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Daily Bridge Club

Test your play

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This week's deals have treated a common theme: finding extra chances for your contract. Cover the East-West cards. You play at 3NT after a simple point-count auction. West leads the six of clubs, dummy plays the eight, and East follows with the three.

It looks as if West led from a five-card suit, so you want to take the next eight tricks. What is your plan?

Count your tricks. You have seven sure tricks — three spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club — and need two more. Start by cashing the A-K of diamonds. When the queen falls from West, you're up to eight tricks, so next take the queen, ace and king of spades.

one spade. South in today's deal then bid 2NT with this hand. Do you agree with that call?

ANSWER: I agree. South showed about 19 points, balanced. Holding only Q-4 in clubs was a flaw but not a fatal one. A raise to three spades would have been defensible, but a bid of two hearts — a strength-showing "reverse" — would have promised longer diamonds than hearts.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

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

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

EAST
♠ J 9 4
♥ K 4 3
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ Q J 7 5
♦ A K 4 3
♣ Q 4

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 6

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 7 ♥ Q J 7 5
♦ A K 4 3 ♣ Q 4. You open one diamond, and your partner responds

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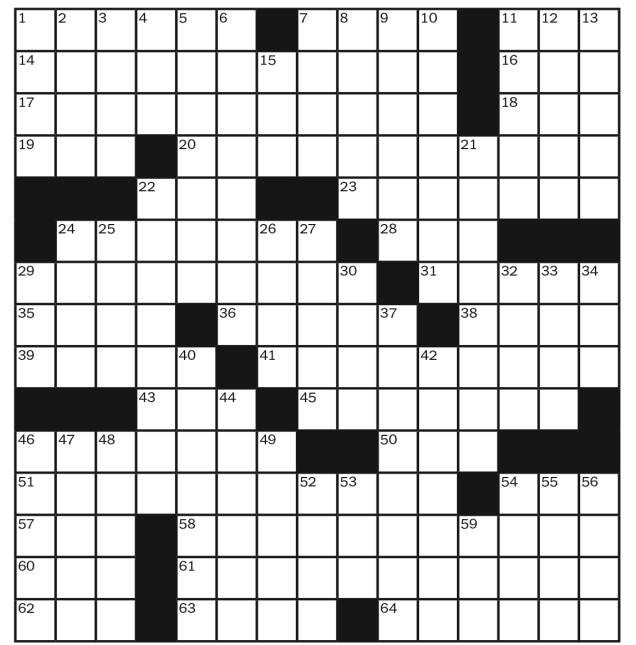
- 1 Sandwich originally named the Aristocrat
- 7 Trans-Siberian Railway hub
- 11 Symbol of royalty in ancient Egypt
- 14 "This has gotta be a trick, but ..."
- 16 Tom and Jerry, e.g.
- 17 Heavily populated urban complex
- 18 Sign
- 19 What many have received in history, for short
- 20 Staging and design, to a dramaturge
- 22 Director Anderson
- 23 City that's been home to four N.F.L. franchises

- 24 Gaudy and cheap
- 28 Bit of time
- 29 Liberal
- 31 Rap, per old-school rappers
- 35 Mistifies?
- 36 Candies shaped like truncated cones
- 38 What the French call "poor man's asparagus"
- 39 Blow away
- 41 Relax
- 43 Nick, say
- 45 Water-softening compound
- 46 Something you can count on?
- 50 Certain frontline workers: Abbr.
- 51 Just beyond the visible spectrum
- 54 Night ____
- 57 Output from a bass

- 58 Manhattan strip synonymous with the golden age of American songwriting
- 60 As
- 61 Relief from a leaf
- 62 Stir in
- 63 Lean
- 64 Score at the half?

DOWN

- 1 Fail spectacularly
- 2 ____ effect, bias toward products that consumers assemble themselves
- 3 Comic's repertoire
- 4 Grammy winner for 2001's "Lady Marmalade"
- 5 What's the trouble?
- 6 Shut up
- 7 Wind up on the pitch?
- 8 Flier's accumulation
- 9 Tours abroad, say
- 10 Journalist Ronald whose book "The Bureau" identified Deep Throat as W. Mark Felt
- 11 "Fare thee well!"
- 12 Like Morocco and the Maldives, religiously
- 13 Reminds, in a way



PUZZLE BY KAMERON AUSTIN COLLINS

- 15 Groovy things you can groove to?
- 21 Parts of ears from the Latin for "snail"
- 22 More charming
- 24 Play it ____
- 25 Victor in France, once
- 26 Places to bear witness?
- 27 Holiday times
- 29 Partner "4 lyfe"

