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Daily Bridge Club

Don't quote me

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"All the 'fake news' and false quotes are going to ruin the internet," Cy the Cynic complained to me in the club lounge.

"Who is saying that?" I asked. "According to Wikipedia," Cy shrugged, "Thomas Edison said it."

You can't believe everything you read about certain bridge "rules." In today's deal, West led a spade against 3NT, and declarer won and led a club from dummy. East followed with the nine, thereby allowing South to make his game. When South's queen won, he led another club and played low from dummy, bringing down the ace. He won the spade return and had 11 tricks: five clubs and two of everything else.

SUSPICION

Defenders often play "second hand low," but any so-called rule must be viewed with suspicion. East won't beat 3NT if South's clubs are Q-x-x, so East should assume they are Q-x.

Then East prevails by putting up the ace on the first club and returning a spade. The clubs are blocked, and dummy's only entry is removed. South wins only seven tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ A K 4
♦ A K 7 4 ♣ Q 8. Your partner opens one spade, and you respond

2NT, a conventional forcing raise. Partner next bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: As most pairs agree, your partner's three hearts shows a singleton heart. The idea is to let you judge whether you have a slam-friendly holding opposite his singleton. You should be encouraged. Cue-bid four diamonds, but don't plan to commit to slam; your trump support is weak.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A K
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 2
♣ K 7 6 5 3 2

WEST

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ J 10 4

EAST

♠ J 5 2
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ A 9

SOUTH

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ A K 4
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 8

South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 4

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

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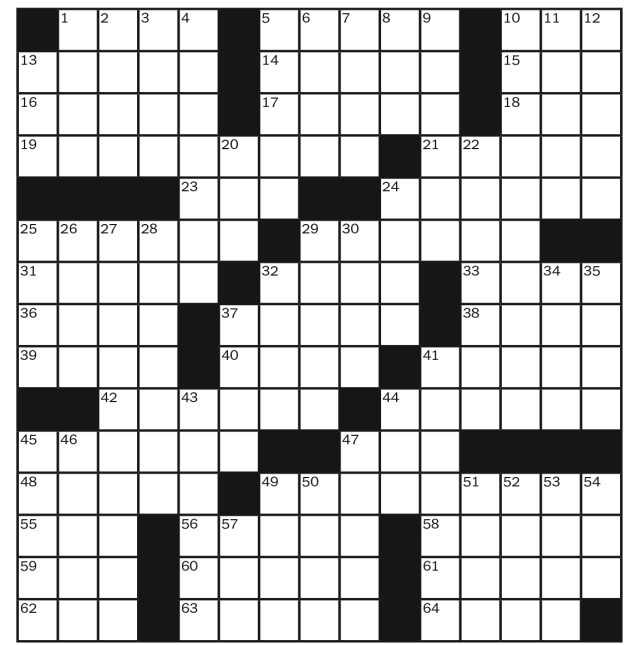
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ACROSS

- 1 Some G.I. wear, in brief
- 5 Barton of the Red Cross
- 10 Brother
- 13 Dish that may be eaten with either chopsticks or a spoon
- 14 What may raise a big stink?
- 15 Allow to
- 16 "The Barber of Seville," e.g.
- 17 Medicare section
- 18 Before now
- 19 Completely exhausted
- 21 Financial guru Suze
- 23 Bae
- 24 Kind of clef preceding notes usually played with the right hand on a piano
- 25 Tylenol alternative
- 29 Objects
- 31 President Garfield's middle name
- 32 What a good Samaritan offers
- 33 What the giant Argus has 100 of, in Greek myth
- 36 Rich soil
- 37 Expensive Italian car, informally
- 38 One-named rapper with the 2015 #1 album "The Album About Nothing"
- 39 Sub at the office
- 40 Director Kazan
- 41 Smart society
- 42 Makes frescoes or murals
- 44 Kind of sauce
- 45 Trims
- 47 Start of a giant's chant
- 48 Shoulder muscles, for short
- 49 Cry upon arriving

