

“MONDAY ON SUNDAY” COMICS

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Daily Bridge Club

Spectacular result

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I saw Cy the Cynic sitting morosely at a corner table in the club lounge, accompanied by a large, stiff drink. “Minnie’s glasses got him again?” I asked Rose.

“It’s getting to be a habit.” Minnie Bottoms, our senior member, wears old bifocals that make her mix up kings and jacks, often to her opponents’ dismay. Cy has been Minnie’s chief victim.

Rose told me that Cy was declarer at four spades in a duplicate game. He took the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy, and Minnie, East, overruffed ... with the king!

one heart and you double (negative). Your partner then jumps to two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Expert opinion differs on what strength partner’s jump to two spades promises. In my view, he has a sound minimum hand and four spades. He has “raised” the suit your double implied. I would pass. Partner would bid one spade on A Q 4, 6 4 3, A K 6 2, 6 5 4.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 9 7 6
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K J 3

WEST

♠ 4
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ Q J 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 5

EAST

♠ K J 5 2
♥ A J 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 9 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 3
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 5
♣ A Q 6 4

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

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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THIRD HEART

The defense then took the A-K of hearts. The Cynic won the next heart and naturally took the A-Q of trumps. He was stunned when West discarded. Minnie’s jack won the setting trick.

“I guess every other South made four spades,” I said. “If East overruffed the third diamond with the jack, South finessed successfully for the king later.”

“Next time Cy will lead a club to dummy at Trick Two and let the six of trumps ride,” Rose shrugged.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K J 5 2 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 8 3 ♣ 9 8 7 2. Your partner opens one diamond, the next player bids

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ACROSS

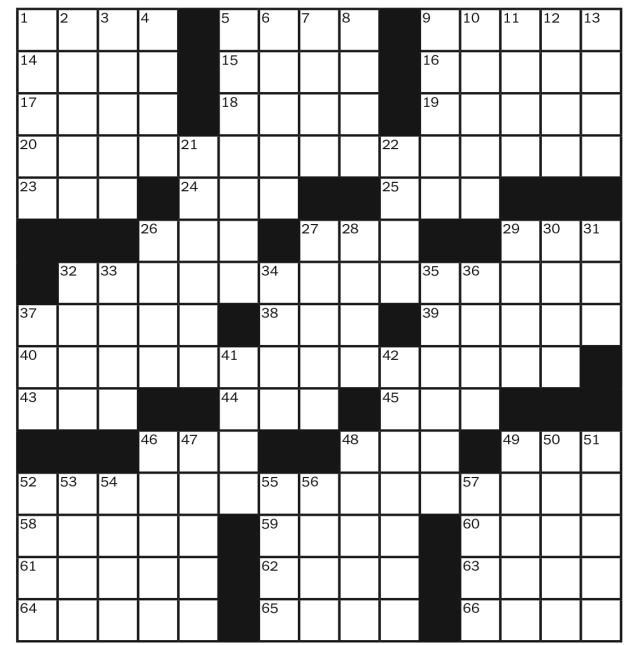
- Opening made by a letter opener
- Antifur org.
- Wee bit
- Old-fashioned fight club?
- Wrinkle remover
- Pacific Island group that was once a setting for “Survivor”
- New couple, in a gossip column
- Look after, as a fire, bar or flock
- 1940s nuclear event, for short
- “I’m willing to pay that amount”
- “Just Not That Into You” (2009 rom-com)
- New newt
- Get value from
- “Law & Order” spinoff, informally

- Longtime advertiser at the Indy 500
- Oolong or Darjeeling
- “If I can be honest here ...”
- Submarine device
- The “A” of E.T.A.: Abbr.
- Main line from the heart
- “Absolutely! 100% positive!”
- E.R. staffers
- Snake symbolizing old Egyptian royalty
- Gives a thumbs-up
- Transmission by telephone
- ___alai
- Pennies: Abbr.
- 20-, 32- or 40-Across
- Boots from political office

- Southwestern tribe with a snake dance
- Start of every California ZIP code
- How a ballerina often dances
- Israeli statesman Abba ___
- Historical novelist Seton
- Jumped
- Alternative to a drumstick
- Historical

DOWN

- Actress Dame Maggie
- Woodworker’s tool
- Drinks akin to Slush Puppies
- Work as a sub
- Pathetic
- Put up, as a monument
- Muscular firmness
- “___ Love Her” (Beatles ballad)
- Practices jabs and hooks
- TV journalist Couric
- Fashion designer Cassini
- Bit of attire that might say “MISS UNIVERSE”
- Jabba the ___
- Paul who went on a midnight ride
- Building manager, for short



PUZZLE BY ANDREA CARLA MICHAELS

- Wild guess
- Razor sharpener at a barbershop
- By way of, for short
- Surf’s partner, on menus
- Suffix with Smurf
- “So it’s you!”
- Bugs Bunny or Wile E. Coyote
- Burden to bear
- Potato chip brand
- Walkie-___