- 30 Mississippi's De ____ National Forest
- 32 Consensus from a bloc
- 33 It breathes well
- 34 Squeeze (out)
- 37 Cast down
- 40 It's a rap
- 42 Served raw
- 44 Just hate
- 46 Head-to-toe garment

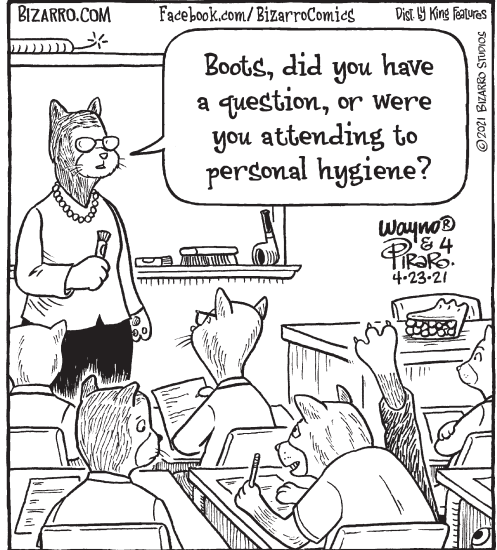
- 47 Audibly
- 48 Position
- 49 Sheer fabric
- 52 Angled piece
- 53 Flat facility
- 54 2018 Literature Nobelist Tokarczuk
- 55 Sort (through)
- 56 Lovett of country music
- 59 Switzerland's ____ Léman

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

PWRIE
DLEAG
SSEVUR
DBONYO

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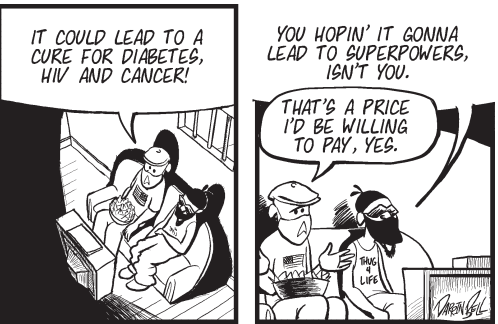
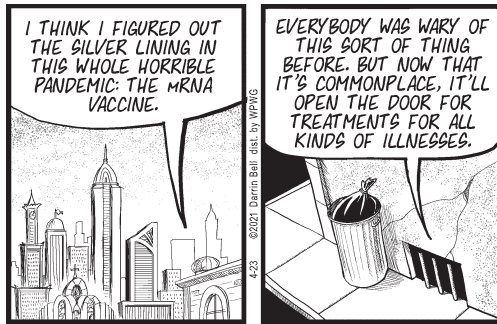
THE STORY ABOUT PETER PAN BEING FOREVER YOUNG

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIGHT SLANT ICONIC NEURON
Answer: They were able to choose which sofa to buy — IN ONE SITTING

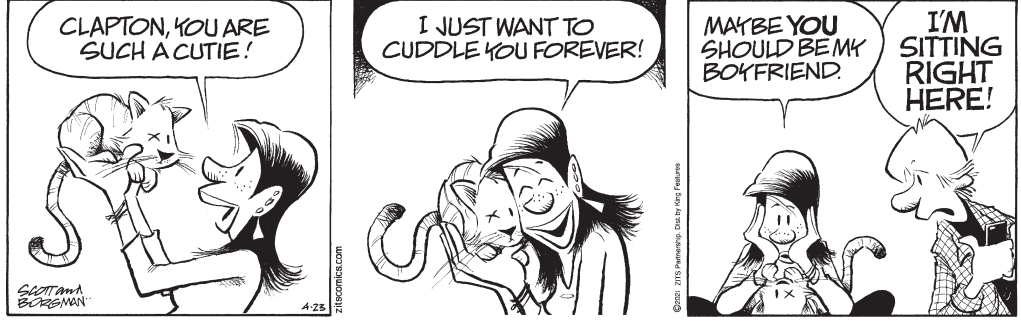
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WUMO



