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 queen 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.

UNBLOCKS

South can take one high trump at Trick Four but then leads the king of clubs. If West wins and leads a trump, South wins in his hand, unblocks his queen of clubs and goes to the queen of trumps for the high clubs.

Note that South couldn't cash a second high trump prematurely. Then West could take his ace of clubs and lead his last trump, killing dummy's entry while the clubs were blocked.

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

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 sidesuit 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 63 ♦743 ♣ J 10 7 6

WEST	EAST
♦853	↑ 76
♥ Q J 10 7	♥A98
♦ Q 9 8	♦ 10 6
♣ A 9 4	♣ 853

SOUTH ↑ A K J 10 9 ♦ A K J 2 ♣ K Q

South West North East Pass Pass 3 **A Pass** Pass All Pass

Opening lead $- \heartsuit Q$

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The New Hork Times Crossword

31 Ones born

38 Electrically

chemistry

Kaaba

short

beginning in

37 They might cut

to the chase

balanced, in

42 Leaders at the

"Things are

46 Muscle worked

exercises, for

coinage for the uneducated

and uncultured

Wonder Woman

PANE

B O G S

LOIN

HERMAN

47 Portmanteau

48 Touches, e.g.

51 Special pawn

A P I T Y P A N E M A R A T H O N E R

L E G O S E T

going great for

the early 2010s

ACROSS

- 1 Regarding 6 Take back, in a
- 10 Start of an
- aside

wav

- 14 Omega competitor
- 15 Something hitting a nerve?
- 16 Papyrus, e.g.
- 17 "Take me with you!'
- 18 Begin flirting with someone. so to speak
- 20 Assign
- 21 Hoth, in "Star
- __ rule
- 23 They don't hold
- 24 Feudal figure 26 Panegyric, e.g.
- 27 Sci-fi enemy collective, perhaps

C L A M U P

PEPSICOLA

BEARDCOMBS

52 Many a Madrileño 53 Enemy of

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A S P E N W A I S T H I G H

NORSEMYTH

S I N G T E A T O W E L S

U N A G I R O L L O H G E E A S C E T I C E E M E R G E

IMOUT

I A M L E G E N D R E I

SAYSTRONGMAN

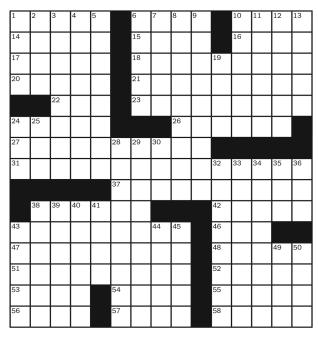
- 54 Best Picture-nominated 2011 film based on a children's book
- 55 Certain Caribbean,
- informally 56 Self-
- 57 What might help you get out of a rough spot?
- 58 Is just awful

DOWN

- 1 Home to
- 41-Down 2 Convince
- 3 "I wanna know all the details'
- 4 Start of a
- modern inquiry 5 Drink similar to sarsaparilla
- 6 Co-star of 1984's "Ghostbusters"
- 7 Right on
- 8 Aces with aces?
- 9 Like some
- households 10 Designer with
- an eponymous hotel in the Burj Khalifa 11 Currency units in West Africa
- 12 Grievous
- 13 "Golden Boy" playwright Actress
- Shawkat of "Arrested Development" Assignment for
- an anchor

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- 25 "___ noticed ..." 34 Like a relationship
- 28 Great Hindu
- sage
- 29 Late-Triassic
- 30 It can be found right on a clock
- 32 "100 Years ... 100 Stars" and others, in brief
- 33 The world's
- largest desert capital, after Cairo, Egypt
- 35 Utterance while

with an ex,

maybe

- chewing on a pencil
- 36 One often sent packing?
- 38 Deity that becomes a given name
- when its fifth letter is moved to the front
 - 39 Beat
- head, in slang 50 Indian
 - honorifics

45 Intimate

49 Hit on the

40 Looking to

43 Building

support

44 Words not

understands

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

steal, say

41 So-called "Land

of a Million Elephants"

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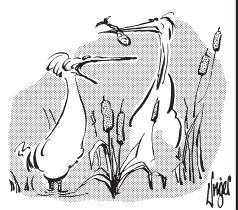
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BIZARRO





"I BETCHA THAT GUY NEVER HAD TO WALK TO A GAS STATION.



"Let's go over to that new restaurant with the outside terrace and get some french fries.

Unscramble these Jumbles one letter to each square to form four ordinary words **DEOGD SYETZ KENDYO DORNAP**

Print the answer here:

ORNERY They re-paved the street leading to the hospital to make it a better — ROAD TO RECOVERY

THEIR FATHER MADE SMALL DEVICES AND GADGETS AND LOVED SHOWING OFF THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters

CANDORVILLE













SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:									
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	



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

- **ACROSS** 1 DIY creators of unaer-tne-skin data storage
- devices 11 Home of the NCAA's
- Mountaineers
- 14 Cap
- 15 Leave behind 16 Fights
- 17 __-price sale
- 18 Loan app fig. 19 Quick tennis
- match 20 Adjective evoking past

times

- 21 Tolkien creature _ Beach: Fla.
- recreation spot
- 24 "Not right now" 27 Tree of
- Madagascar
- 29 Bar order
- 30 Fast cash venues

33 Musical

- exchange in many gospel
- songs 36 Departure

notice

- 37 "Not that much" 38 Thinking of stealing, maybe
- 39 Middle numbers in some measurements 41 Impassive
- back 44 Hindu royal

43 Key to going

- 45 Distributes online 49 Wellness center
- 52 Goddess of Ellis Island?
- 53 White-sale holder, possibly
- 55 Radio host John 56 Offering proof of 57 11-Across is on it 58 Worked for

DOWN

- 1 Spring sights 2 Zoom and Lyft
- had them in 2019 3 Not taken
- 4 Chaps

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis 5 Leafy spots 27 Dance class

Yesterday's

- 6 Writer who Ryanverse 7 Beach flier, often
- 8 Rescue squad
- **VIPs**
- 9 Heat up 10 "Boss of the
- Plains" tops 11 Sea creature
- fossil components
- 12 Word from Afrikaans for "field"
- 13 Charge that may be related to
- traffic 15 One who's often
- patronizing 21 Zany 23 Cooking meas.
- 24 Quechua
- speaker 25 Sit-down event, usually
- 26 Job not included in the original "Around the
- World in Eighty Days"

- 40 Go-ahead support 41 Do novel work 8 Super 42 Havens
- impressed 30 Kiss cam
- images, briefly 31 "Over here!" 32 Cong. period
- 34 Caen cleric 35 Disappointing phone call
- result

 - 39 Garden tool ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
- 51 Ship that sailed from lolcus 54 Nail

50 Shut (up)

46 Sweet spot?

47 Have __: drink in

moderation

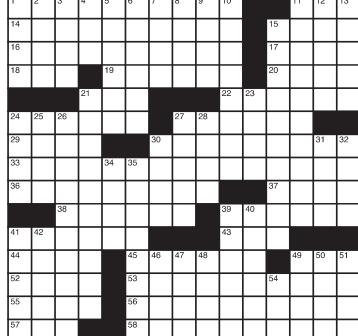
48 Go back over

49 Arrived home

evasively

A R ALREADYD STARR R I G SPECULATED ASHESSEEME H O S T PUTOUTTOPASTURE WERE I A S A C R E EXTINGUISH BRAC R I M GETAHAIRCUT BAG PEERING EYE

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