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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's hasty play

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Cy the Cynic's apartment is a glorious disaster. Cy's housekeeping style is best described as "There appears to have been a struggle." Cy's dummy play is similar. He plays on impulse to the first trick — and then has to struggle. Against his six spades, West led a diamond, and Cy threw a heart on dummy's ace. He led a heart from dummy, and East took his ace and led a club.

The Cynic won, led a trump to dummy, pitched a club on the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. When the suit failed to break 3-3, he had only 11 tricks.

LOW HEART

Cy lost his slam at Trick One. He can play dummy's jack of diamonds and ruff East's queen. Cy leads a trump to dummy and returns a low heart.

If East plays low, Cy takes the queen, leads a trump to dummy and discards his last heart on the ace of diamonds. He loses a club and ruffs his last club in dummy. If instead East grabs his ace of hearts, Cy succeeds by pitching his low clubs on the ace of diamonds and king of hearts.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 10 2 ♥ K 8 6 3 2
♦ A J ♣ 6 5 3. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart

and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have enough strength to invite game but lack a descriptive call. A bid of 2NT with no sign of a club trick is unattractive. A meaningless "fourth-suit" bid of two clubs is possible, but not if your partner will treat it as game-forcing. My uncomfortable recommendation is a raise to two spades.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 10 2
♥ K 8 6 3 2
♦ A J
♣ 6 5 3

WEST
♠ 5 3
♥ J 4
♦ 10 5 4 3
♣ Q J 8 7 2

EAST
♠ 4
♥ A 10 9 7
♦ K Q 9 8 7 6 2
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 5
♦ None
♣ A K 10 9

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

Opening lead — ♦ 3

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

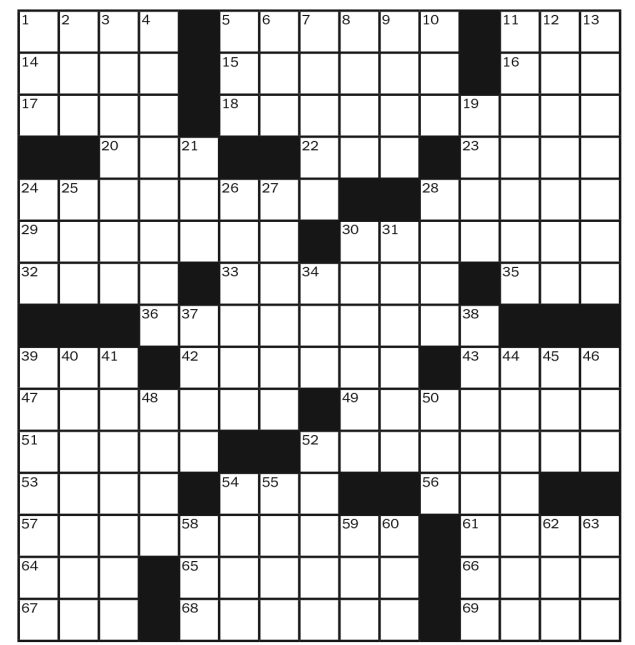
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0223