DOWN

- 1 Guitar accessory
- 2 End of a blessing
- 3 Slight
- 4 Impulsively
- 5 Congressional hearing ailer
- 6 King quoted as saying "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is / To have a thankless child!"
- 7 Amiss
- 8 No longer active: Abbr.
- 9 Shady alcoves
- 10 Attention-grabbing
- 11 ___ Cinemas (theater chain)
- 12 Observe Yom Kippur
- 13 Apt name for a thief
- 55 Bad thing to have on a record, in brief
- 56 Send
- 58 Hues that rhyme with "hues"
- 59 One followed by nothing?
- 60 & 61 Advice for an insomniac ... or what you can do 12 times in this puzzle, reading across and down (not including this answer)
- 62 Spanish attention-getter
- 63 Byes
- 64 Ally in Super Mario games



PUZZLE BY NATHAN HASEGAWA

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 20 Ages and ages
- 22 One extending a library book loan
- 24 This clue has one, apparently
- 25 Order at an ice cream parlor
- 26 Double-reeded aerophone with keys
- 27 Spring recreation?
- 28 Castle wall
- 29 One round at a tournament
- 30 Actress Jessica
- 32 Cry before "Who goes there?"
- 34 Disney queen who sings in an ice palace
- 35 Burn
- 37 Magnifier, e.g.
- 41 Actress who said "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough"
- 43 One putting out feelers?
- 44 Golf hole starter
- 45 Supplement
- 46 ___ Decimal System
- 47 Stews
- 49 ___ monde (fashionable society)
- 50 Sicilian spewer
- 51 Comeback
- 52 Specialty
- 53 Regretted
- 54 Medium power?
- 57 Mauna ___ Observatory

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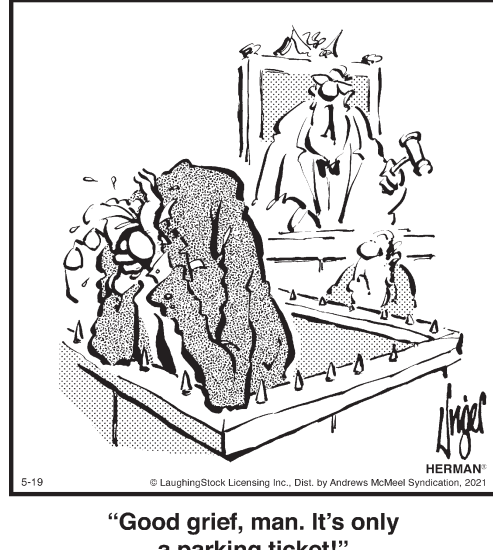
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DENNIS THE MENACE

