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Daily Bridge Club

Grammar schooling

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My friend the English professor says that everybody should observe the principles of good grammar: After all, rules is rules. The prof is less sanguine about certain bridge "rules."

Today's West led the ten of hearts against four spades. Declarer played low from dummy (perhaps questionably), and East took the king, pondered and returned a heart to dummy. South then drew trumps and led a club to dummy's jack, and East took the queen and led a third heart. South won, forced out the ace of clubs and had 10 tricks.

"Shift to a diamond at Trick Two," West growled.
"Leading up to strength is against a rule," East shrugged.

South in today's deal rebid three spades with this hand. Do you agree?

ANSWER: South's call could have worked, but a case existed for a raise to 3NT. South's pattern was balanced, and his hand was rather barren so that the cheaper nine-trick game was attractive. One deal proves nothing, but 3NT by North might have produced an overtrick.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 6 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ A Q 4
♣ K J 10 9

WEST
♠ 8
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ J 9 6 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

EAST
♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 9
♥ J 7 5
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 6 2

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

Opening lead — ♥ 10

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FOUR TRICKS

East needs four defensive tricks, and one must be a diamond. Moreover, East can see that South will have 10 winners, given time.
If East leads a low diamond at the second trick, he forces out dummy's queen. When he takes the queen of clubs, he leads another diamond to dislodge the ace and cashes a diamond when in with the ace of clubs.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K J 10 9 ♥ J 7 5
♦ 10 7 5 ♣ 6 2. Your partner opens one club, you bid one spade and he

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ACROSS

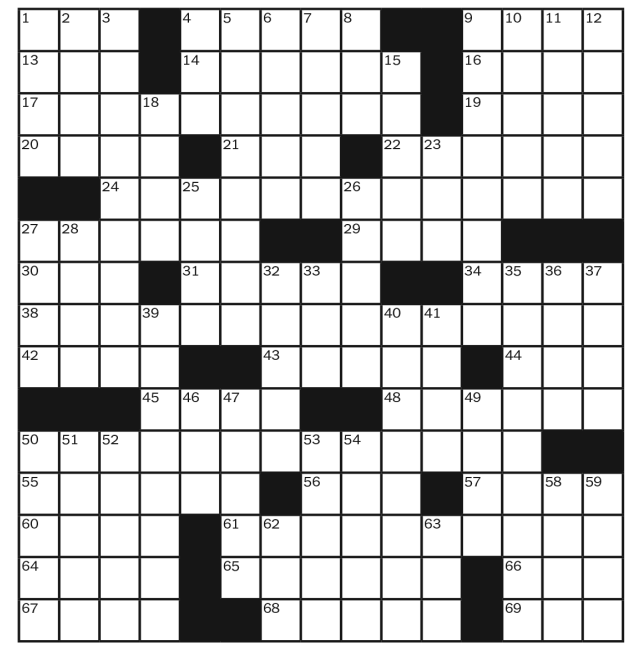
- 1 Catch
- 4 Onetime Volvo competitors
- 9 Title character of a John Irving novel
- 13 "Is that ___?"
- 14 Alternatives to windows?
- 16 Diva's delivery
- 17 ... Donald Duck or Popeye?
- 19 One of Jacob's 12 sons
- 20 Writing sister of Charlotte and Emily
- 21 What doesn't go a long way?
- 22 Ready to roll
- 24 ... Minions or Mario?
- 27 Hand down
- 29 "Goodness gracious!"
- 30 Danger for Indiana Jones
- 31 Pick up
- 34 Locale of the annual Nobel Peace Prize ceremony
- 38 Question asked regarding two red-carpet photos of those named in the italicized clues?
- 42 First name among late-night TV hosts
- 43 "Boo-hoo"
- 44 Wrestler Flair
- 45 Should that be the case
- 48 San Diego suburb
- 50 ... Michael Darling or Baby Smurf?
- 55 "It's almost my turn!"
- 56 Judo ranking
- 57 ___ card, part of a wedding invitation
- 60 On a magnet they're called poles

61 ... *Inspector Gadget* or *McGruff the Crime Dog*?

- 64 Happening now
- 65 More slick
- 66 Big ___ (praise, slangily)
- 67 Duchamp's art movement
- 68 Monopoly stack
- 69 Bear in a 2012 comedy

DOWN

- 1 Org. with Perseverance
- 2 ___ Kim, 7-year-old star of the Golden Globe-winning "Minari"
- 3 Driver's danger
- 4 ___ Paulo
- 5 Runway model?
- 6 Silk center of India
- 7 Comic strip antagonist with massive arms
- 8 Tre x due
- 9 Wonder-ful actress?
- 10 Spinning
- 11 Compete with
- 12 Figure skating category
- 15 Writer Larsson
- 18 Wine dregs
- 23 Grp. opposed by March for Our Lives
- 25 Certain court plea, in brief
- 26 They can blow a lot of hot air



