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Daily Bridge Club

Mad bridge party

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As the game at the Mad Hatter's went on, the Queen of Hearts grew ever more combative.

"I'm the most powerful card in Wonderland," the Queen blustered. "Anyone who lets my card be captured" — she glared at the quaking Hatter — "loses his head."

The Hatter was declarer at today's four spades after the March Hare, East, tossed in a weak jump-overcall in hearts. Alice, West, led the queen of hearts, no doubt with trepidation.

he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is an easy problem. At your second turn as responder, your responsibility is to place the contract — or to propose a contract by limiting your strength and suggesting your distribution. Bid 3NT. A jump to 2NT would only invite game. You would choose that call if your heart holding were J-10-5-2.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

TEMPTATION

When dummy hit with K-J-5-2 in hearts, declarer nervously refused to cover with the king. He played the deuce, and the Queen of Hearts roared her approval. Alice led a second heart to the jack and ace. The Hatter ruffed, took the A-K of diamonds, cashed the A-K of clubs and ruffed a diamond. He lost two trumps to West but made game.

South saved the contract as well as his head. If he covers the queen of hearts with the king, East wins and leads a trump. When West plays off three rounds, South has only nine tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J54 ♥ KJ52 ♦ A3 ♣ A J 7 5. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and

NORTH
♠ J 5 4
♥ K J 5 2
♦ A 3
♣ A J 7 5

WEST
♠ A Q 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q J 8 7 4
♣ 9 6 2

EAST
♠ 3
♥ A 10 9 8 6 4
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10 9 8 7 6
♥ 3
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ K 3

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

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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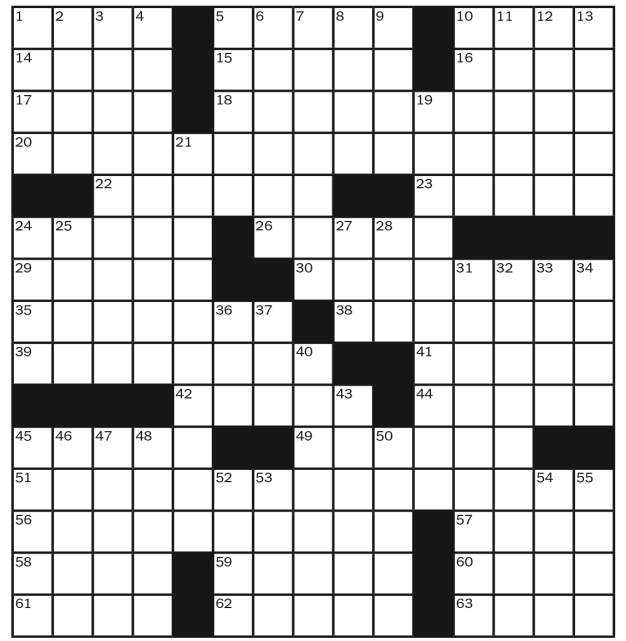
- 1 Still on the line, say
- 5 Sights
- 10 Big name in razors
- 14 One of two or three in a typical orchestra
- 15 Can you believe it?
- 16 Stuff in a muffin
- 17 Informal cheer
- 18 Something about which you might say "It's good!"
- 20 "Be smart about this, now ..."
- 22 It requires some assembly
- 23 Spiced up
- 24 Growth ____

- 26 Actress Rosie of "Do the Right Thing"
- 29 Shrubland sight
- 30 Completely off course
- 35 A home?
- 38 Without stopping
- 39 Some early arrivals
- 41 "Let's go!," in Durango
- 42 Like some masks
- 44 Ham it up
- 45 "Same here"
- 49 Take part
- 51 Like some perfume ads
- 56 Crack jokes, perhaps?
- 57 Where Jackie Robinson played college ball

- 58 Northwest county of Pennsylvania
- 59 Fetal positions?
- 60 Deck wood
- 61 One might be pressing
- 62 Ponders
- 63 Point on a vane in Spain

