Daily Bridge Club

Under his breath

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Cy the Cynic has acquired the habit of muttering to himself while he is declarer.

Why do you do that?" I asked. "To get an expert opinion on how I

should play," Cy said resolutely.
At today's four spades, Cy won the first club in dummy, mumbled for a while and led a diamond: six, ten, queen. Cy won the next club and cashed the ace of diamonds. He next took the A-K of trumps. When East discarded, the Cynic lost a trump plus a club and a heart for down one and emitted an oath under his breath.

"Whoever you're consulting is ineffective," I said.

FIRST CLUB

Cy must go after dummy's diamonds. He wins the first club with the ace, takes the ace of trumps and leads the A-10 of diamonds. West wins and leads another club, and Cy wins in dummy and leads the jack of diamonds, pitching his club loser.

West wins and leads a club, and Cy ruffs, leads a trump to dummy and discards his heart loser on the high nine of diamonds. He is almost sure to succeed however the cards lie.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: **♠** A J 8 7 6 5 ♥ A 4 ♦ A 10 ♣ A 5 3. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

Partner's rebid ANŠWER: promises six or more hearts, and you have good controls and a possible source of tricks in spades. Bid six hearts. You could mark time with a bid of three clubs to pursue a grand slam, but "bashing" — bidding what you think you can make — is still a viable approach to slam bidding.

South dealer N-S vulnerable

> **NORTH ♦ K32** ♦ J 9 5 3 2 ♣ K 6 4

WEST	EAST
N Q 10 4	A 9
2 Q 9 2	♥ K J 10 7 6 3
> K Q 8 7	\Diamond 6 4
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SOUTH ↑ AJ8765 \heartsuit A 4 ♦ A 10

♣ A 5 3 South West North Pass

All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Temple figure 6 Joins hands?
- 11 Refresh, as the memory
- 14 "All this kid
- stuff now, it's
- 15 Fictional hero whose name is Spanish for
- 16 Link, of a sort
- **17** ___ code
- 18 Setting for the start of "The Sound of Music"
- 19 Locale traversed by Lewis and Clark: Abbr.
- 20 Studio upgrade
- 22 Standouts on the pitcher's

M A S T E R S

mound

- ___ Bay (place mentioned in (Sittin' On) The Dock of the
- Bay") 24 Provides
- 26 Season ticket holder,
- presumably 27 Dance traditionally performed to
- tell a story 30 Reefer
- 31 Wet-weather footwear
- 33 Like someone associated with a blue, pink and white flag, for short
- 34 Time Time magazine's 2019 Person of the Year 59 Perfect score ... or half of one
- 37 Hard to pick up 38 Command after a crash
- "Sure, that time works for me

DIESEL

ESCAPES

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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L E T T H E G O O D S R O L L

WAIITSFORNOONE

CATCHEPICSORE

R I S K S L I D E P L U S U S E S T O N E T R I P S

TAKEONESSWEET

CANTFINDTHETIME

SEINE

IRIS

TATIC

DOWN

1 Con 2 Supreme Egyptian god

41 Not handle ice well, sav

45 Whistle blower

47 Watering hole

50 Type of rental

agreement

54 Book club leader on TV

56 "If u ask me ..."

57 Madame___ (online lifestyle

58 Pharmaceutical

magazine)

giant, informally

60 Parts of an

61 City NE of

assembly

Manchester

53 Topper

55 Sound

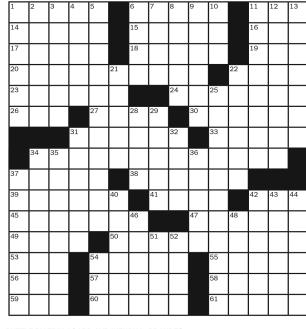
49 They end in septembre

42 Tour grp.

- 3 Rib-eye request 4 Overindulges in 5-Down
- 5 Activity by the water cooler
- 6 Magnate 7 Rebecca in the Basketball Hall of Fame
- 8 Shaded area 9 Like many biochem majors
- ONME READ 10 Kind of flour

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PUZZLE BY ERIK AGARD AND WENDY L. BRANDES

