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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's extras

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Cy the Cynic and I went to lunch at a hamburger place, and he got a triple burger with cheese. Cy is overweight but doesn't seem concerned about it. "You need some exercise," I told the Cynic — whereupon he got up and headed back to the counter.

"Where are you going?" I asked. "To get some extra fries," Cy said, "like you said."

Back at the club, Cy became declarer at seven spades. When West led the queen of diamonds, Cy counted 12 tricks and wanted every chance for one more. He played a low diamond from dummy, ruffed in his hand and drew trumps. Cy next cashed the A-K of clubs. When the queen fell, he claimed 13 tricks.

ANSWER: In "Standard," bid 2NT to show 13 to 15 points, balanced, with the unbid suits stopped. Some pairs treat 2NT as invitational, showing about 11 points. That approach is awkward. Opener won't want to pass 2NT with a shapely hand, and then the partnership must deal with what continuations are forcing.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 9 4
♥ A K 4
♦ A 9 6
♣ 9 7 3 2

WEST

♠ 7
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ Q J 10 5 3 2
♣ Q 4

EAST

♠ 6 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ 10 8 6 5

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 10 8 2
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ None
♣ A K J

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	7 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 9 4 ♥ A K 4
♦ A 9 6 ♣ 9 7 3 2. Your partner opens one club. The next player passes. What do you say?

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

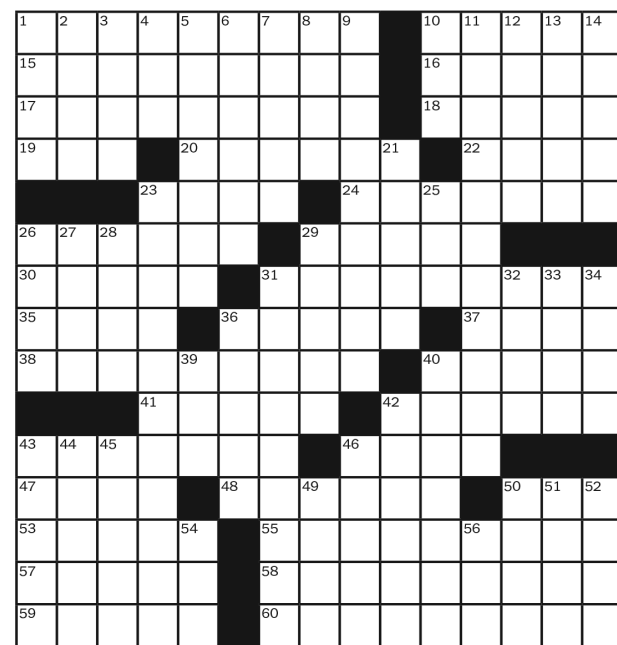
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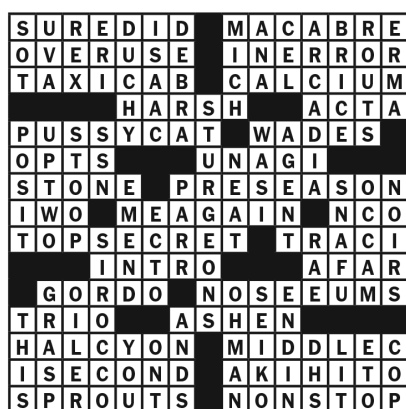
- ACROSS**
- 1 Game on an erasable court
 - 10 Dispenser item
 - 15 Ill-proportioned
 - 16 Kirkuk resident
 - 17 Sharp mind, so to speak
 - 18 Official gemstone of Utah and Texas
 - 19 Post ___ analysis
 - 20 The "Z" in "XYZ"
 - 22 Agree (with)
 - 23 Yappy lap dogs, for short
 - 24 Fast time
 - 26 Former name of Kazakhstan's capital
 - 29 Johnny who used to cry "Come on down!"
 - 30 Sweeping, say
 - 31 Wild-goose chase
 - 35 Last U.S. president to have facial hair
 - 36 One team in an intramural match
 - 37 Birthplace of 35-Across
 - 38 Football tactic to prevent a long return
 - 40 Sticking point
 - 41 Ham it up
 - 42 Rears
 - 43 Backdrop of many John le Carré novels
 - 46 Reasonable
 - 47 Device outmoded by the smartphone
 - 48 Kind of acid produced during exercise
 - 50 Smartphone capability, for short
 - 53 Get-up-and-go
 - 55 Cost of the cheap seats?
 - 57 Flabbergasted
 - 58 Longtime morning TV co-host
 - 59 Grammy-winning Kravitz
 - 60 Grands costing many grand
- DOWN**
- 1 Reaction to someone tapping a microphone, maybe
 - 2 Not falling for
 - 3 Tiny fraction of a min.
 - 4 "Isn't ___ Lovely?"
 - 5 Dish akin to a stromboli
 - 6 Best conditions
 - 7 They joined the Big Ten in '14
 - 8 Keep time, in a way
 - 9 It takes you to another site
 - 10 Something one can't stand to do
 - 11 Malicious "gift"
 - 12 Fleet
 - 13 Seaport whose name derives from the Arabic for "obstacle"
 - 14 Dry up with age
 - 21 File types
 - 23 Had a blast at a bash
 - 25 Good name for a landscaper?



