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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's untimely play

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Cy the Cynic says that if at first you don't succeed, think of it as timed-release success. That won't work for declarers who have several chances but try them in the wrong order.

At today's slam, Cy took dummy's ace of clubs and cashed the A-K of trumps. He next took the A-K of diamonds and led a third diamond from dummy. East discarded (not best), but when Cy's queen won, Cy ruffed his last diamond, East overruffed with the jack and led a club. The Cynic discarded a heart on dummy's king but still lost a heart to East's king.

you bid two diamonds and he tries three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has a weak hand with long clubs. Game is impossible, and his hand may produce no tricks unless clubs are trumps. Pass. To bid 3NT (or anything) would beg for trouble. He may scrape home with nine tricks if he has 3, K 4, 7 6 5, K Q 9 7 6 5 3, but his hand may be weaker than that.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 7 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ A K 5 2

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

EAST
♠ J 4 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ J 9
♣ Q 10 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 5
♥ Q 5 2
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ J

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ 9

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q 10 8 5 ♥ Q 5 2
♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ J. You open one spade, your partner responds 1NT.

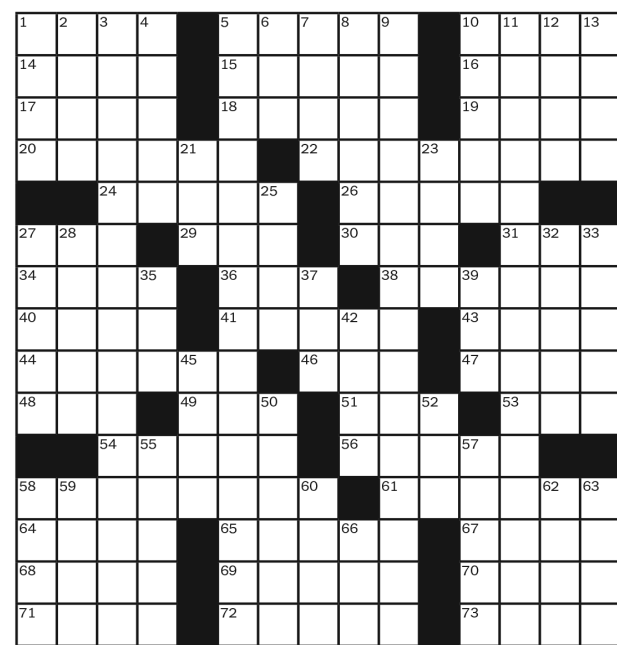
SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1228

- ACROSS**
- 1 Health resorts
 - 5 Georgia fruit
 - 10 Tuxedo shirt fastener
 - 14 ___ and every
 - 15 Person with a microphone
 - 16 Finest-quality, informally
 - 17 Word after pen or pet
 - 18 Company behind Battlezone and Asteroids
 - 19 "Wheel of Fortune" play
 - 20 Late "Jeopardy!" host Alex
 - 22 V.I.P.s
 - 24 Quibbles
 - 26 Stack of papers
 - 27 Stand-up comic Margaret
 - 29 "___ whiz!"
 - 30 Approx. when to get to the airport for a pickup
 - 31 Unknown, on a sched.
 - 34 German "mister"
 - 36 "Gnarly, dude!"
 - 38 Bold response to a threat
 - 40 Ready for picking
 - 41 Written material of no consequence
 - 43 Flying: Prefix
 - 44 Enthusiastic response to "Who wants candy?"
 - 46 Internet image file, familiarly
 - 47 Cyclops and Wolverine, for two
 - 48 Title for Paul McCartney or Elton John
 - 49 "The Lord of the Rings" baddie
 - 51 ___ Castellaneta, voice of Homer Simpson
 - 53 "To a Skylark," e.g.
 - 54 Lure of a coffee shop
 - 56 Grouchy Muppet
 - 58 Be sociable
 - 61 Like Satan and some owls
 - 64 BBQ spoiler
 - 65 Supermodel Campbell
 - 67 DVR system
 - 68 Shoestrung woe
 - 69 Trio or quartet
 - 70 Rare blood type, for short
 - 71 "The Brady Bunch" threesome
 - 72 German industrial hub
 - 73 Shrek, for one



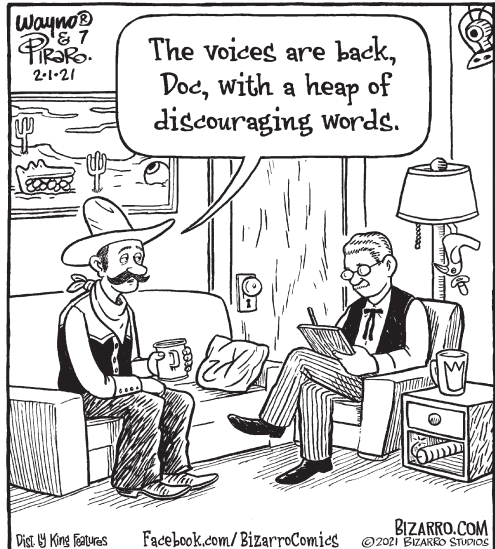
PUZZLE BY ALAN MASSENGILL AND ANDREA CARLA MICHAELS

