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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's successful diet

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"I heard you're on another diet," I said to Cy the Cynic. He constantly battles his weight.

"The 14-day diet," Cy nodded. "So how's it going?"

"Successfully," the Cynic said. "I finished it in five days."

Cy plays the dummy the same way: always trying to finish in a hurry. Against his four spades, West led the ten of clubs, and Cy put up the king. East won and returned a club, and West won and shifted to a low heart: queen, king. When East returned the ten, Cy took the ace but had to lose another trick.

FIRST CLUB

Cy played thoughtlessly, as usual: He must play low from dummy on the first club. If West leads another club to the ace, and East returns a diamond, Cy wins, leads a trump to dummy and throws a heart on the queen of diamonds. He has 10 tricks.

If West shifts to a heart at Trick Two, Cy takes the ace. He cashes his ace of diamonds and reaches dummy with trumps to ruff the Q-J of diamonds. Cy then leads a club, and when East takes the ace, he is end-played.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 9 8 5 ♥ A Q 5
♦ Q J 6 ♣ K 5. You open one spade, your partner bids two clubs, you bid

2NT and he rebids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has shown long clubs but minimum values for a two-level response. (Even in a game-forcing two-over-one style, many pairs treat this sequence as not forcing.) To pass is possible, but most players would try 3NT. If partner has 4, 4 3 2, K 8 5, A Q J 8 3 2, that contract will usually succeed.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9 8 5
♥ A Q 5
♦ Q J 6
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ None
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ K 10 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 9 2

EAST
♠ 7
♥ K 10 8
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ A J 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 6 4 3 2
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A
♣ 8 3

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
4 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 10

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

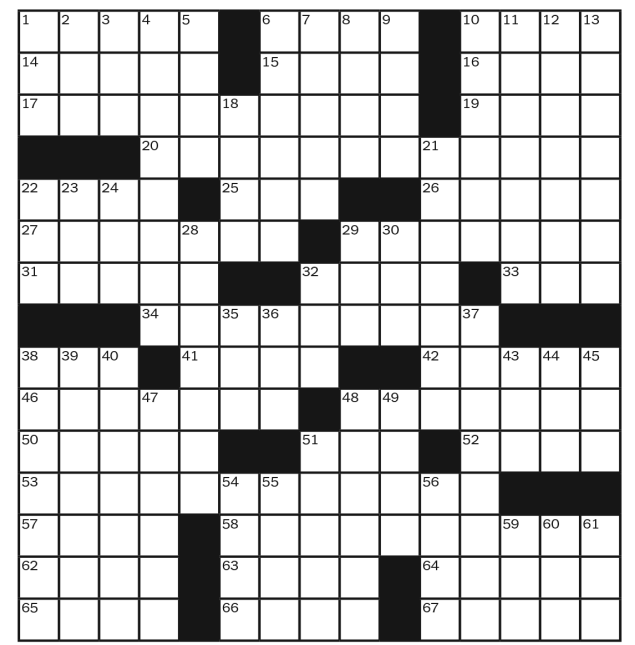
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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pilgrim who's been to Mecca
 - 6 Show stopper
 - 10 What a keto diet is high in
 - 14 Writer Nin
 - 15 ___ Emhoff, stepdaughter of Kamala Harris
 - 16 Property claim
 - 17 Small, spiny lizard
 - 19 ___ Mountains, dividers of Europe and Asia
 - 20 Fruit appearing on a Southern license plate
 - 22 Mindlessly repeat
 - 25 Insult, informally
 - 26 Dried Mexican chili
 - 27 South African plant whose leaves are used for a popular herbal tea
 - 29 "All ___ go"
 - 31 Not sitting well?
 - 32 Occupation for 32-Down
 - 33 Ready to go
 - 34 Video game franchise with characters found at the ends of 17-, 20-, 53- and 58-Across
 - 38 Monogram on an expensive handbag, maybe
 - 41 Zap
 - 42 Play again
 - 46 Transitional region between biomes
 - 48 Having good marketing instincts
 - 50 Many whiskey-based cocktails
 - 51 Leader namechecked in the Beatles' "Revolution"
 - 52 Singer nicknamed the Prince of Motown
 - 53 D.C. mayor first elected in 2014
 - 57 Gray ___
 - 58 "Clumsy me!"
 - 62 Like fine wines
 - 63 Mental spark
 - 64 A giant one rises in Citi Field after every Mets homer
 - 65 They're prescribed by docs
 - 66 It may go out on a limb
 - 67 Still'er comedy partner
- DOWN**
- 1 "As if!"
 - 2 What makes God good?
 - 3 Peanut butter container
 - 4 Excessive flag-waving and the like
 - 5 "OK, that makes sense"
 - 6 Game where everything falls into place
 - 7 Some YouTube journals
 - 8 Jai ___
 - 9 Common first word for a baby
 - 10 Well-versed (in)
 - 11 Heroes of the sky
 - 12 "I want to learn!"
 - 13 Alec Baldwin, on more than 15 occasions
 - 18 Dumb bunny
 - 21 Congregation leaders



