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Daily Bridge Club

Paradise lost

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A tale, reminiscent of Franz Kafka, tells of a man who waited beside the gates of paradise for a thousand years. When his attention was distracted for a moment, the gates silently opened and closed. Dummy play can be that way: you lose your focus for a moment — and lose your contract.

Today's West led the six of spades against 3NT: jack, ace, four. Declarer played low on the spade return, and West won and led a third spade.

South took his king, led a club to dummy and returned a diamond to his queen. He got back to dummy with the ace of hearts and led a second diamond to his jack.

spades and he next bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's three clubs is a try for game. You should bid game with any maximum raise or with a fair raise that has help for his second suit. (With a "double fit," you can make game with fewer than 26 points.) You have decent trump support, the king of clubs and a side ace. Bid four spades.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 10 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ 9 8 2
♣ K 5 3 2

WEST

♠ Q 9 7 6 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ 7 5
♣ J 9 8

EAST

♠ A 3
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ Q 10 7

SOUTH

♠ K 8 4
♥ K 7 3
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A 6 4

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 6

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 5 ♥ A 6 2
♦ 9 8 2 ♣ K 5 3 2. Your partner opens one spade, you raise to two

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

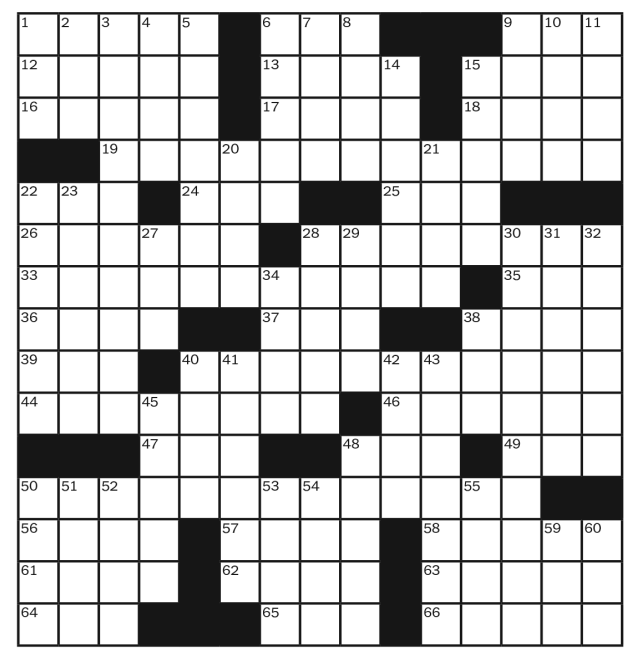
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Unbelievable!"
 - 6 Actor Patel of "Slumdog Millionaire"
 - 9 Film in which Will Ferrell wears yellow tights
 - 12 Good, in Genoa
 - 13 Specs can be provided for them
 - 15 Talk like a tippler
 - 16 ___ Building, former name of Chicago's Aon Center
 - 17 Losing dice roll
 - 18 [sooo funny!]
 - 19 6-Across, with "out"
 - 22 What the Cyclops couldn't do after Odysseus tricked him
 - 24 "___ interesante"
 - 25 Bull's predecessor in the zodiac
 - 26 "Sooo funny ..."
 - 28 Fearing
 - 33 *Init.*, before 9-Across
 - 35 Pop star Grande, to fans
 - 36 Airplane whose name is also a vitamin
 - 37 Start of the third millennium
 - 38 Something often skipped using a DVR
 - 39 Way to say "hey" in São Tomé
 - 40 37-Across, in *slang*
 - 44 Overlooked
 - 46 Pestering sort
 - 47 Dip stick?
 - 48 Depiction on Arizona and New Mexico's flags
 - 49 ___ loose
 - 50 64-/65-Across and others
 - 56 Ice-___ (old tennis nickname)
 - 57 Bombard (with)
 - 58 Sorting category in a music app
- DOWN**
- 1 Firm requirement, maybe
 - 2 Word a cook likes to hear
 - 3 Travel abroad
 - 4 How many times TV's Perry Mason lost a case
 - 5 Quite a job, you have to admit?
 - 6 Publicly criticize
 - 7 Literary character who says "I will be myself" to Mr. Rochester
 - 8 What might be parm for the course?
 - 9 Friend of Cookie Monster
 - 10 Occasion for a roast
 - 11 Some natural hairstyles, informally
 - 14 Perfectly thrown football
 - 15 Gunk
 - 20 Circular dwelling
 - 21 Libertarian politico Johnson
 - 22 1984 hit for Cyndi Lauper
 - 23 Where I-5 meets I-710
 - 61 "Jeopardy!," basically
 - 62 Fix
 - 63 Bumpkins
 - 64 French holy title: Abbr.
 - 65 Cheap beer choice, for short
 - 66 S.U.V. with a geographic name