- DOWN**
- 1 Email outbox folder
 - 2 Jack who once hosted "The Tonight Show"
 - 3 Wile E. Coyote's supplier
 - 4 Biblical land with a queen
 - 5 Athlete's goal in competition
 - 6 911 call respondent, for short
 - 7 Hail ___ (cry "Taxi!")
 - 8 Cherry-colored
 - 9 Absolute chicness
 - 10 Malia Obama's sister
 - 11 Quaint greeting
 - 12 Quart, liter or gallon
 - 13 Cozy retreats
 - 21 Tiny bit of work
 - 23 Brown, as a roast
 - 25 One clapping at a circus?
 - 27 Cuomo of CNN
 - 28 Model and TV host Klum
 - 32 Revealed, as one's soul
 - 33 The devout do it on Yom Kippur
 - 35 Big sporting goods retailer
 - 37 Found groovy
 - 39 Honeycomb stuff
 - 42 Relative of Rex or Rover
 - 45 Choice on "Let's Make a Deal"
 - 50 Chocolate beans
 - 52 Sgt., for one
 - 55 Amounts on Monopoly cards
 - 57 "Star Wars" droid, informally
 - 58 Really bugs
 - 59 Prefix meaning "super-tiny"
 - 60 Male turkeys
 - 62 Anytime at all
 - 63 Onetime Venetian V.I.P.
 - 66 U.K. medal accepted and then returned by John Lennon, in brief

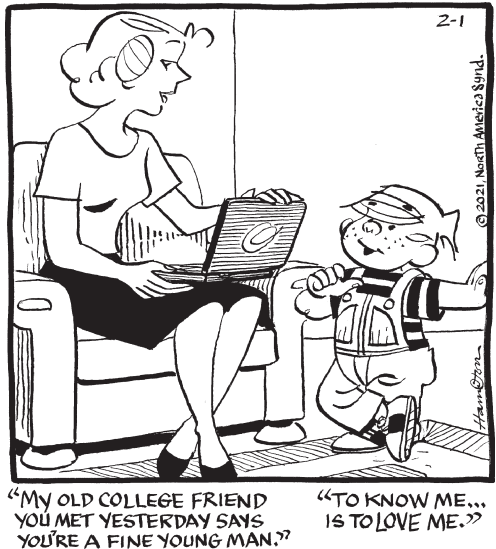
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

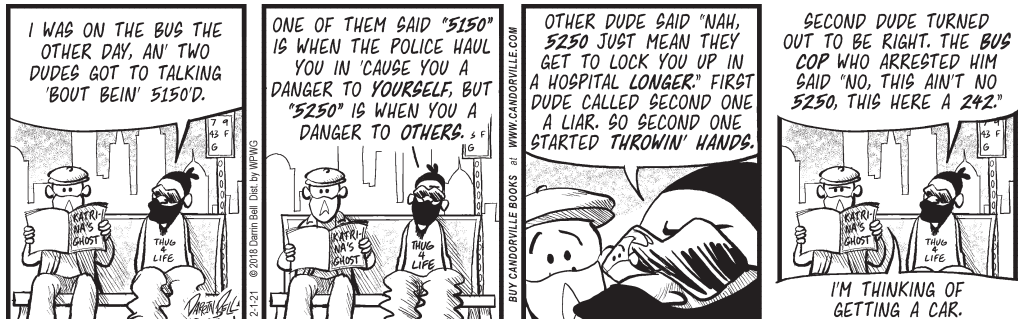
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CLEET
DROOE
UTOTLE
RULLAP

