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Daily Bridge Club

Gloat or goat?

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"I'm proud of the anti-gloating cream I invented. But I'm not going to rub it in." — graffiti
"Cy is becoming insufferable." Rose told me in the club lounge. "He gloats over a good result."

In that day's penny game, Cy became declarer at 3NT. He won the first heart with the king and let the queen of spades ride. West won and led another heart, and the Cynic had only eight tricks. When he led a diamond to his hand and returned a club, West won and cashed three hearts for down one. Cy was silent. "Played like a goat," North grumbled.

FIRST HEART

West is likely to have the ace of clubs for his vulnerable overcall. Cy should win the first heart in his hand and lead a club. If West plays low, Cy puts up dummy's king, then attacks the spades for nine tricks.

If West wins the first club, Cy is still safe as the cards lie. Cy wins the heart return and takes the king of clubs. He has 10 tricks when East's queen falls. If instead East-West played low, Cy could cash four diamonds, then judge whether to finesse in spades.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 9 6 ♥ A 6
♦ A Q 10 3 ♣ 8 7 5 2. You open

one diamond. Your partner bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: To bid 1NT to show a minimum balanced hand would be reasonable. I would bid two spades. Raising a major-suit response with three-card support is often best with a suitable hand, and this hand qualifies: It has weak clubs and a ruffing feature in hearts. By the way, I open one club with this pattern but would make an exception here.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q J 10
♥ K 8
♦ K J 4 2
♣ K J 6 4

WEST

♠ K 8 5
♥ Q J 10 9 5
♦ 9 7
♣ A 10 9

EAST

♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ Q 3

SOUTH

♠ A 9 6
♥ A 6
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ 8 7 5 2

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

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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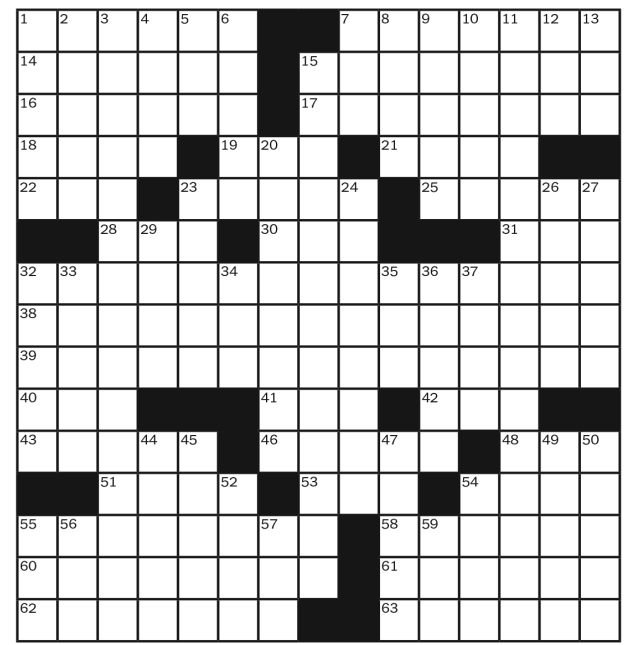
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bit of strategy
 - 7 Painting technique used in van Gogh's "The Starry Night"
 - 14 Good as gold, and others?
 - 15 High-m.p.g. vehicle
 - 16 One having a certain video chat
 - 17 This just in!
 - 18 What happens while you're busy making other plans, it's said
 - 19 Italian architect Ponti
 - 21 ___ and Ole (stock characters in Upper Midwest jokes)
 - 22 Revolution around o sol
 - 23 Makers of parts
 - 25 Be present
 - 28 Expression of support
 - 30 Expression of contempt
 - 31 One who might meet with angels, for short
 - 32 Things used by star witnesses?
 - 38 Meet somebody you've heard lots about
 - 39 Creator's leeway
 - 40 Jill Biden ___ Jacobs
 - 41 Mauna ___
 - 42 Something found after many years?
 - 43 Fencing sport with bamboo swords
 - 46 Film composer Morricone
 - 48 Seat occupier, for short
 - 51 Stylish
 - 53 Like 2021
 - 54 It has its faults, informally
 - 55 Club's premier venue
 - 58 Bring aboard, sci-fi-style
 - 60 How many Amish barns are raised
 - 61 Robinhood competitor
 - 62 Patronized, in a way
 - 63 Indenting aid
- DOWN**
- 1 Producer of 15-Acrosses
 - 2 Oscar nominee for "Argo"
 - 3 Narcissist's play
 - 4 It's on a roll
 - 5 Follower of McCarthy
 - 6 Boatload
 - 7 Levin who wrote "The Stepford Wives"
 - 8 Team with "Mr." and "Mrs." mascots
 - 9 Irritant
 - 10 Appropriate
 - 11 What Grand Canyon tourists enjoy
 - 12 Large marble
 - 13 Choice words
 - 15 Capital of every country?
 - 20 Dolt
 - 23 James Beard award winners

