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Daily Bridge Club

Strategic withdrawal

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Cy the Cynic says that if at first you don't succeed, come up with a good exit strategy. Cy should have used that approach in today's deal.

At four hearts, the Cynic took the king of clubs and drew trumps. He next led a diamond to dummy's ace and back to his queen, and West took the king and returned a diamond. When East won and led a spade, West got two spades.

"Bid 3NT at your second turn," North said grumpily. "Not even you could lose that contract."

Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: To double and oblige you to respond at the three level, partner has a hand worth at least 16 points. He promises support for the unbid suits, especially the other major. Bid four hearts — what you expect to make. You would bid three hearts with neither minor-suit ace.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

OVERCALL

North had a point, but Cy makes four hearts if he has an exit strategy. West probably has the king of diamonds for his vulnerable overcall. After Cy draws trumps, he takes the ace of clubs, ruffs dummy's last club and exits with a low spade.

Say East wins with the ten. If he returns a spade, West is end-played when he takes the ace. If instead East leads the jack of diamonds, Cy plays low, takes dummy's ace and exits with a spade. When West wins, he must give Cy his queen of diamonds or yield a ruff-suff.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ A 8 6 4 ♣ A 9 6. The dealer, at your left, opens two spades (weak).

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

WEST
♠ A Q J 9 7
♥ 6
♦ K 7 5
♣ 10 8 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ 8 7
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q J 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ A K J 10 9 5
♦ Q 3 2
♣ K 2

South 1♥ West 1♠ North 3♥ East Pass
4♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 3

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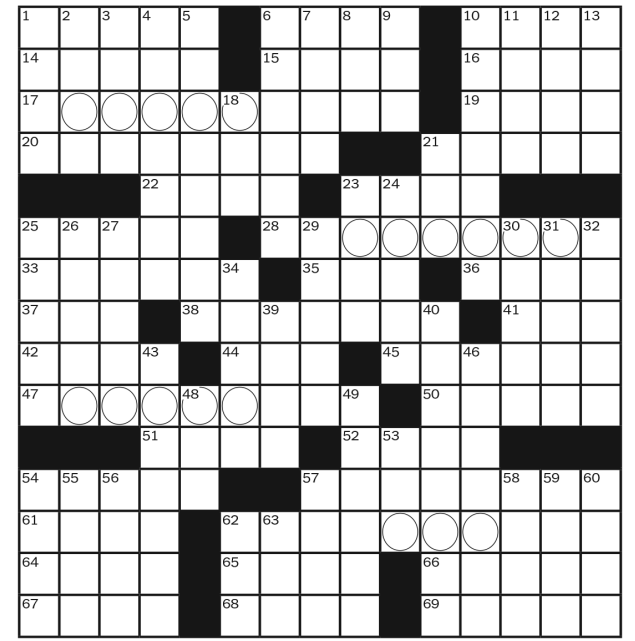
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mockumentary Kazakh journalist
 - 6 "The Avengers" franchise, e.g.
 - 10 Spring dance
 - 14 Luck o' the ___
 - 15 Treats, as a swollen ankle
 - 16 Domain of Venus and Aphrodite
 - 17 They often come out at night
 - 19 "Couldn't have said it better!"
 - 20 Run-down hotels
 - 21 Modern birthday greeting
 - 22 Antiquity
 - 23 Shave
 - 25 Hospital glove material
 - 28 First lady of 2001 to '09
 - 33 Like the "f" replaced by an apostrophe in "man-o-war"
 - 35 Prefix with athlete
 - 36 ___ and for all
 - 37 Mo. with Earth Day
 - 38 Certain auto gear ... as suggested by the circled letters
 - 41 Sacred animal to Hindus
 - 42 "Can't You See That ___ Mine" (1964 hit)
 - 44 Lucy of "Elementary"
 - 45 Make certain
 - 47 Was destined to fail
 - 50 Ponied up, in poker
 - 51 Wickedness
 - 52 Wickedness
 - 54 Problem for sleepers
 - 57 What might hold little suckers?
 - 61 Darling
 - 62 Host of Marco Polo
 - 64 Female equivalent of a knight
 - 65 Words to an "old chap"
 - 66 "Super!"
 - 67 Transport down a hill
 - 68 "Phooey!"
 - 69 Part of G.D.P.
- DOWN**
- 1 "Back to the Future" bully
 - 2 Kind of test it's hard to cheat on
 - 3 Irritate
 - 4 Tested, as ore
 - 5 Simon & Garfunkel hit in which "Lie-la-lie, lie-la-lie la lie-la-lie" is repeatedly sung
 - 6 Longtime "All Things Considered" host Robert
 - 7 "Pocket rockets," in poker
 - 8 Understand
 - 9 ___ Wednesday
 - 10 Pill in experimental studies
 - 11 The Eternal City, to natives
 - 12 Finished
 - 13 Repair
 - 18 Stuff in cigarettes
 - 21 Victorian ___
 - 23 Car or cat sound
 - 24 Emerge, as a problem
 - 25 Dog collar attachment
 - 26 ___ wolf (pack leader)
 - 27 Weary
 - 29 Consumed quickly and fully
 - 30 Raw, as a gem
 - 31 Movie music
 - 32 Chopped
 - 34 National Capital Territory of India
 - 39 One of a family of stringed instruments
 - 40 Passing, as laws
 - 43 Smiled disparagingly
 - 46 Adidas or Air Jordan
 - 48 Some gametes
 - 49 ___ Ashford, National Track and Field Hall of Famer
 - 53 Like peas ___ pod
 - 54 Tacks on
 - 55 Sound of church bells
 - 56 What every make of auto has
 - 57 Skier's conveyance
 - 58 Former transportation secretary Elaine
 - 59 Back muscles, in brief
 - 60 First son of Seth
 - 62 Joke (with)
 - 63 "Suits" network

