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Daily Bridge Club

In plain sight

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Cy the Cynic and I sat down for a duplicate game at the club, and we had no opponents at our table. They showed up five minutes late — a husband-wife pair.

"Sorry," the wife growled. "We were grocery shopping, and I had to find all the things in plain sight for my husband."

In today's deal, the husband became declarer at four hearts after I opened three clubs as East. Cy led the queen of clubs, and I took the ace and returned the jack. Cy ruffed and led a spade: three, queen, ace.

diamond. What do you say?

ANSWER: To double, intending to bid hearts next, would be reasonable. That two-step sequence would suggest at least 17 points. But after your opponent's opening bid, your Q-J of diamonds are likely to be useless cards, so the hand is not worth its point count. I would settle for a one-heart overall.

West dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 7 3
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 10 5 4
♣ 8 6 2

WEST
♠ K J 9 6 4 2
♥ J 10
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ Q

EAST
♠ Q
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 3 2
♣ A J 10 9 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 5
♥ A K 7 5 4 2
♦ Q J
♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 10 5 ♥ A K 7 5 4 2
♦ Q J ♣ K 5. Both sides vulnerable.
The dealer, at your right, opens one

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ACROSS

- 1 Letter-shaped girder
- 6 Prejudice
- 10 Male delivery
- 13 Starts hearts, say
- 14 Tiny fly
- 15 Copy
- 16 Job interview for a wannabe tax collector?
- 18 Certain Dominican
- 19 What's mined to keep?
- 20 Setting depicted in the Sistine Chapel
- 21 10:1, e.g.
- 23 ___ X
- 26 Teri of "Tootsie"
- 28 "Bless you" preceder
- 30 Place to get some "me time"
- 34 What the surfing enthusiast has?
- 38 "Movin' ___"

39 Preceder of "TV" on cable TV

40 Brand of cornstarch

41 Name for a huge marathon?

46 On the wrong path

47 Go halvesies on

48 Too cute, on the Thames

50 Hangs tight

54 Compact ___

56 Story that goes on and on ... and on

58 She might give you her coat

59 Spout (off)

60 Unwelcome sight on a bill ... or a clue to 16-, 34- and 41-Across

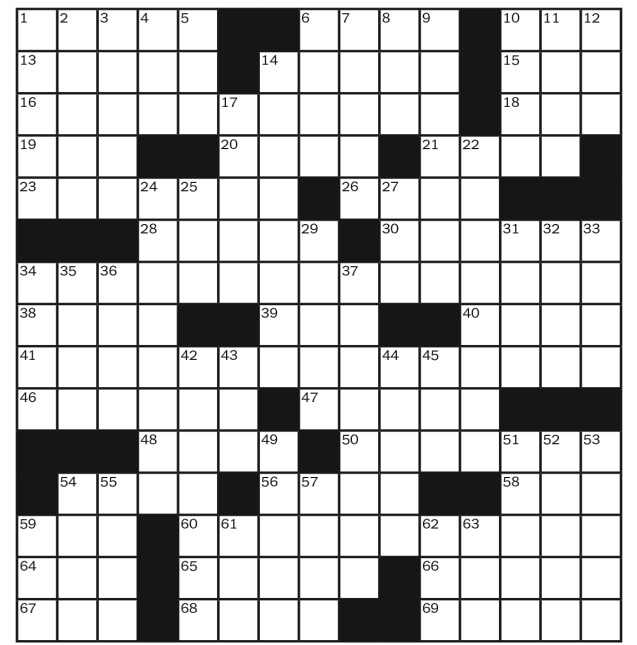
64 ___ dye (chemical coloring)

65 Is rife (with)

66 Who might say "Take me to your leader"

DOWN

- 1 "Hot to trot" or "cool as a cucumber"
- 2 Yogi who said "You can observe a lot by just watching"
- 3 Studio supporter
- 4 Similar to
- 5 East Lansing school, in brief
- 6 Quick snack
- 7 Naming
- 8 "Give it ___"
- 9 Married women, in Oaxaca
- 10 Green Day or Black Sabbath
- 11 Magnum ___
- 12 Kyoto dough
- 14 The 15th or so
- 17 Home to Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 22 Cures, in a way
- 24 Alternatives to garages
- 25 Neurotic condition, for short
- 27 ___-compliant
- 29 Nasty sorts
- 31 Assistant who asks "What can I help you with?"



