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Daily Bridge Club

Overberried

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When I watched today's deal in my club's penny game, South was the notorious Joe Overberry, who thinks it's nobler to go down in pursuit of overtricks than to make his bid. That costs him — and his unfortunate partners — thousands of points. Against Joe's 3NT, West led a spade, and East correctly played the queen to preserve a link with his partner. Joe took his king, led a diamond to dummy's ace and returned a diamond to his ten.

LAST SPADE

West gratefully took his queen and led the jack of spades. East put up his ace and returned his last spade, and West cashed three spades. Down one. "The man goes down trying for overtricks when the correct play produces at least two of them," North groaned. After Joe wins the first trick, he can cash four clubs, then take the K-A of diamonds. When West's queen falls, Joe is sure of 11 tricks. If instead East-West played low diamonds, dummy would have the lead, and Joe could try for his ninth trick by leading a heart to his queen.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 7 5 ♥ A Q 8
♦ K 10 4 ♣ K J 6 5. Your partner opens one diamond. The next player

passes. What do you say?
ANSWER: Bid 3NT, showing balanced pattern (but not with a four-card major suit) and 15 to 17 high-card points. Experts tend to avoid this response because it consumes space and may hamper investigation for slam, but because it is quite descriptive, it can't be all bad. The alternative — a go-slow response of two clubs — is not clearly better.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 3
♥ 10 3 2
♦ A J 6 3 2
♣ A Q 3

WEST
♠ J 9 6 4 2
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ 8 7

EAST
♠ A Q 8
♥ K 6 5
♦ 9 8 7
♣ 10 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 7 5
♥ A Q 8
♦ K 10 4
♣ K J 6 5

South 1NT West Pass North 3NT East All Pass
Opening lead — ♠ 4
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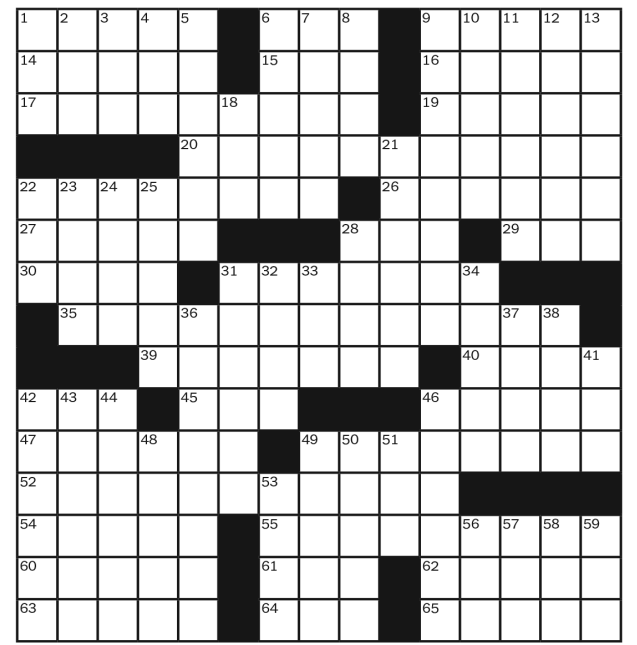
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The New York Times Crossword

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No. 0317

- ACROSS**
- 1 Get on
 - 6 It may be found on the side of a bank
 - 9 Parts of some chains
 - 14 Film festival entry, informally
 - 15 Flatow of public radio
 - 16 Message that, despite the name, isn't necessarily chirpy
 - 17 If you think actors have two left feet, you haven't seen ___
 - 19 Panasonic subsidiary
 - 20 If you think country singers can't do hair, you haven't seen ___
 - 22 Barbershop amenity
 - 26 Look up to
 - 27 Deck out
 - 28 Consumed
 - 29 Headed up
 - 30 Nickelodeon "explorer"
 - 31 Fears
 - 35 If you think pop balladeers can't run fast, you haven't seen ___
 - 39 Angry outbursts
 - 40 Only United Nations member whose name starts with "O"
 - 42 Tombstone letters
 - 45 Barbecue spot
 - 46 Heaven-sent food
 - 47 In
 - 49 Purpose of a faucet attachment
 - 52 If you think economists don't lose their cool, you haven't seen ___
 - 54 To love, in Italy
- DOWN**
- 1 See 2-Down
 - 2 With 1-Down, the smallest amount
 - 3 Throw in
 - 4 Cleared (of)
 - 5 Exact
 - 6 Ticket specification
 - 7 Online provocateur
 - 8 A host of
 - 9 Cry while shaking hands
 - 10 What locusts do
 - 11 Dal ingredient
 - 12 Pal of Roo in "Winnie-the-Pooh"
 - 13 High
 - 18 "Quit your stalling!"
 - 21 Barbecue spots
 - 22 Consumed
 - 23 Leslie ___ Jr. of the original "Hamilton" cast
 - 24 Bagel shapes