PUZZLE BY AMANDA RAFKIN AND ROSS TRUDEAU

- 27 Hound's "hands"
- 28 Tennis great posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- 32 Classic name in children's literature
- 33 Home to the Christ the Redeemer statue, in brief
- 35 Worry to exhaustion
- 36 Luau loops
- 37 Subject of the 2013 documentary "Blackfish"
- 39 Body of water in northern Russia
- 40 Like tightrope walkers and household budgets, ideally
- 41 Semihard Dutch cheese
- 46 Manipulate the outcome of
- 47 Scrap
- 49 Podcaster Maron
- 50 Sphere
- 51 "Labor ___ vincit" (Oklahoma's state motto)
- 52 Available for home viewing, in a way
- 53 "Rolling in the Deep" hitmaker
- 54 Title girl with a gun in an Aerosmith hit
- 58 Use a Juul, say
- 59 Affliction for many a vet
- 62 Cleansed (of)
- 63 They're made of mins.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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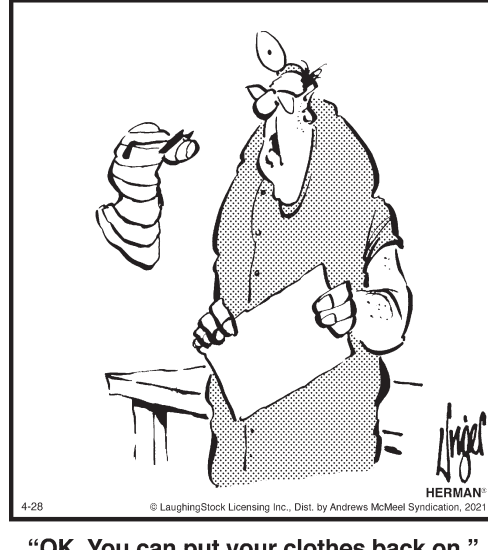
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

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DEYEN
PALPRO
RNAMEN

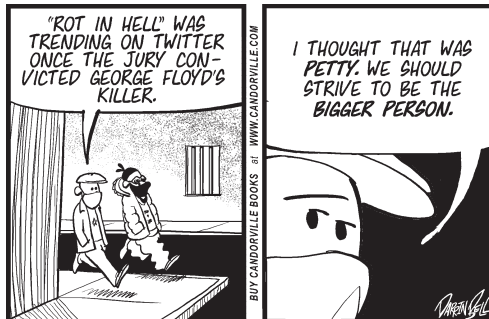
WHEN THEIR BILL WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THEY EXPECTED, IT WAS ---

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

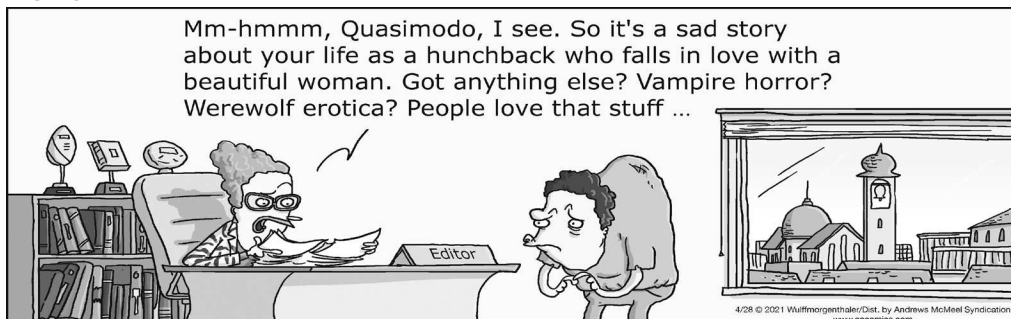
Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIANT CATCH DECODE SHRANK
Answer: When he gave his baseball glove to his little brother, it — CHANGED HANDS