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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



PUZZLE BY SAM EZERSKY

- 27 What may come home to roost
- 28 Something that might be made with cold cuts from the fridge
- 29 Sister of Calliope
- 30 Filmmaker who co-created "Twin Peaks"
- 31 Like Tennessee Avenue and New York Avenue, on a Monopoly board
- 32 Have ants in one's pants
- 34 Website with Oscars recaps
- 38 Vietnam's Le Duc ___
- 40 Sweat it
- 41 Ones with spots to fill
- 42 "One" on ones
- 43 Tony and Maria duet in "West Side Story"
- 45 Trey ____, R&B artist with the 2012 chart-topping album "Chapter V"
- 48 Strong luster?
- 50 Occasions for roasts, for short
- 51 Hooligan
- 52 City roughly halfway between Cleveland and Buffalo
- 53 "Pirates of the Caribbean" star
- 54 Toning target
- 55 Noted leader of the Resistance
- 59 Pioneering co. in film noir
- 60 -talk

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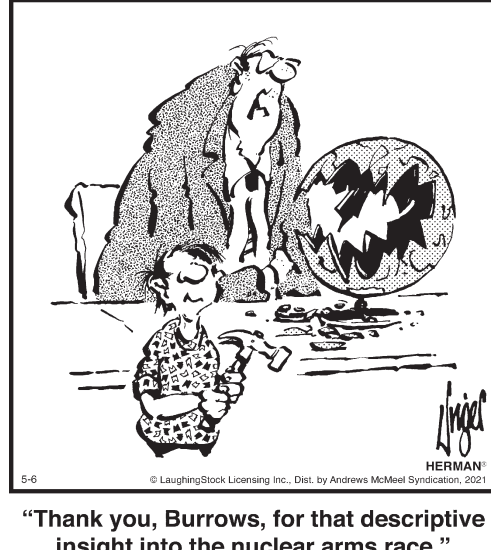
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

ESYED
ILFYL
COILAS
DOEUXS

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUME AFFIX DRIVEL GULLET
Answer: They each ate a large meal at the all-you-can-eat buffet and were leaving — "FULL-FILLED"

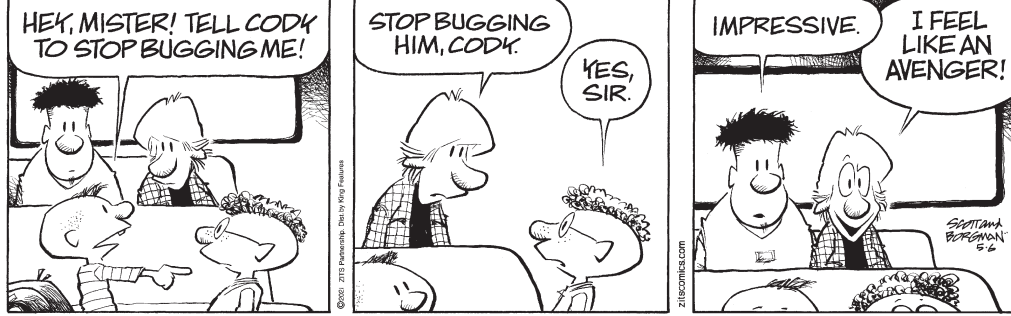
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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

