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Daily Bridge Club

Trials and errors

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"Your honor," the District Attorney intoned, "we will prove that South committed a felony. He lost a cold game."

"Proceed," the judge instructed, and the court kibitzed the evidence.

"At four spades," the DA said, "South ruffed the second diamond (not best defense), drew trumps and led a heart: seven, king, nine. He next let the queen of clubs ride, and West won and returned a club. Declarer then led a second heart to dummy's queen and lost two hearts. Down one.

"After South draws trumps, he must lead a low club toward the queen. West must take his king or lose it, and South later discards dummy's low hearts on the A-J of clubs."

and he jumps to three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's jump-shift is forcing to game, so you must bid again. To rebid three spades might work by keeping you below 3NT, which might be your best contract. Still, to suppress the club support would be questionable. Raise to four clubs. Your partner's hand might be 2, A K, A Q 8 6 4, K Q 10 9 5.

West dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K Q 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ Q 5
♣ Q 4

OMNISCIENT

"My client isn't omniscient," South's counsel roared. "He couldn't know how the cards lay."

South was guilty. If he leads a club to dummy's queen and finds East with the king, South can be sure that West has the ace of hearts for his opening bid, so South will be safe. He must cater to the ace of hearts with East and the king of clubs with West.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 9 5 3 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ A J 6 3. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade

WEST

♠ 8 6
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K J 10 2
♣ K 10 7

EAST

♠ 7
♥ A 10 9
♦ 9 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 10 9 5 3
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A J 6 3

West 1♦ North Dbl 3♦ South 3♠
Pass 4♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ K

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

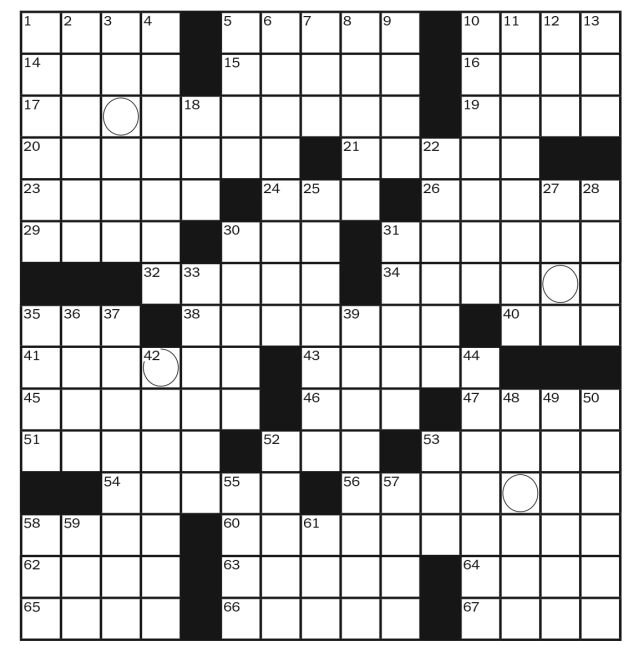
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0218

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pedal effect on a guitar
 - 5 "Shoot"
 - 10 Chuck, e.g.
 - 14 Larry's housemate on "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
 - 15 A toast
 - 16 Hardly to be had
 - 17 Designs
 - 19 Humblebragger's words
 - 20 Parts of surround sound systems
 - 21 Socks (away)
 - 23 Winner of nine Grand Slam titles
 - 24 Short turnaround?
 - 26 Capital of 52-Down
 - 29 Keister, in Leicester
 - 30 Half of a sawbuck
 - 31 Unprincipled
 - 32 Exams for future J.D.s
 - 34 Separate from all the others, say
 - 35 Urgent care provider, in brief
 - 38 Many P.S.A.s ... or the four circled squares in this grid?
 - 40 Lilliputian
 - 41 Famous peanut grower
 - 43 "Giant Brain" unveiled in 1946
 - 45 Split
 - 46 Revolutionary icon
 - 47 Browns and stouts
 - 51 1990s "S.N.L." cast member
 - 52 VW hatchback
 - 53 Dazzled
 - 54 Grind
 - 56 Like some libertarians
 - 58 Broadcast personality Kelly
 - 60 One drawing lots?
 - 62 Friends
 - 63 Whole
 - 64 Ciudad del ____ , Paraguay
 - 65 Informal meeting
 - 66 Pool shot with lots of spin
 - 67 Place to store things



