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Daily Bridge Club

Fire and fall back

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Cy the Cynic says that if at first you don't succeed, reload and try again. That would have been good advice in today's deal.

At 3NT, South put up dummy's queen on the first spade hopefully, but East's king covered. South played low, ducked the spade return and won the third spade. He cashed his three high clubs, hoping for a 3-3 break that would make dummy's fourth club a winner, but West discarded a diamond.

South then led a heart to dummy's king and let the queen of diamonds ride. West produced the king and cashed two spades for down one.

THIRD SHOT

South missed the target because he didn't take all three of his available chances (my topic this week). After South cashes his high clubs, he should take the A-Q of hearts and lead a heart to the dummy's king. When hearts break 3-3, South can come to his ace of diamonds to take the fourth heart for his ninth trick.

If the hearts broke badly, the lead would be in dummy. South could finesse in diamonds as a last resort.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠Q7 ♥K74 ♦QJ32 ♣8752. Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT, he bids two

hearts and you return to two spades. Partner next bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's third bid improves your hand; he is "bidding out his pattern" to help you judge whether you have useful cards, and your diamond honors appear to be useful, plus you have working honors in his other suits. Encourage by raising to four diamonds.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q7
♥ K74
♦ QJ32
♣ 8752

WEST
♠ J9832
♥ J53
♦ K106
♣ 104

EAST
♠ K105
♥ 1098
♦ 987
♣ J963

SOUTH
♠ A64
♥ A Q 62
♦ A54
♣ A K Q

South West North East
2♣ Pass 2♦ 3NT
2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♠3

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

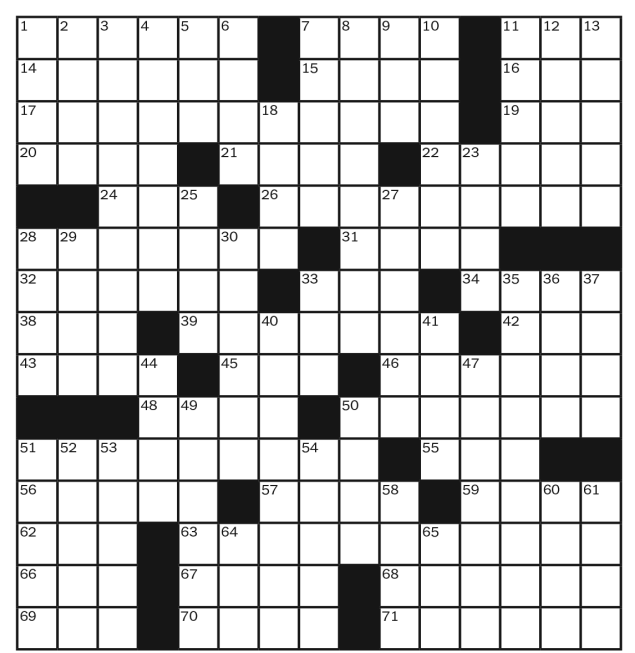
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0316

- ACROSS**
- 1 Diving birds
 - 7 "That'll ___ you"
 - 11 Lousy
 - 14 Nay
 - 15 Frozen yogurt flavor
 - 16 Diamond stat
 - 17 Jane Goodall, at times?
 - 19 English novelist McEwan
 - 20 "Now, where ___ we?"
 - 21 Arborist's interest
 - 22 Aesthetic sense
 - 24 Nabokov novel
 - 26 Corn farmer at harvest time?
 - 28 Sharp, as a photo
 - 31 Remove via a coup, say
 - 32 Role for George Clooney, Michael Keaton and Christian Bale
- DOWN**
- 33 "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the ___" (quote attributed to Katharine Hepburn)
 - 34 Trade jabs (with)
 - 38 Woman in a garden
 - 39 Beverage with a phonetic hint to 17-, 26-, 51- and 63-Across
 - 42 The city in 2002's "City of God"
 - 43 Garr of "Young Frankenstein"
 - 45 Abbr. on a photocopier tray
 - 46 Cat or goat breed
 - 48 Honey-loving bear
 - 50 Name of self-identification, as "Deutsche" for "Germans"
- ACROSS**
- 51 Lumberjacks in unsafe working conditions?
 - 55 Declaration in a swearing-in ceremony
 - 56 Mecca resident
 - 57 Make muddy, as water
 - 59 Figure (out)
 - 62 "Ewww!"
 - 63 Caterer's coffee dispenser?
 - 66 Broke a fast
 - 67 Fulfill, as expectations
 - 68 Jalopy
 - 69 Refusals
 - 70 Lushes
 - 71 Passover meals