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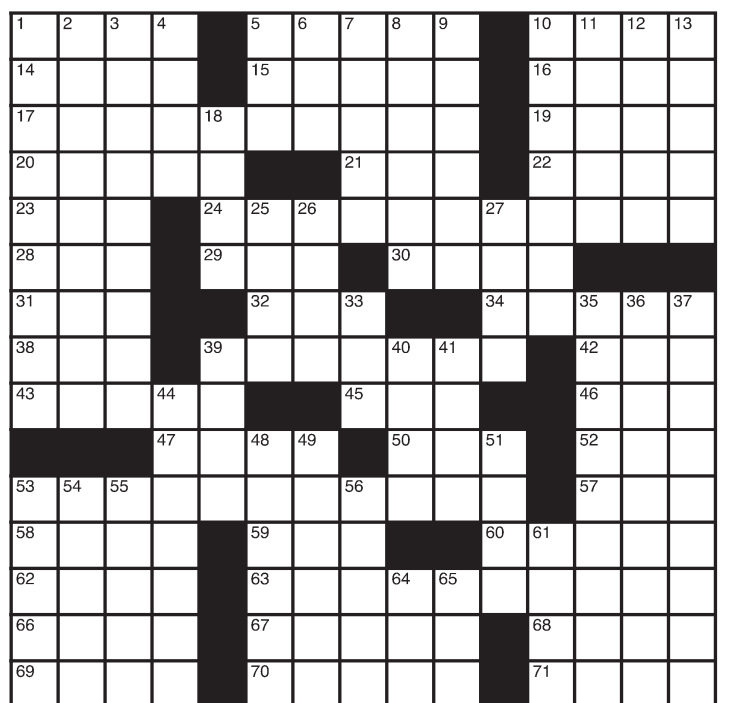
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Apple since 1998
 - 5 Doctor's order?
 - 10 Large number
 - 14 Dunn of "SNL" (1985-'90)
 - 15 Food recall cause
 - 16 Not about to back
 - 17 Bridge relative for three players
 - 19 Union foe
 - 20 Muse's gift, in modern slang
 - 21 "Too Many Rappers" rapper
 - 22 Elephantine
 - 23 They're not from around here, briefly
 - 24 NBA All-Star Weekend event, casually
 - 28 TV's Arthur
 - 29 MSNBC host Melber
 - 30 Irish New Ager
 - 31 Hawks' home: Abbr.
 - 32 23andMe concern
 - 34 Everglades bird
 - 38 Eugene-to-Portland dir.
 - 39 Equinox sunset direction viewed from the equator
 - 42 Flying phenom
 - 43 Miso soup base
 - 45 Sch. found inside hotel suites?
 - 46 Scand. land
 - 47 "Wonderfilled" cookie
 - 50 Actor Vigoda
 - 52 U.S. number-issuing agcy.
 - 53 Sporty muffler option
 - 57 BOLO cousin
 - 58 Lone
 - 59 Constitution letters
 - 60 Like computer innovations, say
 - 62 Caiman kin
 - 63 Book protector ... and what 17- 24-, 39-, and 53-Across each has
 - 66 Casino game
 - 67 Remove entirely
 - 68 "___ we go!"
 - 69 Eject
 - 70 Malibu, e.g.
 - 71 Spenser's "Epithalamion" and others
 - 33 Leatherwork tool
 - 35 Plundered
 - 36 Closed system that includes all life on Earth
 - 37 Substantial storage units
 - 39 Boding disaster
 - 40 Isaac's eldest
 - 41 Replacements
 - 44 Phil Rizzuto catchphrase
 - 48 Radiates
 - 49 "Yeah, I bet!"
 - 51 James of jazz
 - 53 Places to tie up
 - 54 Gen. Assembly member
 - 55 Unaccompanied family name
 - 56 Mideast ruling point as
 - 61 Make the same point as
 - 64 Bag-checking org.
 - 65 Comedian Kirkman
- DOWN**
- 1 The Smiths, e.g.
 - 2 Europe's highest active volcano
 - 3 Heat transfer subject?
 - 4 Like-minded group
 - 5 Use a Singer
 - 6 Augsburg "Oh!"
 - 7 "I'm taking that!"
 - 8 Treaty of Versailles region
 - 9 Tries to pick up
 - 10 Tweet symbol
 - 11 When expected
 - 12 Does' beaux
 - 13 Starting point for an Everest ascent
 - 18 "Size matters not" Jedi master
 - 25 Pakistani tongue
 - 26 Important baseball number
 - 27 Nureyev negative

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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