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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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“Simple Saturday” columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

The methods people employ to protect their assets have evolved from castle moats to mattresses stuffed with cash, to safety deposit boxes. When you are declarer, your trump suit is a precious asset. Do what you can to safeguard it.

Today’s West led the nine of hearts, winning, against four spades. East won the next heart with the ten and led the ace, and South ruffed with the king of trumps to shut out an overruff.

EIGHT OF TRUMPS

South next led a trump to dummy’s jack. When East won and led another heart, South was stuck. Whether he ruffed high again or low, West’s eight of trumps would score. Down one.

South played like a man with a tin can of money buried in his backyard. After his king of trumps wins, he must take the precaution of leading a diamond to dummy and returning the five of trumps. When East wins and leads a fourth heart, South can afford to ruff high again. He can draw trumps and claim.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 5 ♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ A K 9 4 ♣ A 8 4. Your partner opens one club, you respond one

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heart and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: At responder’s second turn, he often has enough information to place the contract or suggest a contract. Since you have a balanced 14 points with the unbid suit stopped, bid 3NT. If your king of diamonds were the ten, you would bid 2NT to invite game. (Some players, quite reasonably, would have responded one diamond.)

East dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 5
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ A K 9 4
♣ A 8 4

WEST
♠ 8 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 10 7 5 3

EAST
♠ A
♥ A K J 10 8
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ J 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 9

East 1 ♥
Pass

South 1 ♠
4 ♠

West Pass
All Pass

North 2 NT
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 9

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Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Quinceañera honoree

6 Draft pick?

15 Hub for Nollywood movies

16 What a snake or dragon can represent

17 Go/no-go directive

18 Despise

19 “Midnight Cowboy” role

20 Achieved something wondrous

21 Worked together (with)

23 Bit of summer wear, informally

24 Adroit, as a trick

25 Home of the Plain of Jars, a UNESCO World Heritage site

26 Pair of pants?

27 Indoor rowing machine, in brief

28 Group that counts Harding, Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy as former members

29 Louis ____ (predecessor of the franc)

30 1982 film with the tagline “Behind every great man, there is a woman!”

32 Material in some china

36 Halloween costume requiring a full-body suit

37 Subject of a smash hit?

38 Big retailer of camping gear

39 Make no effort to stop something

42 Charged

43 Cameron with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

44 Like many place mats

45 Actress with an Emmy nomination for FX’s “Atlanta”

47 Dealer’s new offering, perhaps

49 Starter course

50 Snarled

51 Ratio of two sides in a right-angled triangle, in brief

52 Submissions for a casting director

53 Shake

54 They’re sported while going on a run

55 Wannabe

DOWN

1 Wind known for its warmth

2 What might lead a person to drink

3 “Time to split”

4 Symbol of confinement

5 ____ Place, one of the original 28 stations of the New York City subway

6 Specialty of Rhode Island cuisine

7 Flexible musical tempos

8 Vacuum tube parts

9 Illustrious

10 Baseboard, e.g.

11 Intrinsically

12 Washington airport, informally

13 Attacking a sub, say

14 Settings for some scuba dives

22 Holden’s brother in “The Catcher in the Rye”

26 Out of bounds, in a way

28 Spot

29 Foundation, often

31 Variety of games

32 Incorporeal

33 Mozart’s “Voi, che sapete” and others

34 Business of the Dutch East India Company

35 Informal title in city government

37 Fleet runner

39 Pool side

40 Zeljko ____, 2008 Emmy winner for “Damages”

41 Japanese mat

42 Scout’s collection

43 From square one

45 Districts

46 Contractor at a gym?

48 Max ____ (couture label)

PUZZLE BY KEVIN G. DER

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STATUSQUO INTOW
LEMONCURD NUHU
ITSTOOBAD ERATO
DOTE TINS STIRS
NEMO TUMS ULAN
LINT SAYGRACE
CROP KLEENEX
MIR AGA EVA DDT
AREAMAP RARE
GODSPEED NUMB
INTO DRUB POLS
CRICK WAIF TOTE
AUDIO ART EDITOR
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The act was cuter when we looked alike.

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“THIS IS THE PART WHERE CLARK KENT CHANGES INTO SUPERMAN IN A PHONE BOOTH.”

