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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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

Bridge is a game of error. (If you went back and fixed all the mistakes you ever made, you would erase yourself.) After each session, go over your results. Let mistakes be a learning experience.

At 3NT, South won the first diamond with the jack, led a spade to dummy and returned a club to finesse with his queen. Unfortunately, West took the king and led a second spade, forcing out dummy's last entry. When South let the ten of clubs ride next, West produced the jack, and South won only eight tricks: two spades, two hearts, three diamonds, one club.

ACCEPTABLE

South's play might have been acceptable at matchpoint duplicate, but to assure his contract, he takes the ace of clubs at Trick Two and continues with the queen.

If West wins and leads a spade, South wins and leads another club, forcing out the jack. He sets up the clubs for 10 sure tricks while dummy still has an entry.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 6 2 ♡ 7 3 ◇ 5 2 ♣ 10 9 8 3 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and he bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: You must return to two hearts. Partner has at least five hearts but maybe only four diamonds, and you need to play in the longer combined trump suit. He should not expect you to have good heart support. If you had a weak hand with three cards in hearts, you would often have bid two hearts at your first turn.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K 6 2
♡ 7 3
◇ 5 2
♣ 10 9 8 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 5 4
♡ J 8
◇ Q 10 9 8 6
♣ K J 7

EAST
♠ Q J 9 8
♡ Q 10 9 6 4
◇ 7 4
♣ 6 4

SOUTH
♠ 7 3
♡ A K 5 2
◇ A K J 3
♣ A Q 5

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♡	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ◇ 10

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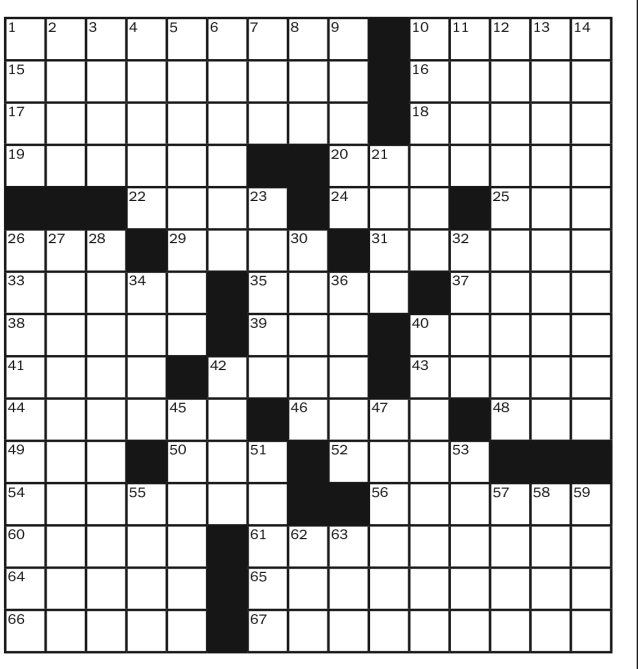

PUZZLE BY SOPHIA MAYMUDES

ACROSS

1 Take pregame shots?
10 "The Metamorphosis" protagonist
15 Person who will do anything for you, in modern slang
16 "You caught me"
17 Cold, caramel-colored concoction
18 Sephora product
19 Literary utopia
20 Bridge, e.g.
22 Locale of an early 20th-century gold rush
24 "Homeland" home, in brief
25 Phisher's "catch," for short
26 ___ check
29 Letter between Oscar and Quebec
31 Davis who said "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept"
33 With it
35 Things not allowed in New York's Central Park
37 Birthplace of Ivan Turgenev
38 Babbled
39 Singer Rita
40 Character who can be played in every installment of 26-Down
41 Opening settings for "The Canterbury Tales" and "Treasure Island"
42 It's elementary
43 Ordered from Grubhub, say
44 Show-offy kind of push-up
46 "What's the ___?"
48 Abbr. in an office address
49 Tampon alternative
50 Contents of some chats, in brief
52 Name derived from the Latin for "to be born"
54 Smirnoff Ice, e.g.
56 Keynotes, e.g.
60 Ancestry
61 Firewall target
64 Mexican sandwich
65 Leave space for someone running late, say
66 "See what I'm sayin'?"
67 2004 comedy written by Tina Fey

