

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Doing it right**

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If Cy the Cynic loses a makeable contract, he shrugs it off. He says you learn nothing by doing something right. In that case, Cy may be my club's most learned player.

At today's four spades, Cy took the ace of diamonds, thought for all of three seconds and led a heart to his jack and a heart to dummy's queen. East took the ace and returned a diamond to dislodge the king.

Cy next led a club to his ace and conceded a club. East won and led the ace and his low trump. When Cy won in dummy and threw his last club on the king of hearts, West ruffed. Down one.

**SECOND TRICK**

Cy can't succeed by taking the ace of clubs at the second trick and conceding a club; East can clear dummy's trumps again.

To make four spades, Cy ducks a club at Trick Two. Then, if East leads the ace and a low trump, Cy draws trumps, loses a heart to the ace and pitches a club on dummy's high heart. If East doesn't lead trumps, Cy ruffs his last club in dummy. A trump lead, ducked by East, always beats four spades.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ J 3 ♥ K Q 6 3 2  
♦ A K 5 2 ♣ 9 2. You open one heart, your partner responds two

clubs, you bid two diamonds and he tries two spades. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner's new-suit bid of two spades is forcing. I would bid the obvious 2NT now. But since partner may not have spades for his "fourth-suit" two spades, some players would be reluctant to bid 2NT with no spade stopper. As to what they would do, you would need to ask them.

North dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**

♠ J 3  
♥ K Q 6 3 2  
♦ A K 5 2  
♣ 9 2

**WEST**

♠ 8 7 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ Q J 10 9  
♣ K 7 6 4

**EAST**

♠ A 5  
♥ A 10 9 8  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ Q J 10 8

**SOUTH**

♠ K Q 10 9 6 4  
♥ J 4  
♦ 6 3  
♣ A 5 3

North  
1♥  
2♦  
4♠

East  
Pass  
Pass  
All Pass

South  
1♠  
3♠  
Pass

West  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

Opening lead — ♦ Q

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

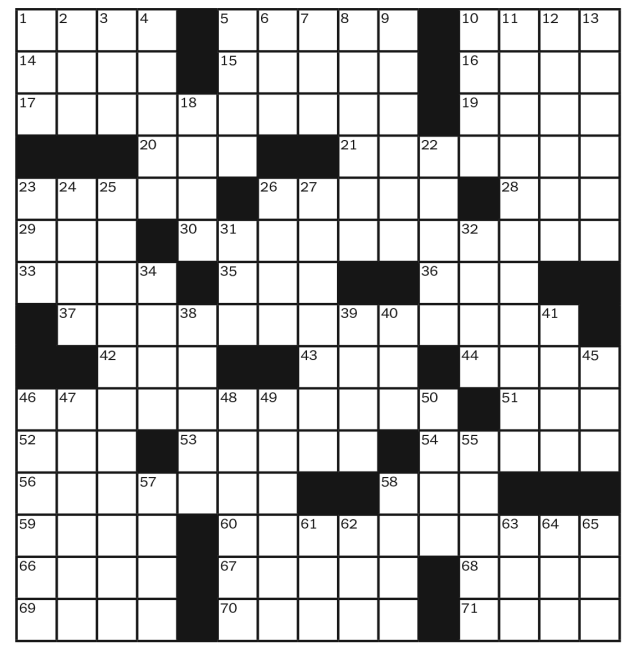
- 1 Surrounded by
- 5 Senator Mike of Idaho
- 10 Its state fair is much visited by politicians
- 14 Stream from a volcano
- 15 Any episode of "Parks and Recreation," now
- 16 Toot one's own horn
- 17 \*Joe cool?
- 19 Taj Mahal locale
- 20 Wall Street average, with "the"
- 21 Backstabs
- 23 Annual TV awards
- 26 Island nation in the western Pacific
- 28 Opposite of yeses
- 29 Word before sauce or milk

- 30 \*Amenity for jet-setters
- 33 Trail
- 35 Neither's partner
- 36 The first "X" of X-X-X
- 37 \*What investigators really want to know
- 42 [It's c-c-old!]
- 43 A-to-zed lexicon, in brief
- 44 Attire
- 46 \*Aromatic fragrance with a French name
- 51 Color TV pioneer
- 52 Some investments, for short
- 53 Untagged, in a game of tag
- 54 What a red-faced emoji might mean
- 56 Relaxing soak after a long day, maybe
- 58 Bay Area hub, for short

- 59 Fit for military service
- 60 Fairy tale chant from a giant ... or the ends of the answers to the starred clues
- 66 Make, as money
- 67 Not illuminated
- 68 Boston's \_\_\_\_\_Farber Cancer Institute
- 69 Hockey puck, e.g.
- 70 Animals symbolizing innocence
- 71 Community facility that often has a gym and pool, in brief