PUZZLE BY LINDSEY HOBBS

- 23 Word with liberal or language
- 25 Fruit from a palm
- 27 Capital near Glacier Bay National Park
- 28 "Ri-i-ight!"
- 29 Where parishioners sit
- 30 Use a snake on, say
- 33 N.Y.C.'s ___ Drive
- 35 "I now ___ you ..."
- 36 Like an atrium
- 37 Proceed here and there
- 40 Kind of cable
- 41 "Nay" sayer
- 44 ___ Touch
- 47 Gift from above
- 49 Strong aversions
- 50 "In your dreams!"
- 51 Like pandas, yaks and snow leopards
- 52 Hobbyist's knife
- 53 They might be put up during a fight
- 54 Ancestry
- 58 Prince's "___ Go Crazy"
- 60 Castor or Pollux
- 61 Some I.R.S. data, in brief
- 64 Old car that's a homophone of another answer in this puzzle
- 65 Fight (for)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



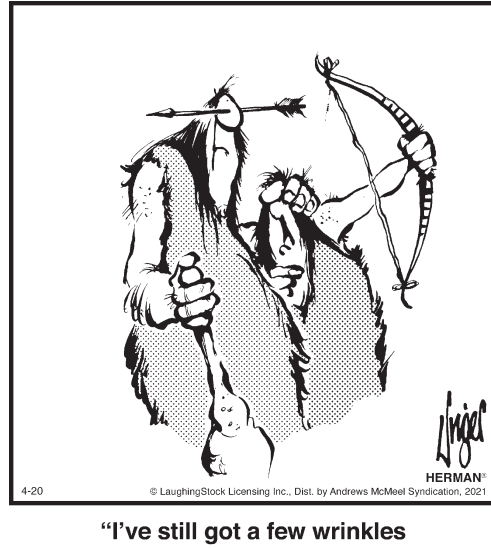
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

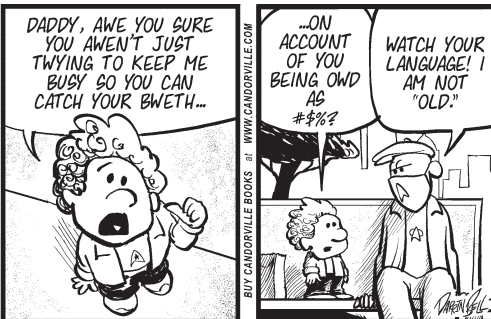
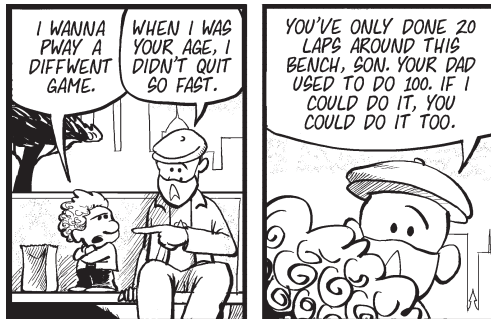
TYEPT
DYLOD
CGLIRA
PHYHNE

Print your answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAVY DOUSE SPRING JOYFUL
Answer: After the runners completed the 26-mile marathon, they — SAID SO LONG

