Daily Bridge Club

College experience

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"I know you went to college," I said to Cy the Cynic. "What did you study?"

"Not much," Cy shrugged. "I took a course in physics. I did so badly on one exam that the professor said my score was absolute zero."

When I watched today's deal in a penny game, Cy played at four spades, and West led a trump. Cy won and led the three of clubs to dummy's jack, but East took the king and led another trump. The Cynic ran his trumps, but when East-West discarded carefully, he lost two hearts and another club. Down one.

What grade would you give Cy's play?

DILEMMA

I'm afraid Cy flunked this test. At Trick Two, he should lead the queen of clubs. East is in a dilemma. If he ducks, Cy can take the ace, ruff a club in dummy and discard his last club on the ace of diamonds, making an overtrick.

The best East can do is take his king of clubs and return a trump. Then Cy can reach dummy with the jack of clubs and pitch a loser on the ace of diamonds, making four spades exactly.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 8 6 4 ♥ J 5 ♦ K J 7 5 4 ♣ K 10 5. Your partner opens one heart, you respond 1NT,

he bids two clubs and you return to two hearts. Partner then bids three

diamonds. What do you say? ANSWER: Your partner has bid a third time despite your weak preference and is still interested in reaching game. His third bid vastly improves your hand; all of your honors are working. Bid five diamonds or four hearts. He may hold 2, A Q 10 6 3, A Q 6, A 9 4 3.

South dealer N-S vulnerable

> NORTH ♥9762 **♦ A 9 8 6 3**

WEST	EAST
↑ 10 9	♠ 864
♥ K Q 10 3	♡ J 5
♦ Q 10 2	♦ KJ75
♣ 9 8 4 2	♣ K 10 5

4

SOUTH AAKQJ72 ♥A84 ♦ None ♣ A Q 6 3

South West North East Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 10

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The New York Times Crossword

story

32 Debtor's letters

insulting name

33 Candy with an

39 Little bird of

40 Candy with an

insulting name

mine?

ACROSS

- 1 "Likewise"
- 5 Enthralled 9 One in a stack for an English
- teacher to grade 14 Big event for high school
- seniors 15 Mine and yours
- 16 "The Hunchback of ___ Dame"
- 17 Bank takeback, for short 18 Length x width,
- for a rectangle Frozen 19
- Adventure" (2017 Disney film)
- 20 "The Addams Family" cousin 21 Annual
- celebration, for 22 Big name in
- vapes 23 Candy with an insulting name

- 25 Wrestling duo 55 Peak viewable 28 "La Bohème," for
- one 56 Fitzgerald of jazz 29 Candy with an
 - insulting name
- 30 Entertain with a
 - 59 Swarm (with)
- **38** Prefix with sexual 62 Music and theater

- 1 Bit of basil 2 "Am not!"
- 44 1990s fitness fad comeback 47 Stuck on a stake 48 Candy with an
- 50 Crafty online
 - marketplace _ d'oeuvres
- 52 Crew neck or V-neck

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Α	М	Е	D		С	R	Α	Р	0		_	0	W	Α
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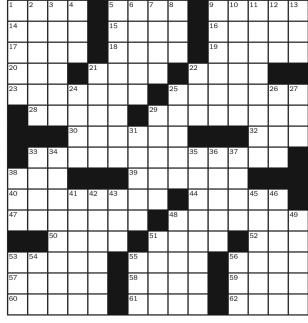
- from Tokyo on a clear day
- **57** Philly ivy 58 What coaches on star-laden teams
- must handle
- 60 One with a golden touch
- 61 Sticky spot?

DOWN

- 3 Shaggy hairdo
- 4 "Punk rock's insulting name moody younger sibling," per Rolling Stone
 - 5 Fit on a hard drive?
 - 6 Vibes
- 7 Seals, to great white sharks 53 Lamp dweller
 - _ PreCheck 9 Exasperated cry
 - 10 Something that disappears in
 - a chemistry experiment 11 Stuffy
 - atmosphere 12 Terrier's sound
 - 13 Affirmative **21** Bit of
 - Special Forces headwear 22 Jam container
 - 24 Ernie's partner on TV 25 Connection
 - 26 Hubbubs

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PUZZLE BY NINA SLOAN

- 27 The Spartans of the Big Ten, in 38 ... phi, chi, __ brief
- 29 Italian luxury cars, familiarly
- 31 Traveled in a parabola
- 33 Lip lotion
- 34 Still in its original packaging
- 35 Person who appreciates a walk in the
- woods, say 36 1,000 of them equal a kilo
- 37 Watched 46 Brunch dish
 - 48 Karate schools
- 49 Bursting at the 41 Green laver on the Statue of
- 51 Leviathan 42 Mary-Kate and
 - 53 Wrigley's product
 - 54 Prefix with
 - center
 - **55** Bog
 - 56 Pilot's announcement, for short

