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Daily Bridge Club

Keying on 12 tricks

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In the club lounge, Unlucky Louie was grumbling about the high cost of everything. "Money isn't the key to happiness," I observed. "If I had the money," Louie said, "I could have a key made."

heart and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: At your second turn as responder, you can often place the contract — or suggest a contract by limiting your strength. Here, you have balanced pattern, stoppers in clubs and enough strength for game (but not enough to try for slam). Bid 3NT. A bid of 2NT would not be forcing.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
AK32
AK74
Q2
QJ109

WEST
A9
J1082
J987
K643

EAST
A1087
Q963
K5
K8752

SOUTH
AQJ654
5
A10643
A

South West North East
1 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass
2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass
4 Pass All Pass

Opening lead — ♥J

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THREE CLUBS

Louie succeeds if he keys on possible winners. He has six trumps, two hearts, one diamond — and three clubs. At Trick Two, Louie takes the king of hearts to discard his ace of clubs. He next leads the queen of clubs and discards a diamond.

West wins, but Louie ruffs the heart return, draws trumps ending in dummy and takes his club winners.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: AK32 AK74
Q2 QJ109. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?
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The New York Times Crossword

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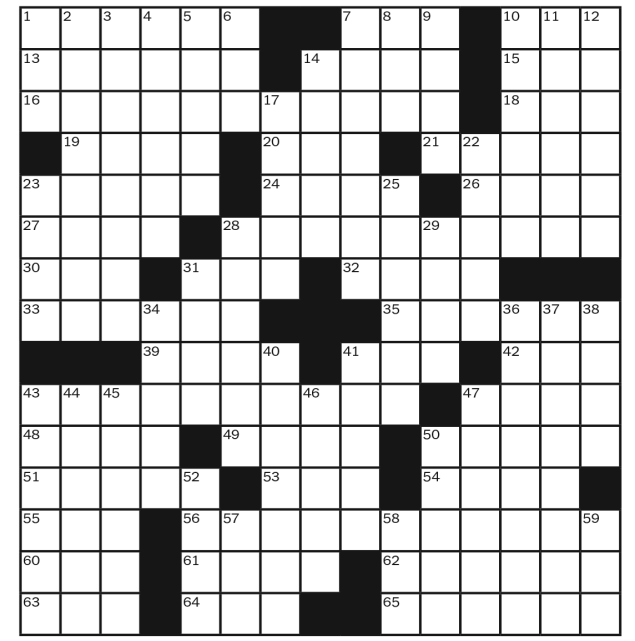
BLACK PUZZLEMAKERS' WEEK

Every daily crossword this week, Monday to Saturday, is made by an African-American contributor. Adesina O. Koiki is a sports journalist in Queens. This is his second crossword for The Times. To read more about this puzzle, see nytimes.com/wordplay.

- ACROSS
1 Garden, London district known for diamond trading
7 Bump fists
10 Form of jazz
13 Ventilate thoroughly
14 Sonic the Hedgehog company
15 Actress de Armas
16 Insect with powerful hind legs
18 Mormons, in brief
19 Something Santa makes (and checks twice)
20 Riddle-me-___
21 Park, Colo.
23 Grade downgrade
24 Hand: Sp.
26 Naughty's opposite
27 Clouseau's rank: Abbr.
28 Difficulties in life
30 Jeanette ____, billiards legend nicknamed the Black Widow
31 Objectivist Rand
32 Slow-cooked dish
33 The Wildcats of the N.C.A.A., informally
35 Rubes, in Canadian lingo
39 Princes, e.g.
41 Longing
42 Animator's sheet
43 Film technique used in old California Raisins ads
47 Novelist Jaffe
48 Go steady with
49 Plant pouches
50 Wilma's pal on "The Flintstones"
51 Responses of "the unheard," per Martin Luther King Jr.
53 Japanese drama
54 Starting
55 Use a "+"
56 Playing area usually having one of the surfaces seen at the starts of 16-, 28- and 43-Across
58 Rechewed food
59 x or y, in plane geometry
60 News anchor Mitchell
61 Mil. mess personnel
62 1990s Fox comedy with Charles S. Dutton
63 Abate
64 Sea ___ (enemy of Popeye)
65 El Al et al.
66 Lionel collection
67 50-50 chance
68 "Um, all righty"
69 "Laughing" animals
70 Deion (onetime football nickname)
71 Tiny bit
72 Until now
73 Trips to support conservation
74 Not paying a cent, as a tenant
75 Leave rolling in the aisles
76 Containing tin
77 Dinosaur in Super Mario World
78 Once-popular place to store music
79 In bed after an injury, say
80 Quarreling
81 Trash cans on computer screens, e.g.
82 Covers again, as a lawn
83 Skin problem portmanteau
84 Old TV's "___ Search"
85 Prefix with skeleton
86 Pizzeria owner in "Do the Right Thing"
87 Amy who wrote "The Joy Luck Club"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