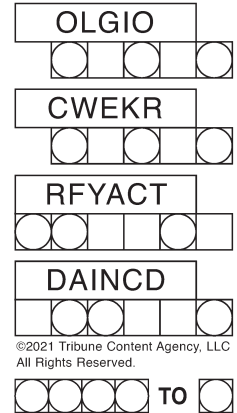


HERMAN



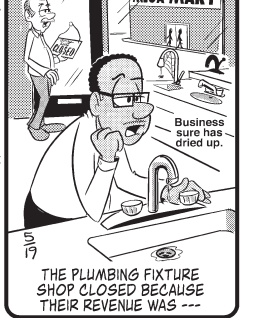
JUMBLE

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



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

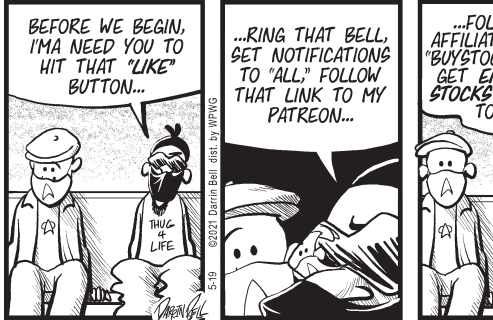
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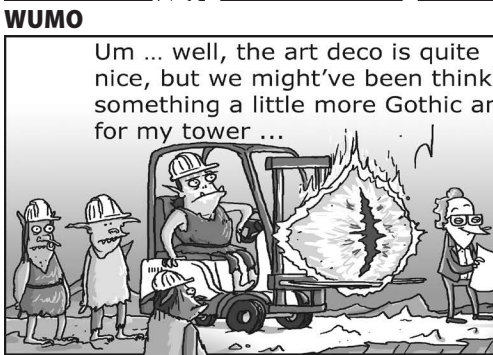
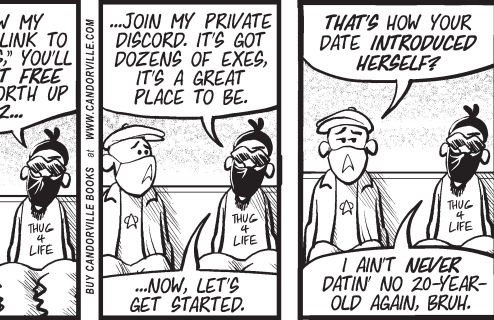
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLEET ABATE UPDATE SCRIPT
Answer: Birds invaded their cockpit and — CAUSED A FLAP

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

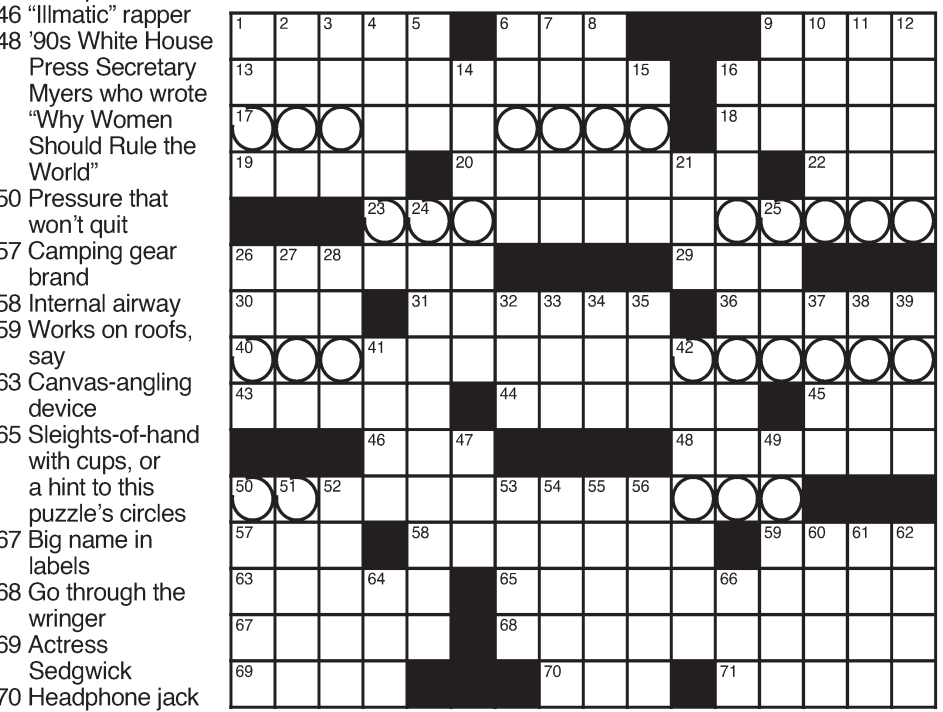
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- ACROSS
- 1 Overwhelm
- 6 Perfectly
- 9 Scenery chewers
- 13 "End of discussion"
- 16 "Bike faster!"
- 17 Kiefer Sutherland and Ashley Olsen each has one
- 18 Tiny cake, maybe
- 19 Movers but not shakers, ideally
- 20 "Blade Runner" genre
- 22 Go quickly
- 23 Window washing aids
- 26 Advanced sci. class
- 29 It carries a charge
- 30 Confucian path
- 31 Three-sided pastry
- 36 Plenty o'
- 40 Memorable "Twilight Zone" feature
- 43 Upset with
- 44 Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," e.g.
- 45 CPR pro
- 46 "Illmatic" rapper
- 48 '90s White House Press Secretary Myers who wrote "Why Women Should Rule the World"
- 50 Pressure that won't quit
- 57 Camping gear brand
- 58 Internal airway
- 59 Works on roofs, say
- 63 Canvas-angling device
- 65 Sleights-of-hand with cups, or a hint to this puzzle's circles
- 67 Big name in labels
- 68 Go through the wringer
- 69 Actress Sedgwick
- 70 Headphone jack letters
- 71 U. of Md. team
- DOWN
- 1 1970s-'80s sketch show
- 2 "SNL" parody
- 3 Words that clarify spelling
- 4 Good sort
- 5 Mac rivals
- 6 Baffling question
- 7 Fur tycoon
- 8 Super small
- 9 Clothes line
- 10 Photoshop maker
- 11 Serious
- 12 Loses one's footing
- 14 Football offense position
- 15 Little bit
- 16 Prepares, in a way, as coffee
- 21 King Richard
- 24 With pause
- 25 Sheepshank, e.g.
- 26 Elemental unit
- 27 Dad
- 28 Like Oberlin College since the 1830s
- 32 Dosage amts.
- 33 Gender-neutral pronoun
- 34 Doo-wop horn
- 35 Works on walls
- 37 Like a 25-Down
- 38 Vague amount
- 39 Chip in a pot, maybe
- 41 Billionth: Pref.
- 42 Remedied a distribution error
- 47 Dubbing title
- 49 Will focus
- 50 Loose floorboard sound
- 51 Like anvils
- 52 Early ___
- 53 Mama of music
- 54 Sound that starts "around"
- 55 Brexit target org.
- 56 Stretch out, maybe
- 60 Don Juan's love
- 61 Do another stint
- 62 Former Mach 2 fliers, briefly
- 64 Part of BCE
- 66 "Scram!"