**DOWN**

- 1 Mahershala of "Green Book"
- 2 PC alternative
- 3 "Now \_\_\_ heard everything!"
- 4 Papa
- 5 Bird that caws
- 6 Official with a whistle
- 7 Little dog's bark
- 8 Southwest tribe or one of its dwellings
- 9 Where meaningless words go in (and out the other)
- 10 Letter-shaped construction support
- 11 Natural food producer
- 12 On guard against
- 13 Tennis great Andre
- 18 \_\_\_ Nostra
- 22 \_\_\_-frutti



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- 23 Telepath's "gift"
- 24 Means of defense that doesn't actually have alligators
- 25 Discovery Channel program that debunked popular beliefs
- 26 Amateurs no more
- 27 Kind of reasoning
- 31 Red Roof \_\_\_
- 32 Part of a bird or museum

- 34 What's rounded up in a roundup
- 38 "The Faerie Queene" woman
- 39 Adroit
- 40 University email ending
- 41 Apex predator of the ocean
- 45 Rebuke to Marmaduke
- 46 Bounced back, as a sound
- 47 God, in the Torah
- 48 Quantity of stew
- 49 Greek goddess of wisdom

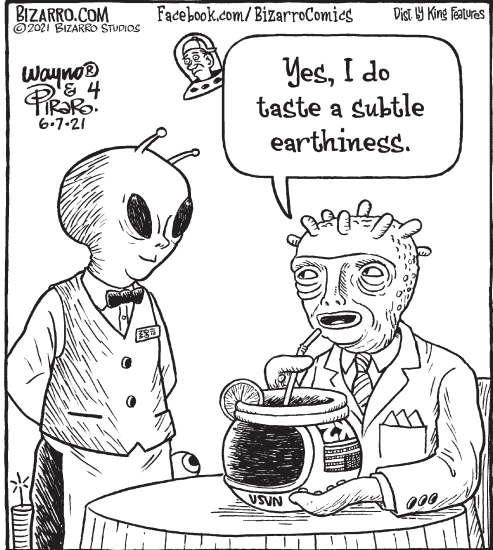
- 50 Peeve
- 55 Full of emotional swings
- 57 Establishment that's usually closed on Sundays
- 58 Poses for a photo
- 61 Boston's Liberty Tree, e.g.
- 62 Whopper junior?
- 63 Kin, informally
- 64 Tar Heels' sch.
- 65 Goat's bleat

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



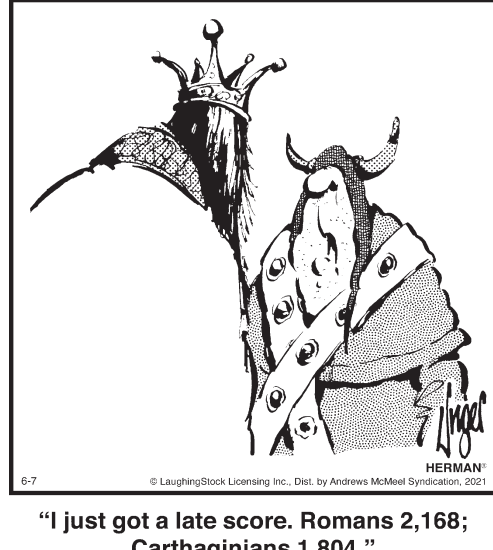
**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

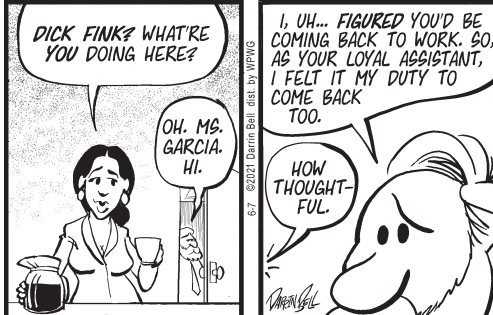
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MZGIO  
CIGIN  
OBNERK  
NORLEG

Print your answer here: "\_\_\_\_\_"

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**WUMO**



**ZITS**



**ZITS**



**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 10-year-old Oscar winner O'Neal
- 6 Head lock
- 11 Title for Lee or Grant: Abbr.
- 14 The Colosseum, e.g.
- 15 Beyond bad
- 16 Messenger molecule
- 17 \*Selling point for a used car
- 19 Homer's "rosy-fingered" dawn goddess
- 20 Jacob's twin
- 21 "Young Sheldon" network
- 22 Beauty's beau
- 24 Part-time player
- 26 Raise, as sails
- 28 \*Going out with another couple
- 32 In the stars
- 35 Lena of "Alias"
- 36 Expected in
- 37 Old-school "OMG!"
- 38 With "the," rare batting feat whose components begin the answers to starred clues
- 40 Note to the staff
- 41 Villain Luther
- 42 Work bound to sell?
- 43 Former Swedish cars
- 44 \*High club in a deli
- 48 Krall of jazz
- 49 Power failures
- 53 Former senator Lott
- 55 Bad firecracker
- 56 Hair clump
- 57 Anthem contraction
- 58 \*Metaphor for the perfect person for the job
- 62 Printer problem
- 63 Chris of "Captain America"
- 64 Arnie \_\_, Don Draper's neighbor on "Mad Men"
- 65 Suffix with direct
- 66 Dentist's request
- 67 Wind: Pref.

