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Daily Bridge Club

Calculated risks

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"I took a calculated risk here as declarer," a club player told me, displaying today's deal. "Man, was my math bad!"

West had led the deuce of clubs against four hearts: nine, ten, ace.

"I led a trump to dummy's ace," South said, "and a trump to my jack. I knew that was the percentage play to pick up the trumps. West won and led a second club to East's queen, and East shifted to the queen of spades. I took the ace and led the queen of diamonds for a finesse, but West won, and the defense cashed two spades for down two.

"I think my calculations were a little off."

overcalls two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your hand is too strong for a raise to two hearts, especially since the value of your king of diamonds has gone up. But neither do you have the strength to commit to game. Bid 2NT, suggesting 10 to 12 points, balanced pattern and a trick in diamonds. Maybe your partner will jump to four hearts.

West dealer
N-S vulnerable

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

WEST
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K 8 3
♣ K 8 7 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 3
♥ 6 3
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH
♠ 8 6 5
♥ K J 8 7 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♣ 2

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 7 4 ♥ Q 10 9
♦ K 8 3 ♣ K 8 7 2. Your partner opens one heart, and the next player

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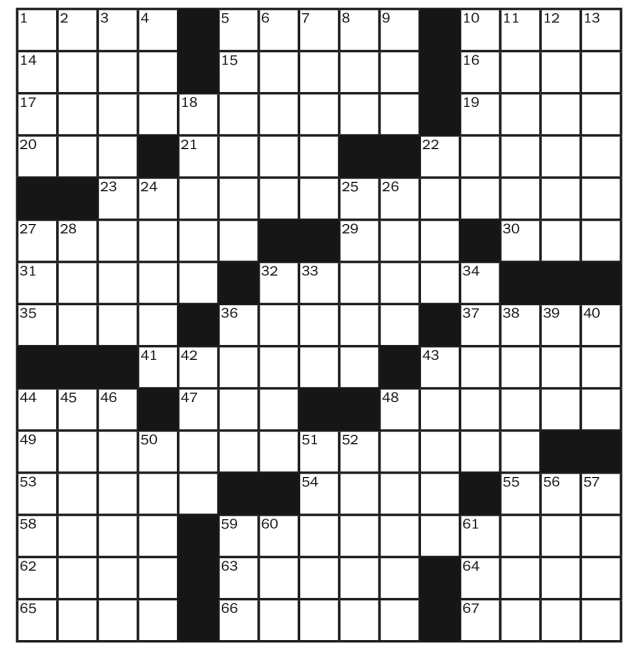
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ACROSS

- 1 See 1-Down
- 5 Gobble (down)
- 10 ___ the Great (10th-century Holy Roman emperor)
- 14 Loos
- 15 Ralph who ran for president four times
- 16 Word repeated in "What's ___ is ___"
- 17 1990 #1 hit that begins "Yo, V.I.P., let's kick it!"
- 19 See 42-Down
- 20 The "p" of m.p.h.
- 21 Rock's Kings of ___
- 22 Retro photo tint
- 23 Main drag through New Orleans's French Quarter
- 27 Checks (out)
- 29 Once ___ lifetime
- 30 Rage
- 31 Photos
- 32 Obsolete means of sending documents
- 35 Kind of torch
- 36 Libation made from the beginnings of 17-, 23-, 49- and 59-Across
- 37 Ricelike pasta
- 41 ___ and Ladders (classic board game)
- 43 About 85% of Iberia
- 44 Blood-typing letters
- 47 Game with Reverse cards
- 48 Telecommunications giant that merged with T-Mobile in 2020
- 49 Never-used state
- 53 Respite
- 54 "Dies ___" (hymn)
- 55 Vote in favor

DOWN

- 1 With 1-Across, sound of a carriage horse
- 2 Dolly feature
- 3 What airlines sometimes do, causing headaches
- 4 Letter before omega
- 5 Scoffs (at)
- 6 Bigwig
- 7 John Hersey's "A Bell for ___"
- 8 Graycoat, in the Civil War
- 9 Word after deep, stir or small
- 10 Figure in a negotiation
- 11 Taiwan's capital
- 12 Like atoms vis-à-vis molecules
- 13 Like rococo decoration
- 18 Things detectives look for
- 22 ___ Lee, longtime head of Marvel Comics
- 24 ___ fiber
- 25 Veto
- 26 Scissor cut
- 27 Retired cross-Atlantic jet, for short
- 28 Second letter before omega
- 32 Informal bed
- 33 Pint glass filler
- 34 Camera setup often worn on the head
- 36 Queen of the gods, in Roman myth
- 38 Time to set aside money for, in a saying
- 39 Fruity red wine, familiarly
- 40 Toronto's prov.
- 42 With 19-Across, pal of Tom Sawyer
- 43 Worked as a secret agent
- 44 Translucent fossilized resins
- 45 Three strokes on a par-4 hole, e.g.
- 46 Upstate New York river or lake
- 48 Begins
- 50 Spud
- 51 Toe, e.g.
- 52 Tehran native
- 56 Cutting part of a knife
- 57 Sailors' affirmatives
- 59 It's a mess
- 60 Dubai and Abu Dhabi are part of it: Abbr.
- 61 Wonderment



