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OH, FOURPEAT'S SAKE!

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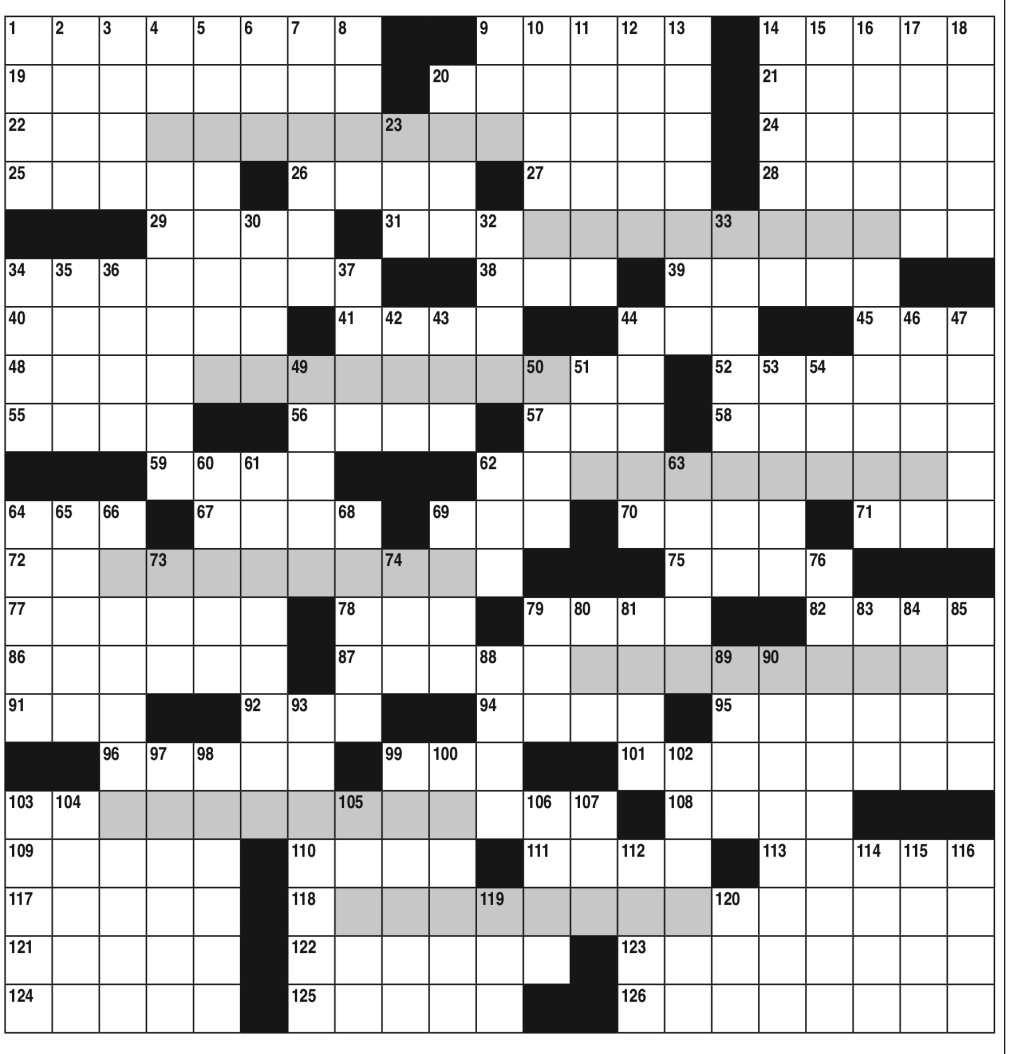

