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Daily Bridge Club

Test your timing

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This week's deals have treated the problem of which suit to attack as declarer. Cover today's East-West cards. Against 3NT, West leads the six of spades, and dummy's queen wins. What next?

The actual declarer counted eight tricks: a spade, three hearts, three clubs and a diamond. He could finesse twice in diamonds, winning three tricks in that suit if East held one of the missing honors, and even if West won a diamond trick, South's king of spades would be safe from attack.

he bids two hearts and you try 2NT. Partner next bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Most experts would treat partner's three clubs as forcing and showing extra strength. If his hand is short in diamonds, you want no part of no trump and may have a slam. Bid three hearts to hear more from partner. Six clubs will be a fine spot if he holds A K 6 5 3, K 8 6 2, 3, K J 8.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

GRIEF

So at Trick Two, South led dummy's ten of diamonds, but his play came to grief when East held both the K-Q and covered. South took the ace and next tried his three high clubs. When West showed out, South led a second diamond. He wound up going down two.

South attacked the wrong suit. He must lead a club from dummy at the second trick and play his eight when East follows low. With a likely 4-2 break, South sets up a fourth club trick for nine in all, and he prevents East from gaining the lead.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 4 ♥ A 5 ♦ 10 9 5 4 ♣ A Q 9 7 5. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs,

NORTH
♠ Q 4
♥ A 5
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ A Q 9 7 5

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

EAST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ J 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 8 5
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ A J 8 3
♣ K 8

South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 6

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ACROSS

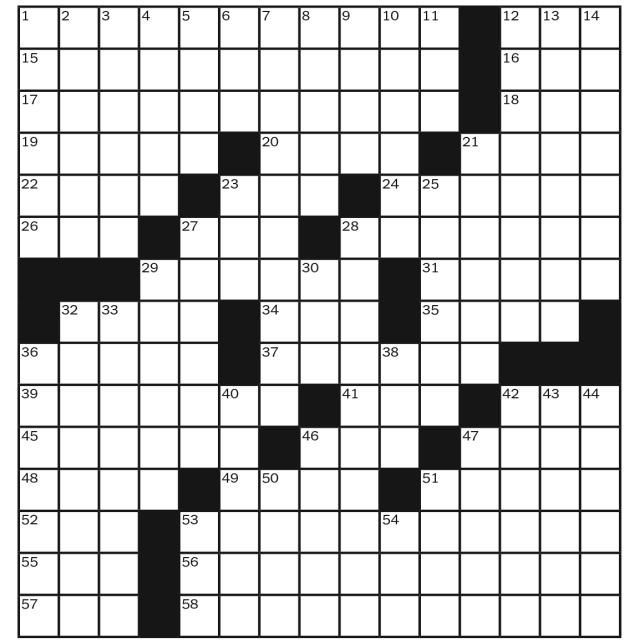
- 1 Leading lady?
- 12 Depiction on the Australian coat of arms
- 15 Popular orders at beachside bars
- 16 U-Haul option
- 17 Comment before indulging
- 18 Some theft targets
- 19 Protrusions near a trunk, maybe
- 20 Sticks
- 21 Whizzed (by)
- 22 Word sometimes substituted for "your"
- 23 Killing a mockingbird is one, per Atticus Finch
- 24 Prepare for court, in a way
- 26 Tamagotchi, once

- 27 Modern lead-in to speak
- 28 Park ranger's handout
- 29 Stayed out of sight
- 31 Bouquet
- 32 Palindrome with an apostrophe in the middle
- 34 Contents of some wells
- 35 Sleeveless top, informally
- 36 Approached quickly
- 37 Complete set in musical comedy?
- 39 Psych up
- 41 Bill that's half a 52-Across, informally
- 42 ___ Short, pioneer in West Coast hip-hop
- 45 Reroute
- 46 The sun or the moon

- 47 Ganja
- 48 Whizzed (by)
- 49 "The Virtue of Selfishness" essayist, 1964
- 51 Pal of Seinfeld and Costanza
- 52 See 41-Across
- 53 Way of Life?
- 55 Stir
- 56 Helen of Troy, e.g.
- 57 Lip
- 58 Some reference works in newsrooms

DOWN

- 1 Not very much
- 2 Missing portion of a manuscript
- 3 Gradually stopped, with "out"
- 4 Hair pieces
- 5 Qts. and pts.
- 6 Way out
- 7 Onetime Food Network show featuring Creole and Cajun cuisine
- 8 Kind of jar
- 9 "Go placidly ___ the noise and the haste ..." (start of Max Ehrmann's "Desiderata")
- 10 Louise of TV's "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman"
- 11 Ballpark fig.
- 12 It's a bad sign
- 13 Raked in the dough