PUZZLE BY PETER A. COLLINS

- 25 Thomas Paine's "Common Sense," e.g.
- 28 French monastery resident
- 31 Equal pay, e.g.
- 32 Passion
- 33 Like Mother Hubbard and King Cole
- 34 Animal that's a little weaselly?
- 36 Many regulars at artisan coffee shops
- 37 Discontinued Dodge
- 38 Discontinued iPod
- 41 Bread served with dal, maybe
- 42 Indian royalty
- 43 1967 hit that starts "Well, my pad is very messy and there's whiskers on my chin"
- 44 One hanging around a party with swingers?
- 46 Salvador Dalí contemporary
- 48 Removal of restrictions, informally
- 49 Letter in El Al's logo
- 50 Counterpart of la luna
- 51 Kind of room
- 53 Actor McGregor
- 56 Get on in years
- 57 Through
- 58 Loop loopers
- 59 Dot follower, maybe

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

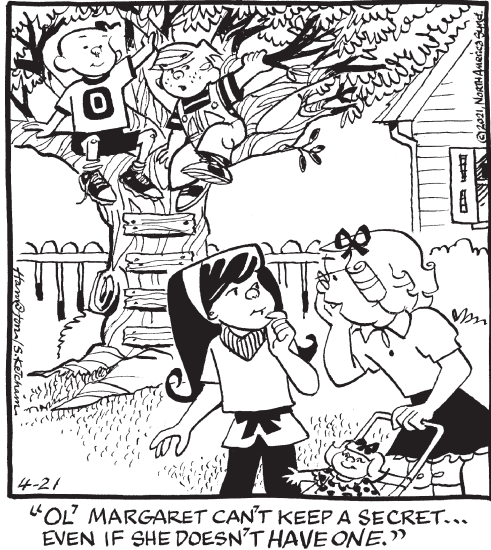
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GREBES COST BAD
NOVOTE OREO RBI
APERECORDER IAN
WERE TREE TASTE
ADA EARJERKER
INFOCUS OUST
BATMAN FUN SPAR
EVE ICEDTEA RIO
TERI LTR ANGORA
POOH AUTONYM
AXDODGERS IDO
SAUDI ROIL SUSS
ICK URNOFEVENTS
ATE MEET TINCAN
NOS SOTS SEDERS
    
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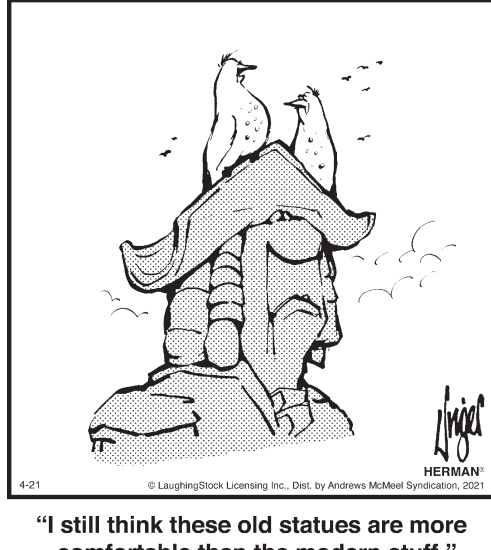
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

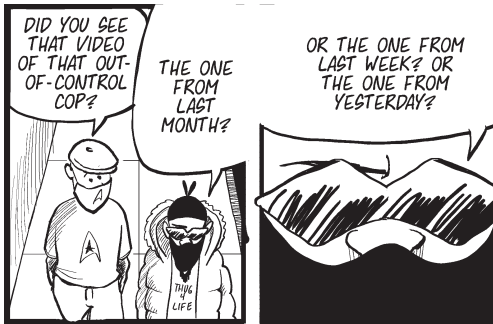
PLEEO
RNABD
RYENLA
GIFDRI

Answer here: "_____"

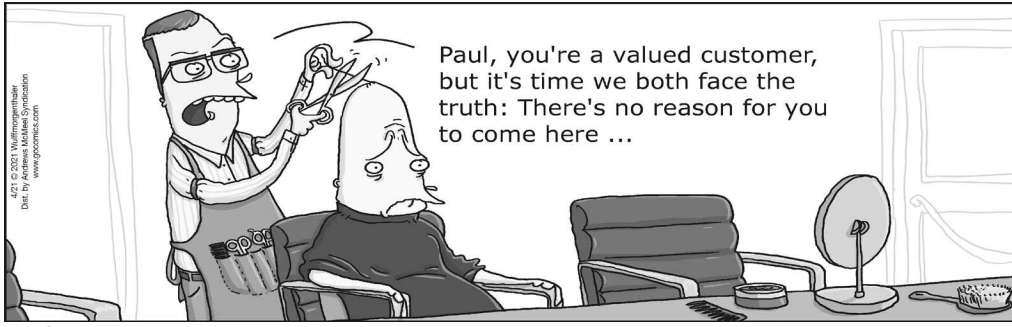
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PETTY ODDLY GARLIC HYPHEN
Answer: The stubborn and narrow-minded hog was being — PIGHEADED