PUZZLE BY TOM PEPPER

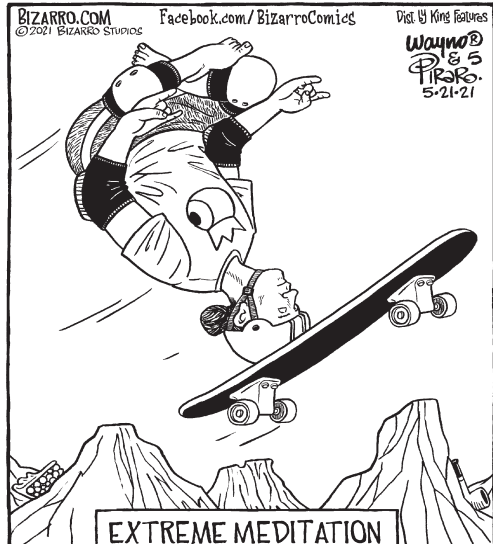
- 26 Follower of John
- 27 The Big Aristotle of the N.B.A.
- 28 Mapo ___ (traditional Sichuan dish)
- 29 Postponed
- 31 Evidence of having gone on a run
- 32 "This looks bad"
- 33 Yellow-striped ball
- 34 Outfits
- 36 "To your health!"
- 39 Mini production company
- 40 Start working, perhaps
- 42 Discipline with postures like White Crane Spreads Its Wings and Grasp the Sparrow's Tail
- 43 Courteous
- 44 Offer one's two cents
- 45 2017 sequel to "The Wolverine"
- 46 Tabasco, for one
- 49 Cover
- 50 Soiree, say
- 51 Small game, often
- 52 Matches at a table
- 54 Spanish chess piece
- 56 Quantity that sounds like an expression of relief

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

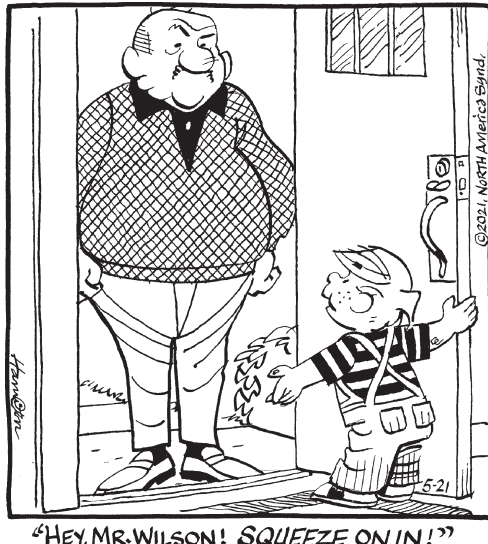


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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

