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Daily Bridge Club

Jamming the printer

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As you might expect, Unlucky Louie is a firm believer in Murphy's Law: Whatever can go wrong, will. Unfortunately, that includes Louie's technique.

Louie was declarer at today's four spades, and the defense led three rounds of clubs. Louie ruffed and led a trump to dummy's king, winning. He next led the jack of trumps.

West played low again, and Louie was in trouble. If he led a third trump, West would win and lead his last club, forcing Louie to ruff, and West's last trump would score for down one. Louie took the K-Q of diamonds and three heart tricks and led a fourth heart, but West ruffed with his eight of trumps and also got the ace.

two diamonds and you raise to three diamonds. Partner then bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has six spades and also has a strong hand. If his hand were a minimum, he would have rebid two spades. Your decision is close, but if your side is vulnerable, with more to gain, bid five diamonds. Partner may hold A J 7 5 3 2, A 3, A K 6 5 4.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K J 2
♥ A K J
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ 8 7 4

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

EAST
♠ 4
♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 9 7 4 2
♣ A K 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 5 3
♥ Q 10 7 4
♦ K Q
♣ 9 6

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

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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PAPER JAM

"Any attempt to print out Murphy's Law will result in a paper jam," Louie told me.

Louie created his own bad luck, as usual. After the king of trumps wins, he must lead a low trump to his ten. If West ducks, Louie succeeds by cashing red-suit winners and leading a fourth round of hearts. West can get only his ace of trumps.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 4 ♥ 8 5 2 ♦ J 9 7 4 2 ♣ A K 5 3. Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT, he bids

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

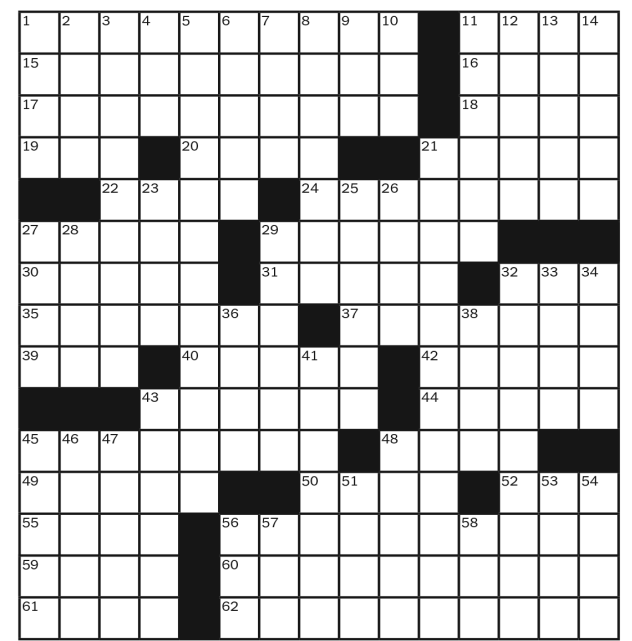
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The New York Times Crossword

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No. 0402

- ACROSS**
- 1 Veiled satire on Joseph Stalin
 - 11 Capital of Azerbaijan
 - 15 First Korean to win the Best Director Oscar
 - 16 Father of Eros
 - 17 "We are not getting back together"
 - 18 Compost ingredient
 - 19 Toe preceder
 - 20 Show of amor
 - 21 Glazer of "Broad City"
 - 22 Puts in stitches
 - 24 One who is so close (and yet so far)
 - 27 Part of a promotion negotiation
 - 29 Will who voices BoJack Horseman on "BoJack Horseman"
 - 30 Even a smidgen
 - 31 Old Testament figure who has a child while in her early 90s
 - 32 Long way around town?
 - 35 Lists on eBay, say
 - 37 He or I, but not you?
 - 39 Senator Klobuchar
 - 40 Smears
 - 42 Group of zombies
 - 43 Style
 - 44 Poet who said "If you aren't in over your head, how do you know how tall you are?"
 - 45 Like the "fact" that humans use only 10% of their brains
 - 48 Adverb in both French and Spanish
 - 49 Thrill
 - 50 "Gotcha!" once
- DOWN**
- 1 Slightly
 - 2 Observation from an observatory
 - 3 Super-happy
 - 4 Grand opening for a casino?
 - 5 A+ work
 - 6 Start of a three-word alliterative name of a Shakespeare play
 - 7 Rivals
 - 8 Where Catalan is the official language
 - 9 Letter seen in a Christogram
 - 10 Many a fed. holiday
 - 11 It may keep you on your toes
 - 12 Like a cheering crowd
 - 13 Actor Reeves
 - 14 Hanging on a classroom wall, maybe
 - 23 ___ Woods, lead character in "Legally Blonde"
 - 25 Turbulence
 - 26 Cassidy who inspired Kerouac
 - 27 Figure skater Lipinski
 - 28 Romantic couple
 - 29 Take on
 - 32 What Bristol Bay is an arm of
 - 33 Ctrl+Z
 - 34 Proofer's 33-Down
 - 36 Joy ride, for example
 - 38 Mexican sauce made from chili peppers and chocolate
 - 41 "I'd think twice about that"
 - 43 Messed (with)
 - 45 Painter and devotee of 11-Down
 - 46 About to be in office
 - 47 African language family
 - 48 Special delivery
 - 51 Bug spray ingredient
 - 53 Lute shape
 - 54 Kick in
 - 56 Colorless, odorless drug
 - 57 First mammal to be cloned
 - 58 Food scrap



