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Daily Bridge Club

Rain on the roof

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It was supposed to be a sun-washed day. Instead, raindrops were doing needlepoint on the bridge club roof.

"If Noah had consulted a weatherman," one player sighed, "there would have been a 30 percent chance of his building the Ark."

Since bridge is an indoor pastime, the game went on. At today's good slam, South ruffed the first club and drew trumps. He next led a spade to dummy's king and a spade to his ace, and the sky grew darker when West discarded. East got two spades.

"The chance of a 4-1 spade break was only 28 percent," South shrugged.

he rebids two hearts and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's bidding suggests six hearts, four clubs and a minimum opening hand. If he held 4, A K J 6 5 2, A 4, K J 6 5, his second bid would have been three hearts or two clubs. Pass. Your game chances are next to zero. Many players would have passed partner's two hearts.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH

- ♠ K 6 3
- ♥ K 8 6
- ♦ K 10 4
- ♣ K 8 5 3

WEST

- ♠ J
- ♥ 10 4 2
- ♦ J 9 5 2
- ♣ J 10 9 6 2

EAST

- ♠ Q 10 9 7
- ♥ 7
- ♦ Q 8 7 6
- ♣ A Q 7 4

SOUTH

- ♠ A 8 5 4 2
- ♥ A Q J 9 5 3
- ♦ A 3
- ♣ None

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ J

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 7
♦ Q 8 7 6 ♣ A Q 7 4. Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade.

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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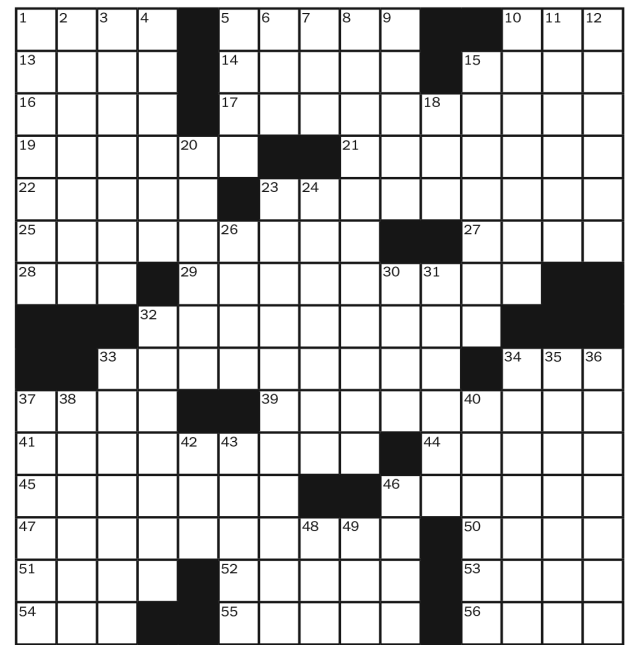
- 1 Schooner feature
- 5 Shock treatment, for short
- 10 Subject of the 2011 Jon Roberts memoir "American Desperado," with "the"
- 13 Tongue-in-cheek
- 14 "So sad ..."
- 15 Stamp collector's purchase
- 16 Impetus behind a prank, maybe
- 17 One going the distance?
- 19 Refuse to talk
- 21 A ton of bricks?
- 22 Source of heart-shaped leaves
- 23 Like water at the shallow end of a pool

- 25 Name on a vintage red, white and blue cap
- 27 Weighs (down)
- 28 Lead-in to a crazy idea
- 29 Part of an old circus act
- 32 Realm of the Valkyries
- 33 2007 film with the tagline "The last man on earth is not alone"
- 34 Competitor of Dick's Sporting Goods
- 37 Be a rat
- 39 Dish rack accessories
- 41 Eel order at a sushi bar
- 44 "Land sakes alive!"
- 45 Severely self-disciplined sort
- 46 Appear

- 47 Men's grooming items
- 50 "Sir" might be found at the start of it
- 51 Colleen
- 52 Investor's "No deal"
- 53 Mario who wrote "The Godfather"
- 54 5-Across administrator
- 55 Makeover result, maybe
- 56 Go on and on bitterly

DOWN

- 1 Eccentrics
- 2 Victim of a 20th-century environmental tragedy
- 3 Small but full of fight
- 4 Some bars returned to again and again?
- 5 Conducive to mold, maybe
- 6 Org. established partly in response to Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring"
- 7 The "Tannen" of Tannenbaum
- 8 One might consist of a primo, secondo and digestivo
- 9 Data base?
- 10 Quarters that could be worth a lot