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omega

Liberty

Ashley

43 Symbol of

Day

ownership

45 Profession of

the protagonist

Stevens in Ishiguro's "The

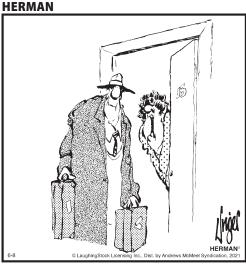
Remains of the



DENNIS THE MENACE



"You must feel really special, Mr. Wilson... My DAD says you're CERTIFIABLE."



having a good time.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME **PYTIS GTMIH PNDUIA** NGIOGN

Print answer here: Yesterday's

Now arrange the circled letters

When King Kong and his wife went to the

LAW SCHOOL CREATION MYTH







METAL DETECTING? THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF A



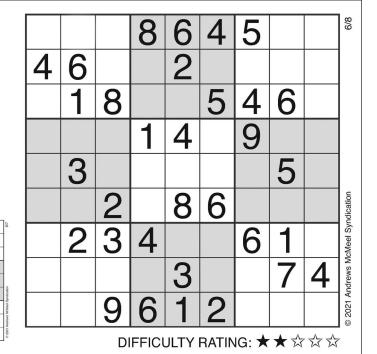


SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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





"And don't let me find out you're

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- **ACROSS** 1 Welsh doa
- 10 Heed 14 Atom with a
- negative charge 15 German mark
- successor 16 Very hot state
- 17 Works on a keyboard
- 18 Mideast's Gulf of job: deception
- 20 Prime time for vacationers
- 23 Informal affirmative
- 24 Small amount 25 Weep
- 26 Childcare writer LeShan
- 29 Work out of the office?
- 32 King's rabid dog 35 Laugh sound
- 36 Like some waves
- 37 Chevy subcompact
- 38 Basic building blocks 41 Half of Mork's
- sign-off 42 Greek cheeses
- 44 Washington NLer 45 Cavefish's functionless parts
- 46 Pacific spot named for the day it was discovered
- 50 Chicago-to-Miami
- 51 Elton's "Rocket
- 52 Prior to, poetically 53 Baglike structure 56 '80s hard rock quintet, and what's literally
- of circles 60 Lightsaber
- wielders 62 Dove's home 63 Wavy pattern
- socks 65 Beheaded Boleyn 66 Kate's TV
- 67 Legal memo phrase

sidekick

68 Cordelia's father 69 Prominent

DOWN 34 Traveler in life's

- 1 Like a remark voking a "Rowr! 2 "The joke's __!"
- 3 Make into confetti 4 Active type 5 At its original
- position 6 Carnivore's regimen
- 7 Frothy water 8 776 BC Olympics locale
- 9 Undersea trackers 10 -ish, numerically
- 12 Vanity 13 Fine-grained wood 21 Nickname for
- Alexandra 22 Part of GPS: Abbr 27 "Cheers" server
- 28 Top mark 29 Hiss, as a villain 30 Vegas lights
- 31 Pronged 32 Bookstore eateries

irises

33 Eye parts with

- fast lane Stag 40 Paparazzi targets
- 43 Interstate hauler 47 Mischief-maker 48 Emulate the

53 Clown's

- Gregorians 49 Upscale retailer Marcus
- 58 Highest Italian peak south of the

cry

54 Falcon's nest

55 2015 "Rocky"

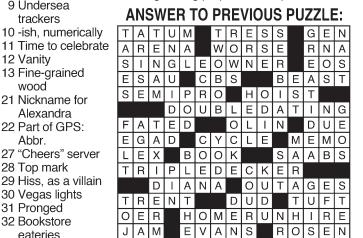
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57 Amusement park

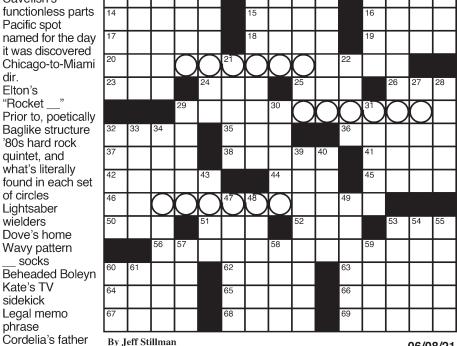
beach, Mrs. Kong wore a - "BIG-KINI"

Alps 59 Stag 60 Schuss, e.g.

61 Lodging with a heightening prop "keeper



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