APPT YAM APLUS
FURY MAKE SEETO
TRIP ALBA KEANO
ESSENTIAL WORKER
REMASTER RUG
YES GOTRICH
ASIGN WIN OSHA
HOMECOMING QUEEN
AMMO CUZ UPEND
BEARHUG MFA
GEL MARIANAS
USMILITARY DRONE
STEAL HIVE MIND
DUNNO EMIR ERIE
AFUSS MSN DEER



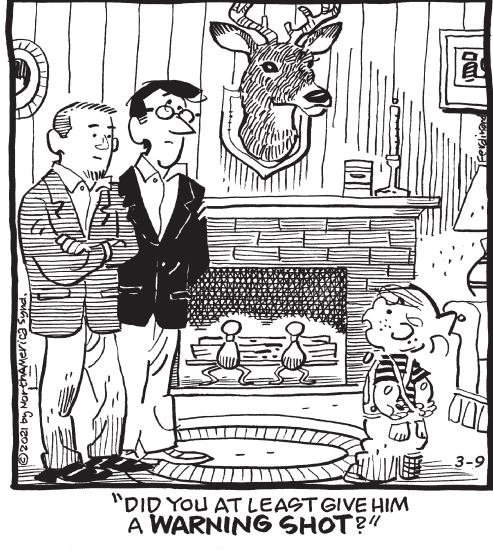
PUZZLE BY ADESINA O. KOIKI

- 5 Red-cards, in a soccer match
6 To the ___ degree
7 Ambivalent reply to "Can you do me a favor?"
8 It's "just a number"
9 Trim
10 Second-least valuable avenue in Monopoly after Mediterranean
11 Battering next
12 Overtakes
14 Bit of asparagus
17 Financial expert Suze
22 Winter falls
23 Cereal go-with
25 "Um, all righty"
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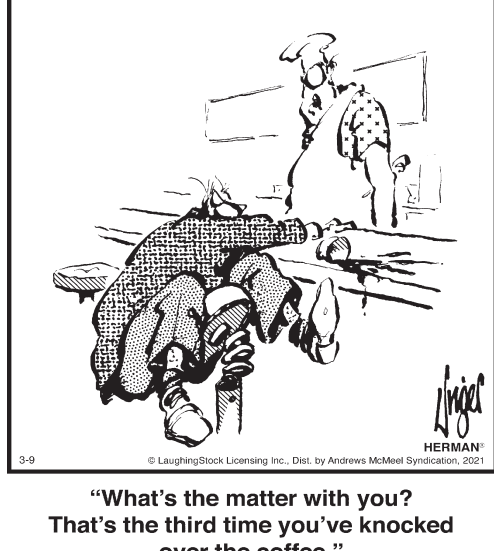
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