“YOU MEAN A CHANGING BOOTH?”

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HERMAN

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“I know you’re in bed with the flu, but I need the keys to the filing cabinet.”

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JUMBLE

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

SSEEN

THAWC

PTELGI

LABOCT

THE

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

I think I can take over from here, sir.

If you don’t mind, Detective Anderson, I’ll handle this.

THE YOUNG DETECTIVE HOPED SHE COULD LEAD THE INVESTIGATION, BUT THAT ---

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

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Yesterday’s Jumbles: ARROW GOURD DECODE WINNER
Answer: Root vegetables in Australia — GROW DOWN UNDER

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HI BABY, CAN YOU SEND ME YOUR WEB PAGE “URL” AGAIN? YOU GAVE ME THE WRONG ONE.

...WHAT?

YOU SAID YOUR NEWS-PAPER WEBSITE IS AT CANDORVILLE.COM, BUT EVERY TIME I ENTER THAT, A WHOLE BUNCH OF LINKS COME UP.

WELL, THOSE ARE PROBABLY HEADLINES.

BUT A LOT OF THEM GO TO PEOPLE’S POSTS AND TWEETS AND RANDOM NONSENSE.

MOMMA... TYPE MY URL INTO THE ADDRESS BAR, NOT INTO GOOGLE.

WHY DO YOU HAVE A LINK HERE CALLING YOURSELF “UPPITY”?

WUMO

What a disappointment that the pill doesn’t have any effect on either of the conditions we are trying to cure ...

Then should we maybe just invent a new diagnosis that it cures? That’s normally how it goes ...

ZITS

JEREMY, DO YOU MIND IF I USE YOUR OLD SPORTS BAG FROM...

...MIDDLE SCHOOL?

YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE IT A LITTLE SCRUB FIRST.

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 “Growing Up in New Guinea” author

5 Softball club

8 Retirement option

13 Semi bar

14 Sage

15 Place to get bike wear

16 Screen symbol

17 Lollapalooza

18 Cost as much as

19 “Whatever you’re thinking, no”

22 Bit parts?

23 Less sound

24 Gets out of a slump?

25 Emanate

26 “Hold on”

27 Baltic port

30 Garter snake prey

34 Outer bank?

35 Frank exchange?

37 KOA parkers

38 Pet ____

40 Italian pronoun

41 Free of lumps

42 Bluegrass legend

44 Small cutters

46 CrossFit set

49 Ohno who won “Dancing With the Stars” in 2007

50 Cake that traditionally has coconut-pecan icing

53 Severity

54 Patatas bravas, por ejemplo

55 Go very slow, or very fast

56 Deal-maker

57 Free of lumps

58 Breakfast brand

59 Like salsa

60 Convertible’s spot

61 Off! ingredient

DOWN

1 Part of the inn crowd

2 Condemn harshly

3 Recharging period

4 Bridge inspector?

5 Hit close to home?

6 Products helpful when buying flooring

7 Attract attention

8 Attracting attention

9 Sage

10 “Hamilton” Tony winner ____ Elise Goldsberry

11 Volga region native

12 Stirs

14 Makes a major decision?

20 Masai Mara migrant

21 Vegetable related to lilies

24 Even trade

28 Words from a runner

29 Giancarlo’s “Better Call Saul” role

31 Magnified

32 Some coverage

33 Old boomers

35 Social event where Alice is asked, “Why is a raven like a writing desk?”

36 Many a Zapotec

39 State whose capital is named for a French city

41 Took to task

43 Driver’s “Star Wars” role

45 PFC’s address

46 Color whose name comes from Old French for “natural wool”

47 Drives

48 Prepare cheese, in a way

50 Austrian city on the eastern edge of the Alps

51 Transparent

52 Awards acronym

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ACT NAG IMP SAY
CHORALE TEE PRE
DATASET ETC OTS
CREWCUT MACARON
STAR R REPROS
AERO FORAY WEIS
WATT MOBIL REST
SKI SAILS EASE
FOCSLE CDROM
LAILA MEGA
EXCERPT SURPASS
ALI LOA SIDECAR
KEA END ELITIST
YSL TEA NEO DEA

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