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Daily Bridge Club

Caught speeding

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"I have a terrible fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it." — graffiti

Some people are afraid of not drawing trumps immediately — and watching their winners be ruffed by the defenders. But in some deals, to wait is mandatory.

When today's West led the queen of hearts against four spades, East saw one chance to beat the contract: He overtook with the king and shifted to his jack of diamonds. South won with the king and speedily led trumps, but East took his ace, underled in hearts to West's jack and ruffed the diamond return. Down one.

TOO SOON

South should have foreseen the outcome if he led trumps too hurriedly. After he takes the king of diamonds, he must cash the K-A of clubs and continue with the queen. When East ruffs low, South doesn't overruff; he discards his last heart. He ruffs the heart return and starts the trumps.

Since West can no longer get in to give East a diamond ruff, South is safe. He loses one heart, a ruff and the ace of trumps.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠5 ♥95 ♦A10943 ♣A Q J 8 4. Both sides vulnerable. The dealer, at your left, opens one

spade. Your partner bids two hearts, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has a good hand to overcall at the two level, vulnerable. Game is likely. Cue-bid two spades to show strength and investigate game. If partner bids a minor suit next or rebids his hearts, raise to game. If he bids 2NT, you might try three clubs.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 5
♥ 9 5
♦ A 10 9 4 3
♣ A Q J 8 4

WEST

♠ 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ Q 8 7 6 2
♣ 10 7 5 2

EAST

♠ A 7 4
♥ A K 10 7 6 4 2
♦ J
♣ 9 6

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9 8 3
♥ 8 3
♦ K 5
♣ K 3

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

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

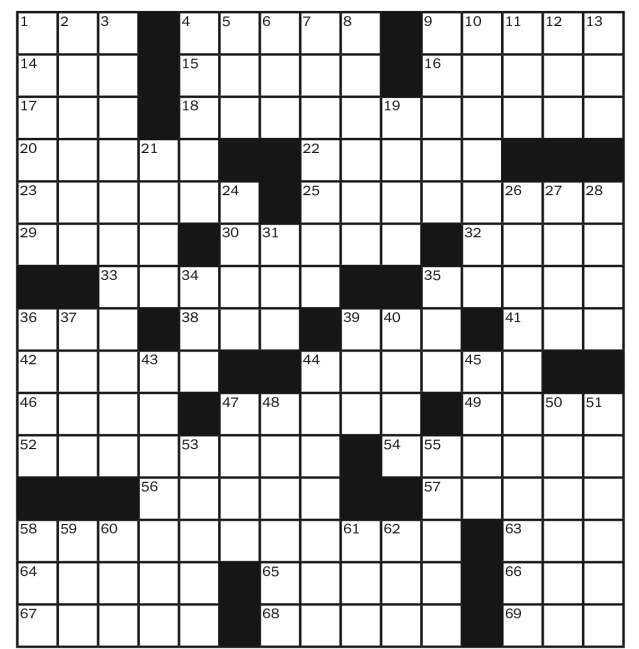
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ACROSS

- 1 Taradiddle
- 4 Russian country house
- 9 Swiss bread
- 14 Nail
- 15 Out and ____
- 16 Out now, in a way
- 17 "____ Crossroads" (Bone Thugs-N-Harmony hit that got a Grammy)
- 18 They're swaddled and coddled
- 20 Regain, as affection
- 22 Like games decided by buzzer beaters
- 23 Contests
- 25 City stray
- 29 One of a pair that often goes missing
- 30 Run out of Time?
- 32 Spot for an icicle
- 33 Birds with S-shaped necks
- 35 Male actor with the most Primetime Emmys (7)
- 36 Org. for drivers
- 38 & 39 Classic sports video game ... or a hint to four squares in this puzzle
- 41 Something to take on a date?
- 42 Retired pugilist Ali
- 44 Gave a bit of lip?
- 46 Folklore fiend
- 47 14 pounds, in England
- 49 All alternative
- 52 Stamp collector?
- 54 Not forget
- 56 Devout
- 57 Some measures championed by the March for Our Lives movement

DOWN

- 1 Mufti's decrees
- 2 All-time single-season hits leader in M.L.B. history (262)
- 3 Seats that sink
- 4 Counterpart of "Bitte"
- 5 Tony Shalhoub's character on "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
- 6 Lower?
- 7 Where some car logos appear
- 8 Lagoon encirclers
- 9 Beliebers or the Beyhive, for instance
- 10 Some Outback entrees
- 11 Shapiro of "All Things Considered"
- 12 Michelle Obama ____ Robinson
- 13 Stack on a rack, maybe
- 19 Part
- 58 Co-founder of the women's rights newspaper The Revolution
- 63 Still making cartoons?
- 64 Bad way to run
- 65 Supercharge
- 66 Divisions of a krone
- 67 "____ thank me later"
- 68 Tour of duty
- 69 Country that uses the krone: Abbr.