**DOWN**

- 1 Uses a stun gun on
- 2 Come about
- 3 Coffee break hr.
- 4 Like a tour without a leader
- 5 Prefix with ware
- 6 Pair of shillings, in British slang
- 7 Uses oars
- 8 West end?
- 9 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
- 10 Belgrade native
- 11 "Wish I'd thought of that!"
- 12 Grandson of Adam
- 13 Creator of the GOP elephant
- 18 Hosiery hue
- 23 Approx. number
- 25 Whale group
- 26 Satan's realm
- 27 "Garfield" canine
- 29 Age of Reason philosopher John
- 30 Anesthetized
- 31 Most '90s Prizms
- 32 Pool table surface

**ACROSS**

- 33 Stress or worry, it's said
- 34 Wildlife preservation method
- 38 Either "Fargo" director
- 39 Film wise man with his own grammar
- 40 Very long race
- 42 Nonsense
- 43 Wimbledon unit
- 45 Bowling target

**DOWN**

- 46 Golfing venue
- 47 Spiral-horned antelope
- 50 Pretense
- 51 Zimbaldist Jr. of "77 Sunset Strip"
- 52 Shorthand pro
- 53 WWII Japanese general
- 54 Raise, as kids
- 55 Animal lairs
- 59 Egg: Pref.
- 60 \_\_\_ cave
- 61 New Deal agcy.

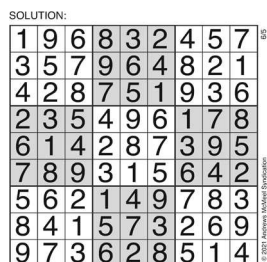
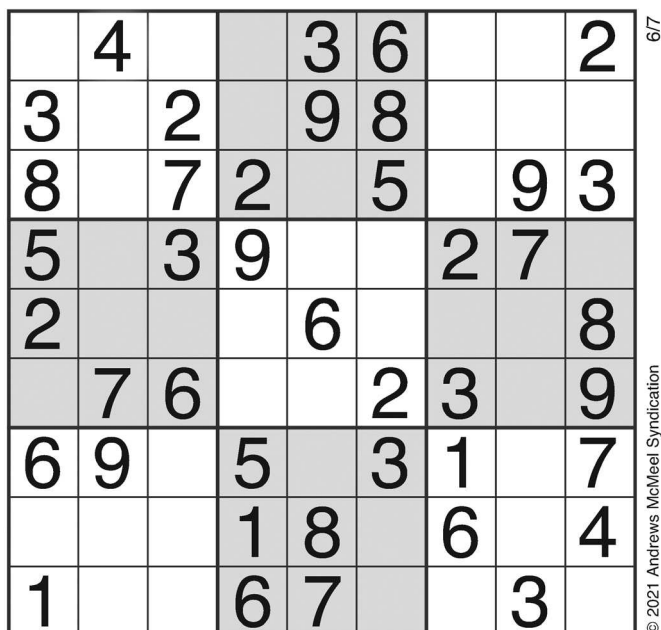
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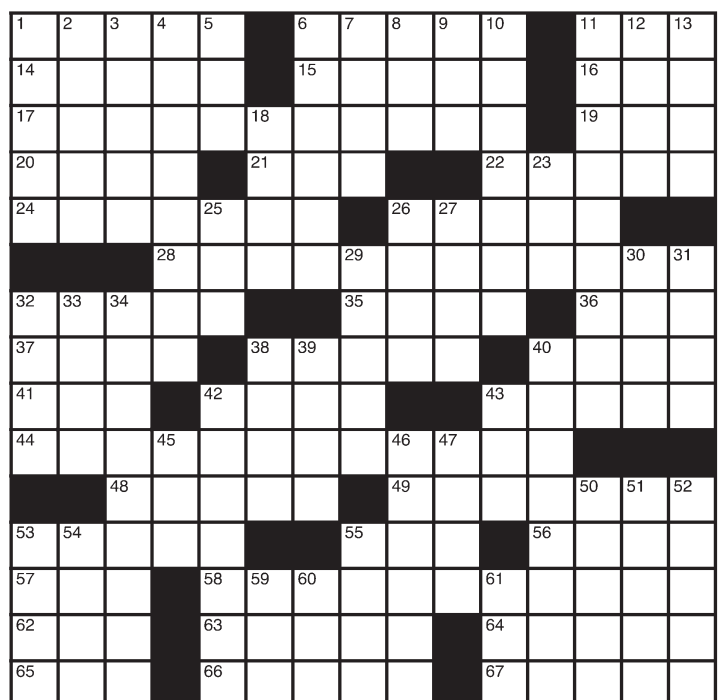
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**SUDOKU**

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



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