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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Money out the door**

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"Do you and Charlotte have an agreement?" Unlucky Louie asked me in the club lounge, "about how big a purchase one of you can make without a discussion?"

"Most of the time," I hedged. "Do you and Esther?"

"My figure is about \$50," Louie said sulkily. "Hers, apparently, is \$643.27."

Louie might tolerate his spouse's spending habits if he kept down his losses in his penny game. When Louie was declarer at today's 3NT, West led a club, and Louie took the ace and cashed the king, ace and queen of diamonds. West threw spades. Louie then led the ace of hearts and a second heart.

**NINE TRICKS**

When East's jack appeared, Louie had nine tricks but couldn't take them; the hearts were blocked. Down one.

Louie saves 700 points with careful play. After he takes the ace of clubs, he cashes the A-K of hearts. When East plays the jack, Louie can go to dummy's ten, return to his king of diamonds, and take the queen of hearts, two more diamonds and the ace of spades to land the contract.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ J 10 6 5 2 ♥ K Q 3 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ A 7. You open one spade, your partner responds 1NT, you bid

two hearts and he tries three clubs. The opponents pass. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Your partner has a weak hand with a long club suit. He may hold 4, 9 7 4, Q 4, K J 9 6 4 3 2. If he held a more promising hand such as 4, 9 7 4, A 4 3, K Q J 10 8 4, he would have responded two clubs, then bid three clubs next. Pass (fast). Your chances for game are next to nil.

North dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A 3  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ A Q 9 8 6 2  
♣ 9 6

**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 4  
♥ 9 8 6 5  
♦ 7  
♣ Q 10 8 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 8 7  
♥ J 7  
♦ J 10 4 3  
♣ K J 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 10 6 5 2  
♥ K Q 3 2  
♦ K 5  
♣ A 7

North 1♦ East Pass South 1♠ West Pass  
2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 5

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

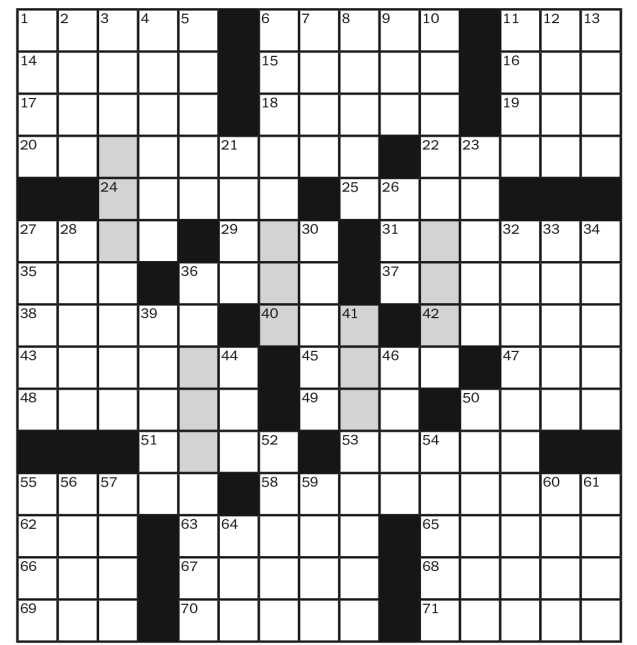
- 1 Literary pal of Porthos
- 6 Architect of the original Sisyphus task
- 11 Nudge, in a way
- 14 Area for development
- 15 Venerate
- 16 Home of the N.C.A.A.'s Cavaliers
- 17 Arizona's National Forest (whose name is Spanish for "stupid")
- 18 Holden's late brother in "The Catcher in the Rye"
- 19 Spot for a tap
- 20 Like some diet soda
- 22 Bill \_\_\_\_, noted Vietnam War-era activist
- 24 Unreactive

- 25 Collaborator on 1968's "Two Virgins," familiarly
- 27 Lacks existence
- 29 Some exchanges via AOL, once
- 31 Oil spot?
- 35 Choleric
- 36 Masterstroke
- 37 Garment whose name comes from the Malay for "sheath"
- 38 Final Oldsmobile model
- 40 Central difficulty
- 42 Middle of a sustainability slogan
- 43 Biggest French-speaking Swiss city
- 45 Cholera
- 47 Unfortunate occasion for a spelling error
- 48 Regard
- 49 "\_\_\_ this!"
- 50 Alternatives to melts, maybe

