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Daily Bridge Club

Cy goes wrong

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"Behind every upset woman," Cy the Cynic grumbled to me in the club lounge, "stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong."

"So you and Wendy are still having trouble on defense," I sighed.

Wendy, our feminist, and Cy, a shameless chauvinist, are adversaries even when they cut as partners in our penny game. In today's deal, Wendy was West and led the three of clubs against 3NT. Cy took the ace and hastened to return the four. Wendy took her king, sighed and led a third club.

NINE TRICKS

"Declarer had nine tricks," Cy told me, "and Wendy announced that I had not only fallen out of a stupid tree, I'd been dragged through the whole forest."

The Cynic didn't know what he'd done wrong, but it was clear enough. Wendy's three-of-clubs lead marked South with four cards in the suit, so South had at least four diamonds. South had also raised hearts, then bid 3NT, so his pattern was surely 2-3-4-4. At Trick Two, Cy must shift to a low spade. Then correct defense beats 3NT.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 6 ♥ A 5 4
♦ A Q 10 3 ♣ 10 9 7 6. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your

partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since partner promises opening values or more with support for the unbid suits (or maybe a strong hand with his own long suit), you certainly have a game. Cue-bid two clubs to show strength. You will have room to find your best game, which may be 3NT if partner has a club honor.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 4
♥ K 10 7 6
♦ K J 9 4
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 7 6
♣ K 8 5 3 2

EAST
♠ K 8 5 3
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 4

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ A 5 4
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ 10 9 7 6

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

Opening lead — ♣ 3

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ACROSS

- 1 N.B.A. stat
- 4 Number of stripes on la bandera mexicana
- 8 Relay, e.g.
- 13 Oscar-winning actor for "Moonlight" and "Green Book"
- 14 Chew (out)
- 15 Actress Clarke of "Game of Thrones"
- 16 Rapper MC ____
- 17 Plant that lacks true roots and leaves
- 18 Be surpassed by
- 19 Broker's request for funds
- 21 Averts, with "off"

- 22 Product with the slogan "Trust the power within"
- 24 James Merritt ____, pioneer in American lithography
- 25 Modest
- 26 Digital currency
- 28 Foot with a short part and a long part
- 29 Places to crash
- 30 Layer
- 31 Goes downhill
- 33 Game that's 100% luck
- 36 ____-vivre (ability to live elegantly)
- 37 Modern know-it-all
- 38 Epic collapse
- 39 Literally, "way of the gods"
- 41 Capital of Italy's Apulia region

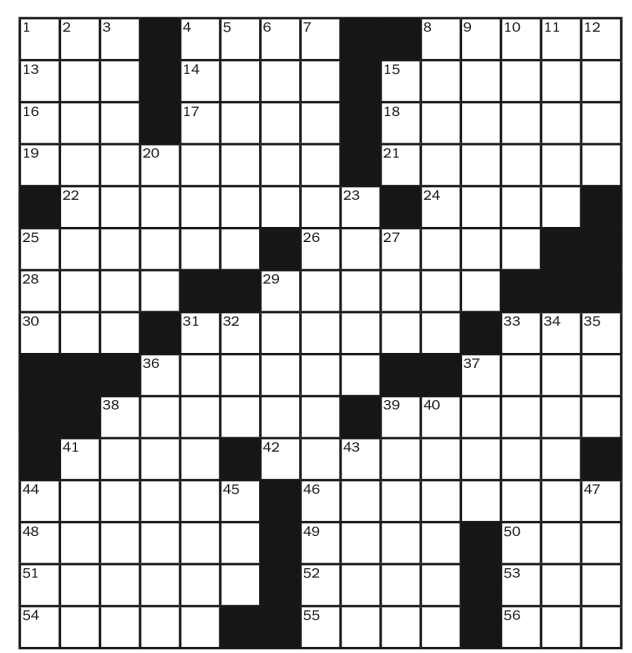
- 42 Sums set aside, say
- 44 One of 64 divisions of Louisiana
- 46 Highlighter of this clue?
- 48 Certain tailored suit
- 49 Capital of Fiji
- 50 Not-so-great grade
- 51 Put together, as assets
- 52 Send off
- 53 Like Haydn's Symphony No. 12
- 54 Squirming, maybe
- 55 Goes out with
- 56 Something to take or hang

DOWN

- 1 Chicken ____ (certain entree, informally)
- 2 District attorney's offering, maybe
- 3 Game with sets and runs
- 4 Diner or sleeper
- 5 Adjust, as skates
- 6 Two under
- 7 Local economy makeup ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 8 Faces of the digital age?
- 9 In relation to
- 10 Big roll