DOWN

- 1 Pulitzer-winning writer Maureen
- 2 Peek-____
- 3 Phenomenon discovered by Apollo astronauts
- 4 Terrarium inhabitant, maybe
- 5 Take turns, say
- 6 On deck
- 7 Feral
- 8 "Feel the ____" (onetime political slogan)
- 9 Command that one shouldn't follow
- 10 Home
- 11 Goes for it
- 12 Rushed
- 13 On edge
- 19 Fixtures used for pies
- 21 Penguin's home
- 24 Store
- 25 ____ drop (British sweet treat)
- 27 Big seller of outdoor equipment



PUZZLE BY ARI RICHTER

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



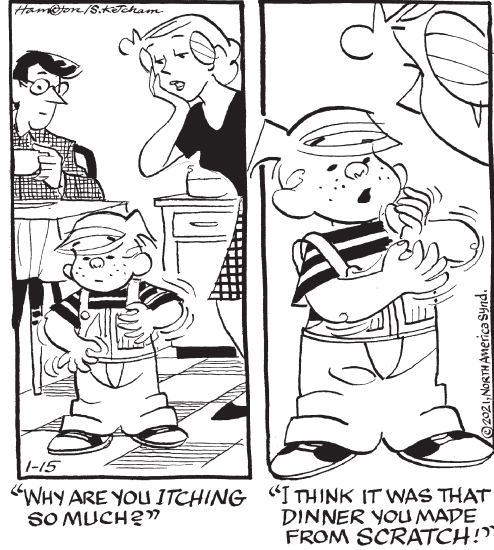
- 28 Suffix with northwest
- 31 Shortly
- 32 Cool summer treats
- 33 Set of awards won by John Legend and Rita Moreno, for short
- 34 Measurement that might be made in milligrams
- 36 Zip
- 37 "To God," in hymns
- 40 Name on an orange Monopoly property
- 43 French printmaker ____
- 45 Resort near White River National Forest
- 46 What two X's make
- 47 ____ Ziff, antagonist on "The Simpsons"
- 48 Like unsuccessful chess players
- 50 Actor Elba
- 52 Pal
- 53 Native of Rwanda
- 54 Unchanged, as on an earnings report
- 55 Like bot accounts on social media

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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

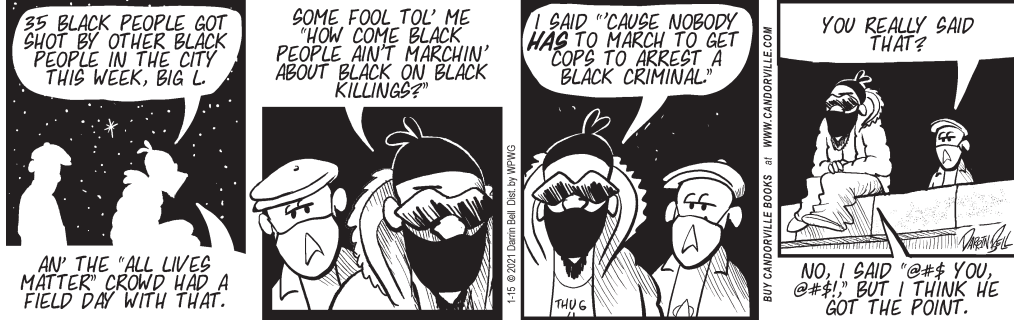
RAVEW
CANTE
NLIDSA
GUTORH

WHEN THE HAMSTER SAW THE CAT GETTING TOO CLOSE, IT ...

