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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.

A good writer is careful to use the more forceful active voice unless passive voice is indicated. A good defender is able to distinguish times when he must look for fast tricks (active defense) from times when he can wait (passive defense).

Against four spades, West takes the K-A of clubs. East plays the two and ten. West can expect South to have at least five trump tricks, and dummy’s diamonds will furnish four tricks even if East has the king. Since South clearly has the material for 10 or more tricks, the defense needs four in a hurry.

HEART TRICK

West must lead a heart — active defense — at Trick Three. East’s queen forces out South’s ace, and the defense cashes a heart when East takes the king of diamonds.

If South had the A-Q of hearts, West would lose nothing since South would discard hearts on dummy’s diamonds anyway. But if East has a high heart, West must get active.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 6 5 ♥ Q 7 5 3 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 10 9 2. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your partner doubles, you respond one heart and

he bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: You should go to four hearts. Partner’s double obliged you to respond, and you would have bid one heart with no points at all. Even so, he expects you to take nine tricks, and since you actually have a five-card suit, a queen and a king, you will take at least 10.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 9 4 3
♥ 9 8
♦ A Q J 10 9
♣ Q 5

WEST

♠ 7
♥ K 6 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A K J 8 6 3

EAST

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 7 5 3 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ 10 9 2

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 8 2
♥ A J 10
♦ 7 4
♣ 7 4

South

1 ♠
2 ♣
4 ♠

West

2 ♣
Pass
All Pass

North

2 ♦
3 ♠
Pass

East

Pass
Pass

Opening lead — ♣ K

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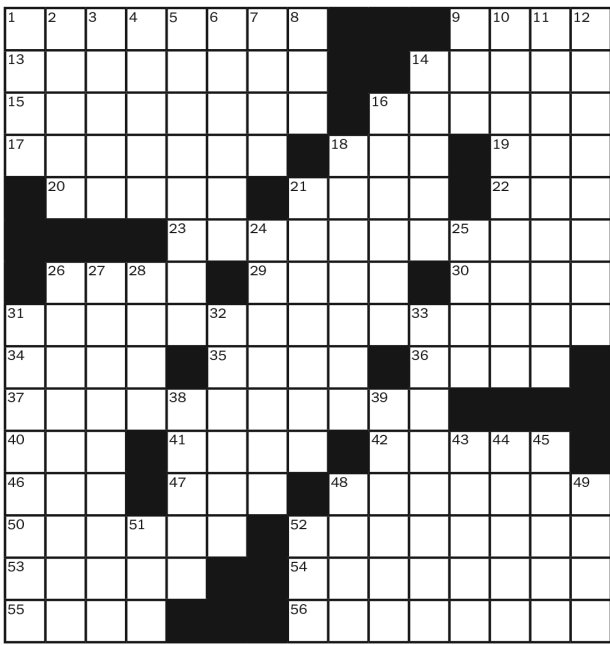
ACROSS

- 1 What may need to be kneaded
9 Warning made with H.R. in mind
13 Dish that may be made in its own pan
14 ___ Lederer, a.k.a. Ann Landers
15 Test out
16 College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
17 Trace evidence?
18 Monopoly token
19 Shaded from the sun
20 Longtime “60 Minutes” correspondent
21 Hit taken willingly
22 Where cc’s are seen
23 Radio amateur
26 It’s often seen beside art
29 “Beg pardon ...”
30 More than just moi
31 “The Fly,” “The Host” or “The Thing”
34 “___ Nobody” (hit for Rufus and Chaka Khan)
35 Cereal container
36 D. ___ (doctor of letters deg.)
37 Boston’s flagship medical center, familiarly
40 Listing near a club?
41 ___ Ishii, Lucy Liu’s character in “Kill Bill”
42 Demand during a gossip sesh
46 Blast furnace input

- 47 One is depicted on the Oregon license plate
48 McCarthyite called out in Billy Joel’s “We Didn’t Start the Fire”
50 Took shots with?
52 Metal in dental crowns
53 Latin “between”
54 Plato is considered the father of it
55 Stadium in the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
56 Artistic imitation

DOWN

- 1 Soaks
2 Drops
3 Strengthen, as an embankment
4 ___ Gilbert, “The Vampire Diaries” protagonist
5 Cabana
6 Verdi opera set during the fifth century
7 & 8 Part of some shortcuts
9 Glass home?
10 “Just say what you’re going to say!”
11 Govt. body that approves warrant requests for spies