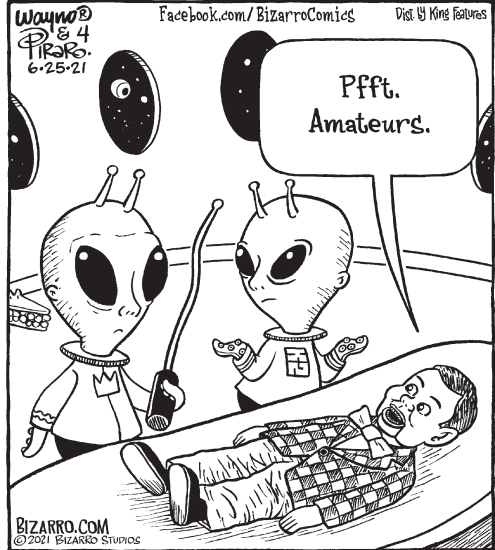
PUZZLE BY SAM EZERSKY

- 11 Brownie mix add-in, often
- 12 Playoff positions
- 15 Mucky-muck
- 18 Fig. on a driver's license
- 20 Sleep aid brand
- 23 Prognosis that a problem has only just begun
- 24 Sunburn-soothing substance
- 26 Lead-in to P or C on a PC
- 30 Peer of Ibsen
- 31 Where the Ring is destroyed in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 32 Constant reminders?
- 33 Recovering orthopedically, maybe
- 34 Get back together
- 35 Write à la Thomas Gray or John Donne
- 36 "Ahhh"
- 37 Fit to be tried
- 38 Line at a clothing store
- 40 Gives birth to, as puppies
- 42 "___ be nice if ..."
- 43 Toxic protein prepared on "Breaking Bad"
- 46 El de aquí
- 48 Run, like a Deere?
- 49 Homie

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

DRLEE
ROUBR
NORRYE
SCNAAV

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It will look as good as new soon.

It's looking better!

THEY REPAVED THE STREET LEADING TO THE HOSPITAL TO MAKE IT A BETTER

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

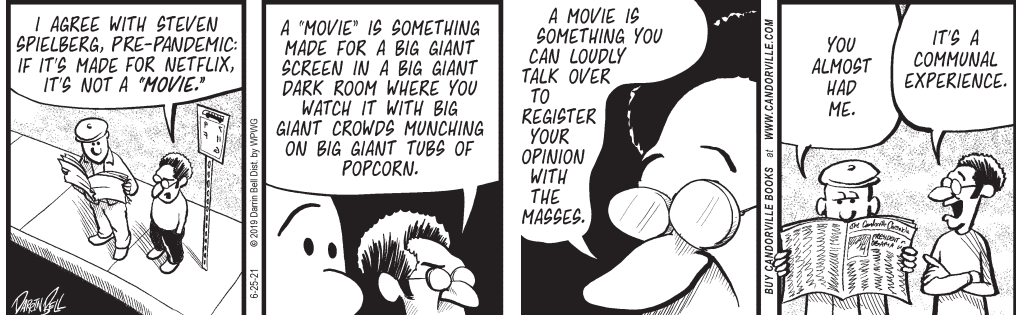
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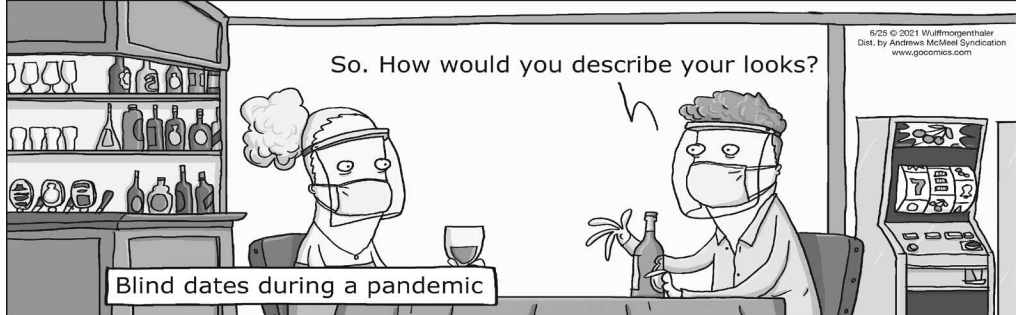
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINCH DOUSE FEISTY UNLIKE
Answer: They would begin playing canasta at the retirement center after everyone — SHUFFLED IN

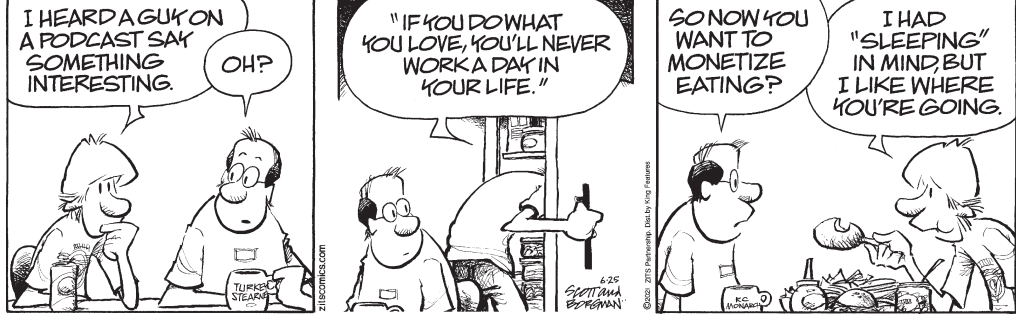
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WUMO



