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Daily Bridge Club

Tangled Webb

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When I watched today's deal in a penny game, South was Tom Webb, known to us all as "Tangle" because he encounters more blocked suits and entry woes than anyone in my club.

Tangle was declarer at four spades, and West led the queen of clubs. Declarer took dummy's ace and led the queen of trumps, winning. When he continued with the jack, East covered, and West threw a heart.

Tangle then led his deuce of diamonds to dummy's jack. He led a trump to his seven and took the ten, drawing trumps, but when he led the ace of diamonds next, East discarded. Since Tangle couldn't run the diamonds — the suit was blocked — he lost two clubs and two hearts.

What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner promises six or more hearts. If he had only a five-card suit, he would have a more descriptive second bid. You have two options. One is a raise to four hearts. The other is a temporizing bid of three diamonds, planning to pass if partner bids 3NT next. I would accept either call.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q J 4
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 9 4 3
♣ A 7 4

WEST

♠ 8
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ Q J 10 5

EAST

♠ K 9 6 5
♥ 10 9 8 5 2
♦ 8
♣ K 9 8

SOUTH

♠ A 10 7 3 2
♥ K J
♦ A Q 2
♣ 6 3 2

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

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 10 7 3 2 ♥ K J
♦ A Q 2 ♣ 6 3 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and he rebids two hearts.

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

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BLACK PUZZLEMAKERS' WEEK

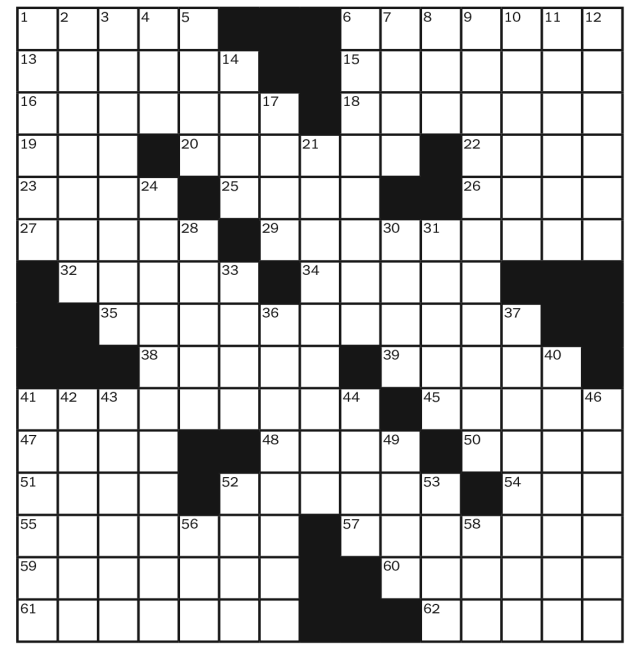
Every daily crossword this week, Monday to Saturday, is made by an African-American contributor. Erik Agard is a crossword editor in Kansas City, Mo. This is his 68th crossword for The Times. To read more about the puzzle, see nytimes.com/wordplay.

ACROSS

- 1 Them's fightin' words
- 6 Deems suitable
- 13 Pop up a lot, perhaps?
- 15 Try
- 16 "Rock-a-bye" locale
- 18 Raised
- 19 Reconstruction, e.g.
- 20 Bit of ancient writing
- 22 ___ Dove, former U.S. poet laureate
- 23 Snitch (on), informally
- 25 Concern in geomorphology
- 26 Send off
- 27 Spicy sandwich spread
- 29 What you're in when you're in the zone
- 32 Umbilicus, familiarly
- 34 "Deuce and a quarter" automaker
- 35 Subject of H.R. 40, introduced in every Congress since 1989
- 38 Product from Bevel or Oui the People
- 39 Train stations
- 41 "Tell me now"
- 45 Beat in the news business
- 47 Seconds, say

DOWN

- 8 Hip-hop's ___ Soul
- 50 Be wildly successful, as at a comedy club
- 51 ___ Louis, capital of Mauritius
- 52 Finally
- 54 Jazz great Mary ___ Williams
- 55 Not much
- 57 Pair of rings?
- 59 Provisos
- 60 Run through
- 61 Online magazine co-founded by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- 62 Observes one of the Five Pillars of Islam