ACROSS

1 What a deadline increases
9 Dental brand
14 Neaten (up)
19 Jet routes
20 First name in flying history
21 "____ the Doughnut," children's book series
22 Classic saying originated by John Donne
24 Like oxfords, but not slippers
25 Really put one's foot down
26 Shaded
27 ____ O's (breakfast cereal)
28 Love, love, love
29 Population grouping, informally
31 Aid for making a tiki-bar cocktail
34 Isn't attending solo, say
38 Bouncer's requests, for short
39 Beethoven title woman (whose identity is unknown)
40 Supreme Egyptian deity
41 Standing on the street
44 Carpenter ____
45 Pin number?
48 "Glad to have you back, dear!"
52 Actor/TV host Joel
55 To take this, paradoxically, might signify taking a stand
56 Wedding exchange
57 The D-backs, on scoreboards
58 Quack doctor's offering
59 London neighborhood west of Covent Garden
62 Most expensive block
64 Kirghizia or Byelorussia: Abbr.
67 Quick hit
69 Word in the Declaration of Independence but not the Constitution
70 ____ Rachel Wood of "Westworld"
71 "Can't you ____?"
72 Post-interruption question
75 Plant used in making biofuel
77 ____ Schomburg, Harlem Renaissance figure
78 Haiti's ____ de la Tortue
79 Like some coffee and sprains
82 Heedless
86 "Fantabulous!"
87 First ruler of a united Hawaii
91 Boot attachment
92 ____ Pre√
94 Loan option, briefly
95 Like a narrow baseball win
96 Fixture whose name translates to "small horse"
99 Result of the '64 Clay/Liston fight
101 Hitting the ground heavily
103 Relatively light foundry product
108 Wash. neighbor
109 Lavishes affection (on)
110 Super-quality
111 "This one's all mine!"
113 Like about 97 percent of U.S. land
117 Óscar ____, 1987 Peace Nobelist from Costa Rica
118 Potful in some Italian kitchens
121 Given (to)
122 Stock-exchange worker
123 Makes Don nod?
124 Things that can be closed with a zip
125 Brains
126 Least spicy

DOWN

1 Trashes
2 ____ shield
3 Bombeck who wrote "At Wit's End"
4 Participates in a mosh pit
5 Los Angeles port district
6 Sea urchin, at a sushi bar
7 Took another take
8 Isaac's firstborn
9 Meditation sounds
10 Click the circular arrow button, say
11 Aids for sleepyheads
12 Top part of an I.R.S. form
13 Red morning sky, to sailors
14 Part of an Italian sub
15 Some pricey handbags
16 Things Wyoming and Nevada lack
17 Guy who hosts "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives"
18 Overnighting option
20 It's been performed more than 1,000 times at the Met
23 Kan. neighbor
30 Title for a lady
32 Be outta sight?
33 Alice in Chains genre
34 Atlanta hoopster
35 Repeated word in Hozier's 2014 hit "Take Me to Church"
36 Base of an arch
37 Video call annoyance
42 Falling-out
43 Mammal's head and heart?
44 "Pokémon" cartoon genre
46 High-ranking
47 Chutzpah
49 Call to mind
50 Like Parmesan and pecorino
51 "You do it ____ will"
53 Stick (to)
54 That guy
60 Cheri of old "S.N.L."
61 "With what frequency?"
62 "The Masque of the Red Death" writer
63 Duck
64 Tries for a fly
65 Film character who says "That'll do, Donkey. That'll do"
66 Payback
68 Christensen of "Parenthood"
69 Grammy winner Stefani
73 Classic work by Karel Capek
74 Whitney for whom a Connecticut museum is named
76 Certain security officer
79 Prez No. 34
80 Quick pick-me-up?
81 Send forth
83 Atmospheric prefix
84 Ostracize
85 Be left undecided
88 Watered-down rum
89 Common lecture length
90 Giant in fairy tales?
93 Queen Anne's royal family
97 "Let me clarify … "
98 Trashes
99 Yellow-brick-road traveler
100 Folds and stretches
102 Backpacker's lodging
103 Make lemonade from lemons, so to speak
104 Peter of "Casablanca"
105 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" co-star
106 Wood stain has a strong one
107 Tiny ____
112 Hurtful remark
114 Ploy
115 Pocket rockets, in poker
116 In the event that
119 Symbol on a Junction Ahead sign
120 Future zygotes