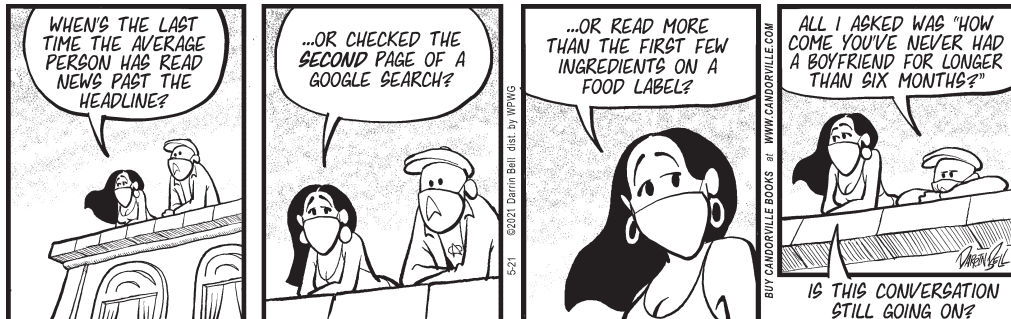
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FINKE
LSEPL
KMROSE
DRITEA

THE

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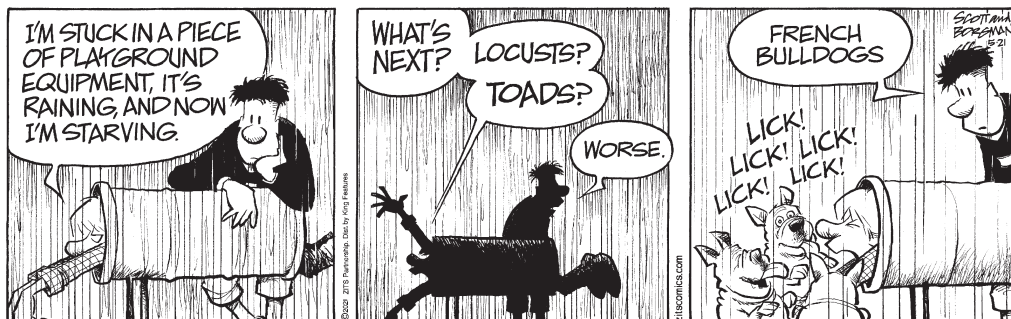
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



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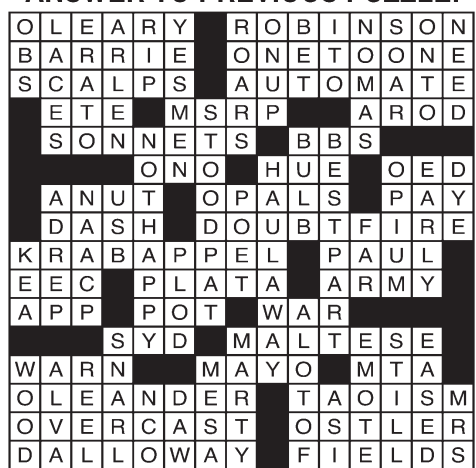


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bill collectors?
 - 6 "Get back to us" letters
 - 10 Not much
 - 14 Elist
 - 15 Resort WNW of Breckenridge
 - 16 '80s-'90s group, informally
 - 17 Assorted caustic solutions?
 - 19 Very bright
 - 20 Some snowmobiles
 - 21 2018 CVS Health acquisition
 - 22 Type units
 - 23 Receiving annoying questions?
 - 26 Buccaneer's buds
 - 28 Mil. category
 - 29 Vitals checker, briefly
 - 30 Letters seen between * and #
 - 31 Prized smokes
 - 34 Agreements just between us?
 - 38 Got on the board
 - 39 Mineral hardness scale
 - 42 Singer/songwriter ___ Mia
 - 45 Jungfrau, e.g.
 - 46 Soap dish?
 - 48 Quick and unexpected exits?
 - 52 Sisters pop duo ___ & AJ
 - 53 Con artist's aide
 - 54 With a sound mind
 - 56 Romeo or Juliet
 - 57 Pretense of being a brute?
 - 60 Doomed boat in "Jaws"
 - 61 Longtime syrup brand
 - 62 Celebs
 - 63 Look the wrong way?
 - 64 Space balls?
 - 65 Power-saving mode
 - 4 Trickster in "American Gods"
 - 5 Stick-in-the-mud
 - 6 Motorhome stopover, for short
 - 7 Speak, as thou might
 - 8 Battle
 - 9 Polite texting letters
 - 10 "Nattering nabobs of negativism" speaker
 - 11 Raise canines?
 - 12 Assumed moniker
 - 13 Hereditary ruler
 - 18 Nemesis
 - 21 Intense suffering
 - 22 Kind of rock
 - 24 Retired, maybe
 - 25 Sports scholarship org.
 - 27 Isn't right
 - 31 Seize like Caesar
 - 32 Pac-12 athlete
 - 33 Prefix with arid or dry
 - 35 Words that might expose a bluff
 - 36 Lady ___: Tenn. college team
 - 37 Gas-absorbing mixture
 - 40 Vatican jurisdiction
 - 41 Like some winks
 - 42 One traditionally drawn at dawn
 - 43 Incoming words
 - 44 Distribution word
 - 46 Stock sector
 - 47 Churchillian gestures
 - 49 Type of nerve or artery
 - 50 Jacket material?
 - 51 Short-lived '80s-'90s cars that sounded like they should always work
 - 55 Twin
 - 57 Fight decision
 - 58 Blade in the water
 - 59 Medium strength?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