DOWN

1 Magician's favorite cereal?
2 Villa ___ de la Vera Cruz (historic city name)
3 Mideast port
4 Kia Rio, e.g.
5 Not close
6 Hospital specialty
7 Big inits. in home security
8 Hoppin', in modern lingo
9 Something you might play for
10 Suppresses
11 Bunches
12 It goes for a short run
13 "Can't argue that"
14 Something released while skydiving
21 Mental sparks
23 Home of the World Showcase
26 Nintendo offering with more than 10 installments
27 "Lemme see!"
28 Del Monte or Green Giant product
30 Elder brother of Moses
32 Affliction of Benjamin Franklin
34 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" detective Diaz
36 Dish that might come with a flavor packet
40 Team game played in the dark
42 Snowballs, in a snowball fight
45 Toolshed tool
47 Warm, in a way
51 Jerk
53 Indian drink made from yogurt
55 Italian number that's also a man's name
57 Piece of cake?
58 Bibliographic abbr.
59 Where scenes are made
62 Actor Daniel ___ Kim
63 Cavaliers' sch.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	W	A	L	K	I	N	T	H	E	W	O	O	D	S
C	A	L	L	O	N	T	H	E	C	A	R	P	E	T
T	H	E	B	A	C	H	E	L	O	R	E	T	T	E
		G	E	N	A		M	I	N	D		S	E	A
A	T	L	A	S		T	A	X			L	I	C	K
C	H	A	N		D	E	N		T	A	I	N	T	S
E	O	S		B	E	E	F	L	O	I	N			
R	U	S	S	I	A	N	R	O	U	L	E	T	T	E
			W	A	R	S	O	N	G	S		E	S	T
I	M	E	A	S	Y		M	E	H		L	S	A	T
S	O	U	P			O	U	R		B	A	S	R	A
A	R	C		W	O	R	N		A	I	M	E		
A	T	H	L	E	T	I	C	A	P	P	A	R	E	L
C	A	R	E	T	O	E	L	A	B	O	R	A	T	E
S	L	E	E	V	E	L	E	S	S	D	R	E	S	S

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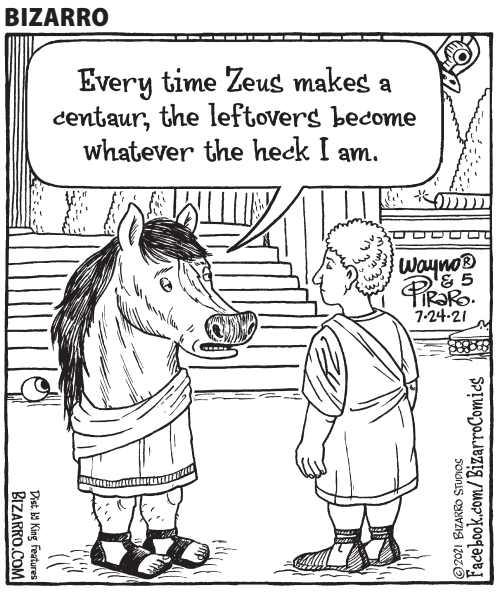

DENNIS THE MENACE

HERMAN

"One day, kid, this will all be yours."

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

ROGOF

UPYSO

SLOENS

ATTETL

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

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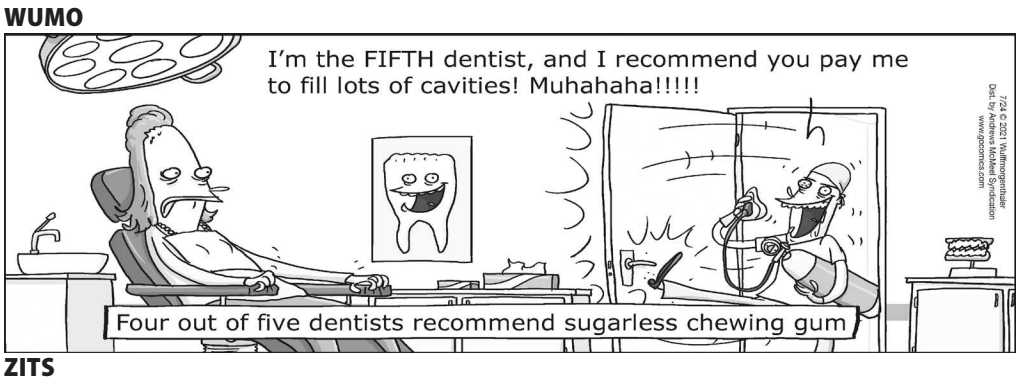
Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VITAL ODDLY WILDLY OVERDO
Answer: When the architect asked them if they wanted oak floors, they said they — "WOOD" LOVE IT

CANDORVILLE

WUMO



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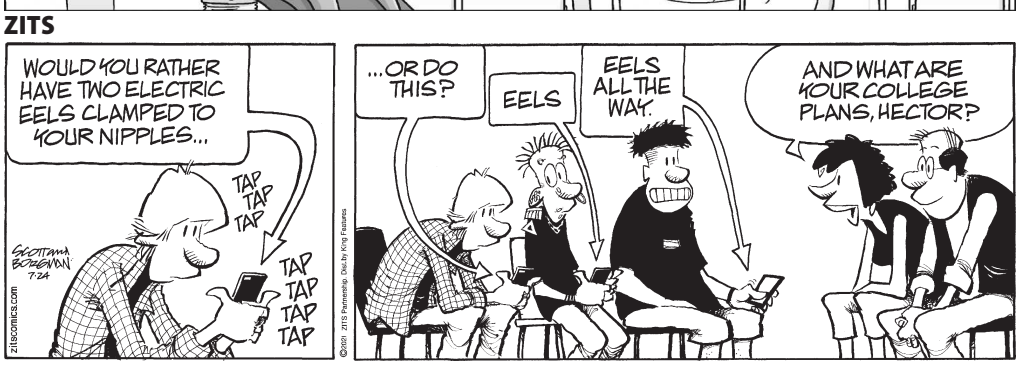

SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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ACROSS

1 Original airer of "The Flintstones"
4 Frat Pack brother of Luke
8 Where a queen may be crowned
12 Swedish aerospace giant
14 __ system
16 Emmy winner Ward
17 Metaphor for nonstop action
19 Throws in
20 Former capital of Myanmar
21 Beemer alternative
23 Insurance ad woman
24 Prayer leaders
25 Coach's strategy
27 "I am not strange. I am just not normal" artist
28 UFC sport
30 Boots, in a way
31 Hubbard movement
35 Reality show with auctioneers
36 Illustrations on some old maps
37 Uses a lot?
38 Talk acronym
39 It's behind you
43 Emergency building section
46 Transform
47 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
48 Theater pickups, on signs
49 Multitalented Jessel of vaudeville
51 Italian tubes
53 Higher education?
55 U.K. prime minister during the Suez Crisis
56 MIT __: business school
57 Forward thinker
58 Fishing boat tools
59 Marine hazard
60 Lock-changing aid?

DOWN

1 Lindgren who wrote the Pippi Longstocking tales
2 Grand __
3 Earthly
4 "Hedda Gabler" setting, now
5 Showing signs of age
6 New Haven alum
7 Title woman in an André Breton novel
8 MADD ad, e.g.
9 Warnings
10 Noted fly swallower
11 Stonewallers?
13 "Not a good idea at all"
15 Set of sheets
18 Head of the LAPD?
22 Actress Sarah Michelle __
25 Rap genre
26 Rude losers
28 Barcelona-born surrealist
29 Nasty
32 Global networking pioneer
33 Parisian bean?
34 Due
35 Like some knives
36 Got hitched
37 Xanax maker
40 Contended
41 __-sense: superhero asset
42 "__ here": "Poltergeist"
44 Kids
45 Kick out
46 Rapper __ Def
49 Smiling, probably
50 Choice word?
52 Helpful connections
54 Gym specimen

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

M	I	A	T	A		W	H	O		F	A	I	T	H
Y	O	K	E	S		H	O	T		A	L	C	O	A
T	W	I	N	P	E	E	K	S		C	O	A	T	S
H	A	N		E	T	T	U		P	E	O	R	I	A
				N	O	S	M	A	L	L	F	E	E	T
A	S	S	I	S	I			M	O	I				
P	O	E	M		L	A	M	E		F	F	L	A	T
T	H	E	H	E	E	L	I	N	G	T	O	U	C	H
S	O	D	O	M		M	I	D	I		O	A	H	U
				P	E	A			V	A	L	U	E	S
M	Y	S	T	E	R	Y	M	E	E	T				
O	A	T	E	R	S		I	R	O	N		S	O	B
P	L	A	N	O		T	E	E	F	O	R	T	W	O
U	T	T	E	R		I	N	C		O	K	I	E	S
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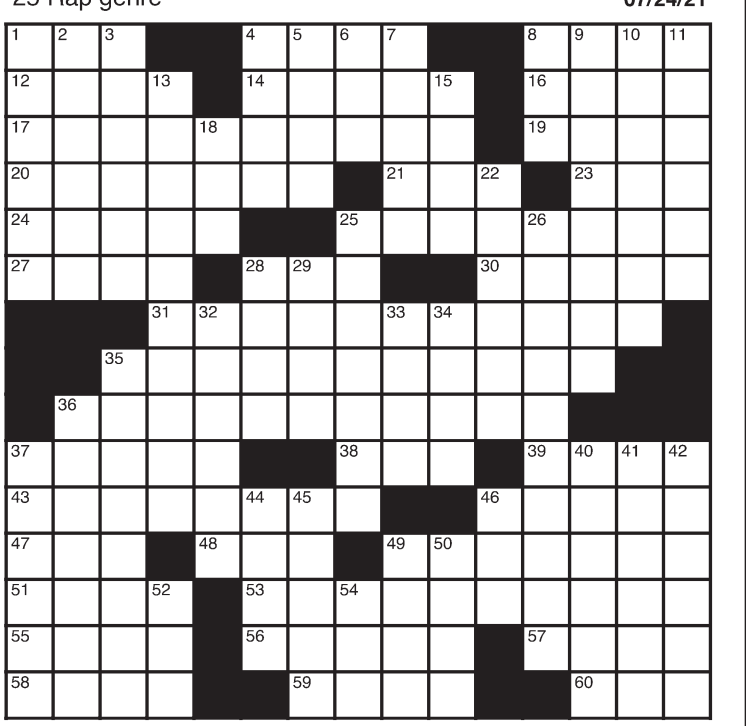

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