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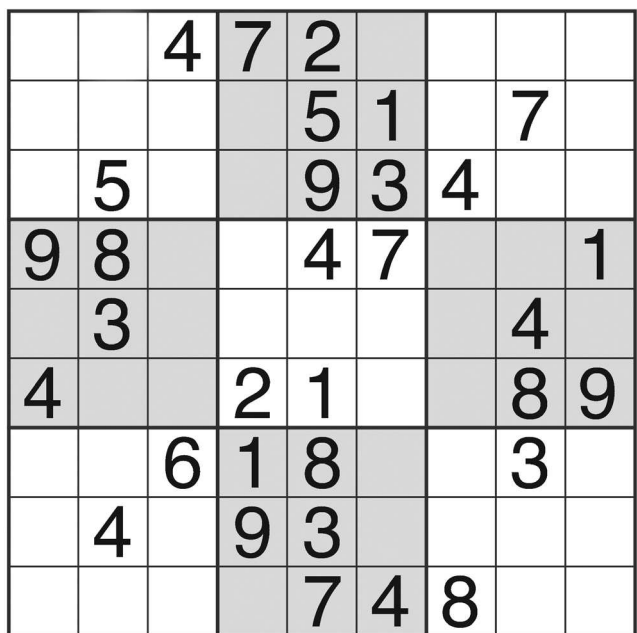
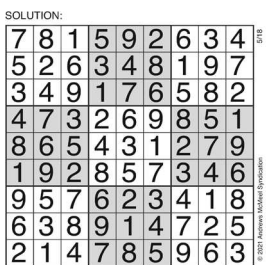
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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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