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Stat!"
 - 5 Long, loose dress
 - 11 "___ NewsHour"
 - 14 Lady ___, anthem singer at Biden's inauguration
 - 15 Like the first "d" in "Wednesday"
 - 16 Ad ___
 - 17 Leader of an oil-rich land, maybe
 - 18 *Seat for the ruler of the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros
 - 20 T, in a sorority
 - 22 Poem of tribute
 - 23 "Movin' ___" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
 - 24 *Devotee of Jerry Garcia's band
 - 28 Pants measurement
 - 29 Craftsperson
 - 30 Bride-to-be
 - 32 Honeybunch?
 - 33 Makes plenty angry
 - 35 Map abbr. until 1991
 - 36 **"Can You Feel the Love Tonight" singer/composer
 - 39 Home of the N.B.A.'s Thunder, for short
 - 42 Submit
 - 43 Delays no more
 - 47 Canadian city whose name consists of two consecutive boys' names
 - 49 "Hot" place for a cat in theater
 - 51 Attribute
 - 52 *Decisive defeat
 - 53 Word after wild or rolled
 - 54 I
 - 56 Key near Caps Lock
- DOWN**
- 1 What a tot might indicate by holding up fingers
 - 2 Dr. Seuss' ___-I-am
 - 3 Stir up
 - 4 Heaven
 - 5 CBS forensic series
 - 6 Space shuttle supply
 - 7 Inundate
 - 8 Be in charge of, as a bar
 - 9 Kick in seed money
 - 10 Last in a mathematical series
 - 11 Subject that teaches the varying "ch" sounds of "cheap," "chaos" and "charade"
 - 12 Add-ons
 - 13 King's rod
 - 19 Speckled horse
 - 21 Speech fillers
 - 24 Little bit, as of cream
 - 25 Before, in poetry
 - 26 Day for an egg hunt
 - 27 Lover of Cleopatra
 - 28 Laundry
 - 30 Tex-Mex dish served in a soft tortilla
 - 31 "Just leave the job to me"
 - 34 Last part
 - 37 Exam for a future D.A.
 - 38 Does voice work for a documentary, say
 - 39 Creature that might squirt ink and use tools
 - 40 Activity done while reading a screen
 - 41 Apt anagram of RATTLE + C
 - 44 Late-night rival of Kimmel and Fallon
 - 45 Exceedingly
 - 46 Hub NW of LAX
 - 48 Heart
 - 50 Court divider
 - 52 Concern for a medic
 - 54 Actress Watson of the "Harry Potter" films
 - 55 Enter
 - 58 Although
 - 59 Shirt named for its shape
 - 60 "I dunno ..."
 - 62 ___ Grande
 - 63 Kitten's sound



PUZZLE BY KATE HAWKINS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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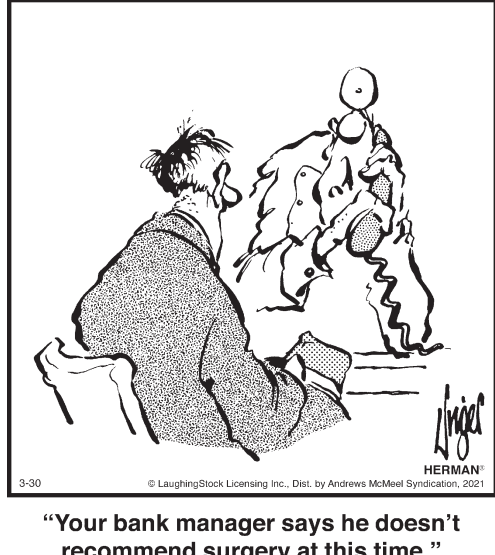
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

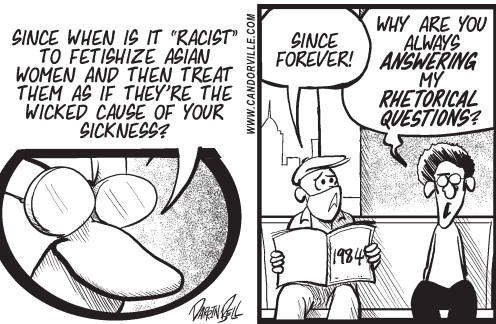
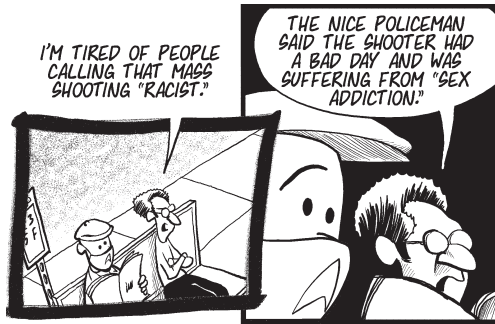
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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ZAAEM
ISNIHF
BPUTRA

