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Daily Bridge Club

Louie's brain cramp

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Rose, our club member whose courtesy and kindness toward her fellow players are so admirable, had taken on Unlucky Louie as a project, insisting that he isn't as bad as his results suggest.

"How's it going?" I asked Rose. "I'm discouraged," she admitted. "If the man donated his brain to science, they would use it to prop open the door to the lab."

Rose told me that Louie was declarer at today's four spades. West led the nine of diamonds.

jumps to three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner shows about 16 points with six (rarely, seven) good clubs. Slam is likely. You have options. One is to stall with a bid of three diamonds, hoping for useful information. The other is to jump to six clubs. Even if the defenders have the A-K of spades (most unlikely), they may lead another suit.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

DOWN ONE

"Playing with his usual haste," Rose sighed, "Louie won with the queen and led a trump. East won and returned a diamond, and Louie won and led a second trump. When West took the ace, he led a club to East's ace and ruffed the diamond return. Down one."

Louie needs to slow down and anticipate what may go wrong. He must lead a club at Trick Two. East wins and returns a diamond. Louie takes the ten and cashes the K-J of clubs to discard dummy's A-K of diamonds. He ruffs his last diamond and leads a trump, and the defense gets only the top trumps.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ A J 6 5 2
♦ A K 6 2 ♣ Q. Your partner opens one club, you bid one heart and he

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

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

SOUTH
♠ J 10 8 7 5 2
♥ 8
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K J 3

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♦ 9

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

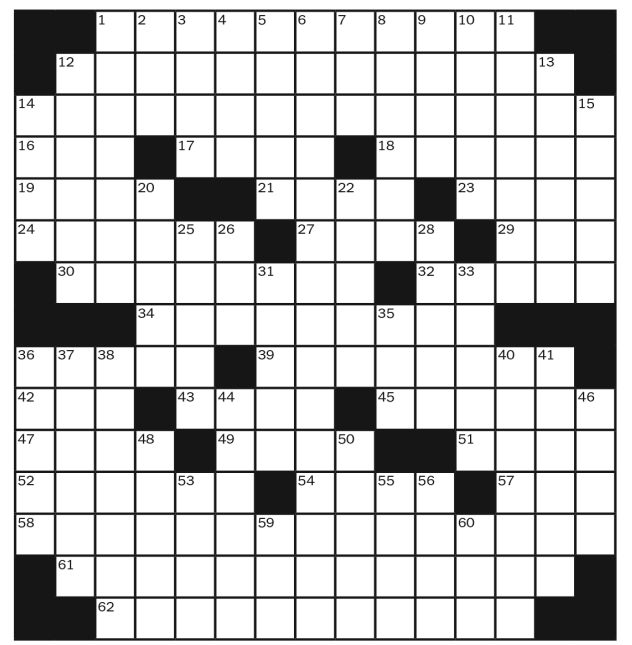
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0326

- ACROSS**
- 1 Parts of a leak
 - 12 Pop around a lot?
 - 14 "Whoa, there!"
 - 16 One with a nest egg
 - 17 They provide added height for a swing
 - 18 Achieved success
 - 19 Where to find the Whiffenpoofs, who have been singing since 1909
 - 21 Like sauces in French cuisine, typically
 - 23 Result of a good pitch
 - 24 Seafarer's patron
 - 27 Darth Vader, e.g.
 - 29 Org. with 1-Across
 - 30 Voluptuary
 - 32 Warms up the crowd, say
 - 34 Steadiness
 - 36 Stravinsky's "Le ___ du Printemps"
 - 39 Loser that loses it, say
 - 42 Club club, for short
 - 43 Assist with some heavy lifting
 - 45 Like a tingy foot, maybe
 - 47 Composer's "forte"
 - 49 V.P., e.g.
 - 51 "Cimarron" novelist Ferber
 - 52 Animator Klasky who co-created "Rugrats"
 - 54 Water under the bridge?
 - 57 Zonked
 - 58 "Stop ... don't panic"
 - 61 Phil Silvers character of 1950s TV
 - 62 Place for a hot date?
- DOWN**
- 1 Provenance of many superheroes
 - 2 Not fast
 - 3 Dermatologist's concern
 - 4 Going amount
 - 5 Fifth element, to Aristotle
 - 6 Heart of an academic paper
 - 7 Key ___
 - 8 "We'll see"
 - 9 Kind of block
 - 10 Corrects copy
 - 11 :(
 - 12 Place to store a weapon
 - 13 Give a hand
 - 14 Reasons
 - 15 Spaces
 - 20 Matriarch, for example
 - 22 Gave credit
 - 25 Rolls the dice, say
 - 26 What a raised index finger may stand for