PUZZLE BY KAMERON AUSTIN COLLINS

- 12 Milk provider
14 Word with man or fire
16 Defiant response
18 Desire
21 Edgar Allan Poe poem written for a woman named Jane, despite its title
24 Member of the only M.L.B. team never to have played in a World Series
25 Hardly a pro
26 Tests
27 Proverbial rarities
28 Sea ___ (grass seen in sand dunes)
31 Country that celebrates the new year (“Choul Chnam Thmey”) in April
32 Log-in component
33 Street prowler
36 Many an intern
39 Could gobble right up
43 Cause to recall?
44 Invigorating substance
45 Literally, “skewer”
48 Rapper Flo ___
49 Receptionist’s query
51 “BlacKkKlansman” director
52 Jack squat

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PEAKS ORB BRAT
ISLE OF SKYE AERO
GOOGLE TRANSLATE
SSN MEAN ELLY
GNOME FUEL
ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
CHIKA DRIES SET
HOME ARABS GOTH
EKE PLUTO CAMEO
SECRET MENU ITEMS
OHNO ASSET
AMEN SECT HAI
NOISE CANCELING
INNU DIVING INTO
LEGS SLY ANGER

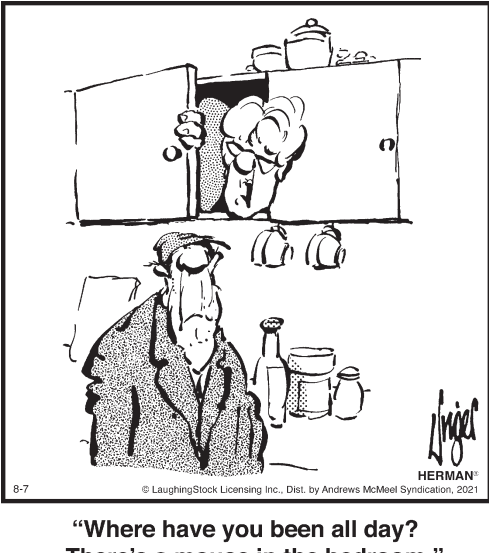
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

ARPTA
LIHDC
SRUPE
CRUUSK

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Ans. here:

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



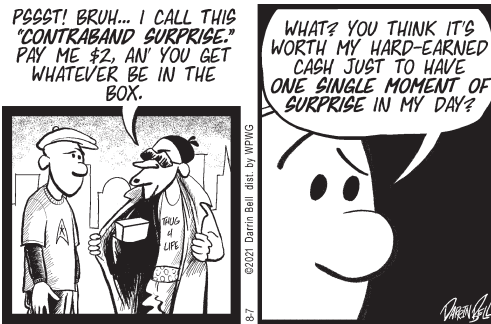
THEY HAD A LARGE CONIFER PLANTED IN THEIR YARD TO ...

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

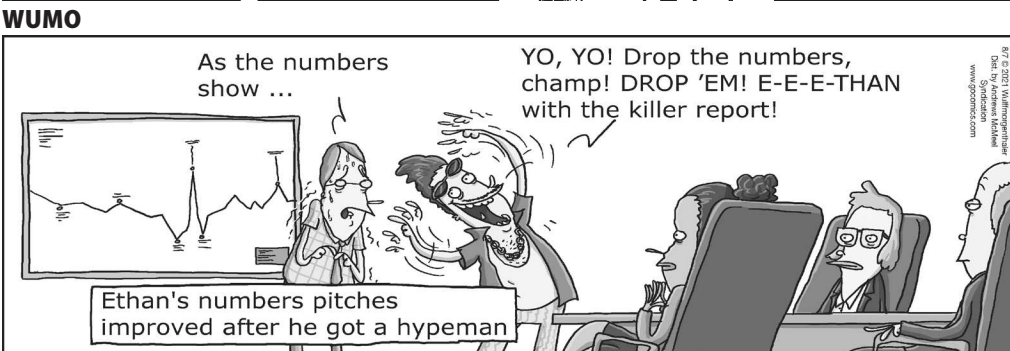
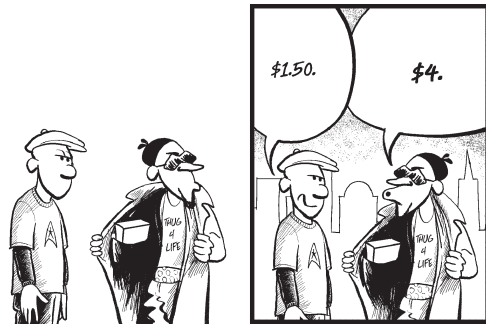
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: INEPT STAND INSIST GAZEBO
Answer: Germany was reunified in 1990 and no longer needed the “East” and “West” — DESIGNATIONS

