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Daily Bridge Club

Hanging in there

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"I'm hanging a map of the world on my wall with colored pins to show all the places I've visited. But first I have to visit Alaska, the North Pole and Greenland — so I can hang the map." — graffiti

Test your own timing in today's deal. West leads the ten of hearts against your 3NT, and you win and cash the A-K of diamonds. Alas, the queen doesn't fall. Indeed, West discards a heart. What next?

The actual South led a club to dummy's ace and a spade to his queen. The finesse won, and when he continued with the ace and a low spade, the suit broke 3-3.

DOWN TWO

But South still went down: East led the jack of clubs, and the defense took three clubs. West's ace of hearts and East's queen of diamonds.

At Trick Four, South must lead a low spade. Say East wins and leads the jack of clubs: four, six, ace. South then leads a spade to his queen and takes the ace. He forces out the ace of hearts and has four spades and nine tricks in all, and East-West can take only four tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 10 7 3 ♥ A 10 9 7 4 ♦ 3 ♣ K 6 5 2. Both sides vulnerable. The dealer, at your left, opens two

spades (weak). Your partner doubles, and the next player bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner's double promises a hand worth at least 16 points and suggests support for the unbid suits, especially the other major suit. Your hand is worth a bid of four hearts. You may not make it if partner's hand is unsuitable, but this is your gamble to take.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 5 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ J 9 7 5 4 2
♣ A 7

WEST

♠ 10 7 3
♥ A 10 9 7 4
♦ 3
♣ K 6 5 2

EAST

♠ K J 9
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ J 10 9 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q 8 6 4
♥ K Q J
♦ A K
♣ Q 8 4

South 2 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 10

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

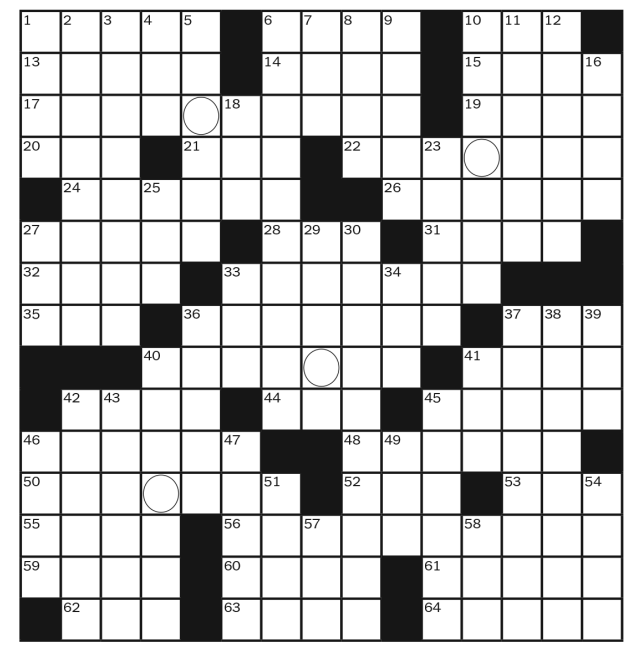
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0121

- ACROSS**
- 1 Beloved, in Arabic
 - 6 [Make it quick!]
 - 10 Masthead listings, for short
 - 13 Italian herbal liqueur
 - 14 "Please, please, please?"
 - 15 People calling the shots at the zoo?
 - 17 Not radical
 - 19 Drink with a dome-shaped lid
 - 20 Where to find the Egyptian Temple of Dendur, with "the"
 - 21 Crush, as a test
 - 22 Cry from a survivor
 - 24 Clara in the National Women's Hall of Fame
 - 26 Stuffed oneself with, facetiously
 - 27 Newswoman Roberts
 - 28 Recipe amt.
 - 31 Doesn't stay natural?
 - 32 Fell off, as laughter
 - 33 Place
 - 35 Investments of a sort, for short
 - 36 "Well, which is it?!"
 - 37 Co. with a plant
 - 40 Choose randomly, in a way
 - 41 Specialty
 - 42 Like legs in the days after a marathon
 - 44 "Get 'em!"
 - 45 Human, ape or kangaroo
 - 46 Many celebrity golf events
 - 48 Like taxis and Julius Caesar, once
 - 49 Break down chemically
 - 52 Mo. without a federal holiday
 - 53 Father on "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
 - 55 Palindromic woman's name
 - 56 Automotive safety feature represented (and to be followed) eight times in this puzzle
 - 59 Town, in Scandinavia
 - 60 Big Apple?
 - 61 Immunologist Anthony
 - 62 Suffix with coward
 - 63 "Huh-uh"
 - 64 First capital of Alaska
- DOWN**
- 1 Soccer star on a 1999 Wheaties box
 - 2 Bloblike
 - 3 Ill-advised opinions
 - 4 Fury
 - 5 Feeling on a lo-o-ong car trip
 - 6 Lab workers
 - 7 Performer with the hit 2006 album "Hip Hop Is Dead"
 - 8 Voting no
 - 9 ___ Beach, Calif.
 - 10 Satan, with "the"
 - 11 Crack, as a secret message
 - 12 Shorthand writers, for short
 - 16 Dated