PUZZLE BY DAN SCHOENHOLZ

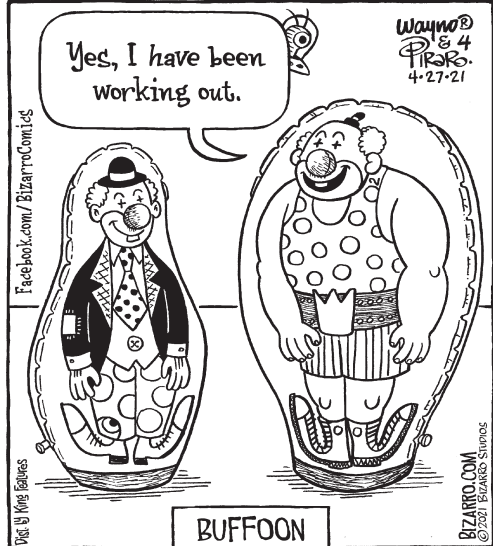
- 32 Comic strip that's the source of the line "We have met the enemy and he is us"
- 33 Soon, poetically
- 34 When doubled, a Pacific paradise
- 35 Albatross
- 36 Rosemary Clooney, to George Clooney
- 37 Does a service station job
- 42 Farrah of the original "Charlie's Angels"
- 43 Actor Sheridan who co-starred in "Ready Player One"
- 44 Hipbone-related
- 45 Like candles before singing "Happy Birthday"
- 49 Cosmetician Lauder
- 51 Rising sea levels, e.g.
- 52 "Wow, you shouldn't have ..."
- 53 Itty-bitty
- 54 Go out briefly?
- 55 It can carry a tune
- 57 One side in a college football rivalry since 1890
- 59 Bud
- 61 Child of the '70s, e.g.
- 62 Showboater
- 63 Woman's nickname that drops "son"

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

NAGTI
TCCAH
EECDDO
SKARHN

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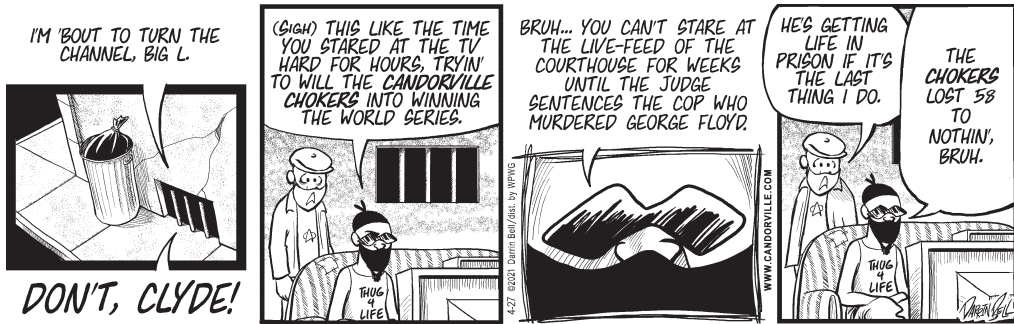
WHEN HE GAVE HIS BASEBALL GLOVE TO HIS LITTLE BROTHER, IT ---

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

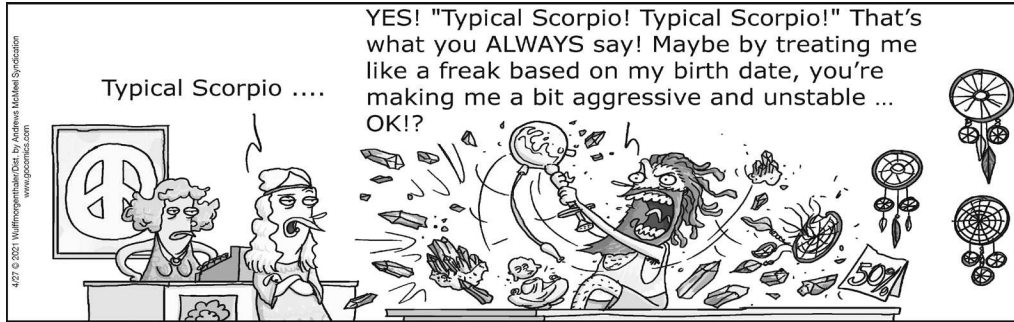
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROUP NINTH MATURE ODDITY
Answer: They got a new chime for their front entrance and were -- "A-DOOR-RING" IT

