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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's sour result

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Cy the Cynic says that if life doesn't also give you some sugar and ice water, the lemonade you make will taste pretty terrible.

Cy expects the worst and is seldom disappointed. When he played at 3NT, West led a heart: four, nine, ten. Cy next led a spade to dummy's king, and East won and returned a heart: queen, king.

The Cynic won the third heart and took the Q-J of spades, but life dealt him lemons: West discarded. The Cynic then led a club — he had only eight tricks — but West produced the ace and two good hearts. Down one.

What do you say?

ANSWER: To bid two clubs would be an error; a forcing bid in a new suit would imply more strength. To rebid two hearts on a ragged five-card suit would be worse. Still, you cannot abandon partner at one spade; game is still possible. Bid 1NT, showing seven to 10 points, balanced, probably with something in clubs.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K Q J 5 3
♥ 7 4
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 6 3

WEST
♠ 8 4
♥ K J 8 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ A 10 9 8

EAST
♠ A 10 9 6
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 2
♥ A Q 10
♦ A J 10 3
♣ K J 7 5

South 1NT
West Pass
North 3♠
East Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 5

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 4 ♥ K J 8 5 3
♦ 7 4 ♣ A 10 9 8. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids one spade.

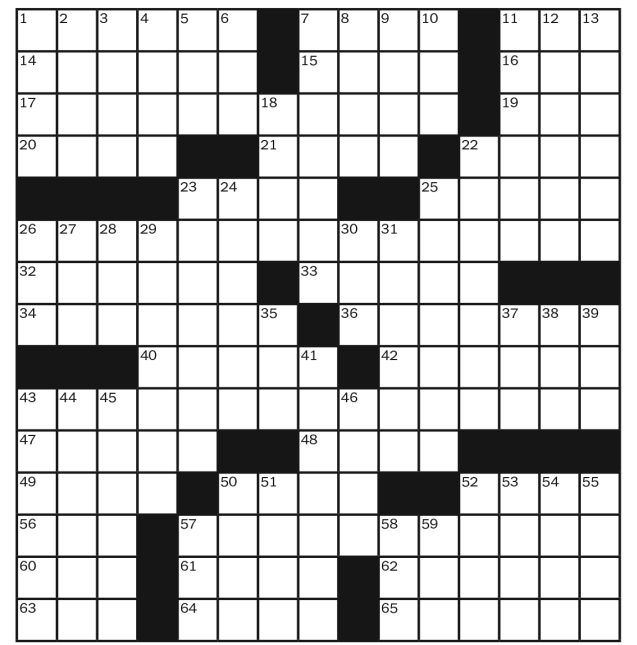
SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?
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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Supremely cool person
 - 7 Prime Cuts dog food brand
 - 11 Do something
 - 14 "Game of Thrones" actress Clarke
 - 15 Shape, as clay
 - 16 What truth is said to be the first casualty of
 - 17 Stop before it can grow bigger
 - 19 Ernst & Young employee, in brief
 - 20 Martini's lemon twist, e.g.
 - 21 Greek god pictured with wings and a bow
 - 22 "Famous" cookie name
 - 23 Most arias
 - 25 Chicken stock, e.g.
 - 26 British fashion designer who's the daughter of Linda and Sir Paul
 - 32 Something a Eur. singer might embark on
 - 33 Foretell
 - 34 "I haven't a clue!"
 - 36 Club Med and others
 - 40 Where G.I.s go to shop
 - 42 "Um, I guess so"
 - 43 Very rarely
 - 47 Bête (bugaboo)
 - 48 Feedbag fill
 - 49 Storm and the Hurricanes (Ringo's band before the Beatles)
 - 50 Skirt down to the ankles
 - 52 Not the brightest bulb in the pack
 - 56 Nelson Mandela's org.
 - 57 Long, straight-sided smoke
 - 60 Brooks who directed "Blazing Saddles"
 - 61 Gathering clouds, to some
 - 62 "I'll have a cold one, please" ... or a hint to 17-, 26-, 43- and 57-Across
 - 63 Lead-in to calculus
 - 64 Acid's opposite
 - 65 Acquire
- DOWN**
- 1 Luxury car nickname
 - 2 Friend in France
 - 3 Some dance moves or stock market events
 - 4 Landed
 - 5 Sloth or envy, it's said
 - 6 Plopped down
 - 7 "Sweet land of liberty," in song
 - 8 Timber wolf
 - 9 It makes an "A" even better
 - 10 Peculiar
 - 11 "Pretty, pretty please"
 - 12 Truman who wrote "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
 - 13 Disreputable
 - 18 Captain's position
 - 22 Atelier
 - 23 Drink that can cause brain freeze