PUZZLE BY AMANDA RAFKIN

- 14 Messy, as a floor
- 21 Tussle
- 23 ___ protein
- 25 Parent company of Gerber and Lean Cuisine
- 27 Dorothy of old "Road" films
- 28 13, for many
- 29 Shaped, as wood
- 30 Singer/songwriter of 1980's "Kiss Kiss Kiss"
- 32 Popular salon option, informally
- 33 Toxin that might contain formic acid
- 36 Symbol associated with Communism
- 38 Go out
- 40 Houston or Washington vis-à-vis Manhattan
- 42 Tightened (up)
- 43 Threatening words
- 44 Hyperfocus
- 46 Buck ____, Major League Baseball's first Black coach
- 47 Gardner of "S.N.L."
- 50 General assembly?
- 51 R&B singer Erykah
- 53 Burnable items
- 54 Burnable item

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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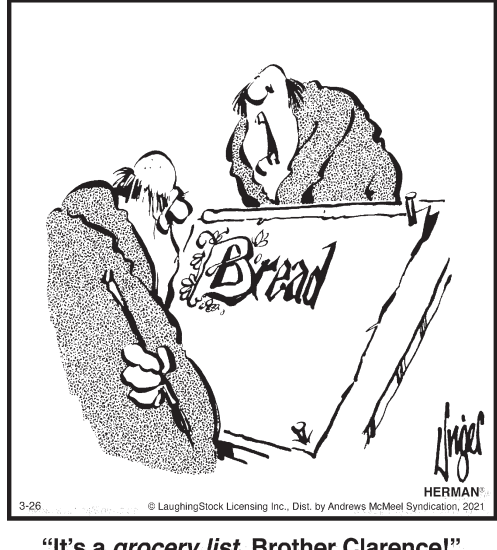
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

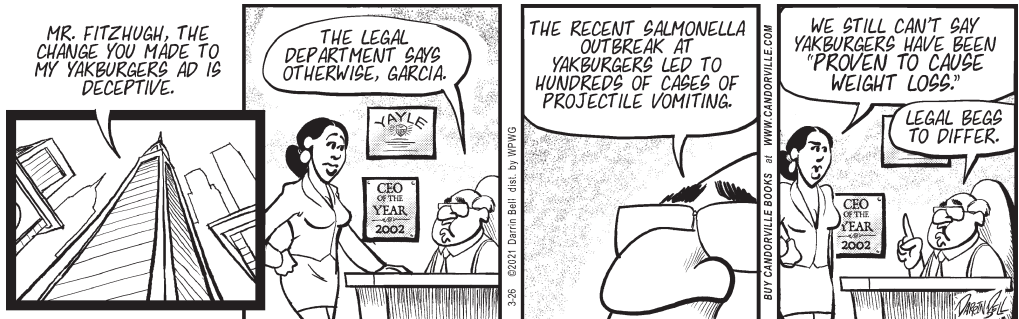
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AGDOM
IVROS
ANOSER
SENVTI

Print your answer here:

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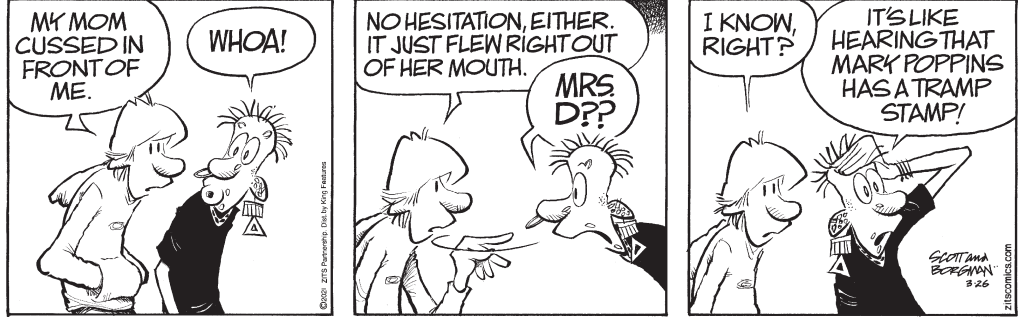
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS
- 1 Merged thespian union
- 6 Stares
- 11 Sault ___ Marie
- 14 Show fear
- 15 Draw in the air
- 16 Disadvantage
- 17 Nightspot in "A Bug's Life"?
- 19 Throw ___
- 20 Meditation sounds
- 21 "___ Alyscamps": van Gogh work
- 22 Canon competitor
- 24 Hang out in the sun
- 27 Purse in "A Bug's Life"?
- 29 "Star Wars" droid
- 30 Normandy battle town
- 32 "Raising Buchanan" star Auberjonois
- 33 Not-so-VIP group
- 34 Garlicky sauces
- 36 Private ___
- 37 Fancy dance in "A Bug's Life"?
- 39 Disfigure
- 42 Skeleton's place?
- 43 Hopping mad
- 45 Mythological ship
- 48 Recipe info: Abbr.
- 49 Frozen custard chain in 14 states
- 50 Queue in "A Bug's Life"?
- 52 Swallow
- 53 Winged, perhaps
- 54 Down
- 56 Zip
- 57 Member of the fam
- 58 Fruity beverage in "A Bug's Life"?
- 63 Day before Thanksgiving, e.g.
- 64 Woolly, say
- 65 Ancient Peruvians
- 66 Actor Benicio ___ Toro