Answer here: _____

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WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stone-shaping tool
 - 5 Hindu noble
 - 9 Whirlpool brand
 - 14 Trade fair
 - 15 Dressed (in)
 - 16 Apple's apple et al.
 - 17 Ponce de León's pursuit
 - 20 Second most populous nation
 - 21 Hereditary unit
 - 22 Dark blue shade
 - 23 Org. concerned with reducing emissions
 - 25 Buddhist teachers
 - 27 Smooch
 - 30 2009 title chef played by Meryl Streep
 - 35 Year, in Medellín
 - 36 Title for Judi Dench
 - 37 Cartridge filler
 - 38 Big signs hung in arenas
 - 40 "I dunno"
 - 42 Bagel flavoring
 - 43 Fishing sticks
 - 44 Pull hard
 - 45 Collectible '90s-'00s stuffed toy
 - 48 Measures of cell reception
 - 49 [Scowl]
 - 50 Pronoun with 51-Down
 - 52 Wall St. debuts
 - 55 Light controller in a lens
 - 57 Overjoy
 - 61 With "The," 2010 Annette Bening/Julianne Moore film ... and a hint to the ends of 17-, 30- and 45-Across
 - 64 Turn out to be
 - 65 Airbnb visit, say
 - 66 Chief Greek god
 - 67 Positive feature
 - 68 Head of the Sorbonne?
 - 69 Whirlpool
 - 6 Sacha Baron Cohen persona
 - 7 "Hidden Figures" co-star ___ Monáe
 - 8 God, in Hebrew
 - 9 American gymnast Raisman with three Olympic gold medals
 - 10 Apollo launch
 - 11 Rio contents
 - 12 Imp's punishment
 - 13 Like used fireplaces
 - 18 Bar beer source
 - 19 Disaster relief org.
 - 24 Open a bit
 - 26 Portray
 - 27 Skewered meat
 - 28 Silly
 - 29 Justice Sotomayor
 - 31 Verbal hesitations
 - 32 Popular video-sharing app, familiarly
 - 33 Ring-tailed primate
 - 34 Bottom-of-the-barrel stuff
 - 36 Jeans fabric
 - 39 Topic of little importance
 - 40 Short haired
 - 41 "Grand" ice cream brand
 - 43 Give off
 - 46 Mideast leader
 - 47 Most spartan
 - 48 Central American country bordering Mexico
 - 51 Pronoun with 50-Across
 - 52 Swedish superstore
 - 53 Bowling targets
 - 54 Numbers that may be long or stacked
 - 56 Fence piece
 - 58 Improved in a barrel
 - 59 Hitting-the-ground sound
 - 60 Site offering handmade crafts
 - 62 Fitting
 - 63 Caustic cleaner

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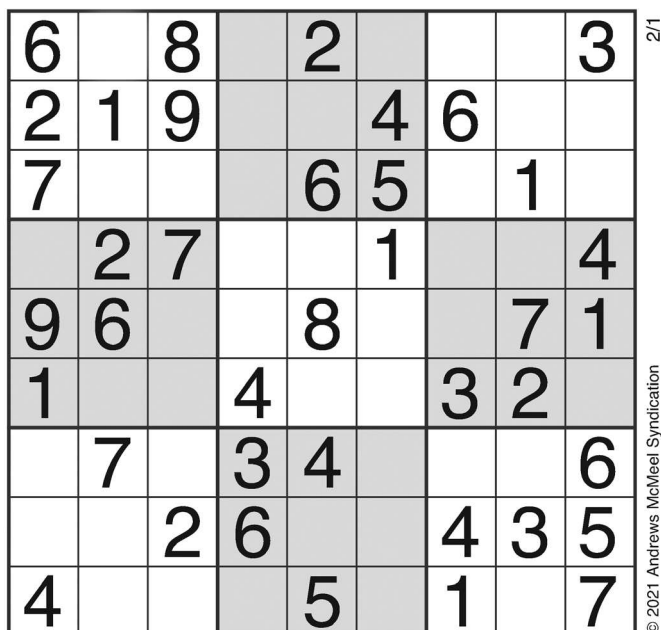
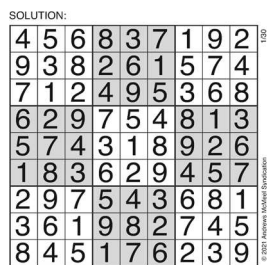


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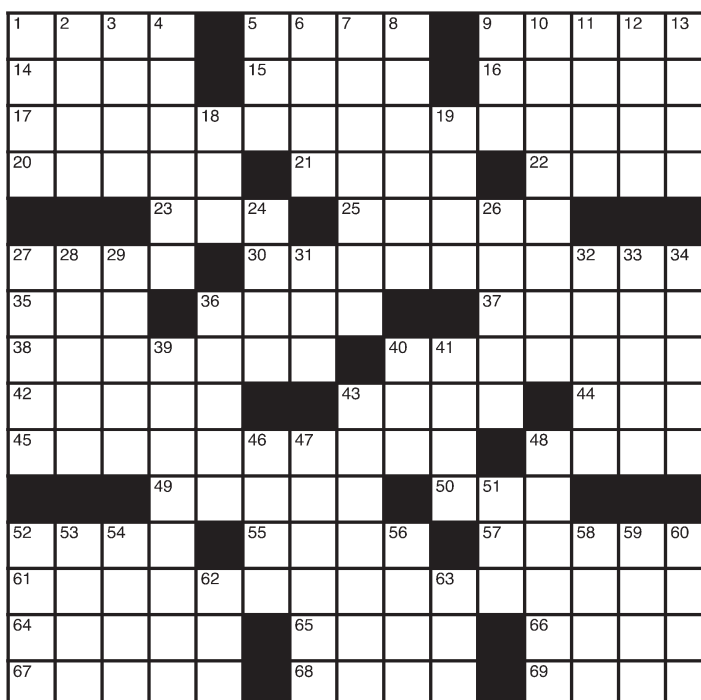
SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



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