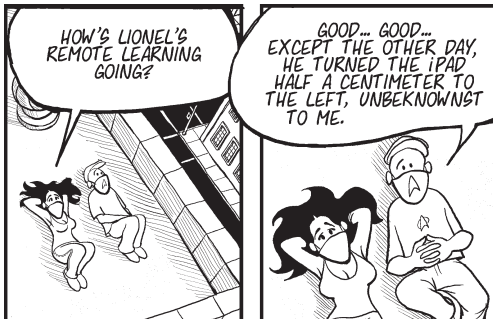
HERMAN



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
REOAP
BLILE
TGRUET
COSTKE
Answers tomorrow: (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: STEEP ADAGE TAVERN UPHILL Answer: Their garbage can had seen better days, so they decided to — TRASH IT

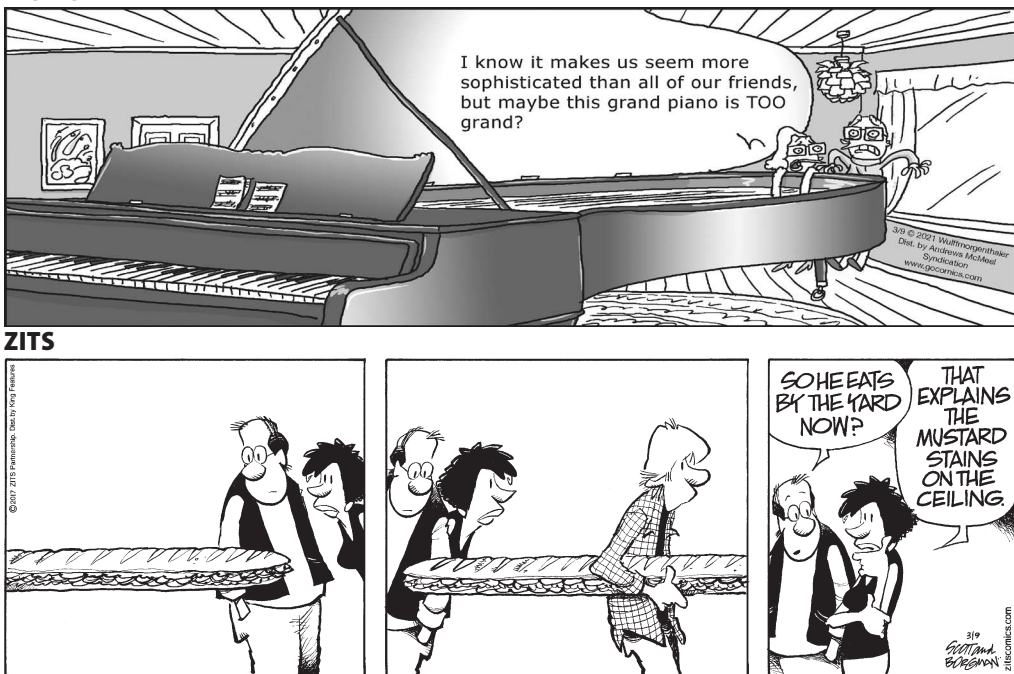
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
1 Water filter brand
6 Voice below baritone
10 Major Web portal
13 Grows faint
14 Informal okay
16 "Now I get it!"
17 Wind of 19-24 mph, on the Beaufort scale
19 Reservoir structure
20 Swimmer that may be furry
21 Inlet, vis-à-vis the sea
22 Classic Lanvin scent
24 In addition
26 Big name in bouillon cubes
27 Japanese living art form
30 Iberian dance for two
33 Summer on the Seine
34 Danes of "Homeland"
36 Kept the party hopping, briefly
37 Scenic road, maybe
39 Albuquerque sch.
40 Dahl who wrote "Fantastic Mr Fox"
41 Ready for business
42 Present from birth
44 Zen opening?
45 Pointy flags
47 Sports coat
49 Full of chutzpah
50 States
51 What a voter fills out
53 Golf scorecard word
54 Soybean product
58 Gershwin brother
59 "The Hunger Games" trilogy, e.g.
62 Light brown
63 Upright
64 "Divine Comedy" poet
65 Unlike the starts of this puzzle's four longest answers
66 Site for handmade gifts
67 Little ones
68 Early form of 10-Down
69 Common blood group
70 Patriots' home
71 Hair salon application
72 More unusual thought, perhaps
73 Invalidate
74 Depend (on)
75 About to happen
76 Vintage ski lifts
77 Make amends
78 Off the right path
79 Like sea water
80 ___-Honey: candy bar
81 Depleted Eurasian sea
82 Push-up targets
83 Sow sound
84 Like celebration
85 Puts in the lineup
86 Racetrack doc
87 D.C. summer hrs.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