- 51 Organization with pledges, informally
- 53 Get into it, in a way
- 55 Bridge declaration, in casual play
- 58 Bounced back
- 62 Kind of page
- 63 Carmaker from Japan
- 65 Lead-in to phobia
- 66 \_\_\_ season
- 67 Single-take shots, in film lingo
- 68 Took back, as a trophy
- 69 Vote for
- 70 Newswoman O'Donnell
- 71 Impenetrable

**DOWN**

- 1 Courtroom figs.
- 2 Pants, slangily
- 3 Feature of some bibliographic citations
- 4 Piece of the pie, perhaps
- 5 Cache
- 6 Stethoscope detection
- 7 Turning point
- 8 Surname of two former Chicago mayors
- 9 Director Roth of cinema's Splat Pack
- 10 Dish often topped with raw egg yolk
- 11 Vintage diner fixture, in brief
- 12 Done



PUZZLE BY DYLAN SCHIFF

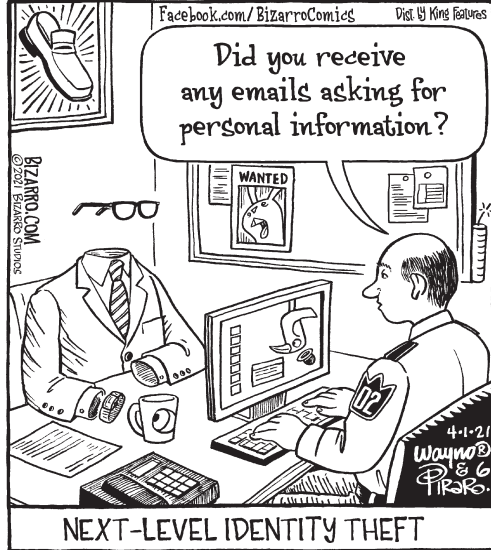
- 13 Practical jokes
- 21 Cold, in Caracas
- 23 "\_\_\_ the best!"
- 26 Forerunner of the C.I.A.
- 27 N.A.A.C.P. \_\_\_ Awards
- 28 Closer's specialty
- 30 Gush
- 32 Blackjack bet ... or a hint to applying the five shaded regions in this puzzle
- 33 Map feature
- 34 Molding curves
- 36 Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You," for example
- 39 Prime snorkeling spots
- 41 Former first and second lady
- 44 Physicians' grp.
- 46 Halal cart offering
- 50 Jumper cable?
- 52 More aligned
- 54 Watch
- 55 Uncertain
- 56 Like beige and lilac
- 57 Shade at the beach
- 59 Book before Nehemiah
- 60 Psyche's mate in Greek mythology
- 61 Hamlet, for one
- 64 Hostess \_\_\_ Balls

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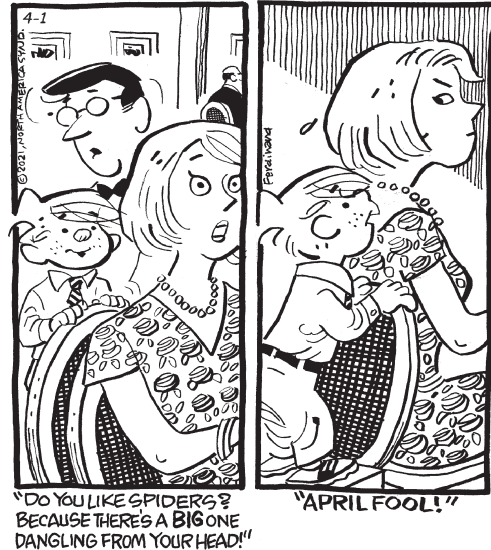
**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



