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Daily Bridge Club

Speaking of money

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"One thing I've learned," said Cy the Cynic, who was philosophizing in the club lounge: "Money talks."
"Agreed," Unlucky Louie sighed. "And its favorite word is 'goodbye.'"

Louie had waved goodbye to some of his money in that day's penny game. When I watched today's deal, he was declarer at six spades, and West led his singleton jack of clubs. Louie knew enough to take dummy's ace, but he next cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed his jack with dummy's seven of trumps. East overruffed, took his king of clubs and gave West a club ruff. Down two. How would you play the slam?

ANSWER: This is a close call. You have 16 high-card points and a good five-card suit, and your king of diamonds, positioned behind the opening bidder, is worth as much as an ace. To double, intending to bid spades next, would be reasonable. I would judge that approach to be slightly too aggressive. I would start with a one-spade overall.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 7 3
♥ A 5
♦ A J 5
♣ A 5 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 4
♥ Q 10 8 6 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 4 2
♣ J

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 6 2
♥ K J 7
♦ K 3
♣ Q 10 7

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

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DRAWS TRUMPS

Louie forgot to count his tricks. After he takes the ace of clubs, he can draw trumps, pitching a diamond from dummy. He next leads the queen of clubs. East takes the king and leads a heart.

Louie wins with the king, cashes his ten of clubs, leads a heart to dummy's ace and ruffs a club with his last trump. He wins the last three tricks with the K-A of diamonds and dummy's good club.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q J 6 2 ♥ K J 7 ♦ K 3 ♣ Q 10 7. The dealer, at your right, opens one diamond. What do you say?

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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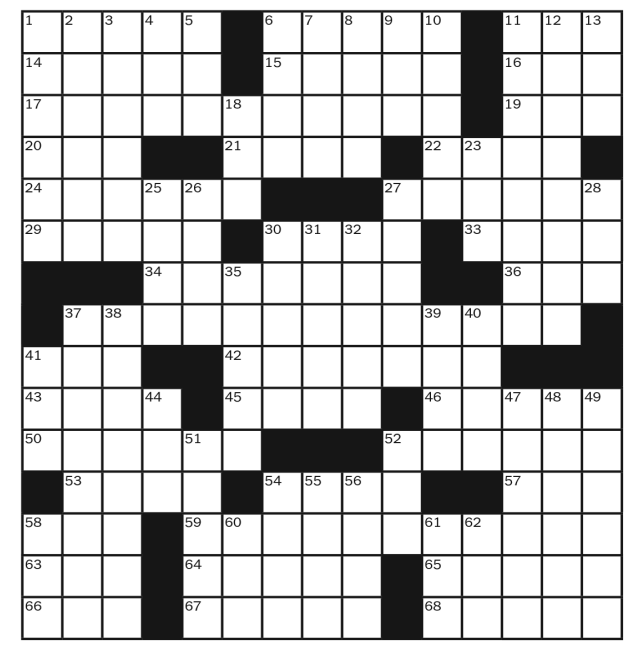
ACROSS

- 1 Producer of "whirligigs"
- 6 Winning
- 11 Any "ology": Abbr.
- 14 Quarters seen in some parts of Canada
- 15 Ruckuses
- 16 "Neat!"
- 17 *1962-67, 1971, 1983
- 19 Mike's partner in the candy aisle
- 20 Chapel Hill sch.
- 21 Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb," for one
- 22 Spiced brew
- 24 Things trackers pick up
- 27 Small alcoholic drink
- 29 Singer Gorme
- 30 Order, of a sort
- 33 ___ bread
- 34 Where reception guests buy drinks
- 36 Smoke
- 37 *1995-2002
- 41 ___ Klain, Biden White House chief of staff
- 42 Certain money-saving rideshare option
- 43 Actor McGregor of "Trainspotting"
- 45 Greta Gerwig's "___ Bird"
- 46 Stevie Wonder, for one
- 50 Wide-ranging seabird
- 52 Davis who sang "Can I Change My Mind"
- 53 "Knives Out" director Johnson
- 54 "Li'l Abner" character shaped like a bowling pin
- 57 Classified org.

