

"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS

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Daily Bridge Club

Reactive issues

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"It's Newton's Third Law of Marriage," a club player sighed to me. "For every action, there's an equal and opposite overreaction."

My friend had been today's West, playing with his wife in a duplicate game. Against five diamonds, he led the king of hearts.

"My wife signaled 'count' with the eight," West told me. "I knew I couldn't cash a second heart, so I led a club. South won in dummy and led a trump: deuce, jack. I took my ace and led another club. South won in dummy again, led a second trump to his ten, took the king and claimed, making five."

COUCH

"I made a remark about my wife's bid of two hearts when she had next to nothing. She said I could think about it while I'm sleeping on the couch tonight. I think that was a slight overreaction."

East may have been upset about the defense. West probably beats five diamonds if he ducks the first trump. South will return a club to dummy to lead a second trump to his ten, and then West can win and give East a club ruff.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 4 ♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ A 6 ♣ 10 8 7 3. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart

and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: This decision is close. You must judge whether to force to game or settle for an invitation. Since you have prime values and good intermediates in hearts, a raise to three clubs would be an underbid. Stretch slightly to bid two spades, a "fourth suit" call that simply asks partner to bid again.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ Q 3 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A K 6

WEST
♠ 8 4
♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ A 6
♣ 10 8 7 3

EAST
♠ J 9 5 3
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ Q 9 2
♣ 9 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♥ 7
♦ K J 10 8 5
♣ Q J 5 4

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♥	1NT	2♥(!)
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥K

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

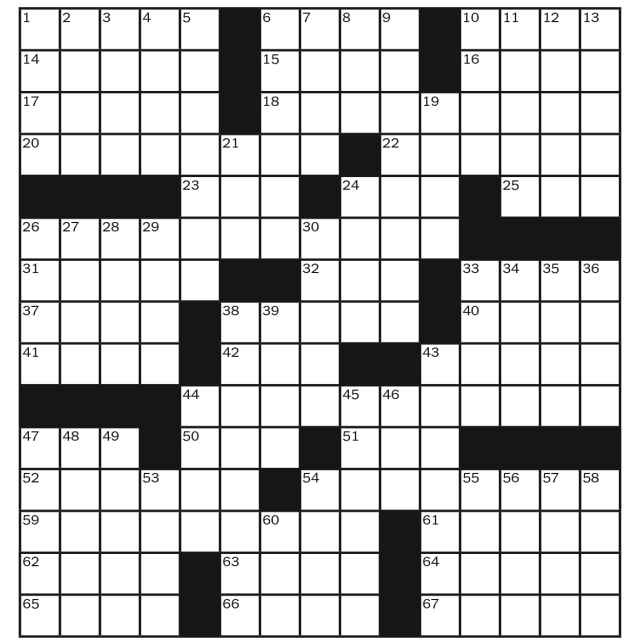
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0111

- ACROSS**
- 1 Periodically sold fast-food item
 - 6 What melting ice cream cones do
 - 10 Swindle
 - 14 Actress Donovan of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch"
 - 15 "Othello" villain
 - 16 House in Mexico
 - 17 Less risky
 - 18 Cast celebration at the end of filming
 - 20 Feelers
 - 22 Frozen expanse
 - 23 Olive ___ (Popeye's sweetie)
 - 24 It can be used for welcoming or wrestling
 - 25 Charged particle
 - 26 Souvenirs from Havana
 - 31 Loosen, as laces
 - 32 CPR performer
 - 33 Occupants of kennels
 - 37 Subjects in which women have traditionally been underrepresented, for short
 - 38 Letters between thetas and kappas
 - 40 Human rights attorney Clooney
 - 41 FX network's "___ of Anarchy"
 - 42 Mediterranean, e.g.
 - 43 Prenatal test, for short
 - 44 Going from nightspot to nightspot
 - 47 Soccer star Hamm
 - 50 Buffoon
 - 51 "___ you serious?"
 - 52 Worker just for a summer, maybe
 - 54 Source of healthful fat and fiber
 - 59 Certain online board for discussion of a topic
 - 61 Like an angle less than 90°
 - 62 Old Russian ruler
 - 63 Brontë's "Jane ___"
 - 64 Ethical
 - 65 Divisions of tennis matches
 - 66 Rocker Lou
 - 67 Popular vodka brand, for short



PUZZLE BY MARTHA KIMES

- DOWN**
- 1 Flat-topped hill
 - 2 Extended family
 - 3 Break in relations
 - 4 "Understood"
 - 5 Without exception ... as in dry counties?
 - 6 Hindu festival of lights
 - 7 Hard to find
 - 8 Supermarket chain that's big in small towns
 - 9 Breakfast treats from a toaster
 - 10 Read over
 - 11 Rap's ___ B
 - 12 Member of a major-league team with a name that's out of this world?
 - 13 Like an early Central American civilization
 - 19 "Nobody ___ Baby in a corner" (line from "Dirty Dancing")
 - 21 Big Apple inits.
 - 24 Many a baby's first word
 - 26 Talk a blue streak?
 - 27 "Do ___ others ..."
 - 28 Vitamin also known as PABA
 - 29 Goals
 - 30 Do better than average, gradewise
 - 33 Like a just-used towel
 - 34 Hilton alternative
 - 35 Profit
 - 36 Trudge
 - 38 Bahamian or Fijian
 - 39 Egg: Fr.
 - 43 Ways to earn college credits while in H.S.
 - 44 Part of a reactor
 - 45 Stopped
 - 46 60 minuti
 - 47 Sprays
 - 48 Occupied
 - 49 Chance for a hit
 - 53 Blunders
 - 54 Command to a cannoneer
 - 55 Edinburgh native
 - 56 Continental currency
 - 57 And others: Abbr.
 - 58 Where you might find the starts of 18-, 26-, 44- and 59-Across
 - 60 Easter egg colorer