PUZZLE BY DANIEL MAUER

- 18 Cpl. or sgt.
- 23 Expand
- 25 Purge (of)
- 27 Atlanta-based health org.
- 29 Long fur scarfs
- 30 Outcome of a coin flip, e.g.
- 33 Parisian possessive
- 34 T or F, e.g.: Abbr.
- 36 "I rule!"
- 37 Classic figure killed off in a 2019 Super Bowl ad campaign
- 38 Responses
- 39 "Sick, dude!"
- 40 Like terrors, again and again
- 41 Feel off
- 42 "That's true about me, right?"
- 43 Drink served in a snifter
- 45 Worrisome uncertainties
- 46 Devices rendered obsolescent by smartphones, in brief
- 47 Become fixed
- 49 Where some things are really hopping?: Abbr.
- 51 Sport in a ring
- 54 Director Kazan
- 57 Music whose golden age is said to be from the mid-'80s to mid-'90s
- 58 Moo goo ___ pan

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



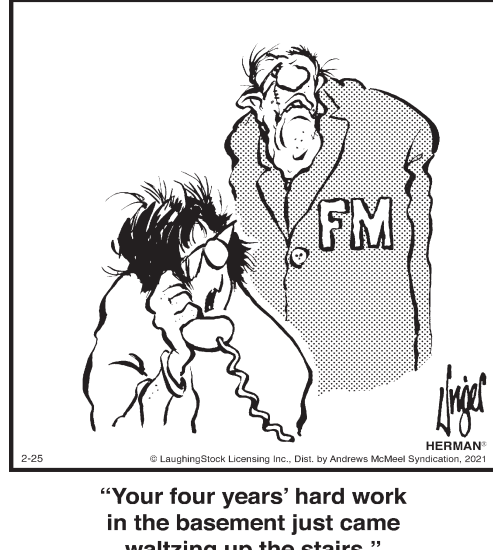
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

PUDEN
GURHO
DHNIED
GDOAAP

THE

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

You need to change your center of gravity.

How does he keep winning? He studied physiology.

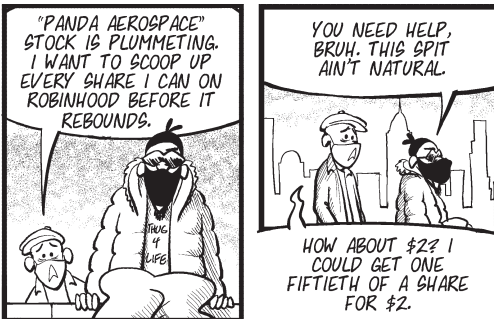
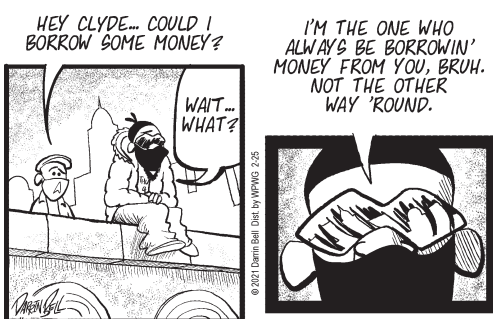
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SMALLER, THE WINNER OF THE ARM WRESTLING MATCH ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: METAL LUNGE SITCOM BARREN
Answer: When the I, V, X and L went for a hike together, they were — "ROAMIN" NUMERALS

