

"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS

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Daily Bridge Club

Louie's hasty play

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Unlucky Louie shows up at my club daily for his penny game, so every morning is the dawn of a new error.

Louie was declarer at today's 3NT. (Six diamonds would have had a chance on another day.)

When West discarded a heart on the next diamond, Louie was in trouble. He took the A-Q, finessed with the queen of clubs and led the ace and a low heart.

ANSWER: Many experts — perhaps most — would open 1NT. To describe the hand's strength and approximate shape in a single bid will often be advantageous.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

A A
6 4
A Q 8 6 3 2
9 6 3 2

WEST

J 10 9 7 4
K 8 7
7
J 8 7 5

EAST

Q 6 3 2
Q J 9
J 10 9 4
K 10

SOUTH

K 8 5
A 10 5 3 2
K 5
A Q 4

South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: A K 8 5 A 10 5 3 2
K 5 A Q 4. You are the dealer. What is your opening call?

Opening lead — A J

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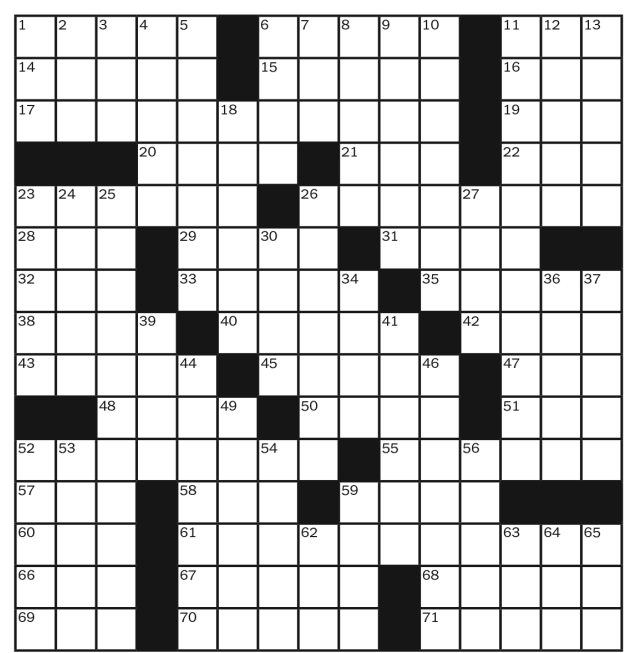
ACROSS

- 1 Vehicles on snow-covered hills
6 Watering place for a camel
11 Indoor animal
14 "The Fox and the Grapes" storyteller
15 Trick-taking card game
16 Messenger
17 Large bird of prey with a brownish-yellow neck
19 Suffix with cynic or skeptic
20 Pleased
21 Hombre
22 Pool stick
23 Make excited, as a crowd
26 Smooched into compact layers
28 carte (ordered separately)

- 29 Blue race in "Avatar"
31 Kind of pickle
32 ___ for tat
33 Actor Kevin whose last name shares four letters with his first
35 Eric Clapton hit that's over seven minutes long
38 Light bulb unit
40 Butchers' offerings
42 Like tops and tales
43 Speak extemporaneously
45 Boringly proper
47 Conclude
48 Greek god of love
50 Away from the wind, nautically
51 It's just a number, they say

DOWN

- 1 Droop
2 Zodiac sign before Virgo
3 Course for some immigrants, in brief
4 Historic Kansas fort name
5 Explore caves
6 Like debts
7 "Bingo!"
8 Letter after rho
9 Cuba or Aruba
10 Sign maker's pattern
11 Cactus with an edible fruit
12 Follow as a consequence



PUZZLE BY PHILIP K. CHOW

- 13 No longer feral
18 Incendiary bomb material
23 Formal ruling on a point of Islamic law
24 Trojan War epic poem
25 Venomous predator with a vibrating tail
26 They get smashed at parties
27 "Sadly ..."
30 Strives for victory
34 And others: Abbr.
36 Sudden forward thrust
37 World's longest continental mountain range
39 Lose stamina
41 Afternoon nap
44 European region that lent its name to a nonconforming lifestyle
46 "Could be ..."
49 Ambulance sounds
52 Rum-soaked desserts
53 In the loop
54 Messages that sometimes contain emojis
56 Really, really bad
59 Get off ___-free
62 Fury
63 Philosopher ___-tzu
64 Get ___ on (ace)
65 Four-star officer: Abbr.