PUZZLE BY BLAKE SLONECKER

- 21 Garden item that can be brined, informally
- 24 Annoying roommate, maybe
- 26 Eggs Benedict component
- 27 State
- 28 Word with paper or limit
- 31 Actress de Armas of "Knives Out"
- 34 Subj. in biochemistry
- 35 Qty.
- 36 When repeated, start of an old antacid slogan
- 37 Very enthusiastic
- 39 Georgia senator Ossoff
- 40 Violinist Leopold
- 43 Electric guitar pioneer
- 44 Random criticism
- 45 Words immediately after Casca cries "Speak, hands, for me!"
- 47 Any day now
- 48 Tough pills to swallow, at times
- 50 Bread
- 51 Eve of "The Vagina Monologues"
- 53 Bumper-to-bumper activity?
- 55 Origin of water clock technology
- 58 For instance
- 59 Space oddity
- 60 Not worth a ____
- 61 Nail polish brand
- 62 "Sister of God"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



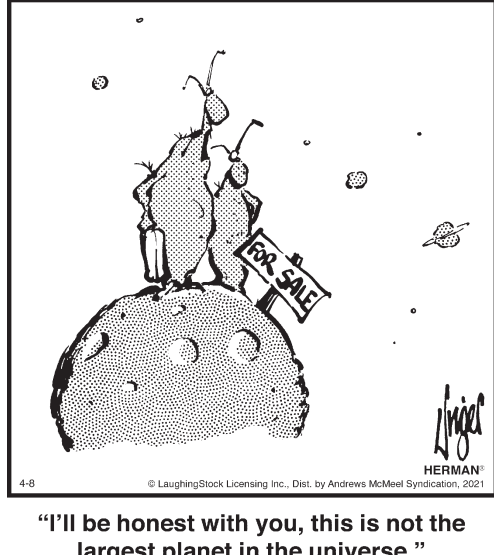
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

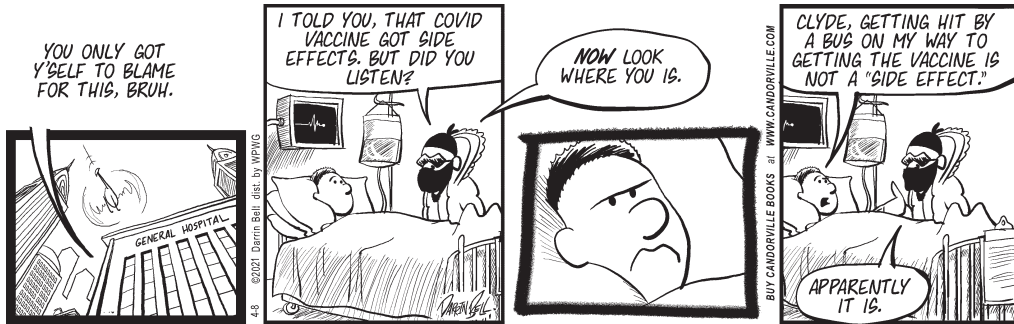
SROGS
VEALH
POLETP
TRILUA

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: VILLA LUNGE BUSHEL NEGATE
Answer: All the improvements they made to the small lodging establishment were — "INN-VALUABLE"

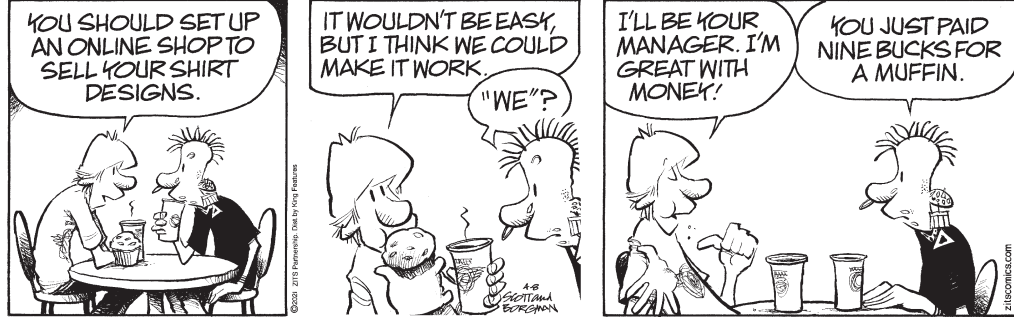
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 #1 Toto song that mentions the Serengeti
- 7 Whittling, for one
- 12 Wavy patterns in some op art
- 13 Cool one's feet at streamside, say
- 14 Attempted coup participants
- 17 Stretching muscles
- 18 Iowa State city
- 20 Many an 18th-century painter
- 24 Low-quality
- 26 CFO's degree
- 27 Intelligence org.
- 28 Form close ties (with)
- 29 "Let's have at it!"
- 32 Point
- 33 Circle segment
- 34 Palm fruit ... or what the creator of this puzzle's theme apparently is?
- 35 ____ dog
- 36 Classic Pontiac
- 37 Not moving
- 38 Desires
- 39 Bellows of "The Agency"
- 40 Dessert order
- 41 Flower holders
- 42 Environmentally concerned
- 47 Old Venetian judge
- 48 Catching a glimpse of
- 51 Source of an organic fiber
- 56 Most cunning
- 57 When Rome wasn't built?
- 58 Weighty reading
- 59 Guiding principles

