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Daily Bridge Club

Lengthy marriage

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"My wife and I have been married so long," a club player told me, "that she finishes my sentences. Actually, she starts some and often furnishes the middle parts."

I watched him defend as today's West. Against 3NT he led a club. South let East's jack win, won the next club with the king and led a diamond: four, queen. West took his ace and led a third club. South won and led diamond to dummy's ten, and my friend's wife took the jack and led a heart. South had three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

"I should have ..." West began.

"... ducked the first diamond," his wife finished for him.

LONG SUIT

A defensive principle: When you hope to set up a long suit against notrump, cling to your entry. West must let the queen of diamonds win and play low again if South (perhaps questionably) leads another diamond.

If South plays the ten from dummy, as most would, East wins and returns her last club, and West's suit is set up while he still has the ace of diamonds. South wins only eight tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 8 4 2 ♡ 8 5 3 ◇ K 10 9 5 ♣ K 5. Your partner opens one club, the next player bids one heart and you make a negative double. Partner then jumps to two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your double promised enough strength to respond, with four cards in spades. (A bid of one spade would show five or more.) In my opinion, partner has "raised" your implied spade bid; he has not shown great strength. Pass or raise only to three spades.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 4 2
♡ 8 5 3
◇ K 10 9 5
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ 9 6
♡ J 9 6
◇ A 8 3
♣ Q 10 8 7 3

EAST
♠ J 10 7 3
♡ Q 10 2
◇ J 7 4
♣ J 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q 5
♡ A K 7 4
◇ Q 6 2
♣ A 6 2

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

Opening lead — ♣ 7

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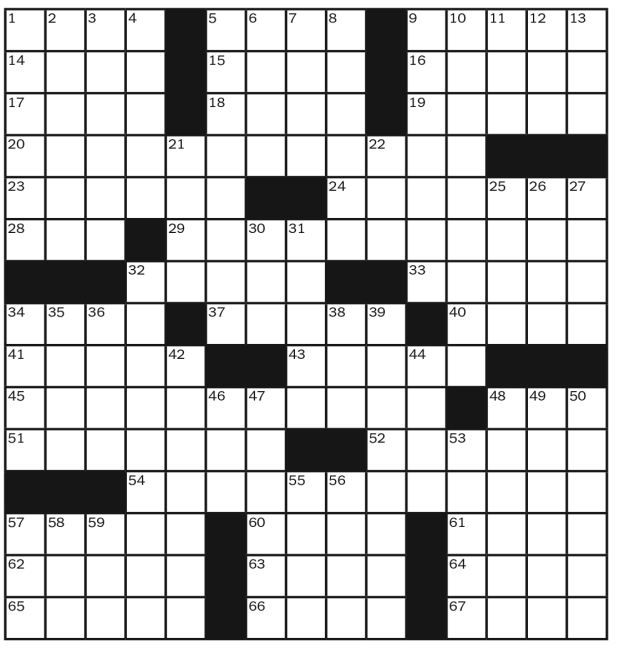

PUZZLE BY NANCY STARK AND WILL NEDIGER

ACROSS
1 Soft "seat" in the woods
5 Things that may be hot or dropped
9 It's a lot to assume
14 Shocked response to Brutus
15 Come back
16 Cropped up
17 Good name for an average Joe
18 Related
19 Moving gracefully
20 Start of a saying about getting in the way
23 Acid's opposite
24 Mad as a hatter
28 Wrangler alternative
29 Start of a saying about negative influence
32 Rocker Bob
33 Elizabeth I, for one
34 Center of a sting operation?
37 Small, flat-bottomed boat
40 Stereotypical clown name
41 Concede
43 "The Persistence of Memory" and "Lobster Telephone"
45 Start of a saying about parental discipline
48 Ply the needle
51 Quick, possibly controversial bit of commentary
52 Body of work
54 Warning you might give before revealing the endings of 20-, 29- and 45-Across?
57 Like some shrimp and jets
60 "Argo" or "Fargo"
61 The McCoys, e.g.
62 ___-American (like about 6% of the U.S.)
63 Title matchmaker in an 1815 novel
64 James or Jones of jazz
65 Junior and senior
66 Common medical advice
67 Harvest

