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Daily Bridge Club

Louie's shocking play

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It was the first of the month, and I found Unlucky Louie in the club lounge, coping with a pile of bills. "I opened my water bill and electric bill at the same time," Louie growled, "and I got quite a shock."

Louie was declarer at six hearts in a penny game, and West led the ten of clubs. Louie won with the ace, took his ace of spades, ruffed a spade with dummy's seven of trumps ... and was shocked when East overruffed with the queen.

East then led a trump to dummy. Louie took six trumps in his hand, three clubs, the ace of spades and one spade ruff with dummy's other high trump: down one.

ANSWER: You have two acceptable options. One is to bid two clubs. If partner returns to two diamonds, raises to three clubs or bids 2NT, show your heart support. Since that three-bid sequence would, in my opinion, show a slightly better hand, I would choose the second option: a direct raise to two hearts.

South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 10 5 4 3
♣ K Q 7 4

WEST
♠ K J 9 6 4 3
♥ None
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 7
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ A J 9 8
♣ J 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8 6 2
♦ None
♣ A 5

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ 10

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 ♥ A K 7
♦ Q 10 5 4 3 ♣ K Q 7 4. You open one diamond. Your partner responds one heart. What do you say?

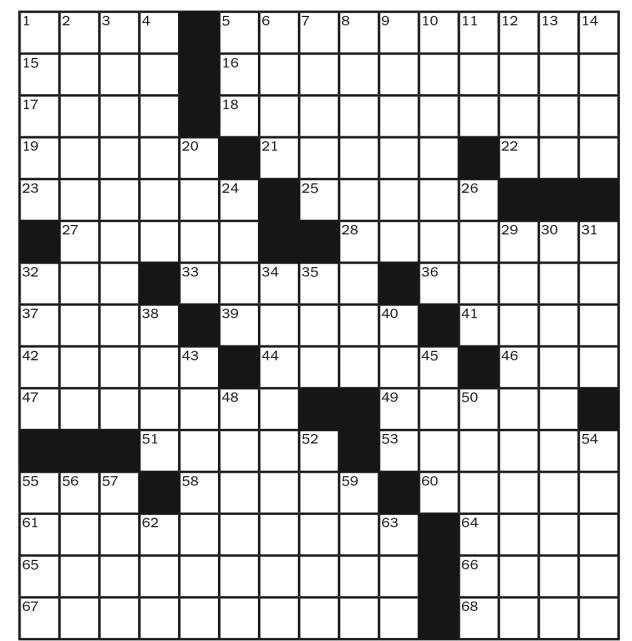
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0430

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mason jar, in a pinch
 - 5 Brogues, e.g.
 - 15 Corp. debuts
 - 16 It often includes Fox, but not Fox News
 - 17 Hype
 - 18 One who might reply to "Thank you" with "No wukkas"
 - 19 Name invoked when reciting the shahada
 - 21 Certain peaceful protest
 - 22 Redundant word before "result"
 - 23 Going over the head of
 - 25 Dot on a timeline
 - 27 Ones getting you down?
 - 28 "Ah, yes ..."
- DOWN**
- 32 R&B/jazz artist Boozie who sang "See See Rider Blues"
 - 33 Crushes, e.g.
 - 36 Experimental delivery option
 - 37 Response of modesty
 - 39 ___ the bud
 - 41 Comportment
 - 42 Something built with curls, informally
 - 44 Top-flight destination
 - 46 Gone unused
 - 47 Bike brand
 - 49 Receive
 - 51 Cheer made with beer
 - 53 Appropriate name for that woman's husband?
 - 55 Internet ___
 - 58 Bitter
 - 60 Muse of lyric poetry
- DOWN**
- 1 Life-sustaining
 - 2 Sorry
 - 3 Look inward
 - 4 Biltmore or Hearst Castle
 - 5 Corporate alias abbr.
 - 6 One of the Castros
 - 7 Davis of "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries"
 - 8 Part of an OSHA inspection
 - 9 Uses a crystal ball
 - 10 Like books for Project Gutenberg
 - 11 "Open the pod bay doors, ___" (classic movie line)
 - 12 Award typically presented in Manhattan's Webster Hall
 - 13 Zip
 - 14 Bad button to hit by accident
 - 20 Farm animal, in farm-speak