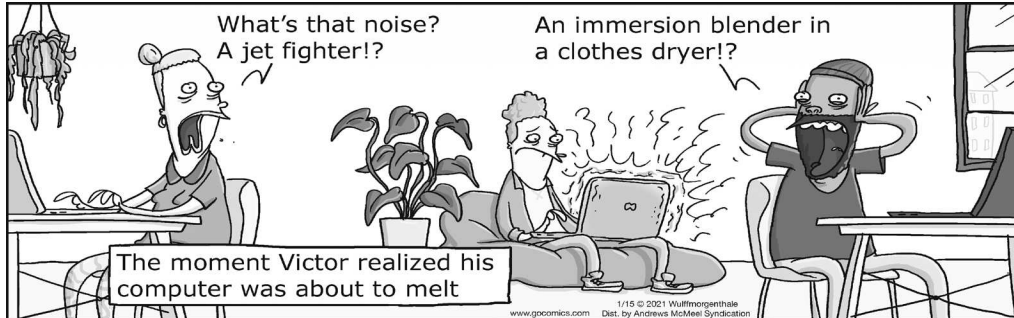
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: HURRY FORGO POLISH AFLOAT
Answer: Costs of installing their fancy new fireplace were going — THROUGH THE ROOF

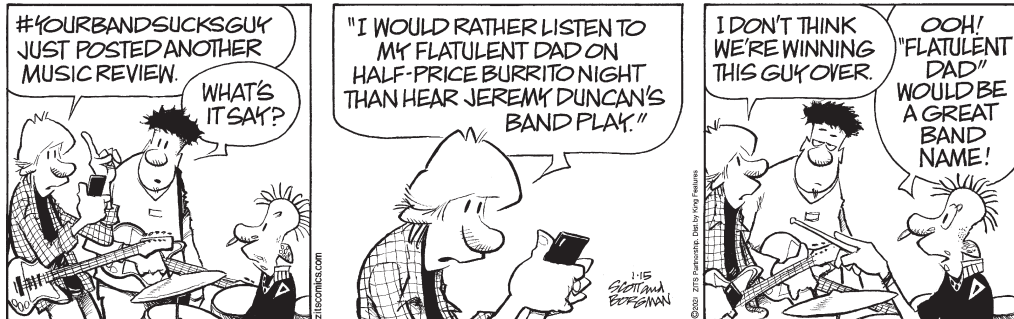
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Supplies food
- 7 Lord with a namesake sports trophy
- 14 Showy bloom
- 15 "The Miser" playwright
- 16 Levi's alternatives in the bargain bin?
- 18 Rial spenders
- 19 Ascended
- 21 Humdinger
- 23 Bright red semi?
- 27 Song heard in the film "Marley & Me"
- 31 Sign of success
- 32 Sign of success
- 33 Arte who co-owns MLB's Angels
- 34 Prayer ____
- 36 Dog collar for obedience school?
- 41 Sported
- 42 Steamed cantina dish
- 43 I in Innsbruck
- 46 Mogadishu is its cap.
- 47 Getty of "The Golden Girls"
- 48 Kibbles 'n Bits?
- 51 Petition
- 52 Relaxation
- 53 Smarts
- 57 Inept patsy on water skis?
- 63 Captain Marvel, for one
- 64 Walking on air
- 65 Taken in
- 66 Parlor pieces
- DOWN**
- 1 Govt. agency in many 2020 headlines
- 2 Spa emanation
- 3 Title Marx Brothers setting
- 4 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
- 5 Gifford's "Live" successor
- 6 Like logs
- 7 Huge hit
- 8 Passel
- 9 Niger neighbor: Abbr.
- 10 Nothing
- 11 Suspicious
- 12 E on a scoreboard
- 13 Private eye
- 17 Often-steamed serving
- 20 It may be inflated
- 21 Ceremonial display
- 22 "____ out?"
- 24 First name in daredevilry
- 25 Takes the bait, say
- 26 Software subsidiary of IBM since 2019
- 28 Peace Nobelist Walesa
- 29 Focused, jobwise
- 30 Entirely without
- 34 Outlaw
- 35 To a degree
- 37 Villa-studded Italian lake
- 38 Greek city known for olives
- 39 Building additions
- 40 Strongly suggest, with "of"
- 43 Bar staple
- 44 Onomatopoeic dance
- 45 Quieted
- 47 Touch up, perhaps
- 49 Surgeon's opening?
- 50 Dominated in competition
- 54 Threw off
- 55 Where to find a hero
- 56 Norse patron
- 58 Unruly head of hair
- 59 Trading place
- 60 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 ____ minor
- 61 First "Jeopardy!" guest host after Alex
- 62 Harris and a horse