PUZZLE BY KYRA WILSON AND SOPHIA MAYMUDES

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

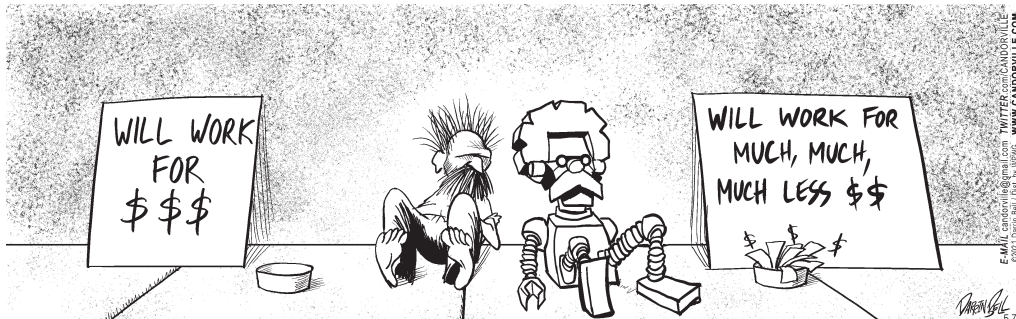
NPDEU
CUONE
IRHODA
GTAIMS

Answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SEEDY FILLY SOCIAL EXODUS
Answer: When the marine flatfish was the only fish around, it was the — SOLE SOLE

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

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

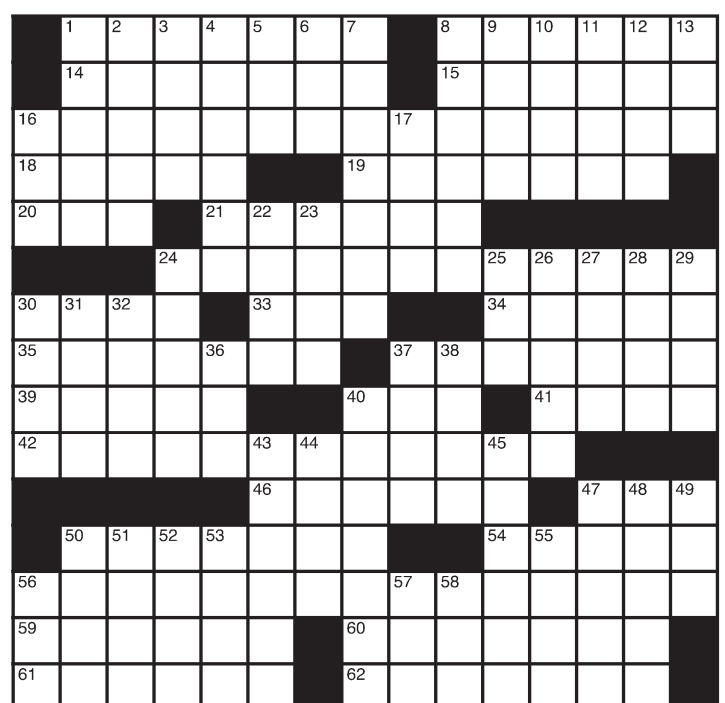
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Fear the Walking Dead," e.g.
 - 8 Fixed up
 - 14 Legendary name in racing
 - 15 Keeps away from
 - 16 Tight deadlines may make an electrician's job ___
 - 18 Reversal
 - 19 Picked up
 - 20 Leaves for a drink
 - 21 How it looks, with "the"
 - 24 An electrician who is testing results may become a ___
 - 30 Schooner pole
 - 33 Where FDR was once governor
 - 34 Face with courage
 - 35 Counting everything
 - 37 Poetic devices
 - 39 Link to another story?
 - 40 "Shameless" network, briefly
 - 41 It may be raised at an outdoor wedding
 - 42 An electrician resolves legal matters at ___
 - 46 Glum
 - 47 Old AT&T rival
 - 50 "Let's begin, okay?"
 - 54 Doesn't hack it
 - 56 A stressed electrician may need an ___
 - 59 They may be going around
 - 60 Saskatchewan neighbor
 - 61 Patronize, as a motel
 - 62 Person well over 70, probably?
- DOWN**
- 1 Executed, in Exodus
 - 2 City near Venice
 - 3 "Are you ___ out?"
 - 4 "Don't take it so hard"
 - 5 Take responsibility for
 - 6 Butter component
 - 7 Kicks up one's heels
 - 8 Discuss ad nauseam
 - 9 At any time
 - 10 Vampire's curfew
 - 11 Comics dog that sounds like two letters
 - 12 Bookish sort
 - 13 Wichita-to-Memphis dir.
 - 16 ___ feeling
 - 17 Big field in Silicon Valley
 - 22 Cocktail word with a tilde
 - 23 Texter's "Chat soon"
 - 24 Dispassionate type
 - 25 UPC bar code developer
 - 26 Travis of country music
 - 27 Account
 - 28 Square
 - 29 Sit a spell
 - 30 Catchall abbr.
 - 31 Contradictory prefix
 - 32 Marquee figure
 - 36 Capote nickname
 - 37 "Leave me alone!"
 - 38 Chits
 - 40 Roller coaster sounds
 - 43 "Wait, what?"
 - 44 Dot on a map
 - 45 Disprove
 - 47 Creator of an iconic bear
 - 48 Understood
 - 49 Musician's suffix
 - 50 X-rated stuff
 - 51 ___ sapiens
 - 52 Surmounting
 - 53 Pre-euro currency
 - 55 Slightly
 - 56 Critical-care ctrs.
 - 57 Chop (off)
 - 58 Number of World Series wins for the Astros

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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