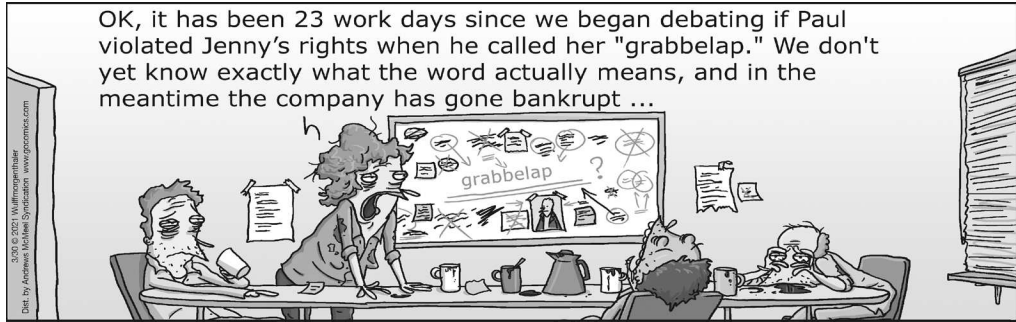
Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLAZA TOXIC FIGURE MUFFIN
Answer: The artist was painting the hog and made sure to match the hog's — PIGMENT

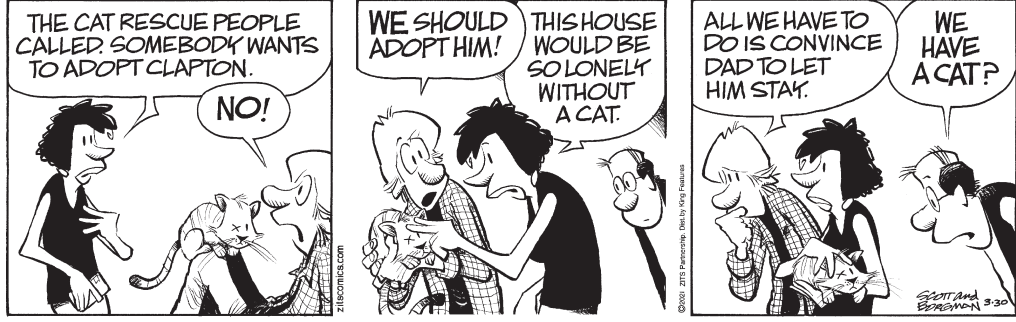
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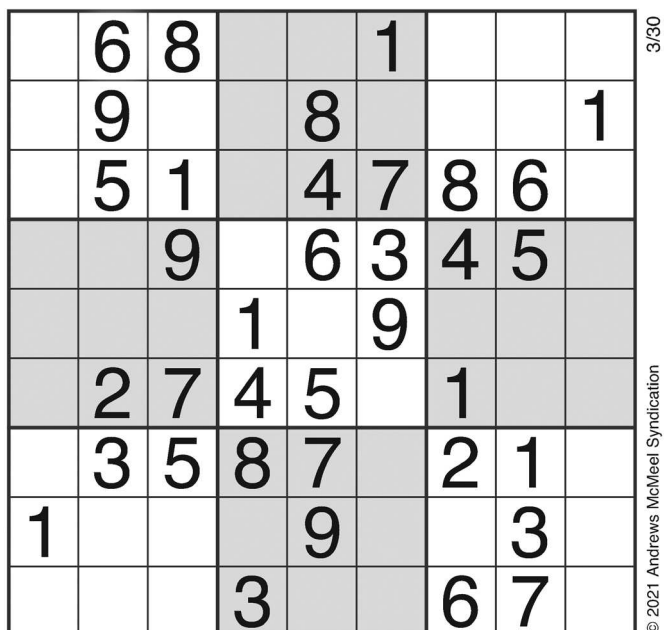
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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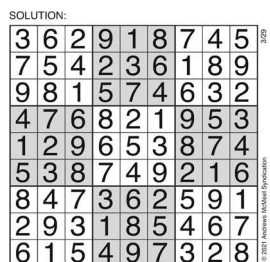
- ACROSS**
- 1 Holiday sub
 - 5 Kilt wearer
 - 9 "Mazes and Monsters" novelist Rona
 - 14 Natural soother
 - 15 To be, to Balzac
 - 16 Popular ride app's basic level of service
 - 17 Perspiration cause by fear of failure
 - 19 "Is it too risky?"
 - 20 X
 - 21 Turquoise kin
 - 22 Indian strings
 - 23 Lucky wristband
 - 26 Autumn shade
 - 28 Children's author Blyton
 - 29 Spiral shape
 - 30 Fashion label from Milan
 - 32 Gross less deductions
 - 35 "Don't cheer yet!"
 - 39 Gave the go-ahead
 - 40 Emcees
 - 41 Ballpark officials
 - 42 Fabergé perfume, originally
 - 43 Surgical tube
 - 44 Best woman?
 - 50 Gofer's task
 - 51 University of New Mexico player
 - 52 Game-winning line
 - 55 Arnold of "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World"
 - 56 Confined to one's residence ... or, as the circles show, a description of four puzzle answers
 - 58 "All kidding ..."
 - 59 Totals
 - 60 Poker stake
 - 61 Church council
 - 62 Redwood, e.g.
 - 63 Aussie hoppers
 - 2 Vogue alternative
 - 3 One born under the sign of Cancer
 - 4 Oomph
 - 5 Refuse conduit
 - 6 Third-stringers
 - 7 Dental care brand
 - 8 Asian New Year
 - 9 Court-ordered, as a review
 - 10 Eased up
 - 11 Born in the wild
 - 12 "___ Jacques"
 - 13 Live and breathe
 - 18 Sun, for one
 - 22 "500" initials on Wall Street
 - 24 Repressed, with "in"
 - 25 Harvests
 - 26 It's eight in Madrid
 - 27 "Order up!" shouter
 - 30 Italian sauce with pine nuts
 - 31 Word before race or trap
 - 32 Top dog
 - 33 "SportsCenter" channel
 - 34 Midterm or final
 - 45 Culturally pretentious
 - 46 Get in shape
 - 47 Pancake maker's need
 - 48 Metz man
 - 49 Quite overweight
 - 53 Fully aware of, as a scheme
 - 54 Lofty verses
 - 56 Post-WWII pres.
 - 57 Rowboat mover
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- KASHA RIPS HOWTO
FILER ARIA IDAHO
CLOSE TANG REPEL
PINASQUARE IMO
ABSTAIN PSA STAN
LEITA DEB VIKING
PANTS SUBMENU
KINATRIANGLE
OILSPOT ELMER
AVANTI SEC I CAN
SOBS BAM RUSSETS
COD RINACIRCLE
EDUCE IKEA RAIDS
NOCAL TELL ENNUI
DOTTY ARTS EDGER

