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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.

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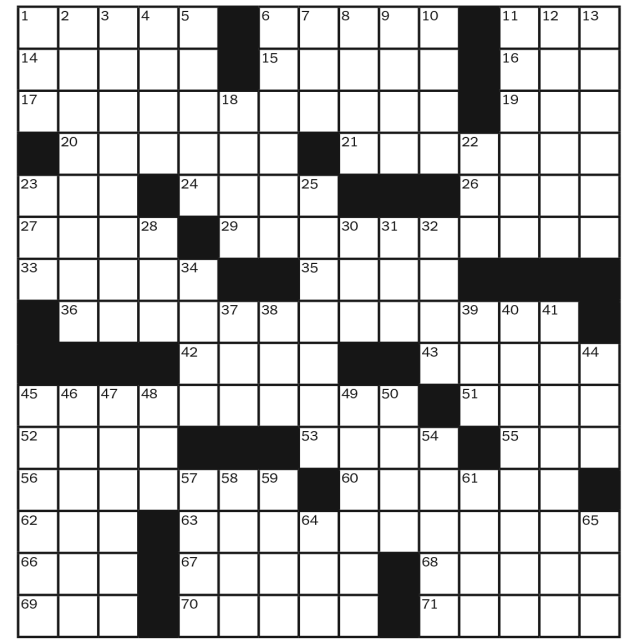
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fighting, as countries
 - 6 Team sport with scrums
 - 11 Naked ___ jaybird
 - 14 Stage of development
 - 15 Writer Zola
 - 16 Fractional amt.
 - 17 Equestrian outfit
 - 19 Part of a chem class
 - 20 Lie snugly
 - 21 Perfect example
 - 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



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- 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



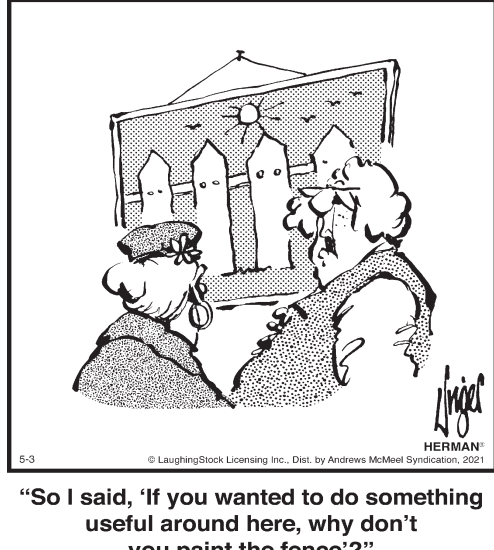
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

PHEDT
PUNTI
GOPINE
SWEASE

Print your answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

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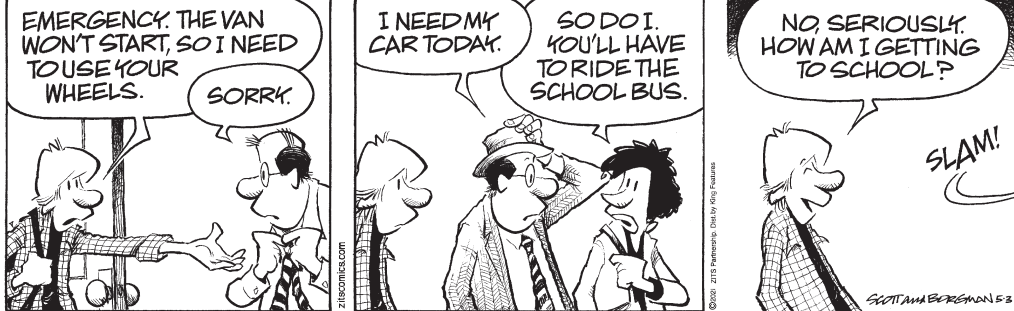
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 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

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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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

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

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

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