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Daily Bridge Club

By the numbers

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I asked my friend the English professor whether he had any colleagues in the math department. "One just got back from the annual Fibonacci conference," the prof said. "Did he enjoy it?" "He had a great time," the prof replied. "He said it was as good as the last two put together."

Good declarer play can mean adding one chance to another. At today's slam, South took the king of diamonds and let the jack of clubs ride hopefully. Alas, East took the queen. South then had four club tricks, two diamonds, four hearts and one spade, but no 12th trick.

SECOND CHANCE

South could get a second chance. He leads a heart to dummy at Trick Two and returns a spade to his nine. West takes the king and leads another diamond, and South wins and cashes the ace of spades.

When the queen falls from East, South has four spades, four hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. If nothing good happened in spades (South also succeeds if East has the K-Q), South could try for five club tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 8 7 2 ♥ K J 9 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A K 7. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade

and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Based on what you know at this point, a bid of 3NT would be reasonable and would be the choice of many players. Still, partner's hand is not well defined, and he could have None, A 3 2, A K J 9 6 3, Q 10 5 4. Bid two hearts, a forcing "fourth-suit" action, and let partner continue to describe his hand.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 8 7 2
♥ K J 9
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 7

WEST
♠ K 6 5 3
♥ 8 6
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ 6 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 4
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ J 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

SOUTH
♠ A 9
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A K
♣ J 10 9 8 4

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	6 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 10

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

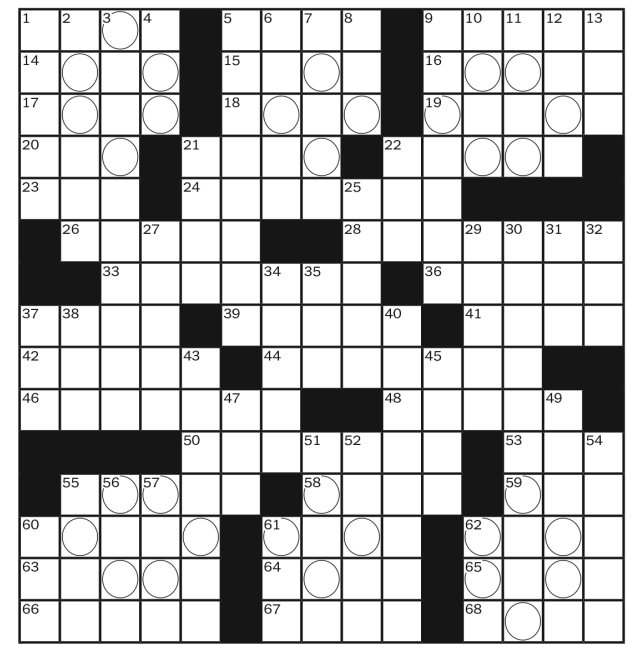
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0318

- ACROSS**
- Lightly box
 - Ukr. and Lith., once
 - Word used in place of "chapter" in "A Christmas Carol"
 - Soldier of Sauron
 - Runaway
 - Like the function $f(x) = x^3$
 - ___ sort
 - Suppositions
 - "Euphoria" channel
 - "___ but a scratch" (Monty Python quote)
 - Paleozoic, Mesozoic, Cenozoic, etc.
 - Inject (with)
 - Alumni divs.
 - Consume, with "of"
 - Triage team member
- DOWN**
- Love, Utah's first Black congressperson
 - Steely Dan, e.g.
 - Close relative, briefly
 - ___ and leaves
 - Was brought back out for airing
 - Notoriously difficult chem class
 - Wheel track
 - "The little woman who wrote the book that started this great war," as Lincoln supposedly said
 - Structure put together by a crane
 - Car trip pastime
 - Like Santa after entering a house, perhaps
 - The spinners?
 - What the Avengers do
 - "His Master's Voice" co.
 - Popular hot sauce
 - Up to now
 - Reddish-brown
 - Blvds.
 - Bagel topping
 - Ice cream container
 - Father of, in Arabic
 - Feeling in the room
 - Prefix with tourist



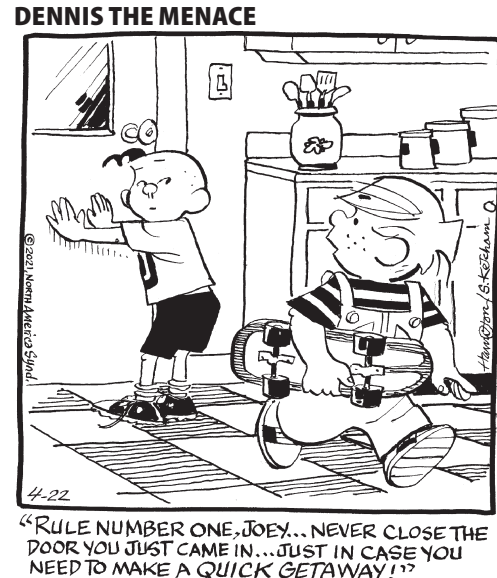
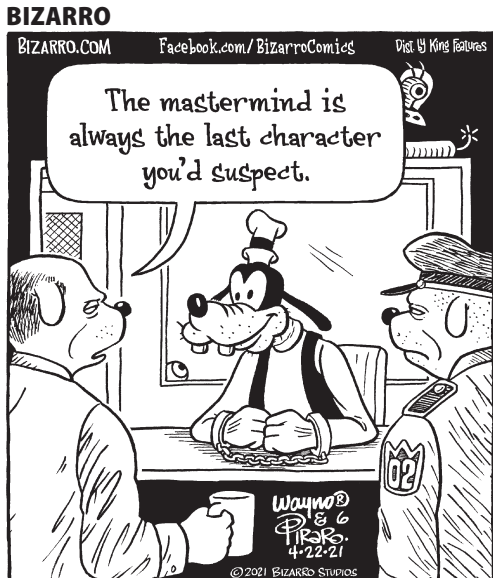
PUZZLE BY TOM MCCOY