DOWN

- 1 Michigan congresswoman Slotkin
- 2 Focal point
- 3 Some accommodations
- 4 Length of a short, maybe
- 5 Concerning
- 6 Mountain coverings?
- 7 "Kitchy-kitchy-___!"
- 8 Where a minister lives
- 9 Animated sister of princess Anna
- 10 "The Inbetweeners" or "Fawty Towers"
- 11 Shamefully admits defeat
- 12 Miscalculate, say
- 13 "S.N.L." head writer from 1999 to 2006

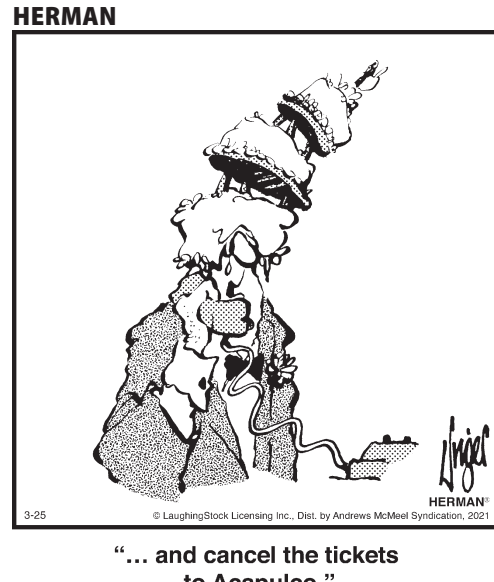
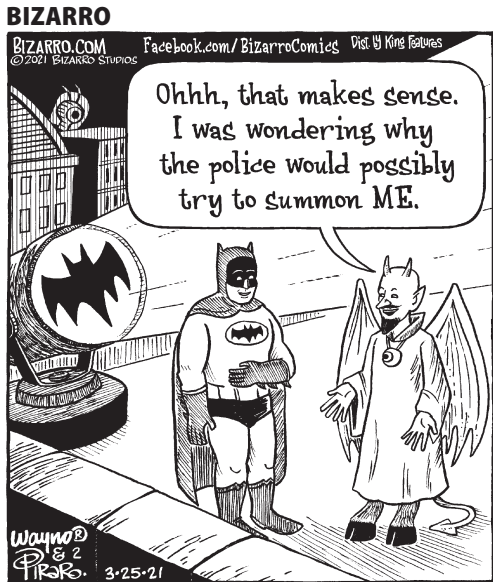
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



PUZZLE BY ZACHARY SPITZ

- 18 Early platform for The Legend of Zelda, for short
- 22 Suburb of San Diego
- 25 Put under a microscope
- 27 Give five stars, say
- 28 Sheltered at sea
- 30 Longtime Packers QB Brett
- 31 Man's name that sounds like two letters of the alphabet
- 33 Sweetener from a leaf extract
- 35 Shoe brand originating in Denmark
- 36 Kind of Ovaltine
- 37 Kodama, in Japanese mythology
- 39 Taking a break
- 42 Certain outer coating
- 44 Dental pointers?
- 48 Like an Oscars afterparty
- 49 Discarded computers and the like
- 50 Had a stimulating conversation?
- 52 See 26-Across
- 53 "How was ___ know?"
- 55 Pond film
- 57 A or B, but not Y or Z
- 58 "Mom" network
- 59 Shade
- 61 Some colas