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kid around
- 5 Abacus unit
- 9 Promote heavily
- 13 Fever with chills
- 14 "I do" site
- 16 "A Death in the Family" Pulitzer winner
- 17 Word with head or meal
- 18 Supply chain intermediary
- 20 Public transit commuter's nightmare
- 22 Blow up
- 24 "¿Cómo ___?"
- 25 Some systems pros: Abbr.
- 26 Mal de ___
- 27 Beaujolais, e.g.
- 30 Bird on a court
- 32 Access point indicator on many streets
- 37 Pretentious with a paintbrush, say
- 38 Hindu teacher
- 39 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 43 Have fun on a diamond
- 46 Shopping ___
- 49 High-___ monitor
- 50 Meadowland
- 51 Arg. neighbor
- 52 Withdraw by degrees
- 56 Make sense
- 58 Acting affectedly ... and, based on what can go with the three parts of 20-, 32- and 43-Across, this puzzle's title
- 62 Kind of fortitude
- 63 Copied
- 66 ___-do-well
- 67 Arduous jobs
- 68 "La maja desnuda" artist
- 69 Old Norse poetic work
- 70 Canadian gas
- 71 Plant support
- DOWN**
- 1 Poke
- 2 Alter ___
- 3 Like one who got careless at the beach
- 4 Get set to drive
- 5 Scold, with "out"
- 6 K-12, for short
- 7 Make amends
- 8 Lowlands
- 9 Late-night TV pioneer
- 10 Harder to watch
- 11 Catcher of the Golden Snitch, in Quidditch
- 12 Rejection of religious dogma
- 15 Remainder
- 19 Like an old joke
- 21 Houston MLBer
- 22 Stone or Watson
- 23 Raise
- 28 "Frozen" snow queen
- 29 Like morning grass
- 31 Many an Omani
- 33 Pre-release buzz
- 34 Dry 27-Across, briefly
- 35 Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan ___
- 36 Gripping device
- 40 Hairless area
- 41 Veal cordon ___
- 42 Swim ___: do one full pool circuit
- 44 Lamb Chop creator Shari
- 45 Actor Morales
- 46 Lying face-up
- 47 Spruced up, as a spruce
- 48 Groovy?
- 53 Middle-earth tree creatures
- 54 Deft
- 55 They're forbidden
- 57 They're boring
- 59 Trillion: Pref.
- 60 Scolds to death
- 61 Too
- 64 Set one's sights on
- 65 Beaver's project

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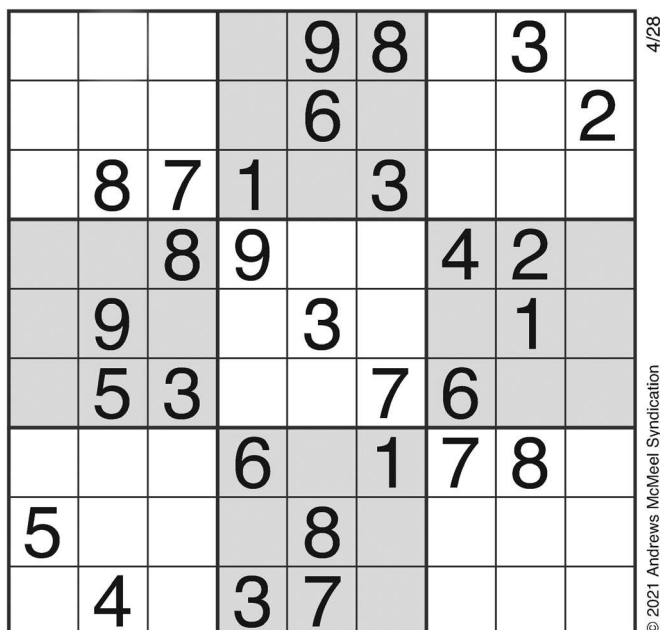
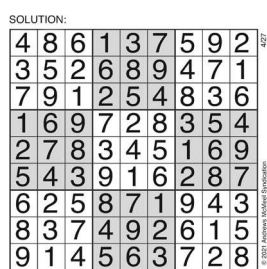


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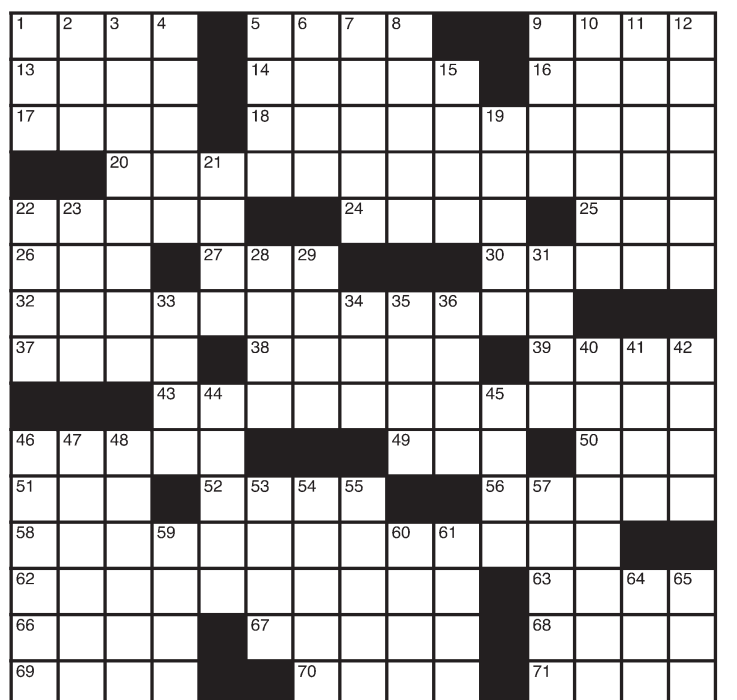
SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



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