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Daily Bridge Club

Fractionally worse off

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"Trouble understanding fractions? Our help line is open 24/7." — scrawled on a restroom wall
"Half of my finesses should work." Unlucky Louie griped to me in the club lounge. "Only a small fraction of them actually do."

When Louie was declarer at today's four hearts, he lost the first two diamonds, ruffed the third diamond, drew trumps and led a club to dummy's ten. East took the jack and led a spade. Louie's queen won, but when he led a second club to dummy's queen, East produced the king. Down one.

bids two spades, preemptive. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have enough values for game. A bid of three hearts would suggest a longer suit. You might survive a bid of three clubs, but your best call is a negative double, showing, by agreement, heart length but the wrong type of hand to bid three hearts. Discuss negative doubles with your partner.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 9 6 4
♥ K J 9 4
♦ K 8 3
♣ A Q 10

WEST

♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ 7 5 3 2

EAST

♠ K J 7 2
♥ 3
♦ A 10 6 4 2
♣ K J 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q
♥ A Q 10 8 6 5
♦ 7 5
♣ 9 8 6

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 6 4 ♥ K J 9 4
♦ K 8 3 ♣ A Q 10. Your partner opens one diamond. The next player

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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ACROSS

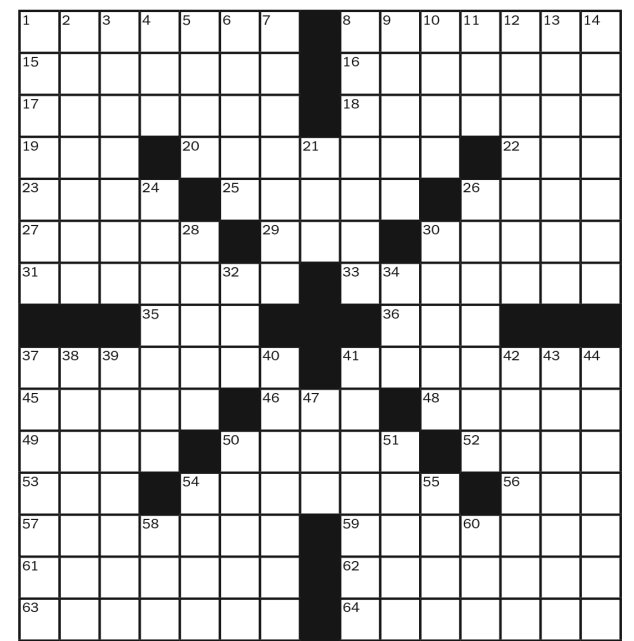
- 1 Some internet humor
- 8 It shares a key with a "3"
- 15 Apple product launched in 2015
- 16 Vital hosp. worker
- 17 Beheader of Medusa, in Greek myth
- 18 One engaged in a struggle
- 19 Need for translation, in biology
- 20 Coined word in the title of 2008's Best Picture
- 22 Congresswoman Demings
- 23 Many mainframes
- 25 Brewery stock

- 26 Western city where copper-riveted jeans were invented
- 27 Water nymph
- 29 Big Ten football powerhouse, for short
- 30 Big name in apple juice
- 31 Dangerous thing to catch
- 33 Two swings and a slide, maybe
- 35 Do or ___ (punny hair salon name)
- 36 The Depression, for one
- 37 Rally feature
- 41 Team player who's not really a team player
- 45 Wears
- 46 Burning sensation
- 48 Came to
- 49 African antelope

- 50 Group with the 2000 hit "This I Promise You"
- 52 Website with the headings "Craft Supplies" and "Jewelry & Accessories"
- 53 Cable channel owned by Discovery
- 54 Convenient place to work out
- 56 T.S.A. overseer
- 57 "De-e-eluxe!"
- 59 Elvis Presley sings it in "Blue Hawaii"
- 61 Corpulence
- 62 Tracking device
- 63 Sells
- 64 Some printers

DOWN

- 1 Facial piercing
- 2 Place for free spirits
- 3 Where the University of Wyoming is
- 4 Contents of some towers, in brief
- 5 Some sign language users
- 6 In fact
- 7 "Tough luck ... I don't care what you think"
- 8 "Watch it!"
- 9 Cant
- 10 Make out in England
- 11 ___ army, villainous force in Disney's "Mulan"
- 12 Pot supporters



