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Daily Bridge Club

At second glance

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Unlucky Louie has been successful in business if not at bridge. "Did you start out with nothing?" I asked Louie, "or did you have an inheritance?"

"My folks were so poor," Louie replied somberly, "that at Christmas, we exchanged glances."

When Louie was declarer at today's four spades, he let East's king win the first diamond. Louie won the next diamond (not best defense), led the king of trumps to East's ace and won the trump return. Louie then took the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club. When West discarded, Louie led a heart to dummy's queen. East won and returned a heart, and Louie had to lose a second heart.

What do you say?

ANSWER: On the information available, you can place the contract. Bid 3NT. A style in which your two clubs was a game-force might be helpful. You could bid 2NT, forcing. Some players miss the old-fashioned direct 2NT response to describe your hand; most pairs now treat 2NT as a conventional spade raise.

West dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ A Q 5
♦ 9 5
♣ K 5 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 6 5
♥ 10 9 8
♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3
♣ Q 9

EAST
♠ A 9
♥ K J 7 6
♦ K J 6
♣ J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 8 7
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A 2
♣ A 6

West Pass
North Pass
East 1 ♣ Pass
South 1 ♠ 4 ♠

Opening lead — ♦ 7

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THIRD CLUB

Louie gave East-West a gift. He makes four spades by exchanging one loser for another. On the third club, Louie should pitch a heart. If West won, Louie would have the rest. When West discards, East can lead a heart, yielding a free finesse, or lead a club, setting up dummy's fifth club. Either way, Louie gets his 10th trick.

This week: loser-on-loser plays.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 9 ♥ K J 7 6
♦ K J 6 ♣ J 10 8 7. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs and he bids two diamonds.

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ACROSS

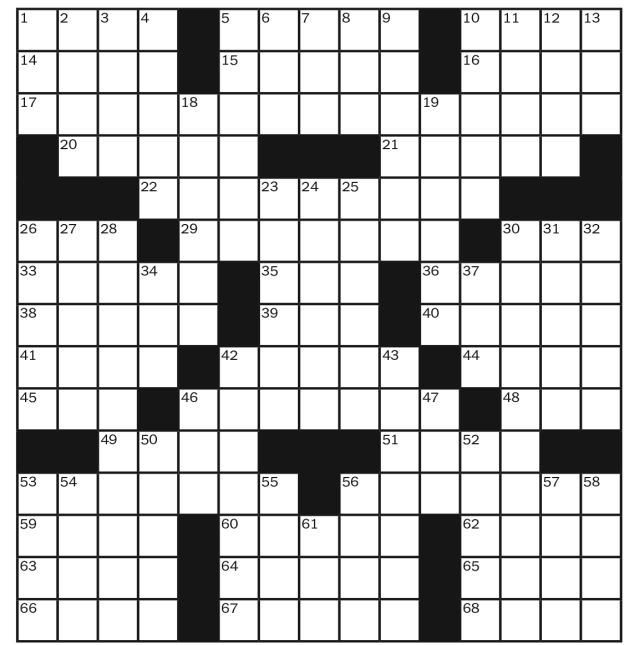
- 1 Desktop computer covered by AppleCare
- 5 Opposite of buys
- 10 PBS science show since 1974
- 14 ___ Raton, Fla.
- 15 Clothing crease
- 16 Like the climate of Death Valley
- 17 Easy-to-peel citrus fruits
- 20 Sherri's twin sister on "The Simpsons"
- 21 Stockpile
- 22 Main ingredients in meringue
- 26 Verbal shrug
- 29 Warmly welcome, as a new era
- 30 Whack on the head
- 33 "Do not ___" (blackboard words)
- 35 Variety

- 36 Big name in tractors
- 38 Shapes of Frisbees and tidlywinks
- 39 Welcome gift upon arriving at Honolulu International Airport
- 40 Mascara mishap
- 41 Sore, as after a workout
- 42 NASCAR champion Hamlin
- 44 Apt name for a car mechanic?
- 45 Scientist's workplace
- 46 Facial expressions
- 48 "Do you ___ my drift?"
- 49 What many children begin to do in kindergarten
- 51 Practice for a bout
- 53 Website with trivia quizzes

- 56 "Medicine" that doesn't actually contain medicine
- 59 Axed
- 60 Love to pieces
- 62 Estate beneficiary
- 63 Coffeehouse dispensers
- 64 First episode in a TV series
- 65 Change for a five
- 66 Try out
- 67 Cherry throwaways
- 68 World capital where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded

