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### Daily Bridge Club

## Test your timing

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This week's deals have treated timing the play as declarer: the simple concept of playing the cards in the proper order to maximize your chances. Cover today's East-West cards. How will you make four spades when West leads the king of hearts and continues with the queen and jack?

Suppose you ruff and draw the missing trumps. They break 4-2, which is to be expected, so you have none left. Then if you go to dummy's ace of clubs and lead the ten of diamonds to finesse, West wins and cashes a heart for down one. Nor can you succeed, as the cards lie, by finessing in clubs.

#### PRESERVE TRUMPS

Lead a trump to dummy at Trick Four and let the ten of diamonds ride. West takes the queen but can't hurt you by leading another heart; you could ruff in dummy, preserving the trumps in your hand to draw trumps.

If West shifts to a club, you win, draw trumps and take your 10 tricks: five trumps, three diamonds and two clubs. The idea, as it is in many deals, is to draw trumps at the proper time.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 5 3 ♥ A 10 9 6 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 10 9 5 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart, he bids one spade and you try

INT. Partner bids two spades. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner seems to have five spades and six diamonds, but since he didn't jump, minimum strength. To return to three diamonds, playing at the longer trump fit, might be right. I would pass, play at the two level and not give partner another chance to bid.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 8  
♥ 7 4 3  
♦ 10 6 3  
♣ A J 8 7 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7 6 4 2  
♥ K Q J 2  
♦ Q 8 5 2  
♣ 4

**EAST**  
♠ 5 3  
♥ A 10 9 6  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q 10 9 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 10 9  
♥ 8 5  
♦ A K J 9  
♣ K 6

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ K

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

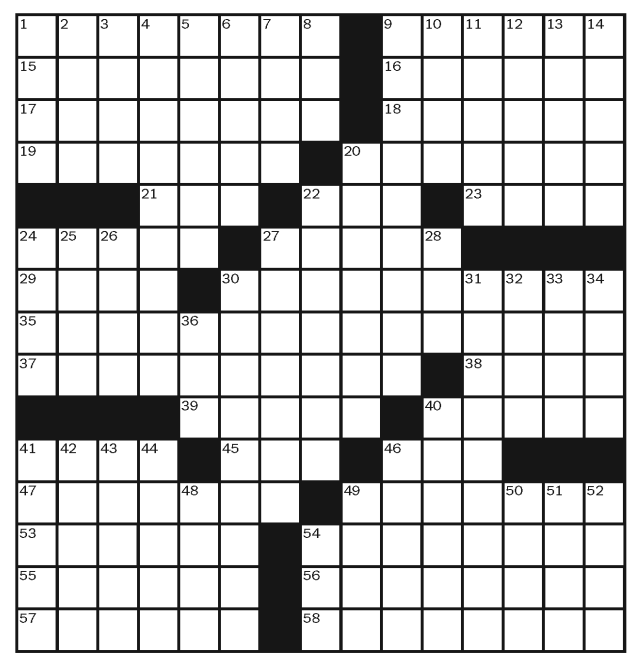
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# The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

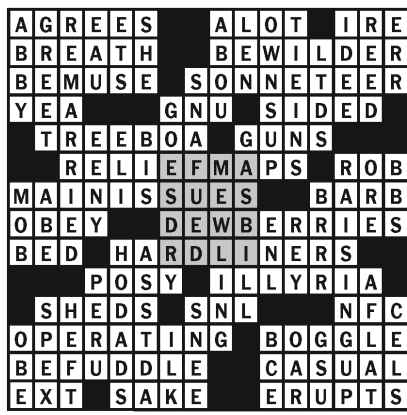
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Popular Korean rice dish
  - 9 Facial expression
  - 15 Bach's "Christmas \_\_\_\_"
  - 16 Offline activity?
  - 17 Towered over
  - 18 Sugar in one's coffee, e.g.
  - 19 Ancient land that included parts of modern Iraq and Turkey
  - 20 Place to buy overpriced drinks
  - 21 Keane who drew "The Family Circus"
  - 22 Do some light cardio
  - 23 Ink
  - 24 Quarters feed into them
  - 27 Kind of salami
  - 29 His debut album was 1987's "Rhyme Pays"
  - 30 Tears
  - 35 "Ahhh!"
  - 37 "Wow, wow, wow!"
  - 38 It's made by coagulating soy milk
  - 39 Mammal with four toes on the front feet and three on the back
  - 40 Pleasantly flavorful
  - 41 Financing figs.
  - 45 C'est un article défini
  - 46 Certain judge's ruling
  - 47 Portmanteau for a dumpster-diving anti-consumerist eater
  - 49 One might be offensive
- DOWN**
- 1 Bubble tea
  - 2 Ticks off
  - 3 Amp knob
  - 4 Minute
  - 5 Northern New Jersey county
  - 6 Oven setting
  - 7 Sophia Loren title role of 1953
  - 8 He once wrote "I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity"
  - 9 Fifth-century invaders
  - 10 "That's my cue!"
  - 11 Challenge in an alley
  - 12 Dutch-speaking Caribbean island
  - 13 Insinuated
  - 14 Wisconsin governor Tony
  - 20 The original Frankenstein wasn't one, despite popular belief
  - 22 Competes in the Aquabike World Championship
  - 24 Jedi foe
  - 25 Second
  - 26 Fast finish?
  - 27 Shook one's defender, in sports lingo
  - 28 "\_\_\_\_ You Experienced" (Jimi Hendrix album)
  - 30 It's all downhill from here
  - 31 Passing financial concern?
  - 32 Per
  - 33 First name in U.N. diplomacy
  - 34 Draw counterpart
  - 36 Follower of F.D.R.
  - 40 Madame, across the Pyrenees
  - 41 It has a duck float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
  - 42 Inclined
  - 43 Have a ball
  - 44 Directive to talk
  - 46 Some smears
  - 48 A little too slick
  - 49 It's hot stuff!
  - 50 Noted gift givers
  - 51 He won a posthumous Pulitzer Prize in 1958
  - 52 Adjective-to-noun suffix
  - 54 Slump