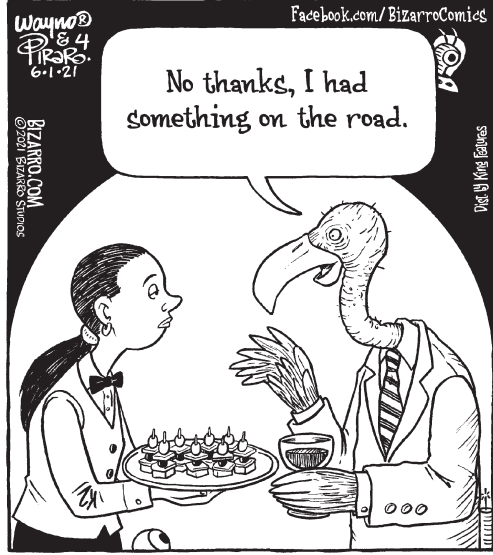
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

SNWGU
TMEEH
TGIEWH
SRNTOG

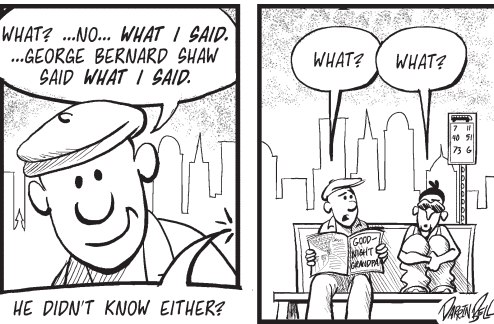
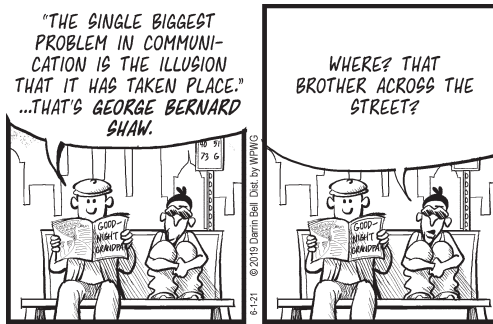
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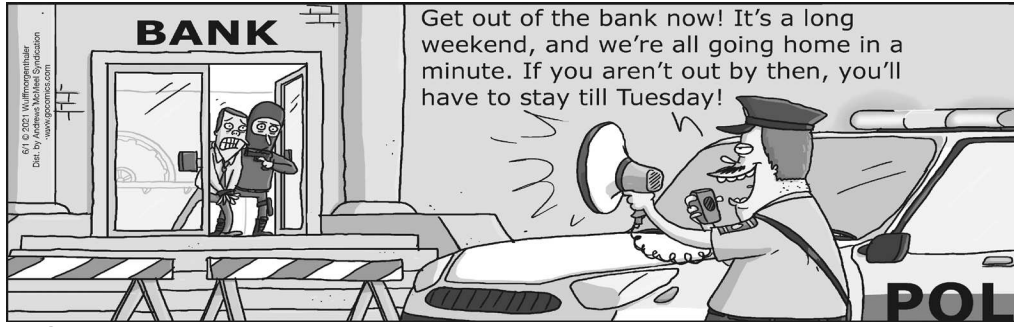
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Yesterday's Jumbles: YUMMY NOVEL THROWN LAZIER
Answer: Felix de Weldon's effort to create the Marine Corps War Memorial was — MONUMENTAL