- 58 Animated "devil," familiarly
- 59 *2006-present
- 63 Wood carver
- 64 Unexpected declaration at the altar
- 65 Vital trunk
- 66 Queen ___ (pop nickname)
- 67 Body image
- 68 Jet similar to a 747

DOWN

- 1 Embezzlement, say
- 2 The "A" of 57-Across
- 3 Put
- 4 Bird with a mournful cry
- 5 It quits when it gets depressed
- 6 "Yikes!"
- 7 Who has finished a 100-meter dash in under nine seconds
- 8 They/___ pronouns
- 9 White-water rafting guide?
- 10 Intimidate mentally, with "out"
- 11 Back pain caused by nerve compression
- 12 Reusable dessert container
- 13 Sainte-Hélène, for one
- 18 Photo ___
- 23 Court target



PUZZLE BY JEM BURCH

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	B	A	S	E	B	E	R	T	R	2	D	2
B	U	N	T	S	U	V	E	A	B	A	R	N
B	O	N	E	T	R	E	C	L	A	I	M	E
R	Y	A	N	R	E	Y	N	O	L	D	S	
W	O	O	T		N	Y	U		M	S	N	
A	N	I	G	A	L	S	H	E	C	A	T	E
D	O	N	D	E	L	I	L	L	O	T	O	S
C	O	T	A	N	P	I	E	C	L	I	N	T
O	D	O	R	C	O	C	O	C	H	A	N	E
P	L	U	N	G	E	K	I	L	O	G	R	E
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S	W	E	E	T	R	I	D	E	A	N	N	I
A	W	L	S		A	P	E	X	W	I	C	C
C	3	P	O		L	E	S	T	S	T	E	E

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

SUPAE
GBYGU
ANAOST
BEYOMD

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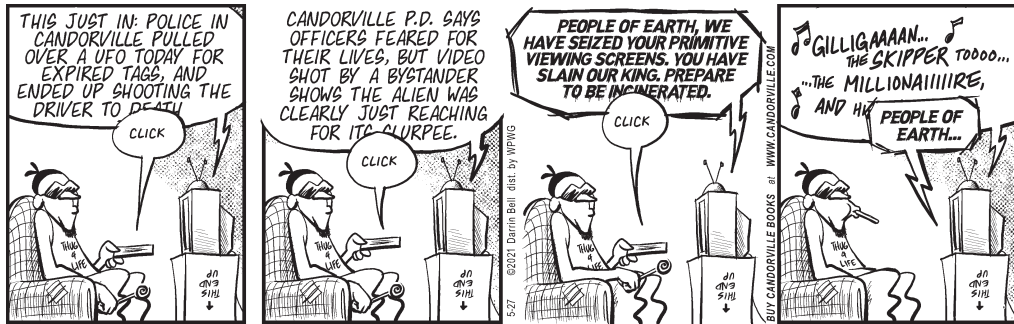
THE SUPERHERO WAS OUT OF BED EARLY WITH PLENTY OF ---

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

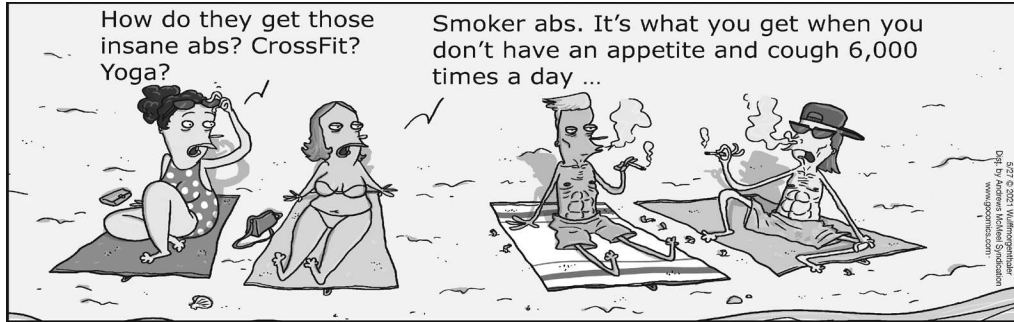
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRISK FLUTE JARGON OUTLAW
Answer: To turn the book into a screenplay, they hired someone who was — "WRITE" FOR THE JOB