PUZZLE BY ERIK AGARD

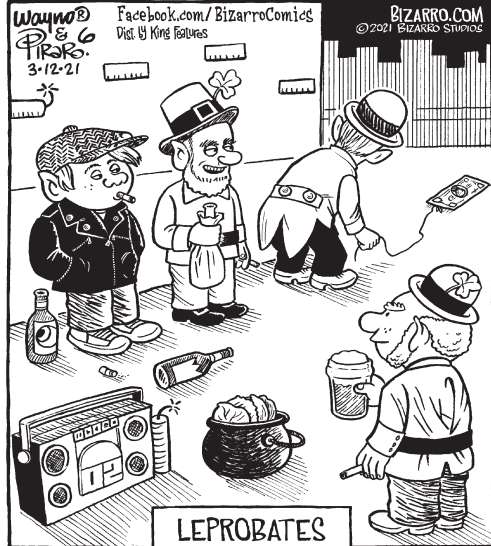
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



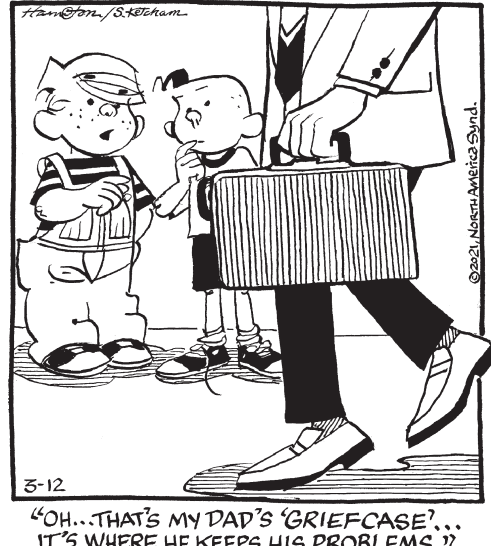
DOWN

- 1 Plan
- 2 Concern in geomorphology
- 3 A fine way to discourage foul language?
- 4 Homage of a sort
- 5 2019 M.L.B. champs
- 6 Pay, as big bucks
- 7 Actor James ___ Jones
- 8 One-named rapper who became a co-host of CBS's "The Talk"
- 9 Underground rap?
- 10 Revered woman in Islam
- 11 "Totally makes sense"
- 12 Yet
- 14 Many nonfiction films, for short
- 17 Spelman figure, informally
- 21 Unit officially defined as 42 gallons
- 24 Résumé go-with
- 28 Home of many a Sherpa
- 30 Devices sold with motion sensors
- 31 Language in which you might be greeted "Hullo, hoo are ye?"
- 33 Do nothing
- 36 Subject of a Car and Driver report
- 37 Features of some film reviews
- 40 Beyoncé became one in 2003
- 41 Influence
- 42 Dough
- 43 Achieve stardom, so to speak
- 44 Wood strip
- 46 Distinctive features of Marcus Garvey's helmet
- 49 Inits. one might hear at the office
- 52 Spanish opposite of bajo
- 53 Inits. one might hear at the office
- 56 "___ Te Ching"
- 58 Major export of Kenya

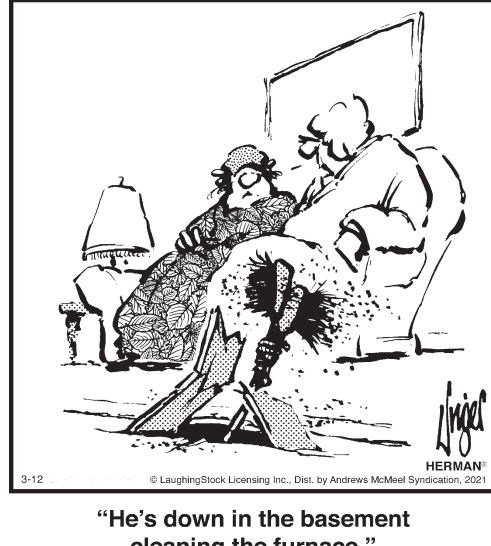
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

