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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.

Combining chances is a common theme in declarer play. If you have various chances for your contract, arrange to try them all. Moreover, try them in the best order, so that if one chance fails, you still have others.

At today's slam, South won the club opening lead, drew trumps and tried a diamond finesse with his queen. He went down swiftly when West took the king and led a heart to East's ace.

TWO CHANCES

South gave himself only one chance when he had two. After he draws trumps, he runs the clubs to discard a heart from dummy, leads a trump to dummy and returns a heart. He gets his 12th trick when East has the ace. If West had the ace of hearts, South would still be alive. He could ruff West's heart return in dummy and try the diamond finesse.

Incidentally, if West held both the ace of hearts and the king of diamonds, South could still make six spades. Do you see how?

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 10 7 6 5
♦ K 7 4 3 2 ♣ 4. Neither side vulnerable. Your partner opens one

heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bidding has two goals: to find your best contract and to prevent your opponents from finding theirs. Bid four hearts. If your partner has a good hand, he might make the contract. If he doesn't, the opponents might have made a high-level contract if you had made it easier for them to bid.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A J 8 7 6 2
♥ 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 8

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ Q 10 7 6 5
♦ K 7 4 3 2
♣ 4

EAST
♠ None
♥ A J 9 8
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 5
♥ K 4
♦ A Q
♣ A Q J 9

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass
6 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 4

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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ACROSS

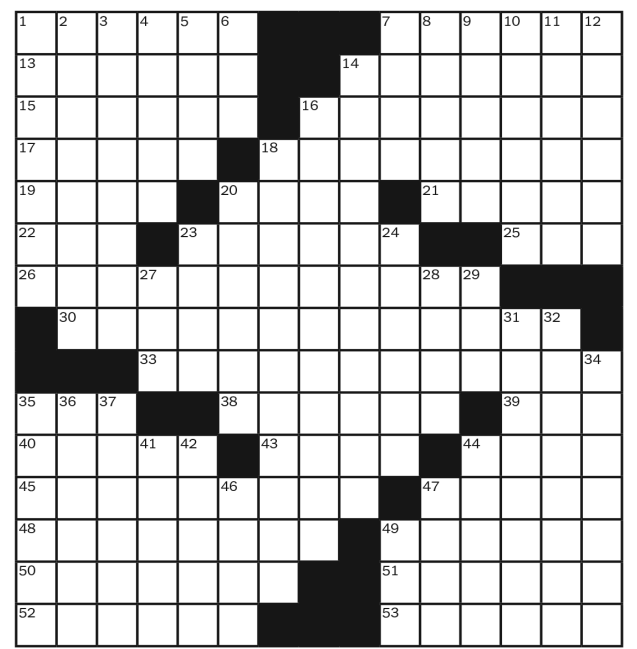
- 1 High branch, for short
- 7 "Don't make me laugh!"
- 13 Library of Alexandria collection
- 14 It reaches Washington heights
- 15 First name in flight
- 16 Boxer whose full name is made up of only three different letters
- 17 Pea piercers
- 18 Endangered wetlands reptile of the northeastern U.S.
- 19 Name in a noted '90s breakup
- 20 Back up
- 21 Bagel variety
- 22 Pull (out)
- 23 Sterling Cooper _____ Pryce ("Mad Men" ad agency)
- 25 Pig tail?
- 26 Break down for closer analysis, as data
- 30 Iconic iPhone addition of 2011
- 33 Ones exploited in a capitalist system, per Marx
- 35 Corvine cry
- 38 First international rock band to play in Cuba (2016), with "the"
- 39 Raider's grp.
- 40 Hardly klutzy
- 43 Christine _____ Whitman, first female governor of New Jersey

DOWN

- 1 Whirlpools
- 2 Sleeveless undergarment
- 3 Family time at the pool
- 4 President when Texas was admitted to the Union
- 5 "Exodus" novelist
- 6 "Cheap Thrills" pop star
- 7 Dressage criterion
- 8 Grease
- 9 Snafu
- 10 Having a gap
- 11 "Whoa, ___!"
- 12 Position
- 14 Inductee into the National Toy Hall of Fame five years after his sister
- 16 They go around in circles
- 44 Victorian greeting
- 45 Dead tree edition
- 47 Hat tips
- 48 "Anyhoo ..."
- 49 Shout from a teen's bedroom
- 50 Petty tyrants
- 51 Green party?
- 52 Diamonds used in fashion
- 53 Places of rest

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

F	R	A	M	E	U	P	S	P	R	I	M	P	
A	E	R	O	S	M	I	T	H	D	E	C	A	L
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T	I	N	N	Y	F	O	R	S	A	D	L	Y	
I	N	D	Y	Y	A	L	T	A	P	A	R	T	
S	E	T	B	U	L	L	E	T	S	N	A	E	
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Z	I	P	T	I	E	S	H	O	L	I	E	S	
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B	R	E	A	D	A	N	Y	A	U	R	A	L	
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M	A	V	E	N	P	L	A	I	N	J	A	N	E
B	L	E	S	S	A	N	T	E	A	T	E	R	



PUZZLE BY RYAN MCCARTY

- 18 High-flying picnic game
- 20 "___ Wife," Pulitzer Prize-winning George Kelly play
- 23 Already: Fr.
- 24 Like corduroy
- 27 Yoga pose done on hands and knees
- 28 Acts lovey-dovey
- 29 Lent feature
- 31 Topping brand with multiple misspellings in its name
- 32 Proposed legislation often debated alongside the DACA program
- 34 Goes along
- 35 Literally, "heads"
- 36 Moroccan resort city on the Atlantic
- 37 Clearing
- 41 Like herons and flamingos
- 42 Documentarian Morris
- 44 Unexpected windfall, figuratively
- 46 Give up
- 47 Insensitive sort
- 49 Major vitamin retailer