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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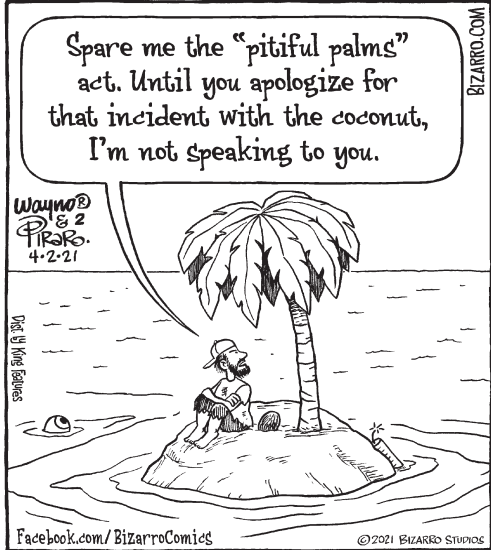


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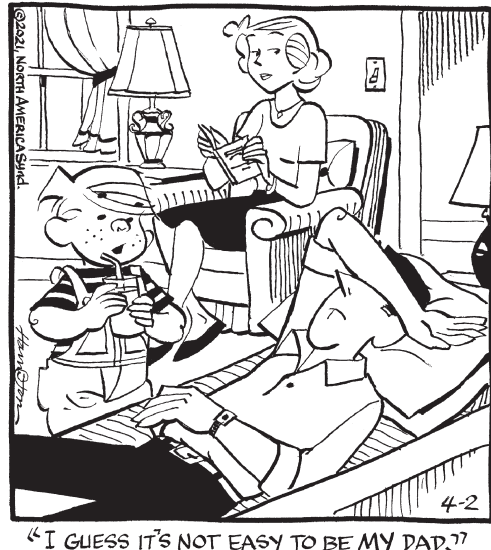
- 24 Northernmost part of the U.K.
- 26 "___ legit"
- 27 "Lovely ___ You" (song by the Moody Blues)
- 29 Flavoring of Cedilla liqueur
- 32 Defeat soundly, slangily
- 33 Setting for a blender
- 34 Pic on a pec, say
- 35 Amour de (self-love: Fr.)
- 36 Equatorial plantation crop
- 37 Force on Earth, in brief
- 44 "Go, and catch a falling star" poet
- 45 Stop here (traffic sign)
- 47 "Intuition tells me ..."
- 49 Sidestep
- 50 Lab tube
- 52 Diminutive master of film
- 54 Potato or pasta, informally
- 55 Prefix with century
- 56 What Friday has, unlike any other day of the week?
- 57 ___ of This Swirled (Ben & Jerry's flavor)
- 59 Pilot's info, for short

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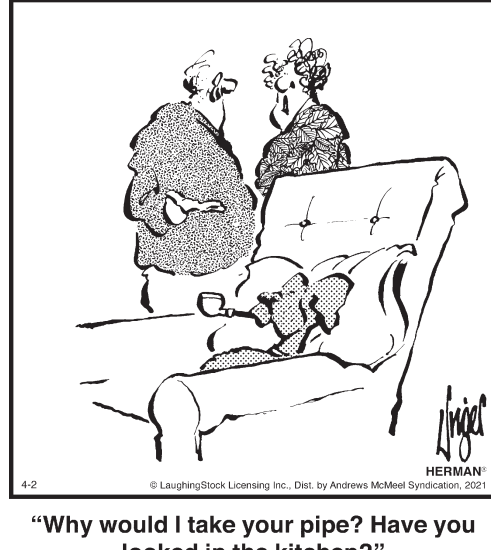
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

THHCA
EUGGO
NRREYOY
NFTIEI

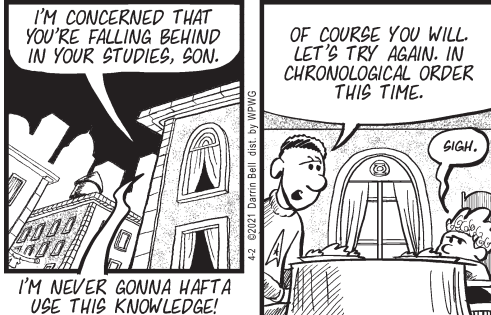
PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR JAMES MADISON TO BE U.S. PRESIDENT THOUGHT HE WAS ...