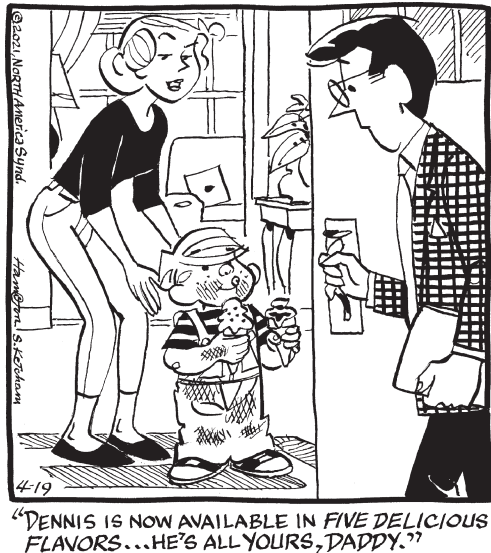
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



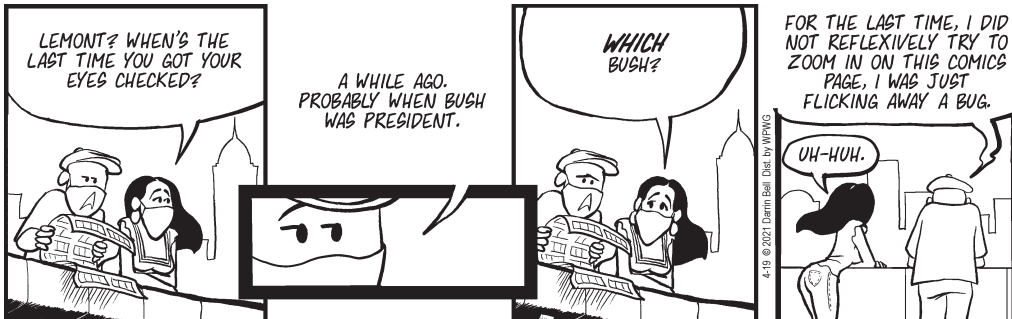
HERMAN



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. Includes a cartoon and a word search grid.

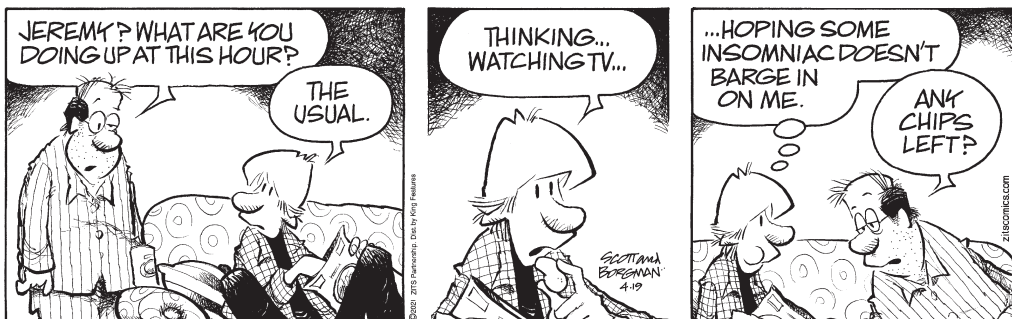
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS: 1 Pats down in a weapons search, 7 Gather, as crops, 11 Theater ticket word, 14 Beach: Southern California city, 15 Memorable lioness, 16 Imprecise suffix, 17 Well-suited to a person's abilities, 19 Pontiac muscle car, 20 One-named "Tik Tok" singer, 21 College-level HS science course, 23 Bundle of hay, 26 Kid's riddle: "Why is six afraid of seven?" "Because seven ___ nine!", 28 Range above 41-Down, 29 Gift giver's eager urging, 32 Hire, 34 Like Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony", 35 Arrow controlled by a mouse, 37 Little piggies, 40 Salad green, 42 LinkedIn user's quest, 44 Of sound mind, 45 Fancy fish eggs, 47 Shapiro of NPR, 48 Punctual, 50 ___ of honor: wedding party VIP, 52 Smell, 53 Late-night NYC show, 55 Tenant's payment, 56 Like bouquets of roses, 58 Dining room piece, 61 Former soccer phenom Freddy, 62 Unpretentious, 67 Pen tip, 68 Reverberate, 69 Science journal since 1869, 70 Obtain, 71 Lion's warning, 72 What there may not be "in the house" during a tearjerker. DOWN: 1 Annual shot target, 2 Knock (on), 3 "Here ___ again!" word, 4 Submerged, 5 Joint above the ankle, 6 Cheeky talk, 7 Tells, as a story, 8 Building wing, 9 On the ocean, 10 Online remittance app, 11 "Correctamundo!", 12 Bone: Pref., 13 "To ___ it may concern", 18 "Figured it out!", 22 Fabric, 23 Reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit, 24 Sleep disorder, 25 Made certain, 27 Expressive online image, 30 RN's workplace, 31 Stanley of "The Hunger Games", 33 Golf tournament kickoff, 36 Paper purchases, 38 Disgraced energy firm, 39 Period of work, 41 Range below 28-Across, 43 Half a bikini, 46 Only "V" Monopoly avenue not named for a state, 49 ___ Joe's, 51 Peace agreement, 52 Song from the past, 54 Chin-up muscle, briefly, 56 Vampire tooth, 57 Not of sound mind, 59 "007" James, 60 Kind of jet, 63 "Huh!?", 64 Regret, 65 The old college ___, 66 Giggle sound.

