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Daily Bridge Club

If I only had a brain

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"So you and Wendy are at odds again?" I asked Cy the Cynic in the club lounge. Wendy, our feminist, and Cy, a shameless chauvinist, are constant adversaries.

"I misdefended in the penny game," Cy told me, "and Wendy said it's like every man on earth has to share the same brain."

Wendy led her singleton diamond against four spades, and Cy took the Q-A and led a third diamond. South ruffed, drew trumps and led a club from dummy.

"Whether I took the ace or ducked, he had 10 tricks," the Cynic said. "He could pitch a heart on dummy's high diamond."

partner opens one spade, you bid two diamonds and he rebids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: In a "two-over-one" style, where your two diamonds forced to game, you could bid 2NT, forcing. That style might gain here but has drawbacks as well. In a "Standard" style, bid 3NT or, if you prefer not to take the bull by the tail, bid three clubs to let partner make another descriptive bid.

East dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 7 5
♥ A J 6 5
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ 9

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

EAST
♠ 6 2
♥ K 10
♦ A Q 9 8 4 2
♣ A 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 8
♥ Q 3
♦ J 7
♣ K Q 3 2

East 1♦ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 2♠
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♠
All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 3

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 6 2 ♥ K 10
♦ A Q 9 8 4 2 ♣ A 10 7. Your

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

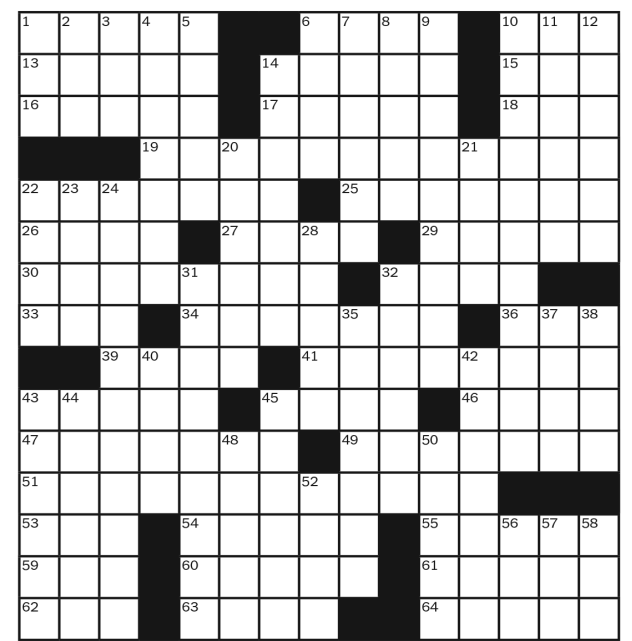
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1209

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pain in the neck
 - 6 Four are credited for a grand slam, briefly
 - 10 Channel that a telly may be tuned to
 - 13 Fuel for a funny car
 - 14 Dough
 - 15 Contraction in "Jingle Bells"
 - 16 Formal turnaround
 - 17 Remnant of an oceanic volcano
 - 18 "The way I see it," to a texter
 - 19 Establish a standard that's easy to reach
 - 22 Cameo, say
 - 25 Vincent van Gogh or Queen Elizabeth I, notably
 - 26 O, in the W.W. II Army/Navy alphabet
 - 27 Expressions of enlightenment
 - 29 "Between Two ____" (Zach Galifianakis show)
 - 30 With 41-Across, make every effort to be accommodating
 - 32 Ivory, but not ebony
 - 33 Gobbled
 - 34 One who might have to create an account
 - 36 Utah senator Mike
 - 39 Green New ____
 - 41 See 30-Across
 - 43 Many city layouts
 - 45 Big name in pasta sauce
 - 46 Yours, in Tours
 - 47 Song words after "Speaking words of wisdom ..."
 - 49 Most serious
 - 51 Not meet expectations
 - 53 As well
 - 54 Big name in cosmetics
 - 55 Pitch deliverer, perhaps
 - 59 "Gross!"
 - 60 Like excited fans in stadiums
 - 61 "Crossing my fingers!"
 - 62 B&B
 - 63 Go-____
 - 64 Contest described by 19-, 30-/41- and 51-Across



PUZZLE BY OWEN TRAVIS AND JEFF CHEN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 1 "This is ____"
- 2 Kia subcompact
- 3 "____ complicated"
- 4 Got nice and toasty?
- 5 Home of the boy band BTS
- 6 "Divergent" author Veronica
- 7 Rude people in stadiums
- 8 "Who'da thunk it?!"
- 9 Utensil farthest left in a five-piece place setting
- 10 Standard contract text
- 11 Kvetch about
- 12 Groups in stadiums

- 14 Source of the line "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth"
- 20 Bookstore section
- 21 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 22 Variety of tea
- 23 Sarcastic comeback
- 24 Stopped being so loud
- 28 Its capital is Oranjestad
- 31 Hot
- 32 Fix in place
- 35 More in need of a lift?
- 37 One taking a bow for getting couples together?
- 38 Prepare for publishing
- 40 Actress Falco
- 42 Gave a friendly greeting, in a way
- 43 Squatting muscles
- 44 Fame
- 45 Leader of an Episcopal parish
- 48 Mideast port that was home to Sinbad the sailor
- 50 To no ____
- 52 What incubators provide
- 56 Old-fashioned tattoo
- 57 Police dept. alert
- 58 Start of many an art movement

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This unsettling tale is called "The Premature Burial."

EDGAR ALLAN POSSUM

DENNIS THE MENACE
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"WOULD YOU SAY I SHOULD GO ON A DIET, GEORGE?"

"NOT UNLESS I WANT TO SLEEP IN THE GARAGE."

HERMAN
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"My cousin, Herbie, got a job at a zoo."