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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



PUZZLE BY SIMON MAROTTE

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DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

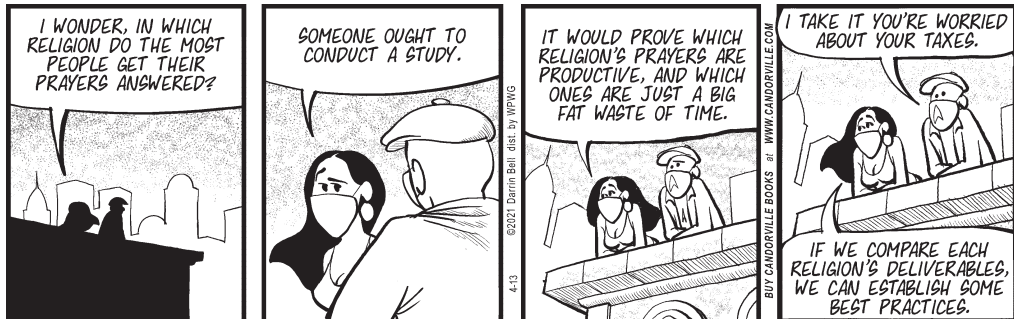
GRTIE
ADGRU
NCNNAO
DIRIBE

THE GRIZZLY DIDN'T LOVE HAVING HIS PHOTO TAKEN, BUT HE WOULD...
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

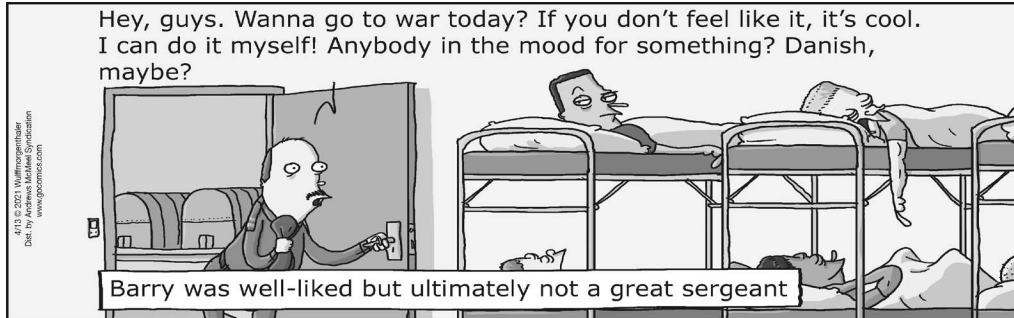
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Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUMP ABIDE CANCEL PARADE
Answer: They designed their food truck to have — CURB APPEAL