SUDOKU

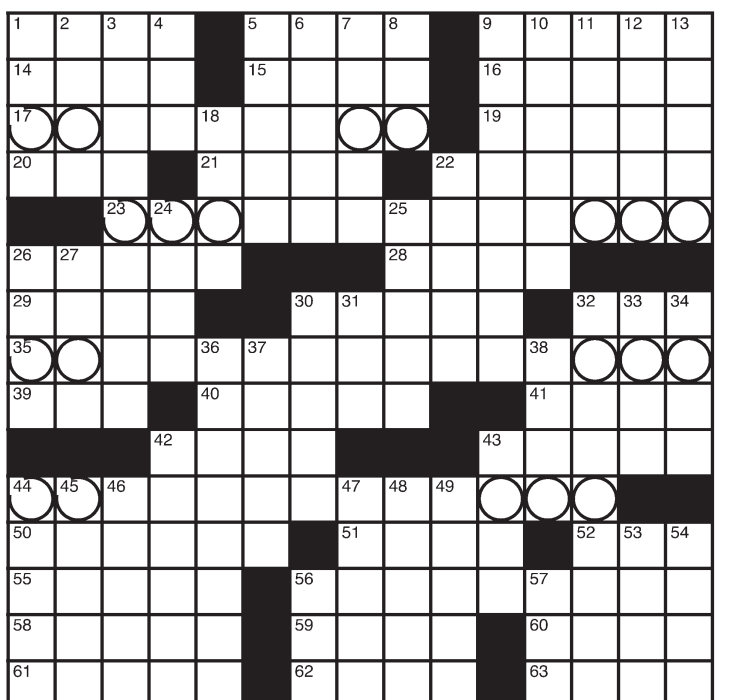
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



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