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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

CANRH
PRUTE
FROPTI
PSMUTE

Print your answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILT AROSE KENNEL WHIMSY
Answer: The fashion model complained that always being on a diet was — WEARING THIN

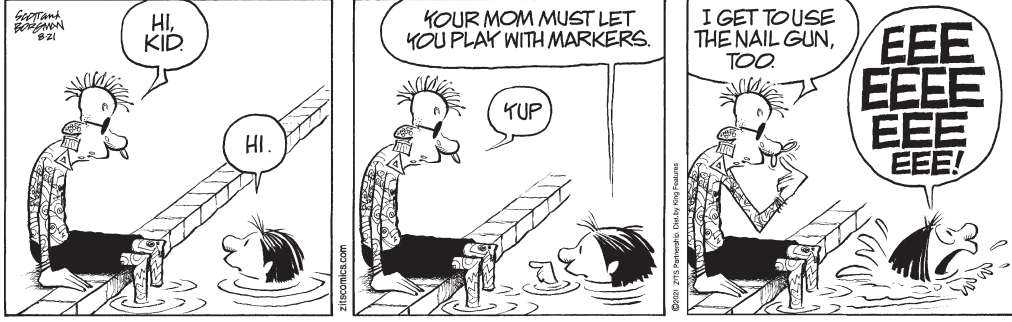
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Stamford-based humanitarian relief group
- 11 Model's makeup, maybe
- 15 Spot for a wistful stroll
- 16 Green target
- 17 Brilliance
- 18 Tunnel diggers
- 19 Collect dust
- 20 Tamboura kin
- 21 "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" spin-off
- 22 Team apparel, informally
- 24 Covert ops outfit
- 25 One may be blank
- 26 Mixes together
- 28 Not take well?
- 30 Understand
- 31 Quick cuts
- 33 Single-serving coffee units
- 35 Curtains
- 37 Next in line
- 38 Decisive defeat
- 42 Condescend
- 45 Cooking student of Martha
- 46 Preserves, as beef
- 48 1966 Literature Nobel Nelly
- 50 Tenzing-Hillary Airport site
- 52 Singer Lorde's given name
- 54 Rooney ____, co-star of the 2015 film "Carol"
- 55 Welcoming expression
- 56 Needle
- 58 Tandyr ____, Central Asian flatbread
- 59 Kick
- 60 "It was fun!"
- 62 Subject of Huáscar
- 63 Be totally stumped
- 64 Part with teeth
- 65 Short-term bus purchase
- 2 Sheep originating in Spain
- 3 Joy, for one
- 4 ___-com
- 5 Ring around a pupil
- 6 One "whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be": Bierce
- 7 Pub device
- 8 Went wild
- 9 Cross a line one shouldn't cross
- 10 Take notice
- 11 Lamaser music
- 12 Way back
- 13 Took in, say
- 14 "Sure, why not?"
- 21 Barbecue receptacles
- 23 What a coach's hands-down gesture may mean
- 27 Trivia quiz site
- 29 Signals
- 32 Flight school hurdle
- 34 Many a charity tournament
- 36 Over
- 38 Hits the jackpot
- 39 Buttercup cousin
- 40 Bubble tea ingredient
- 41 Legally off base
- 43 It precedes some puck drops
- 44 Expresses appropriately
- 47 Designated
- 49 Some mall hirees
- 51 Site for a rite
- 53 Corpse Pose, e.g.
- 57 Many a TikTok teen
- 60 Warm-hearted Seuss character
- 61 ___ out: hit the edge of the hole without going in, in golf

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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

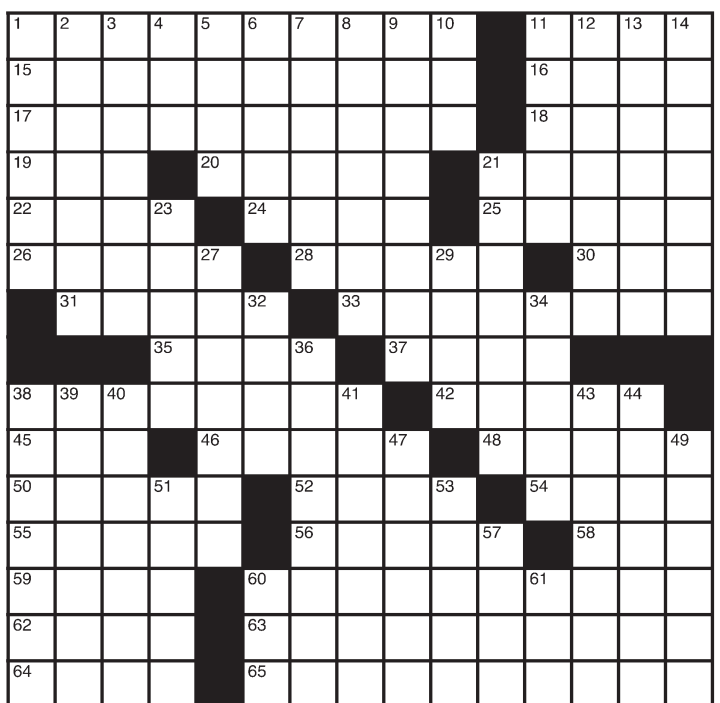
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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4				5				

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