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Jazz genre
4 Muppet assistant of Dr. Bunsen Honeydew
10 About
14 Award-winning sportswriter Berkow
15 Words often following “head over heels”
16 Pub order
17 Negrini component
18 Asian island capital
19 Bowie’s bride
20 Has another look at
22 Spot
24 Too quickly
25 Cone producer
26 Rus. neighbor
27 Early muscle cars
28 Indolent
30 One-time renown
34 Some street performers
35 Causes of color blindness
36 Unpleasant digs
37 “I hate the Moor” speaker
41 Balderdash
42 Bygone greeting
43 Top 10 Carole King song of 1974
46 Onetime Texas home of both Bushes
48 Creek traveler
49 Catalan surrealist
50 Neckwear accessory
52 Printer resolution spec.
53 Made a case
54 Protect, as a museum exhibit
55 Frodo’s sidekick
56 Banks on a runway
57 Movie parts
58 Green Day drummer ___ Cool
29 Home buyer’s concern
31 Midwestern natives
32 Overhauls
33 Lacking in luster
34 One speaking indistinctly
35 How teens often act up
36 Cue
38 In the thick of

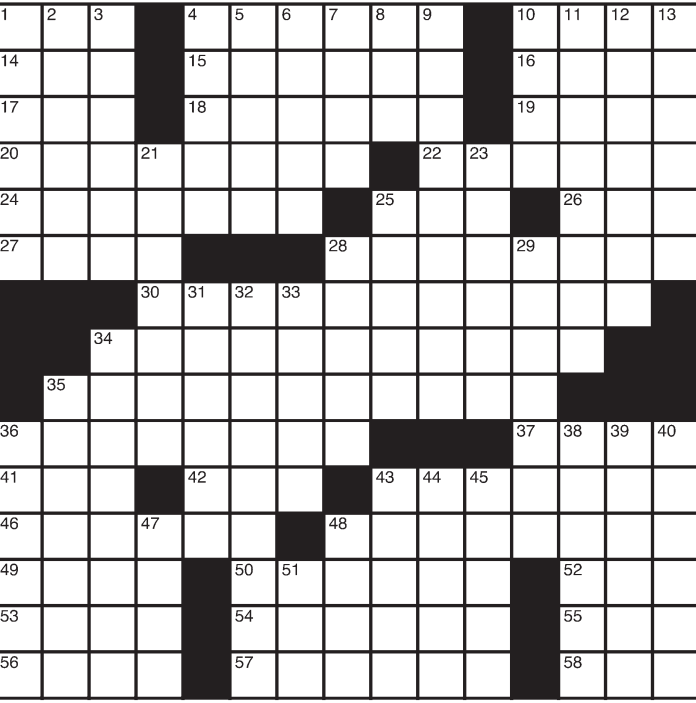
DOWN

- 1 Many a semi
2 Acquaint
3 Mexican Villa
4 Quick meals
5 Legally establish
6 Similar
7 “Keystone” klutzes
8 Time to start celebrating, maybe
9 Bringing under control
10 -ish
11 Advanced study groups
12 Pot cover
13 Cantankerous
21 Wigs out
23 “... and you know what happens if you don’t!”
25 Score direction
28 Arctic hazards

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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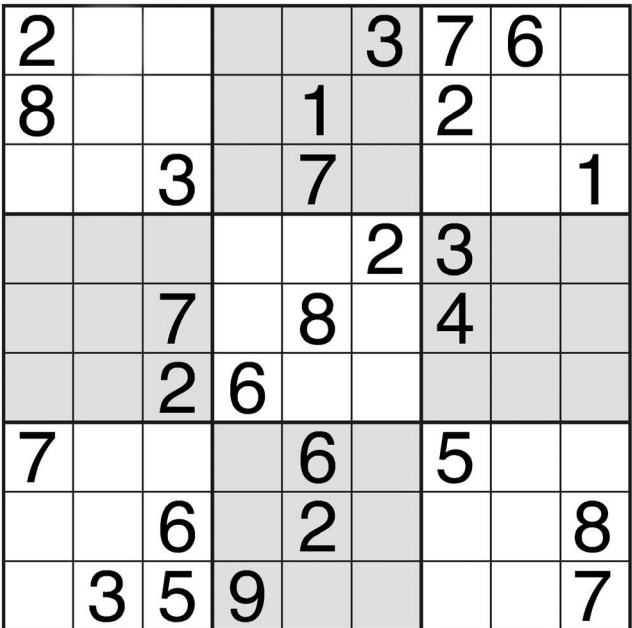
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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★