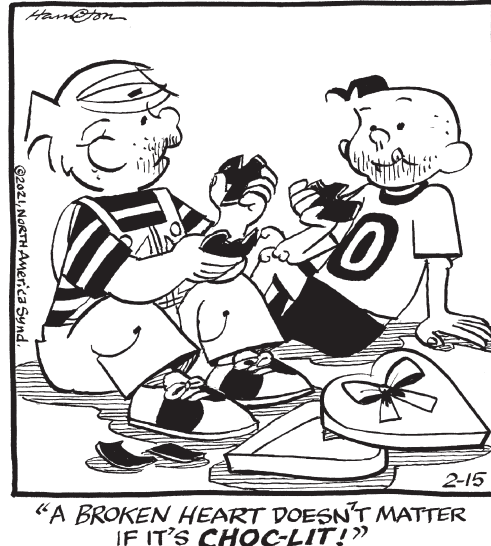
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

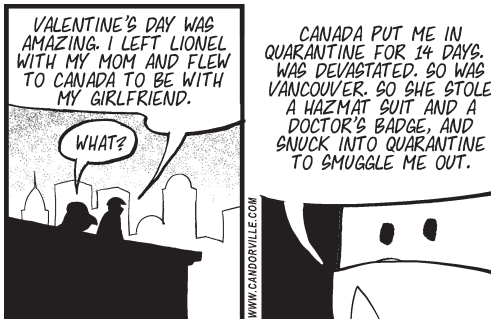
NITGA
NHKT
NARSIP
TIKNT

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MINUS BOSSY KERNEL UNSAID
Answer: The store run by the baboons failed because of all the — MONKEY BUSINESS

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Impertinent talk
 - 5 Man ___: 1920
 - 9 Avoid failing
 - 13 Sunburn-soothing balm
 - 14 Earring holder
 - 15 ___ God:
 - 17 *Test of hand strength
 - 19 Danger
 - 20 "It's the ___ I can do"
 - 21 Grown-up
 - 22 Take place
 - 25 Refine, as skills
 - 27 Drink with a polar bear mascot
 - 28 Gave voice to
 - 29 *Ski resort purchase
 - 31 Diagram for Web navigation
 - 33 "Game of Thrones" channel
 - 34 At some future point
 - 35 It's given in the form of a question on "Jeopardy!"
 - 40 Soccer official
 - 42 "Goosebumps" series author
 - 43 *Accidentally call without touching one's cellphone
 - 48 Contributes
 - 49 Ohio border lake
 - 50 Pungent flavor
 - 51 Brittany port city
 - 52 Give in (to)
 - 54 Patronized, as a diner
 - 56 Circle or polygon
 - 57 Express lack of interest on Tinder ... or a hint to the answers to starred clues
 - 61 Downy duck
 - 62 Compress, with "down"
 - 63 Idris of "The Wire"
 - 64 Fix, as socks
 - 65 Salon selections
 - 66 Lose traction
 - 2 "Baby Cobra" comic Wong
 - 3 Jaden, to Will Smith
 - 4 Peacefully hidden, as a retreat
 - 5 Lingerie brand
 - 6 Bow down to, perhaps
 - 7 Not very much
 - 8 Sales agent
 - 9 Daddy
 - 10 Acid type found in vinegar
 - 11 Found in abundance, as oil
 - 12 Evening party
 - 16 Group of ships
 - 18 Billy Joel's "Tell ___ About It"
 - 21 NYC museum's fundraising gala
 - 22 Bone, in Bologna
 - 23 Biblical brother
 - 24 Make mention of
 - 26 High math degree
 - 29 Baby shower gift
 - 30 Charged particles
 - 32 Female in a stable
 - 36 Takes by surprise
 - 37 Double-___ trailer
 - 38 What means may justify
 - 39 "Don't play" symbol, in music
 - 41 Med-approving agcy.
 - 42 Scott Joplin's music
 - 43 "___ porridge hot ..."
 - 44 Corsage flower
 - 45 Loud insect
 - 46 Lighthouse guardian
 - 47 Sort of
 - 51 Modern honey
 - 53 Laura who won an Oscar for "Marriage Story"
 - 55 Omar of "House"
 - 57 Part of EST: Abbr.
 - 58 Rockies bugler
 - 59 DOJ division
 - 60 Wee amount

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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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

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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- DOWN**
- 1 Maple-syrup-to-be

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