DOWN

- 1 Creator of Watson on "Jeopardy!"
- 2 Protective trench
- 3 Target of the skin cream Retin-A
- 4 Close-knit group
- 5 Bits of parsley
- 6 Man's name hidden in "reliableness"
- 7 Man's name hidden in "reliableness"
- 8 Language akin to Thai
- 9 Low-altitude clouds
- 10 Grannies
- 11 A.C.L.U. and others
- 12 Fights (for)
- 13 Commercials
- 18 Has a war of words



PUZZLE BY ZHOUBIN BURNIKEL

- 19 Changes, as the Constitution
- 23 Fritters (away), as time
- 24 Montana's capital
- 25 Peeving
- 26 Purple Heart, e.g.
- 27 TV journalist Hill
- 28 Crispy breakfast side dish
- 30 Salad base similar to Swiss chard

- 31 Speak from a podium, say
- 32 Two-time presidential candidate Ross
- 34 "The ___ is falling!" (Chicken Little's cry)
- 37 Angsty music genre
- 42 Worked out in a pool
- 43 "We should do that!"
- 46 Rug cleaner, informally

- 47 Spot for a mud facial
- 50 ___ & Young (accounting firm)
- 52 "Bless you!" elicitor
- 53 Closed
- 54 Father, in French
- 55 Make tweaks to
- 56 Dance with a king and queen
- 57 Actress Jessica of "Hitchcock"
- 58 Approximately
- 61 Fútbol cheer

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

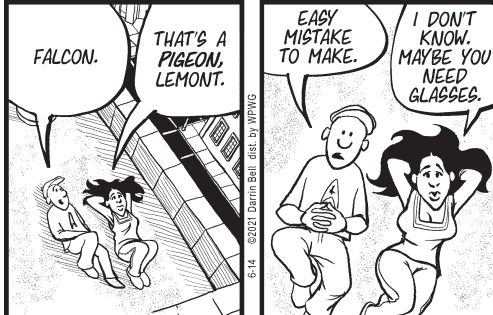
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CEFNE
KMISP
LIFTEL
CARDOC

Answer here: "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

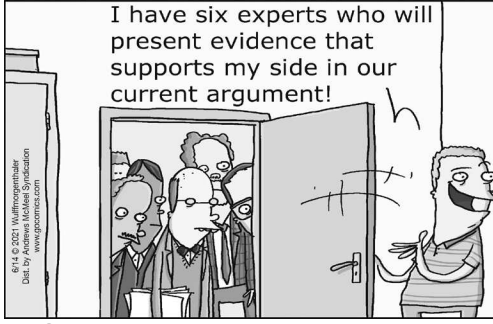
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WUMO



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ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Rigatoni or ziti
- 6 Poker stake
- 10 Sandwich known by its initials
- 13 Odysseus' journey, for example
- 14 Sulk
- 15 "Now I ___ me down ..."
- 16 Least wild
- 17 *Emulate Bonnie and Clyde
- 19 Birdbrains
- 20 Fab competitor
- 21 Fairy tale start
- 22 *Highly aware and ready to act
- 24 Does some programming
- 25 Airline to Israel
- 26 Dutch cheese town
- 28 Before now
- 31 Poe's "Annabel ___"
- 33 Threat-ending words
- 37 *Grasps an underlying meaning
- 41 Take for granted
- 42 Part of GPS: Abbr.
- 43 Carrot chomper's "What's up, ___?"
- 44 Rice-A-___
- 46 Goes kaput, as an engine
- 49 University VIPs
- 52 *Kellogg's cereal morsel
- 57 D.C. helper
- 58 Nevada gambling mecca
- 59 Senseless endeavor
- 60 Persuasive efforts using insincere flattery ... and a hint to the last words of the answers to starred clues
- 62 Hairpiece
- 63 Pre-1991 map letters
- 64 Slender woodwind
- 65 Prom corsage
- 66 Wide shoe sizes