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

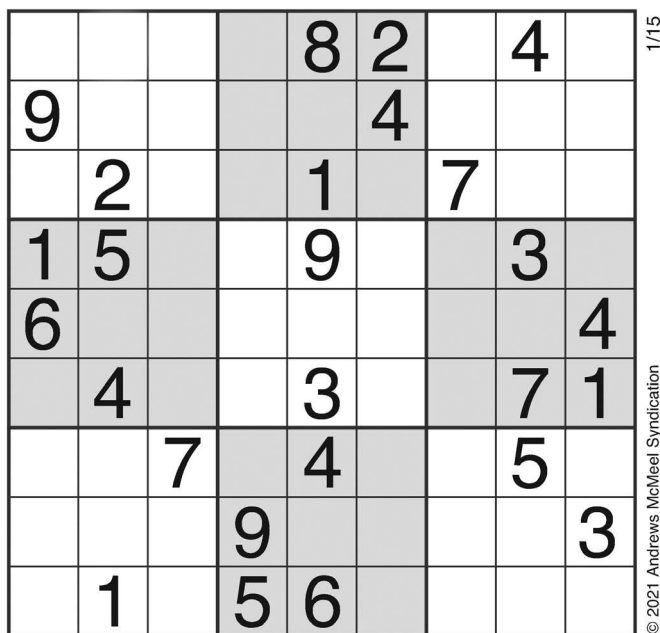
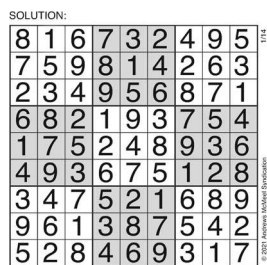


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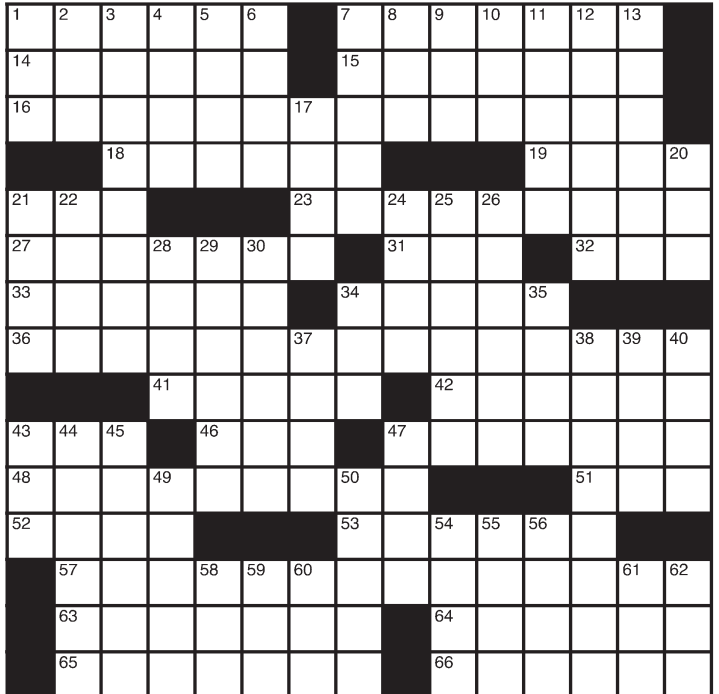
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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