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Daily Bridge Club

Justice is served

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Cy the Cynic's idea of justice: He gets what he deserves, and you get what's coming to you.

In a team match, both Souths played at 3NT, and West led the ten of hearts, riding to the jack. How should declarer continue?

At one table, South tried a spade to dummy's jack. He got what he had coming when East took the singleton king and returned a heart. South won in his hand and led a second spade to the ace. When East showed out, South led the queen and a fourth spade. He won the heart return in dummy and cashed the good fifth spade, but when he tried a diamond to his queen next, West won and took two hearts. Down one.

NINE TRICKS

When Cy was declarer, he saw that he needed only four spade tricks to make 3NT. At Trick Two, Cy led to dummy's ace — and got what he deserved. When the king fell, he played three more rounds of spades and was sure of nine tricks.

If East had played low on the ace of spades, Cy could have come to his hand to lead a second spade toward dummy.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q J 5 4 ♥ A 8 3
♦ 6 4 ♣ 6 5 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade

and he bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: To force to game would be a bit bold, but you can certainly try to get there. Jump to three hearts, invitational. If your queen of spades were the king, you would be willing to bid four hearts. A bid of two hearts would suggest a weak hand without true heart support: A J 6 4 3, K 3, 6 4, 6 5 3 2.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ 6 4
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 7 2
♦ K 10 3
♣ Q

EAST
♠ K
♥ 6 5
♦ J 9 8 7 5
♣ K J 9 8 4

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

South 1 ♣ West Pass North 1 ♠ East Pass
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 10

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ACROSS

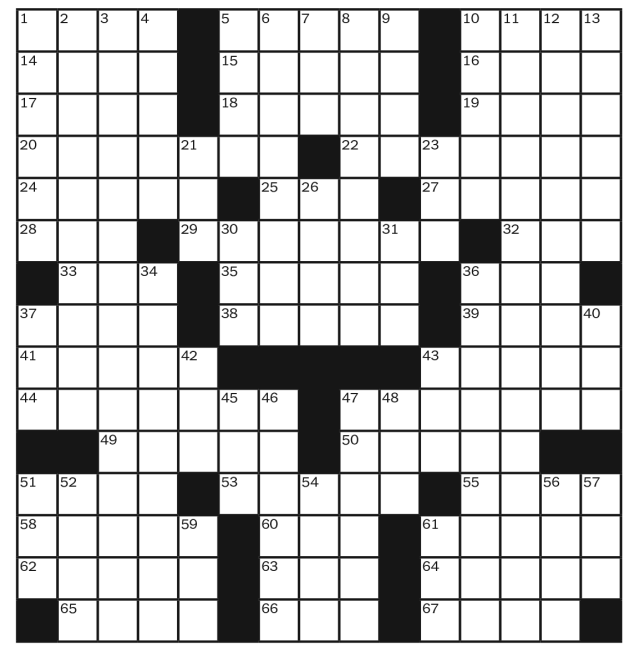
- 1 Seat of Oklahoma's Garfield County
- 5 Clammy
- 10 Saddle-making tools
- 14 One of three at the start of a Pac-Man game
- 15 Tea party crasher of fiction
- 16 Person of outstanding importance
- 17 Ancient pyramid builders
- 18 Doofus
- 19 Poet ___ Wheeler Wilcox
- 20 Ohm, Hertz and Newton
- 22 87-octane gas
- 24 Get further mileage from
- 25 Dunderhead
- 27 Leave nothing behind?
- 28 Heartbeat

- 29 With 38-Across, Emmy-winning HBO drama whose name suggests this puzzle's theme
- 32 Some remote power sources
- 33 Baby food
- 35 Grove
- 36 Range of sizes, in brief
- 37 ___ Vista, early search engine
- 38 See 29-Across
- 39 Text back and forth, say
- 41 Openly condemn
- 43 Apple found on Apple Music
- 44 What Yggdrasil of Norse mythology is
- 47 Covert Cold War deal
- 49 Like areas around waterfalls
- 50 Actress Donovan of "Clueless"

- 51 ___ Mawr College
- 53 Sordid
- 55 Minestrone ingredient
- 58 Bit of swamp flora
- 60 The 500s, in the Dewey Decimal System: Abbr.
- 61 It's bigger than a family
- 62 Cry of frustration
- 63 French article
- 64 Cathedral area
- 65 Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 66 "___ es!" (Spanish for "That's it!")
- 67 50-denomination coin whose reverse side shows the Fatima Masumeh Shrine

DOWN

- 1 Brand that many people stick with
- 2 She played Nicole Chapman on "Fame"
- 3 "... know what I'm saying?"
- 4 ___ list
- 5 Seriously hurt
- 6 Germanic language of the 8th-12th centuries
- 7 Jr.'s son, maybe
- 8 Nine-time Oscar nominee for Best Director
- 9 Rodin's thinker?
- 10 Alaska inhabitant



