
- Building support
- Words not everyone understands
- Intimate
- Hit on the head, in slang
- Indian honorifics

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



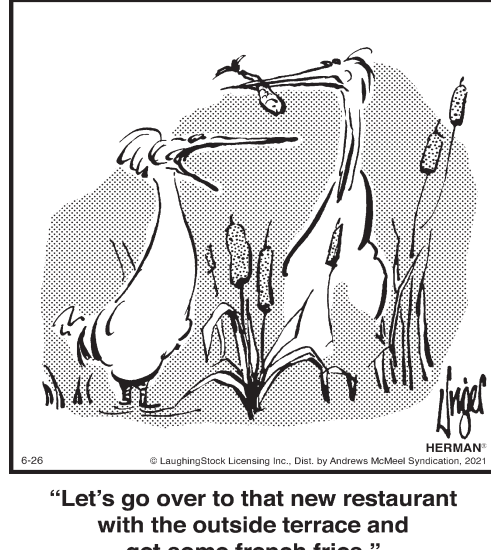
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

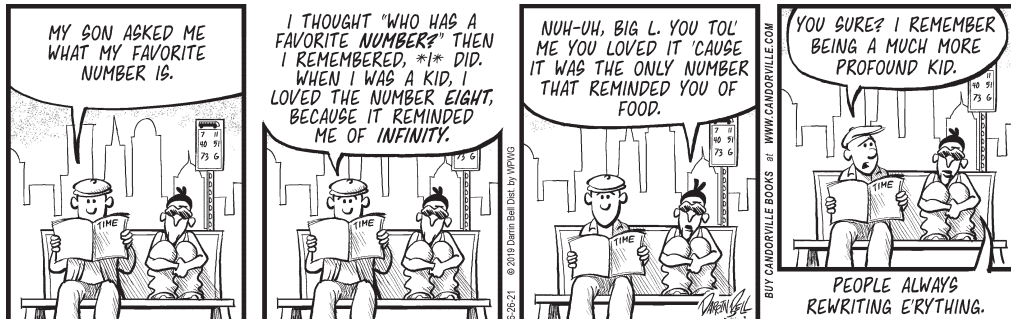
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DEOGD
SYETZ
KENDYO
DORNAP

Print the answer here:

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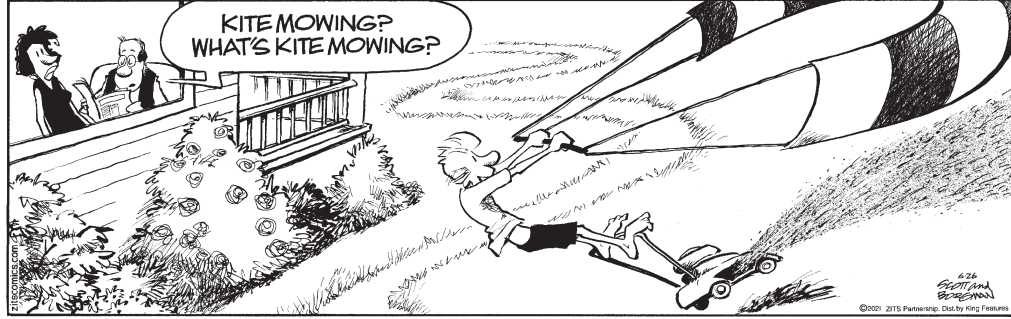
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WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- DIY creators of under-the-skin data storage devices
 - Home of the NCAA's Mountaineers
 - Cap
 - Leave behind
 - Fights
 - ___-price sale
 - Loan app fig.
 - Quick tennis match
 - Adjective evoking past times
 - Tolkien creature
 - ___ Beach: Fla. recreation spot
 - "Not right now"
 - Tree of Madagascar
 - Bar order
 - Fast cash venues
 - Musical exchange in many gospel songs
 - Departure notice
 - "Not that much"
 - Thinking of stealing, maybe
 - Middle numbers in some measurements
 - Impassive
 - Key to going back
 - Hindu royal
 - Distributes online
 - Wellness center
 - Goddess of Ellis Island?
 - White-sale holder, possibly
 - Radio host John
 - Offering proof of
 - 11-Across is on it
 - Worked for
- DOWN**
- Leafy spots
 - Writer who created the Ryanverse
 - Beach flier, often
 - Rescue squad
 - Heat up
 - "Boss of the Plains" tops
 - Sea creature fossil
 - Word from Afrikaans for "field"
 - Charge that may be related to traffic
 - One who's often patronizing
 - Zany
 - Cooking meas.
 - Quechua speaker
 - Sit-down event, usually
 - Job not included in the original "Around the World in Eighty Days"
 - Go-ahead
 - Do novel work
 - Havens
 - Sweet spot?
 - Have ___: drink in moderation
 - Go back over
 - Arrived home evasively
 - Shut (up)
 - Ship that sailed from lolcus
 - Nail

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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