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Daily Bridge Club

Leading question

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A "Best Bridge Writer" poll named the late Terence Reese — a judgment I could support. Besides classic books, Reese wrote tons of newspaper columns. He knew that a columnist's job is to entertain as well as instruct but once said, wearily, he wished that for once he could just lead a column with "South played at 3NT."

I'll do that in Reese's honor. South played at 3NT. He won the first spade with dummy's ace and saw that he didn't want East in for a spade return. So instead of finessing in clubs, South took the ace, then led a second club.

one heart, you respond INT, he bids two diamonds and you return to two hearts. Partner next bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your hand has suddenly become quite potent. Your partner has extra strength since he tried for game despite your weak two-heart preference. Bid five clubs or three spades. If he holds None, A K 9 4 2, A Q 8 2, K 8 5 3, he should take at least 11 tricks at clubs.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A J 10 9 2

WEST
♠ Q J 9 8 7
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 4

EAST
♠ 5 2
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ K 6

SOUTH
♠ K 10 3
♥ A Q
♦ A Q 10
♣ Q 8 7 5 3

South 1NT West Pass North 3NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 6 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 7 5 3
♣ A J 10 9 2. Your partner opens

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The New York Times Crossword

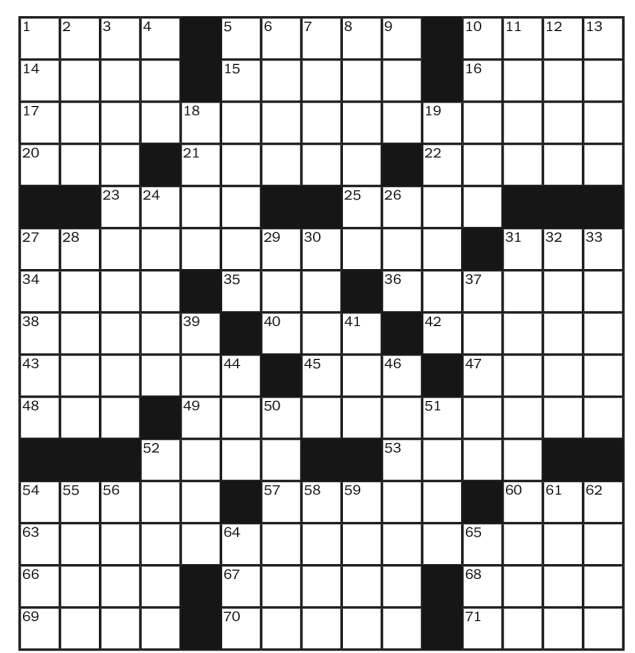
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hidden addresses, for short
 - 5 City in the Rio Grande Valley with a historic namesake
 - 10 Hard ball?
 - 14 Island where it once rained for 331 days straight
 - 15 Emerald is a variety of it
 - 16 Source of a purple puree
 - 17 Weary boater's welcome sight?
 - 20 Airer of political parodies, briefly
 - 21 Prominent focus for a navel-gazer?
 - 22 A pup is a young one
 - 23 Student ____
 - 25 Flying monsters in Dungeons & Dragons
 - 27 Cry on arriving for a boating trip?
 - 31 "____ queen!" (slangy affirmative)
 - 34 Deep-pocketed
 - 35 Title for the entitled, maybe
 - 36 Bring down by coup, e.g.
 - 38 Input
 - 40 Big gobbler
 - 42 "Adam Ruins Everything" airer
 - 43 Like idols
 - 45 Grab hold of
 - 47 Big meanie
 - 48 Drink originally called "blanc-cassis"
 - 49 Completely retire from boating?
 - 52 Victor who wrote "Odes et Ballades"
 - 53 Having no application
- DOWN**
- 1 Fashion accessories that shed
 - 2 Boss of a bo's'n
 - 3 Minor performer?
 - 4 Sic legal on
 - 5 "Who we are" page
 - 6 Spring time
 - 7 Beginning of the Constitution: Abbr.
 - 8 "You saved me!"
 - 9 Flamenco shout
 - 10 "A snail can sleep for up to three years" and others
 - 11 Rapper with a hyphenated name
 - 12 All there
 - 13 Category
 - 18 Wins undeservedly over
 - 19 Power point?
 - 24 Upper atmosphere, with "the"
 - 26 Paxil may alleviate it, in brief
 - 27 Exact
 - 28 Language written in the Devanagari script
 - 29 Hardest part of a date
 - 30 Futuristic delivery device
 - 31 Encouraging words
 - 32 Dino : the Flintstones :: ____ : the Jetsons
 - 33 Cut off
 - 37 Bit of publicity
 - 39 The customer's right, at times
 - 41 Dallas N.B.A. player, in brief
 - 44 A pup is a young one
 - 46 Enjoy oneself festively
 - 50 iRobot product
 - 51 ____ Klebb, Bond villain in "From Russia With Love"
 - 52 2003 #1 Outkast hit
 - 54 Watery shade
 - 55 Barge haulers
 - 56 That's some story
 - 58 Physics Nobelist who developed an early model of the atom
 - 59 Psalm starter
 - 61 Wikipedia, e.g.
 - 62 Belly trouble
 - 64 Take in
 - 65 Inflation fig.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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



