

"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS

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Daily Bridge Club

Louie against fate

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Unlucky Louie says that when he plays in his penny game, fate deals from the bottom of the deck. "I can't get a break," Louie complained to me. "My trump suits never split well, and my finesses lose — especially when I need them to win."

Louie was declarer at today's four spades, and West led a heart. Louie took dummy's ace and cashed the A-K of trumps, grimacing when East showed out. Louie next took the A-K of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a heart, ruffed his last club and tried a diamond to his nine. He lost three diamonds and a trump.

BAD LUCK

"My usual bad luck," Louie sighed. Louie's game was unbeatable with astute play. He can ruff a heart at Trick Two — the key play — then take the top trumps.

Louie continues with the top clubs, a club ruff, a heart ruff and a club ruff. West must keep a high heart, else dummy's nine will be a winner. So having won the first nine tricks, Louie can ruff dummy's last heart with his last trump to fulfill the contract.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠2 ♥K54 ♦A762 ♣Q9853. Your partner opens one spade, you respond INT and he bids

two hearts. What do you say?
ANSWER: This is a miserable situation in a natural system and is one reason why "strong club" systems are popular. Opener's non-jump change of suit has a wide range. He may have 18 points (and you have a game), or he may have a minimum hand (and you may minus at the two level). Pass. If the result is poor, blame the system.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J875
♥ A973
♦ 1085
♣ 74

WEST

♠ Q64
♥ Q10862
♦ KJ4
♣ J6

EAST

♠ 2
♥ K54
♦ A762
♣ Q9853

SOUTH

♠ A K1093
♥ A J
♦ Q93
♣ A K102

South 1 ♠
West 2 ♠
North 2 ♠
East 2 ♠

Opening lead — ♥6

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ACROSS

- 1 Animal that barks
- 4 Bourbon barrel material
- 7 Tribal leader
- 12 Blunder
- 13 ___ colada
- 15 List for a meeting
- 16 *Certain psychedelic experience
- 18 Nintendo game featuring balance exercises
- 19 ___ of the game
- 20 Early auto engine's power source
- 22 Construction area, e.g.
- 23 Performs like Iggy Azalea
- 25 Social stratum
- 27 Provoke
- 30 Nevada city on the Truckee River

- 31 PC monitor type, in brief
- 34 *Hairstyle popularized by Lucille Ball
- 36 Hip-hop producer who founded Aftermath Entertainment
- 38 For two, in music
- 39 Jeans material
- 41 At the drop of ___ (instantly)
- 42 Drops in the mail
- 44 *Cheap neighborhood bar
- 46 Bygone Mach 1 breaker, for short
- 47 Major water line
- 49 Hang around idly
- 50 "Wanna join us?"
- 52 Fairy tale bear with a hard bed
- 53 Delivery room instruction
- 55 Put on hold
- 57 Religious sisters

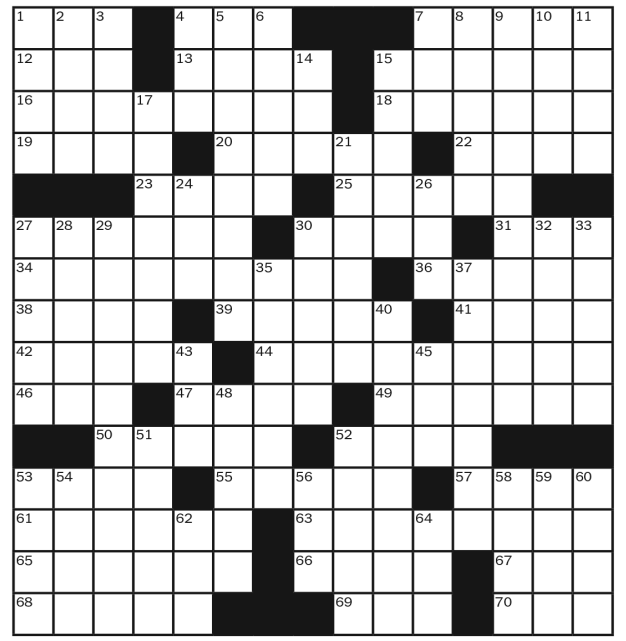
- 61 Real lowlife
- 63 "So there!" ... or what you can do to the ends of the answers to the starred clues?