ZITS



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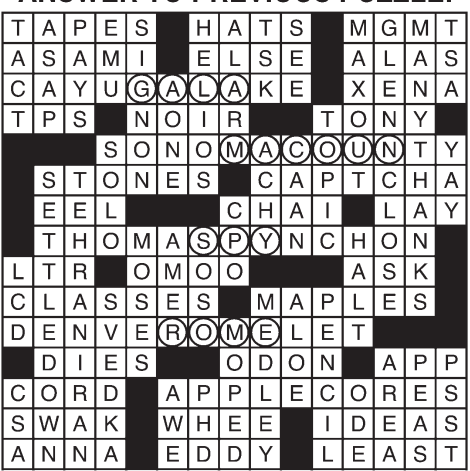
- ACROSS**
- 1 Org. visited by zombie victims in season one of "The Walking Dead" (there was no cure)
 - 4 Looks after
 - 11 Place to relax
 - 14 Virgo preceder
 - 15 Begin
 - 16 Not talking
 - 17 Expanding?
 - 19 Zoo draw
 - 20 Only single-syllable surname in an immortal '60s quartet
 - 21 Drilling structure
 - 22 Family nickname
 - 23 Conceal, in a way
 - 24 Improved?
 - 27 He beat Connors at Wimbledon in 1975
 - 29 Note next to a D?
 - 30 Signal for help
 - 33 Party VIP
 - 35 Optimistic
 - 38 Unstable?
 - 42 Word of distinction
 - 43 As it ___
 - 44 Print maker
 - 45 Beethoven's "Ah! perfido" and others
 - 48 Vineyard measure
 - 50 Delight?
 - 53 Stout-bodied rodent
 - 57 Bric-a-___
 - 58 Pacific ___
 - 59 Sweet potato casserole topper
 - 60 Personal holder of tricks?
 - 61 Distress?
 - 64 Look at
 - 65 Looking closely
 - 66 "You ___ here"
 - 67 Mil. honor
 - 68 Court stat
 - 69 Scratch, e.g.

- 6 Voice vote option
- 7 Death Row Records co-founder
- 8 Imperturbable sorts
- 9 Shoe part
- 10 Only Fibonacci number that appears twice in the sequence
- 11 Make spiffy
- 12 Larvae precede them
- 13 Update for the better
- 18 Writer Bombeck
- 22 Spectrum
- 24 Camera operator's concern
- 25 Nuisance
- 26 Minor
- 28 Recluse
- 30 UV-blocking letters
- 31 Jacques' okay
- 32 Scheme to gain an end
- 34 Drag along
- 36 Org. once led by Charlton Heston
- 37 Tree in the genus Taxus

- 39 "Hamlet" courtier
- 40 Garden ___
- 41 Aqueduct feature
- 46 Signs, with "to"
- 47 Hotel options
- 49 Even once
- 50 Pulled back
- 51 Discovery honored with the inaugural Nobel Prize in Physics
- 52 Japanese porcelain

- 54 Name associated with a razor
- 55 "Family Matters" daughter
- 56 Oft-used key
- 59 Orwell's Napoleon and Snowball
- 61 School stat
- 62 Relaxed greetings
- 63 Certain farm worker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

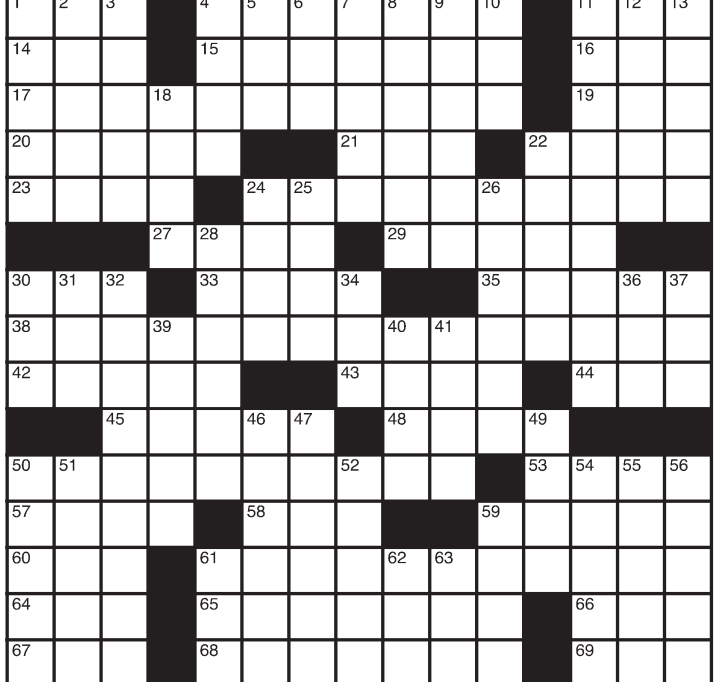


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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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