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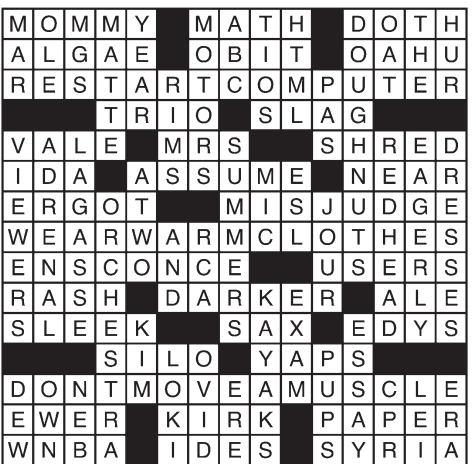
- 1 Opening for recorded music
- 7 Pass
- 13 Placid
- 14 Cheese-making sites
- 15 Judicious use of an Egyptian goddess?
- 17 In concert
- 18 Scott who played Danno on "Hawaii Five-0"
- 20 Source of some cruise ship beer?
- 25 Caesar's last gasp
- 26 Most exposed
- 27 Like microbes, before microscopes
- 29 Lover of Aphrodite
- 30 39.37 inches, in Ipswich
- 33 Really enjoy
- 35 With 40-Across, good advice for correcting a manuscript?
- 40 See 35-Across
- 42 Some brass
- 43 Frisbees, e.g.
- 44 Salon supply
- 45 One on a regimen, perhaps
- 49 Mountain guide
- 51 Cornerstone word
- 52 What a theater hopes its "Bus Stop" revival will be?
- 56 Evidence of surgery
- 57 Soffits are under them
- 58 Audiophile's flat, say?
- 65 Big 12 rival of the Longhorns
- 66 Knowledgeable (in)
- 67 Indications of humanity?
- 68 Upper crust groups

- 2 Paris' Rue ____ Martyrs
- 3 Indian honorific
- 4 Guitarist Paul
- 5 Where Mark Watney was stranded for about 560 sols, in a 2015 film
- 6 Wonderland service
- 7 Raring to go
- 8 Rest
- 9 Tentacle analog
- 10 Fragments
- 11 Law group
- 12 Passed-down property
- 14 Kierkegaard, e.g.
- 16 "Get on it!"
- 19 Field role of early TV
- 20 Demean
- 21 Capacitance unit
- 22 Roman fountain
- 23 Stupefy
- 24 Nomadic shelter
- 28 Mature eft
- 30 Just what the doctor ordered
- 31 U.S. Cabinet-level dept.
- 32 Family ____
- 34 Theme park offering

- 36 More vast
- 37 "The Great Movies" series author
- 38 Actor Fiennes
- 39 One of ten in Baldwin's "Notes of a Native Son"
- 41 "Hey" assistant
- 45 Court figs.
- 46 If
- 47 Captivate
- 48 Lethargy
- 49 Sharp turn

- 50 Hiker's stopover
- 53 Gets closer to
- 54 Openings
- 55 Menades of fashion
- 59 Brian of Roxy Music
- 60 "____ Rosenkavalier"
- 61 CT scan relative
- 62 January Ga. hours
- 63 Previously called
- 64 NFL scores

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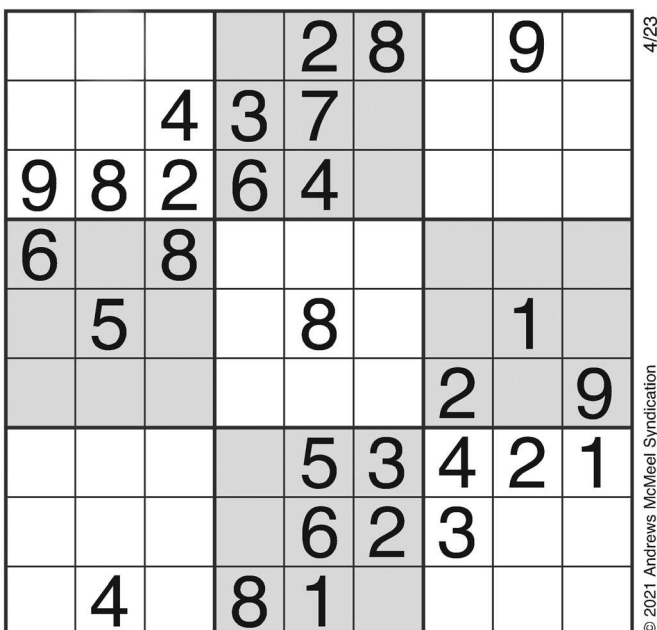
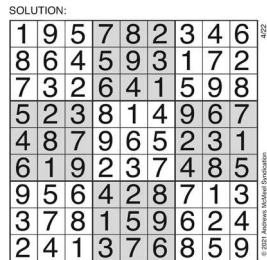


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SUDOKU

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: ★★★★★

DOWN

- 1 Franchise whose opening themes are songs by The Who

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