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

F	I	N	D	A	P	P	S	A	F	T	R	A		
O	C	E	A	N	V	I	E	W	C	O	R	E		
R	A	W	S	I	E	N	N	A	E	R	E	C		
A	R	E	C	R	Y	S	T	A	L	B	A	L		
G	U	S	E	S	O	M	A	I	S	I	E			
E	S	T	E	N	O	N	O	D	U	N	S			
G	R	A	H	A	M	C	R	A	C	K	E	R		
F	R	O	A	R	E	A	L	O	G					
L	E	A	H	B	A	R	B		B	I	R	D		
I	N	D	I	G	O		A	P	R	F	E	W		
P	O	R	T	E	R	H	O	U	S	E				
O	B	A	M	A		U	N	B	A	L	A	N	C	E
U	L	C	E	R		B	I	L	L	I	C	L	U	B
T	E	E	N	S		S	T	E	M		E	Y	E	S



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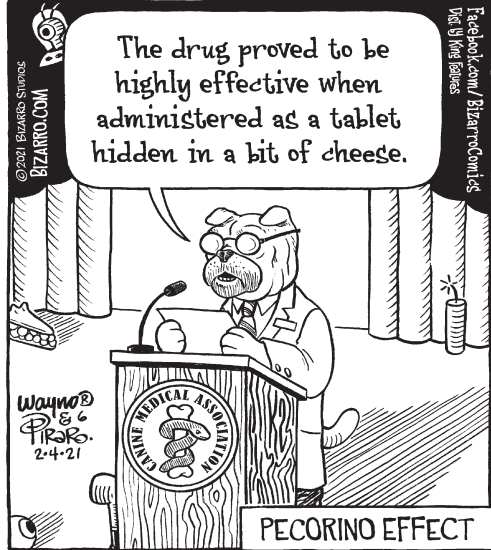
- 11 Informal times, in ads
- 12 New Mexico's ____ Ski Valley
- 15 Legal limits?
- 20 Chow
- 23 Quantity equal to about seven glasses of wine
- 25 Minor market move
- 27 Shipload
- 29 :-(
- 31 Winner of a record 26 Oscars

- 32 Ab ____ (from the start)
- 33 Went forward without a plan
- 34 Manhattan's SoHo has a noted one
- 35 Where swimmer Katie Ledecky won four Olympic golds
- 36 "Flash Gordon" and others
- 37 Pine (for)

- 38 Woodchuck of the western U.S.
- 39 A one-hit Wonder he's not
- 40 Violently temperamental sorts
- 41 Titan of industry
- 43 Froth
- 44 Old man
- 45 Shrouded
- 47 Razor-sharp

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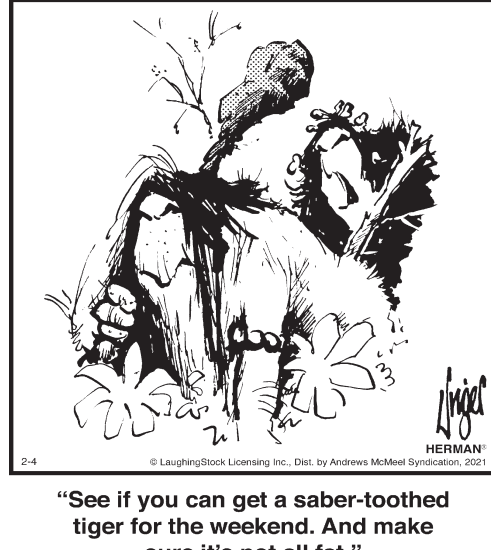
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

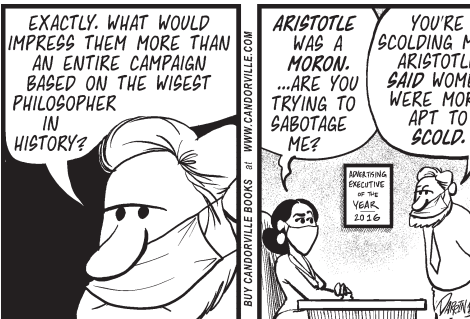
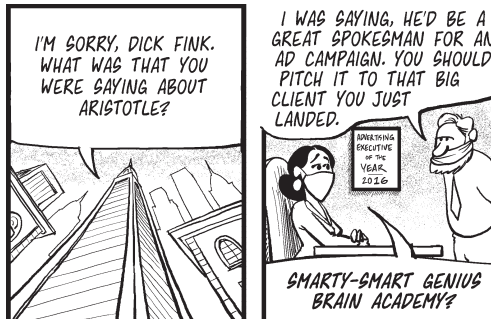
NUYOG
KNHUC
GRINIO
LANFIE

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

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRASH FLOOD SHREWD HAPPEN
Answer: To find out if the kids liked their act, the shadow puppeteers asked for — A SHOW OF HANDS

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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ACROSS

