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Daily Bridge Club

A Mickey Mouse play?

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Cy the Cynic says that certain keys can't open locks: monkeys, donkeys and turkeys. Cy could have used a key to his hand when he was today's declarer.

At 3NT, Cy ducked two spade leads, won the third with dummy's ace, unblocked the king of hearts, took his A-K of clubs and led a third club.

East won and cashed his high spade, and when he next led the nine of diamonds — jack, queen, ace — the Cynic was locked in dummy. He took two clubs and the king of diamonds, but West won the 13th trick with a diamond. Cy was down one, and North left for a shot of whiskey in the club lounge.

LOW CLUB

Cy turkeyed up the play. After he takes the king of hearts, he can jockey for position by cashing only the ace of clubs, then leading a low club.

East wins, cashes a spade and leads a diamond, but Cy wins in dummy, comes to his king of clubs and discards dummy's low diamond on the ace of hearts. He can reach dummy with the other high diamond to cash two more clubs, making his game.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 6 5 3 ♡ K ◇ A K 6 ♣ 10 8 6 4 3. You open one club, your partner responds one heart, you bid one spade and he jumps to three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Depending on your agreement, partner's jump-preference may be invitational or forcing. In any case, your hand calls for a further bid. To try 3NT would be reasonable. A more flexible call is three diamonds, showing diamond strength and painting a picture of your distribution.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 6 5 3
♡ K
◇ A K 6
♣ 10 8 6 4 3

WEST
♠ J 10 9
♡ Q 8 4 3
◇ Q 10 8 4
♣ 9 7

EAST
♠ K Q 8 7
♡ J 10 7 2
◇ 9 7
♣ Q J 5

SOUTH
♠ 4 2
♡ A 9 6 5
◇ J 5 3 2
♣ A K 2

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ J

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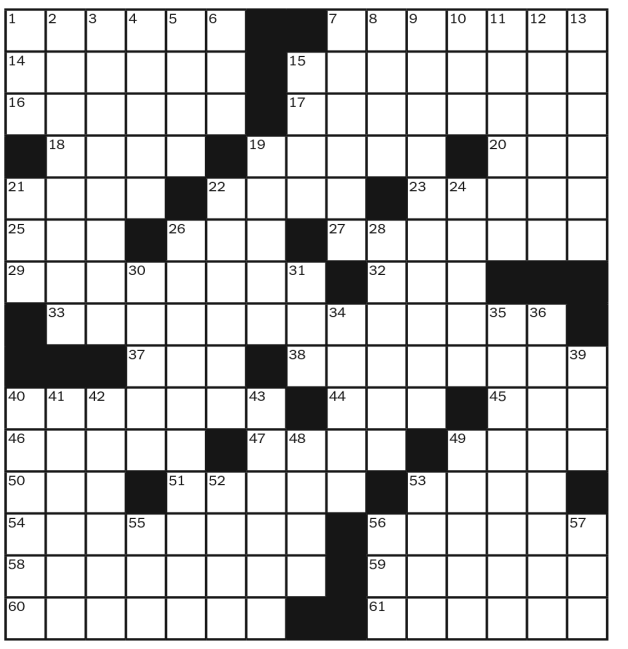

PUZZLE BY SRIDHAR BHAGAVATHULA

ACROSS
1 Pitched poorly
7 Trace element?
14 Two-dimensional
15 Era that began in the late 1950s
16 "Any ___?"
17 The Statue of Liberty, for one
18 Gets along (with)
19 End of a three-word U.S. president name
20 Monopoly token
21 Student's burden, often
22 Showed
23 Like lambs
25 Co-performer with Shakira at Super Bowl LIV, informally
26 Overly glib
27 Lecture alternative
29 Home country of N.B.A. phenom Luka Doncic
32 "God send the companion a better prince! I cannot ___ my hands of him": "Henry IV, Part II"
33 "Stray Dog" director, 1949
37 Spot on advice?
38 Alternative to going to court
40 Sources of a modern addiction
44 Fleur-de-___
45 Grp. with the motto "Every child. One voice"
46 Choreographer Twyla
47 Prince in "The Little Mermaid"
49 Cover
50 Work on a course
51 Widespread destruction
53 Sigmatism, by another name
54 Pilots, e.g.
56 Case for an entomologist
58 Plant that may yield oil
59 False
60 Guile
61 How one should feel after a vacation