PUZZLE BY ADRIAN JOHNSON

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

- 22 Period of history
- 23 Reason against
- 24 Like freshly brewed coffee
- 28 Close way to win
- 29 Have a brawl
- 30 "___ out!" (ump's call)
- 32 Fittingly, the first three letters of 32-Across
- 35 Sprint ... or see print
- 36 Nickname of a 1950s president
- 37 Native Caribbean plant whose fruit grows in clusters
- 38 Polite affirmative
- 39 Source of great trouble
- 40 "Walk on the Wild Side" singer
- 43 Director DuVerney
- 44 Columbia or Brown
- 45 Bread choice
- 47 Three-tone chords
- 48 Clumsily handles
- 49 Flushed, as cheeks
- 51 Looks down
- 54 Cut of pork
- 55 Foretell
- 56 Cheese of the Netherlands
- 59 Hip thing to sip
- 60 35mm camera inits.
- 61 Vote of support

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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

DBYUD
FNOTE
UGATOE
SBPHIO

THE BABY BUNNY THAT WAS FINALLY ABLE TO JUMP OVER THE CREEK WAS ---

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

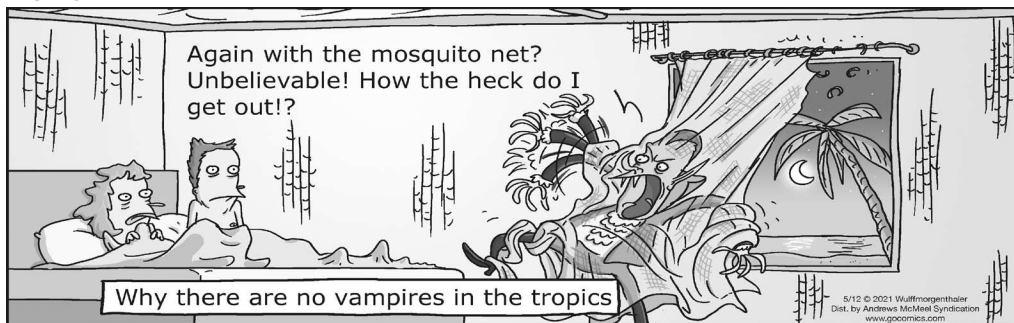
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ONION EAGLE CUDDLE RATIFY
Answer: When they returned to the stable on horseback, it was the — END OF THE "RODE"

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Boyfriend
 - 5 Still, briefly
 - 8 Taunt
 - 12 Chief Norse god
 - 13 Adler in Sherlock Holmes fiction
 - 15 "I got this, boss"
 - 16 ___ Khalifa: Dubai structure that's the world's tallest
 - 17 Apple throwaways
 - 18 Bout enders, briefly
 - 19 Julie Andrews Oscar-winning role
 - 22 Crimson Tide nickname
 - 23 Hightail it, old-style
 - 24 Caps for Highlanders
 - 26 Character who sings "When You Wish Upon a Star"
 - 29 By oneself
 - 30 Garden clippers
 - 32 "Best in Show" actor Willard
 - 33 Pack animals
 - 37 "Shucks!"
 - 38 Approved, briefly
 - 39 Part ways
 - 41 Operative
 - 42 Emma Peel's partner on "The Avengers"
 - 44 Luminance
 - 47 Towing org.
 - 48 Twiggy abodes
 - 52 Clothing store department
 - 54 Justice Gorsuch's predecessor
 - 55 With "The," Netflix title superhero team ... and a hint to something associated with 19-, 26- and 42-Across
 - 59 Born, in bios
 - 60 Santa's elves' workplace
 - 61 "The Grand Budapest Hotel" director Anderson
 - 62 Dog's warning
 - 63 Up-and-down rides
 - 64 Sign at a hot show
 - 65 Messy dorm room, say
 - 66 Took a cut, in baseball
 - 67 Arm bone
 - 68 Cuddy, Dean of Medicine on "House"
 - 69 "At Last" singer James
 - 70 Shakespeare's 150+
 - 71 Ballpoint covers
 - 72 Boobird's output
 - 73 Kaput, as a battery
 - 74 Baseball dinger
 - 75 Glowing leftover
 - 76 Oodles
 - 77 It may set off a beeper
 - 78 Right to decide
 - 79 Gin fizz flavor
 - 80 Garbage boat
 - 81 Caustic cleanser
 - 82 Pack animal
 - 83 "Bingo!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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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

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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