- 65 Looks without blinking
- 66 Ship personnel
- 67 Number of Q tiles in Scrabble
- 68 Item that may be baked or mashed, informally

- 69 Caustic solution
- 70 Ingredient in a Denver omelet

DOWN

- 1 College faculty head
- 2 Whale that preys on octopuses
- 3 Worrisome, as news
- 4 Make a pick
- 5 Cockpit reading
- 6 Makes a scarf, say
- 7 FX in much sci-fi and fantasy
- 8 Bank holdup
- 9 *Bunt single, e.g.
- 10 Heading in a word processing menu
- 11 Destiny
- 14 Gibbon or gorilla
- 15 "Geez, that sucks!"
- 17 Expressed contempt for



PUZZLE BY ZHOUQIN BURNIKEL

- 21 Like vinegar
- 24 Falcons, on scoreboards
- 26 Roll for a greenskeeper
- 27 "No bid from me"
- 28 Connection points
- 29 *Home of many a courthouse
- 30 Talk too long
- 32 Yearn for
- 33 Scare off

- 35 Pop singer Dion
- 37 Visibly elated
- 40 Nonsense
- 43 Home of the George W. Bush Institute, in brief
- 45 Hack (off)
- 48 Capitol Hill staffers
- 51 Busiest airport in the Midwest
- 52 Oyster's creation
- 53 "Hey, over here!"

- 54 ___ Beauty (Sephora competitor)
- 56 Org. that monitors consumer scams
- 58 "Here comes trouble ..."
- 59 Mama's mama
- 60 Part of a cherry you don't eat
- 62 Gen ___ (millennial's follower)
- 64 Ovine mother

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



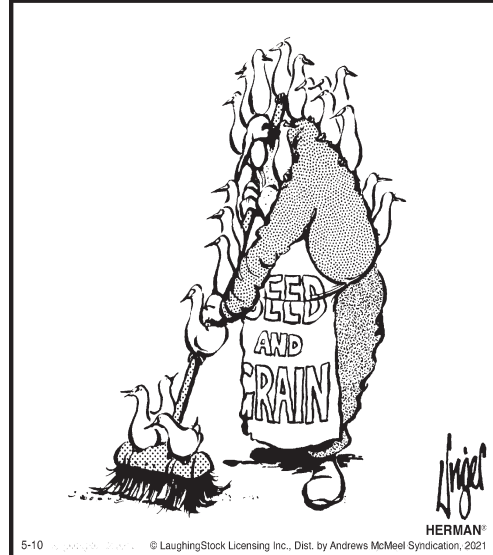
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE

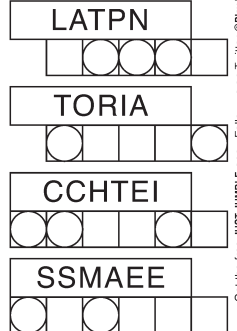


HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

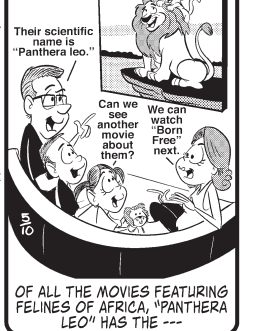


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Ans. here: _____

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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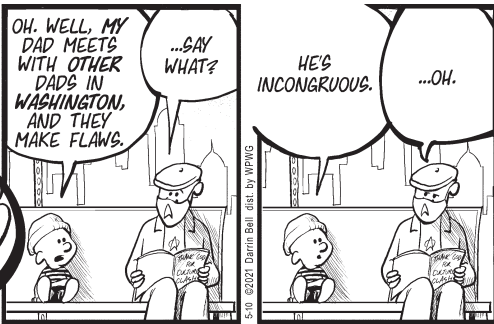
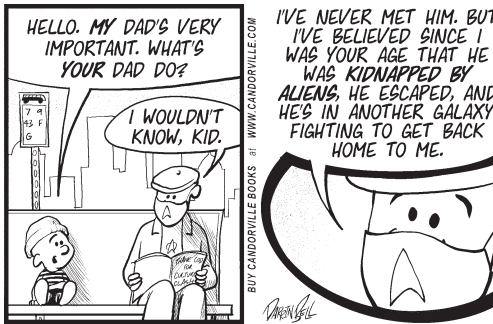


OF ALL THE MOVIES FEATURING FELINES OF AFRICA, "PANTHERA LEO" HAS THE ...

