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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's reading habits

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Cy the Cynic told me he's trying to maintain his mental agility through diligent reading. "What kind of books?" I asked. "All kinds," Cy said, "except bridge books. I even go through dictionaries and a thesaurus — which, incidentally, is not a huge prehistoric beast." "You're reading thesauruses to keep your mind sharp?" "A mind is a terrible thing to waste/squander/scrap/throw away/dissipate," said the Cynic.

heart and he raises to two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say? **ANSWER:** I would be inclined to bid four hearts. Partner must have a few spades — the opponents have not bid them — and that doesn't leave room for him to have many clubs. If he has only A 7 5 2, K 7 5 2, A 10 7 6, 3, you will have a chance for 12 tricks, and his hand should be stronger than that. West dealer Both sides vulnerable

ACE OF HEARTS

When I watched Cy as today's declarer, his mind was somewhere else. After he stretched mightily to bid four spades, West led the king of diamonds and continued with the queen and jack. Cy ruffed with and took the A-K of trumps. When West discarded, Cy lost a trump as well as the ace of hearts. Down one.

NORTH
♠ K 10 5 2
♥ K 3 2
♦ 8 4 3
♣ A 8 3

WEST
♠ 4
♥ A 9 8 6 4
♦ K Q J
♣ 9 7 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 8 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ A 9 7 5 2
♣ J 6

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

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

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 4 ♥ A 9 8 6 4
♦ K Q J ♣ 9 7 4 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you bid one

Opening lead — ♦ K

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

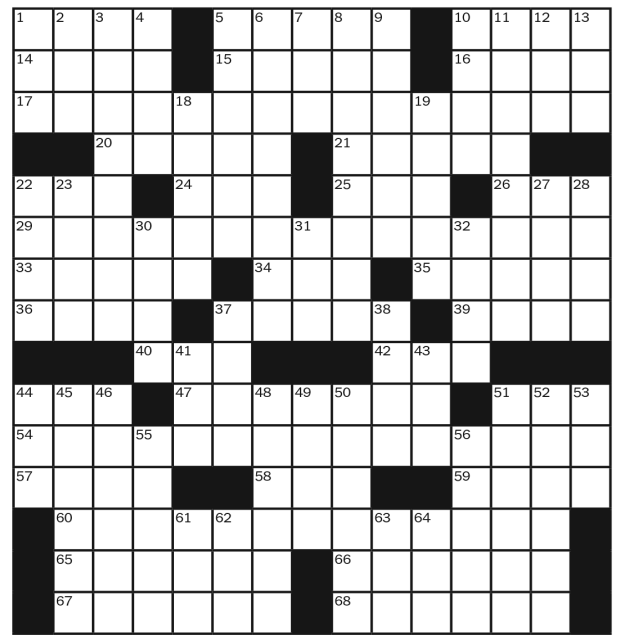
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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kerfuffle
 - 5 Intentionally hurt
 - 10 Org. with lots of inspectors
 - 14 Contents of un rio
 - 15 Shelter
 - 16 Noise from a fan
 - 17 1940 Arthur Koestler novel set during the Moscow Trials
 - 20 Signs of something moving?
 - 21 Discontinue
 - 22 Olympic women's gymnastics powerhouse
 - 24 Big public radio letters after "W"
 - 25 Word with fine or found
 - 26 Soup served with chopsticks
 - 29 Short stubble
 - 33 Any ghost, to Pac-Man
 - 34 Randomizer
 - 35 "Jacked"
 - 36 South Asian living abroad
 - 37 What might come with a flat fee
 - 39 Barrel-___
 - 40 Symbol for a timeout
 - 42 "Now I ___ me ..."
 - 44 Abbr. in many an urban address
 - 47 Scramble
 - 51 Title with a tilde
 - 54 Work very late
 - 57 Author Wiesel
 - 58 Safari runner, at times
 - 59 Homeland of James Joyce
 - 60 Observe daylight saving time, in a way ... as in 17-, 29- and 54-Across?
 - 65 Buzz in a rocket
- DOWN**
- 1 Something lacking staying power
 - 2 The Bulldogs of the N.C.A.A.
 - 3 Added assessments
 - 4 Drink served hot or cold
 - 5 Crow native to the Midwest
 - 6 Smartphone alternative to a fingerprint scan
 - 7 Hosp. administrations
 - 8 Biscuit relatives
 - 9 Types in
 - 10 Accepts accountability for
 - 11 Longhaired herder
 - 12 In yoga, one point of a triangle formed in triangle pose
 - 13 In yoga, one side of a triangle formed in triangle pose
 - 18 Woman's name that's also a city in France
 - 19 "%\$#*" and "@#&!"
 - 22 Like most books offered on AbeBooks.com