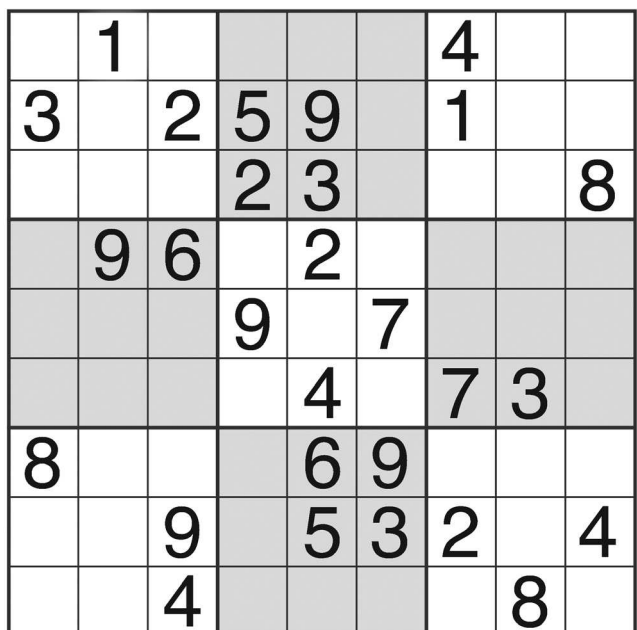
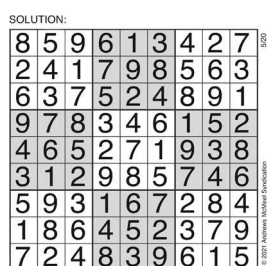


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SUDOKU

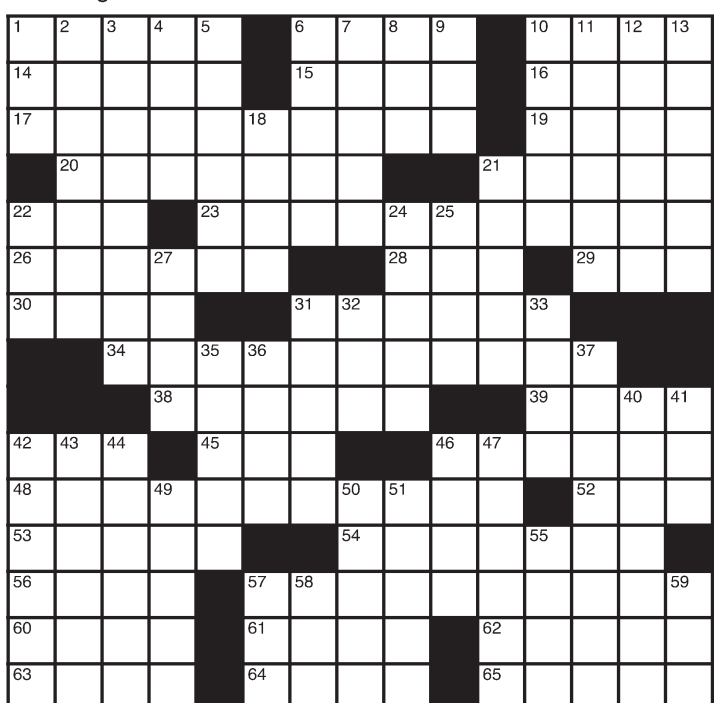
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



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