PUZZLE BY KATE HAWKINS

- 24 Element of show business?
- 26 Normal length of a pregnancy
- 29 New Year's Eve handout
- 30 Cry to an unruly crowd near an entrance
- 31 Took a turn
- 32 What babies and marathons both use
- 34 She played Dorothy Gale in "The Wiz" (1978)
- 35 Address abbr.
- 38 Ornamental trees
- 40 "The time is ___"
- 43 Electricity-shooting Pokémon
- 45 One of the official languages of Canada's Northwest Territories
- 48 "Beats me!"
- 50 Off the mark
- 52 BuzzFeed fodder
- 54 Double negatives?
- 55 Jewelry designer Peretti
- 56 It may come in buckets
- 57 ___ Dwyer, role for Chris Pratt on "Parks and Recreation"
- 59 "Drop it," editorially
- 62 Meas. of brain activity
- 63 Start of some French surnames

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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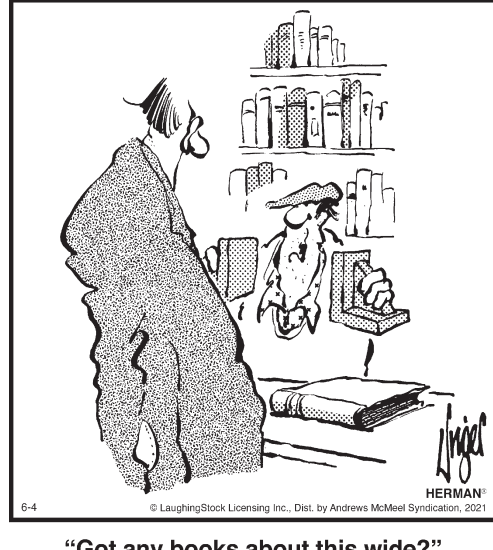
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

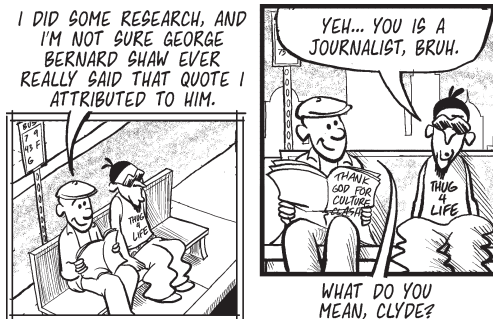
PYNPI
DUSOK
MGTIBA
NJEGAL

Answer here: "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FILTH CAULK UPROOT BUTTER
Answer: The connected paper dolls wanted to be on their own, but they weren't — CUT OUT FOR THAT

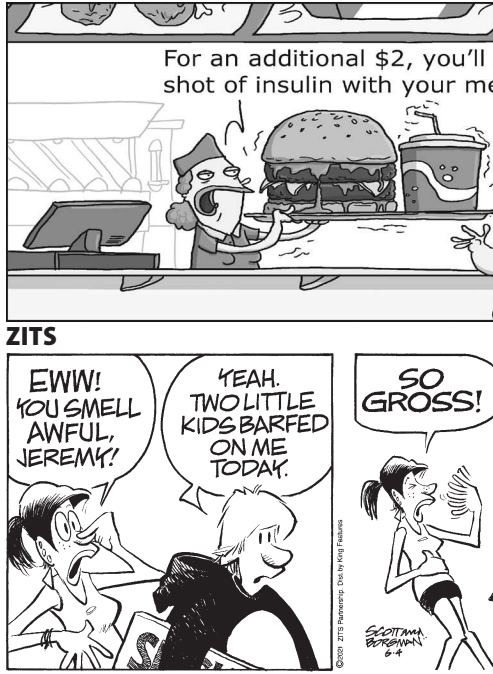
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



SUDOKU

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

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

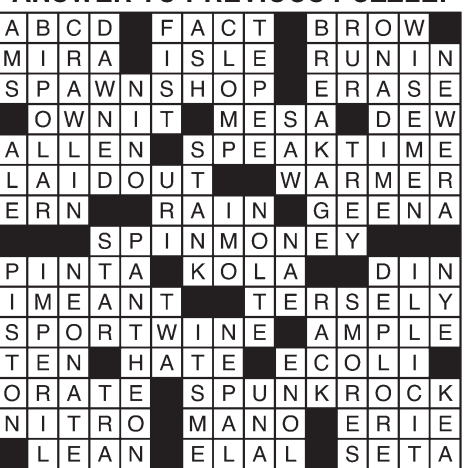
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