DOWN
1 Unsubscribe to a mailing list, with "out"
2 Cell propellers
3 Resource for music performers
4 Posed in the front row of a team photo, say
5 A katydid's are found on its legs, strangely enough
6 '21, '22, etc.
7 They may be blowing in the wind
8 Account
9 "If all ___ were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion" (quip attributed to Shaw)
10 Duck Hunt console, for short
11 Make chips become bread?
12 Scaly pet
13 News anchor Holt
15 Floating green layer
19 Hand-dyed fabric
21 Dance club hirees
22 Land promised by God to Abraham
24 "Myra Breckinridge" novelist
26 Goddess who serves as a major character in 2019's "Hadestown"
28 Blue
30 Epithet for the venomous Iago in "Othello"
31 Northern neighbor of 29-Across: Abbr.
34 Dinosaur
35 Doesn't make it down the wave
36 Directly opposite point
39 Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
40 Pilots
41 Where Hamlet overhears Claudius confessing to fratricide
42 Formally approve
43 Lops off
48 Rubicund
49 Many indulgences
52 Some beverage suffixes
53 Ditch
55 Fathers warn against it
56 E.R. procedure that can be done to the beat of "Stayin' Alive"
57 "Hey there" equivalent

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

F	I	B		D	A	C	H	A		F	R	A	N	C
A	C	E		A	B	O	U	T		A	I	R	E	D
T	H	A		N	E	W	B	O	R	NBA	B	I	E	S
W	I	NBA	C	K			C	L	O	S	E			
A	R	G	U	E	S		A	L	L	E	Y	C	A	T
S	O	C	K		L	A	P	S	E		E	A	V	E
		H	E	R	O	N	S			A	S	N	E	R
P	G	A		N	B	A		J	A	M		A	R	M
L	A	I	L	A			P	O	U	T	E	D		
O	G	R	E		S	T	O	N	E		T	I	D	E
P	A	S	S	P	O	R	T		R	E	T	A	I	N
			P	I	O	U	S			G	U	NBA	N	S
S	U	S	A	NBA	N	T	H	O	N	Y		C	E	L
A	F	O	U	L		H	O	P	U	P		O	R	E
Y	O	U	L	L		S	T	I	N	T		N	O	R

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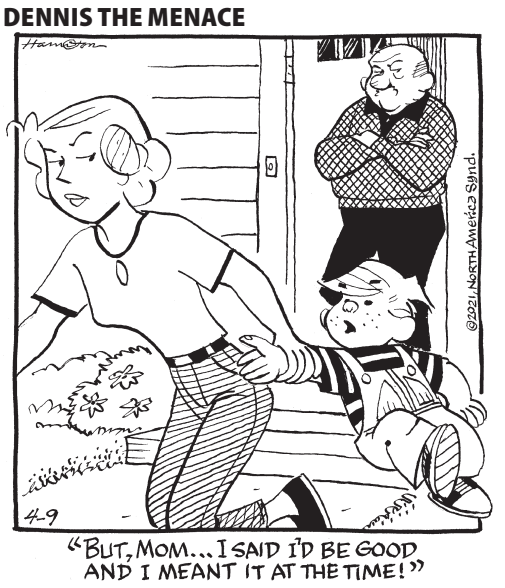

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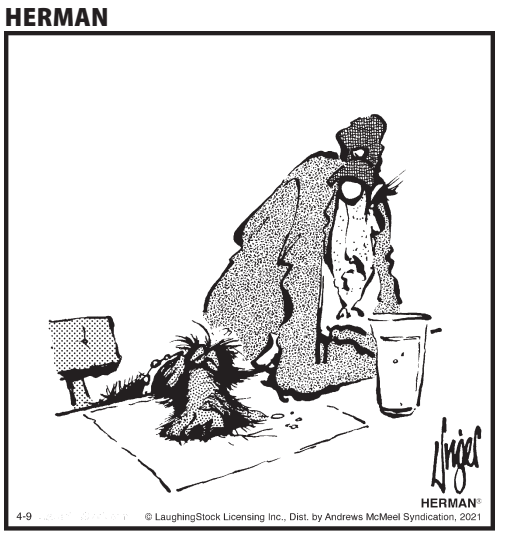

"When we get home, pretend you're out of breath."