PUZZLE BY TRENTON CHARLSON

- 11 Who said "Presidents come and go, but the Supreme Court goes on forever"
- 12 Entertainer once known as the Queen of Las Vegas
- 13 Wolves (down)
- 21 "What is it?"
- 23 Prime meridian std.
- 26 West Coast law force, for short

- 30 Post-op stop
- 31 Poetic adverb
- 34 Game show loser's prize
- 36 Movable aerial platform
- 37 Nabokov's longest novel
- 40 Bug
- 42 Jr. and sr.
- 43 "In case it's of interest ..."
- 45 Uranians, e.g.
- 46 Drill command

- 47 Like havarti or Muenster
- 48 Wield
- 51 Scouts ____, rebranded name since '19
- 52 Bring up
- 54 Super-duper
- 56 Ferocity
- 57 Yossarian's tentmate in "Catch-22"
- 59 Sounds of puzzlement
- 61 Tirreme implement

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



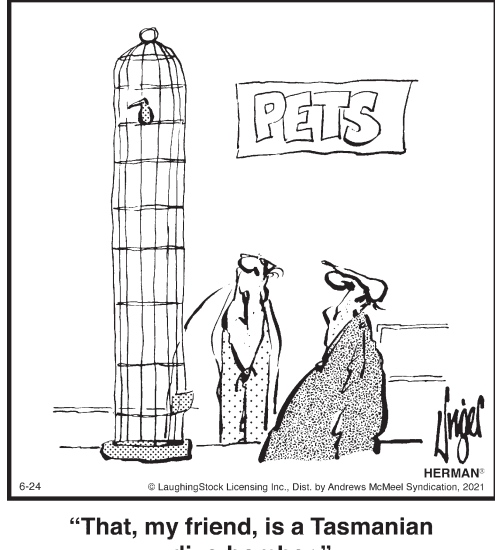
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

FCNHI
SUDEO
SIYFET
LUKINE

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Sorry I'm late. Everybody's taking their time today.

What's taking so long? Let's go!

THEY WOULD BEGIN PLAYING CANASTA AT THE RETIREMENT CENTER AFTER EVERYONE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____

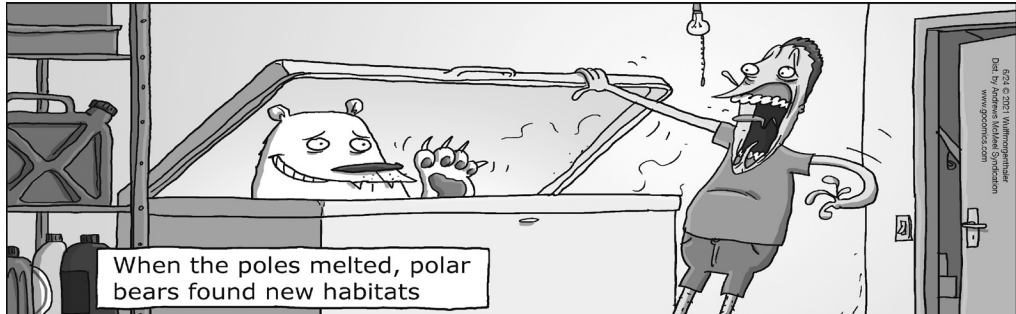
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRUNT UNITY SYRUPY UNLESS
Answer: There was a nasal passages seminar, so the medical students said — SIGN US UP

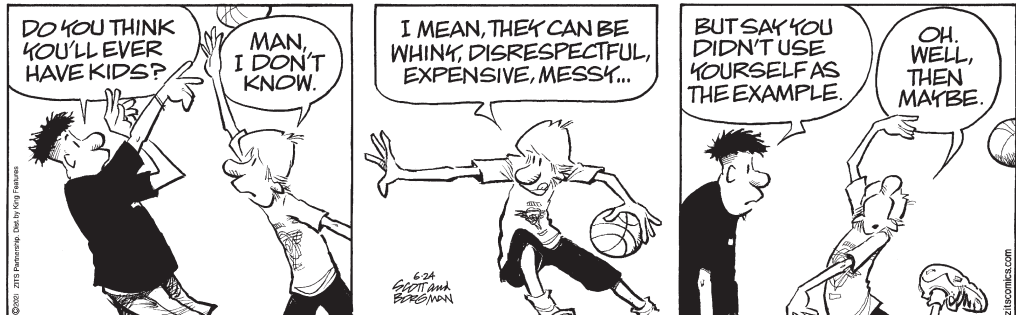
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Measuring tools
- 6 They're often removed for the National Anthem
- 10 Those in charge: Abbr.
- 14 "Same for me"
- 15 "Or ___ what?!"
- 16 "Unfortunately ..."
- 17 Cornell's main campus overlooks it
- 19 TV heroine whose name is derived from the Greek for "stranger"
- 20 Adorns playfully, for short
- 21 "The Maltese Falcon" genre
- 22 Marvel's Stark
- 23 Home to more than 425 US wineries
- 27 It's fun to skip them
- 29 Modern test of humanity
- 30 Sushi fare
- 31 Spicy cupful
- 32 Big name in chips
- 33 "V." novelist (1963)
- 38 Std. paper size
- 39 "Typee" sequel
- 40 Set a price of
- 41 College schedule entries
- 43 They're tapped in spring
- 46 Ham, pepper and green onion dish
- 48 Conks out
- 49 Binge to excess, as a TV show
- 50 Mobile ___
- 53 Appliance appendage
- 54 Pie-making scraps ... and what this puzzle's circles represent?
- 57 V-day note sign-off
- 58 Slide cry
- 59 Creative nuggets
- 60 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 61 Swirl
- 62 Part of LCD