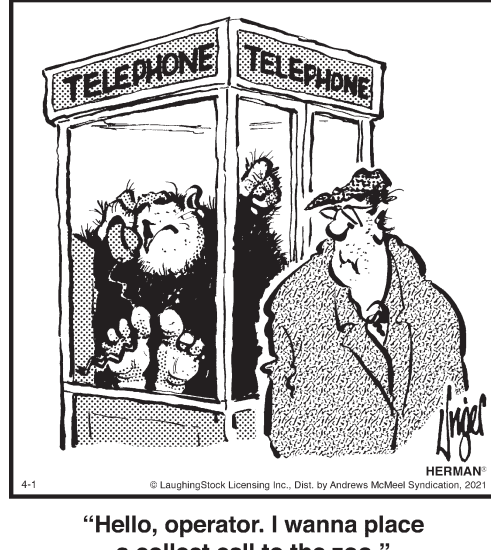
**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

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

U A A N F  
L P I E M  
D I M M U E  
T A H L O E

BY NOT BEING LATE WITH PAYMENTS, YOUR CREDIT SCORE WILL GO UP ---

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

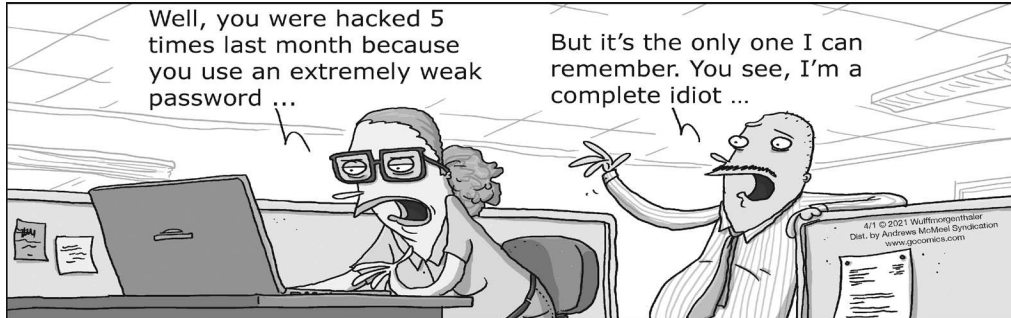
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LADLE NINJA HAZARD BOTTOM  
Answer: She'd been making mittens for more than 60 years and was — AN OLD HAND AT IT