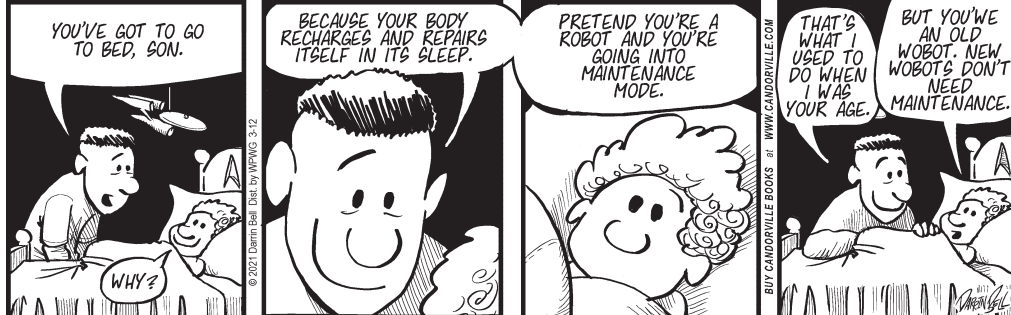
NUDMO
RNWOS
TASEWY
LLWIWO

THEY PREDICTED A VERY STRONG WINTER STORM, SO THE TOTAL ACCUMULATION ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

CANDORVILLE

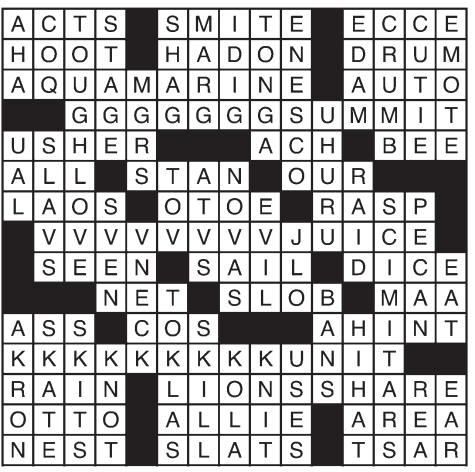


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | 33 Sleeps soundly? | 44 ___-Castell: office supply brand |
| 1 Flash | 1 City near the Mount of Olives | 35 Poses | 45 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies" |
| 5 Hustle and bustle | 9 Just | 36 Furthermore | 46 Piña colada garnish? |
| 9 Just | 2 Steel, e.g. | 37 Captain's journal | 50 Furry Endor critter |
| 13 Lake near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame | 3 Italian automaker since 1899 | 39 Marks in ancient manuscripts | 51 Choir member |
| 14 ___ rug | 4 Like the yin side: Abbr. | 40 Dynamite stuff | 53 Equip |
| 15 Bean sprout? | 5 Xeroxed | 41 Basis of monotheism | 54 Actress Vardalos |
| 16 West Coast footballer on an RV vacation? | 6 Exhort | 42 Westernmost Texas county | 55 Relatives, slangily |
| 19 "As Good as It Gets" Oscar winner | 7 Flash | 43 "Yeah, right!" | |
| 20 Deer madam | 8 "So there!" | | |
| 21 Considerable | 9 Funhouse fixture | | |
| 22 "Sex Education" actor Butterfield | 10 Mystery writer's first name | | |
| 23 Mischief maker | 11 Superman player | | |
| 24 Used crayons | 12 Like some jugs | | |
| 26 San Fernando counterfeiter? | 17 Without thinking | | |
| 29 Mystery writer's middle name | 18 Shoelace end | | |
| 30 Emotional shock | 19 Caribbean metropolis | | |
| 31 Show stoppers | 23 Dark time for poets | | |
| 34 Times Square gas | 24 Nile threat | | |
| 35 Parking unit | 27 Office PC nexus | | |
| 37 Property attachment | 28 "Love Train" group, with "The" | | |
| 38 Minnesota senator Klobuchar | 31 O'Hare arrivals | | |
| 39 Unctuous | 32 Former name of an arid-region Afro-Asian rodent | | |
| 40 Tailor's dummy, e.g. | | | |
| 41 Fisher who won't take advice? | | | |
| 44 Goal of regular exercise | | | |
| 47 Omaha Beach craft: Abbr. | | | |
| 48 Boiling blood | | | |
| 49 Disney princess with red hair and a green tail | | | |
| 50 Prefix with center | | | |
| 51 Colony members | | | |
| 52 Indecisive European? | | | |
| 56 Opposite of exo- | | | |
| 57 Spanish rivers | | | |
| 58 Big name in razors | | | |
| 59 Pond plant | | | |
| 60 Shortfin shark | | | |
| 61 More than half | | | |