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SUDOKU

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

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

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JUMBLE

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

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

TWIHSC

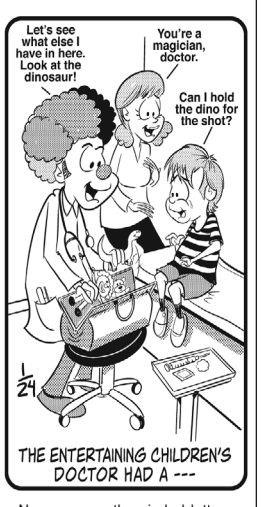
DIONGI

CREBHA

PUOAEQ

NDYEOK

NLFELA



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

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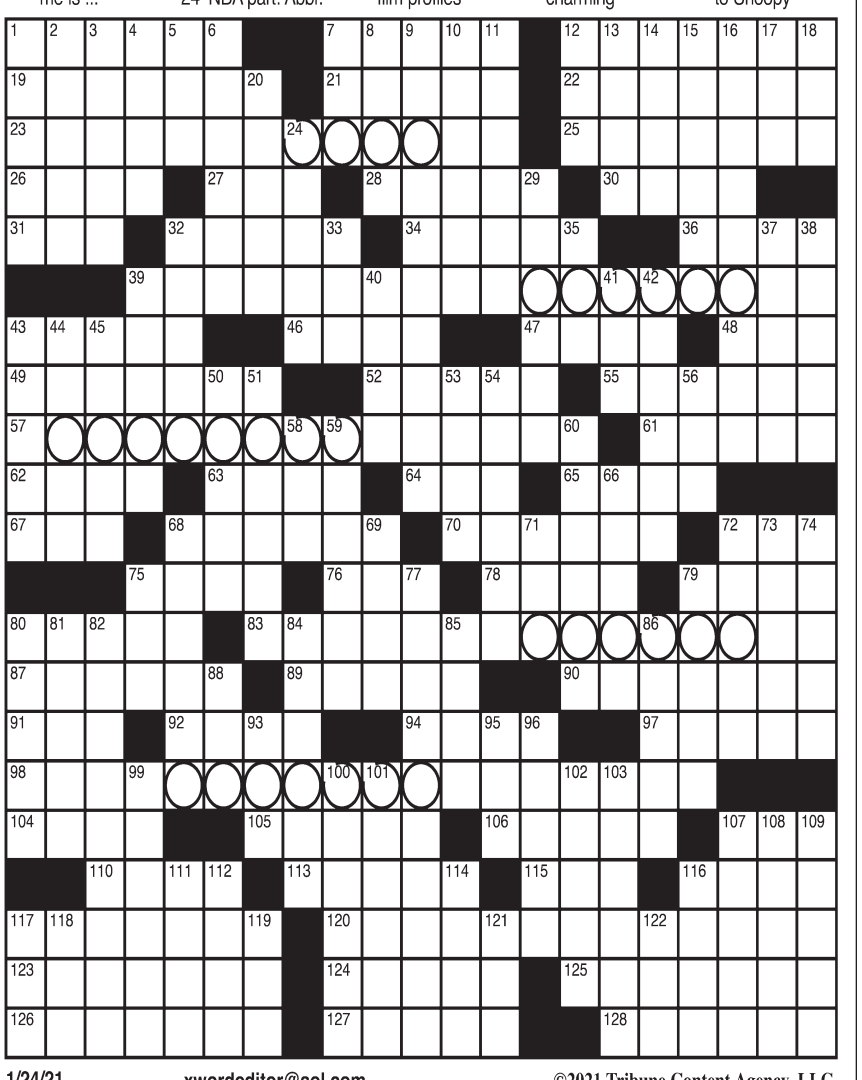

ACROSS

1 Frozen snack
7 Ford failure
12 Promising Hold 'em holding
19 Painting, e.g.
21 Slip
22 '30s-'40s period
23 Quadrennial victory determinant
25 Tinkered with like a tailor
26 Prepares to fire
27 Mario Bros. console
28 Mexican month
30 Indian wrap
31 Biopic about Charles
32 Hidden stockpile
34 Up for __
36 Champs-Élysées feature
39 Solar panel components
43 Dance studio fixture
46 Smart
47 Light bulb generator?
48 Calendar pgs.
49 Casual "Same here"
52 Ingenuous
55 Capital NE of Buffalo
57 Source of narrowly focused thinking
61 Slightly drunk
62 Nabisco offering
63 Earth
64 Tokyo, long ago
65 Clickable image
67 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, __ Bouvier
68 Dennis, e.g.
70 Like vision dimmed from fatigue
72 Total
75 The Arno runs through it
76 Kitchenware brand
78 Man, for example
79 "Hmm ... doubt it"
80 Baffled
83 Virgil's optimistic sentiment
87 One placed near a gutter
89 Surrendered
90 Made one's case
91 Surfer's destination?
92 Small salamander
94 Troubles
97 Ways to lose
98 Wrap up
104 Sushi go-with
105 Scents
106 Coagulates
107 Lucrative, contractually
110 Help badly?
113 Dealt with
115 Alberta speed meas.
116 Mötley __
117 Yolk's counterpart
120 Sci-fi creatures who arranged each set of circled letters?
123 Litter, say
124 Spud
125 Show disdain for
126 Over the moon, so to speak
127 Shorthand pro
128 Emmy-winning "Lou Grant" actress Linda