FILLS MESH PRET
USAGE ALOU LOSE
SITBACK ANDRELA X
STET OIL SETOUT
QUA NOSH
INS STAY IN TOUCH
SAP DIVAN RHEA
ARENA ACE SAUDI
ACRE THANK RAT
COMEWATMAY ARI
DIOR MEN
BEREFT ATE INCA
OBEDIENCESCHOOL
TAUT LIMAP AULA
HYPO STEM ROSES

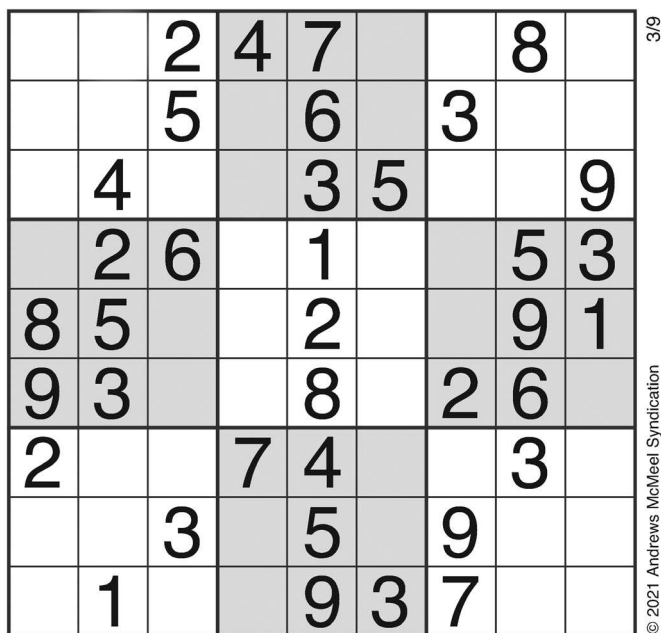
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SUDOKU

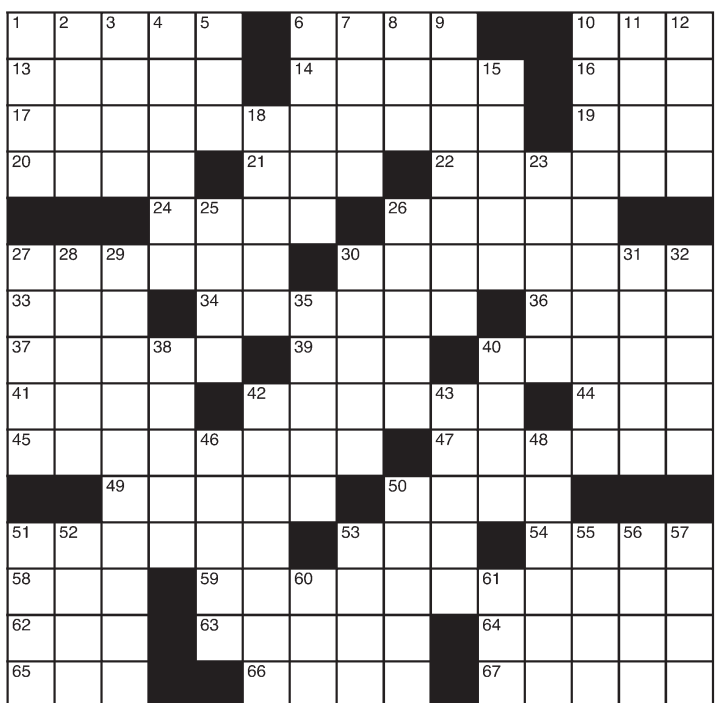
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



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