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS
- 1 Disappear
- 7 Pop star Lady ___
- 11 "Miz"
- 14 Not against hearing, as a suggestion
- 15 Amo, __, amat ...
- 16 Mork's home planet
- 17 Martin of "Mission: Impossible"
- 18 Excuse designed to elicit sniffles
- 20 Happening soon
- 22 PDQ
- 23 Mexicali's peninsula
- 26 Roof overhang
- 27 Dole (out)
- 28 Angry music genre
- 29 The "A" in RAM
- 31 The "A" in USNA: Abbr.
- 32 USO show audience
- 33 Ball game delayer
- 34 Mallorca, por ejemplo
- 36 Make potable, as seawater
- 38 Not yet visible, as a fingerprint
- 40 Con's place of confinement
- 41 Robin Cook medical thriller
- 42 Currently
- 44 Compact Chevy SUV
- 46 Elon Musk company concerned with travel to Mars
- 48 Italian hour
- 49 Payment in Monopoly
- 50 LAX landing hrs.
- 51 Fort full of gold
- 52 "In that case ..."
- 53 Grime-fighting P&G mascot with folded arms
- 55 Evil
- 57 Lowlife, slangily
- 61 Inc. relative
- 62 Melville novel
- 63 Hickok's last hand, it's said ... and what's literally found in four Down puzzle answers

- DOWN
- 1 D.C. pro
- 2 Govt. pollution watchdog
- 3 Stimp's sidekick
- 4 Nepal neighbor
- 5 Comics icon Lee
- 6 Doctors rarely make them these days
- 7 Kitchen appliance
- 8 Loves, in Spain
- 9 Comedian Kaplan
- 10 Donkey
- 11 Artillery metaphor for a volatile sort
- 12 List of mistakes
- 13 Chatted via webcam
- 19 Steamed cantina food
- 21 Implied
- 23 Plead with
- 24 Surrounded by
- 25 First major leaguer to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases in a season
- 29 Disappearing Asian sea
- 30 Asian feline breed
- 35 Lay's chips-in-a-can brand
- 37 Church caretaker
- 38 Express opposite, trainwise
- 39 Bull in a corrida
- 41 Get the hang of it
- 43 Candle material
- 44 Insignificant thing
- 45 Pharmacy follow-up order
- 47 Individual
- 51 Weak-___: wimpy
- 53 Actor with no lines
- 54 West Coast gas brand
- 56 "I" topper
- 58 That, to Pedro
- 59 Delay, with "off"
- 60 Reveal, to a poet

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

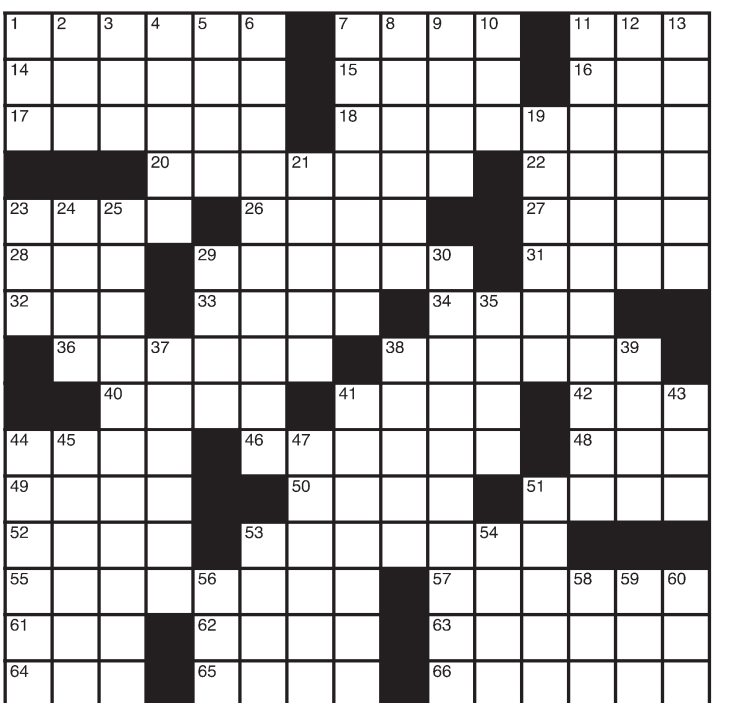
SOLUTION:

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

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

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