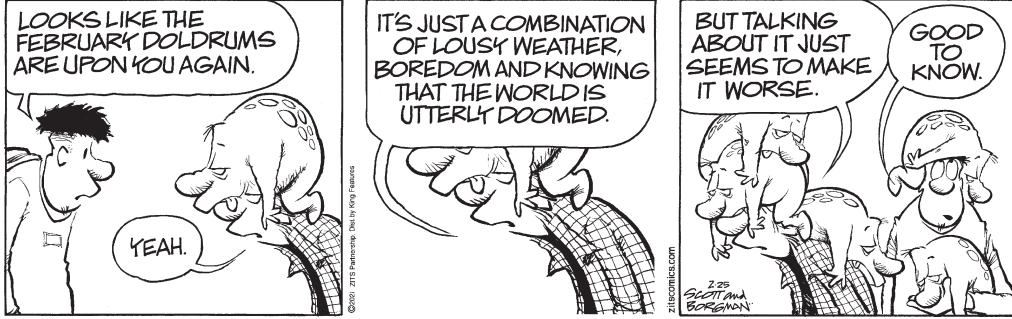
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Distressed cry
 - 5 Capture, in Westerns
 - 10 Pond film
 - 14 Singer Brickell
 - 15 Rap sheet entry
 - 16 ___ Linda, Calif.
 - 17 Noble fish?
 - 19 Arthur Ashe Courage Award, e.g.
 - 20 Radio tuning shortcut
 - 21 Longtime "American Top 40" host
 - 23 They're sold in bars
 - 26 Force out
 - 29 Goes along with 32 Come again?
 - 33 Oldest Musketeer
 - 34 Keyboard goofs
 - 36 Campaigned
 - 37 Flute feature
 - 38 Management opening
 - 39 Protest, in a way
 - 40 Argentine aunt
 - 41 Caffè ___: chocolate-flavored drink
 - 42 Reach via jet
 - 43 Oliver Twist, for one
 - 45 Not farmed out
 - 47 Spruce up the lawn
 - 48 Jim of "Wide World of Sports"
 - 49 Buddy
 - 51 Much more than a mere fan
 - 56 Word of lament
 - 58 Elastic fish?
 - 61 Singer with The Blackhearts
 - 62 Typical
 - 63 Caffeine-rich seed
 - 64 Graph lines
 - 65 Chaps
 - 66 Kind of folder
 - 23 Tycoon who is an Oregon city namesake
 - 35 Play a joke on
 - 38 Day named for a satellite: Abbr.
 - 39 Winter bug
 - 41 Anti-DUI org.
 - 42 Entrance area
 - 44 Raises
 - 46 Variable eye colors
 - 48 Touchpad alternative
 - 50 Pharmacy item
 - 52 Sets as a price
 - 53 Circuit
 - 54 Earthenware pot
 - 55 Bears or Lions album
 - 56 1977 Steely Dan album
 - 57 Latin law
 - 59 Dog holder
 - 60 Diamond tool
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- WAVE CBS AJAR
ARAL CHUTE SUMO
LIMA PARAS KNOB
KEPI ANKLE OGRE
SLINK DEJA JULES
REESE CRATE
CHEGELATINVID
ROBO TIMIDI ZITI
ORALBEATMINER
CATERER EXIGENT
HANGINGAROUND
WANDXEROXROOT
ERTEINANEAVOW
BEER REYES TARO

SUDOKU

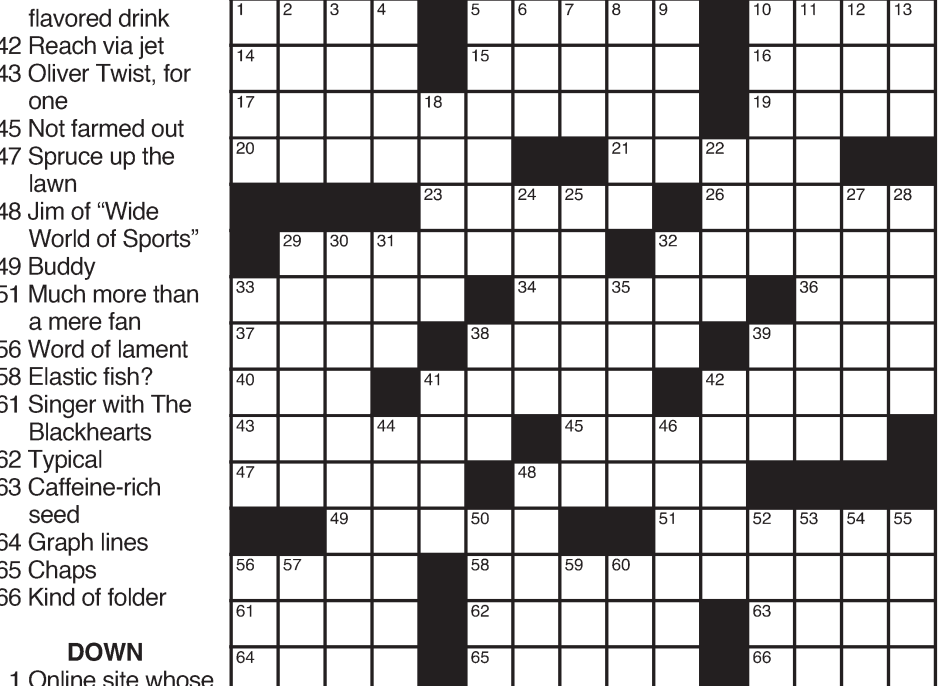
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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				5			3	
8	1	5	6					

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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