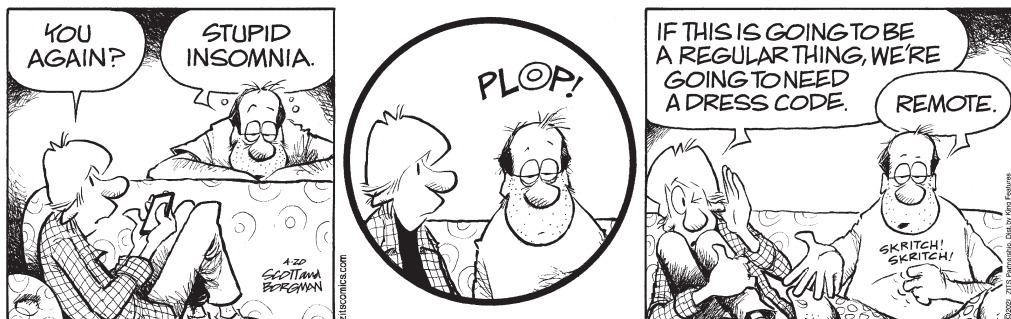
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Unisex dos
 - 6 It beats rock, in a game
 - 11 "Quiet, please!"
 - 14 Bat mitzvah
 - 15 Photographer's concern
 - 16 Concert souvenir
 - 17 Routinely approve
 - 19 Chicken-king connection
 - 20 Recently
 - 21 On the trail of
 - 23 "Now, where ___ we?"
 - 24 Betty White's "The Golden Girls" role
 - 27 Crystal ball gazer
 - 29 Isn't elected
 - 30 Nick of "Warrior" (2011)
 - 33 Hold a session
 - 34 Shade of blue
 - 37 Dude
 - 38 Assures, as an interest rate
 - 42 Coffee server
 - 43 2017 Best Animated Feature Oscar winner
 - 45 Timid
 - 46 Raw meat concern
 - 48 Came up
 - 50 Augur
 - 52 .eps or .txt, e.g.
 - 55 Turkish coin
 - 59 ___ God: tornado, e.g.
 - 60 Respected
 - 62 T'ai ___
 - 63 Butchers' stock literally found in this puzzle's circles
 - 66 Woolen cap
 - 67 Wipe out
 - 68 Buy and sell stock
 - 69 Canonized Mlle.
 - 70 Worldview view
 - 71 Have a sneaking suspicion
- DOWN**
- 4 Gossipy gathering
 - 5 "A Boy Named Sue" writer Silverstein
 - 6 Right one for the rite job?
 - 7 Chips in a pot
 - 8 Golf tour letters
 - 9 National Mall tree
 - 10 Makes good on
 - 11 The way things are
 - 12 Mirren of "Trumbo" (2015)
 - 13 Caught wind (of)
 - 18 Like valuable coins
 - 22 ___ market
 - 25 Fans of college sports' Bulldogs
 - 26 "Moi?"
 - 28 Slim fish often smoked
 - 30 "This Is Us" network
 - 31 Olimpico's goal
 - 32 Announcement before landing
 - 33 Feature of many seascapes
 - 35 Surfer's link
 - 36 Singer DiFranco
 - 39 ___ buco: veal dish
 - 40 "Mermaids" co-star
 - 41 Mustachioed guy on "The Simpsons"
 - 44 Longtime Hydrox rival
 - 47 Cause ___ megastar
 - 49 Counteract
 - 50 Short-legged hound
 - 51 Director Preminger
 - 52 They're hard to argue with
 - 53 Former Apple messaging app
 - 54 Reagan attorney general Ed
 - 56 "That is ..."
 - 57 Wetlands growths
 - 58 Website revenue
 - 61 Young newts
 - 64 Outrage
 - 65 Sports radio host Patrick

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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SUDOKU

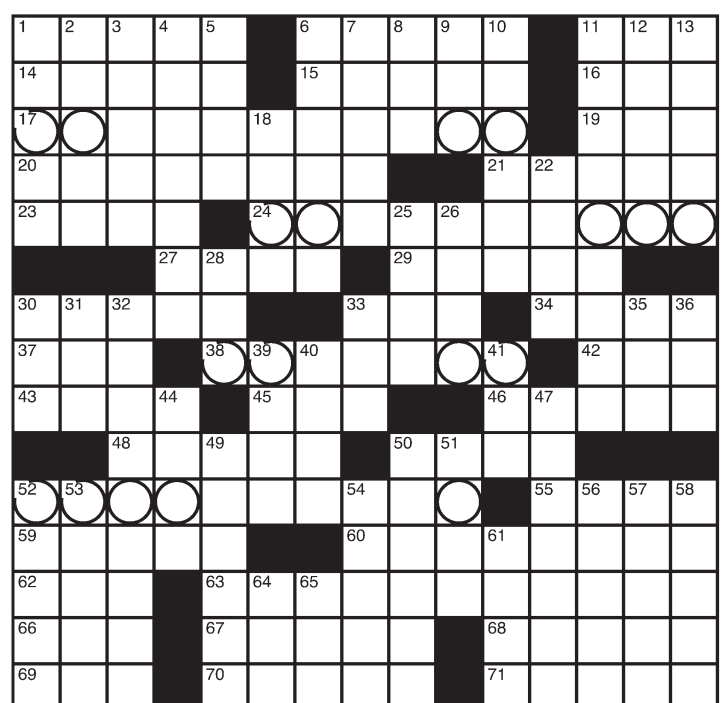
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

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