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

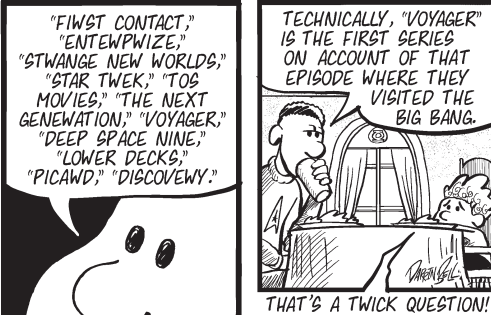
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Yesterday's Jumbles: FAUNA IMPEL MEDIUM LOATHE
Answer: By not being late with payments, your credit score will go up — ALL IN DUE TIME

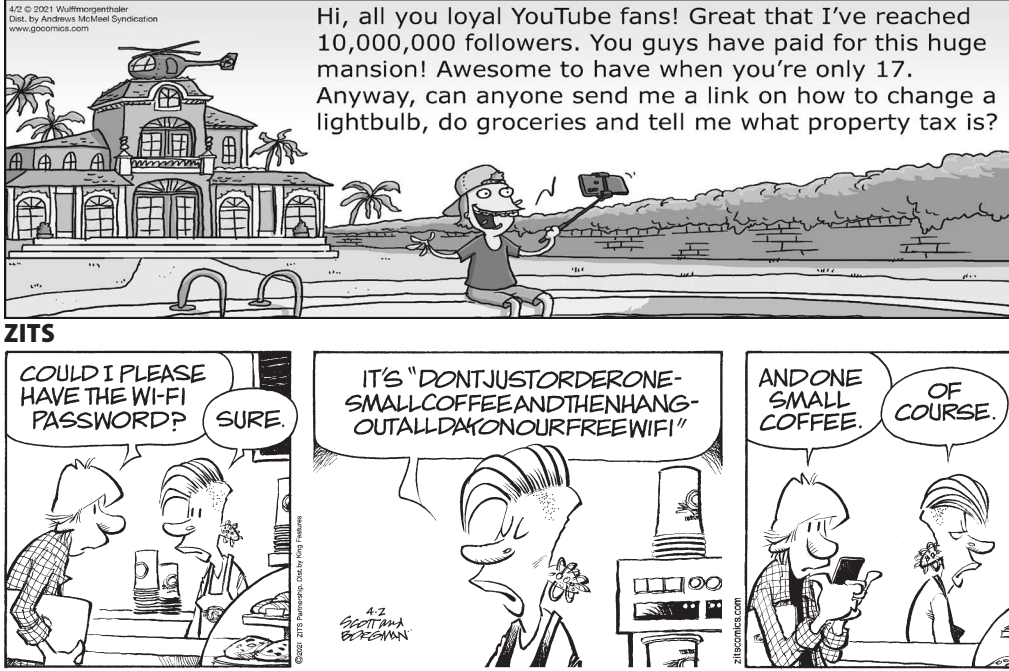
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Honshu drama
 - 4 Words before a recap
 - 11 Audi rival
 - 14 Boise-to-Billings dir.
 - 15 "Raging Bull" boxer
 - 16 Infamous Vietnam War site, My ___
 - 17 "Take my advice: no use crying over spilled milk ..."
 - 20 Compact part
 - 21 Greet warmly
 - 22 Spumante source
 - 23 PC core
 - 26 Spot to get a bite on the street
 - 27 Rockets' org.
 - 28 Low cloud
 - 32 Two-___: half-price opportunity
 - 33 Pouch
 - 34 With 36-Across, "There's no going back ..."
 - 35 Ship letters
 - 36 See 34-Across
 - 39 Brewery vessel
 - 40 Celestial feline
 - 41 Neostols put them on
 - 45 Other, in Oaxaca
 - 48 "Put everything behind you ..."
 - 53 Sigma follower
 - 54 Shorebirds related to stilts
 - 55 Crux
 - 57 Cards
 - 59 Up on the latest
 - 60 Sax type
 - 61 "And look ahead."
 - 64 Force featured on "Bosch," for short
 - 65 "So close!"
 - 66 Oodles
 - 67 They often take turns
 - 3 Great sadness
 - 4 Plus
 - 5 Iraq's ___ City
 - 6 Brief "I think"
 - 7 Oceanus, to Gaia
 - 8 Snacked
 - 9 "How sweet ___!"
 - 10 Sprint
 - 11 Lose it
 - 12 Public policy declaration
 - 13 Cookout fare
 - 18 One less than tetra-
 - 19 OB or ENT
 - 23 Rock's Mötley ___
 - 24 Formal agreement
 - 25 Four Corners state
 - 28 Roget entry: Abbr.
 - 29 Dress, with "up"
 - 30 Le Monde article
 - 31 Auto additive with a red oval logo
 - 37 Seaweed product
 - 38 Quite often
 - 42 Supermarket chain with a red oval logo
 - 43 Overhauls
 - 44 Put away
 - 45 Titania's Husband
 - 46 Serving as a symbol
 - 47 Fin. neighbor
 - 48 Loyalty
 - 49 Start
 - 50 "Human beings ... may hide their feelings, but ___ does not": Hemingway
 - 51 Fjords, e.g.
 - 52 Teach privately
 - 53 Foolish sort
 - 56 Superskinny
 - 58 Battle of Normandy town
 - 60 Claim
 - 62 Actor McKellen
 - 63 Andean root vegetable