- 11 Spot to pick up a smoothie 31 Sorting header in a music app
- 12 Process involving a server
- 13 Readers, e.g.
- 21 Labor leader? 22 Was su-u-uper
- 25 "Better than I expected!" 28 Popular fantasy film franchise,
- for short 29 Word on either side of "to"
- 36 Sound 37 Like many a

fodder, say

34 When the

32 "The Avengers"

- campsite at night 40 Fishing gear
- 42 Toy associated with France 43 Throw away all
- inhibitions
- 44 Gets to

- sports preshow 46 Like ghost stories 35 Used as improv
 - 48 One of Donald Duck's nephews
 - 51 Major D.C. lobby 52 "___ Gotta
 - Have It"
 - 54 Ending with clip or slip

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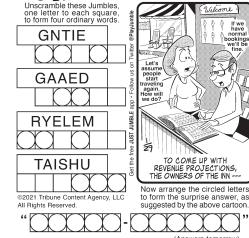
East



"THIS IS JUST A LOANER! MY WAGON'S INTHESHOP,"



"I've come to ask for your daughter's hand in moving my furniture."



Yesterday's Brian Epstein knew what to do after seeing the Beatles because he had - "FOUR-SIGHT"

CANDORVILLE





SHE SAYS THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS PICKING WHOEVER CAN *BEAT* REAGAN. AND THE PARTY GEEMS TO THINK THAT ONLY MONDALE CAN BEAT REAGAN."

I HOPE SHE'S WRONG. IF MONDALE CLOBBERG REAGAN, THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS ARE GOING TO BE ROTTEN.





WUMO



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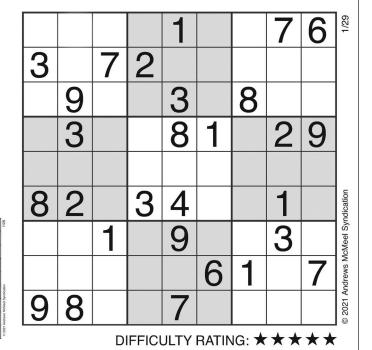


SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis 62 "The Spanish

ACROSS

- 1 Hybrid cycle Lechnology that uses polarized light, briefly
- 9 Boo-boo 13 Baba ghanouj
- ingredient 14 Yellowfin tuna
- 15 "That was close!" 16 Preserve, in a
- wav 17 *Reference work for canine
- lovers? 19 Range in the home, maybe
- 20 Keep going 21 *Instructional work for
- expectant mothers?
- 23 Punk rock offshoot 26 Calculating
- 27 Grunts, so to speak 28 Got going
- 30 Simmons competitor 32 Cork's place
- 33 *Fictional work about a pick-up artist? 38 Requiem Mass
- word 39 Layers 40 There are lots of
- them 44 Beats by
- 45 Some tags 48 Afternoon
- refresher 49 *Illustrated work for bullpen pitchers?

52 Tries to influence,

- with "with"
- 54 Worship 55 Paperback designed to simulate animation ... and a hint to the answers to
- starred clues 57 Tried and true 58 Choice
- 59 Parrot 60 Unbending 61 Written reminder

- 30 What many
- 33 Specialty

41 Spirited horse

- 3 It can be grand 37 Mine vehicles 4 Darkroom gear 38 Keeper's concern
- 5 Skeptical, as a view 6 Weighed down
- 7 Group that blends well 8 Tries to unearth

Tragedy'

63 Strong point

1 Cat, say

2 "Yowza!"

DOWN

- 9 Major work 10 Formal wear 11 Mil. roadside
- hazard 12 Sweater material source
- 13 Shades of blue 18 River to the Colorado
- 20 Noodles 22 Barcelona-born surrealist 24 Cruciverbalist
- "Wordplay"
- Reagle of 25 Words of praise 29 Guns

- 43 "Hang on ___": 1965 #1 hit writers work on editing app
- 34 Rin Tin Tin 46 Run autograph, e.g. 47 Chanel product 35 Leather sources 50 Signed
- 51 Dinnertime draws 36 Soft ball material 53 Duel tool
 - 55 __ club 56 WC 57 Smokey Bear TV

42 Saturate again spot, for one ANSWER TO DREVIOUS DUZZI E.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:														
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