PUZZLE BY JOHANNA FENIMORE

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

- 24 Some crew team members
- 25 Items often used in front of mirrors
- 26 Hoagie
- 27 Literary monogram
- 28 Airplane capt.'s announcement
- 29 Mega Millions, for one
- 30 Mean-tempered mutt
- 31 Grow too old, as for an insurance benefit
- 35 Org. that monitors air quality
- 37 Onetime rival of MGM
- 38 Chinese "way"
- 39 Listing in Roget: Abbr.
- 41 Popular video game console released in 2013
- 43 Entrance to an interstate
- 44 Lunchtime tryst
- 45 Orbit
- 46 Reclined
- 50 Place to see a Kandinsky or Calder
- 51 Symbol of militarism
- 52 Per (daily)
- 53 Figure that might give a child nightmares
- 54 Symbol of gentleness
- 55 Deuce topper
- 57 Corn throwaway
- 58 Easy as
- 59 Corp. head

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DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

RSFIK
CCAOH
TCNOOT
CWITIEK

THE NEXT TRAIN FOR GREENWICH IS LEAVING ON TRACK 22 IN 10 MINUTES.

BETTER CALL IT A DAY.

SHE HAD A LOT TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR HER TRAIN, SO SHE TURNED A TABLE INTO A ---

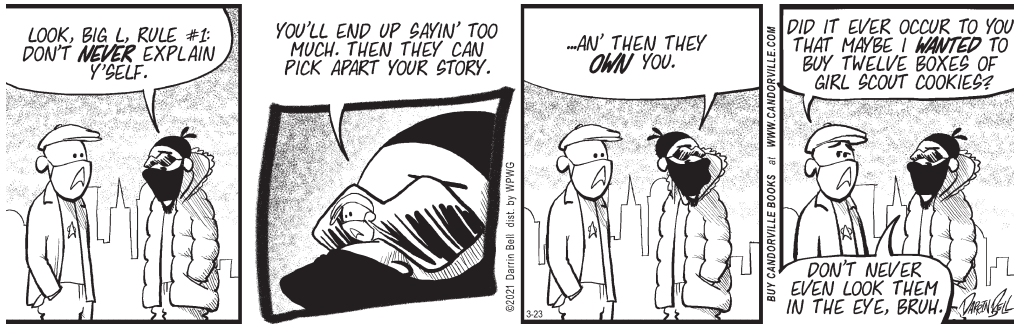
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAVE SHOVE COUSIN VALLEY
Answer: While visiting France's Brié region, they had their photo taken and got to — SAY CHEESE

