

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**A walk in the park?**

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"My marriage has been idyllic," a club player confided to me, "like a walk in a park. But when my husband and I play bridge, it's like Jurassic Park. Something goes wrong, and he turns into a beast."

My friend was declarer at today's 6NT in a duplicate event.

"I took the ace of clubs," she told me, "and thought I might make an overtrick. But when I led a diamond to dummy's ace, East discarded, and I couldn't make six. My husband was irate. He growled that I should have played the six of diamonds to safeguard the slam. That never occurred to me. At duplicate, I thought I had to try for 13 tricks."

Partner then rebids three clubs. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner has a minimum opener, probably with seven clubs. If he has Q, K 6, 7 5 3, A K 9 8 6 4 2, five clubs would be a good contract, 3NT would be iffy, maybe needing a 2-2 club break. You have no correct bid. You might pass the buck by bidding three diamonds.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 7 3 2  
♥ A J 5 3  
♦ A 6  
♣ 7 5

**WEST**  
♠ J 4  
♥ 10 8  
♦ Q J 4 2  
♣ J 10 8 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 8 6 5  
♥ Q 9 7 6 2  
♦ None  
♣ Q 9 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 9  
♥ K 4  
♦ K 10 9 8 7 5 3  
♣ A K

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT(!)	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

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**UNCOMMON**

Safety plays are uncommon at duplicate. At a "normal contract" — one most pairs will reach — you play for the maximum number of tricks. But here, North-South had reached 6NT with only 29 high-card points. Most pairs would stop at game or maybe six diamonds.

I agree with my friend's husband. Since plus 1,440 will surely be a good result, South should play safe.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ A 10 7 3 2 ♥ A J 5 3  
♦ A 6 ♣ 7 5. Your partner opens one club, you bid one spade, he rebids two clubs and you try two hearts.

**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

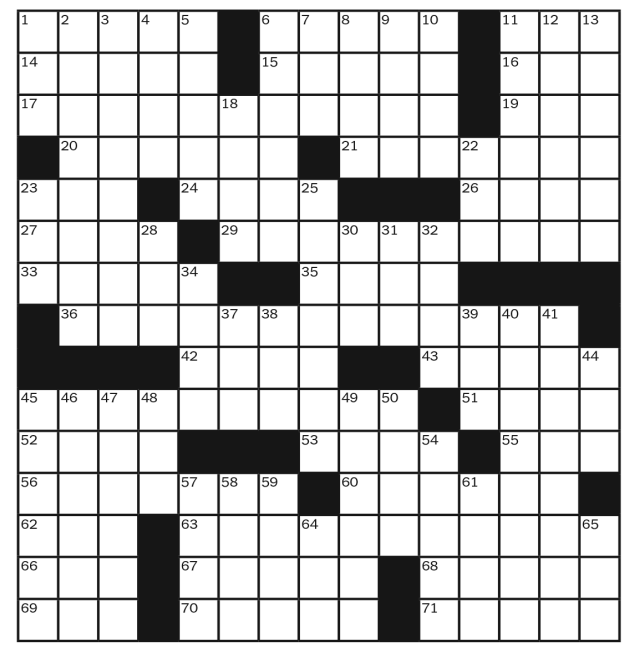
- 1 Fighting, as countries
- 6 Team sport with scrums
- 11 Naked \_\_\_ jaybird
- 14 Stage of development
- 15 Writer Zola
- 16 Fractional amt.
- 17 Equestrian outfit
- 19 Part of a chem class
- 20 Lie snugly
- 21 Perfect example
- 23 French friend
- 24 Take a lo-o-ong bath
- 26 Home plate officials, informally
- 27 Minor job at a body shop
- 29 Children's character who lives in a briar patch
- 33 Not bottled or canned, as beer

- 35 Word that might be "proper"
- 36 Hamlet's dilemma ... with a phonetic hint for the last words of 17- and 29-Across and the first words of 45- and 63-Across
- 42 \_\_\_ vera
- 43 Wedding or parade
- 45 ♯
- 51 Voice below mezzo-soprano
- 52 Schemer against Othello
- 53 What the Supremes said to do "in the name of love"
- 55 Test for an advanced deg. seeker
- 56 Requirement for sainthood
- 60 Peninsula with Oman and Yemen

- 62 Suffix with Sudan or Japan
- 63 California golf resort that has hosted six U.S. Opens
- 66 Tennis do-over
- 67 Garlicky sauce
- 68 Slow, musically
- 69 Units on a football field: Abbr.
- 70 One who laughs "Ho, ho, ho!"
- 71 Beginning

**DOWN**

- 1 Mo. with many (not so) happy returns?
- 2 Popular Girl Scout cookie
- 3 Undertake with gusto
- 4 Buyer's warning
- 5 Monopoly payments
- 6 Try, try again?
- 7 Actress Thurman
- 8 Taunt
- 9 Spot on a radar screen
- 10 Supposed source of mysterious footprints in the Himalayas
- 11 Self-assurance
- 12 Shrimp \_\_\_ (seafood dish)
- 13 Optimally
- 18 Amorphous lump
- 22 Place to take a bath
- 23 Kerfuffle
- 25 Shelters for shelties



PUZZLE BY LYNN LEMPEL

- 28 Run one's mouth
- 30 Outback hopper, informally
- 31 Routine that one might get stuck in
- 32 Pay to play
- 34 Ring, as church bells
- 37 Mississippi's \_\_\_ Miss
- 38 Huge bird of lore
- 39 In vitro fertilization needs

- 40 Citizens of Brussels and Antwerp
- 41 Theatergoer's break
- 44 What a ballerina twirls on
- 45 At just the right moment
- 46 Made a higher poker bet
- 47 White wetlands birds
- 48 \_\_\_ constrictor
- 49 And others: Lat.