DOWN
1 Like solving crosswords
2 Eight-time Oscar nominee for Best Actor
3 Action in tennis, swimming and golf
4 Highest, on a diploma
5 Polysemous words have multiple of these
6 Repulsive
7 Smart
8 California county north of Marin
9 Refuses to carry out
10 They're usually packed on St. Patrick's Day
11 Caught
12 "Kinda"
13 Finder's ___
21 Common cosmetics component
22 Subj. of Charlotte Brewer's "Treasure-House of the Language"
25 Popular prom hairstyle
26 Apt rhyme for "blob"
27 Sleek, in auto-speak
30 Hair-raising cry
31 Bouquet thrower
32 Place to watch a game with friends
34 Draw, colloquially
35 Prime Cuts Extra Gravy brand
36 Strip in the bedroom, maybe
38 Partner of away
39 Tripping hazard
42 Boomerangs for Aboriginal Australians, e.g.
44 It might occur to you
46 Ring ref's decision
47 Calfless cow
48 Slender
49 Slips
50 After-meal amenity
53 Worrier's ailment, it's said
55 Garnish for a gimlet
56 Classic boulevard liners
57 Noisy bird
58 Application
59 Hamm with two Olympic gold medals

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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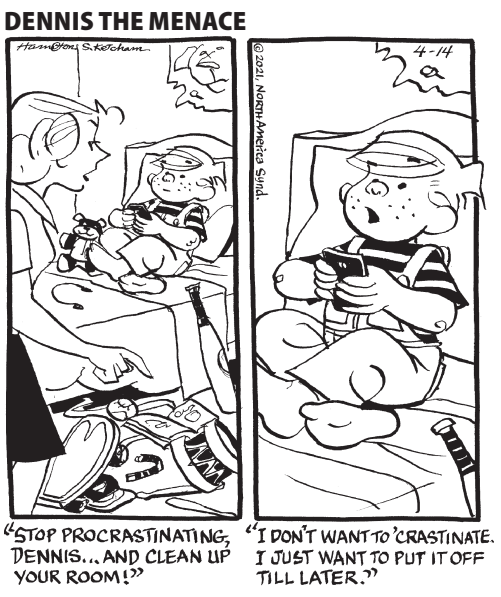

HERMAN

"You wouldn't believe the time we had getting him down those stairs."

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.

FTASF

RUYFR

OULFND

BAYFBL

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

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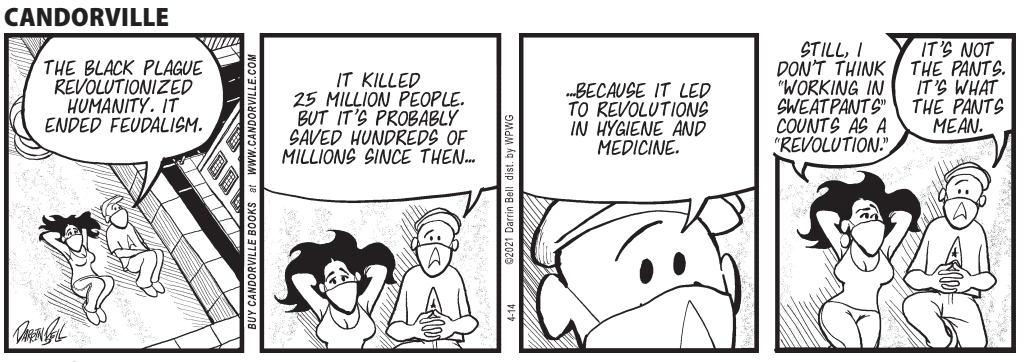
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIGER GUARD CANNON BIRDIE
Answer: The grizzly didn't love having his photo taken, but he would — GRIN AND BEAR IT

CANDORVILLE



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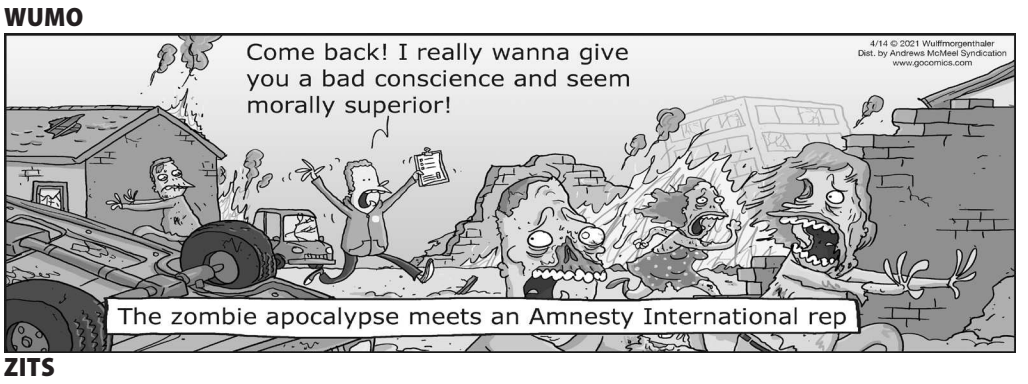