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Base in "A Few Good Men," familiarly
- 6 Selection
- 10 Eat away
- 15 Live, TV-wise
- 16 Turkish title
- 17 Red Square honoree
- 18 Author's dream
- 20 White pawns, e.g.
- 21 Became effective
- 22 Spanish she-bear
- 23 One may be grand
- 24 GPS displays
- 26 It's rated 10+ on the Scoville Scale
- 29 Skip the café
- 31 Battleship abbr.
- 32 Praiseful poem
- 33 Words that may preempt a dismissal
- 35 Bird in Liberty Mutual ads
- 37 ___ Valley, Calif.
- 41 Primes, e.g.: Abbr.
- 42 1979 #1 hit for Donna Summer, and what the four longest Across answers are
- 45 Many a fed. holiday
- 46 Ltr. directive
- 48 Ontario-based music gp.
- 49 "Cats" poet
- 51 "Big Little Lies" ailer
- 53 Providence-to-Boston dir.
- 55 Island environs
- 56 Haul, in a bad way
- 61 When tripled, a story shortener
- 62 Ralph of "The Waltons"
- 63 "So awful!"
- 64 Nautical unit
- 66 Moray catcher
- 67 "Fifty Shades of Grey," for one
- 71 Crosswise, on deck
- 72 Suckers
- 73 "___ now, when?"
- 74 Singer nicknamed "The Velvet Fog"
- 75 Hook's sidekick
- 76 Certain NCOs
- DOWN
- 1 Hunk
- 2 Serpent's tail?
- 3 Competition with blindfolds, maybe
- 4 Cell division
- 5 Roughly
- 6 Bud
- 7 Inuit homes
- 8 Place for kings and queens
- 9 Gold measure
- 10 Ran off to get hitched
- 11 Chef's assortment
- 12 Ready to be poured
- 13 Lane of "Unfaithful"
- 14 Ewoks' home
- 19 Hosp. readout
- 24 Isabella, por ejemplo
- 25 Deck with the Fool and the World
- 27 Tracks down
- 28 Hairdos made popular by Marie Antoinette
- 30 Medical research org.
- 34 Boarded
- 36 Like some colors
- 38 Pretending to be
- 39 Called from the pasture
- 40 Prefix with mural image
- 43 Ultrasound
- 44 Small amount
- 47 Blues, e.g.
- 50 Terminations
- 52 "Cold one, please"
- 54 Words of despair
- 56 It may be broken in a gym
- 57 Fitness regimen
- 58 Gulf ship
- 59 Jeans brand with a question mark in its logo
- 60 Hit the slopes
- 65 "JAG" spin-off
- 68 Mao ___tung
- 69 Realtor's offering
- 70 Peaks: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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SUDOKU

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

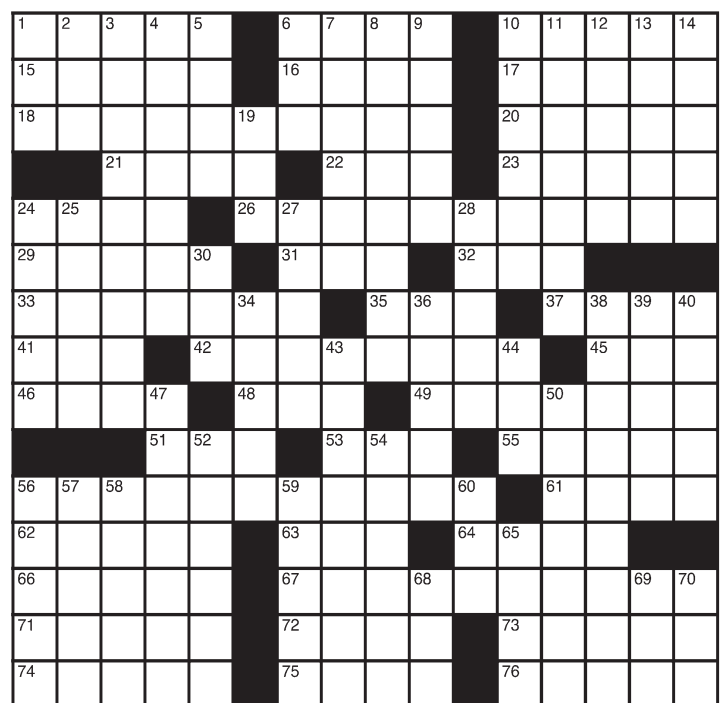
SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

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