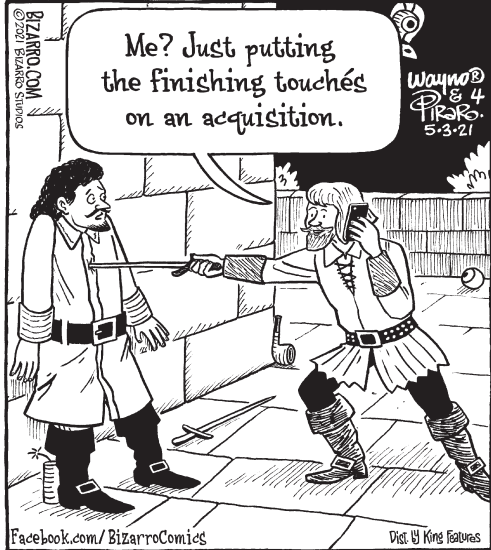
- 50 Shout after an errant drive
- 54 Artist Picasso
- 57 Tax pros, for short
- 58 "Star Wars" princess
- 59 Black, in poetry
- 61 Has-\_\_\_
- 64 Toasted sandwich, familiarly
- 65 All the rage

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



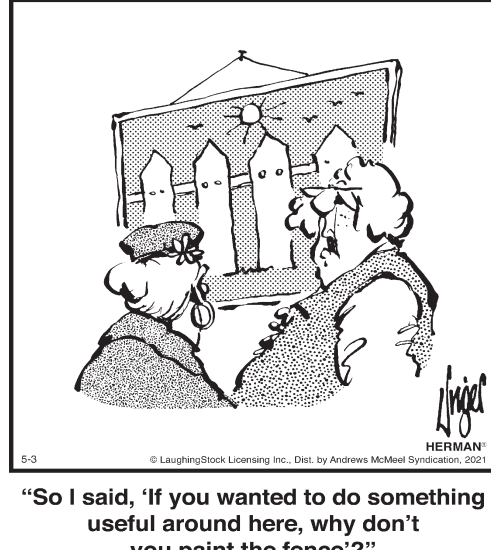
**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**

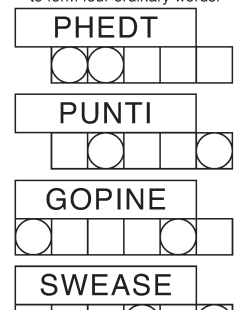


**HERMAN**



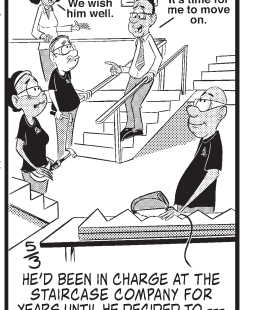
**JUMBLE**

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



**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

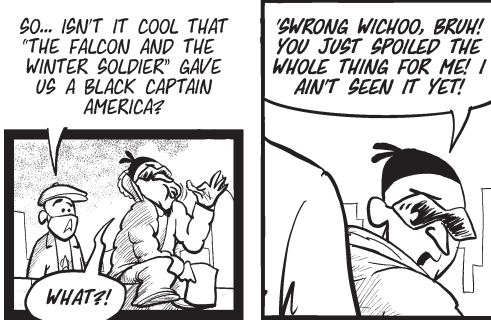
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HE'D BEEN IN CHARGE AT THE STAIRCASE COMPANY FOR YEARS UNTIL HE DECIDED TO ...

Print your answer here:   
Saturday's Jumbles: ELUDE SNOWY HIGHER CAVORT  
Answer: The stallion with the leg cramp had a — CHARLEY HORSE

**CANDORVILLE**



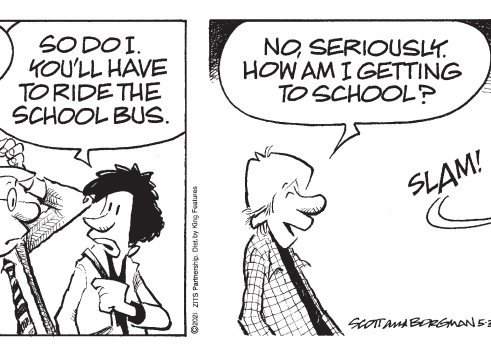
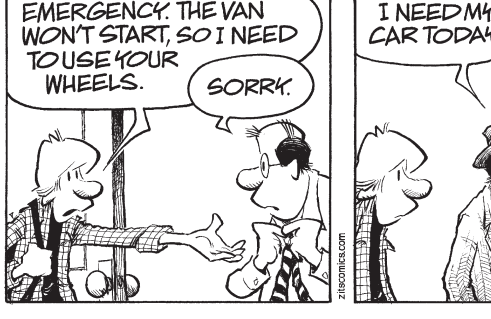
**ZITS**



It is true that I am running for office. It's also true that, had I known I would want to be taken seriously at some point, I would not have chosen the stage name MC BlingBlingSexyPants. As for my plans for the environment and the job market ...