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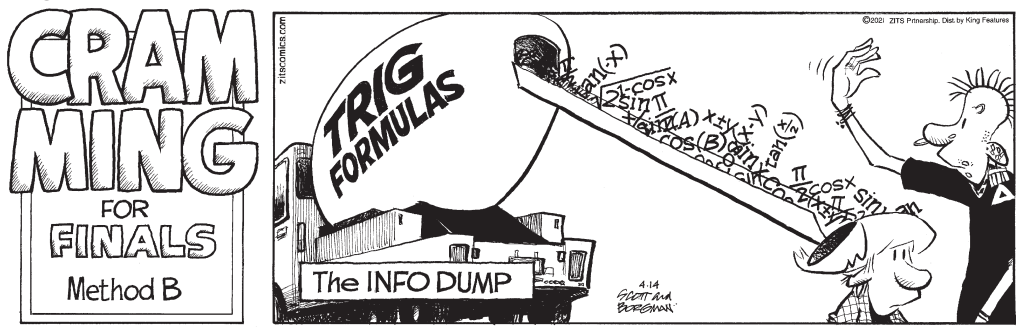

SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Treble symbol
6 "Do the __!"
10 Toppers with visors
14 Siri's Amazon counterpart
15 Felipe of baseball
16 "The Thin Man" canine role
17 Monument on one end of the National Mall
20 Cathedral recess
21 Expected-in hr.
22 At first, say
23 Falsehood source
25 Rice-like pasta
26 Eleven-yr.-old insurance law
29 Singer of the 2019 #1 hit "Señorita"
34 Mall cop's ride
36 "Brava!"
37 Schoolbook
38 O. __
39 __ rub: BBQ spices
40 One with a need for speed
41 Bread spread
42 Bro's sib
43 Mexican state south of Veracruz
44 Local political gathering
47 "Acid"
48 Capricorn critter
49 Poker variety
51 Chosen groups
54 Watched
55 File format for digital books
59 Upscale restaurant's offering
62 Christian on a label
63 "Marriage Story" actor Alan
64 "We didn't do it"
65 Tall tale
66 Itchy red area
67 Foe found phonetically in four puzzle answers

DOWN
1 Lavish party
2 Film segment
3 Many a Zeiss product
4 Shine
5 Toy retailer __ Schwarz
6 Meditation word
7 __ mater
8 Piggy in a crib
9 "It's weird, but just do it"
10 Ecological levy
11 Himalayas locale
12 Education orgs.
13 Bargain hunter's delight
18 Patrick __, Vermont senator since 1975
19 Cinq plus six
24 Words to an old chap
25 Sole
26 Had __: was still in the running
27 Songwriter Green
28 Nixon's first veep
30 Razzie Award adjective
31 Hot rod attachment
32 Management bigwigs
33 Highly coveted violin
35 Right that isn't right, e.g.
39 Paleo __
40 Tortellini topper
42 Five-armed ocean creature
43 When a football may be snapped
45 Springfield bar
46 Old Testament prophet
50 Exorcist's target
51 Jacuzzi effect
52 Kylo Ren's mother
53 Composer Stravinsky
54 Criteria: Abbr.
56 Best of the Beatles, once
57 Word on U.S. coins
58 At it
60 __ carte
61 Omaha-to-St. Paul dir.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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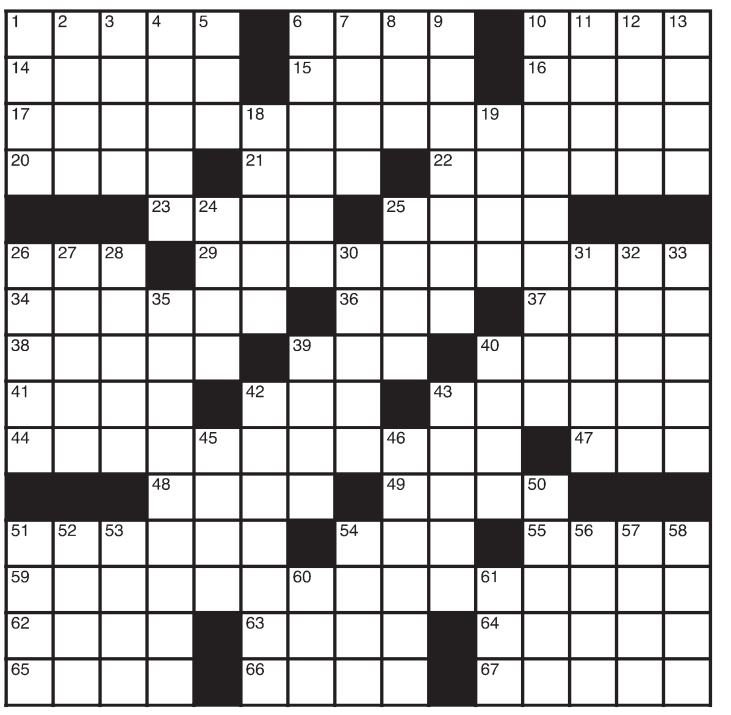

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