PUZZLE BY DANIEL LARSEN

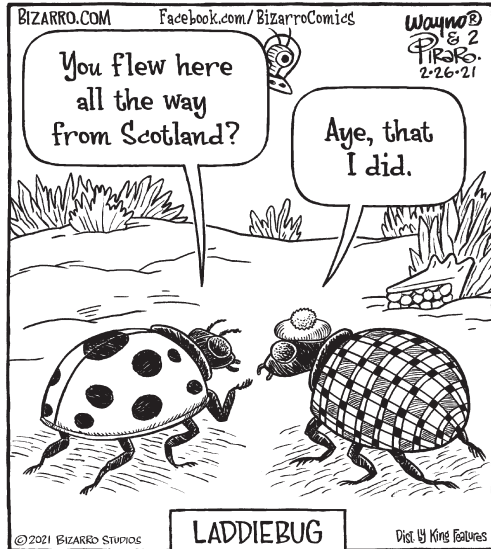
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 13 Actor Armand
- 14 "Beat it!"
- 21 Attachment to Christ?
- 24 Place to build a castle
- 26 Fancy "I"
- 28 Israeli leader with an eye patch
- 30 Actress Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
- 32 Cubs' hangout
- 34 Pastoral setting
- 37 When a poser might be presented?
- 38 Place for a stud
- 39 Eager, informally
- 40 Causes consternation
- 41 Language of the Literature Nobelists Rabindranath Tagore
- 42 Test in chemistry?
- 43 "Yeah, I'm listening"
- 44 Yellowstone attractions
- 47 Bourbon relative
- 50 Murphy's co-star in 1982's "48 Hrs."
- 51 Robotic adversary in "Battlestar Galactica"
- 54 Bad fall?
- 55 Not serious
- 58 Cause of a trip
- 60 Once-in-a-lifetime trip

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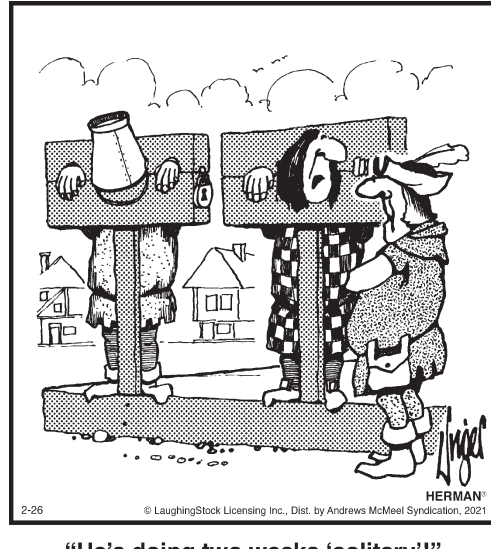
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

NEYPN
TNCAE
ANSATZ
DFIOYM

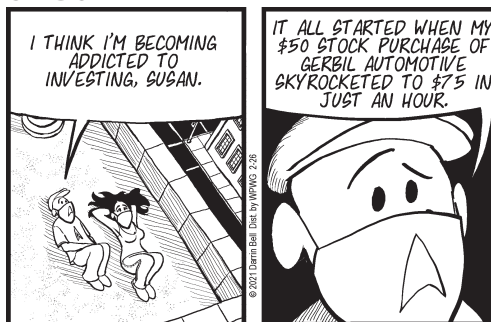
FOR THE STUDENT DOING HOMEWORK, LOOKING UP THE DEFINITION OF "FINALE" WAS A ...

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

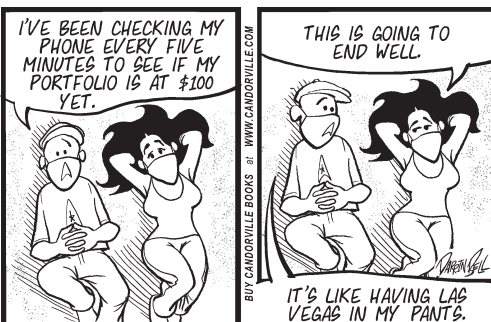
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UPEND ROUGH HIDDEN PAGODA
Answer: Even though he was smaller, the winner of the arm wrestling match — HAD THE UPPER HAND