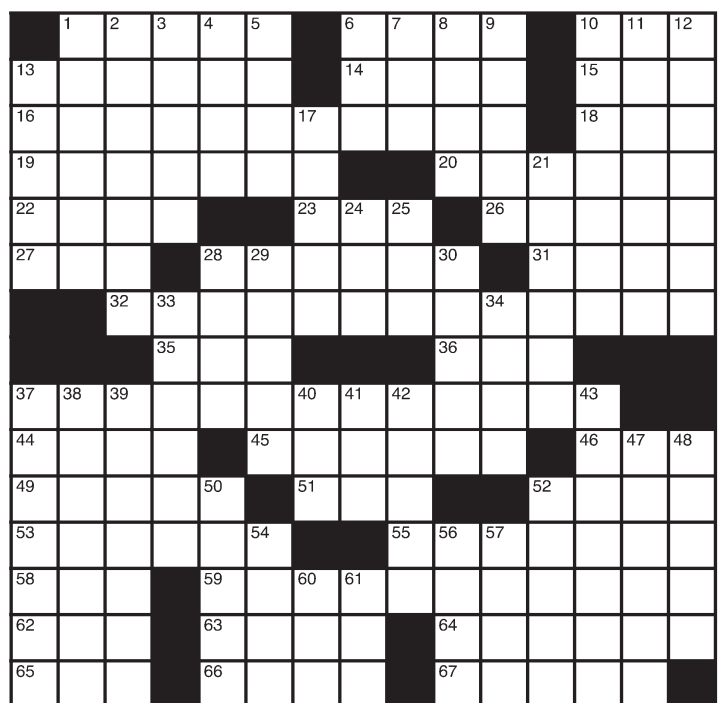
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Boxing legend Pacquiao
 - 6 RxList selection
 - 10 Dad ___
 - 13 Roman playwright who advised Nero
 - 14 Traveler's need, perhaps
 - 15 Dr. Cornelius, in a sci-fi film series
 - 16 Big house, hot water
 - 18 "I like that!"
 - 19 Recording session rarity
 - 20 "___ 13"
 - 22 Swimming aids
 - 23 TV forensics letters
 - 26 Wintry mix
 - 27 Mushy ground
 - 28 Los Angeles birthplace of astronaut Sally Ride
 - 31 Scandinavian demonym
 - 32 Abstract concept, space needle
 - 35 Even one
 - 36 Game for an "it" girl?
 - 37 Wee one, parlor game
 - 44 "This looks like trouble"
 - 45 Shire equivalent
 - 46 Letters before an alias
 - 49 Acidic, in Germany
 - 51 "Snowpiercer" channel
 - 52 Just
 - 53 Many a news team
 - 55 Clothing
 - 58 Grass stretch
 - 59 Pepper jack, gold dust
 - 62 Augsburg article
 - 63 Lake fed by the Detroit River
 - 64 London-based tea giant
 - 65 City grid nos.
 - 66 Mardi Gras follower
- DOWN**
- 67 "Siegfried ___": Wagner symphonic poem
 - 1 Nasty sort
 - 2 Radio interface
 - 3 Cardinals' homes
 - 4 Sports org. that evolved from one created under Teddy Roosevelt
 - 5 Pull hard
 - 6 Data storage device
 - 7 Kia subcompact
 - 8 Golf rules org.
 - 9 Expresses shock
 - 10 Herb from the laurel tree
 - 11 Lavish
 - 12 Downgrades
 - 13 Sneeze (at)
 - 17 U.S. record label since 1934
 - 21 Gerontology focus
 - 24 Original ___
 - 25 Unaffiliated: Abbr.
 - 28 Mediterranean tourist site
 - 29 "It's Gonna Be Me" band
 - 30 Mendelssohn's Opus 20, e.g.
 - 33 Bacon portion
 - 34 Suggestive
 - 37 Is astir with activity
 - 38 "Aha!"
 - 39 Large-billed birds
 - 40 URL component
 - 41 Carlin's "Atheism is a non-prophet institution," e.g.
 - 42 Prefix with dermal
 - 43 Backup command
 - 47 Vacation rental?
 - 48 Pumped
 - 50 Ward off
 - 52 Recycled item
 - 54 Sported
 - 56 Pro fighter
 - 57 Pointed at, say
 - 60 Mint container
 - 61 Math group

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