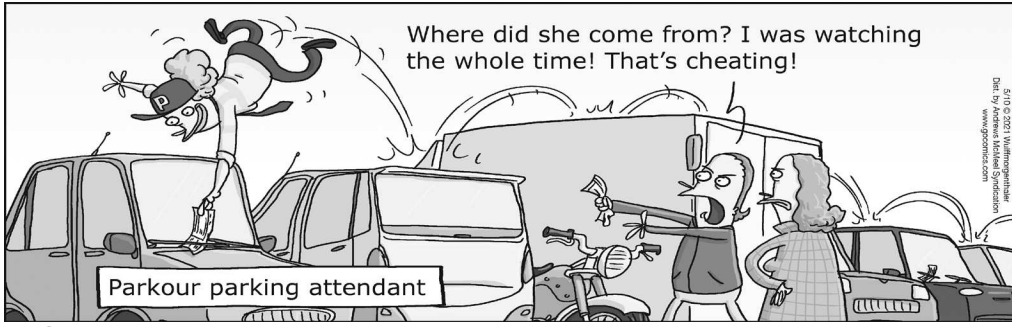
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow
Saturday's Jumbles: PUTTY WIDTH HINDER UNWISE
Answer: He gave his daughter his favorite fishing rod and reel so that she'd — WIND UP WITH IT

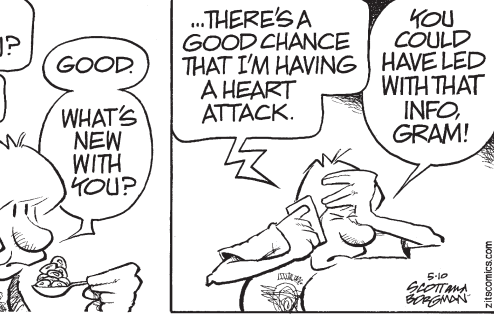
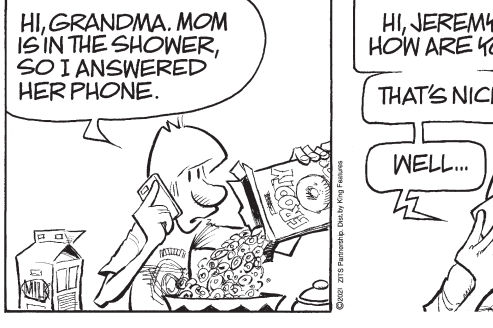
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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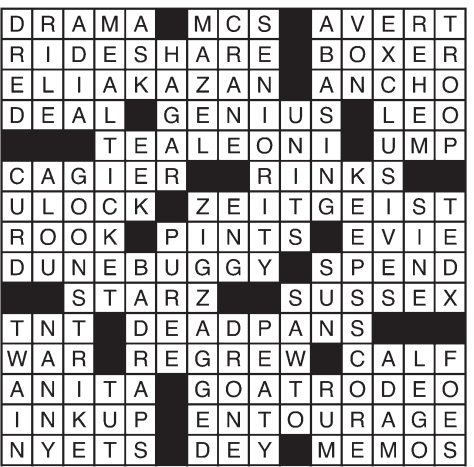
- ACROSS
- 1 Prefix with bar
- 4 Purple color named for a flower
- 9 Kind of minister or suspect
- 14 Habit wearer
- 15 "Mutiny on the Bounty" captain
- 16 "Star Wars" director George
- 17 Two-base hit: Abbr.
- 18 Cloak-and-dagger spy
- 20 Heroic tale
- 22 Direction of the dawn
- 23 Easter egg coloring
- 24 Typically yellow tangy fruit
- 29 Quivery vocal effect
- 30 Spanish eight
- 34 Of an arterial trunk
- 38 Belle's suitor
- 39 *Accessory metaphor for an accomplishment
- 44 Gas leak giveaway
- 45 "I'm clueless"
- 46 City near Tahoe
- 47 Whiner
- 52 Spaghetti-in-a-can icon
- 57 Emails a dupe to
- 60 Goddess for whom a month is named
- 61 Theater segments
- 62 "I Can't Help Myself" Motown group ... and what's comprised by 18-, 24-, 39- and 52-Across' starting words?
- 67 Frito-___
- 68 Old toga wearer
- 69 Frighten
- 70 Start for fab or fix
- 71 Pinocchio's problem
- 72 Roll of the dice
- 73 "___ the DJ, I'm the Rapper": 1988 album