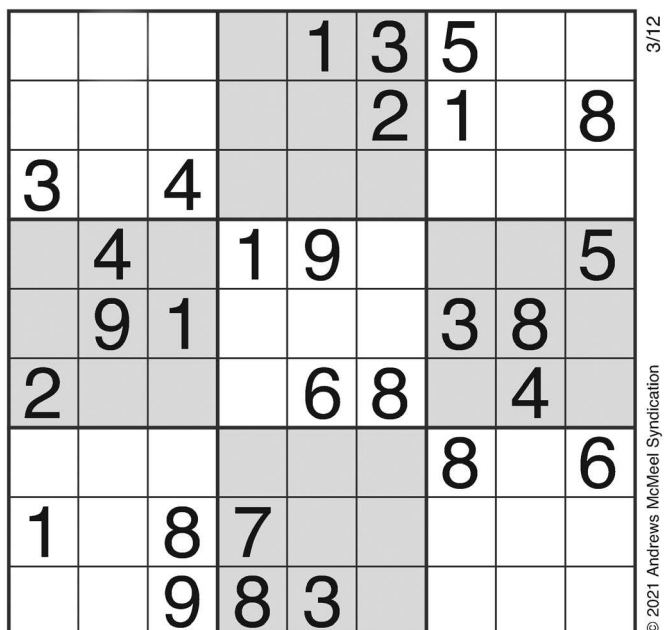
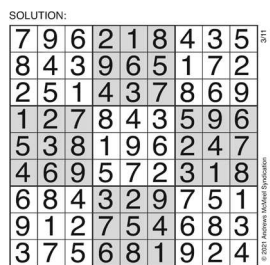
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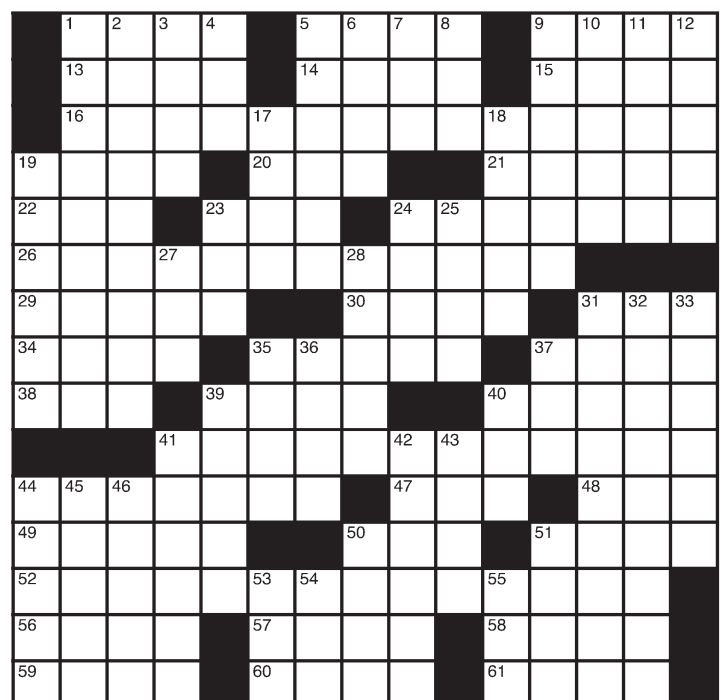
SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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