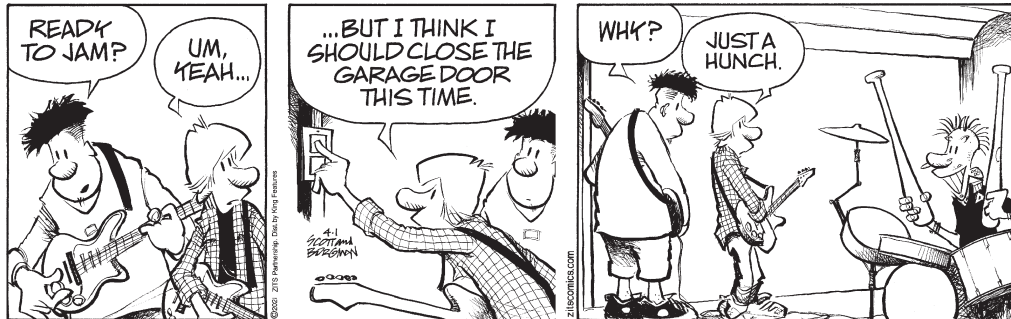
**CANDORVILLE**



**WUMO**



**ZITS**

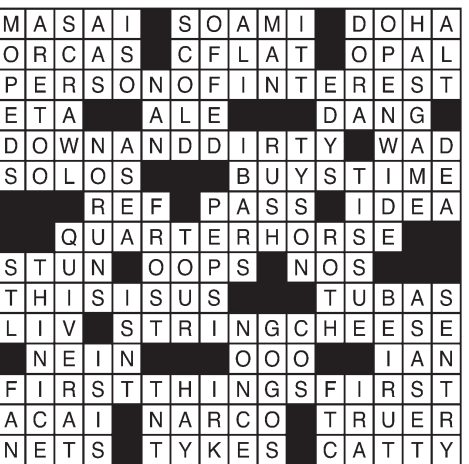


**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Anger
- 5 List member
- 9 Reheat, in a way
- 12 "That's on me"
- 13 Service station sections
- 14 Crime site
- 16 One may symbolize friendship
- 17 Gets with difficulty, with "out"
- 18 Ctrl+V, commonly
- 19 \*Like some pages in used books
- 21 It arrives just before Christmas, for many
- 22 Substituted (for)
- 23 Send an IM to
- 24 Public health org.
- 25 Card game cry
- 26 Like some exams
- 30 MLB's Angels, in sportscasts
- 33 "Mean" Pro Football Hall of Fame lineman
- 35 Before, in Brest
- 36 List-ending abbr.
- 37 Helpers
- 38 \*Arcade staple
- 40 Puts away
- 41 Pre-event periods
- 42 Chemical suffix
- 43 Fire remains
- 44 Calls in poker
- 46 Criminal
- 50 Tell when one shouldn't
- 53 Secondary persona, or what's hidden in the answers to starred clues
- 54 Distinctive characters
- 55 Verdi solo
- 56 Paintball souvenir?
- 57 With 7-Down, teary
- 58 Tolerate
- 59 Not worth \_\_\_
- 60 LAX info
- 61 Rogues
- 62 Trees used to make bows
- DOWN**
- 1 Fowl
- 2 Facetious target of a series of guides
- 3 Talk of the town?
- 4 \*Metaphor suggesting suspense
- 5 Spain and Portugal, mostly
- 6 Unavailable
- 7 See 57-Across
- 8 Ed.'s stack
- 9 Word with lemon or orange
- 10 Pot starter
- 11 Jury member
- 14 English
- 15 \*Is a fifty-fifty proposition
- 20 Extends, as a building
- 21 Building extension
- 23 Jigsaw bit
- 25 "No clue"
- 27 Start over
- 28 Over
- 29 No \_\_\_: surprisingly
- 30 Possess
- 31 Tel \_\_\_
- 32 Fill with freight
- 33 Casual pants
- 34 React to fightin' words, maybe
- 39 Hebrides native
- 43 Wedding destinations, often
- 45 Like 55-Down
- 46 Inspiration for the 2004 film "Troy"
- 47 Parts of some V's
- 48 Lit up
- 49 Kind of position used for meditation
- 50 "Ditto"
- 51 Pack it in
- 52 \_\_\_ Major
- 53 Triangle calculation
- 55 See 45-Down

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**



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**SUDOKU**

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

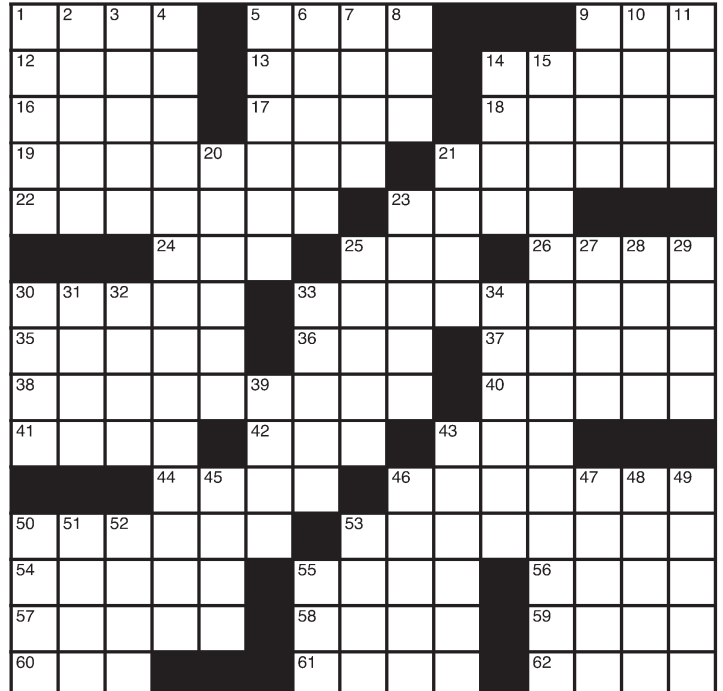
**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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

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

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