- 1 Queens stadium namesake
- 5 Elevated vantage point for Wile E. Coyote
- 9 Sister of Sasha
- 14 Many a gamer
- 15 Oodles
- 16 Freezes
- 18 Red River city
- 21 Fronded plant
- 22 Exit in a hurry
- 23 Oodles, with "a"
- 24 They, in Calais
- 25 Drawn from diverse sources
- 29 Hound for payment
- 30 Words of urgency
- 33 Partners
- 34 TV component?
- 35 He hit his 600th homer exactly three years after his 500th
- 36 Medical suffix
- 40 Caesar's next-to-last words
- 44 "Take a hike!"
- 47 Intro suggesting uncertainty
- 51 Way off
- 52 Be decided by
- 53 Sol's woe
- 54 Caesar's last day, e.g.
- 56 ____ act
- 57 Summers in Bordeaux
- 59 Pre-road trip detail ... and a hint to what certain parts of three long answers were doing as you solved them
- 64 Make certain
- 65 Island in Micronesia
- 66 Big name in digital imaging
- 67 Jovial
- 68 Modern address letters
- 69 "Got it"

- 4 Many an MIT alum
- 5 Ralph Ellison's "Invisible ____"
- 6 "Livin' Thing" rock gp.
- 7 Cold dessert
- 8 Stick on
- 9 Central dividing point
- 10 Here, in Juárez
- 11 Albanian money
- 12 Tristan's love
- 13 Filmmaker with a distinctive style
- 17 One before a king?
- 19 "It's ____ the other"
- 20 Try to strike
- 24 Old Peruvian
- 26 Old TV component
- 27 "____ Miz"
- 28 Wile E. Coyote collectible
- 31 Surfing tool
- 32 Bridal shop array
- 37 Source of some tadpoles
- 38 "Okay to come out yet?"
- 39 Norms: Abbr.
- 41 Asian holiday
- 42 Competition

- 43 Strip of gear, as a ship
- 44 Econ. yardstick
- 45 Environmentalist's prefix
- 46 Principle
- 47 Cruelty named for a marquis
- 48 Ultimatum phrase
- 49 "Just stop, okay?!"
- 50 Production

- 51 World Cup soccer org.
- 55 Omit a part of, perhaps
- 58 Asian takeout option
- 60 Mds. category
- 61 Angkor ____: Cambodian temple
- 62 Trickster
- 63 Encl. with a résumé

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	A	G	S	C	R	I	M	S	S	E	M	S			
O	I	L	T	R	A	V	E	L	E	D	I	T			
P	R	O	P	E	N	A	L	C	O	L	O	N	Y		
E	B	R	O	E	O	N		M	A	N	O				
K	N	I	C	K	K	N	A	C	K	S	H	E	L	F	
A	B	A	T	E		I	L	K		I	T	O			
			A	P	S		U	N	I	F	L	A	X		
D	S	L	S		I	M	P		K	O	R				
E	E	L	E	D	O		O	B	E	S	E				
S	Q	U	A	R	E	K	I	L	O	M	E	T	E	R	
L	O	O	S	E	C	H	A	N	G	E		E	S	S	
T	I	R	E		N	O	N	E	E	D		R	T	E	
D	A	Y	S		N	O	T	S	E	T		S	O	D	

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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

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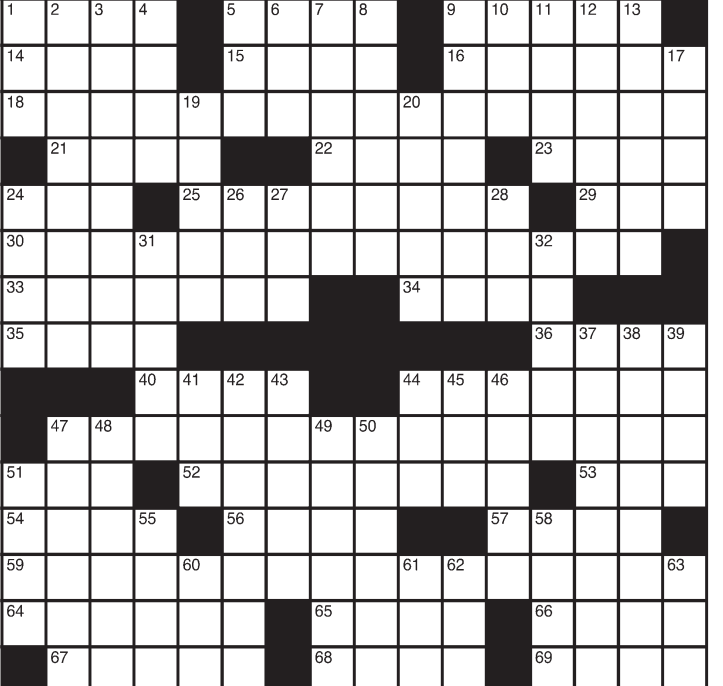
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			3	7		9	4	
		4					8	
6			2		8			9
	9					6		
	8	1		2	3			
			7	5		2	1	
7			8					6

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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DOWN

- 1 DOJ bureau
- 2 Shipwreck site
- 3 "Want to know the culprit? I'll tell you!"



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