- DOWN
- 1 Statesman's asset
- 2 PDQ
- 3 Uses Venmo, say
- 4 Aussie runner
- 5 You need a password to do it
- 6 Chariot-riding god
- 7 Wake-up call?
- 8 Judy sound
- 9 Notice
- 10 Crank to 11, say
- 11 Actress with the most Oscar nominations without a win
- 12 "I really appreciate it!"
- 13 Org. using wands
- 18 Top-notch
- 22 Focus of discussion
- 23 On one's own
- 24 Hurting
- 25 "Thief" star James
- 26 Cry on a slide
- 27 "Chill!"
- 28 Capital north of Doha, Qatar

- 31 USCG rank
- 34 Noted receiver of tablets
- 35 USA part: Abbr.
- 36 Just passable
- 37 Screaming ___
- 38 Calculator feature, for short
- 42 Smirnoff competitor
- 43 Olympic swimming event
- 44 Burn soother
- 45 Write (in) tentatively
- 47 Scooter kin
- 50 Region
- 51 Podded veggies
- 52 Hissed "Yo!"
- 53 Its last official capital was Richmond, Va.
- 54 Wonder
- 55 Prof.'s holding
- 56 Laudatory work

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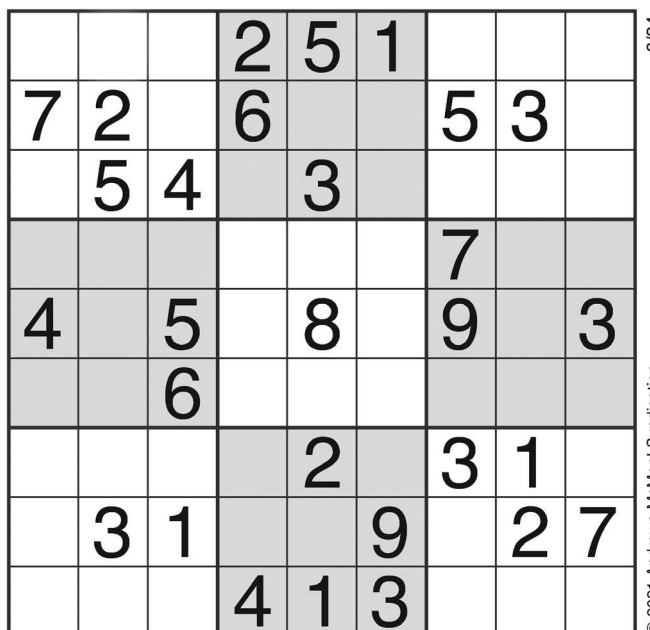
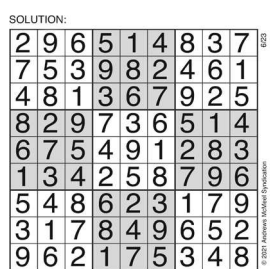


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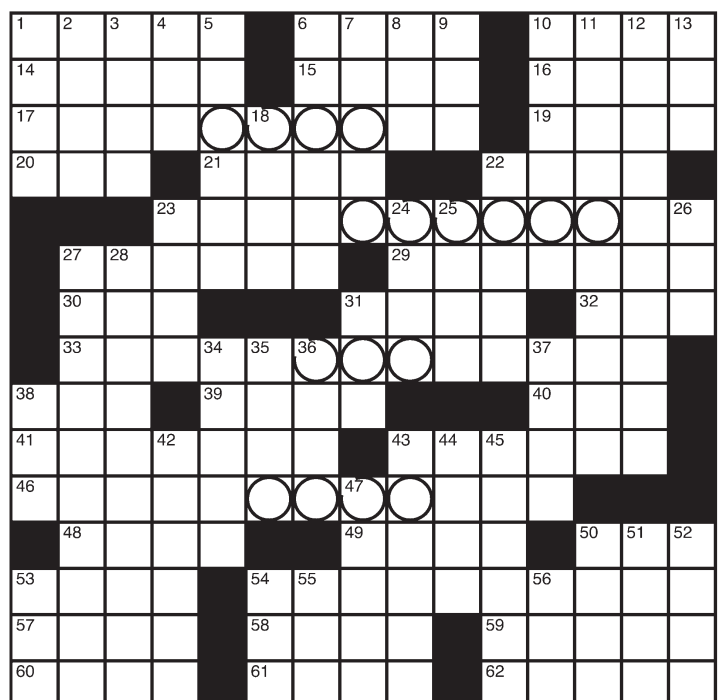
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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