PUZZLE BY DANIEL LARSEN

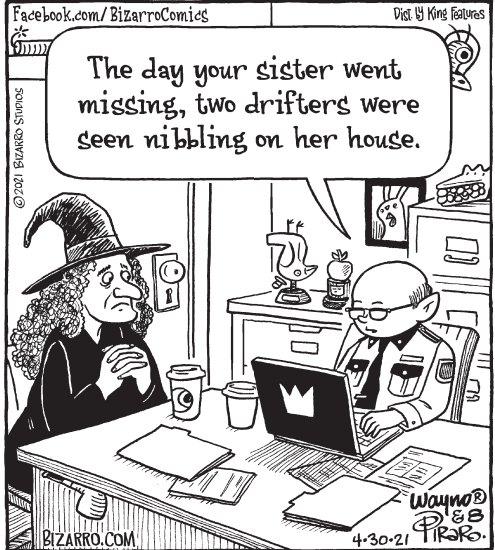
- 28 Stud alternatives
- 31 ___ zero (status of no unanswered emails)
- 33 Member of the working class
- 35 Org. with 1-Across
- 36 Sound associated with rotten tomatoes
- 37 Ancient markets
- 38 Filled in some gaps
- 40 Amazon comedy/drama set in a New Jersey country club in the 1980s
- 41 "Hold it," in music
- 44 River through the Carolinas
- 46 Track
- 48 Mower handle?
- 50 Admit
- 53 Bugs
- 55 Group with a member-centric acronym
- 56 Push-up targets, for short
- 59 Distinctive part of a Batman costume
- 60 Restaurateur Zabar

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

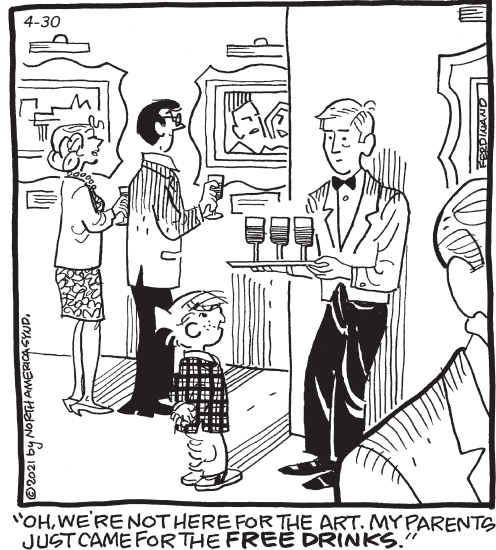


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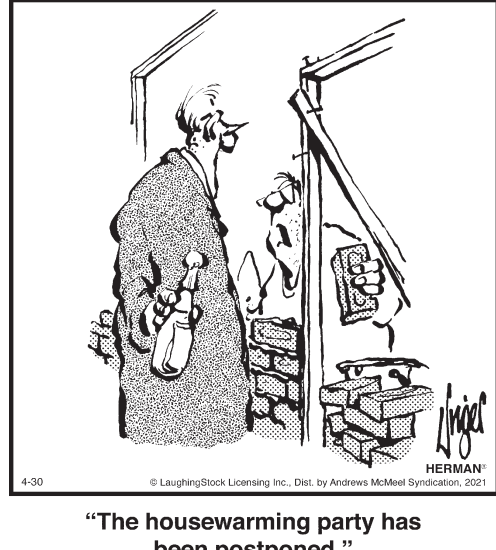
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DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

TAHSS
CHNEE
GPDOAA
NPHOCO

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Oh my gosh! You got that guy behind me posing.

That's funny! I didn't mean to.