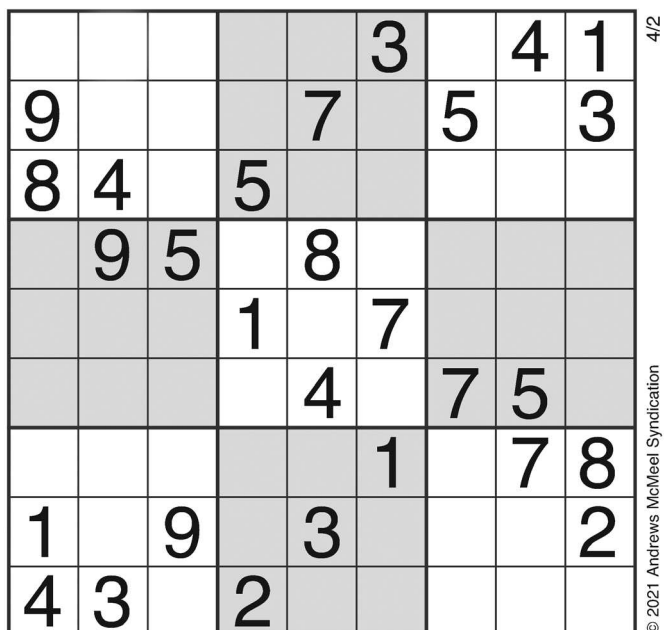
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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R	I	N	G	E	K	E	S	P	A	S	T	E	
D	O	G	E	A	R	E	D	W	I	N	T	E	R
S	T	O	O	D	I	N	P	I	N	G			
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SUDOKU

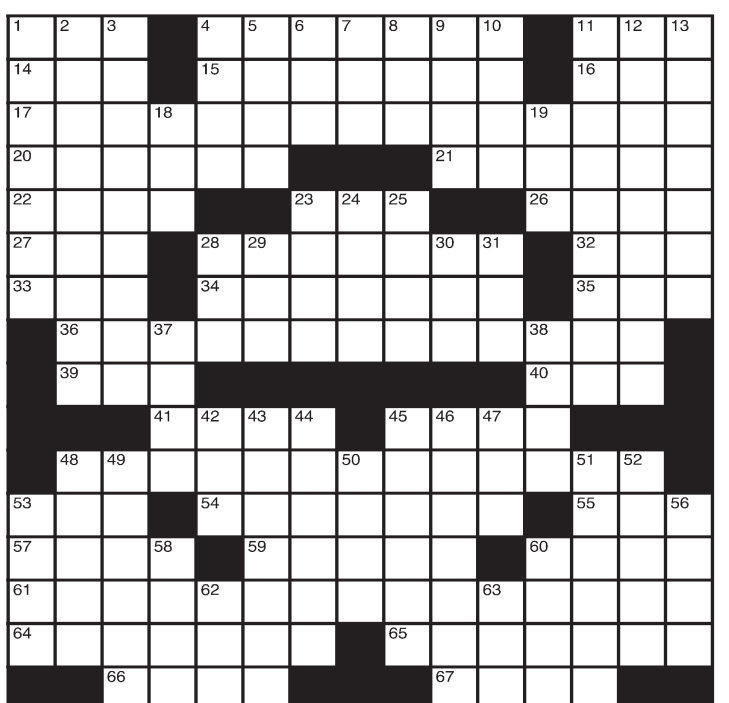
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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