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



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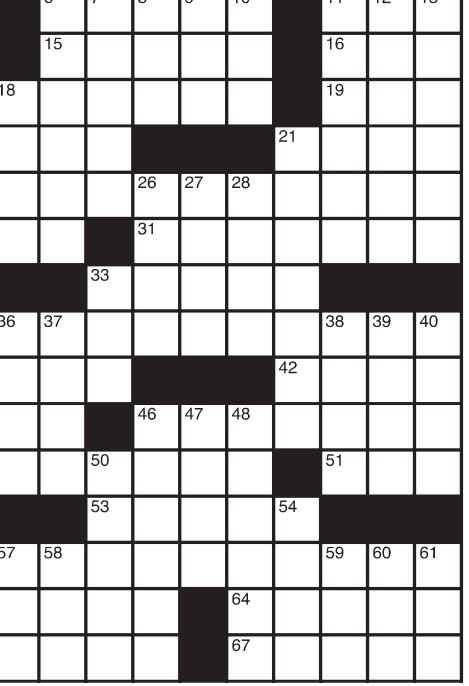
- 1 Object from a much earlier time
- 6 Wild guesses
- 11 "Blinded Me With Science": 1983 hit
- 14 Barn-raising sect
- 15 14-inch paper size
- 16 Triumphed
- 17 Machine Gun Kelly or Pretty Boy Floyd
- 19 JFK posting
- 20 Slipped up
- 21 Bit of staircase babyproofing
- 22 Musician's asset
- 25 Former name of Denver's Ball Arena
- 29 Pests whose name means "fly" in a Bantu language
- 31 "Bottomless" brunch drinks
- 32 Melt
- 33 Wildly excited
- 34 Breathtaking regimen?
- 41 Strand at the airport, say
- 42 Worked the soil
- 43 Very few
- 46 Like some decorative glass
- 49 Underwater shocker
- 51 One with a code name
- 52 Bordeaux, say
- 53 Loads
- 55 Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
- 56 Get a delicate dialogue started ... and a hint to 17-, 25-, 34- and 49-Across
- 62 Transgression
- 63 Flat contract
- 64 Quell
- 65 Bit of ink
- 66 Spud
- 67 Soothing balm
- 4 Key in the water
- 5 Tweets
- 6 Goes into low-power mode
- 7 Cares for, as a garden
- 8 Mature
- 9 Loud comics sound
- 10 Foxy
- 11 Jogging wear
- 12 Soothing cuppa
- 13 See 24-Down
- 18 Manitoba tribe
- 21 Italian dumplings
- 22 R&B great James
- 23 Activist and tennis legend Arthur
- 24 With 13-Down, collisions from behind
- 26 Big-screen format
- 27 Cannes subject
- 28 Qatari leader
- 30 Batman villain who carries a double-headed coin
- 33 R&B's Boyz II ___
- 35 Hightail it
- 36 Horror movie helper
- 37 Big name in banking
- 38 + or - particles
- 39 Slip slowly through the cracks
- 40 Whirlpool
- 43 State-of-the-art
- 44 "Booksmart" director Wilde
- 45 Renter
- 46 Explorer
- 47 Suckling spot
- 48 Top dogs
- 50 Run after
- 54 "Sisters" star Ward
- 56 Sandwich letters
- 57 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
- 58 Put away
- 59 Under the weather
- 60 LeBron until 2010, for short
- 61 Private ___

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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- 1 Missy Elliott genre
- 2 Big Aussie bird
- 3 Women's ___



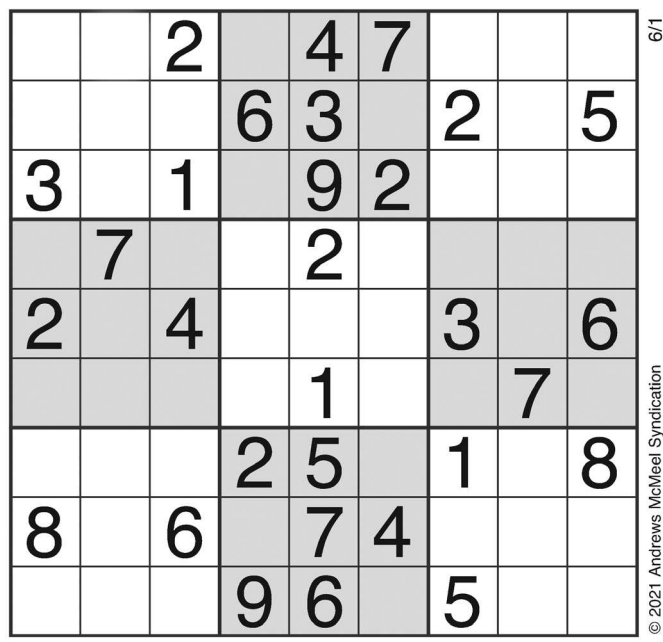
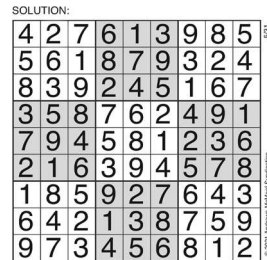
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SUDOKU

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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