**WUMO**



**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Quench, as thirst
- 6 Musical pause
- 10 Osbourne of heavy metal
- 14 Item sold in reams
- 15 Nevada city
- 16 London lads
- 17 \*Dilapidated car
- 19 Cooked just right
- 20 \_\_\_-Z: classic Camaro
- 21 Lively Irish dance
- 22 Discourage
- 23 Fuel-eating cars
- 25 Listening organ
- 27 \*Bowling alley's "start over" device
- 33 Irregularly sharp-edged
- 37 Fiber source
- 38 Man's name that's a green fruit spelled backwards
- 39 Persistent noise
- 40 Assures, as a win
- 41 Personifies
- 44 Butts, in slang
- 46 \*Unscrupulous 19th-century tycoon
- 48 Early Olds auto
- 49 Very excited
- 54 Anglo-\_\_\_
- 58 Mark Harmon CBS series
- 60 Bull or ram
- 61 Tree branch
- 62 \*High-fiber cereal with dried fruit
- 64 Jai \_\_\_: court game
- 65 Late evening, informally
- 66 "Whooping" bird
- 67 Attention-getting whisper
- 68 Bellicose Greek god
- 69 Ray Charles' genre, and a hint to the answers to starred clues

- 4 Two-masted vessel
- 5 "Tarzan" creator's monogram
- 6 Students' play period
- 7 Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
- 8 Bony-looking Halloween costume
- 9 Tyke on a trike
- 10 Word often seen before "shoppe"
- 11 \_\_\_ suit: '40s apparel
- 12 The "Z" in ZIP Code
- 13 Belgian river
- 18 More than suggested
- 22 The "D" in FDA
- 24 Lode load
- 26 \_\_\_ Dhabi
- 28 1974 pension plan legislation
- 29 "What's \_\_\_ about?"
- 30 It measures rpm
- 31 Curved molding
- 32 Monster's loch
- 33 Taunting cry
- 34 Rifle range rounds

- 35 Bee Gees surname
- 36 Lump of clay, say
- 39 Sophisticated and charming
- 42 See 2-Down
- 43 Angry feeling
- 44 Body trunks
- 45 Crazy Eights cousin
- 47 Poker strategies
- 50 Planetary shadow

- 51 Cling wrap brand
- 52 African antelope
- 53 Huge star in Cygnus
- 54 Open-handed hit
- 55 Is hurting
- 56 Dec. 25
- 57 Closing words?
- 59 Formally commend, as for bravery
- 62 Cellular messenger
- 63 ATM maker

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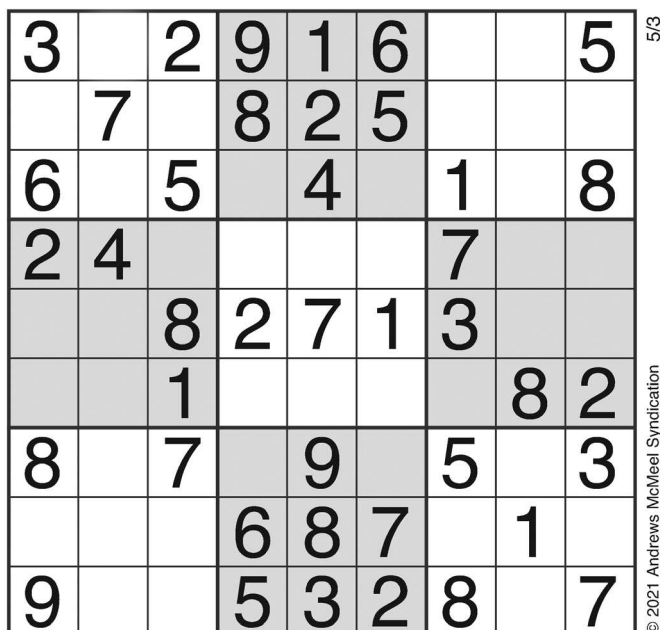
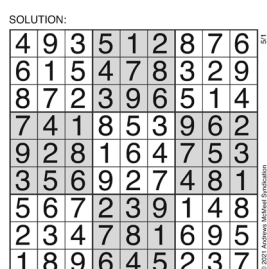


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**SUDOKU**

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: ★☆☆☆☆

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- DOWN
- 1 Parsley or sage piece
- 2 With 42-Down, Best Supporting Actress Oscar winner in "Marriage Story"
- 3 Lhasa \_\_\_: Tibetan dogs

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