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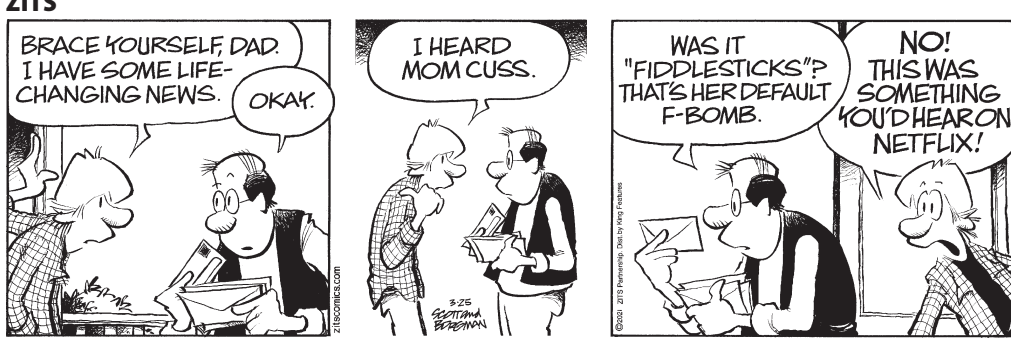
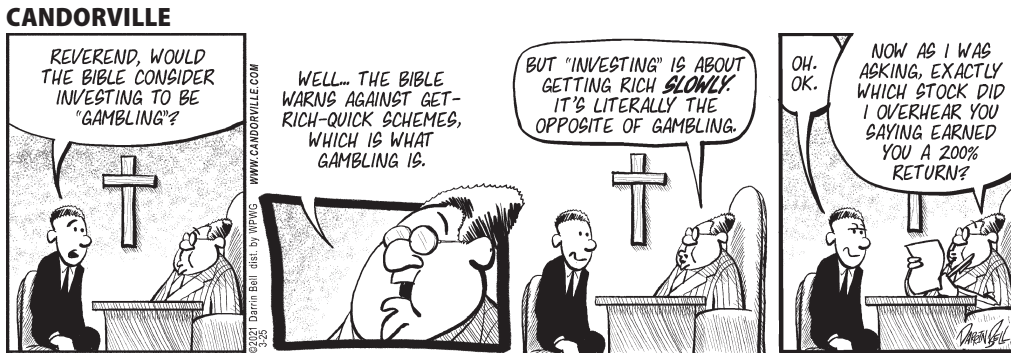
JUMBLE

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

TCPYR
SFIHT
RUNCIH
TNGETO

Print your answer here: _____

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pacific island called "The Gathering Place"
 - 5 Lots of land
 - 10 Workshop gadget
 - 14 Cold-shoulder
 - 15 Material from the French for a Scandinavian country
 - 16 MLB shortstop who agreed to play third because Jeter was already the shortstop
 - 17 King
 - 20 Used, as china
 - 21 Belief ending
 - 22 Mudville dud
 - 23 Theater section
 - 25 "Queer Eye" fashion expert ___ France
 - 26 Clara Bow nickname
 - 29 By the seashore
 - 33 King
 - 35 Society newbie
 - 37 Kuwaiti ruler
 - 38 Name synonymous with synonyms
 - 39 Frosty glaze
 - 40 Place to relax
 - 41 King
 - 43 Disco lights
 - 45 Pressing
 - 46 "Who now the price of his dear blood doth ___?": Shak
 - 47 Roman commoner
 - 48 Part of a 13-piece suit?
 - 51 19th-century mystery writer with just one complete novel
 - 53 Ristorante order
 - 57 King
 - 60 Short mystery writer?
 - 61 Patch plant
 - 62 23rd-century captain
 - 63 Unfreeze
 - 64 Golfer's set
 - 65 Relaxing spots
- DOWN**
- 1 Job safety org.
 - 2 "It's ___!": SRO show headline
 - 3 Very significant
 - 4 Less saintly
 - 5 Obstinate mount
 - 6 ___ pie
 - 7 Touchdown signalers
 - 8 Dutch cheese
 - 9 Champagne label word
 - 10 Unoccupied
 - 11 Some S&L plans
 - 12 Ticked off
 - 13 Water whirled
 - 18 3-Down, poetically
 - 19 Cybercurrency
 - 24 "Hallelujah!"
 - 25 Diplomatic
 - 26 Chatted with, but not IRL
 - 27 Subdues
 - 28 Shimmer
 - 29 Pet store array
 - 30 Snack with Red Velvet and Key Lime Pie varieties
 - 31 Acrobat maker
 - 32 Absorb
 - 34 "Ain't gonna happen"
 - 36 Frank's cousin
 - 39 Ridges with steeply sloped sides
 - 41 Loom
 - 42 French pancake
 - 44 Capybara, for one
 - 47 Praline nut
 - 48 Unwanted email
 - 49 Fried Dixie bread
 - 50 Badly off base
 - 51 Sound of a contented cat
 - 52 Medley
 - 54 Decide not to go to
 - 55 Giga- x 1,000
 - 56 Sacred cabinets
 - 58 "The Sopranos" org.
 - 59 Store door nos.