WHEN SHE UNKNOWNLY TOOK A PIC OF THE FLEXING BODYBUILDER, IT WAS

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AGAIN GECKO THORAX OUTBID
Answer: In "The Wizard of Oz," when Toto escaped from Miss Gulch, she thought — DOGGONE IT

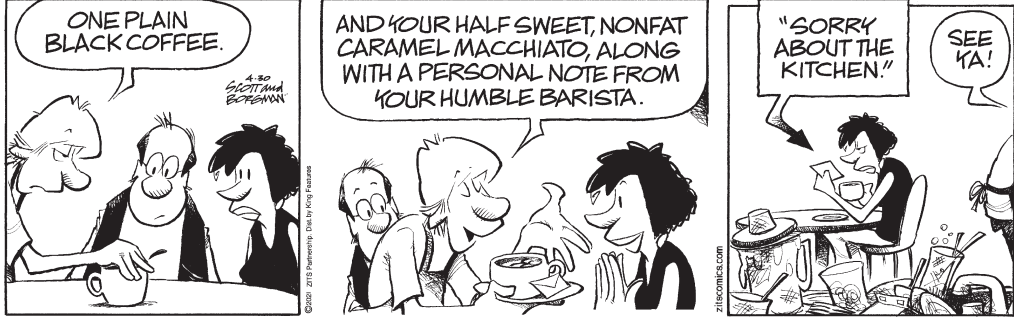
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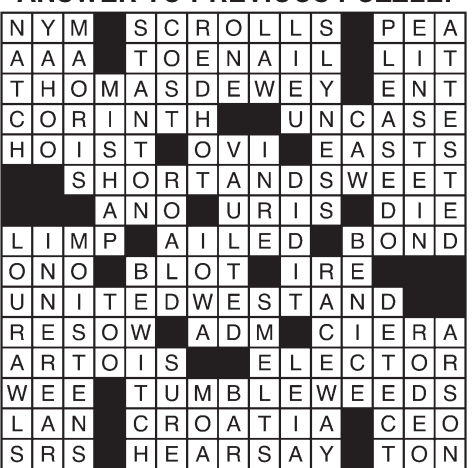


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 "How cute!"
 - 4 Tree with catkins
 - 9 Gives for free
 - 14 Thai language
 - 15 Reading from an ark
 - 16 Use
 - 17 Hors d'oeuvre in the Arctic?
 - 19 LPGA star Korda
 - 20 Skywalker mentor
 - 21 Others, in Oaxaca
 - 22 Tempt
 - 24 Window treatment in the Arctic?
 - 27 Jumpsuit
 - 30 Crowd-___
 - 31 Tournament pass
 - 32 Treaty subject
 - 35 Vivacious
 - 36 Brittle cookies in the Arctic?
 - 39 Samoa's capital
 - 42 Something numbered in groceries
 - 43 Maa, in the movie "Babe"
 - 46 Clue's function
 - 49 Arcade game gobbler
 - 51 Linens in the Arctic?
 - 54 Actress Cheryl or Jordan
 - 55 Words to live by
 - 56 Bond preference?
 - 59 "Aha!"
 - 60 Money for a rainy day in the Arctic?
 - 63 More cunning
 - 64 Book before Joel
 - 65 Singer's asset
 - 66 Drink to
 - 67 Wharton's "___ Frome"
 - 68 Soap-making supply
 - 3 One of a "Star Wars" race with its own -pedia
 - 4 Memo abbr.
 - 5 Western wolf
 - 6 Small amounts
 - 7 Like some kitchens
 - 8 MLB scoreboard letters
 - 9 "Not possible"
 - 10 Isn't discrete
 - 11 Listlessness
 - 12 Hoppy lager
 - 13 Willy
 - 18 Tennis units
 - 21 Hogwarts mail carrier
 - 22 Short cut
 - 23 "___ thoughts?"
 - 25 Is the first act
 - 26 2000 Gere title role
 - 28 2019 Uber landmark, briefly
 - 29 Fish in unadon
 - 33 Words of wisdom
 - 34 CBS forensic series
 - 36 Reflective gemstones
 - 37 Swiss peak
 - 38 Kind of green
 - 39 Yellowfin tuna
 - 40 Highest-pitched woodwind
 - 41 Resistance to change
 - 43 Obama's first chief of staff
 - 44 Walleful
 - 45 Put the kibosh on
 - 47 Common start of a bumper sticker slogan
 - 48 Outlaw Kelly
 - 50 Staff leader?
 - 52 Letter-shaped opening
 - 53 Silence
 - 57 Voyaging
 - 58 Top medieval Tatar
 - 59 Clock-setting std.
 - 60 Pop duo ___ & Him
 - 61 Thumbs-down
 - 62 Hip-hop Dr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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- DOWN**
- 1 TV ET
 - 2 1970 #1 hit with the line "What is it good for?"

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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

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

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2	6		1						7

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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