- Derek Walcott's "Omeros," for one
- 1950s prez
- Opportunity for a service break
- Renaissance artist Albrecht
- Steak ___
- Eleven plus two and twelve plus one, e.g.
- It's south of Leb.
- What one is known for, informally
- Daisy Mae's man, in old comics
- Scrappy-___ (cartoon dog)
- Some toy batteries
- Cousin of a club
- Dance featuring jerky arm movements
- "Well played!"
- Exultant cry
- "Life of Pi" director
- Goof
- French 101 verb
- Naval jails
- Delectable
- Type of animal fat
- In favor of
- Bone-chilling
- Salk and Pepper, in brief
- Sixth U.S. president vis-à-vis the second, e.g.
- Illusionist Geller

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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JUMBLE

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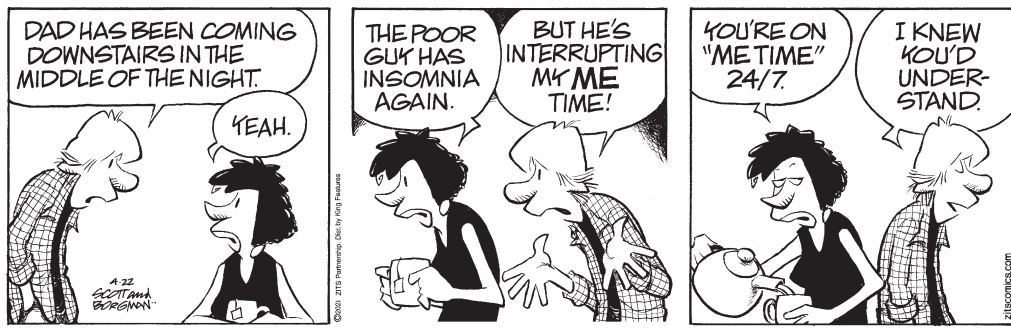
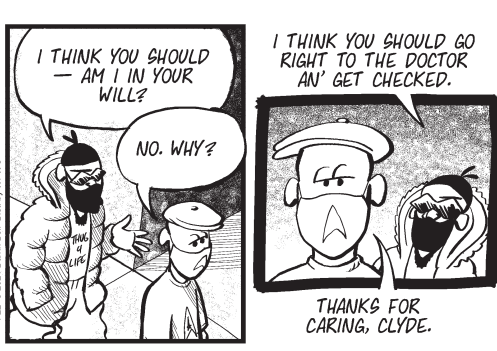
How bout I show you a few more of our couches. This is it! We don't need to try any others. It's so comfortable!

THEY WERE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHICH SOFA TO BUY ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE BRAND NEARLY FRIGID
Answer: The squirrel with the bushy tail was getting married, and she was — "BRIDE"-EYED



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Toddler's call
 - The universal language, some say
 - "Time ___ transfix the flourish set on youth": Shak.
 - Red tide cause
 - Bio, in a way, is aptly part of it
 - Most populous Hawaiian island
 - In the event of a freeze, ...
 - Little pigs or blind mice
 - Smelting residue
 - Lowland
 - Title choice on a form
 - Destroy, as files
 - Bitterroot Range st.
 - Take on
 - Close
 - Rye fungus
 - Underestimate, say
 - In the event of a freeze, ...
 - Shelter securely
 - Tech support callers
 - Like those who leap before they look
 - More evil
 - Brown brew
 - Aerodynamic
 - Parker's wind
 - Ice cream brand
 - Farm skyline sight
 - Sharp barks
 - In the event of a "Freeze!", ...
 - Jug
 - Michael Douglas' middle name
 - Daily delivery
 - Sky and Storm org.
 - Mid-month day
 - Turkey neighbor
- DOWN**
- Orbital period
 - Drives
 - Elementary sequence
 - Spanish relatives
 - Web page standard
 - Baker's dozen
 - Cereal grain
 - Start of many band names
 - "Ben-___"
 - Crater borders
 - Faux ___
 - Nielsen ratings units
 - Epinephrine-producing gland
 - "Cooking With Power" author
 - Seasons in the sun
 - Member of a league in a Sherlock Holmes title
 - With enthusiasm
 - Ballroom attire
 - "Love on ___-way Street": 1970 hit
 - Open ___ night
 - Non-native speaker's subj.
 - Theater section
 - Soup du ___
 - "What else?"
 - Electronics pioneer
 - Vessels with cockpits
 - Final, say
 - Kipling title
 - 53 A 48-Down may include one
 - Norse prankster
 - Poet banished by Augustus
 - Baby seals
 - Beads on blades
 - Have title to
 - State east of Wyo.
 - Afore
 - First aid skill, for short
 - 16-Across garland
 - Timeline section

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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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

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

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DOWN

- Deface
- Spanish shout
- Old British sports cars
- Finish choice

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