- 3 Browsing the Web, say
- 4 Scale units: Abbr.
- 5 Land in la mer
- 6 DMV certificate
- 7 Go along (with)
- 8 Tightfisted
- 9 Table setting item
- 10 Snug bug's place?
- 11 Covered, as a cake
- 12 Numerous
- 13 Punta del __, Uruguay
- 19 Recipe abbr.
- 21 Cell pic taker
- 25 Ark builder
- 26 Crazy as ___
- 27 X-rated stuff
- 28 Lynda Bird's married name
- 31 Average grade
- 32 Actor Holbrook
- 33 Not in the office
- 35 You, in French
- 36 With unnamed partners, in bus. names
- 37 Suspicious (of)
- 39 Neither's partner
- 40 Wordsworth's "___ to Duty"

- 41 Trucker's unit
- 42 Gator kin
- 43 "Don't ___ word!": "Shh!"
- 48 "I'm freezing!"
- 49 Brewer Coors
- 50 Sign warning word about a watchdog
- 51 "Absolutely!"
- 53 Chinese ethnic group
- 54 Water, in Cannes

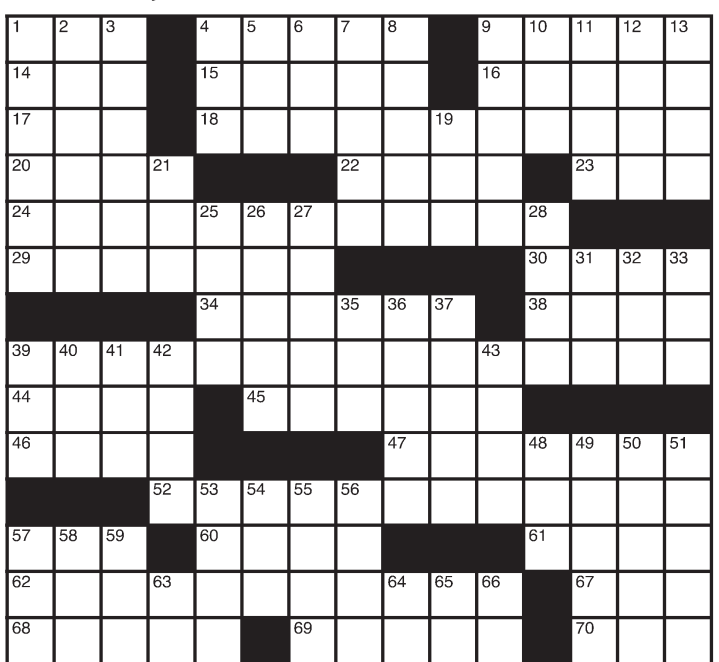
- 55 At the head of the line
- 56 Cookie baker's lot
- 57 Bottom-corner PC key
- 58 Bok ___: Chinese cabbage
- 59 18-wheeler
- 63 One cheering for the team
- 64 Sculler's prop
- 65 Whiz
- 66 Stitch together

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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- DOWN
- 1 Behind on bills
- 2 Not up to snuff



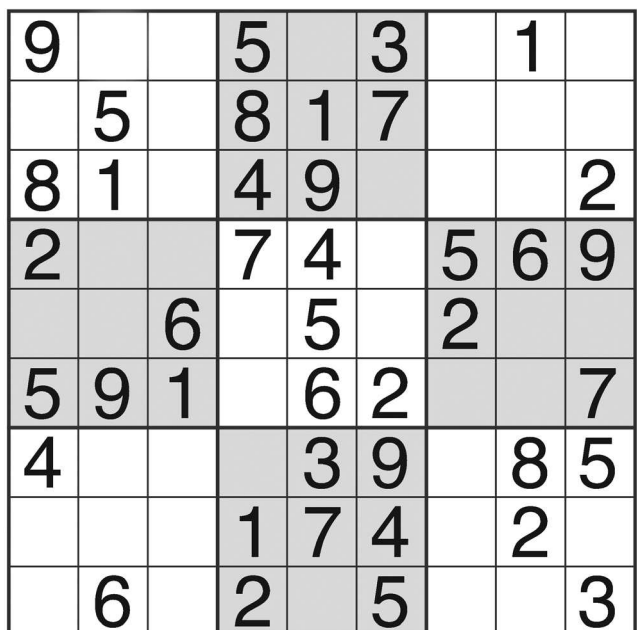
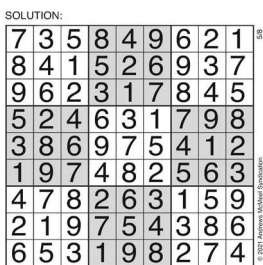
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SUDOKU

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: ★☆☆☆☆