DOWN

1 "What concerns me is ... "
2 Eyelashes
3 Hamilton, to Burr
4 Muscle Beach display
5 Feedbag morsel
6 "Now!"
7 Building extension
8 Humor columnist Barry
9 Boston cream pie component
10 Non-acidic vitamin brand
11 Eye lustfully
12 Pan Am rival
13 Rowling's Hedwig and Lewis' Glimfeather
14 Hummus go-with
15 He played James in the four films before Daniel
16 Satellite imaging product
17 Wrath
18 "Tubular!"
20 Pay for
24 NBA part: Abbr.
29 "Nineteen Eighty-Four" foe of Winston and Julia
32 Seashore souvenir
33 Bit of a "Beavis and Butt-Head" chuckle
35 Grauman of Chinese Theatre fame
37 Proceeds smoothly
38 Many an op-ed piece
39 Ragú rival
40 "The Mod Squad" role
41 Co. bigwig
42 Ball of yarn, perhaps
43 Yellowstone sight
44 Burning
45 "Chicago" actress Zellweger
50 Votes for
51 Without a key
53 Website with film profiles
54 "The Four Seasons" solo instrument
56 What pewter is, mostly
58 Narrow inlet
59 Breakfast area
60 Broadband predecessor
66 Angler's basket
68 Providing amplification for, as a speaker
69 Crossed (out)
71 Attorney's letters
72 "Thrown" criticism
73 Not rented
74 Chocolatier's array
75 Angel dust, initially
77 New England nickname
79 Bolt on the track
80 Hard pencils to sharpen
81 __ firma
82 Far from charming
84 White and black pawns, e.g.
85 Lyrical
86 Second chances
88 Trawler's tool
93 Court
95 Inc. cousin
96 Grouchy moods
99 Crab in space
100 Progresses with ease
101 "And if I don't?"
102 Last year's frosh
103 Start of a view
107 Bars on necks
108 Saintly glows
109 Short-tempered
111 Outback runners
112 French crown?
114 Welcoming sign
116 Key used in combinations
117 Instagram, e.g.
118 Online outburst
119 Homer's TV neighbor
121 Ranch extension?
122 The Red Baron, to Snoopy

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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's seamless play

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"I heard you broke up with that dressmaker you've been dating," I said to Cy the Cynic in the club lounge. (Cy has at least three relationships in progress at all times.)

"She broke up with me," Cy said. "She got tired of the puns I was making about her line of work."

"She was that upset?" I asked.

"Sew it seams," the Cynic said solemnly.

When I watched today's deal in a penny game, Cy was South, and he and North combined to bid a slam that might have had no chance at all. Cy might have stopped at four spades, but he liked his sixth spade and side ace; North's six spades, after he had already jump-shifted to suggest slam, was questionable at best.

West led the ten of hearts, and Cy took dummy's ace, drew trumps and led a club for a finesse with dummy's eight. He was hoping, reasonably enough, that West held the ten plus the queen or king.

East won with the KING and led a diamond. Cy took the ace and led a second club to the nine — and he discovered that things were not as they seamed. East produced the ten and led a diamond to West's king for down two.

Suppose East wins the first club with an honest ten and returns a diamond. Cy takes the ace and needs a winning heart finesse to have a chance: He leads a heart to dummy's jack. He discards a club on the king of hearts, takes the ace of clubs and ruffs a club. When East-West follow, Cy gets back to dummy with a trump and discards his diamond loser on the 13th club, making the slam.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 9 7
♡ A K J
◇ Q 7
♣ A J 9 8

WEST
♠ 6 2
♡ Q 10 9 2
◇ K J 10 9
♣ 7 5 2

EAST
♠ 3
♡ 7 5 4 3
◇ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ K Q 10

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8 5 4
♡ 8 6
◇ A 3
♣ 6 4 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ◇	Pass	6 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♡ 10

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