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

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

GACOR
WLRIH
CRNETH
IKIBIN

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

"___ - ___ ___ ___ ___ ___" ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROSS HALVE TOPPLE RITUAL
Answer: When they completed the jigsaw puzzle, they were — ALL TOGETHER

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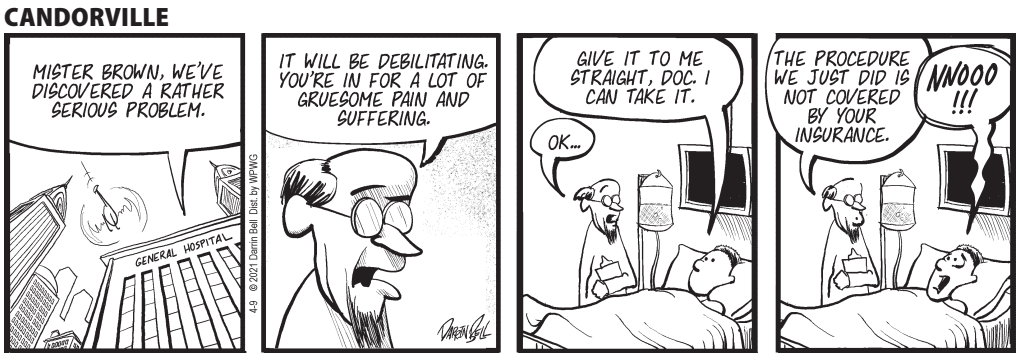
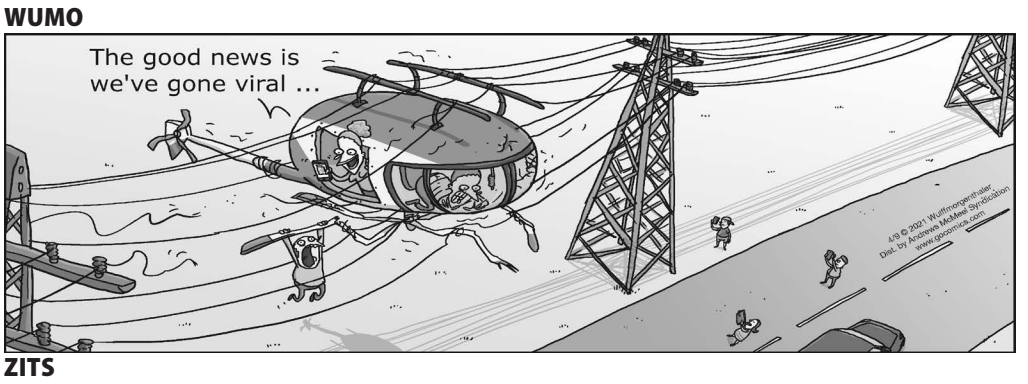


WUMO



ZITS

SUDOKU

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

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

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SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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ACROSS
1 Lab kit supply
6 Highland hats
10 Teacher's handful
13 "Uncalled for!"
14 Missouri's __ de Terre Lake
15 Revival prefix
16 Game millions can play
17 *French cheesemonger's luggage?
19 Like a storied equine statue
21 Fire alarm?
22 *Potemkin village?
26 __ bargain
27 Female monster
28 Unoccupied ones
30 Word in a kids' game recommendation
31 Heroic collie
34 Bks. in progress
35 *Top performer who's hopelessly off course?
37 Hydroelectric project
40 Prodded
41 Romcom subject
42 Chartbuster
45 Lyric poems
47 Memo heading
48 *Heresies?
52 Cardiologist's implant
54 Old-style "Listen up!"
55 *PETA protester's emotion?
57 Of yore
61 Hill builder
62 Sneerer's sentiment
63 False move
64 Word of assent
65 Lays down the lawn
66 What's taken in some court proceedings, and also (in two ways) from the answers to starred clues