- Louis Treize, Louis Quatorze and others
- Damascus’s land: Abbr.
- Something hailed on city streets
- Wandering
- Camera lens setting
- Beauty, brawn or brains
- Land east of the Yellow Sea
- Land west of the Yellow Sea

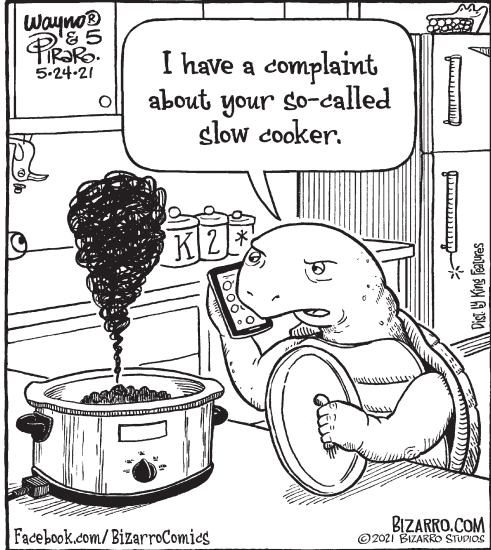
- Awards for Broadway’s best
- Blood, ___ & Tears
- Hip
- Debussy’s “Clair de ___”
- “The Thin Man” pooch
- What a puppy likes to do to toys and socks
- Mongolian desert
- Jacket fastener

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



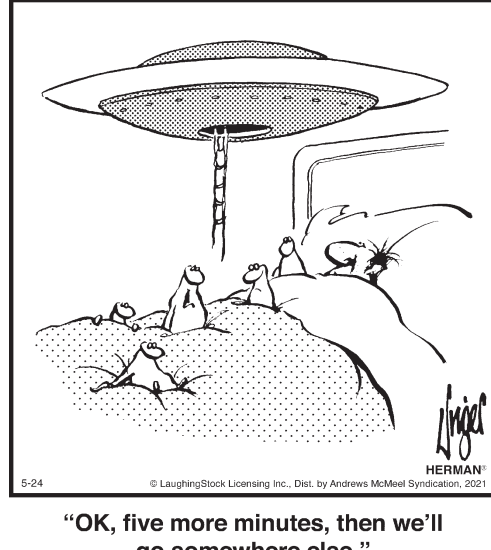
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

NYUSN
GULHA
FECEAD
CTEKOL

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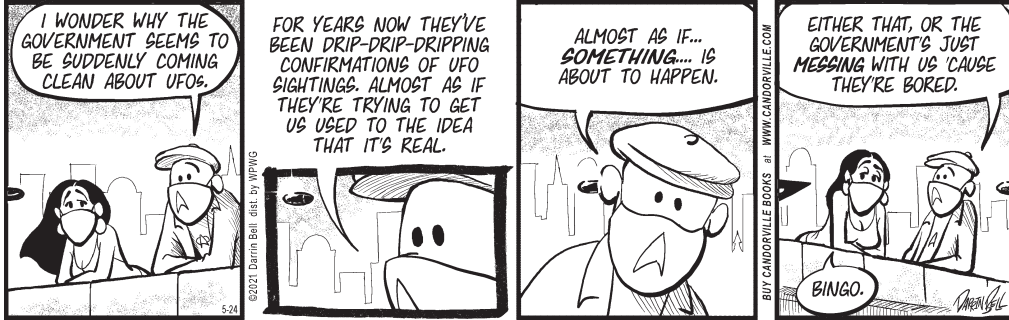
THE YOUNG STUDENT LOOKED UP THE WORD “FIST” IN THE DICTIONARY WHICH WAS ...

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: HEDGE PUNCH SPIRAL SCULPT
Answer: To quiet the dogs that were asking for food, they gave them a few — HUSH PUPPIES

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



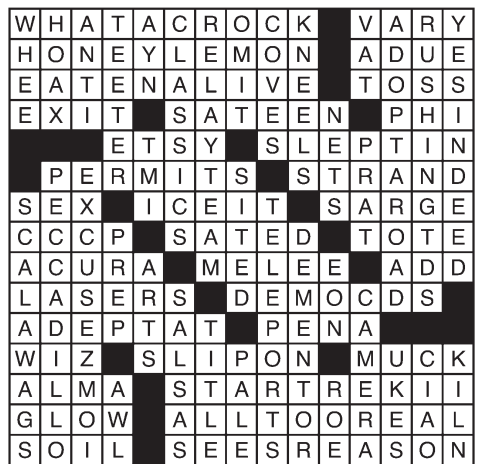
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- Winans of gospel
 - Nebula Award genre
 - Like deserts
 - Oohs and ___
 - Like wine barrels
 - “Suits” actress Torres
 - Catch in a web
 - Major tennis tournament played on clay
 - Letter after phi
 - Field with cases and briefs
 - Boring tools
 - Vegas vacation valuables holder
 - Lone Ranger’s pal
 - Justice Kagan
 - ER pictures
 - A, in German
 - Software help file
 - Dublin’s land: Abbr.
 - Govt. Rx watchdog
 - PC key with a left-pointing arrow ... and hint to the last words of the answers to starred clues
 - Shed tears
 - Lang. of the Torah
 - Fuselage fasteners
 - Group of two
 - Skin openings
 - Swab again
 - Canadian skater Brian
 - *TV headline ticker
 - Early Web forum
 - Didn’t fast
 - Land in the Seine
 - *99-year-old Emmy-winning actress with eight-plus decades in show business
 - Romance novelist Hilderbrand
 - Any of four British art galleries
 - Music rights org.
 - What libraries do
 - Have the lead (in)
 - Undoes a dele
 - Think tank tidbit