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Formal ties
 - 7 Corp. homes
 - 10 Govt. farming monitor
 - 14 Symphony type pioneered by Beethoven
 - 15 Agreement that sounds like fun?
 - 16 Clogging is one of its two st. dances
 - 17 *Lamb Chop, e.g.
 - 19 Laura with an Oscar
 - 20 Holiday aide
 - 21 Back
 - 22 Decisiveness
 - 24 Hunk
 - 26 DJIA listings
 - 29 Candy cup creator
 - 31 *Start a number
 - 35 Forbes competitor
 - 36 Legal encumbrance
 - 37 Holiday drink
 - 38 Lions and tigers and ... not bears
 - 42 Swap with, as in a player-for-player deal
 - 44 Busy-bee link
 - 45 "Très ___"
 - 47 GPS info
 - 48 *Sheriff Woody's sidekick
 - 52 "Silas Marner" child
 - 53 Plaza de toros cry
 - 54 Lily pad squatter
 - 57 Sap
 - 59 Erode, with "away"
 - 62 Team's lack, in a cliché
 - 63 Scot's swimming spot
 - 64 *Spoken language, in semiotics
 - 68 Tennis great who wrote "Days of Grace"
 - 69 First lady not married to a president?
 - 70 1996 slasher film
 - 71 "To ___ not ..."
 - 72 Lunch bread
 - 73 Pasta unit
- DOWN**
- 3 Chitchat
 - 4 O'Hare, on tix
 - 5 Chorizo snack
 - 6 Belt
 - 7 Word with hip or bunny
 - 8 Hernando's "Huh?"
 - 9 Has a capacity of, as a diner
 - 10 Briefs
 - 11 33-Down start, usually
 - 12 Wouldn't dream of it
 - 13 Valiant's son
 - 18 Indented bluish
 - 23 Rotate so the palm faces down or backward
 - 25 ___-a-brac
 - 27 Kind of lamp
 - 28 Tizzy
 - 30 French Toaster Sticks brand
 - 32 Provides with the means
 - 33 Intermission follower, perhaps
 - 34 Towel material
 - 38 Ruth on a diamond
 - 39 "Sure, probably"
 - 40 Andalusian vegetable soup served cold
 - 41 Bell-shaped lily
 - 43 Ignoring, with "to"
 - 46 Org. with Jets and Flyers
 - 49 Instrument laid flat during play
 - 50 Many a freshman
 - 51 Like 70-Across
 - 55 "Paper Moon" Oscar winner
 - 56 Tot's sassy demand ... or a hint to the start of the answers to starred clues
 - 58 River of Flanders
 - 60 YWCA part: Abbr.
 - 61 1997 Mattel acquisition
 - 63 Chem class part
 - 65 Climbing greenery
 - 66 "Wow!"
 - 67 Sellout letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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SHAGS PAPER SHH
TORAH ANGLE TEE
RUBBERSTAMP ALA
ASOFLATE AFTER
WERE ROSENYLUND
SEER LOSES
NOLTE SIT AQUA
BRO LOCKSIN URN
COCO SHY ECOLI
AROSE BODE
FILEFORMAT LIRA
ACTOF ESTEEMED
CHISIDESOFBEEF
TAMERASE TRADE
STETENET SENSE
    
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SUDOKU

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

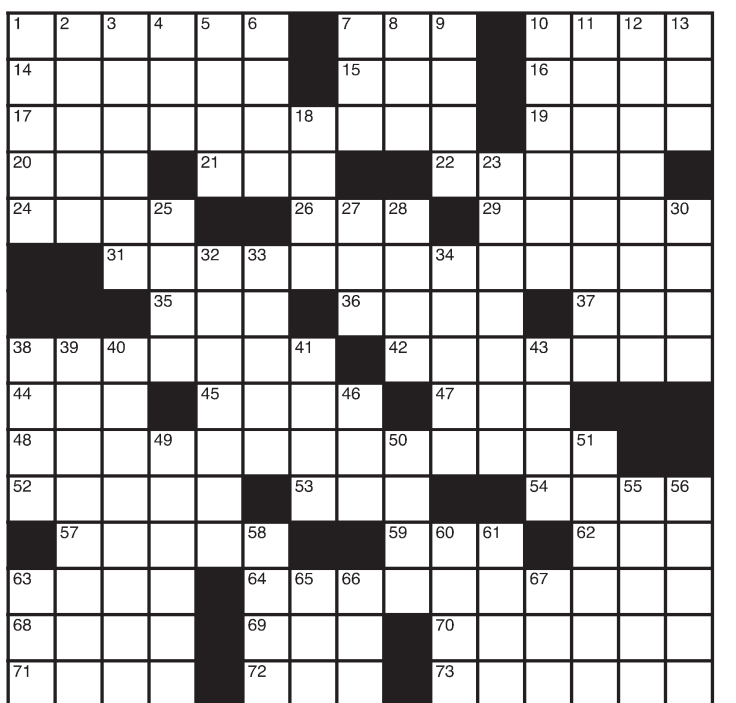
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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