PUZZLE BY JAKE HALPERIN

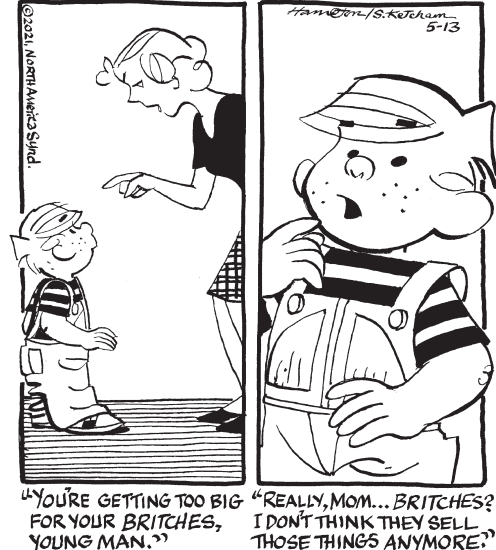
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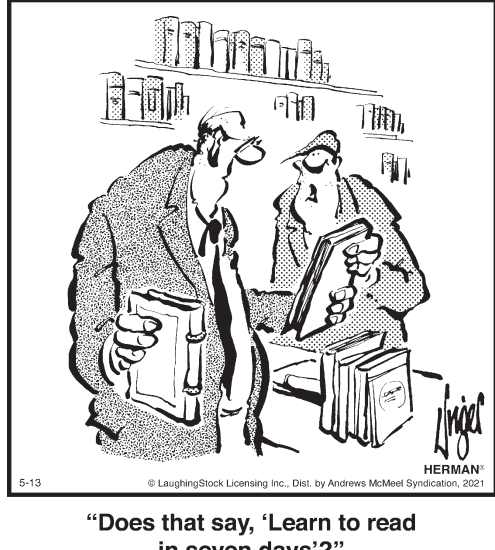
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

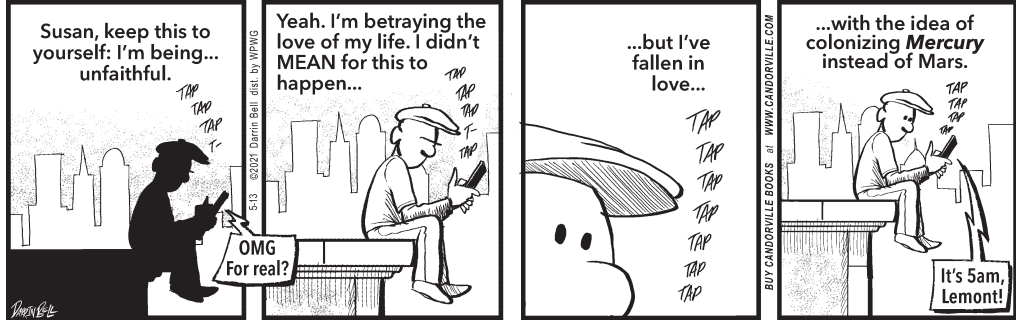
OSBNI
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ASYLIE
RRLEAG

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

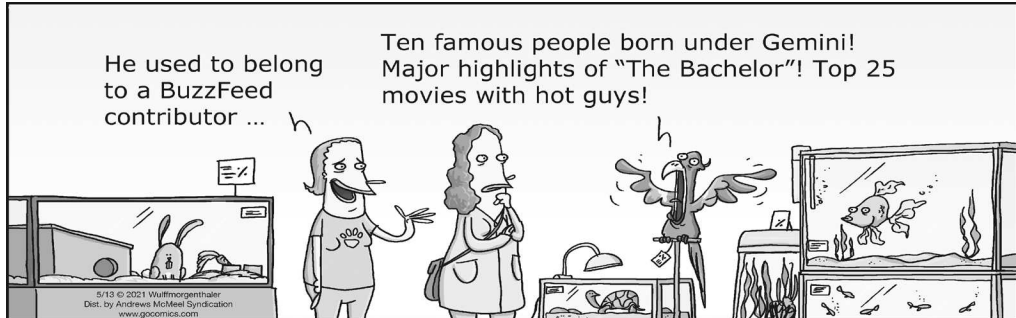
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: BUDDY OFTEN OUTAGE BISHOP
Answer: The baby bunny that was finally able to jump over the creek was — BOUND TO DO IT