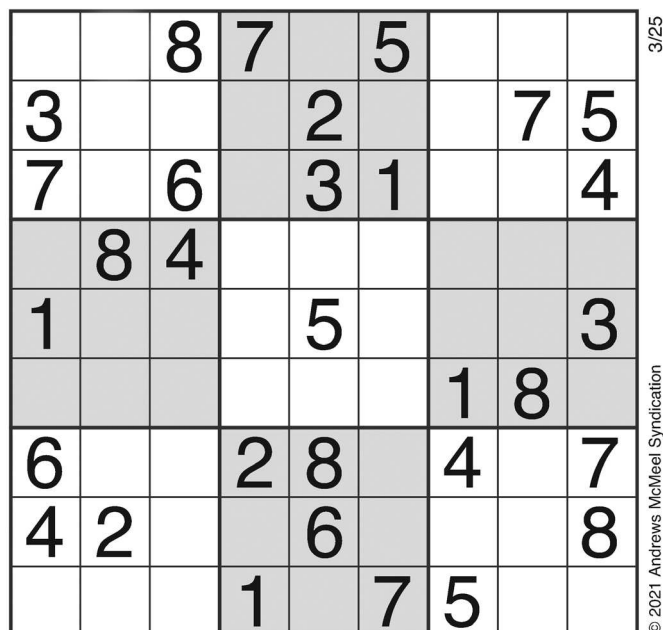
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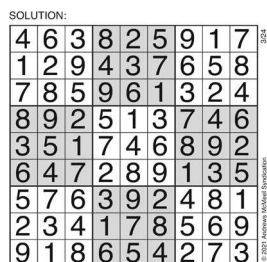
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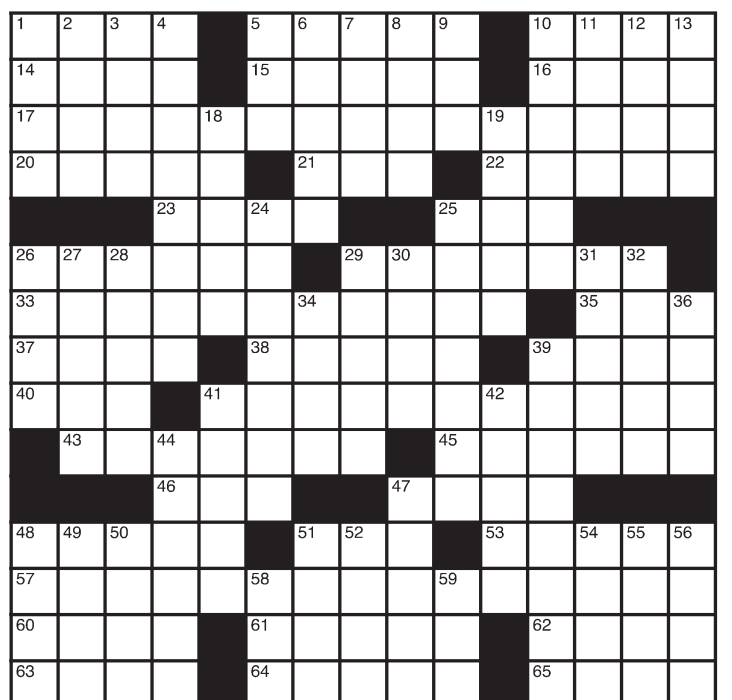
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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