- 67 "OMG" or "TTYL"
- 68 Hawke of "Boyhood"
- DOWN
- 1 Shrimp relative
- 2 Fess up
- 3 Simmer with anger
- 4 Fez feature
- 5 PC key used in combinations
- 6 Month that may start with a gag
- 7 Noggin
- 8 You ___: online video site
- 9 Zeta-theta link
- 10 Tasteless
- 11 Jousting weapon
- 12 Little ones
- 13 "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 18 Many a Gen Xer parent
- 20 Yarns
- 23 Whale's food-filtering system
- 24 Check the ID of
- 27 Wears out
- 28 Here, in Havana
- 29 Oxygen, e.g.
- 30 NFL tiebreakers

- 32 Mars residents, in sci-fi
- 34 It may be flipped
- 35 Bay Area hub inits.
- 36 And so on, briefly
- 38 Teen's witching hour
- 39 Med. care plans
- 40 Electric starter?
- 45 Fridge of yore
- 47 Serious attempt
- 48 Posture issue
- 49 So last year
- 50 Washer cycle
- 51 Air freshener targets
- 53 Initial stage
- 54 Top dog
- 55 Fashion's Anne or Calvin
- 56 Looked over
- 58 Spa cover-up
- 61 Write quickly
- 62 Digital water tester?

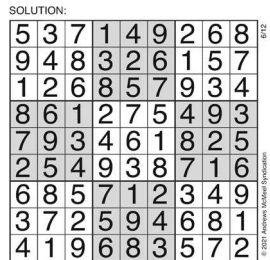
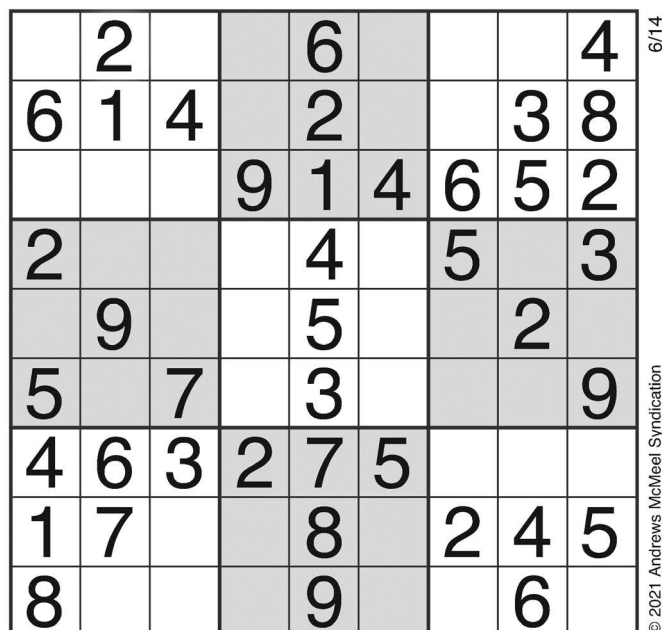
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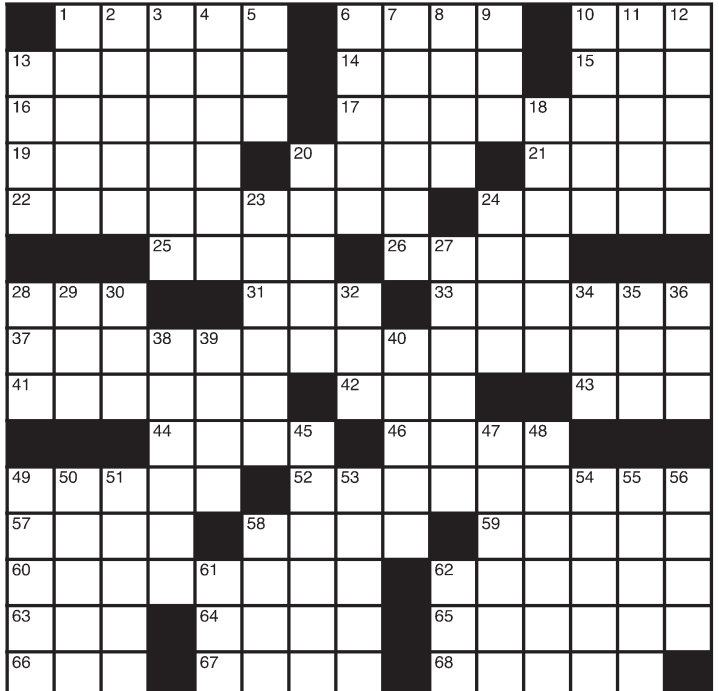
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SUDOKU

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



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