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



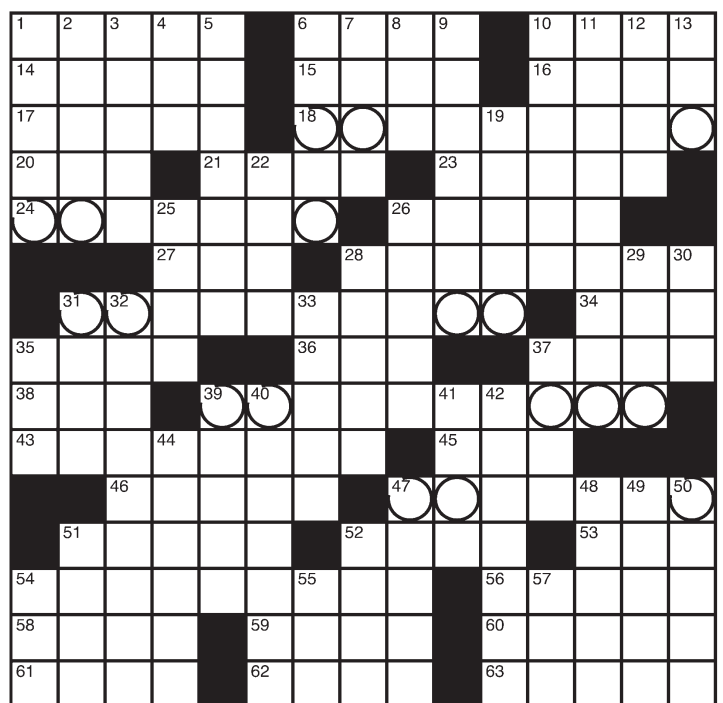
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Core-strengthening exercise
 - 6 Longtime Manhattan punk rock venue
 - 10 Uno más de siete
 - 14 Some area factors
 - 15 Warning from a king
 - 16 "The Daily Show" host Trevor ____
 - 17 Medicine cabinet brand
 - 18 Words of deferential obedience
 - 20 Super Bowl award
 - 21 Outlaws
 - 23 Runs across
 - 24 Trendy coffee additive
 - 26 Poetically huge
 - 27 Bodega cash source
 - 28 Jazz classic, say
 - 31 It helps achieve a crispier pie crust
 - 34 Dude
 - 35 Tunneling critter
 - 36 Singer/songwriter Janis
 - 37 Nosh
 - 38 Silent communication syst.
 - 39 One way to find a website
 - 43 Wrangler relative
 - 45 Customizable Nintendo avatar
 - 46 Hired muscle
 - 47 Pyromaniac
 - 51 Shot banned in some pool halls
 - 52 Tree hangers, at times
 - 53 Jewelry company Alex and ____
 - 54 Do a campground chore, and a hint to the circled letters
 - 56 Photo-sharing app, familiarly
 - 58 "Stop right there!"
 - 59 Not doing much
 - 60 Replace a dancer, perhaps
 - 61 DaCosta of "Chicago Med"
 - 62 Oolong and Pu'er
 - 63 Prepared to be knighted
- DOWN**
- 1 BOGO, say
 - 2 Early insect form
 - 3 Change as needed
 - 4 Soccer score
 - 5 Spectate intrusively: Var.
 - 6 Turn (up), as volume
 - 7 Meeting caller
 - 8 "Hunger" memoirist Roxane ____
 - 9 Bond before Craig
 - 10 "Let's keep going!"
 - 11 Cousin of card tricks
 - 12 Popular avocado variety
 - 13 Cry with a head slap
 - 19 Leading by a bit
 - 22 Michigan city or college
 - 25 Kid's menu diversion
 - 26 Stiff collars
 - 28 Put on
 - 29 Gehrig teammate
 - 30 Easter supply
 - 31 Suitable for the upper crust
 - 32 Risking a ticket
 - 33 Trig ratios
 - 35 Bub
 - 37 Baguette spread
 - 39 Help for a parade-watching tot
 - 40 "You didn't fool me!"
 - 41 Send forth
 - 42 Miserable in mid-flight, perhaps
 - 44 Bilingual Muppet
 - 47 Crew cut cousins
 - 48 Keep moist, in a way
 - 49 Ending at
 - 50 Top-of-the-beanstalk dweller
 - 51 Film-rating org.
 - 52 44-Down's "Hi"
 - 54 Unlikely to make the first move
 - 55 Linguistic tribute
 - 57 Vow taker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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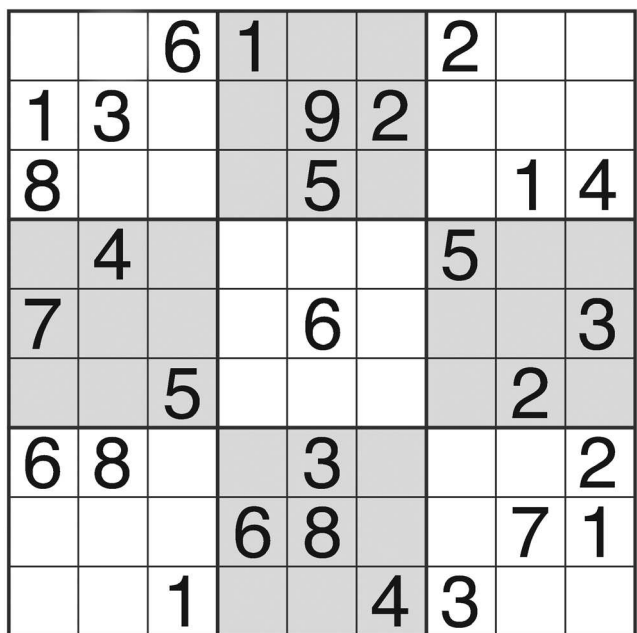
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