DOWN

- 5 Suppress, in a way
- 6 Part of NAACP: Abbr.
- 7 Jaguar, e.g.
- 8 Genetic molecule
- 9 Actor's rep.
- 10 Parade staple
- 11 Closed
- 13 Data storage medium
- 15 Country club employee
- 16 Stretches on a couch?
- 19 Some can be used forever—but only once
- 21 Signs
- 22 In the neighborhood of
- 23 Overblown critique
- 24 Elaborate entryways
- 25 Physician wearing a pink ribbon, perhaps
- 28 Like potato chips, often
- 29 Showed up
- 30 Farm measures
- 31 Curly slapper
- 34 Crime boss
- 38 "That's well within my abilities"
- 41 How to receive a freebie, perhaps
- 43 Yo-Yo strings?
- 44 Official doc.
- 45 Belief system
- 46 In the previously mentioned work, briefly
- 49 Connection point
- 50 Initialism for Tom Brady, according to most
- 52 2000s teen heroine ____ Possible
- 53 Tiny
- 54 CIA predecessor
- 55 Finger Lakes locale: Abbr.

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.

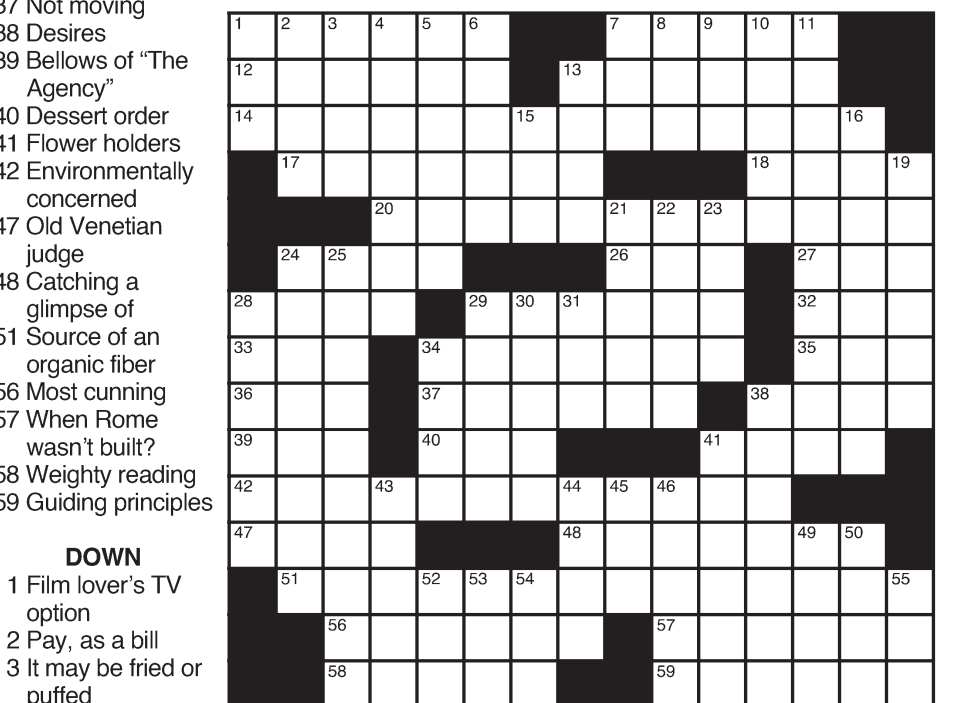
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

6	8	4	3	2	7	9	5	1
9	3	2	1	4	5	8	7	6
1	5	7	8	9	6	2	4	3
3	7	6	2	5	9	4	1	8
4	1	8	6	7	3	5	9	2
5	2	9	4	1	8	3	6	7
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8	9	1	7	3	4	6	2	5
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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