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

CRAGI
TAFIH
SYWILE
TWUITO

THE

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: EXERT MOLDY NIBBLE INJURE
Answer: The fishing boat owner wanted more customers, so he put up a billboard to — REEL 'EM IN

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I'VE WRITTEN A NEW MEMOIR, AND MY BOOK AGENT THINKS IT'S GOING TO BE A HIT.

...WHEN YOU LOST THAT HUGE BOOK DEAL BECAUSE YOUR MOM ACCIDENTALLY SELF-PUBLISHED YOUR BOOK ON AMAZON.

IT'S ABOUT ONE MAN'S PERSEVERANCE...

...AFTER LOSING A HUGE BOOK DEAL BECAUSE HIS MOM ACCIDENTALLY SELF-PUBLISHED HIS BOOK ON AMAZON.

GOOD FOR YOU! I WAS AFRAID YOU'D NEVER GET OVER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME...

WHAT'S YOUR NEW MEMOIR ABOUT?

WUMO
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If you bite me, I'll live forever. But I can never again have garlic bread? I'll have to think about it. I'm really into garlic bread!

ZITS
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SORRY ABOUT YOUR TRAGIC MORNING.

IT WASN'T THAT BAD.

YOU WERE TRASHED BY THE BIGGEST MUSIC CRITIC OF OUR TIME.

HE'S NOT A MUSIC CRITIC!

HE'S A GUY WHO YELLED "YOUR BAND SUCKS" OUT HIS CAR WINDOW!

"KNOWN FOR HIS SUCCINCT REVIEWS..."

SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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	3			4	7				8	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Hang out in alleys
- 5 Sporty sunroofs
- 10 Job jar item
- 14 Cuatro y cuatro
- 15 Sprightly movement
- 16 Lamb pen name
- 17 Source of damaging rumors
- 20 Vietnam holiday
- 21 "What the Constitution Means to Me" award
- 22 Like Boo Boo and Baloo
- 23 Lead source
- 24 Novelist Deighton
- 25 Wile E. Coyote's supplier
- 26 Buzz among local gossips
- 32 Takes short cuts?
- 34 Part of S&L
- 35 FDR 34-Across org.
- 36 One of 1,225 in the first published edition of "War and Peace"
- 37 They have their pride
- 39 Put a halt to
- 40 Is for a few
- 41 Carson forerunner
- 42 Hostess snack cakes
- 43 Nickname of two Six Flags roller coasters
- 47 Tavern orders
- 48 Apollo vehicle, briefly
- 49 Many miles
- 52 Entertained
- 55 Vegas rival
- 56 Hot Dijon season
- 57 Question asked with a raised voice, as demonstrated in three long puzzle answers
- 60 Verdi opera
- 61 Pants style
- 62 Retin-A target
- 63 Altar words
- 64 Stall for Time?
- 65 Clarinet need
- 2 Earth tone
- 3 Mutant big cat
- 4 ____ Gatos, California
- 5 Late game show host with seven Emmys
- 6 "Gran ____": 2008 Eastwood film
- 7 ____ in a blue moon
- 8 Kissing on the kiss cam, for short
- 9 Even
- 10 Her Majesty's service?
- 11 Others, in old Rome
- 12 Put one's name on the line?
- 13 Immortal "Citizen"
- 18 Opinion surveys
- 19 Image creators, for short
- 25 Loads
- 27 Monkey relative
- 28 Biota growth
- 29 Undecided
- 30 Owl's call
- 31 Catches some z's
- 32 Places for hot waxes
- 33 One pulling in pushers
- 37 Outgoing officeholder
- 38 Perfect Portions pet food brand
- 39 Abel, to Adam
- 41 Throwback diet
- 42 Handmade stadium sign
- 44 Gut courses
- 45 Becomes less overcast
- 46 Playwright Ibsen
- 50 Even things
- 51 Said 63-Across a second time
- 52 Antioxidant-rich berry
- 53 Downton Abbey's Daisy, for one
- 54 Go back, on a PC
- 55 Default result
- 58 "Bail ____"
- 59 AirPod spot

DOWN

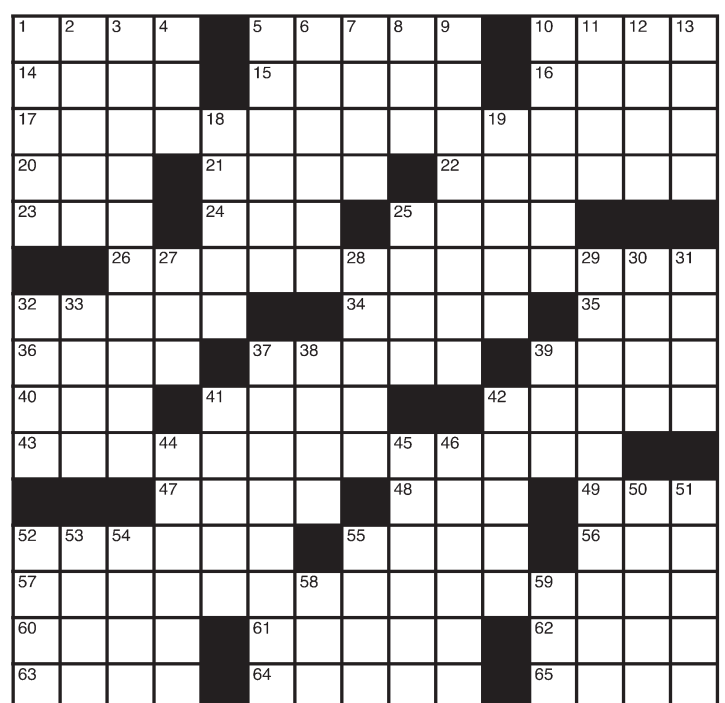
- 1 Greet formally, as at the start of a sumo match

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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