PUZZLE BY EVANS CLINCHY

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

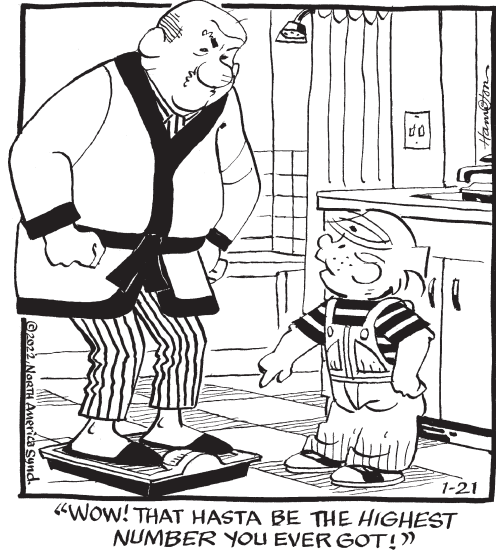


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### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

NTTSU  
LYTES  
YACENG  
DXEEEC

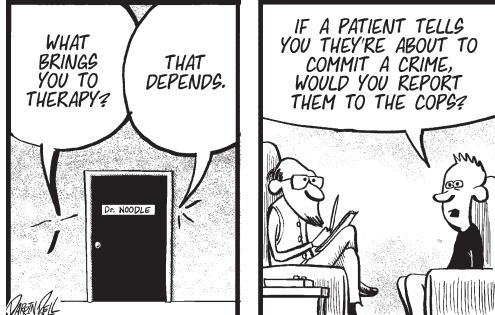
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

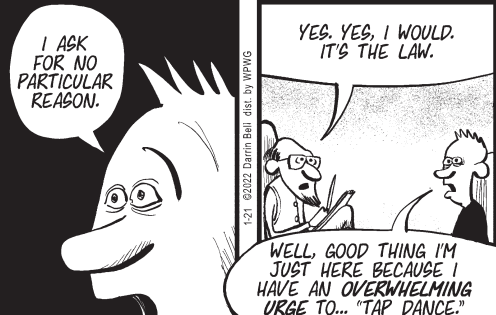
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOMMY JOIST OBJECT SUBJUE  
Answer: The planes were chatting near the gates. The nonsensical one was a — MUMBO JUMBO JET

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like Jack Sprat, one would expect
  - 5 Role in a Gershwin opera
  - 9 Fellow
  - 13 Her musical career started at age 16 at the Cotton Club
  - 15 Pre-euro currency
  - 16 Atomic physicist's favorite cookie?
  - 17 "\_\_\_\_ a girl who sang the blues"; Don McLean lyric
  - 18 Musicologist's term
  - 19 Deity with an eponymous day
  - 20 Gaping mouths
  - 21 Uncommon sense
  - 22 Atomic physicist's favorite Golden Age movie star?
  - 25 U.N. Security Council permanent member
  - 26 Poetic adverb
  - 27 Say further
  - 29 Word after look or sound
  - 32 Wafer brand
  - 34 "\_\_\_\_ awake?"
  - 35 Atomic physicist's favorite side dish?
  - 38 Consume
  - 39 Lion \_\_\_\_
  - 40 Mounted, as gems
  - 41 Rightmost bowling pin
  - 42 Wrath
  - 43 Not leave alone
  - 44 Atomic physicist's favorite wall builder?
  - 48 Beret relative
  - 51 Move a bit
  - 52 Superior cousin?
  - 53 Takes charge of
  - 54 Filled food
  - 55 Atomic physicist's favorite spy novelist?
  - 57 Painter Nolde
  - 58 As initially evident
  - 59 Cozy places
  - 60 Comprehends
  - 61 Cretaceous giant
- DOWN**
- 1 Lingerie items
  - 2 Assistance, with "a"
  - 3 Accommodating places
  - 4 W.C.'s "My Little Chickadee" co-star
  - 5 '80s South African president
  - 6 Misstep
  - 7 Coral reef visitor
  - 8 Snowe of ME, once
  - 9 Begin a flight
  - 10 Region from the Sanskrit for "snow abode"
  - 11 "Anything else?"
  - 12 Light touches
  - 14 Many Rwandans
  - 16 Other side
  - 22 He directed Samuel in "Pulp Fiction"
  - 23 Do a vet's job
  - 24 Versatile mount
  - 25 "Notorious" studio
  - 28 Roomba target
  - 29 Lie next to
  - 30 Falls behind
  - 31 Possible "Finish your tax return yet?" reply
  - 32 "Got any examples at all?"
  - 33 Dick was his veep
  - 36 \_\_\_\_ minimum
  - 37 U.K. part
  - 43 Holiday songs
  - 45 Tests without papers
  - 46 Orange Muppet
  - 47 Goes (through) carefully
  - 48 Safer way to think
  - 49 Wing
  - 50 Umami source
  - 51 Broke the law, in a way
  - 53 Minnesota congresswoman
  - 55 Apple product
  - 56 Young newt

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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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

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