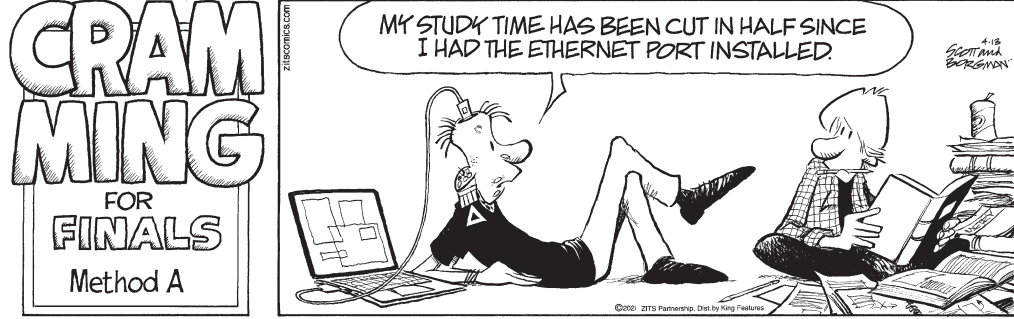
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS**
- 1 King-sized
 - 6 Seat in un parc
 - 10 Beer party staples
 - 14 Scarlett of Tara
 - 15 "Young Frankenstein" aide
 - 16 Dark purple berry
 - 17 Orson Scott Card sci-fi novel
 - 19 Pinball no-no
 - 20 "Anger, fear, aggression: the dark side of the Force are they" speaker
 - 21 Adopted cat, say
 - 22 Radiant pigment
 - 24 Toon spouse with a blue beehive
 - 27 Hypotheticals
 - 30 Old Faithful's st.
 - 31 "___ Baby": "Hair" song
 - 32 Beat by a mile
 - 34 Couture initials
 - 35 Ostrich cousin
 - 39 Park warning sign
 - 43 Hairy Himalayan
 - 44 Like King Cole
 - 45 Kind of node
 - 46 Filmmaker Ephron
 - 48 Sch. north of Denver
 - 50 Bean used in nondairy milk
 - 51 Cheddar shredder
 - 56 Elizabeth Arden parent company
 - 57 Coleridge's "before"
 - 58 Harleys, familiarly
 - 62 Burn balm
 - 63 Go from neutral to reverse ... and a hint to each set of circles
 - 66 Kinds
 - 67 Island near Mull
 - 68 Vermont patriot Allen
 - 69 Leaves
 - 70 Sweet-talk
 - 71 Small earrings
 - 3 Alcohol awareness-raising org.
 - 4 Another name for bluegill
 - 5 Dinghy mover
 - 6 Conceitedness
 - 7 Playground marble
 - 8 When tripled, "Yum!"
 - 9 Ringing true
 - 10 "I Kissed a Girl" singer
 - 11 Vaping smokes, briefly
 - 12 Ernest or Julio of wine fame
 - 13 Squelch
 - 18 Agile
 - 23 Parisian pal
 - 25 Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears ___"
 - 26 Merit badge spot
 - 27 "Gross!"
 - 28 Liberate
 - 29 Christmas pudding fat
 - 33 Cowardly
 - 34 Since Jan. 1
 - 36 Unlikely Oscar nominee
 - 37 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
 - 38 Cinder-covered
 - 40 Like much court evidence
 - 41 "Flying" national symbol
 - 42 Modeling adhesive
 - 47 Bolivian bruin
 - 48 Website
 - 49 providing vehicle history reports
 - 49 "Don't delete" mark
 - 51 Bond portrayer Daniel
 - 52 Greeting word
 - 53 Elicit
 - 54 Spanish queen
 - 55 Scarlett's Butler
 - 59 Island with a U.S. state capital
 - 60 One visiting an old prof, perhaps
 - 61 Taxpayer IDs
 - 64 Boo-___
 - 65 Some appliances

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

SOLUTION:

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

- DOWN**
- 1 Baby in a pouch
 - 2 "Sorry, can't do it"

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