- Football helmet opening
- Indian spiced drink
- Debatable ability, briefly
- Sectionals and sleepers
- Auto body coat
- Clanton gang leader
- Boggy lowland
- Ancient Peruvian
- Galore, in disco lingo
- Matured on the vine
- Subject of Newton’s first law
- Ted of “Cheers” shelters
- Makeshift
- Andean wool source
- Be over no later than
- Flying Wham-O toy
- O.K. Corral lawman
- Common subscription period
- Rebounding sound
- Above-normal body temperature
- “Show Boat” composer Jerome
- Greek sorceress
- Attack with profanity
- British Museum’s ___ Stone
- Clicked “send”
- Rope for a tugboat
- Low-calorie sweetener
- Uncertainties
- Hunter’s quarry
- Try to hit, as a fly
- Go into
- Fitbit units
- ___ the night before ...
- DDE’s predecessor
- Highway hazard
- Yale student

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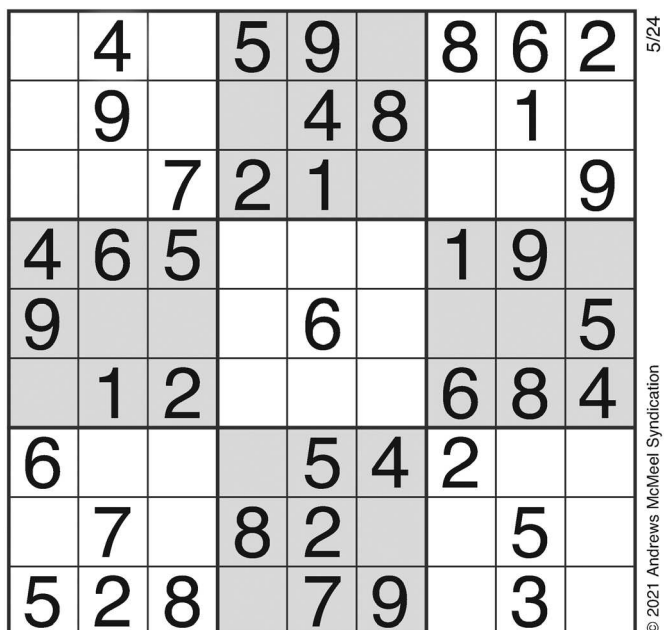
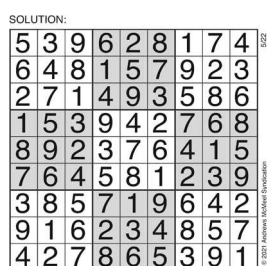


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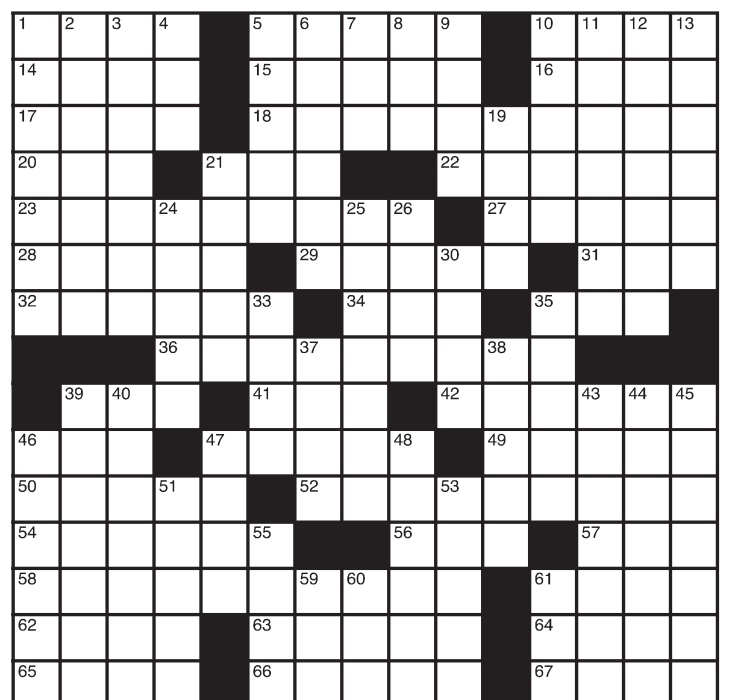
SUDOKU

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: ★☆☆☆☆



- DOWN
- Mask wearer at home

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