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

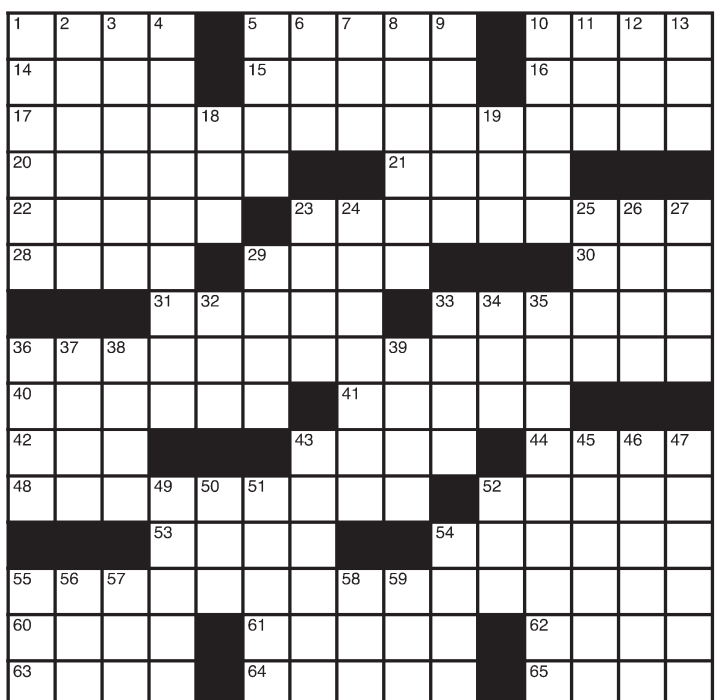
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Insult
 - 5 Golden fruit that, legend has it, started the Trojan War
 - 10 Heat in "The Heat"
 - 14 First-rate
 - 15 Stands at lectures
 - 16 Like some hygiene
 - 17 Midas stock item
 - 20 Slept noisily
 - 21 Period in office
 - 22 Leered at
 - 23 Left surreptitiously
 - 28 Beatty and Kelly
 - 29 "Walking in Memphis" Grammy winner Marc
 - 30 Bill for svc. rendered
 - 31 Berry who played Storm in "X-Men"
 - 33 Israeli or Arab
 - 36 Simple New England houses
 - 40 From dawn to dusk
 - 41 '90s candidate — Perot
 - 42 Buzzer in a swarm
 - 43 Half-moon tide
 - 44 Office fill-in
 - 48 Gobble up
 - 52 "Wherefore art thou" guy
 - 53 Weighty Kuwaiti?
 - 54 Girl-asks-guy dances, informally
 - 55 Director's "We're done for today, people" ... and hint to the start of 17-, 23-, 36- and 48-Across
 - 60 Bequest beneficiary
 - 61 Linney of "Ozark"
 - 62 "Blue" or "White" African river
 - 63 "This is ___ a test"
 - 64 Matches audio to video, e.g.
 - 65 Verbalizes
 - 3 Prepare to use, as a lawn chair
 - 4 Updated, as a Web page
 - 5 Mimicked
 - 6 For, to Fernando
 - 7 "Get a room!" evoker, initially
 - 8 Sonny who lost to Clay in 1964
 - 9 Portraitist's prop
 - 10 City-state separator
 - 11 Globe
 - 12 Pay or pen follower
 - 13 Foxy
 - 18 Captained
 - 19 "She desires to speak with you ... you go to bed": "Hamlet"
 - 23 Realtor's favorite sign
 - 24 2010s cooking-themed talk show
 - 25 Kristen of "Bridesmaids"
 - 26 Required wager
 - 27 The "Y" of YSL
 - 29 Be saccharine
 - 32 Here, in Havana
 - 33 Octagonal sign
 - 34 Short aliens?
 - 35 Extinct elephants
 - 36 Uber competitors
 - 37 "Match Game" host Baldwin
 - 38 Earnest request
 - 39 Algerian port
 - 43 Land with fjords
 - 45 Clarke who played Daenerys on "Game of Thrones"
 - 46 Sheepishly
 - 47 Deputized bands
 - 49 Second attempt
 - 50 Radio settings
 - 51 Circular dashboard devices
 - 52 U.K. fliers
 - 54 Restorative resorts
 - 55 Albeit, briefly
 - 56 Barnyard layer
 - 57 Disturb
 - 58 Operate
 - 59 Pendulum path

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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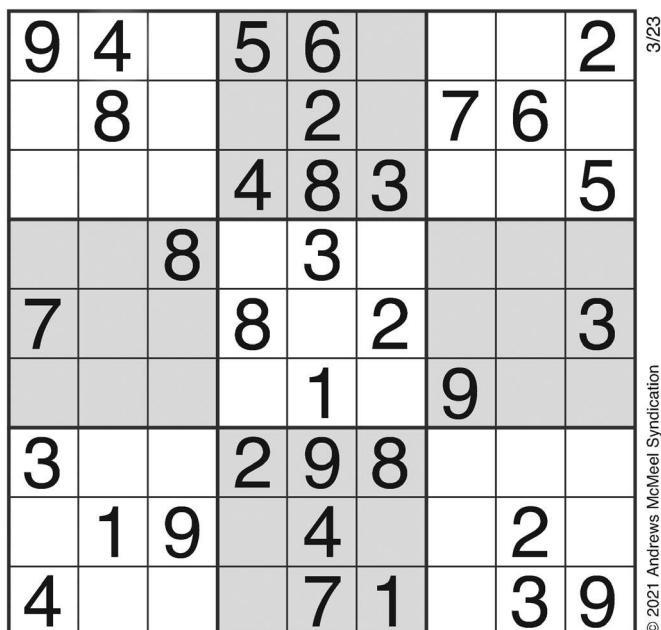
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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



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