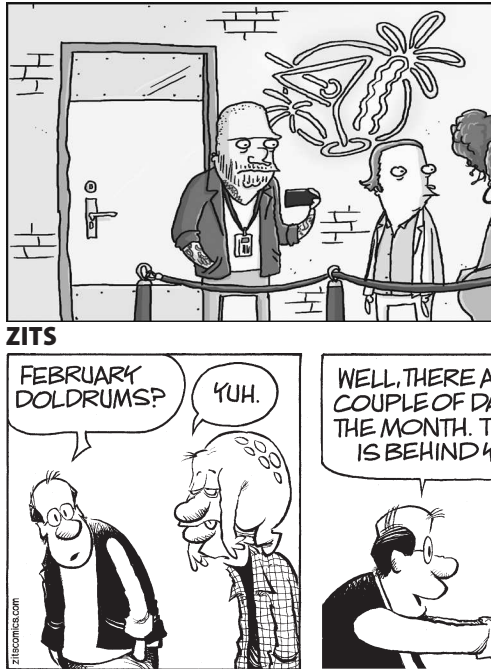
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WUMO



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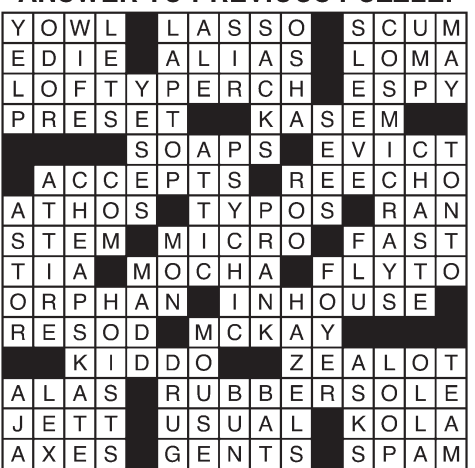


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 It's found in a lock ... or a loch
- 4 Founder of one of Israel's Twelve Tribes
- 9 Multilevel marketing giant
- 14 "WALL-E" FX
- 15 ___ territory
- 16 Lake near Squaw Valley
- 17 Beneficial tree tapping?
- 19 Leaning
- 20 Vex
- 21 Come into
- 23 Willing subject?
- 26 Renowned
- 29 Wildebeest with a habit?
- 32 Wells' Weena et al.
- 33 Mississippi river to the Mississippi River
- 34 The Aire runs through it
- 35 Common online interruptions
- 38 Domed building
- 41 "Give or take" ending
- 42 Actress Tierney
- 44 Projectionist's stack
- 46 Otherwise
- 47 Hoop site?
- 52 One-named "Unapologetic" singer
- 54 Pang
- 55 "That completely overwhelmed me!"
- 58 Favorable points
- 59 Range
- 61 Reversed, in a way ... and a hint to the creation of five puzzle answers
- 64 Garçon's handout
- 65 Go on the stump
- 66 Oklahoma native
- 67 Binge-watching mealtime aids
- 68 Not cool at all
- 69 Mint holder
- DOWN**
- 1 Earth tones
- 2 Fair-hiring problem
- 3 Venetian marketplace
- 4 Conrail source
- 5 John Irving alma mater: Abbr.
- 6 Lucy's guy
- 7 "___ Called Ove": 2015 film
- 8 Honky-tonk line?
- 9 Big name in games
- 10 Play before supper
- 11 Hawaiian wedding accessory?
- 12 Early internet co.
- 13 Still
- 18 Needing caulking
- 22 LiMu ___: ad bird
- 24 Prom queen topper
- 25 Carmaker Ferrari
- 27 Subtle approvals
- 28 Morticia, to Gomez
- 30 Came down with
- 31 Melon, e.g.
- 34 Bocho series
- 35 OAS part: Abbr.
- 36 Surrealist friend of Garcia Lorca
- 37 Top for a Japanese dish?
- 39 Prefix with con
- 40 Dexterous
- 43 "Survivor" genre
- 45 Wading bird
- 47 Half of nine?
- 48 One with an anthem
- 49 Plant deeply
- 50 Rainforest rodent
- 51 Lie atop
- 53 Score in a score
- 56 Memo intro
- 57 Old despot
- 59 Pretend to be
- 60 Deface
- 62 "___ be fun!"
- 63 34-Down actress

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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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

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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