PUZZLE BY LESLIE ROGERS

- 23 Function yielding 0 when applied to π
- 27 Weakness in an argument
- 28 Overdue
- 30 Disregard
- 31 Org. in Showtime's "Homeland"
- 32 Not around
- 37 Actress Remini
- 38 Conditional keyword for a programmer
- 41 Trauma professional, for short
- 43 "Got it!"
- 44 Fin
- 45 Dense, spinning celestial body
- 46 It gets you close to home
- 48 Stoops
- 49 Hit the ___
- 50 Still in stock
- 51 Evening affair
- 52 Put on the line
- 53 Noise from a fan
- 55 Bookworms, maybe
- 56 Wherewithal
- 61 Red state
- 62 Quibble
- 63 Young one in the Hundred Acre Wood
- 64 "I have seen ___ on land and sea. ... I hate ___": F.D.R.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

LIYAD
NDTAS
TESLET
DANCIR

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No. This rod and reel is worthless. I've got others.
His old fishing pole was NO LONGER USABLE, SO HE ---
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: STAFF FURRY UNFOLD FLABBY
Answer: He knew a lot about car waxes and polishes and was considered to be a — BUFF BUFF

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mail in
 - 6 Hair-raising experiences?
 - 11 Bare-bones sleeper
 - 14 Egypt's Mubarak
 - 15 Font that's a homophone for a maid
 - 16 Color
 - 17 *Closest to the rail, at Churchill Downs
 - 19 Mitch McConnell's org.
 - 20 Balance sheet category
 - 21 "Love Story" author Segal
 - 23 The Big Easy, locally
 - 26 Works
 - 27 Get one's bearings
 - 28 Refines, as ore
 - 30 Loads
 - 31 "Dandy for your teeth" old toothpaste
 - 32 Guffaw
 - 35 Ambulance letters
 - 36 Comment about routine work ... and hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
 - 38 Wee, in Dundee
 - 39 Apply gently
 - 40 Novgorod nos
 - 41 Financial news channel
 - 42 Judge of baseball, for one
 - 44 Pakistani metropolis
 - 46 Jolson classic
 - 48 Dispensed (with)
 - 49 Privilege of playing first, in golf
 - 50 Kid's retort
 - 52 Latin 101 verb
 - 53 *It may be used with a grunt or two
 - 58 Network soliciting donors
 - 59 Spry
 - 60 Stubbom
 - 61 Atlanta-to-Charleston dir.
 - 62 Evaluated
 - 28 Overflow
 - 29 Some mil. brass
 - 31 "Understood"
 - 33 Eclipse shadow
 - 34 Country singer
 - 36 Cochlea site
 - 37 Child
 - 41 Loire Valley sight
 - 43 2021, por ejemplo
 - 44 ___ cod: Pacific Coast catch
 - 45 "Totes ___": really cute
 - 46 Fitness magazine
 - 47 Development sites
 - 48 Like morning grass
 - 50 Somewhat
 - 51 Part
 - 54 JFK alternative
 - 55 Pacino and Capone
 - 56 Water ___
 - 57 Hurricane center
- DOWN**
- 1 Pi follower
 - 2 Ages and ages
 - 3 Casper winter hrs.
 - 4 Consumes eagerly
 - 5 Connects logically
 - 6 See-through sheets
 - 7 Once, old-style
 - 8 Social reformer Jacob
 - 9 Magazine with "The Lighter Side of..." features
 - 10 Where apnea might be diagnosed
 - 11 *Suzanne Somers' "Three's Company" role
 - 12 Prevention unit
 - 13 Many Microsoft employees
 - 18 "It ___ fair!"
 - 22 Tire track
 - 23 Famous
 - 24 Bakery draw
 - 25 *Barely triumphs
 - 26 Napa prefix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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

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

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