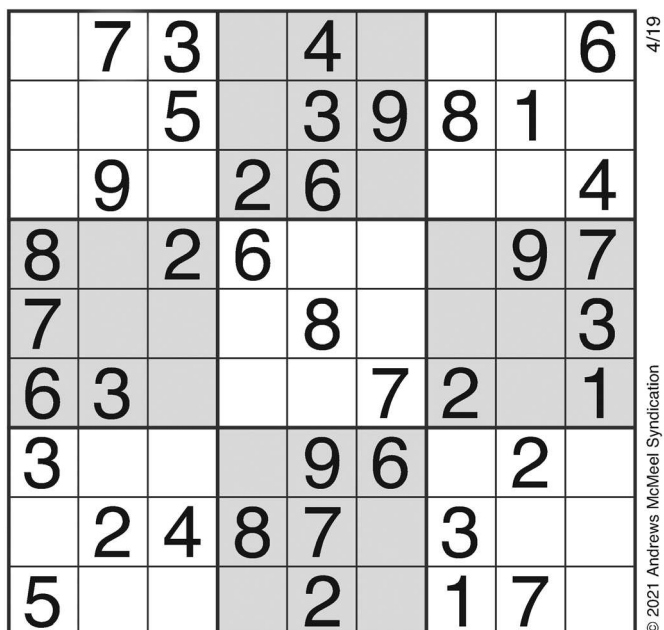
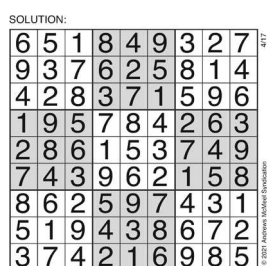
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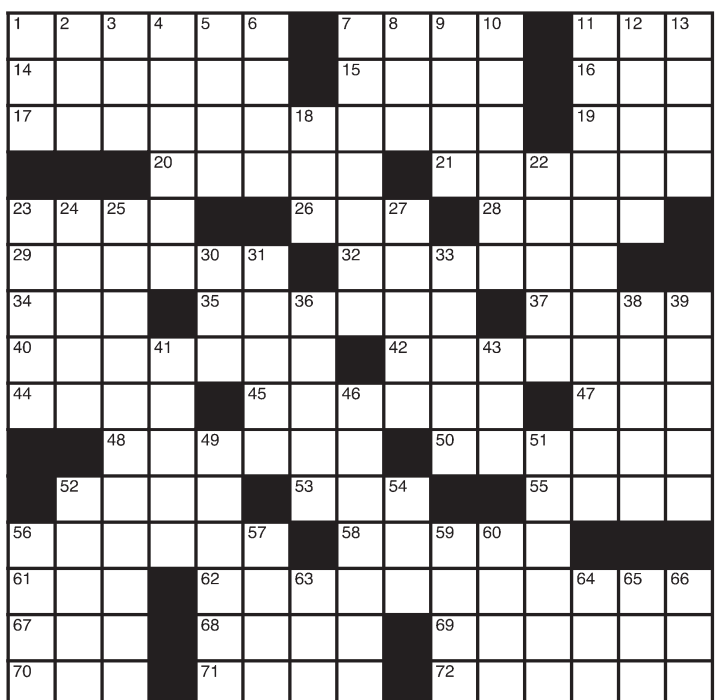
SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



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