DOWN
1 NBC show with Ego Nwodim
2 Try to win
3 Verizon competitor
4 Wine orders
5 Tennis wear
6 Hebrew scripture
7 __ acid
8 Toulouse title: Abbr.
9 Brief intervals
10 Arch support
11 More likely to give
12 Pretend to be
14 Two-spread sandwiches, for short
18 Sufficient
20 Yiddish cries
22 Travel here and there
23 Coop collections
24 Son of Zeus and Hera
25 Ill. neighbor
29 Run out of juice
31 Vehicle for some '60s trips
32 Fed on
33 Depressing
35 Napoleonic Code part
36 Swearing-in custom
37 Birdbrain, or an extinct bird
38 Claim with confidence
39 Confusion result
40 Home to the van Eycks' "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb"
41 Rhine siren
42 Europe's Bay of __
43 Chant
44 Record setters
45 "And all that beauty, all that wealth __ gave ...": Gray
46 Remove with difficulty
49 "My Lord!"
50 Wanton gazes
51 Story to spin
53 Soviet news agency
56 Sgt., e.g.
58 "What's the __?"
59 Sinus doc
60 Unnamed degree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	F	R	I	C	A			C	R	A	F	T		
M	O	I	R	E	S		D	A	N	G	L	E		
C	O	C	O	N	S	P	I	R	A	T	O	R	S	
	T	E	N	S	O	R	S				A	M	E	S
			R	O	C	O	C	O	A	R	T	I	S	T
	P	O	O	R				M	B	A		N	S	A
B	O	N	D		G	A	M	E	O	N		A	I	M
A	R	C		C	O	C	O	N	U	T		T	O	P
G	T	O		A	T	R	E	S	T		Y	E	N	S
G	I	L		P	I	E				B	E	D	S	
E	C	O	C	O	N	S	C	I	O	U	S			
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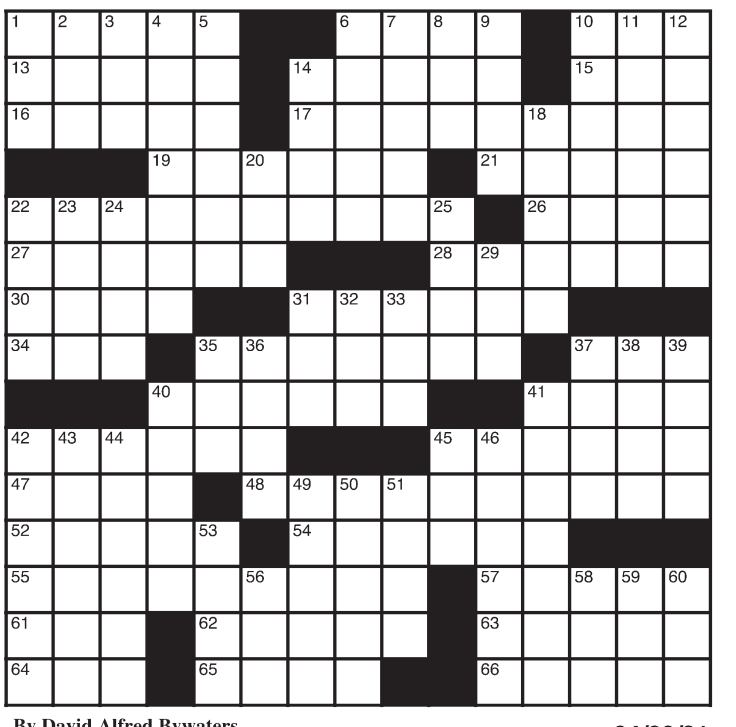

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