- DOWN
- 1 Four-star review, e.g.
- 2 At one time
- 3 Flexible fastener
- 4 ___ hall
- 5 Ancient sanctuary
- 6 Box office take
- 7 Rainbows, say
- 8 Party pro
- 9 Earthbound bird
- 10 Valuable fur
- 11 Professional copyist
- 12 Colorful bird
- 13 Occupy
- 18 Tarzan player Ron
- 23 Good listeners?
- 25 They're allowed
- 26 Cracking-up letters
- 27 Fountain orders
- 28 Veg out
- 30 Bully's reply
- 31 Land with yaks

- 35 Like a pelvic artery
- 38 Advance
- 39 Tried to get along
- 40 Irregular
- 41 Fidgety
- 42 Tab, e.g.
- 44 Org. with an elephant in its logo
- 45 Put down
- 46 Bring back
- 47 Dr. Seuss' real last name
- 51 Mail collector
- 52 Had a bite
- 54 Italian hot spot
- 55 "Jeopardy!" name for 36 years
- 59 Actress Longoria
- 60 German article
- 61 Brand "choosy moms choose," in ads
- 62 French article

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

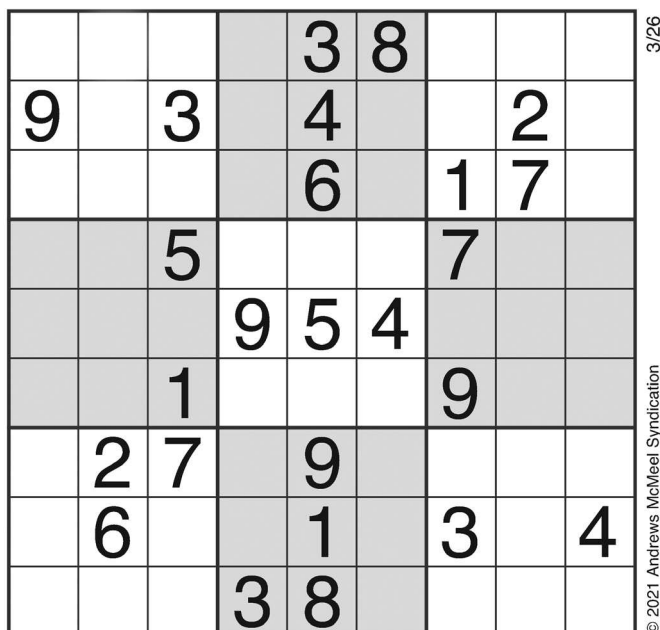
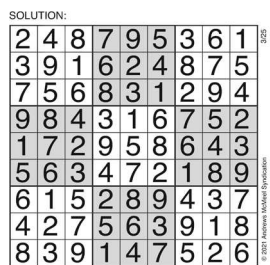


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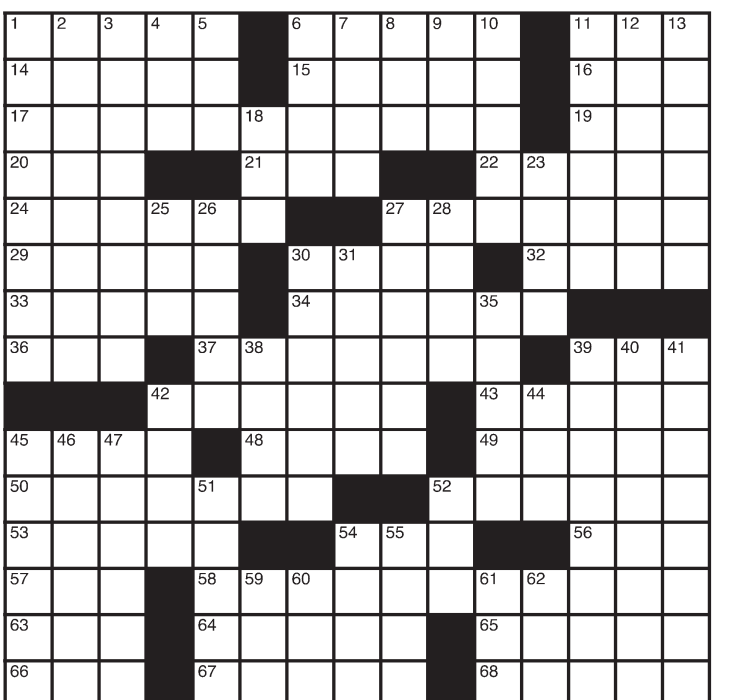
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



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